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Maj. Gen. Louis A. Craig Retires After 39 Years Of Military Service

Major General LOUIS A. CRAIG will end his active army career the end of this month, thus bringing to a close 39 years of military service. At that time, he plans on returning to his home in Raleigh, North Carolina, where he will be able to enjoy a long deserved rest.

One can rest assured that General Craig will never forget the men who served with him while he commanded the 9th Infantry Division. Likewise, the men of the 9th Division will never forget General Craig, and they will always look back with great satisfaction for having had the opportunity of serving under the command of such a capable leader and gentleman.

General Craig has stated upon many occasions that he considered it an honor to have had the opportunity to command the 9th Division in battle. At the same token, the men of the 9th Division will always consider themselves honored to have been commanded by such an able General.



Men of the 9th Infantry Division Association will take this occasion to salute you, General Craig, and say, "HERE'S TO A GREAT AMERICAN. WE WISH YOU CONTINUED HAPPINESS AND CONTENTMENT IN THE MANY YEARS TO COME. MAY WE HAVE THE PLEASURE OF SEEING YOU OR HEARING FROM YOU WHENEVER THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES."

Born At West Point

Louis A. Craig was born in West Point, New York, on July 29, 1891. He is the brother of General Martin Craig, former Chief of Staff of the United States Army. Following graduation from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, he was appointed a second lieutenant of Cavalry on June 12, 1913.

Promotions

He was promoted to first lieutenant on July 1, 1916; to captain on May 15, 1917; to major (temporary) on July 3, 1918; and to lieutenant colonel (temporary) on November 12, 1918. He reverted to permanent rank of captain on June 30, 1920, and was promoted to major on July 1, 1920; to lieutenant colonel on August 1, 1935; to colonel (temporary) on June 26, 1941; to brigadier general (temporary) on February 16, 1942; to major general (temporary) on February 4, 1943; brigadier general (permanent) 27 Feb., '47; major general (permanent) 24 Jan., '48.

Service

He first was assigned to the 5th Cavalry at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, until December, 1913, when he moved to Fort Myer, Virginia, with this regiment. He was transferred to the Coast Artillery Corps on March, 1914, and then went to Fort Hamilton, New York. He subsequently served at Fort Howard, Maryland, from January to May, 1915, and at Fort Grant, Panama Canal Zone, until August, 1916.

He transferred to the Field Artillery, then served at Corozal, Panama Canal Zone, with the 4th Field Artillery until June, 1917.

He returned to the United States and was appointed Instructor at the Officers' Training Camp, Madison Barracks, New York. He assumed command of a battery of a Field Artillery Replacement Battalion at Syracuse, New York, in August, 1917, and with this organization sailed for France in November, 1917. He was assigned to the 5th Field Artillery in December, 1917, in France.

He was assigned to the Army Staff College, Langres, France, from which he was graduated in May, 1918. He then became Assistant Plans and Training Officer for the I Army Corps until June, 1918, and then was Instructor and Brigade Adjutant of the 157th Field Artillery Brigade. He joined the 4th Division as Assistant Plans and Training Officer in July, 1918. He was Adjutant of the 4th Field Artillery Brigade between August and October, 1918, then became Assistant to the Chief of Artillery of the Second Army until November, 1918.

Following the Armistice he was Chief of Staff of the American Section of the Permanent International Armistice Commission in France until February, 1919, then went to Treves, Germany, serving in the Army Center of Artillery Study until March, 1919. Following a short tour with the 17th Field Artillery at Ehrenbreitstein, Germany, he returned to the United States and accompanied this regiment to Camp Travis, Texas, where he remained until August, 1920. He then was transferred to the Coast Artillery Corps and served at Fort Barrancas, Florida, as Coast Defense Adjutant for one year, when he moved to Fort McPherson, Georgia, for duty at headquarters of the Fourth Corps Area.

He again transferred to the Field Artillery and enrolled in the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in September, 1923, and following graduation from the advanced course in June, 1924, became Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., for five years. He enrolled in the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in August, 1929, and was graduated from the two-year course in June, 1931. He then was an instructor for the Georgia National Guard at Savannah.

He was detailed in the Inspector General's Department and served as an Assistant to the Second Corps Area Inspector General, Governors Island, New York, between November 1933 and June 1936. He was then transferred to the Third Corps Area Headquarters, Baltimore, Maryland, on a similar assignment until September 1938, when he enrolled in the Army War College, Washington, D. C., from which he was graduated in June 1939. Following his refresher course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he joined the 77th Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, as a Battalion Commander. In July 1941 he was transferred to the 18th Field Artillery at Fort Sill as Regimental Commander. He was designated as Commanding General of the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, February 1942. In February 1943 he was assigned as Commanding General of the 97th Infantry Division, Camp Swift, Texas.

In January 1944 he was designated Commanding General, XXIII Corps, Camp Bowie, Texas. In August 1944 he was given command of the 9th Infantry Division in France, and in May 1945 assumed command of the XX Corps, then serving in Germany. He commanded the 3rd Army from June 5 to July 4, 1945. In October he was named to command the Seventh Service Command, Omaha, Nebraska, and in February 1946 was transferred to command the Sixth Service Command, Chicago, Illinois. Upon activation of the 5th Army on June 11, 1946, he was designated Deputy Command-

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General Smythe Is Promoted

It is now MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE W. SMYTHE, Commanding General of the 24th Infantry Division, seeing action on the Korean battlefields.



Having recently transferred from the command of the Second Constabulary Brigade in Germany General Smythe was recommended for promotion to Major General by President Truman on January 28, 1952 and the Senate approved the recommendation in March at which time General Smythe was sent to Korea to assume his new command.

Members of the 9th Infantry Division Association, especially the former members from the 47th Infantry, will be most happy to learn of this good news.

Born In Pennsylvania

George Winifred Smythe was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, August 4, 1899. He served as a private in the Students' Army Training Corps at the State Teachers College, West Chester, Pennsylvania, from October 9 to December 12, 1918, and became a cadet at the U. S. Military Academy on July 12, 1920.

In 1922, he was selected as a member of Walter Camp's second All-American Football Team. In 1924, he was president of his class and was awarded the Army Athletic Association Sabre as the best all-around athlete in his class. He was graduated from the Academy and commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry June 12, 1924.

General Smythe first was assigned to the 29th Infantry Regiment at Fort Benning, Georgia, and in September, 1927, entered the Infantry School there. He completed the company officers course in June, 1928, and was assigned to the Staunton Military Academy, Staunton, Virginia, where he served four years as Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics and Instructor. In July, 1932, he was transferred to Fort Clayton, Canal Zone, for duty with the 33rd Infantry.

In October, 1934, General Smythe was assigned to the Fourth Infantry at Fort George G. Wright, Washington. He entered the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in September, 1935, graduated in June 1936, and was assigned to the U. S. Military Academy for a four-year tour of duty as Assistant Instructor in the Department of Tactics, assistant to the Master of the Sword and Master of the Sword.

General Smythe went to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, in September 1940, for duty with the 27th Infantry Regiment and during two years at that station served as company commander, plans and training officer and operations officer. In April, 1942, he was appointed chief of the Requirements Section, International Division, Army Service Forces, at Washington, D. C.

In January, 1943, General Smythe was named executive officer of the Headquarters, Services of Supply, in the North African

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Boston Is Getting Ready For 1952 Reunion Of 9th Division Association

Wearers Of The Octofoil Urged To Plan Their Vacations to Include July Reunion

Under the General Chairmanship of Father CONNORS and MARTY CONNELLY the 1952 National Reunion Committee is leaving no stone unturned in making plans for your entertainment and enjoyment during your stay in Boston for the 1952 Reunion of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

THE IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER ARE: JULY 24th, 25th, and 26th, 1952, and the place is the Statler Hotel in good old Boston, Mass.

Since Boston is in a great vacationing and historical area, with its surrounding seashore and mountain resorts, historical shrines and points of general interest and recreation, 9th Divisioners are urged to plan their vacations to either begin or end in Boston. In addition to these many advantages, the important thing to remember concerning any reunion of the 9th Infantry Division Association is the opportunity afforded each of those who attend to get together with their respective buddies and outfits to relive the dramatic history

they made while a member of the greatest outfit during World War II.

It is hoped in addition to coming themselves that members of the 'Fighting Ninth' will bring their wives and families, that they will write to their former buddies asking them to meet in Boston come next July 24th, 25th, and 26th, and THAT THEY WILL REGISTER AND MAKE THEIR RESERVATIONS WITH THE HOTEL AND FOR THE REUNION BANQUET EARLY. This will not only help the Reunion Committee but will insure the least inconvenience and the most enjoyment to all concerned.

Watch for the next issue of The Octofoil for further developments, news about our important guest speakers, the Memorial Service, the Reunion Banquet, the Friday night annual dance, and all the other activities being planned to make good our slogan that this will be the "FINEST REUNION EVER HELD."

9th DIVISION MEN... LET'S GO!... TO BOSTON IN '52!

April And May Issues Of The Octofoil Combined In One Issue

Publication To Be Continued by Charlie Tingley Until Reunion Time At Least

When the resignation of Charlie Tingley was announced in the March Issue of The Octofoil, it was the assumption on the part of our National President, Al Bruchac, that the office of the National Secretary would immediately be moved to its new location in Jersey City, New Jersey, at which time Stan Cohen would take over as the new Secretary-Treasurer.

After the March issue of The Octofoil was published, printing arrangements with The Post Publishing Company were cancelled.

As announced in the March issue of The Octofoil, among the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors, a committee had been appointed by the National President to make arrangements for the movement of the office equipment, etc., from its present location to

Jersey City. This committee held a meeting in Washington, D. C., on April 15th at which time it was decided that the office would not be moved until August 1st, the effective date of Charlie Tingley's resignation.

After the change in plans was made by the Committee action, it was necessary to renew connections with The Post Publishing Company for the printing of The Octofoil. However, the publication of the April issue of The Octofoil was delayed due to other commitments made, in the meantime, by the Post Publishing Company.

In view of the circumstances, the Secretary-Treasurer deemed it advisable to combine the April and May issues into a single publication.

Welcome to The New Members

Four new members have joined the Association since the last issue of The Octofoil. LT. COL. JOHN W. COCHRAN (Cannon Co., 60th Inf.) joined through The New York Chapter. John is now living at Apt. 3 G, Cornell Arms, Columbia, South Carolina.

JOHN B. FERRY (60th Inf.), 3015 West Oxford Street, Philadelphia 21, Pennsylvania.

HUGH J. HATTRICK, JR., (F Co., 47th), 8524 125th Street, Richmond Hills, Long Island, New York.

JULIUS SIMSEVITZ (L Co., 60th), 1727 West 4th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Octofoil Editor Still Pleads For N-E-W-S

Although your Octofoil editor still has a few news items which he was unable to include in this issue, the fact remains that you fellows must continue to send your letters in so that The Octofoil may continue to include items of interest to your friends.

The Octofoil unfortunately does not have a staff of news reporters to depend upon to gather the news, therefore it behooves each one of you who hasn't written in to do so now.

Do your part to keep The Octofoil filled up with items of news—Write now—right now—to P. O. Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C.

Father Connors Receives Promotion

Word has been received that FATHER CONNORS has recently received a promotion and is now the Pastor of The Immaculate Conception Parish in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Perhaps, by the time the next issue of The Octofoil goes to press, more details will be available. In the meantime, the best of success to you, Father Connors, in your new assignment.

N.Y. Chapter Spring Frolic — June 7

The New York Chapter will hold on June 7, 1952 at the Southern Restaurant, 17th St. and 4th Ave., N. Y. C., N. Y. a special final dance of the year... The entire cost of this affair will be for both a guy and his fille... exactly \$1.00 that is the cost for both... You will receive for this \$1.00 a swell time with folks you know... A fine dance combo to entertain you and in addition some fine refreshments... All at the low-low price of \$1.00... So if you're in N.Y.C. June 7, a Saturday night for those who need to get baby sitters... Make it a point to stop in at the Southern Restaurant, 17th St. and 4th Ave., N.Y.C. and come to our dance... at a tremendous cost of \$1.00 per couple. For stags the cost is \$1.00... so it pays to bring a gal...

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Extract from the certificate of incorporation of the Ninth Infantry Division Association: "This Association is formed by the officers and men of the Ninth Infantry Division in order to perpetuate the memory of our fallen comrades, to preserve the esprit de corps of the Division, to assist in promoting an everlasting world peace exclusively by means of educational activities and to serve as an information bureau to members and former members of the Division."

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"The Old Man" Speaks

This is a blast from one whom many of you used to refer to as "The Old Man." If the easy life of the past seven years has resulted in making you too pot-bellied and softened up your hearts too much to take it, I suggest you stop reading this editorial with this opening paragraph.

Following the war and the inactivation of your fine fighting Division, the 9th Infantry Division Association was organized by a group of energetic men who believed our accomplishments in World War II were worth keeping alive. The purpose of this Association was to perpetuate the memory of those comrades who gave their lives in Africa, Sicily and Europe; to make it possible for us to renew periodically our war-time relations with one another.

Today the skids are under our Association. It is about to die from strangulation and lack of nourishment. And you ask why? Because some 30,000 of us who had the stamina and determination that carried us across Africa into Sicily and through France, Belgium and Germany to win a great victory do not have today the energy, gumption or interest to take a few minutes of our time to sit down and fill out an application blank and write a check for a measly three bucks and a half. Three hundred fifty paltry pennies. Seventy nickles. Thirty-five dimes, or only fourteen quarters. Ask yourselves how many of those three hundred fifty pennies have you lost through carelessness or leaving them around the house or in the pockets of old clothes? How many nickles have gone to pay for worthless chewing gum? How many dimes or quarters have gone down the hatch for drinks (hard and soft?) And for what good? Just for the want of a little energy and three dollars and a half we are letting this Association of ours pass out of the picture. The 1st Division, our blood sister, has an Association which is a thriving one. So have some of the other Divisions. Were the lads of the 1st Division ever able to perform any task that we couldn't do? Is there any other Division that had the fighting record that we enjoy? I say we ought to be ashamed of ourselves.

If it is your wish that the endeavor to keep this Association alive be our FIRST FAILURE, O. K. Then don't do anything about it. But bear in mind that our only failure will also be our last one, and that seems tragic to me.

But if you want to see this Association live and thrive, then do something about it—NOW. That is what men like

Pfc. Carl V. Sheridan,
Lt. Col. Woodrow Bailey,
Pvt. Gerald E. Smith,
Chaplain (Capt.) Irving Tepper,
T/5 Alex T. Smith, Jr.,
Pfc. Albert C. Stidman,
T/5 Boyd Lee Godlove, Jr.,
2nd Lt. Charles H. Carr,
Capt. John P. Beall,

Colonel "Paddy" Flint,
Cpl. Herndon C. Bowman,
Pfc. Jewel W. Cokley,
2nd Lt. Maurice W. Hamilton,
Pvt. John A. Roth,
Sgt. Prentice L. Crawford,
1st Lt. George G. Ware,
1st Lt. Darwin Caudill

did when they were killed in action doing a job. They did something about it—THEN.

So sign up and write out that check now. Not tonight, not tomorrow or not next week, but NOW. Let's make this 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION something to be just as proud of as we were of the old Division.—Lt. General Manton S. Eddy.

News of Members—Here, There and Everywhere

39th Infantry

FELAND A. ELLIS (C Co., 39th) pays his 1952 dues and informs us that he has recently moved into his new home at 1385 West Exposition, Denver, Colorado, located so that he has a beautiful view of The Rocky Mountains.

Here are a few changes of address for men of the 39th:

IRVING SILVERMAN (3rd Bn.), 5639 Netherland Avenue, Riverdale 71, New York.

ROBERT S. LAKE (I Co.), Parkwood Manor Apts., Upper Darby, Penna.

FRANK FIDLER

(Hq. Co. 1st Bn.), 208 Sprague Avenue,

Staten Island 7, New York.

EDWARD SOBOLL, 13 Maple Street,

Claremont, New Hampshire.

CHARLES E. HOUK, c/o Stone & Webster,

Box 130, Rockville, Maryland.

JAMES THOMAS (H Co.), Caseville, Michigan.

47th Infantry

NICK COLOMBO started off last Christmas Eve with a ruptured appendicitis. However, he has fully recovered by now and has sent in his dues for 1952. His home address is: 436 White Plains Road, Tuckahoe 7, New York.

Here are some changes of address for men of the 47th:

LYLE H. KELLY, Route 1, Box 241-A,

Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin.

Capt. LEON SIEMINSKI, 112 Front Street,

Nanticoke, Pennsylvania.

Maj. LAWRENCE P. CONNORS, (C Co.),

Hq., 101st ABN Div., G-4 Section,

Camp Breckinridge, Ky.

DONALD FINNEGAN (E Co.), 1136 West 57th Street,

Los Angeles 37, California.

Lt. THOS. F. JONES (E Co.), K Co., 506th ABN Inf., Reg't,

Camp Breckinridge, Ky.

THOMAS A. GREEN, Route 4, Box 298, Tyler, Texas is sending in his 1952 dues and he enclosed the following picture, showing



EDGAR L. BAKER, **TOM GREEN** and **BARNEY FISHER**, taken while they were on their way home after the last fracas.

TOM served with B Company of the 47th, and joined the outfit at Falaise Gap and made it past The Remagen Bridge before receiving his wounds. Tom would like very much to hear from you fellows of B Company.

60th Infantry

BERNARD G. SEROTA (1st Lt. H Co.), pays his 1952 dues from 220 Oglesby Avenue, Birmingham 9, Alabama, and at the same time announces with great pride the arrival of "Teddy Bob" (Theodore Robert) Serota, who checked in at six pounds, four ounces, on last December 17th. Bernie sends his best regards to all.

RAYMOND J. HURST (E Co.), sends in his 1952 dues from 1016 Highland Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, and at the same time expresses his appreciation for the fact that the Association is still in business. His best wishes to all.

Captain BRUCE S. COLEMAN (1st Lt. 60th Inf.), is heard from through the fine cooperation of his wife, Ruby, who is taking care of their children in Beaver Dam, Kentucky, while Bruce is taking care of things out in Korea. In sending in Bruce's 1952 dues, his wife advises that she recently talked to her husband while he was in Tokyo on a five-day rest and recreation leave. He expects to be back in the States sometime the end of May. In the meantime his address is: Co. D, 65th Inf., Reg't, 3rd Infantry Division, APO 468, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif. **Captain EDWARD N. VAN DUYN** (2nd Lt. H Co.), pays his 1952 dues and plans on being in Boston for the 1952 Reunion, provided he can arrange things at work to permit him to be away at that time. Van is kept busy attending Maryland University night courses held at The Pentagon, and for this reason he has been unable to attend the local chapter meetings.

WILLARD A. GATES (B Co.), sends in his 1952 dues from his home located at 25 Elm Street, North Brookfield, Massachusetts. Bill joined the 9th in Fort Bragg in July of 1942, and therefore is able to consider himself as one of the "old timers of the Division." He reads The Octofoil carefully, each month, looking for familiar names but doesn't come across very many and is wondering what has happened to **HENRY S. RIGBY** (918 Land Title Bldg., Philadelphia, Penna.; **CHRISTOPHER HEATON** (Address unknown); **WILLIS GREENE** (last known address—Vealmoor, Texas); and **DOMINIC CARNEVALE** (an active member from 1426 East 56th Street, Brooklyn, New York). If these fellows, and any others from B Company happen to read this, please get in touch with Bill. He would like very much to hear from you all. Incidentally, Bill will be at the Boston Reunion come next July 24, 25, and 26th, and he hopes to see many of the fellows from B Company, also.

Here are a few address changes for men of the 60th:

MICHAEL ROS (M Co.), 1829 West 18th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Capt. JOHN W. MILLER (F Co.), Co. C, 45th Recon Bn., Fort Clayton, Panama, Canal Zone.

JOHN S. BADURA, 475 Parker Avenue, San Francisco, California.

FRED GOLUB (Serv. Co.), 17 Lenore Avenue, Monsey, New York.

EARL E. GATZKE, (1st Lt. A Co.), 1415 Stoughton Avenue, Tomah, Wisconsin.

CHARLES E. WAHL, 2723 Avenue L, Brooklyn 10, New York.

ANSON L. BROWN (G Co.), 2021 Clower, San Antonio 1, Texas.

CLYDE R. WRIGHT (Cannon Company, 60th Infantry) is in the concrete block business. He and his brother have been working together for the past five years and if business continues Clyde hopes to be able to get to Boston for the Reunion this July. He would appreciate hearing from former members of the 60th Infantry—write to him at 509-513 North Marietta Street, Gastonia, North Carolina.

WILLARD A. GATES (B Co.) sends in his 1952 dues and while attending a recent meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars noted a fellow comrade wearing a 9th Division patch on his uniform. It turned out to be **WILLIAM R. McDONOUGH**, a former member of Company A, 39th Infantry. Will is living at 121 Taffrail Road, Quincy, Massachusetts. Willard Gates is living at 25 Elm Street, North Brookfield, Massachusetts.

15th Engineers

A few nights ago, the telephone rang in the Tingley hangout about 1:30 in the morning and it was Lt. Col. **TOM GRAY** calling from his home in New Jersey. Tom was home on leave from his post in Greenland. Tom and Peg were feeling no pain. Helping them to celebrate the occasion were **LEONARD** and **FERN TAGGART**. Len is now living out on Long Island and is connected with the Sylvania Electric Products Corporation in New York City as Purchasing Manager.

EDWARD J. CRATON (H/S Co.), sends in his 1952 dues and also reports his change of address to 2780 S. W. Summit Drive, Portland 1, Oregon.

Two other changes of address include the following:

CLEMENT H. ABBOTT (B Co.), 105 Evans Avenue, Ingram 5, Pennsylvania.

PETER J. RADANO, 3119 88th Street, Jackson Heights 69, L. I., N. Y.

9th Div. M.P.'s

A couple of address changes for former 9th Division policemen:

MILTON A. LECLAIR, 1010 West Hillcrest, Inglewood, California.
BRAXTON C. SHANKLE, Mount Gilead, North Carolina.

9th Medical Bn.

ROBERT C. STIEWEL (1st Lt. D Co.), pays his 1952 dues and reports his change of address to 105/38 64th Street, Apartment 2-L, Forest Hills 75, New York.

709th Ordnance

WILLIAM H. McLAUGHLIN reports his new address upon paying his 1952 dues. He has moved to 800 Stewart Avenue, Columbus 6, Ohio.

9th Q.M. Co.

Major **JOE M. WILLIS** sends in his 1952 dues from his new assignment in Korea. His address is: QM Section, Hq. EUSAK, APO 301 c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif. Joe reports that Lt.-Col. **PAUL TONKS** has returned to the States after a tour of duty in the Far East. Joe also sends in the name of a prospective member now located in Washington, D. C., and who served with the Division back in Fort Bragg days. His name is **BERNARD DRAPE**, and he is now with the Quartermaster Legal Section, Office of The Quartermaster General, Room 2803, "Tempo B," Washington 25, D. C. While with the Division he served in Division Headquarters, G-1 Section.

Units Unknown

A recent letter from Mrs. **JOHN N. BOOTH** reports that her husband has been transferred to Covington, Georgia, as local manager for the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company. Mrs. Booth also sent in the 1952 dues and reports that Major **WILLIAM McWATERS** is now in Korea, and his wife and two daughters are still living in Decatur, Georgia. The Booth's address remains the same—411 Deering Road, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia.

A couple of address changes recently reported:

Lt. JOHN GRONSKY, 2812 Grant Avenue, Apartment No. 8, El Paso, Texas.

JOSEPH NEGRIN, 105 Hawkstone Street, Bronx 52, New York.

HERSCHEL COLEMAN, Box 191, Hillsboro, Indiana.

Division Artillery

Great news from the **McKENZIE FAMILY**, Joe and Alice, who announce the arrival of Marie Justine, born March 15, 1952, weighing in at eight pounds, eight ounces. Joe served with the 26th Field Artillery and their home is located at 108 Lowell Street, Waltham 54, Massachusetts.

KENNETH E. HOWE, SR., sends in his 1952 dues from 105 South Main Street, Palmer, Mass. Also requested some windshield stickers for his new automobile. Ken served with Hq. Btry. of the 84th.

JAMES B. CARLTON (26th) sends in his 1952 dues through the New England Chapter. Jim's address is: 190 I Street, South Boston, Massachusetts.

Here are a few address changes for men of the Artillery:

JAMES H. RUDICIL (34th), Rural Route 1, Grand Haven, Michigan.

EDWARD J. COLONELLO, (A Btry., 60th FA), 7709 Bennett Street, Pittsburgh 21, Pennsylvania.

E. S. CHOLMELEY/JONES, (1st Lt. A Btry, 60th FA), 152 East 84th Street, New York 28, New York.

A recent note from **ARNOLD LEACH** (Service Battery, 26th) announces the arrival of a baby girl at their home, located at 13 High Street, St. Albans, Vermont. Weight, 7 pounds, 8½ ounces.

LT. GEORGE R. VAN LEUVEN (60th F. A.) is still in the Army, serving with Battery A., 176th Field Artillery Battalion, APO 301, Postmaster, San Francisco, California. George is over in Korea and would like to hear from you fellows.

9th Signal Co.

A change of address for Gen. **FRANK E. HEIKKILA**, who has moved to 1914 Hillcrest Drive, Lima, Ohio, and has taken over a new position with Westinghouse Electric Mfg. Co., as manager of their small motors division.

**PAY
YOUR
1952
DUES
NOW!!**

Local Chap. News

New York News

As reported by Stan Cohen

A Free Lance man in the Metropolitan area really gets about . . . and speaking of getting about ran into two 9th Div. guys who are currently running a very fine restaurant in Pompton Lakes, N. J. Joseph Calandra formerly of the 9th Med., and Harry Klomp formerly of the 60th Inf. Harry and Joe run the Golden Eagle in Pompton Lakes, N. J. . . . they treat former 9th guys royally . . . The last meeting in New York brought out a crowd that sat through a memorable evening of 16 MM Feinberg specials . . . Needless to say, everyone had a great time . . . But the lucky guys really shine, for instance Mike Panuthos won a beautiful lighter, S. Geller took home a fifth, Jerry Shaperio a wine jug and from out California way came Robert Steewell a 9th Med. lad who won a gorgeous ring, (sans ruby) at our raffle . . .

The lads of the 2nd Bn. 47th have a fine bill of fare prepared for their May 3rd shindig . . . It will be at Tony Repetti's, 25 Brandford Place in Newark, N. J. for further info contact Vincent Guglielmino at 139-05 85th Drive, Jamaica, N. Y. Gule has really gone all out for this affair, if you want to have a great and gone time then contact Gule . . .

Apologies no end . . . I really messed up a fine guy . . . Larry Greenman not Larry Friedman . . . that is Larry Greenman was the lad who supplied the excellent news about train fare for the Boston convention . . . Now Larry has come up with some additional poop regarding Bus fare. If you plan to go to Boston and you want to save dough . . . then hear this . . . We can if you so desire, that is if 37 men, women or children want to go to Boston together on an Air conditioned bus, board the bus in Midtown New York and arrive smack in front of the Hotel in Boston . . . no stops, a special 9th Div. Assoc. bus . . . we can get it for you wholesale . . . Greyhound gets \$9.32 . . . round trip to Boston . . . We can get it for about \$7.00 round trip . . . if you are interested then let Larry GREENMAN know about your intentions . . .

Received a very wonderful letter from a very old and dear friend . . . A lad who can really handle clay and make it live . . . Philip C. Orlando of 16 Washington Ave., North Plainfield, N. J. He notified me about his new address and about his intentions of moving into a new and larger home . . . Phil has some very wonderful ideas in store for us and will let me know and I will in turn let the Association know . . .

While in Washington stopped in to say Hi to Charlie . . . and really saw volumes of stuff . . . While in Maryland chatted with two very swell people . . . Earl and Anita Craig . . . Both myself and the missus enjoyed very fine company and rehashed many old memoirs . . . Earl is a member of the Washington, D. C. chapter and told me he would like to make the Boston Convention this July.

Women In The N. Y. Chapter . . .

This year the N. Y. Chapter Women's auxiliary has some fine plans worked up to help their husbands . . . So why not give credit where credit is due . . . Here for example is our up to the minute list of the fair sex who are proud to wear the Octofoil pin . . . We men are planning something very special for our fair wives and will have a little celebration and present these gals with a token of our esteem . . .

Mrs. Al Bruchac, Mrs. Samuel Goodman, Mrs. Vincent Guglielmino, Mrs. Harry Gerner, Mrs. Frank Gonzol, Mrs. Raymond Greenberg, Mrs. William Padock, Mrs. Calvin Polivy, Mrs. Andrew Peterson, Mrs. Harold Pepper, Mrs. Alfred Muller, Mrs. Alvin Meyer, Mrs. Max Monsomo, Mrs. Stan Mrozonski, Mrs. John Moore, Mrs. John Merchoff, Mrs. John Mercolino, Mrs. Rudolph Metz, Mrs. Michael Fazio, Mrs. John Foley, Mrs. Harold Smith, Mrs. John Sacher, Mrs. Getzy Schiff, Mrs. Harold Sternlicht, Mrs. Fred Shacor, Mrs. Jim Bruno, Mrs. Walter Dimick, Mrs. Stan Cohen, Mrs. Hervert Dietz, Mrs. Paul Drummond Jr., Mrs. Walter Wasserman, Mrs. Adolph Wadalavage, Mrs. Earl Hanna, Mrs. Vincent Lepore, Mrs. Elim Langer, Mrs. Joseph Castrovinci, Mrs. Ralph Alessi, Mrs. C. F. Anker, Mrs. George Apon, Mrs. Louis Almasy, Mrs. Francis La Flash, Mrs. Edward Egan, Mrs. Sidney Kobren, Mrs. Thomas Orland, Mrs. John Quinlan, Mrs. Robert Nedwell, Mrs. Donald Snider, Mrs. Olaf Engelson . . .

In the very near future a column devoted strictly to the women's angle in the 9th Inf. Div. Association will appear in this paper.

News of what to do, where to go, what to wear and bring to the conventions . . . etc; etc; And news of what the women of the New York Chapter are doing . . . And here is a tip to the wives of 9th Div. men . . . If you have a gripe, a tip, some info, or a good gossip item . . . send it to the new women's editor . . . Mrs. Stan Cohen . . . 192 Danforth Ave., Jersey City, N. J. . . .

Buffalo Chapter News

GEORGE A. SIMON (39th Inf.) held a social gathering for members of The Buffalo Chapter at his home, 977 Northland Avenue, Buffalo 15, New York, last March 17th and the fellows who attended had a surprise treat in store for them in the showing of the films taken at Father Connors 1950 Memorial Services.

This set of films is well worthwhile and other chapters should take the hint and write to Father Connors to obtain them for showing to other local groups.

The Buffalo Chapter will be holding other gatherings in the near future and it is hoped that many more of the members will show up as an aid to the Chapter which in turn will no doubt enable it to strengthen the National Association.

The Buffalo group recopied a recent editorial, appearing in the November 1951 issue of The Octofoil, entitled "The Beginning Or The End", and mailed it to every man living in the Buffalo area as a means to increasing the paid-up membership list.

All unpaid members living around Buffalo are urged to send their annual dues to George who in turn will send them on in to the National Secretary. Do it Now.

GEN. CRAIG

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ing General, Inspector General, European Command, 24 August 1947-5 April 1948; Commanding General, U. S. Constabulary, 6 April 1948-20 May 1948; The Inspector General of the Army, 1 July 1948.

Command of the 9th Infantry Division in Europe included: Drive through France and Belgium; forcing the crossing of the Meuse River at Dinant; penetration of the Siegfried Line near Monschau; drive to the Roer River from Langerwehe to Duren; left shoulder of the Bulge near Monschau; drive to capture Roer dams; drive to Rhine near Bonn; Remagen Bridgehead (commanded all troops on west bank from second day until movement of 99th, 78th, and 9th Divisions was completed, and division zones established); Ruhr Pocket; Hartz Mountains; contact with Russian Armies east of Mulde River.

Decorations

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal in June 1945, with the following citation:

"Major General Louis A. Craig, commanding the 9th Infantry Division in Belgium and Germany, from 5 September to 15 December 1944, directed his troops in conspicuously successful operations. Upon reaching the Meuse River, he skillfully planned crossings and assaults which forced the capitulation of enemy-held Dinant after two days of heavy fighting. Pressing his advantage, he pursued the defeated Germans. His division breached the intricate fortifications of the Siegfried Line in three days' combat and with extraordinary light losses, in contrast to heavy casualties for the enemy. While one of his units held these important gains, he directed his remaining elements in destroying fixed fortifications in the Hurtgen Forest. Subsequently, his division swept the Germans from the Lucham - Langerwehe Sector and drove them across the Roer River. General Craig's analysis of enemy purposes and capabilities, his decisive exploitation of temporary enemy weakness, and his skillful use of his forces against formidable obstacles provided and inspired bold leadership which was so greatly responsible for carrying his division through a series of successes of vast consequence to the Allied cause."

He was awarded the Bronze Star, with the following citation:

"Major General Louis A. Craig, 03575, 9th Infantry Division, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against an armed enemy from 16 December to 28 December 1944, in Belgium. On the occasion of the strong German offensive against American lines beginning on 16 December 1944, it became necessary to shift large numbers of troops to reinforce threatened portions of the line. Upon receipt of orders to move the 9th Infantry Division, Major General Craig, Commanding General of the Division, quickly formulated plans for the movement and disposition of troops in the threat-

ened area. Within a short period the Division was rapidly and smoothly withdrawn from action in one sector and disposed in the new sector to meet any attack which the enemy might launch against it. So effective were the plans for defense that repeated enemy attacks were repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy and extremely light losses for 9th Infantry Division troops. As a result of the thorough, efficient planning, and the extremely able, rapid handling of his Division, Major General Craig made an invaluable contribution toward establishing a critical portion of the front. Such outstanding service and devotion to duty are worthy of the highest commendation. Entered United States Military Academy from United States At Large."

He was awarded the Silver Star Medal with the following citation:

"Major General Louis A. Craig, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services, as Commanding General, 9th Infantry Division from 1 April 1945 to 9 May 1945. Major General Craig displayed outstanding foresight and ability as a combat commander in the successful reduction of the Ruhr and Harz Mountain Pockets, taking over thirty thousand prisoners of war in these two operations. Later he directed the drive of his division to meet the Russian Forces and terminate successfully the Campaign of Central Europe. Major General Craig's extraordinary tactical skill and superior leadership are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service, reflecting the greatest credit upon him and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Missouri."

He was awarded the Army Commendation Ribbon in July 1946, with the following citation:

"As Commanding General of the Seventh Service Command from 5 October 1945 to 7 February 1946, you assumed a burden of monumental proportions at an extremely trying and sensitive time. Your able and aggressive leadership, broad professional knowledge, skill, tact, force, foresight, and the inspiring example you set, contributed immeasurably to the successful and efficient accomplishment of the mission of the Seventh Service Command. In recognition of your outstanding service, the Army Commendation Ribbon is awarded."

He was awarded in World War I: Campaign ribbon, 4 stars; British DSO; French Legion of Honor (Chevalier); French Croix de Guerre, with palm; Belgian Croix de Guerre, with palm; German occupation ribbon; Belgian Order of the Crown of Leopold (Officer).

Interim: Estrella Abdon Calderon (Ecuador), American Defense Ribbon.

He was awarded in World War II: World War II Ribbon; ETO, 4 stars; American Theatre; DSM; Silver Star; Legion of Merit; Bronze Star; Commendation Ribbon; French Legion of Honor (Officer); French War Cross, World War II, with palm; Belgian War Cross, World War II, with palm; Russian Order of the Fatherland, Class I, German Occupation Ribbon, World War II.

Czecho-Slovakian War Cross (officially notified, but not yet awarded).

GEN. SMYTHE

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Theater of operations. In July, 1943 he assumed command of the 47th Infantry Regiment, Ninth Division, which he commanded in North Africa, Sicily and Europe, and which was awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation. In March, 1945, he was appointed assistant commander of the 80th Infantry Division in the European theater, in which capacity he served until the end of hostilities.

General Smythe returned to the United States in August, 1945, and following a period of recuperation leave, was assigned in October 1945, to the Ground Requirements Section, Headquarters Army Ground Forces, Washington, D. C. On August 1, 1946, he was assigned to the Operations Section, Army Ground Forces, and a month later became deputy assistant chief of staff for operations of the Army Ground Forces at Fort Monroe, Virginia. In October, 1947, he became chief of staff of the Third Army at Atlanta, Georgia.

In April, 1949, General Smythe was transferred to the European Command, and three months later was named assistant commander of the First Infantry Division, with headquarters at Grafenwohr, Germany. He assumed command of the Second Constabulary Brigade in Germany in February, 1951.

General Smythe was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action September 7, 1944, and the Silver Star for gallantry in action in April, 1945. He also has received the

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Wilber B. Rehrig, Route No. 1, Legion of Merit, and Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star, the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantry Badge.

His foreign decorations include the French Legion of Honor (Chevalier) and Croix de Guerre, the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, and the Belgian Officer of the Order of Leopold with Palm, Croix de Guerre with Palm, and Fourragere with two citations. General Smythe married Susie Hubell Coley, of Wilton, Connecticut, at West Point, New York, August 12, 1924. They have two sons in the service, First Lieutenant George W. Smythe, Jr., USAF, and Cadet John D. Smythe, a member of the class of 1953 at the U. S. Military Academy.

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