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# See Your Buddy in Boston

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## A Soldier Joins the Navy

by Allan Sloane

While glancing through the TV section of our local newspaper we happened to catch the following story. With your permission, we think you will enjoy its contents as much as we did. We believe you will agree with us, this proves the old slogan that, The 9th Can and Did Do Most Everything . . . Better still the next time you see "NAVY LOG" remember, a former 9th man is its author.

To find out just how a former Army man handles the assignment of writing a series about the Navy, namely ABC-TV's "Navy Log," permit me to interview myself.

Q. Is it true, Mr. Sloane, that you have little or no naval experience, though you are responsible for turning out scripts involving complicated stories ranging from submarines to carrier jets?

A. Worse than that. I was an army private in the 47th Infantry, Ninth Division.

Q. And is it true that you have never been on a Navy boat?

A. True, but as a picture director for a magazine, I was once assigned to get a picture of a PT boat coming head-on toward camera. My photographer and I were lashed to the bow of one PT, and the pilot of a second roared his PT on a collision course with ours, swerving at the last minute. We got the picture. I have not been on a Naval vessel since.

Q. Hasn't the Navy offered to send you on a shakedown cruise, as it were, on various types of vessels?

A. Yes. But they haven't ordered me.

Q. Does the Navy ever give you orders, Mr. Sloane?

A. Only twice. Once, on one of my biweekly research trips through the Pentagon, I fell to envying all the little blue signs outside the office doors. Admiral this, Captain that, Assistant Secretary of this, Chief of the that. . . So outside the door of the "Navy Log" office—

Q. Oh, you have an office in the Pentagon?

A. Oh yes. Next to CHINFO.

Q. Who is he?

A. He is Chief of Information, commonly referred to as CHINFO. Anyway, I share the office with Admiral Arleigh Burke's two Marine orderlies and their coffee-pot. So I typed up a little sign that said "Allan Sloane, 32056882, Pvt., U.S. Inf. (Retired)."

A. The two marines ordered me to take it down. I did.

Q. Why?

A. They said Admiral Burke might not like it. He outranks me.

Q. How so?

A. He's Chief of Naval Operations.

Q. And the other time?

A. Oh, that was in regard to dialogue in my "Navy Log" scripts. Captain Gordon Selby, at the time in charge of seeing that "Navy Log" receives full co-operation from the Navy in terms of ships, planes, men, material, and story check-and-clearance, instructed me as follows. "Now hear this. You will not use in any future scripts the expression 'That's an order.' When an officer in the Navy gives an order, he doesn't have to draw diagrams."

Q. And what did you say?

A. I asked if that was an order.

Q. And what did Captain Selby say?

A. Quote "That's an order" unquote.

Q. Other than that, has there been any other interference on the part of the Navy in the proper exercise of your scriptwriting functions?

A. Never. Quite the contrary. The scripts could not be written without the full assistance of the Navy.

Q. Do you find your own service background useful at all in writing "Navy Log"?

A. I find it useless. They don't have KP on ships.

Q. As a 'soldier who's joined the Navy,' do you find things different?

A. Well, yes and no. Of course, I do have to carry a little chart around to help me figure out what all those stripes on officers' sleeves mean. But you can always get around that by calling everybody "Sir." On the other hand, just like the Army, the Navy is full of metallic sergeants. Only they call them Chief, instead of Sarge.

Q. Why metallic?

A. Gold in their teeth, silver in their hair, iron in their hearts.

Q. How about chow?

A. Oh, it has improved. Of course, that may be because I now eat on a network expense account, instead of out of a mess kit.

Q. The men, Mr. Sloane. Do

you find the Navy men any different from the soldiers you served with?

A. In only one respect. I can't get used to having Lieutenants and Commanders calling me "Mister." Except, of course, Admiral Burke's Marine orderlies.

Q. What do they call you?

A. Jughead.

Q. Speaking of your outfit, Private Sloane, what is this I heard about how you name your characters?

A. As a matter of sentiment, whenever I have a roll call, the names you hear in my "Navy Logs" are those of my old buddies. It always goes like this: Malchman, Shaw, Powers, Burns, Applebaum, Kellogg, Benker, O'Brien, Nickerson, Schofield! Lay aft to the Charley Noble on the double!

Q. And those are the names of your old buddies in the army?

A. No. The city editor and staff of the first newspaper I worked on back in 1936. They were my real buddies. Everything that has happened to me since then—army, radio, films, TV, Navy Log—seems like a wonderful dream. I think of myself as a reporter, with a camera for my copy pencil, a producer, Sam Gallu, as my managing editor, the entire United States Navy as my beat and the TV screen as my front page. And I'm proud to have my byline on "Navy Log."

Yes, some day I may even let them put me aboard a ship.

## Dick Macomber, Co. G, 60th Inf.

Helped Stage First GI Show In Africa, Now Operates In Ohio's Capital City



On January 5, 1957, The Columbus (Ohio) Sunday Star devoted one full page to unusual incidents that have occurred from time to time in the Terminal Lounge, a classy little bar, operated in the Greyhound Bus Station by Richard (Dick) Macomber, former 60th man. The unique story attracted attention of magazine editors of The New York Daily News, Chicago Tribune, Cincinnati Times-Star, Birmingham (Ala.) News, Miami (Fla.) Herald, and many other widely-circulated magazine sections of daily newspapers in various parts of the country, who reprinted in full or in part the Macomber story.

Dick spotted many former Ninth men in the waiting room of the

Bus Terminal and immediately notified the Columbus Chapter of the former 9th men's addresses. A letter from old buddies to Richard Macomber, care Terminal Lounge, Greyhound Bus Station, Columbus, O., will reach this former 60th man, who was well known by the GIs around Port Lytauey after taking a leading part in organizing and then presenting the first GI theatrical performance seen in Africa. "Appropriating" that Frenchman's piano in Rabat, for the show was one of Mac's greatest overseas exploits.

Macomber was hospitalized twice for wounds received in action in and around Maknassy.

But back to this Sunday Star

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## It Pays to Advertise

It was only a 4-line notice in the Ohio VFW News, stating that a meeting of former 9th Division men had been held in Benson-Hough Post, Columbus, O., but it attracted the attention of Dan B. Crosskill, 640 N. Stone St., Fremont, Ohio, who wrote to the Post Commander asking for the name and address of someone in Columbus who was a former 9th man. Dan was contacted and in turn has sent in his 1957 dues, along with a newsy letter, advising, that another former 9th man, Ed Kadler, lived within a few doors of Dan and he would contact Ed at once to get him back in the fold.

Among other items mentioned in Crosskill's letter was having seen former Capt. Lindsay Nelson, former Division PRO, on a TV program and learning that Captain Nelson was Assistant

Sports Director for NBC. A letter was sent to the former PRO Officer who replied promptly, stating that in past months he had heard from Don Peel, who was his secretary while PRO Officer; he'd also heard from Gen. M. S. Eddy, (Ret.), Columbus, Ga.; Jeck Eddy, Los Angeles, Cal., and Dwight Hamblin, Kansas City, and Col. Rhodes, now in Shreveport, La.

A short notice in a veteran paper or the hometown paper can do almost unbelievable things for local chapters. As noted above—it pays to advertise.

Note: We received word that Richard Peatel, a former 47th man is in the Brown VA hospital in Dayton, Ohio. Dick would appreciate hearing from any of his old buddies.

## Help Wanted

James Kraus of 4739 W. Polk Street, Chicago 44, Illinois writes us the following note: "Could you help me out a bit. If there is some way I can get in touch with the M.D. that used to be in the 34th Field Artillery. I was with the 34th FA in 1940 and in May of 1944 was transferred to Hq. Co. I am a Disabled Veteran now. I have one leg. I would very much like to get in touch with one of the doctors who was with the 34th. Can any of our readers help? Our files do not have or list a doctor with the 34th FA."

Hey man did  
you pay your '57  
dues yet!

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## Columbus Chapter News

union in Columbus the best and biggest ever held. In order to insure our chances of getting this reunion we ask those men who have not paid their 1957 dues to please send them to Glenn O. Moore, Treasurer, care of Ohio Federal Savings and Loan Co., 22-24 E. Gay Street, Columbus, O. We've got to get a few more paid up members, to look good at the Boston reunion. Don't delay any longer; make check out to Columbus Chapter.

In early June each year, 33 Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts in the 11th District reserve an area at Buckeye Lake for a basket picnic. Free parking, shelter and coffee is provided. Many free tickets for rides are distributed to the kiddies; music and other entertainment is provided; prizes for various games and contests arranged for the kiddies are a highlight of the days activities. Arrangements are being made with the District Officers for the Columbus Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association to group their tables together and participate in the days festivities irrespective of whether the Ninth man is a member of the VFW or not. Cards will be mailed out at least three weeks before the picnic. Just "stash" away a few bottles of home brew in the back of the old car, sweet talk the wife or girl friend into packing a few sandwiches in a basket and get out to Buckeye Lake early that Sunday morning and stay until everyone gets worn out and is ready to hit the sack. Leaving

## 26th Field Artillery News

By JOE MCKENZIE

My good friends in the association will be losing faith in me if I continue to neglect them with news from Service Battery. This should have been written three months ago but there is a four letter word (Time) that stands in my way.

This is the first time in ten years that I was not able to render a report to Service Battery about our Memorial Mass. Other years the report was in the December or January Octofoil but there is that four letter word.

This is a good time of the year to remind you of the wonderful time everyone had at Worcester. After a winter of much snow, much rain, extreme cold weather and mounting fuel bills it is well to reminisce of that beautiful day last November. Again as many other years New England weather was at its best. The sun was bright. The clouds were clear. The air was crisp. You could not order a better day. Those who came from far and near enjoyed every minute of their stay.

John Clouser Hdqtrs 26FA and

some auto decals at Moore's office — stop by and pick up some. Also get the African-European and Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, if you haven't already received yours.

Sincerely, Paul Plunkett,  
President

Note: Paul's got a good idea by putting this all on a post card and sending it to his membership.

Ted Matusik 47 Inf flew in from Chicago. They landed at the Worcester Airport and thought it was a very nice airport. John was a bit disappointed in not seeing his old supply sergeant Bill Oclavage. For some unknown reason John failed to see John P. Quinn and Fred Keyes. He had a lot to talk over with those two fellows. We had a chat with them about our old friend Alexander "Punchy" Wilcopolski. Fred Keyes has moved to 16 Byrd Rd., Weathersfield, Conn. should any of you boys like to write to him.

Again this year I think Service Battery carried off the attendance record. Fifteen men made many a sacrifice to attend this memorial Mass in honor of those who are gone. Manny Effron, Paul Turner, Louis Truscello, Walter Swenson, John Murray, Bill Bongiorno, Carlo Natalini, Quintino Pergiovanni, Joe Albanese, Elmer Roscoe, Lewis Ortica, George Wilkinson, John Quinn and Fred Keyes were all at one time members of Service Battery.

Joe Albanese had his bride of

two months with him. She was a little afraid when Joe said we are going to Worcester on Nov. 11th. I suppose that sometime during their courtship Joe told her of all the rough and tough men he saw in the army. She thought some of these men might invade Worcester and cause bodily harm to her. Anyway, she came and had a very enjoyable time. She found out for herself that Joe was only kidding.

On his last vacation Lew Ortica made a trip to the land of sunshine. On his way south he stopped to see Shady Valley Campbell. Intervening years have not changed the slow talking, slow moving, well liked guy, Millard L. Campbell from Service Btry 26FA and Shady Valley, Tenn. After a very nice visit Lew began to dream of the land of Sunshine and drove right by the home of Warren G. Estep without even thinking to stop. Lew now has the name and correct address of most of the men of Service Battery. When he travels again he will be sure to visit any of the old gang who live within a few miles of the route he is taking to his

planned destination.

Recently Bill Bongiorno's wife was very ill. She is now out of the hospital but not feeling 100%. With the coming of spring we all hope that the delightful New England weather will be the tonic to speed her recovery.

Matt Mulholland, Carl Lucas, Jim McColgan and myself are just a few of the Ninth men who took the supervisory examination given by the Post Office Department last fall. Some one of those three may be my boss some day if they had better luck than I in guessing the right answers to 130 foolish questions. There may be someone in our organization who can reward us for our good work than in our ability to guess right.

Saw Carlo Natalini recently. Old timers from Ft. Bragg will remember him as a 26FA medic. He is now a Major and expects to be transferred to Denver very shortly.

With the passing of a severe winter in most parts of the country let us turn our thoughts to Boston and the 1957 convention which will be held at the Hotel Statler on July 4-5-6.

## Philadelphia Chapter News

On February 18, 1957, the Philadelphia Chapter voted in a new slate of officers for 1957. Robert Coleflesh (The pride and joy of the 2nd Battalion of the 47th Infantry) was elected President and Al Cuprys (An M. P. from away back) was elected Vice President. Jerry Nothman volunteered to take over the combined post of Secretary-Treasurer. The terms of office for the above elected men will go from January 1st, 1957 until December 31, 1958.

We received a birdie call that some real expectant news will be forwarded soon concerning two lads namely Ray Connelly and Marty Krasovetz.

### A SMALL GET-TO-GETHER

A couple of weeks ago we were very glad that we decided to attend a small but very congenial get-together thrown by a few former friends. Roger Marion, formerly of the American Red Cross, invited a few friends to toast some memories of by gone days. Among the illustrious guests were: Bill Meyer from Pearl River New York and from Washington, D.C. came George Chekan. George by the way was with Service Company of the 39th. This entire shindig started up with a chance meeting between Roger Marion and George Chekan. During their meanderings they wandered upon the subject of a get-together. A total of about 21 invitations were sent out and four men showed up. This is quite a good representation in any crowd.

This was the first time that Bill Meyers saw George since the old days and needless to say a lot of discussion took place about what they use to do. Let's suffice to say, that today, after a full meal, deep in the heart of Greenwich Village, the 39th lads go back to a local apartment and just muse about the old days. Man! We are really getting old. . . However, a good time was really had by all.

### Said a Mouthful

Mr. Barnes hitched up old Dobbin and took his daughter for a country drive. Detecting approaching highwaymen, he said: "Quick, daughter, hide your gold bracelet in your mouth."

The highwaymen held them up and made off with their possessions except the concealed bracelet.

Mr. Barnes sagely and remorsefully remarked: "Too bad that your mother wasn't with us. We could have saved the horse and buggy, too."

— Flow Line

### Hurt Even More

The judge was listening to the testimony and interjected a remark.

"Do you claim that this man hit you with malice aforethought?"

"Judge, you're confusing me. I said he hit me with a Ford and I'll stick to it."

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"Well, darling," said the little boy's mother as he walked into the kitchen, "were you a good boy at school today?"

"Sure," answered the lad. "How much trouble can you get into standing in a corner all day?"

## Sound Off

for '57 in the N.E. Chapter as his charming wife enclosed his \$4.00 chee kalong with her newsy note. As for Maurice, hurry up and get well for you and the misses are wanted hale and hearty in Boston this July.

Running a close second to Tougas is EUGENE SKOCZYLAS of 55 Lilac St., Pawtucket, R. I., who sent in his '57 dues a few days FA Bn, also sent along a letter later. Gene, formerly with the 60th full of news and compliments. After telling how much he enjoys reading Sound-Off, Gene announces to one and all that he will make the 12th annual reunion at Boston's Hotel Statler on July 4, 5 and 6. He asks that all his buddies make a special effort to attend.

SI GARBER, chairman of the hospitality committee, is just overflowing with ideas designed to give a warm welcome and pleasant stay to 9th Division convention goers come next July. It's a good bet he'll get plenty of appreciated help from STEVE BUDRICK, the RA Sgt. who'll be going back to Texas, boots, saddles, and 10-gallon hats after he retires two years hence. . . Si also is enthused about a "reunion within a reunion" for men of the 15th Engineers. Might not be a bad idea for all units to plan a "reunion within a reunion" at Boston. Sure would boost attendance. To get back to Si, he's getting together with that inde-

fatiguable Art Schmidt to set up a campaign designed to insure maximum attendance from men of the 15th Engineers. Si Garber can be reached at 136 Capen St., Dorchester, Mass., telephone Blue-hills 8-7593. Schmidts' address is 69-20 69th St., Brooklyn 27, N.Y. His phone is Hyacinth 7-3993 and his business phone is President 4-7100, extension 21. So how about it, you 15th Engineers men, keep those phones ringing and the mailmen busy.

Joe McKenzie of Waltham, Mass., the honorary "topkick" of the 26th FA gang, undoubtedly is engaged in the same activity as Garber and Schmidt. If all Joe's 26th FA penpals attend the Boston reunion, that alone would just about insure success.

A welcome addition at the last meeting was COLONEL THOMAS M. GRAY, former CO of the 15th Engineers. Gray, now civilianized, lives at 73 Monmouth St., Brookline, Mass., and is a construction engineer with the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority. Gray has plenty of convention "know-how" having been convention chairman for Pittsburgh in 1948.

Vic Campisi has been elected president of the Massachusetts Deputy Tax Collectors Association. He also has been appointed publicity chairman for the 1957 fund drive campaign of the Somerville Branch, American Red Cross.

## 9th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Stan Cohen, National Sec.-Treas.  
Post Office Box 66  
Livingston, New Jersey

Enclosed please find 1957 dues for:

Name ..... Serial No. ....

Street Address .....

City ..... Zone ..... State .....

I was a ( Battery ..... )  
member of ( Company ..... Regiment ..... 9th Div.

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member .....	\$4.00 per year ( )
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60th Infantry History .....	\$1.00

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## Mr. Bell Vs. Boston

Agreed, this is certainly not a fair or even a near comparison. . . However, there is good justification in bringing these two thoughts together. We at National, realize that the success of any affair is determined by a number of factors.

- 1) The Place
- 2) The Cost
- 3) The Time
- 4) The People that you meet.

The convention host chapter sets up the first three planks of the program, but you are responsible for the fourth.

We try to do everything in our power to assist and inform our membership of our conventions but how about you as an individual?

What do you do???

Well, you receive Xmas cards from your friends once a year. You probably reciprocate once in a while, if the spirit moves you. . . That's all.

Now — here is how Mr. Bell's invention can pay off two ways. . .

1) It increases our membership attendance at our National Reunions.

2) It insures your having not only a good time but, a better one. Therefore, here is our suggestion.

TODAY, call a lad whom you want to meet at the convention. Check with him about vacation schedules. Tell him your plans. Try to interest him in attending. But, above all try to plan attending together.

If, our membership just in the New England area tackles this job, we can draw on a potential 850 or better members. If we start counting wives or friends, this means a chance at about 1700 total attendance.

We do not feel that this is an insurmountable task. . . A telephone call will do it.

Don't wait to make your arrangements. Do it NOW. Give Mr. Bell a chance and we are sure that the Boston convention will be the greatest one of them all. SEE YOUR BUDDY IN BOSTON.

## TAPS

Our last mail brought the following sad news regarding our members.

A note from Mrs. Gerald Oaken. "My husband, Gerald Oaken, was killed in an auto accident on August 20th, 1955. Gerald served as a Staff Sergeant with Company D of the 60th Infantry. Gerald lived at 28 Burr Avenue, New York Mills, New York.

A return card marked, "Deceased" from, Walter Rice of 10 Darby Road of Paoli, Pennsylvania. Walter served with the 60th Infantry.

## Gen. Smythe Retires

A few weeks ago we received a very formal and dignified announcement:

Announcing the Retirement of Major General George W. Smythe from Active Duty with The United States Army Retirement Parade 4:00 P.M., 26 February, 1957, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

Gentlemen may we add, this was certainly the army's loss, and a civilian gain. . . We hope to have full particulars regarding this parade in our next issue of the Octofoil.

## Sound Off

by VIC CAMPISI

### Reunion Committee Rolling Along In High Gear

BOSTON, Mass. — Boston's reunion committee under the chairmanship of JOHN McLAUGHLIN is rolling along in high gear as plans are being finalized for the 12th annual reunion of the 9th Infantry Division Association scheduled for Hotel Statler this July 4, 5, and 6.

Your New England Chapter will be host unit.

Currently being decided with utmost consideration are such attractions as master of ceremonies, guest speaker, orchestra, and entertainment. This, in addition to a few minor details, appears to be all there, is in the unfinished business department of the reunion committee. Details will be published when plans are completed.

Giving McLAUGHLIN plenty of help in the interests of the best reunion ever, is the executive committee composed of such stalwarts as Peter Cusack, Sid Levison, Fred D'Amore, and Stan Cohen.

Also contributing their time, energy, and talents as committee chairmen are TOM BOYLE, reunion secretary-treasurer; RONNIE MURPHY, Gold Star committee; SI GARBER, hospitality committee, MRS. PETER CUSACK ladies auxiliary committee, and VIC CAMPISI, publicity.

Other Association members who wish to volunteer their services are cordially invited to do so. Contact Sec-Treas. TOM BOYLE at 39 Hall Ave., Somerville, Mass., telephone MONument 6-1275. He will be glad to accommodate all volunteers.

As previously announced, the strip-ticket price for the three-day Boston convention has been pegged at \$12.00. This entitles the holder to attend the Thursday night beer party, the Friday night dance, and the Saturday night banquet.

It has been suggested that budget-minded couples start saving for the July 4 reunion holiday in Boston. Better still, if the money is available now, why not send a check or money order to reunion Sec-Treas TOM BOYLE at 39 Hall Ave., Somerville, Mass., and pay for your strip-tickets now.

#### BOSTON'S HOTEL STATLER IDEAL CONVENTION SITE

Situated in the heart of downtown Boston, the Statler is easily accessible by car, bus, subway, rail and plane. It also is adjacent to Boston's shopping center, theatre, row, and nightclub district.

The hotel itself is considered one of the finest on the Eastern seaboard. One actually could spend all three days and nights within the hotel and enjoy all the pleasures and conveniences of this "city within a city."

For the sightseer, historic Boston has much to offer. One of its attractions is the famous Freedom Trail. Starting at Boston Common, a stone's throw from the Statler, you see a lovely site once used as a "training field" and for "feeding of cattle." Here British troops were quartered and Colonials mustered for Quebec and Civil War regiments. And from here, the British started off for Lexington, not far from Boston, from whence came "The shot heard around the world."

Next stop is the Park Street Church, site of granary where sails of "Old Ironsides" were made and where gunpowder was

stored in basement in War of 1812.

#### SEE YOUR BUDDIES IN BOSTON IN JULY

Adjacent to the Park Street church is the Granary Burying where lie the graves of some of history's outstanding men including John Hancock, Samuel Adams, and Robert Treat Paine, signers of the Declaration of Independence. Also Paul Revere, Peter Fanueil, Benjamin Franklin's parents, victims of the Boston Massacre, and Mary Goose (the famous Mother Goose).

Another step on Freedom Trail is King's Chapel, founded in 1686 and recognized as the first Episcopal Church in New England. It became first Unitarian Church in U.S. in 1785. Its burying ground includes graves of such historical figures as Gov. Winthrop, Rev. John Cotton, John Davenport, founder of New Haven, and Mrs. John Winslow (Mary Chilton), first woman of the Mayflower to touch America.

Boston City Hall is another landmark on Freedom Trail for here is the site of the first public school in America, the Boston Public Latin School.

The old South Meeting House will stir memories of colonials who gathered here to protest drafting into the British navy, demand withdrawal of English troops, and plan the Boston Tea Party.

The Old State House, built in 1657, is the oldest state building in the U.S. Here you will see valuable collections of early Americana. It was here, also, that convention met to adopt Federal constitution.

The site of the Boston Massacre is nearby and marked at intersection of State and Congress Streets. Here first bloodshed of Revolution was shed March 4, 1770.

Faneuil Hall is another "must" on Freedom Trail. World famous as the "Cradle of Liberty," it was the center of revolutionary movements in Boston.

The Paul Revere House, built in 1660, is the oldest home in Boston. Paul Revere lived there from 1770 to 1800.

The Old North Church ("One if by land and two if by sea —") was built in 1723 and is still there for you to see. From its belfry Revere and William Dawes that hung the lanterns which signalled the British were marching to Lexington and Concord.

At the end of the historic Freedom Trail is Copp's Hill Burying ground, the 2nd oldest in Boston and dating from 1650. Here lie Increase, Cotton, and Samuel Mather; Edmund Hartt — the builder of Old Ironsides, and Robert Newman who hung the lanterns in Old North Church. Of further interest are the gravestones pockmarked by Revolutionary War bullets.

Freedom Trail is but one of the historic attractions of a city which abounds with features to suit the discriminate tastes of all.

And Freedom Trail should be of particular interest to 9th Divisioners for it is symbolic of the heritage and freedom for which we fought in World War I.

Subsequent issues of Sound-Off will reveal further attractions.

#### NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER PERSONNEL NOTES:

A change of address has been received from COLONEL JOHN ADAMS who now can be reached at Box 278, Balboa Heights, Panama Canal Zone. At this writing, this editor is quite envious of Col. Adams. Today's papers are headlining the coldest day here since 1882 with the mercury lost in the sub-zeros. Adams, meanwhile, is basking in the warm Panamanian sunshine that this editor learned to live in 40 months of military service there that started oh, so many years ago. (Regards to Kelley's Ritz, John.)

MRS. MAURICE N. TOUGAS of 567 Hunt St., Central Falls, R. I., sends in word that her husband is ailing at the Veterans Hospital, Davis Park, Providence, R. I. A card or visit would do lots to boost his spirits. Tougas, incidentally, wins the distinction of being the first paid-up member

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## New York Chapter News

On March 1st, the roar of March winds did everything but dim the meeting of the New York Chapter. As usual the lads turned out in full strength, for example, we even spotted a few new faces, Morris Schwartz of 43 Bretton Road, New Hyde Park, N. Y. an old G Company-47th man and his buddy H. Ross of 42-62 157 St., Flushing 55, N.Y. Max Umansky is the lad who really did a swell job introducing these lads back into the fold of the Division. Neither man had ever heard of the Association, but Max worked and worked and worked and finally brought both men down to our meeting.

Prez Feinberg got off to an auspicious start and got the ball rolling with a bang. The Fall Dance was discussed and batted about and was finally called to a halt with the appointment of a committee of three to investigate the various and sundry areas for the dance and report back to the full membership. Brother Al Bruschac turns up and wins himself a pair of ducats to the new Ethel Merman show. Heard that Ed Goldstein is looking for a house and boy did he get an earful on where to look. After all the conversation he will spend more time in his cab just to pay for the privilege of looking. . .

Frank Fazio reported on the dance and stated although the dance was not a financial success, it certainly was a social success. Dan Quinn snared an old buddy Bill Bradley and Bill really made the most of the evening.

After gouging on John's beer and sandwiches, the gang was treated to a film showing the N. Y. lads and their families at the recent Christmas Party. Just because it was John Trevelise's film we were also treated to seeing John's last surprise party. . . All in all a good show. Prez Irv tells us that he intends to have a film on Paris at the next meeting and urges all men to attend. The fun's there for the asking, why not partake of our social morsels at the next New York Chapter meeting. Get on the list and give Dom Miele a chance to show off the new office machines.

Almost forgot, Jack Abramson, a former 15th Engineer ends his bachelorhood days on March 31, at the Briar Hall Golf and Country Club in Westchester County. Her name used to be Lillian Berman. . . Now Jack has other ideas. . . Congratulations Jack.

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## Mail Bag

Louis A. Longo recently wrote to us and told us that the now has a new change of address. Louis can be reached at P. O. Box 93, St. Clair, Pa., Louis by the way is the proprietor of a new and fancy place called, Longo's Motel and Restaurant, located on Route 122 in Pottsville, Pa. on the St. Clair Highway. . . For fine food and a good place to bunk, Louis has an 9th Division recommendation which we think is just as good or not better than Duncan Hines. . . After all we remember Louis. . .

### New Faces

George Checkan of 2163 Southern Ave., S.E., Washington 25, D.C. . . George was in Service Company of the 39th. . . George we won't admit was helped but we will admit contributed after he was prodded by one R. Marion. . . Welcome to the fold George. . .

Morris Schwartz of 43 Brettton Road, Hyde Park, L.I., an old G. Company, 47th Infantry man made the plunge and joined up while attending the last New Pork Chapter Meeting.

Robert H. Ross of 42-62 157th Street, Flushing 55, N.Y. another G. Company-47th Regiment lad, come down to say "Hello" and we are pleased to say that Bob is really glad he found the 9th Again. . .

Martin A. Niverth of Box 364, Marianna, Pa., is now a new paid up member of the Association. Martin served his tour with Headquarters Battery, 34th Field Artillery. . .

Anthony Gravina of 265 89th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. we are happy to relate is another new member in our flock. . .

### 39th Infantry

Earl Duncan of Route 1, Humboldt, Tennessee tells us that a lot has happened since the old days when he was with the First Battalion Medical Detachment of the 39th Infantry and attached to Company D. Earl works for the Brown Shoe Company and it is this position that helps support his wife and daughter Olga Dianne (four years old) and his hobby which is Camping. Earl wants to know if anyone in our group can remember a Sergeant Grady who was in Company D. Grady was with the 1st platoon machine gun section and was wounded on or about July 13, 1944. Unfortunately we do not have Sergeant Grady's address. . . Can any one of our readers help Earl out? By the way Earl tells us that he met up with O. C. Doyle of the 1st Battalion Medical Detachment who served with Company B.

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### 60th Infantry

Alfred J. Yockey of 16200 E. Mile Road, Detroit, Mich., tells us that he is one happy guy these days because this married life is really great. Alfred is a Grinder by trade and really takes off on his favorite hobby's hunting and fishing. The real reason for all this flush for hunting is because he loves the woods and the outdoors. Alfred asks for the name of an old "D" company buddy, and for other lads who might be interested, Leonard J. Mahan lives at 842 So. 612 St., Lindenhurst, L.I., N.Y.

Don Finnegan of 360 Westlake Ave., Los Angeles 57, Calif., writes us and says that he doesn't know

whether he is fortunate or not but he works with an X Ninth man George H. Morgan who has taken up the crusade to relive the battles that he participated while serving with F. Company of the 47th.

I. Company: Charles F. Anknew wants all his friends to know that he has a new address and it is; 5170 North Bay Ridge Ave., Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin.

Cannon Company: Hail to a new member. . . Bill Martin of Box 991, Hamlet, North Carolina. . .

Attention all 60th Infantry Men. . . Big Joe Perella invites his friends to Stop in at his "El-Rosa Bar and Restaurant in Vineland, N.J. or to be a little more accurate at N. Delsea Drive near the Circle and have the first one on him. . .

### 60th Field Artillery Battalion

Division Artillery Headquarters: Ernest Irion of 3608 -5th Ave. No., Great Falls, Montana tells us that he has been working rather steady all winter at his trade and doesn't have too many complaints these days. He tells us that one of his neighbors boys is with the Ninth Division now in Fort Carson, Colorado. Ernest is sorry that he could not make Chicago, and tells us that Boston is just a little off the beaten path, but that maybe some day he will make a convention.

### 15 Engineers

A short note from Frank Alice, I have moved and here is my new address, 2911 Carlisle Street, Philadelphia 45, Pennsylvania. . .

Art Schmidt our pen pal of the 15th Engineers tells us that he recently received a letter from Arthur St. Jeans mother. Mrs. Jean wrote Art to tell him that her son has been a patient in the V.A. Hospital at Bedford, Massachusetts for the past six years. He is married and has a little boy and girl. Will all X buddies of Art St. Jean send him a cheery note at the V.A. Hospital. . . Or note his address: 19 Lewis Street, Worcester 10, Mass. Norton Crossa of Bethel, Maine told brother Schmidt that he will try to make the convention. Art enhances our thoughts about the recent New York dance to the effect that not only all had a good time but he had a terrific time. Art is now the proud owner of his own home. Wow! he paid off his last mortgage payment. . . It should happen to all of us 30 year mortgage guys. . . Art is conjuring up a deal for a three way party. He will be 40 years old on March 31, and on March 1st he gets his permanent appointment as an Unemployment Insurance Claims examiner because he passed his probationary period satisfactorily and he now makes a little more dough. . . Why not celebrate Art, you have three good reasons why. . .

### 47th Infantry

Wilton Taylor of Stop A Star Route, Lost Hills, Calif tells us that he found a very interesting article about Sicily in the National Geographic magazine and if any one is interested it is called Sicily the Triangle. This article tells all about the little colorful donkey wagons. . .

Sam E. Buemi of 30811 Bayridge, Blv'd, Willowick, Ohio a real enthusiastic F. Company man tells

that the decal we sent him will be pasted on the rear window of his "NEW LINCOLN" for everyone to see. . . Bill adds the postscript that if things slow down a bit he will try to make Boston this year. . .

Larry O'Keefe our Anti-Tank representative tells us that he recently met Colonel Walter O. Beets of 5398 Simmonds Loop, Presidio, San Francisco, California who was formerly with Div. Art'y.

Service Company, 26th F.A. Harold D. Wallace of 4510 Pine Street of Bellaire, Texas is a new addition to our Association.

### C Battery, 84th F.A.

Steve Yhasz, Jr., of 7626 Lombard Street, Kentland, Maryland, writes the following note: "Now that the G.I. Bill has expired, I plan to be a more active member in the Association. For the past nine years, I have been attending School and finally received my Masters Degree in Commercial Science, majoring in Accounting. Steve is currently employed by the Bureau of Ships in Washington, D.C., as a Budget analyst. Steve wants to read more about the lads of the 84th F.A. and pleads for more info on what his friends are now doing.

### A Battery, 60th F.A.

James C. Landise, Jr. of 2042 West 76th Street, Chicago 20, Illinois tells us that he wants to congratulate Mike Belmonte, Ed Wardzala, Albert Tate, and Michael Patrick for their unflinching effort in sending Christmas cards to us (the Landise family) for the past 11 years. These men and their families deserve a creditable mention at least. James asks us to pass this information on to the readers of the Octofoil. His dad is seriously ill and needs blood donation. If you are in or near the Chicago area can help report to, St. Lukes Hospital, 1439 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. and tell them you are donating blood for James C. Landise, Sr. If not he would appreciate cards sent to Room 1711 at St. Lukes. . .

Stanley Kazdoy is now a West coast boy. He has left the east and has settled at 16738 Lassen Street, Granada Hills, Calif. He left New York in August and is now working for the Veterans Administration in Los Angeles as a Supervisory Fiscal Accountant and is looking to meet some X Ninth lads in the San Fernando Valley area.

## Columbus Chapter News

The following report was received by this headquarters regarding the Columbus Chapter: The little party held on January 19, 1957, was a success. We don't have to do anything elaborate to have a good time when former Ninth men get together. Many who couldn't attend the last party had good excuses. One new member was signed up; several others paid 1957 dues. Since the story that appeared in the Ohio VFW News about the party and was read by many, several letters from various parts of the state have been received from former Ninth men, seeking information about joining. There are still a few we are depending on strongly to help make the 1958 Ninth Division Re-

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## Dick Macomber, Co. G, 60th Inf.

story about The Terminal Lounge. Over the Christmas holidays in 1955, a GI stopped in the Lounge for a drink, leaving a sizable amount of money for safekeeping, confiding that he just had to catch a bus for Southern Ohio to see his mother but wanted just one short visit with his Columbus girl friend. Each day the GI would come in for a little money and swear "Today I'll catch that bus to my mother's for sure, but I can kill a couple of hours with the girl friend and still catch a bus! Finally the day before Christmas Macomber called a Red Cap, saying "Put this GI on that bus out there and don't let him get off. Watch the bus until it's in high gear." Christmas, 1956, the GI come in with the girl friend who was now his wife and thanked Mac for making him get home in time for Christmas dinner with his Mom.

The sociable, friendly atmosphere so noticeable in the lounge where many local celebrities congregate along with the transients is more noticeable than in any other local lounge. The localites all know each other by their first names and Macomber seems to be "Father Confessor" for them all. Mac contends that a bartender and proprietor of a place like his, located as it is, has a civic obligation to meet the transients with a smile, make them feel at home and at ease, and they leave with a fine impression of the entire city.

Recently, one of the regular customers confided, "I'm worried, I loaned a friend of mine \$500 over a month ago. It was to be repaid within one week." Mac suggested "Why not call him again if it'll give you any peace of mind?" The call was made and the man owing the money stated: "I'm leaving town in just a few minutes. I don't have time to come by and pay you but if you'll drive by my house you'll find the \$500 in the mail box." This sounded kinda "fishy" to Mac and the customer, but he took off for his friend's house. And sure enough fastened to the mail box with a Band-Aid was five \$100 bills. This customer made a bee-line back to the lounge to thank Mac for insisting that he call the debtor again and to let him know his mind was at ease, he had the \$500 and wanted to buy the house a drink.

There's an entrance to the Lounge from the Town Street level and another entrance from the Bus Station waiting room. A few days ago a transient customer moved up to the bar from the Town Street entrance, Mac asked him to leave, telling him he had enough to drink already and refused to serve him. The inebriated guy walked out, wandered around and got to the door leading to the Lounge from the waiting room, moved up to the bar and screamed: "Whatta you know, some ?? in that bar up the street has cut me off, saying I'm too drunk to take another drink." It's all in a day's work at the Lounge listening to scores of complaints involving love affairs, finances, etc. A nicely dressed middle aged couple stopped in for a drink; the man seemed unusually nervous. He left his wife and went to the waiting room and then the woman whispered: "He's here to meet his 18-year-old daughter. Her mother has just died; he hasn't seen the daughter in years and is

afraid he won't recognize her. I'm nervous, also. I'm afraid she will not like me as a stepmother." Finally the man and his daughter returned for the stepmother. After a short, pleasant conversation between the three with old Philosopher Macomber, they departed. A few months later Mac received a letter from the couple saying the daughter had become very much attached to the stepmother; they were happy and wanted to thank Macomber for helping them relax and break the ice that first morning.

A fellow just released from Ohio Penitentiary came in recently and was very much attached to his canary, explaining how much the bird had meant to him while behind the bleak, gray walls, asking the Lounge management (Macomber) to take good care of his best friend until the ex-prisoner could become permanently located.

A nice looking young bride of a few months stopped in the Lounge one day. She seemed depressed and kept "sniffing." In his soothing tone of voice Macomber asked the trouble and if he could be of help. She set out a bottle of poison she had purchased, stating her husband had gotten into trouble, had been sent to prison. She could not face the folks back in the old home town; she had nothing to live for and this was the only way out. Reasoning with her, calling to her attention how attractive she was and how time heals all things and how much she had to live for, Macomber prevailed on the girl to destroy the poison vial. After getting her composed she was put on a bus and sent back to her people. She has taken a very responsible secretarial job in Steubenville, O., and hardly a month passes that she doesn't send a card or letter of thanks to Mac for talking her into using her senses on that near fatal day.

A few hill billies stop for their "snorts" enroute to and from the hills. A sign in the Lounge announces the cocktail hours 4-6. A hill billy asked Mac for a 4-6 Cocktail; after trying to explain there was no such concoction and the hill billy insisting he wanted a 4-6 Cocktail he was served a Manhattan and went merrily on his way to tell the folks in the hills what a swell drink those 4-6 Cocktails are.

The Lounge takes on an international air at times. Some Ohio State students from India and other far-away countries hold regular social sessions in the Lounge, General Romulo, of the Philippines, while on business in Columbus, made several social visits to the Lounge. Trying to identify a foreign group Mac guessed several nationalities, finally took a chance "Russkies." "Ya," answered one, "Vodka." They were poured double shots of Vodka but bellowed "No, no, a beeg Vodka." Macomber and his assistants experiment continually with new concoctions. Tourist and native alike are able to get a variety of mixed drinks at this lounge unobtainable anywhere else in North America. Macomber will be chairman of the entertainment committee when the 1958 9th Division Assn. Convention meets in Columbus, Ohio.

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## Columbus Chapter News

union in Columbus the best and biggest ever held. In order to insure our chances of getting this reunion we ask those men who have not paid their 1957 dues to please send them to Glenn O. Moore, Treasurer, care of Ohio Federal Savings and Loan Co., 22-24 E. Gay Street, Columbus, O. We've got to get a few more paid up members, to look good at the Boston reunion. Don't delay any longer; make check out to Columbus Chapter.

In early June each year, 33 Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts in the 11th District reserve an area at Buckeye Lake for a basket picnic. Free parking, shelter and coffee is provided. Many free tickets for rides are distributed to the kiddies; music and other entertainment is provided; prizes for various games and contests arranged for the kiddies are a highlight of the days activities. Arrangements are being made with the District Officers for the Columbus Chapter of the Ninth Infantry Division Association to group their tables together and participate in the days festivities irrespective of whether the Ninth man is a member of the VFW or not. Cards will be mailed out at least three weeks before the picnic. Just "stash" away a few bottles of home brew in the back of the old car, sweet talk the wife or girl friend into packing a few sandwiches in a basket and get out to Buckeye Lake early that Sunday morning and stay until everyone gets worn out and is ready to hit the sack. Leaving

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for '57 in the N.E. Chapter as his charming wife enclosed his \$4.00 chee kalong with her newsy note. As for Maurice, hurry up and get well for you and the misses are wanted hale and hearty in Boston this July.

Running a close second to Tougas is EUGENE SKOCZYLAS of 55 Lilac St., Pawtucket, R. I., who sent in his '57 dues a few days FA Bn, also sent along a letter later. Gene, formerly with the 60th full of news and compliments. After telling how much he enjoys reading Sound-Off, Gene announces to one and all that he will make the 12th annual reunion at Boston's Hotel Statler on July 4, 5 and 6. He asks that all his buddies make a special effort to attend.

SI GARBER, chairman of the hospitality committee, is just overflowing with ideas designed to give a warm welcome and pleasant stay to 9th Division convention goers come next July. It's a good bet he'll get plenty of appreciated help from STEVE BUDRICK, the RA Sgt. who'll be going back to Texas, boots, saddles, and 10-gallon hats after he retires two years hence. . . Si also is enthused about a "reunion within a reunion" for men of the 15th Engineers. Might not be a bad idea for all units to plan a "reunion within a reunion" at Boston. Sure would boost attendance. To get back to Si, he's getting together with that inde-

## 26th Field Artillery News

By JOE MCKENZIE

My good friends in the association will be losing faith in me if I continue to neglect them with news from Service Battery. This should have been written three months ago but there is a four letter word (Time) that stands in my way.

This is the first time in ten years that I was not able to render a report to Service Battery about our Memorial Mass. Other years the report was in the December or January Octofoil but there is that four letter word.

This a good time of the year to remind you of the wonderful time everyone had at Worcester. After a winter of much snow, much rain, extreme cold weather and mounting fuel bills it is well to reminisce of that beautiful day last November. Again as many other years New England weather was at its best. The sun was bright. The clouds were clear. The air was crisp. You could not order a better day. Those who came from far and near enjoyed every minute of their stay.

John Clouser Hdqtrs 26FA and

some auto decals at Moore's office — stop by and pick up some. Also get the African-European and Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, if you haven't already received yours.

Sincerely, Paul Plunkett,  
President

Note: Paul's got a good idea by putting this all on a post card and sending it to his membership.

Ted Matusik 47 Inf flew in from Chicago. They landed at the Worcester Airport and thought it was a very nice airport. John was a bit disappointed in not seeing his old supply sergeant Bill Oclavage. For some unknown reason John failed to see John P. Quinn and Fred Keyes. He had a lot to talk over with those two fellows. We had a chat with them about our old friend Alexander "Punchy" Wilcopolski. Fred Keyes has moved to 16 Byrd Rd., Weathersfield, Conn. should any of you boys like to write to him.

Again this year I think Service Battery carried off the attendance record. Fifteen men made many a sacrifice to attend this memorial Mass in honor of those who are gone. Manny Effron, Paul Turner, Louis Truscello, Walter Swenson, John Murray, Bill Bongiorno, Carlo Natalini, Quintino Pergiovanni, Joe Albanese, Elmer Roscoe, Lewis Ortigari, George Wilkinson, John Quinn and Fred Keyes were all at one time members of Service Battery.

Joe Albanese had his bride of

two months with him. She was a little afraid when Joe said we are going to Worcester on Nov. 11th. I suppose that sometime during their courtship Joe told her of all the rough and tough men he saw in the army. She thought some of these men might invade Worcester and cause bodily harm to her. Anyway, she came and had a very enjoyable time. She found out for herself that Joe was only kidding.

On his last vacation Lew Ortigari made a trip to the land of sunshine. On his way south he stopped to see Shady Valley Campbell. Intervening years have not changed the slow talking, slow moving, well liked guy, Millard L. Campbell from Service Btry 26FA and Shady Valley, Tenn. After a very nice visit Lew began to dream of the land of Sunshine and drove right by the home of Warren G. Estep without even thinking to stop. Lew now has the name and correct address of most of the men of Service Battery. When he travels again he will be sure to visit any of the old gang who live within a few miles of the route he is taking to his

planned destination.

Recently Bill Bongiorno's wife was very ill. She is now out of the hospital but not feeling 100%. With the coming of spring we all hope that the delightful New England weather will be the tonic to speed her recovery.

Matt Mulholland, Carl Lucas, Jim McColgan and myself are just a few of the Ninth men who took the supervisory examination given by the Post Office Department last fall. Some one of those three may be my boss some day if they had better luck than I in guessing the right answers to 130 foolish questions. There may be someone in our organization who can reward us for our good work than in our ability to guess right.

Saw Carlo Natalini recently. Old timers from Ft. Bragg will remember him as a 26FA medic. He is now a Major and expects to be transferred to Denver very shortly.

With the passing of a severe winter in most parts of the country let us turn our thoughts to Boston and the 1957 convention which will be held at the Hotel Statler on July 4-5-6.

## Philadelphia Chapter News

On February 18, 1957, the Philadelphia Chapter voted in a new slate of officers for 1957. Robert Coleflesh (The pride and joy of the 2nd Battalion of the 47th Infantry) was elected President and Al Cuprys (An M. P. from away back) was elected Vice President. Jerry Nothman volunteered to take over the combined post of Secretary-Treasurer. The terms of office for the above elected men will go from January 1st, 1957 until December 31, 1958.

We received a birdie call that some real expectant news will be forwarded soon concerning two lads namely Ray Connelly and Marty Krasovetz.

### A SMALL GET-TO-GETHER

A couple of weeks ago we were very glad that we decided to attend a small but very congenial get-together thrown by a few former friends. Roger Marion, formerly of the American Red Cross, invited a few friends to toast some memories of by gone days. Among the illustrious guests were: Bill Meyer from Pearl River New York and from Washington, D.C. came George Chekan. George by the way was with Service Company of the 39th. This entire shindig started up with a chance meeting between Roger Marion and George Chekan. During their meanderings they wandered upon the subject of a get-together. A total of about 21 invitations were sent out and four men showed up. This is quite a good representation in any crowd.

This was the first time that Bill Meyers saw George since the old days and needless to say a lot of discussion took place about what they use to do. Let's suffice to say, that today, after a full meal, deep in the heart of Greenwich Village, the x9th lads go back to a local apartment and just muse about the old days. Man! We are really getting old. . . However, a good time was really had by all.

### Said a Mouthful

Mr. Barnes hitched up old Dobbin and took his daughter for a country drive. Detecting approaching highwaymen, he said: "Quick, daughter, hide your gold bracelet in your mouth."

The highwaymen held them up and made off with their possessions except the concealed bracelet.

Mr. Barnes sagely and remorsefully remarked: "Too bad that your mother wasn't with us. We could have saved the horse and buggy, too."

— Flow Line

### Hurt Even More

The judge was listening to the testimony and interjected a remark.

"Do you claim that this man hit you with malice aforethought?"

"Judge, you're confusing me. I said he hit me with a Ford and I'll stick to it."

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"Well, darling," said the little boy's mother as he walked into the kitchen, "were you a good boy at school today?"

"Sure," answered the lad. "How much trouble can you get into standing in a corner all day?"

## 9th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Stan Cohen, National Sec.-Treas.  
Post Office Box 66  
Livingston, New Jersey

Enclosed please find 1957 dues for:

Name ..... Serial No. ....

Street Address .....

City ..... Zone ..... State .....

I was a ( Battery ..... member of ( Company ..... Regiment ..... 9th Div.

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member .....	\$4.00 per year ( )
Sustaining Member .....	( )
THREE YEAR MEMBER .....	\$10.00 ( )
Life Membership .....	\$50.00 ( )
Octofoil Auto License Disc .....	\$ 1.00 ( )
Eight Stars to Victory .....	\$ 3.50 ( )
(Pictorial History of 9th Div. in Action)	
Ladies Auxiliary Member .....	\$1.50 ( )
Decals .....	\$.25 apiece — 5 for \$1.00
Combat Route Map .....	\$ .50
60th Infantry History .....	\$1.00

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Explanation of Dues:

Non-Chapter member all payment of dues to Nat'l.  
Chapter Member: \$1.00 for chapter, \$3.00 to Nat'l.  
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Three Year: \$3.00 to chapter, \$7.00 to Nat'l.  
Life Member: \$12.50 to chapter, \$37.50 to Nat'l.  
Sustaining Member: Chapter to receive 1/3 of amount over \$3.50, balance to National.

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