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## A First Look at the Machinery That Makes This Association Tick

### Guest Editorial

By MAJ. GEN. LOUIS A. CRAIG (Ret.)

After the Boston Convention this past summer, our Association President set as his high objective a vitalization of membership to be secured through greater activity of all of the members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association.

For the information of those who are not in contact with Chapter groups in a few of the larger cities and in the 9th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colorado, it will be of interest to know that John Clouser, your President, since his election in July has personally visited Association members in many and widely separated parts of the country, — New York, Columbus, Washington, Fort Carson, and other places, including his home town of Chicago.

John Clouser is a member of the Association, just like each of us who reads the Octofoil. He has accepted an office in which he is serving not only the Association itself, but also all of those former members of the 9th Infantry Division who are not now enrolled with us. And his personal demonstration of great activity for the Association is a fact of good example in leadership and affection for our memories of Service. Certainly recognition of this example creates a personal obligation on the part of every veteran and former member of the old Division to demonstrate on his part an appreciation for the effort being made by our President.

Will you make just a little effort too? And will you do it to-day—and to-morrow too?

Each of us has many friends among the former members of the 9th Infantry Division. Some are now members of the Association, some perhaps have let their membership slip, and there are many who have never heard of the Association. It is estimated that there are forty non-participating veterans to each 1957 dues-paying member—and this number is increased by those who have worn the Octofoil since the Armistice.

Most of these people can be reached only by you, the reader, for the Association has only limited access to the great numbers who have served in one of our finest fighting organizations of World War II.

So write to as many of these as possible. Give them the address of the Secretary (Box 66, Livingston, New Jersey). And ask them to send in a check for \$4.00 for 1958 dues—now.

Your Association is yours in a sense that applies to few organizations. It exists only for the membership. So don't let it down by indifference, — but let's do just a little to keep it active and strong.

Also, please send in your own renewal promptly.

— PUBLIC APOLOGY —

Jurisdictional labor strike held up Octofoil from January 15 to February 8, 1958. . . .  
Please excuse.

! Editor and Printer!

### Many of Our Members Don't Have An Opportunity to Observe . . .

So We Have Decided to bring the business of the Association right into your living room. We realize that geography and distance make it impossible for many of our members to learn the details of what makes our organization work. So, we are reprinting the minutes of our last Board of Governors meeting so that you may see what goes on and how we do it.

The 44th meeting of the Board of Governors of the Ninth Infantry Division Association was at the Bancroft Hotel, on November 9th, 1957 in Worcester, Mass.

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 P.M., by the President, John Clouser. There were present:

Messrs: Arthur Schmidt  
Frank Fazio  
Vincent Iannucci  
George Apar  
Glenn Moore  
Tom Boyle  
Victor Campisi

Guests: V. Guglielmino  
Lt. J. McGrath  
Lt. V. Barberi

There were eight members of the Board Present which constituted a quorum.

The Secretary-Treasurer, Stanley Cohen, acted as recorder.

The Secretary-Treasurer, then read the minutes of the 43rd meeting, and after motion duly made and seconded, it was: Voted to:

Accept the minutes of the 43rd meeting.

The President discussed the status of the Association's incorporation. The President pointed out that the Ninth Infantry Division Association had been incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware for purposes of convenience and necessity, that since that time the membership of the Association has drifted considerably and that actually a great number of the active members reside in almost every state of the union, that the President and sufficient members of the Association live in or about the State of Illinois so that various business matters can be handled with great facility in that general area.

The President further stated that it is necessary for the Association to retain an agent for service in the State of Delaware at a cost of approximately \$50.00 per year; however, if the Association were incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois, there would be the usual \$10.00 filing fee and the President or other members living within the

State could act as agents for service, therefore avoiding the payment of \$50.00 per year.

The matter having been discussed and upon motion duly made by George Apar and seconded by Glenn Moore, it was, VOTED TO:

RESOLVED, That the Ninth Infantry Division Association forthwith dissolve its existence by charter under the laws of the State of Delaware and on the same date forthwith also incorporate as a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Illinois.

RESOLVED, That the by-laws of the Association immediately subsequent to incorporation under the laws of the State of Illinois be amended to designate the principal office in the City of Des Plaines, County of Cook, State of Illinois, showing the name of the Resident Agent as John J. Clouser or whomever his successor may be from time to time and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That any other reference within the by-laws of the Association depending upon or referring directly to incorporation under the State of Delaware be changed to show incorporation in the State of Illinois.

After a motion duly made by Art Schmidt, and seconded by Frank Fazio, it was, Voted to:

Change Section 1 of the by-laws to provide for the principal office in the City of Des Plaines, County of Cook, State of Illinois.

After a motion duly made by Vince Iannucci and seconded by George Apar, it was, Voted to:

Change Section 3 of the by-laws to conform with the re-incorporation provision in the City of Des Plaines, County of Cook, State of Illinois.

After a motion duly made by Glenn Moore and seconded by Art Schmidt, it was voted to:

Add: Section 16 A to the by-laws. To provide for Association past presidents to be made associate members of the Board of Governors, Associate members of the Board and Emeritus members to be non-voting. Associate membership of the

Board should not prevent the future election of such Associate as a regular member of the Board.

After a motion duly made by George Apar and seconded by V. Iannucci, it was Voted to:

Change Section 12 b of the by-laws to: Three years dues will be \$11.00.

After a motion duly made by Glenn Moore and seconded by G. Apar, it was Voted to:

Change Section 7 of the by-laws to: 25% of registered members present one (1) hour before the first business meeting will constitute a quorum.

After a motion duly made by Vic Campisi and seconded by A. Schmidt the following amendment was added:

25% of registered members present one (1) hour before the first business meeting will constitute a quorum for the duration of the reunion.

After a discussion of Board of Governors re-imbursement it was voted to: Refer this to the Executive Committee for further study with the following provisions:

- 1) Provision for re-imbursement
- 2) How re-imbursement takes place

After a motion duly made by G. Moore and seconded by V. Iannucci it was voted to:

Accept Roberts Rules of Order as the governing ruling on procedure at all Business meetings of the Ninth Infantry Division Association and its Board of Governors meeting.

After a motion duly made by V. Campisi and seconded by A. Schmidt it was Voted to:

Add Section 32-C-IV to the by-laws: To provide for the purchase and erection of suitable monuments and memorial plaques.

After a motion duly made by Frank Fazio and seconded by V. Iannucci, it was Voted:

Instruct the National Secretary to provide citations in the form of Certificate of Merit Awards, to all outgoing Board of Governors at the last session of the annual meeting.

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### BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1958	1959
Victor Campisi	George Apar
Ray Connolly	Alphonse Dominick
Otto Kerner	Frank Fazio
Mike Bish	Maj. Gen. Wm. C. Westmoreland
1960	
Arthur Schmidt	Board Members Emeritus
Glenn Moore	Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy (Rtd)
Frank Wade	Maj. Gen. Louis A. Craig (Rtd)
Vincent Iannucci	Honorary Chaplain Emeritus
Tom Boyle	Father Edward Connors

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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 ever lasting 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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## Insurance News

We would like our membership to know that we are still gathering information on various insurance companies. We must apologize for a misprint in our last issue of the Octofoil. We inadvertently printed an item to the effect that we had \$2,000,000 worth of insurance requested by our members. We meant to say that at that time we had \$200,000.00 worth of insurance requested. A slight mistake, please excuse.

However at this time we do have some 65 members who have requested insurance and as soon as the Board of Governors finalizes the agreement with the company that gives us the best deal we will forward forms to those who have asked for them.

If you have asked for a form, please bear with us as we will have our answer in the next 30 days. This type of selection must be a dual one. We must be approved by a company and we must approve the company through our Board of Governors.

We will continue to print our request forms and if you desire to have this insurance or have any questions regarding this program please contact us and we will do our best to answer your inquiry.

### A NOTE OF THANKS

The last convention in Boston proved to be a very successful affair because every one did such an outstanding job both the attendees and the workers. However we would like to thank the Jacob Ruppert Brewery for their assistance in helping us make our convention a good one. All we can add is, if you can buy Knickerbocker Beer in your area do so, they were nice to us and we know they would appreciate your patronage for their product.

## TAPS

We were sorry to learn the following news regarding a former Commanding General of the Ninth. Lt. John McGrath sent us

## Reunion Committees

A partial list of Committees named to arrange for and serve during the 1958 Reunion to be held in Columbus, O., at the Deshler-Hilton Hotel, July 30-August 1-2, 1958, follows:

General Chairman: Glenn O. Moore.

Reunion Treasurer and Assistant: Glenn O. Moore and Jeanne Cork.

Publicity Committee: William Bratson, Richard Macomber and Paul S. Plunkett.

Gold Star Committee: Richard Newell and Richard Macomber.

Greetings Committee: Pearl Nickle, Jesse R. Davis.

Ladies' Auxiliary and Fashion Show Committee: Mesdames Mabel Moore, Regina Blackmore, Betty Schumann, Donald Jewell.

Souvenir Book and Program Committee: Paul S. Plunkett, Paul Keller and Richard Schumann.

Entertainment Committee: Richard Macomber and William Bratson.

Banquet Committee: Glenn O. Moore, Miles McFarland, Donald Jewell.

Parade Marshal: Richard Corbin.

Memorial Services: Paul S. Plunkett, assisted by Gold Star Committee.

General Chairman Glenn Moore and Columbus Chapter President Paul S. Plunkett ex-officio members of all committees.

Additional committees will be announced from time to time as the occasion may arise.

the following news release:

**BRIG. GEN. JESS A. LADD**  
San Francisco — Brigadier Gen. Jesse A. Ladd, a veteran of 50 years of Army service, died December 15, 1957 at Letterman Army Hospital. He was 79 years of age.

A 1911 West Point graduate, he served in the Mexican campaign and in both World Wars. At the time of his retirement in 1947, he commanded the 9th Infantry Division in Germany.

Survivors include his wife, Florence, and two sons, Lt. Col. J.F. Ladd.

## North Africa - 1943

### The Avenging Ghosts Of The 9th

There followed one of the outstanding heavy-gun movements in history. The great convoy — 411 vehicles and 2170 soldiers of all ranks — left Tlemcen in a blinding sleet storm of a late February afternoon. Through snow and mud, and over narrow mountain roads often covered with ice, it moved 777 miles in eighty-four hours. There was no halt, except for fifteen-minute stops for refueling. As the convoy, commanded by Brig. Gen. S. LeRoy Irwin, approached the American headquarters at Tebessa, it found the one road jammed with ambulances and service vehicles streaming toward the rear. This was essentially a routed army. Vehicles loaded with soldiers warned, "You are too late. Rommel is moving forward and we haven't got a chance."

The clogged road was a river of mud. Heavy guns slipped over banks and rolled down the mountain-sides. One battery commander lost every gun in this way. But the surviving guns went into position and plastered the Germans with a completely unexpected torrent of howitzer and mortar fire. General Irwin brought to a cold stop the most dangerous prong of Rommel's three-pronged drive.

The 9th then shifted northward to Sedjenane Valley. Attached to it were two regiments of Goums — fiend-faced, brown-turbaned Moroccan highlanders. They went into battle wearing black-and-white-striped, goat-wool robes. Between their teeth they carried long, sharp, curved knives. They were pre-eminently throat cutters. Silent as cats, they crawled thru thistle-filled gaps among the speckled rocks in the eerie blackness of desert nights when hyenas were howling. Then they would fall on enemy outposts, leave behind them a dozen throat-slashed corpses, and depart as silently as they came. The tactics of the Goums added immensely to the aura of mystery which enveloped the 9th as its regiments seemed to materialize out of darkness and vanish into darkness again.

Gen. Matt Eddy was engaged in moving the division along a twenty-eight-mile front through extremely difficult mountain country, with the object of outflanking the Germans and cutting them off on the north and northeast — that is, getting between them and the sea. There were no roads. The maneuver was hampered by almost complete lack of communication.

Success required that an entire division be moved around the flank of a hostile army without detection. Complete silence, invisibility and Goum operations on sentries were essential. Eddy was completely successful. The campaign was over when the 60th Infantry marched into Bizerte on the afternoon of May seventh.

The scene shifts to Sicily. There the wearers of the Octofoil arrived in time for the 39th Infantry to take the desperately held mountain city of Troina, the key to Messina. But history will record the "march of the 4000 silent men" — Col. Frederick de Rohan's 60th Infantry — as probably the most colorful episode of the Sicilian campaign.

For nearly 100 hours the regiment moved over mountain slopes

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## Mail Bag

### Special

Here is an interesting letter from J. P. Majors that we thought should be reprinted to show how the old Ninth Spirit is still being continued.

Dear Mr. Cohen:

I received the November issue of the Octofoil which I always enjoy reading.

I commanded Regimental Headquarters Company in the 39th Infantry Regiment during the last 18 months or two years of the campaign during World War II. Some three or four years ago I decided to write a letter to some 120 men whose addresses I had, and who, at one time or another, were in Germany. This list also included a few officers who were not assigned to my Company.

I am attaching the letter which I issued December 9th, 1957 and which gives many current addresses and this might be of value to you. By the way I obtained some 15 new addresses as a result of the attached letter, but I have not had time to run them in to this total listing. I will try to send them to you at some later date.

J. P. MAJORS,  
3940 Ivy Rd., N.E., Atlanta 5, Ga.

Atlanta 5, Georgia — 3940 Ivy Road, N.E.  
December 9, 1957

Hello:

I had replies last year from some 30 or 40 fellows from whom I had not heard previously. In this letter, I will list all of the fellows from whom I have heard during 1955 and 1956.

I have some very bad news to report and this is that Melvin Kaczmarek died in December 1956. I had a letter from his wife dated March 8 in which she said he had a cerebral hemorrhage on December 9, and while in the hospital developed pneumonia and passed away. Mrs. Kaczmarek's address is as follows:

Mrs. Melvin Kaczmarek  
819 South Luzerne Ave.  
Baltimore 24, Md.

I am sure she would appreciate hearing from all you fellows who knew Melvin.

JOE HOUCK, 455 Manor, Columbia, Pa. Married 1945. Owns Houck's Shoes, 10 E. King St., York, Pa. Sent me current addresses of 5 fellows from whom I had not heard as follows:

MICHAEL GRESH, Box 27, R.F.D. No. 2, Edensberg, Pa.

HAROLD BRUSKIN, 325 N. Third Ave., Highland Park, N.J.

BEN GULICK, Auldrie, Va.

MARLIN MELLINGER, New Kingstown, Pa.

L. E. HODGKISS, 1000 Orvis Ave., Etna 23, Pa.

J. F. BARDWELL, 509 West Graham, Bloomington, Ill. Married. — has 5 boys and one girl. Works for Marhofer Meat Packing Plant.

ERNEST BURTRUM, G3222 W. Carpenter Road, Flint, Mich. Married — has 3 boys and a girl, including twins, — a boy and a girl. In the dairy business.

PHILLIP SIMON, 1629 Washington St., E. Charleston, West Va. Went to West Virginia University and received BS and MS degrees in zoology and chemistry. Attended State University of Iowa to work on doctorate. Hopes to complete Doctorate and research at UCLA in Calif.

EVERETTE L. LARSEN, 230 Highland Road, Grays Lake, Ill. Married — had one child 2½ years of age. In paint business.

ERNEST BAKER, Kurre Lane, Cape Girardeau, Mo. Married — no children. Assistant Manager of a lumber yard.

JOHN KEEHBAUCH, Route 5, Mount Pleasant, Mich. Married — has two daughters, three sons.

FRANK STUTTON, 2743 Sampson Ave., Box 65, New York. (We all knew Frank as Sotinsky.) Frank is married.

RALPH W. EGLEY, Warsaw, Ill. Married and has 3 sons. Is Chevrolet-Oldsmobile dealer in Warsaw.

HARRY R. GRANT, Route 1, Birdboro, Pa. (Harry says that Charles Smalley lives at 5247 Sashabow Rd., Charleston, Mich. and he is not dead). The letter to him in 1955 was returned to me marked "deceased," therefore, the reason for that note in paragraph 1 of the 1956 letter.

HERMAN L. HADAPP, 3805 Ridge Ave., Sioux City 6, Iowa. Married — has son and daughter. Works as salesman at stock yards.

LT. COL. N. H. ANDERSON, General Detachment T-I-C, Fort Benning, Ga.

E. G. DAVIDSON, 2626 N. 11th St., West Monroe, La. — has son and daughter Ronnie and Dana.

JOSEPH D'ASCOLI, 517 Willit Ave., Port Chester, N.Y. — Still single — Manager Public Golf Course.

MIKE CHEKOSKY, Route 1, Greensboro, Penna. — Has 3 girls and 1 boy. Foreman in coal mine.

JOHN R. WOOD, Orchard Lane, Chillicothe, Ohio — Part Manager for Chevrolet Dealer. Married — has one son.

JOHN F. KELLY, 6733 Wyncote Ave., Phila. 38, Penna. — Still single — Inspector with Philadelphia Transportation Co.

R. E. COUCH, 635 Park St., Gainesville, Ga. — Been with Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. since 1948. Saw Ray in Atlanta 4-5 months ago.

W. A. SHUFORD, Jr., 52 Cleveland Ave., Asheville, N.C. — Married — has 3 children — Is C.P.A.

J. D. SHONEKAR, 5271 Olive Drive, Concord, Calif.

HARRY F. MILLER, Box 512, Llano, Texas. Electrician — Buys from Graybar Elec. Co. Hobby is hunting deer.

JAMES A. BAILEY, 1973 College Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Ga. — Owns hardware store.

STEVE J. LEASE, 223 S. Collington Ave., Baltimore 31, Md. — Married — has 3 daughters — 1 son. Is in furniture manufacturing business.

E. J. MADAJ, 2305 Botsford Hamtramch 12, Mich. Owns "Ed's Cafe" — Married — has family. Tried to see Ed in Feb. when I was in Detroit.

MEARL RATOLIFF, 3143 E. 21st Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma — With Tulsa Fruit Co. — Married — Has 2 children. Was through Atlanta last summer and called at my house but I was out of town.

F. M. ALBERTSON, Stilesville, Ind. — In Elevator Construction Business.

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# New York Chapter Xmas Dance and Party

Somebody said that Christmas comes but once a year, but we have news for you in New York City it happens twice a year for kids and we might add the grown ups to. Our strong committee as usual knocked themselves out preparing for this usual task and they did themselves proud. We in New York are truly fortunate in having such tireless workers as Frank Fazio, John Scully, Dan

Quinn, Dom Miele, Pat Higgins, Irv Feinberg, and I guess we can go on and on applauding the merits of this group.

But let us suffice to say, that if you had the opportunity to attend the gala Christmas party you would quickly know what we mean. Kids, man they came from all over. Each group that attended brought their own gang and mighty was throng that en-



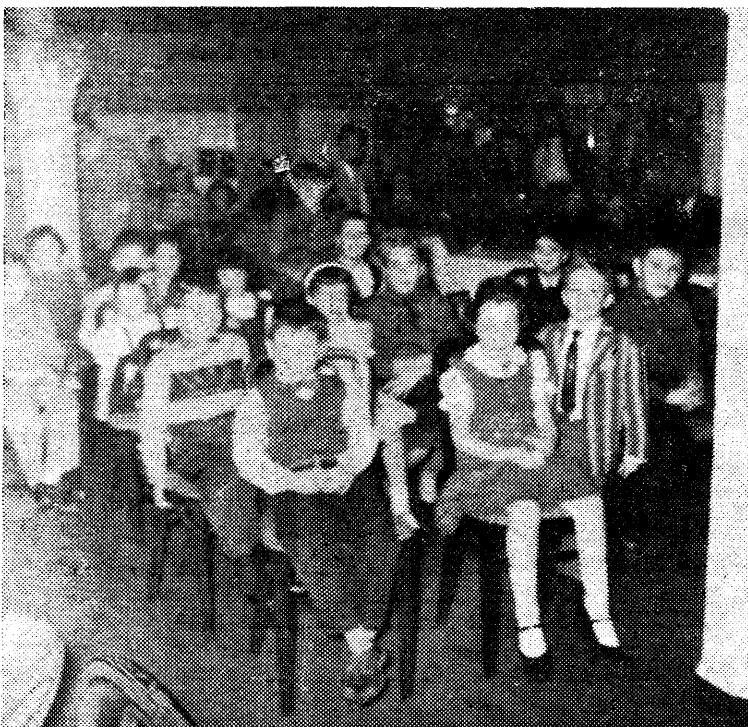
veloped the Hotel Van Rensselaer on 11th Street between Broadway and 5th Avenue. Incidentally we might mention that this is the new home of the New York Chapter and a real fine place this is to boot. . .

We have printed two pictures which will give you some idea of the crowd we must admit that our camera was too small to capture the entire group, but it

was the kids that count.

## Upside down pictures

Peter Uhler and Milt Wind had themselves a ball showing comics of all things that came out upside down. Well, after we got some of the kids off the ceiling and sitting correctly in their chairs, the show continued. You know something, watching Donald Duck upside down was not too bad, at least it was a change. . .



Frank Fazio tells us that he had over 175 ice cream pops and that he did not have a single one left and not a Mommy or Daddy came near him. Well, that we guess tells the story in a nutshell.

## Entertainment

The New York Chapter has recently learned that they do not have to go out and hire a band. They have their own little combo right in their very own midsts. Starting with the Lawrence Welk accordionist our Pat Higgins, a wicked mandolin strummed by that genial man with the per-

petual smile Dom Miele, and the Cha Cha'est sax you ever heard by Herminio Suarez, and the kid with the drums, Stan Cohen. . . Well all we can say was "Man, this was the craziest band you ever heard!" But, it provided that little extra something that helps make a successful affair. We would like to add at this point that a special vote of thanks is due our Santa Claus, John Scully. He really suffered under the silken beard and weighty pillows (It's a toss up as to whether or not he needs them to fill in that extra space.) But, we will admit

# Mail Bag

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LYLE H. BREDENKAMP, Waco, Nebraska — Farming 320 acres. Married — 16 years — has 2 sons.

MARVIN J. RAPITEK, 2526 West Center Street, Milwaukee, Wisc.

PAUL POTTS, Pumphouse Road, Redford, Indiana. (Received letter and card in Dec. 1957) Married — no children.

BOB SCHULTE, Fredrickstown, Missouri — Owns Home Supply Store. 129 N. Mine LaMotte Ave. — Still single.

M. A. BALDI, 67 Linden Ave., East Orange, N.Y. Married — has one daughter.

C. C. MOORES, Box 312, London, Ky. — Married.

TONY DRESNEK, 270 Treat St., San Diego 2, Calif. Was with Atomic Energy Comm. after being back in service 1950 as B29 radio operator during Korean War. Now with Navy Electronics Laboratory.

N. L. ZIELINSKI, 611 Westhill Drive, Joliet, Illinois — Salesman with Oldsmobile Co.

EVAN BURGDOFER, 218 E. Mason Avenue, Apt. A1, Alexandria, Virginia.

GEORGE B. ROSE, Buick dealer in Clinton, North Carolina. Married — has 3 sons.

JACK P. PIEMONTE, 47 Boston Post Road, Larchmont, N.Y. — Owns "Old Forge Rest." Owns "Old Forge Rest."

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T.W.A. for example charges \$59.18 round trip. The bus fare would be \$30.69 round trip and would take 16 hours. If one takes his car the A.A.A. has estimated this trip to take 14 hours and they say that it would cost about \$31.10 round trip including gasoline and tolls. From New York to Columbus it is all fast going. For example, the New Jersey Turnpike, the Pennsylvania pike and you are almost there. Art has recently embarked on a letter writing campaign to some of his former buddies and we might add they really go a long way in helping to keep the old Engineers click together. Art sends extra copies of the Octofoil and outlines all the news features concerning the Engineers. We might add that this has worked for he has been instrumental in getting about a half a dozen new members. We also hear that John Gee and his wife have been blessed with a baby girl named Patricia Louise who was born on September 11, 1957. Pat came in had a letter from Vernon Hill from Port Huron, Michigan who told him that he had been ill for some time with a bad case of nerves. Now everything is o.k. again. This is indeed good news. For those men who have service connected disabilities they might be interested in the news that H. R. 52 passed by Congress and signed into law. This now means that the disabled veteran will get a 10 percent increase in disability compensation for those veterans less than 100% disabled and a higher increase for those who are 100% disabled. The first checks reflecting this increase will be sent out on or about October 31st. Now for news of the Worcester reunion. I drove up with Charles Hoffman and we met the following: Peter P. Thomas and Paul Lisa (whom Charles did not see since he left the army). Among some of the local Engineers who attended we met: Fred D'Amore, Tony DiPietro, Al Ferrante, Tony Madonna, George Williams, Dave Mahoney, Pat De Colli, Jimmy Keohone, Jimmy Riordan, Ralph

Merrithew, George Bender, Sid Levison, and Si Garber. In passing my plugging away has brought the following results. It looks as if I have succeeded in bringing Paul Lisa to Columbus and Hoffman down to the N.Y. Christmas Party. . . Well, Art has sure covered a heck of a lot of ground. . . Another new man from the Engineers is Gerald J. Holman of 55 Delaware Ave, Staten Island 4, N.Y., who served with Headquarters of the 15th. . . Speaking of new members we have the following: Martin Boher of 507 Chili Ave, Rochester New York. Martin served with C Company of the 39th Infantry. . . Some of the new members who joined us thru the Worcester reunion are: Lieutenant Anthony Field Artillery Battalion, Ninth Bonavira of B Battery, 60th Field Artillery Battalion, Ninth Infantry Division, Fort Carson. Thanks to Karl Malmstrom who brought in a local neighbor we have Harry Nelson of 64 Chapel Street, Holden, Mass. By the way Harry is a next door neighbor of Karl's. Small world isn't it. . . William Bongiorno of 197 Waltham Street, Lexington, Mass. Bernard Cambell of RD 3, Rochester, Vermont both 26 Field Artillery men. George Lyon of 79 Blomester Street, Maldon, Mass., Frank Tokaz of 548 Main Street, Torrington, Conn., and Louis Di Falco of Mountain Road, Irvington, New York. Incidentally, Louis is a cop up Irvington way and if you get a traffic ticket ask for Louis and he will see to it that you pay the ticket. . . From down Columbus, Ohio way in Fort Hayes in particular we have John F. Hare as a new Columbus Chapter recruit. . .

to one thing, John did a splendid job as Santa. Irv Feinberg deserves some plaudits for bringing down some wonderful vocal talent.

Suddenly, some one hollered it was 6 o'clock and the group took off like a cyclone. Well, the kids started to get cranky and the parents had that worn tired look. So, bundled down with all kinds of gifts (we might add that there were plenty of toys too!) another Christmas party was over. . .

Taps: We are sorry to report the following news item. A Company, 15th Engineer Battalion

## Sergeant Francis Reno Hartzell

Francis Reno Hartzell, 43, of Follansbee, West Virginia, died at 4:15 p.m. on June 13, 1957 in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norton Hartzell, Summerville (Jefferson County) following an illness of 18 months.

He was born November 5, 1913, Township, Clarion County, the son of Norton and Irene (Harty) Hartzell, both of whom survive.

He was married to Mrs. Lillian (Gatrell) Hartzell, who also survives him. Others surviving are: five brothers, Earl Hartzell, Follansbee, W. Va.; Louis Hartzell, Mechanicsburg; Harold Hartzell, Reading; Stanley Hartzell, Lebanon; John Hartzell, Fairmount City; four sisters, Emogene Craley, of Sinking Spring; Ernestine Kitzmiller, Bethlehem; Marjorie

Flick, Summerville, and Claire Moore, Virginia Beach, Va. A stepdaughter, Mona Meader, of Kentucky, and a stepson, Larry Blankenship, of Follansbee, W. Va., also survive.

Mr. Hartzell was a member of the Church of Christ in Summerville. He also was a member of the V. F. W. of Follansbee, and was a veteran of World War II. During his Army service, he was a Sergeant with Co. A., 15th Engineer Bn. He entered the service on June 13, 1942, at Clarksburg, West Virginia.

He was discharged from the service on June 22, 1945, at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He was in the following battle campaigns: Algeria, Normandy, Northern France, Sicily, Tunisia, and Morocco.

The decorations and citations he received were the Bronze Star medal, Distinguished Unit badge, on March 3, 1945; European-African-Middle Eastern Service medal, Good Conduct medal, Purple Heart on September 20, 1944; and the Silver Star. He was overseas for two years, eight months, and 14 days.

Funeral services were held Sunday, June 16, 1957, at 2:30 p.m. in the Church of Christ, Summerville with H. J. Holly, pastor, officiating. Burial was made under the direction of the Charles D. Alcorn Funeral Home in the Westview cemetery at Summerville.

## Co. A. 9th Medical Bn.

Jerome Cosenza of 222 Clinton Street, Linden, New Jersey sends us a note saying, "I would like to say Hello to all the boys of Company A, 9th Medics. . . Would also like to advise that a recently returned Christmas Card brought the following sad news. . . Joseph Lukouskas a former member of Company A passed away on February 15, 1957."

## E Company—39th Inf.

Arthur C. Rohmann of 1459 Texas Street, Louisville 17, Kentucky tells us that we might print the following slogan. "DON'T BE LATE FOR 58." Incidentally, Art tells us that this is his 1958 New Year's resolution. . .

## 26th F. A. News Item!

A note from Joe Albanese of P. O. Box 95, White River Junction, Vermont tells us that . . . "My Mom is fine, and I'm o.k., and dad's improving every day, my name is Paulin Louise and I arrived on December 3, 1957 and I weighed 7 lbs. and 10 oz., and my folks are Jeanette and Joe Albanese" . . . This is Joe's first. . .

Joe McKenzie pens us a note with a load of clippings which we unfortunately cannot reproduce with pictures of Jim Scannell the Waltham Santa Claus. . . Jim played Santa during the past Christmas festivities in Waltham, Mass., Jim for the record was a former member of the Medical Detachment of the 26 F. A. until April, 1942, when he was transferred to the 88th Division.

A Company 47th In.: John A. Delk of Hillsboro, Illinois sends us a note and an apology for not having been able to attend the last Boston reunion because at that time he became a grandfather and made a trip to California to greet his new grandson. John tells us that the only disturbing thing about becoming a grandfather is that it places one in an upper age bracket, otherwise it is a very satisfactory experience. Please send my very best regards to all the boys in Company A of the 47th. . .

## Fort Carson News Items

### 39th Infantry

An Army career man who took basic training with the Fighting Falcons of the 39th Infantry Regiment nine years ago is supply sergeant of the 39th Regimental Headquarters Company.

Sgt. Frank P. Volpe took his basic infantry training with Company B, 39th, at Fort Dix, N. J.

Returning to the United States he was assigned to an advisory group at Kearney, N.J. for two years. From there he went back to Fort Dix where he was assigned to Company A, 61st Tank Battalion, of the 9th Infantry Division.

He rejoined the 39th in 1948 and returned to Carson with the advance party in July of last year.

### 26 F. A. BN.

The 26th Field Artillery Battalion at Fort Carson has gained historical documents as the result of a chance meeting of former battalions commanding officers.

Major Paul K. Thomas (ret.) first commanding officer of the 26th, recently presented Lt. Col. Wilson Red, present CO, with copies of the orders that formed the battalion and assigned the first officers.

The copies will be added to the unit history.

Thomas was prompted to present the copies through a chance meeting earlier this year in Chicago with Lt. Col. Richard Dresbach, a former 26th commander. He was invited to visit the unit at Carson.

Thomas is now an Air Force civilian fire prevention engineer who was in Colorado Springs this week on an inspection tour of Ent Air Force Base. His home is at Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y.

He was the ranking officer in 1936 of the Wellesley Mountain Artillery, as the 26th was known from its location in Massachusetts. It was then a Regular Army inactive organization.

He served as Battalion commander when the 26th was reactivated in 1989 remaining for part of the training with the 9th Infantry Division until he was transferred to the 1st Infantry Division for World War II combat.

### 60th Infantry

The 60th Infantry Regiment's new museum and Trophy building houses some of Fort Carson's most valuable silver. The structure is the work of Sgt. Frederick L. Sorenson, the curator.

Oldest items in the museum are original battle streamers and guidons from the 60th Go-Devil campaigns in Europe during World War II.

Among the awards and war relics displayed is a Japanese war sword donated by Col. Harold E. Hassenfeldt, 60th Commanding officer.

The largest trophy in the mu-

seum is the Gen. Leclerc Trophy won for pistol marksmanship in Europe. This four-foot trophy is of silver plate mounted on a mahogany stand.

The most valuable trophy is a punch bowl of solid sterling, presented to the Go-Devils for top unit marksmanship by the commanding general of the 7th Army in Germany.

Other valuables include two tributes given by the King of Denmark, both containing the royal crest of Denmark.

Also on display are awards for athletics, marksmanship, military tributes and copies of a day-to-day account of the unit's campaign during World War II.

The Schneider family from Berlin, N. H., has been a part of Fort Carson's 60th Infantry Regiment since 1942.

M/Sgt. John Schneider, first sergeant of Heavy Mortar Company, is the current member of the 60th. His older brother, Cpl. Walter Schneider, served with the 60th in North Africa in 1942 where he was wounded. He died three years ago a disabled veteran.

John Schneider also saw action in World War II, serving in England, France, Germany and Iceland.

During the Korean conflict, he saw action with the 38th Infantry Regiment, winning the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Schneider joined the 60th in January, 1956, as the regimental sergeant major.

## The Avenging Ghosts of the Ninth

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thick with thorn bushes and across stony mountaintops capped with thin clouds in what essentially was absolute silence. It was a masterly tactical move to cut the one road supplying the city of Randazzo from the north-

east. The movement required that 4000 men with all essential supplies and equipment slide through inhabited mountain country without being seen or heard. The march covered approximately forty miles. Where short roads were marked on the map, it was necessary to avoid them. About the closest approach to roads which could be followed at any time were goat tracks.

Only a minimum of equipment was carried — one blanket and a few rations by each man. Nights were bitterly cold in the high ravines and among the clouds. All progress was at night. A brilliant full moon made concealment much more difficult. At one time, Col. de Rohan recounts whimsically, the whole strange line was led most appropriately by a "ghost", a role filled by Capt. W. H. Barnwell, of Burlington, North Carolina. The night was very cold. Barnwell preceded the leading company by a few yards, an olive-drab blanket draped over his head. Clouds gave the blanket an ectoplasmic appearance. The captain took slow, measured steps, so as not to knock loose a stone. The idea that the line was led by a supernatural figure seems to have come simultaneously to everybody.

Achievement of nearly complete silence of 4000 marching men for four days and nights is still considered a tactical miracle. The men had to move without disturbing the scenery familiar from childhood to all the local farmers, and also without disturbing the ordinary rural sounds, such as the singing of birds in the bushes or the tinkling of cowbells. The latter, by the way, were a serious problem. A favorite ruse of German scouts in the mountains was to wear cowbells. Thus any noise made while moving through the bushes would be attributed to cattle. Day after day the soldiers, hidden motionless in brush patches, had to listen to these tinkling bells without daring to shoo the cows away, and not knowing whether they were bovines or Boche.

## Fort Carson Names Field for Col. Flint

FORT CARSON, Colo. — A renovated regimental parade ground for 39th Inf. Regt. was formally opened recently with a graduation parade for nearly 800 trainees.

Located just south of the regimental area, the spacious parade ground is named "Flint Field," in honor of the late Col. Paddy Flint, War II leader of the 39th who gave the regiment its slogan, "Anything, Anytime, Anywhere — Bar Nothing."

## 'Watch Out: Gals Are Dangerous. . .'

FORT CARSON, Colo. — "Watch out for women. They're the most dangerous."

That's the advice which Fort Carson Pvt. Ray Jones would give to anyone planning to become a private investigator.

Jones earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and studied law at the University of California before becoming a process server, law clerk and investigator in San Francisco.

As a private investigator, the Carson trainee spent most of his time in divorce, personal injury and repossession cases.

It was while working on the repossession cases — especially trying to repossess cars — that Jones often ran into milk bottles, frying pans and other missiles.

And that's where he decided that "women are the most dangerous and do the most damage."

But for a while anyway, Jones is safe from the "gentle sex" as a basic combat trainee in Btry. A of the 26th FA Bn.

## A First Hand Look

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(This award to be retroactive since the conception of the Association)

The President then reported on the activities of the Program Committee: Mike Bish, the program chairman will communicate with local program chairman of the individual chapters to send to him (Bish) reports of successful meetings and the agenda that was used. Further action tabled until Bish can report to the Board.

The president then reported on the Memorial Plaque. The Board of Governors recommended that the President and the National Secretary and the Executive Committee make the final plans for the selection of a suitable Memorial Plaque for the Chapel of the Unknown Soldier of World War II.

The next meeting of the Board of Governors is to be May 10th, 1958, in Washington, D.C. The executive Committee will meet in January or February. Final date to be fixed by the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

The National Secretary then reported the correspondence from General Craig and the actions that have taken place. Chain letters to former command are to be started by top brass to encourage active Association participation. The December editorial and large Octofoil issue was discussed and the letter to be sent in either February or March as replacements of former method of dues collection was discussed.

Lt. John R. McGrath then reported on the activities of the Ninth Division in Colorado as it pertains to the Association. Lt. McGrath informed the group of their keen interest and that fi-

nal action is to take place on December 1, 1957.

After a motion duly made by G. Apar and seconded by A. Schmidt it was Voted to:

Provide for an Associate membership to those men assigned to the 9th Infantry Division in trainee status with dues of \$1.00 per year with \$25 being remitted to the 9th Inf. Div. Assoc. and \$75 remaining with the chapter in the 9th Infantry Division. Regular membership to be granted upon payment of the regular dues.

After a motion duly made by G. Moore and seconded by T. Boyle it was Voted to:

Have the National Secretary Treasurer issue a citation to M. J. Gen. H. P. Storke. "In appreciation, in behalf of your interest in the Ninth Infantry Division Association."

The National Secretary and the Executive Committee to work out a suitable award.

The president then called on Glen Moore to report on the 1958 Convention. Mr. Moore showed evidence on his publicity efforts and the final Hotel Commitments budget and expense items.

Mr. Tom Boyle then reported on the 1957 National Reunion. Final financial report: Net loss \$405.00.

The National Secretary then read the July 1 to October 31 financial statement. Net Income: \$789.25, Expenses: \$2,231.46, Net loss: \$1,519.05, Current operating deficit: \$441.50.

After motion duly made by G. Apar and seconded by A. Schmidt it was voted to:

That the Board of Governors be given emergency powers to

transfer funds provided it has unanimous consent of all the Board of Governors present.

The National Secretary then reported on the Life Insurance program. After a discussion it was decided to let the matter to a vote.

After a motion duly made by F. Fazio and seconded by T. Boyle it was voted to:

That the Executive Committee will adopt the Insurance Company to handle the Insurance program pending final approval of the Board.

After motion duly made and seconded by T. Boyle it was voted to adjoint until 11 A.M. on November 6th, 1957.

### 45th Meeting of the Board of Governors

The 45th meeting of the Board of Governors was called to order at 2:20 P.M. by the President, John Clouser.

There were present:

Messrs: Frank Fazio  
T. Boyle  
T. Boyle  
A. Schmidt  
V. Iannucci  
G. Moore (proxy)  
G. Apar

There being a full quorum of seven the meeting was called to order.

After a motion duly made by T. Boyle and seconded by F. Fazio it was voted to:

Transfer the Capital Return dividend into the operating fund to meet current operating commitments. Amount (\$29)

After a motion duly made by V. Iannucci and seconded by T. Boyle it was Voted to:

Adjoin at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stanley Cohen  
National Secretary Treasurer

## 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 .....	\$1.00 per year ( )
Sustaining Member .....	( )
THREE YEAR MEMBER .....	\$11.00 ( )
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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Twin Cities ( )		

Explanation of Dues:

Non-Chapter member all payment of dues to Nat'l  
Chapter Member: \$1.00 for chapter, \$3.00 to Nat'l.  
Ladies Auxiliary \$1.50 to chapter, \$1.00 to Nat'l.  
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.