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A STORY FROM THE PAST

New Yorker Going All Out To Help Convention

The Columbus (O.) 1958 Infantry Division Association Reunion Committee asks that their gratitude for the efforts of Arthur R. Schmidt be publicly expressed. In a letter of recent date Art informs the Committee he has written personal letters to 66 buddies asking that they meet him in Columbus during the 1958 Reunion, July 31-August 1-2. Art was with Co. B, 1st Engineers. On top of writing these buddies (and he has more to write), he has contacted the official publication of the American Legion, AMVTS, Catholic War Veterans, Jewish War Veterans, Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Each publication

has acknowledged his letters and promised full cooperation.

With such cooperative enthusiasm as Art Schmidt is showing the 1958 Reunion can't fail to be anything but one of the best ever held. It is hoped that members in other sections of the country will take a tip from Art's technique and start other one man campaigns.

It has been noted that Art was installed as the new President of Greater New York Chapter on January 25, 1958. Columbus Chapter congratulates Art and predicts an outstanding year for the Greater New York Chapter under his stewardship.

Nothing Is Too Good For the Ninth

The following is a reprint of a piece of correspondence from, "The White House" Washington. "Dear Mr. Plunkett: The President asked me to thank you for your letter of November twenty-fourth cordially inviting him to attend the 13th annual convention of the 9th Infantry Division Association to be held in Columbus, Ohio, July 31st, through August 2nd, 1958. All that you say has been noted with interest and, much as he would like to do so, the President cannot send an acceptance. Unforeseen responsibilities arise constantly these days and it is impossible for him to know what his schedule must necessarily be next summer. Indeed, he is obliged to decline numerous invitations throughout the year which appeal to him a great deal. I am confident of your understanding that he cannot do many things he would so much enjoy doing if circumstances were different. With the President's best wishes. . . Sincerely . . . Robert Gray. . ." Gentlemen, more than that you cannot do. . .

General Mantion S. Eddy will be there:

A recent note from Lt. General Mantion S. Eddy to Paul Plunkett ends up with the following statement: "I am most happy that they are having the next convention in Columbus, Ohio, and you can count on my being there unless something unforeseen prevents me. . ."

NOW IS THE TIME
TO PAY YOUR
'58 DUES

New York Chapter News

by DON MIELE

The New York Chapter is humming with loads of activity these days for example here is a digest of our March meeting activities: The place: the Hotel Van Rensselaer, 15 E 11th Street, N. Y. C. . . The time 9:15 P.M. Arthur Schmidt called the meeting to order and then called upon the Chapter Chaplain, George A. Par to read the invocation. Then a reading of the minutes of February at which time Max Uman-sky made the motion and Harry Orenstein seconded to: Accept the minutes as read. The next order of business was the reading of various members' letters regarding the coming reunion.

REUNION BUS SCHEDULE

Adolph Wadalavage who was appointed at the February meeting to search out the details of chartering a bus then reported to the group. Three competitive bids were received; Greyhound \$901, Scenic Cruiser and the Campus Coach Co. The Campus Coach Co. bid sounds like the best deal. They are asking for \$769.00 Round Trip. The bus is air-conditioned, has reclining seats and will make as many stops as necessary to make the ride as comfortable as possible. The trip is estimated at about 13 hours and will cost about \$20 per person (Round Trip). Comparing this trip both in price and time with the railroad it is extremely reasonable and quicker. The R.R. is asking \$42.10 round trip and is estimated at 14 to 16 hours.

After this information was batted about, Dave Gelman then asked:

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Who Was Mollie -- What Was He

While rummaging through our old files the other day, we happened on the following story that held our interest and we thought it would hold yours. This is a reprint of an article that appeared in the May 26th issue of the New Yorker magazine in 1945. We are deleting the normal introduction because it does not have any bearing on the 9th story and we are therefore reprinting only that part which is of interest to the men of the Ninth Division: The story is called **PROFILES** and subtitled: **QUEST FOR MOLLIE!**

The first and only time I saw Mollie, he was lying dead beside a dusty road in northern Tunisia. That was in April, 1943. The road was La Piste Forestiere, or the Foresters' Track, which ran from Cap Serrat twenty miles inland to the town of Sedjenane. Back in the spring of 1943, when the Allies were fighting their last big offensive in North Africa, this wretched little dirt road was an important supply route.

I had been riding along the Foresters' Track in a jeep with Hal Boyle, a fellow-correspondent, who worked for the Associated Press, when I saw Mollie's body. We had got out of the jeep to watch four wounded men of the Sixtieth Infantry of the Ninth Division being loaded into an ambulance. A group of soldiers were standing around, also watching. Nearby lay Mollie, a private in the Sixtieth Infantry. A blanket covered his face, so I surmised that it had been shattered, but there was no blood on the ground, so I judged that he had been killed in the brush and carried down to the road to await transport. A big, wild-looking sergeant was standing alongside him — a hawk-nosed, red-necked man with a couple of front teeth missing — and I asked him if the dead man

had been in the patrol with the four wounded ones. "Jeez, no!" the sergeant said, looking at me as if I ought to know about the man with the blanket over his face. "That's Mollie. Comrade Molotov. The Mayor of Broadway. Didn't you ever hear of him? Jeez, Mac, he once captured six hundred Eyetalianians by himself and brought them all back along with him. Sniper got him, I guess. I don't know, because he went out with the French, and he was found dead up there in the hills. He always liked to do crazy things — go off by himself with a pair of big field glasses he had and watch the enemy put in mine-fields, or take off and be an artillery spotter for a while, or drive a tank. From the minute he seen those frogs, he was bound to go off with them."

"Was his name really Molotov?" I asked.

"No," said the sergeant, "he just called himself that. The boys mostly shortened it to Mollie. I don't even know what his real name was — Warren, I think. Carl Warren. He used to say he was a Broadway big shot. 'Just ask anybody around Forty-fourth Street,' he used to say. 'They all know me.' Me, I'm from White Plains — I never heard of him

before he joined up."

"I had him with me on a patrol that was to contact the French when the regiment was moving into this zone last Thursday," a stocky blond corporal said. "The first French patrol we met, Mollie says to me, 'This is too far back for me. I'm going up in the hills with these frogs and get me some Lagers.' He was always collecting things he captured off Germans and Italians, but the one thing he didn't have yet was a Luger. I knew if I didn't let him go he would take off anyway and get into more trouble with the C.O. He was always in trouble. So I said, 'All right, but the frogs got to give me a receipt for you, so I can prove you didn't go AWOL.' One of the soldiers with me could speak French, so he explained it and the frog noncom gave me a receipt on a piece of toilet paper and Mollie went off with them." The corporal fished in one of the pockets of his field jacket and brought out a sheet of tissue. On it, the French noncom had written, in pencil, "Pris avec moi le soldat americain Molotov, 23 avril, '43, Namin, caporal chef."

"Mollie couldn't speak French," the American corporal went on,

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Fort Carson News Items. . .

Ninth Division Initiates Conversion To Atom-Age, Mobile Pentomic Outfit

Dec. 7, 1957, was an historic date in the history of the 9th Infantry Division.

That day was the 9th Division ROCID day (Reorganization of the Current Infantry Division) at Fort Carson, and it marked the beginning of a process that will change the 9th from the conventional three-regiment unit to a pentomic division boasting five infantry battle groups and tactical and technical support units including the Honest John rocket.

The step by step conversion of the division to a fighting unit with an atomic capability will last until approximately Feb. 1. Following the reorganization, it

is expected that the division will retain its basic training mission.

TRAINEE STRENGTH, however, may be reduced from its present level of approximately 9000 to around 7000. Present authorized strength for Carson, exclusive of trainee, is 10,880.

The new infantry division will consist primarily of a Headquarters and Headquarters Company, five infantry battle groups, a reconnaissance squadron, armored cavalry battalion, a tank battalion, a signal battalion, and division artillery, plus numerous supporting quartermaster, medical, ordnance,

aviation, administrative and transportation units.

THE BIG CHANGES in the division will be made with regard to the infantry and artillery units.

Instead of three infantry regiments, there are five battle groups, two of which will be composed of units from the 39th Infantry regiment, two from the 47th and one from the 60th.

Division artillery will consist of a headquarters and headquarters battery, a 105mm. howitzer battalion, and a composite general support battalion which will contain two 155mm howitzer batteries, one 8-inch howitzer bat-

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EDITORIAL

At a recent meeting of the New York Chapter we were given an oral report of "Ten Sure WAYS TO SMASH ANY ORGANIZATION." We asked the reader for the article because we felt that it discussed some very interesting items. Here then is the report:

TEN SURE WAYS TO SMASH ANY ORGANIZATION

1. Don't come to meetings.
2. If you come, come late.
3. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of coming.
4. If you attend a meeting, find fault with the work of the officers and the other members.
5. Never accept office, as it is easier to criticize than to do things.
6. Nevertheless, get rebellious if you are not appointed on a committee, but if you are, don't attend committee meetings.
7. If asked by the chairman to give your opinion regarding some important matters, reply you have nothing to say. After the meeting tell everyone how it ought to be done.
8. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but when other members roll up their sleeves and willingly and unselfishly use their ability to move matters along, tell the world that the organization is being run by a clique.
9. Hold back your dues as long as possible, or don't pay at all.
10. Don't bother about getting new members. Let George do it.

We can discuss each point mentioned in detail and we feel that our readers could do the same. We would rather put it this way: TEN WAYS TO HELP AN ORGANIZATION:

1. Do come to meetings.
2. Come early and don't interrupt a meeting.
3. Make an effort to attend.
4. Don't find fault, find cures.
5. Accept responsibility, it may come in handy some day.
6. Help all you can.
7. Don't wait until the meeting is over to beef.
8. Just do a little work, don't criticize.
9. Pay your dues and support your organization.
10. Just ask one friend and ask him to ask one friend to join our group.

The first ten rules Smash Any Organization, the second ten rules will build any organization.

By the way, in what group are you?

Mail Bag

HOWITZER SPECIALS. . .

ExCpl. George Botcheos, former Division Artillery sends us the following: "I am one of the old boys from Div. Art'y, and thought some of my friends would like to know what I've been doing these last few years. Well, since my discharge in '45 have not been doing too much but would like to tell you how I found out about the Association. One of the fellows I work with gets the Octofoil sent to him, he was just attached to us in combat with one of the AAA battalions, well, we got to talking one day and he gave me a copy of last November's issue of the Octofoil. That editorial of General Eddy was one of the best, "War Ties That

Bind". After my wife read it, that was it. She told me that if I did not write to join up she would. Well, I'm lad I did now." Regards to all the Div. Art'y boys.

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY DIVISION ART'Y

A recent note from Lt. Colonel E. C. Waller of 706 Parker St., Falls Church, Virginia. I have received letters from General Craig and General Westmoreland which urge an all out drive to increase membership in the Ninth Infantry Division Association. Before I can proceed with my part I need the latest address of each of the following former officers and NCO's who served in Headquarters Battery, 9th Inf. Division Artillery: William V. Lyerly, 7 Clayton Street, Montgomery, Alabama, Henry Bokina, 7 Prospect St., Hatfield, Mass., Robert Chamberlain (Address unknown) Lester Oden, 485 Armistice Blvd., Pawtucket, R.I., William Braun, 1121 New York Ave., Brooklyn 3, N. Y., W.O. Frank Babacy (address unknown). . . Editorial note: Can anyone supply up-to-date addresses for Chamberlain and Babacy? If so, send it to Col. Waller. . . Thank you.

60th F.A.

A letter from Clinton L. Adams requesting addresses of former members of the 60th F.A. Bn.

B-BATTERY-60th F.A.

A big bright welcome to a new member — Anthony J. Wisniewski of 100 Evans Drive, Manville, N. J. Tony tells us that he is married and is the proud father of 4 little ones. There is Theresa who is 10 and Joan who is 9 and Anthony Jr. who is 5, and of course there is Susan who is one. Tony and his gang live in a charming house in Manville and we are told that Tony is now with the Kemper Insurance Co. in Summit, N. J., and Tony is the Supervisor in charge of operations. Tony tells us that he was sorry he dropped out and is glad to renew his membership privileges. Ernest Irion tells us that last June 9th he and his wife were blessed with a little girl. We are sorry to say that Ernest had a heart attack recently and spent three weeks in the hospital. But now everything is o.k. Ernest tells us that he received quite a few Christmas cards from some of the old 60th F.A. lads.

376th AAA

Recently received a letter from Conrad P. Cleveland (Lt. Col. Art'y. USAR, Commanding 376th AW BN) requesting a copy of the Eight Stars To Victory. We are glad to say that Col. Cleveland is now on our mailing list. For local information to contact or write: Conrad P. Cleveland, Jr. Assistant Vice-President, Piedmont National Bank, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

84th F.A. BATTALION

Elven E. Shade of 524 Sears Street, Bucyrus, Ohio tells us that he recently saw our VFW notice and writes us as follows: In reading through my last issue of the VFW magazine I came across the article on former members of the 9th Division. I am proud to have been a member of the divi-

sion and would like more information on how to become a member. (Note: We contacted Shade real pronto.)

39th INFANTRY

Albert C. Geist of 11400 S. Willard Ave., Chicago 43, Illinois tells us that things are going fine in Chicago but the work is slow. He hopes to make the reunion in Columbus this year. Al sends his best to all his old buddies. . .

Mike Batelli sends us this note with a clipping from the Patterson Morning Call with a note, thought you might like to see what I did in hopes that it might help you gain a few more members as this neck of the woods is loaded with ex9th lads.

Mike was with the Anti Tank Company Headquarters Company 2nd Battalion and Personnel Section from January 21, 1941 to June 25th 1945.

(Special To The Call)

NEW YORK CITY — The New York Chapter of the 9th Infantry Division will elect officers for 1958 Friday at 8 p. m. at Gerdes Restaurant, 112 East Eighteenth St.

The Division, reactivated in 1940 with the Selective Service Act of 1940, came out of World War II with a record of participating in more major ground military campaigns during the second global conflict than any infantry division with the exception of her "sister division," the 1st Infantry Division. Both took part in three invasion and eight major campaigns.

Many North Jersey veterans served with the 9th, known as "Hitler's Nemesis" throughout its battle itinerary during World War II from the invasion of North Africa in November, 1942 to the Elbe River, Germany, 1945. Among these are Robert Ferrari, Salvatore Morano, George Daley, Harry Klomp, Edward Brandt, Americus Lambert, George Simmons, Leonard Molendyke, James Parker, Michael Batelli, and many others.

A large contingent of local Korean Conflict veterans received their basic training with the 9th Division, entitling them to wear the Red, White and Blue Octofoil. The 9th returned to Fort Dix as a training unit in 1950. Present headquarters of the 9th is at Fort Carson, Colo.

Eligible veterans interested in additional information about the 9th Infantry Division Association born on German soil in 1945, may contact Irving Feinberg, president, Greater New York Chapter, PO Box 1108, GPO, New York 1, N. Y.

9th Medical Battalion Headquarters Company: Irwin P. Klinger of Klingerstown, Penn., recently joined the Association.

47th Infantry

Col. Donald C. Clayman former 3rd Battalion commander is now assigned to the G3 Div. Headquarters USAREUR APO 403, N. Y. Col. Clayman tells us that he is going to start an active chapter in the ETO in EUSOM. Interest has been organized as follows: The local PIO has agreed to insert a notice in the Stars and Stripes and he will get a spot on AFN to publicize the organization of a local chapter. Don is now working as a programmer.

He is presently Deputy of G3 in the theatre for atomic weapons and claims it is one of the most

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interesting assignments he has ever had. We wish Col. Clayman well on his new assignment and trust he has lots of luck organizing a local ETO chapter of the 9th Division Association.

Anti-Tank Company: Former Edel Clark tells us that he is sorry that he forgot to send his dues but his only excuse is that he has been too busy. Edel says the association is too great a thing to let it fall apart. We are told that at Fort Benning there are fifteen or twenty old timers some of who he has contacted in reference to joining the association. Edel tells us that he enjoys reading the Octofoil and often see many of the old gang as they pass thru the school in Benning.

Edel is currently with the Operation Committee of the Staff Dept. and we are informed that a new reorganization is now under way and he hopes he remains at Benning.

Headquarters Company: J. B. Balling (formerly C. O. Hdqs. Co. tells that recent morning mail delivered a note from General Smythe asking his aid in the drive to bring back some members to the fold of the Association. Capt. Balling requested a list of men in the Los Angeles area who he could contact to form an organization with. We furnished him with a list of all of our members in this area. Anyone wanting to help can contact: J. B. Balling, The Balling Baby Shop, 401 1/2 South Myrtle Avenue, Monrovia, California.

Service Company: We recently received a note from Frank Gonzol of 29 Dayton Avenue, Middlesex, N. J. with the following clipping from the Plainfield Courier News.

Albert R. Desiato

MIDDLESEX — Albert R. Desiato, 43, of 159 Sheperd Ave., died yesterday (Dec. 8, 1957) at Somerset Hospital, Somerville, after a three-week illness.

He was born in Bound Brook and had resided in this area all his life. During World War II he served as a sergeant with the Ninth Division, U. S. Army. He was owner and partner of A1 and Carpie Garage in Bound Brook.

Surviving are his widow Eva Mills Desiato; two sons, George, 9 and John, 8, and one daughter, Jane, 4. Also, three brothers, Daniel, Finnerne; Anthony, South Bound Brook, and Charles, Middlesex; three sisters, Mrs. Anthony J. Ross, New York City; Mrs. William Coleman, Plainfield, and Miss Shirley Desiato, Middlesex.

Funeral will be from the Conroy Funeral Home, Wednesday at 9 a. m., with a Requiem High Mass at St. Mary's Church, Bound Brook. Interment in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Bridgewater Township.

B Company: Albert Feder of 2901 Ave. J, Brooklyn 10, N. Y. is now a new member of the Association.

Headquarters, 3rd Bn. Charles F. Titus of 6119 N. Lawrence Street, Philadelphia 20, Pa., is now a new member in our association.

From: Headquarters, 1st Brigade, Fort Ord, California. A note from Colonel Lewis Maness explaining he received a letter from General Smythe who explained General Craig's plan to revitalize the Association by Chain Letter. Col. Maness asked for the following addresses:

Lt. Col. Ray Inzer, 3404 Emily Lane, Falls Church, Va., Capt. James E. Leopold, 819 Marion Ave., Highland Park, Illinois, Capt. Jack Armstrong, (Address Unknown) Capt. Jack E. Compton (Address Unknown) Capt. Roy D. Code, 327 Ruth, Houma, La., Major William B. Larson, Old Chester Road, Essex Fells, N. J., Lt. Jack Bonnett, 1603 W. 3rd Street, Oil City, Pa., and Lt. Roy Klitch (Address Unknown) P.S. If any of our readers know the addresses of the men we don't have any address list as above, please contact Col. Maness of National Headquarters with this information.

M Company:

Wilton M. Taylor of Stop 6, Lost Hills, California; Sends us a note of interest telling of his Christmas cards from Dom Miele of New York, Louis Nofab of Texas, Leonard Racstraw and of Palo Alto, California, Johnny Tomastick of Rt. 1 Temple, Texas,

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Insurance NOTICE

We have held the March issue of the Octofoil up pending the latest insurance information. We are sorry to inform our readers that we have not received the information in time to make this press run. However we hope to have it in the Octofoil in the next issue. For your information the Board of Governors approved an Insurance plan which differs a little from the original plan published but the benefits which can be derived from the new plan make it worth while. We hope you will pardon us, but we would rather get it right so you can understand all the different ramifications.

Memorial Plaque Ceremony

The Ninth Infantry Division Association will on May 10th, 1958 present a memorial plaque to the Unknown Soldier of World War II. The ceremonies are going to be held in Washington, D.C. on May 10, 1958 at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The time has been set for 11:00 A.M., however this time is not official. The Octofoil will publish more details in the next issue. Details and ceremonial proceedings are being finalized and we shall make a full report. If you can possibly arrange to be in D.C. on the 10th of May, which by the way is a Saturday, we are sure that you will not want to miss this very beautiful ceremony. We are going all out with the trimmings and expect to have a very impressive ceremony. If you can plan to attend please try to make it. The date again, is May 10th, 1958, at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D. C. at approximately 11:00 A.M.

From Here and There

We were recently advised that Major General William C. Westmoreland currently Secretary for the General Staff, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C. has been assigned to the 101st Airborne Div. in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. General Westmoreland will report to his new post on April 1st, 1958.

1958 Convention Program will be an Outstanding Product to be Treasured

Plans have been made and the ground work is now taking place whereby the 1958 Reunion Program will be a beautifully printed job of at least 48 pages. The pages will be approximately 9x12 and will contain considerable 9th Division history, including data relative to the present 9th Division now stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado. Messages from the President and many former Commanding officers will have prominent space in the book. Scenic views of many interesting places in Columbus and Ohio will also be given prominence.

An outstanding advertising organization from Dayton, O. will assign three top employees to the Columbus area for 60 to 90 days gathering advertising and factual data for the Souvenir Book. Local business concerns already contacted have pledged unstinted cooperation with the local committee in seeing that this Souvenir Book project is a tremendous success.

Any chapters desiring to insert ads in the Souvenir Book are asked to send copy and checks direct to the committee's general chairman, Glenn O. Moore, care

Ohio Federal Savings and Loan Co., 22-24 E. Gay St., Columbus, O. The committee will give these ads personal attention and they will not clear through the advertising agency.

Heretofore the Reunion Programs have run a "booster" page with names of members inserted for \$1 per name. The committee gave this much thought and discussed it with the agency. It was decided that just the insertion of a name without the member's address was useless to any of his old buddies who might see the booster page. It was decided to have the "booster" page or pages again this year in the Columbus Souvenir Book, but to make the cost of insertion \$2 instead of \$1. However, the member's name, present home address and outfit he was with while serving with the 9th Division will also be included. This will necessitate much more typesetting and take up more space in the Souvenir Book, but the committee feels this service is worth the \$1 difference. And aside from the additional information that will be carried with each member's name any member whose name

appears on the "booster" page who is unable to attend the Reunion, one of these beautiful Souvenir Books will be mailed to his home very shortly after the Reunion. Manila envelopes for mailing and postage will be quite an additional expense to the committee. Any member who cannot attend the Reunion and does not care to patronize the "booster" page but wants one of the Souvenir Books may get one by sending in \$1 to cover actual cost of mailing and printing the extra copies.

Orders for these books and copy for the "booster" page must be in the hands of the Committee not later than June 15, 1958, in order that the committee can ascertain how many copies of the Souvenir Book to have printed. Why not attend to this little detail TODAY, and not wait until the last minute thereby overtaxing the committee when they will have more to do than can be done efficiently.

Send copy and checks for "booster" page and orders for Souvenir Books also to the general chairman, Glenn O. Moore, care Ohio Savings and Loan Co., 22-24 E. Gay St., Columbus, O.

15th ENGINEERS

by ART SCHMIDT

The editor of the Octofoil would like to point with pride at the personal endeavors of Art Schmidt in attempting to do a job to help insure the success of the coming Columbus Convention Art is sending the following letter out to over 70 men on his mailing list from Company B — 15th Engineers:

Dear . . . I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your the best for the coming year. In the same vein he announces local news then goes on to say. Our next National reunion is to be held on July 31, August 1 and 2nd in Columbus, Ohio. I am driving down with Paul Lisa and we would very much like to have you come along too. Our Reunion Chairman has planned quite an itinerary. Martha Ray is expected to be there. In addition on July 31 a reception is planned from 7 to 9 P.M., a movie is planned for 8 P.M. and a dance at 9:30 P.M. On August 2 there is a dinner at 7 P.M. Tickets for the 3 days will cost \$12.00. Rates at the Hotel Deshler Hilton are as follows: Singles \$5 to \$13.00, Doubles \$10.50 to \$16.00, and Twins from \$11.00 to \$18.50. Please let me know if you can attend. If you are interested I can furnish you with complete information on all modes of travel. If you are not a member of the association why not join. You will find it well worth while. Dues are only \$4.00 a year. If you are interested in becoming a member please contact me. Sincerely, Art Schmidt. . .

Carlton Curtis of 304 Worth Avenue, Elkins, West Virginia writes Art a note as follows: Carlton is sorry he can't devote more time to the Association but he is working about 90 hours a week and it is really rough. We were sorry to hear the sad news of

his wife's illness, we trust she is improving. Carlton hopes to make the Columbus reunion and sends his best to Fred D'Amore. Vernon Hill of 1014 Elmwood Street of Port Huron, Michigan, writes: Shortly before receiving your letter I had to go and have a case of nerves and had to take a rest. Honestly all I needed was a thick steak and a quart and I'd have been o.k. Spent some time with my folks recuperating in the North Michigan woods.

Recently Art received a call from the wife of Joseph Lukouskas of 310 Grove Street, Brooklyn, N.Y., telling Art that her husband had passed away in early February, 1957. Joe was with Co. A of the 9th Medical Battalion. She unfortunately was left with 5 kids. . . Letters were also received from Frank Perry, Jr. of 40 Greenwood Avenue, Bethel, Conn., and from Tex Russell, Rt. 2, Box 629, Abilene, Texas. Both were in Company B, 15th Eng. Tex Russell says his wife has just recently recovered from a heart attack and this was why Tex was rather lax in correspondence. Tex will not be able to make the coming reunion but wants to be remembered to all his former buddies. Frank Perry tells Art that he has been married for the last six years and is a new daddy. Frank keeps in touch with Griffith Fry of 108 Tennessee Ave., Signal Mt., Tenn. Another note from William H. Meade of RRI, Harvard, Illinois. Bill writes that he hears from several of the fellows around Christmas time. Bill has three sons and works for the Highway Department. At the time Bill wrote Art it was only 8 below zero outside and he was worried about the traffic jam the weather was creating. Bill is anxious to hear from his old friends.

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Welcome to an old member: Col. James P. Hulley of 3160 Connecticut Ave., N.W. Washington 8, D.C. Col. Hulley was a former C.O. of the 60th Infantry Regiment. From Headquarters United States Army Infantry Center, Fort Benning, Georgia. . . A note from Colonel Richard F. Kent who recently rejoined the Association. Col. Kent tells us he is glad to be back. We were informed that Col. Kent was with the Division from 6 August, 1940 until about the first of December 1946, during which time he served with Division, Headquarters, 60th Infantry and 39th Infantry.

Service Company. A note of "Hello" from Joseph Potts of Far Hills, N.J. to all his friends in Service Company.

Lt. Col. L.C. Williamson, 109 Auston Loop, Fort Benning, Ga., tells us that he has talked to quite a few men in Benning who are x9th men who wanted to rejoin the association and asked for membership blanks. He received said information. . .

K Company: Jim Hart, Jr. of 1805 Woodlawn Ave., Wilmington 6, Delaware. "I am sending my check for my 1958 dues. You can thank General Craig's Guest Editorial, for after reading it I started rummaging through the old cards and did not notice my renewal, hence the dues. Jim tells us that he wishes he could make the Columbus trip but with 6 kids from 10 years to 6 months he is not in a very good condition to take on any additional expenses. . . Jim sends his best to all members of the Association and particularly to K Company, 60th Infantry.

M Company: Wilfred Thornton of 515 E. Duball Ave., South Bend 14, Indiana, tells us that he hopes to see everyone in Columbus this July. He manages to keep in contact with about 100

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Local Columbus Publicity in High Gear:

Establishing an early precedent to shift into high gear the following are some of the recent releases that have hit the local Columbus papers: "Uniform and Civies" by James H. Speckman: Veterans of the 9th Infantry Division, which fought from North Africa through Europe to Germany in World War II, will come to Columbus in July 1958 for their 13th annual convention. Columbus was selected for the convention by the association during the November Board of Governors meeting. Instrumental in

bringing the 9th Infantry Division Association were Glenn O. Moore, 920 Pleasant Ridge Road and Paul S. Plunkett, president of the Columbus Chapter of the Association. Only the two represented Columbus, but through their efforts they obtained the election as second vice-president of the Association of Paul D. Keller of 4256 Mayflower Blvd. Moore was elected to a three year term on the board of governors. He is a director and secretary of the Ohio Federal Savings and Loan Association. In addition, the

news of the Association Convention is being heralded by local T.V. of which we might add our Mr. Moore adds a little weight, too, and through the efforts of the chapter through one of its members who happens to have a show on the local T.V. station. Naturally all this helps.

Editor's note: Columbus is trying to capture every method to bring the lads into Columbus, how about the most important thing... THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE ASSOCIATION? will you now do your share.

New York Chapter News

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ed the President to ask for a show of hands of those men who anticipated going to the reunion. Of a total of 21 men present, 16 said they were going and 12 showed interest of going by bus. It was further suggested that those who wish to go by bus send a deposit of \$10 to the N. Y. Chapter, which in turn, will give the member a receipt for the deposit. In the event the bus deal does not go through, the money will be refunded. The bus planned for the trip can carry up to 40 passengers. A questionnaire will be sent to the membership with the next meeting notice. Danny Quinn suggested that N.Y. ask for the 1959 reunion. After a vote it was decided to put this motion into action.

It was further suggested that the New York Chapter hold more dances and social affairs in line with that suggestion it was also stated that perhaps a social affair be considered for every third meeting.

1959 CONVENTION

The President then appointed a working convention committee which will also serve as dance committee and they are as follows: Mike Gatto, Chairman; Dan Quinn, Frank Fazio, Stan Cohen, Al Bruchac and Vincent Guglielmino. This committee will be responsible to check locations and present some initial plans for the 1959 Reunion plus the Fall Dance.

Last heard from the Picnic Committee was that the date has been set for Sunday, June 22, 1958 at Seely's Pond, Scotch Plains, N. J.

Many thanks to Dan Quinn, and Thomas Rumore and Louis Almassy for donating the dark horse prizes. As usual the guy who needs it the most won the Dark Horse. It seems that the N.Y. City police need some assistance writing out invitations, so what is more appropriate then giving a pen and pencil set. Especially to Ed Egan, one of New York's finest.

TAPS FOR N. Y. MEMBER

We are sorry to report that we recently received word that Alfred Del Giorno of 26 Deer Lane, Wantagh, L.I., N.Y., formerly of the 47th Infantry, passed away on December 7, 1956. He was a policeman in Long Island. Al left two children.

Dick O'Connor recently penned a note telling us that he met Herbert Taft of Riverview Gardens, North Arlington, N. J. and acted as a depository for his dues. In his note Dick tells us that he is doing his share again. They have their 5th child now... Congratulations to the O'Connors.

26 F.A. Reports

by JOE McKENZIE

Another Christmas season has passed. Again the men of Service Battery 26 FA were very faithful with their kind remembrances at Christmas time.

Dick Hill added a note to his Christmas card. He has a Dixie Land jazz band at the ORLEANS, Dallas, Texas. If there are any ex26ers in that neighborhood I know that Dick would like to see them. His address is 2311 Gera-pam Drive, Dallas.

Mrs. Helen Griffin added a note to say that Paul is now a CAPT. in the army of the United States stationed at Aberdeen. Their address is 101J Garden Drive, Aberdeen, Md.

Another Ninth man has been found. He is James Daniels, 3523 Perlita Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. Jimmy was another one of those rebels who thought that there was no place like North Carolina. Now look where he is. Jim was with Service 26 F.A.

Two long lost members of Service 26 F.A. have again renewed their acquaintances with nice remembrances at Christmas. Milard L. Campbell sent a card from Shady Valley, Tenn. Johnny Earnhardt, now of 2320 Arnold Drive, Charlotte, N.C. sent a very pretty card at Christmas.

Christmas cards were received from Chesley Mischler, John Clouser and Theodore Schmidt. These men were net from Service Battery. My first acquaintance with these men goes a way back to the convention at Pittsburgh. From that time on I have had many enjoyable moments with them at Worcester as well as other conventions in New York and Washington. Headquarters 26 F.A. is where these men received their food and lodgings.

Other cards were received from William Andrews now of 5780 Alpine NW, Comstock Park, Mich., Jim Boyle, Clem LeBlanc, Ed Kral, Bob LaDez, Pergi, Everett Grigsby, John Quinn, Elmer Roscoe and Blitz.

Frank Grutzius now of 1630 Sunnyside Ave., Chicago Heights, Ill. John Murray, Zablow, Bill Bongiorno, Bernal Lareau, George Wilkinson, Joe Albanese, Jim Lapsley, Tony Salton, Harold Huber, Carl Lucas, Johnny Brazil, Artie Sheffler, Raymond Weaver, Arnold Leach, Louie England, Harold Wallace, Dan Looney, Bob Hamilton, Jerry Langer, Earl Landon, Lew Oricari, Bob Porter and Paul Fribush also sent Christmas cards. I suppose I should give credit to the wives of these men for addressing these envelopes while their men were out making a hard earned dollar. A little correction should be made at this time. As far as I know Charlie Zablow, Dan Looney and Bob LaDez are still eligible bachelors.

84th F.A. Bn. News

by FREDERICK TALARICO

My thanks to Joe MacKenzie of the 26th F.A. Bn., who had mentioned in his column 26th F. A. Bn. Notes my name and others of the various units of the 9th Division. To write about the boys that were present at the Memorial Mass and also keeping abreast of what is going on in the Association and doings of former members of the 84th F.A. Battalion.

At the last 13th Memorial Mass in Worcester, we didn't have a large delegation from the 84th, but a few old reliables were there and some new faces. We should have had a larger turnout but I suppose time and distance takes its toll. With quite a number of New England boys we should have one of the best representations at these events. I and the regulars who attended feel pretty lost when we don't see many from our unit there. Please pass the word around and try to get the boys together next November at Worcester, Mass.

Among those present at the Memorial Mass were as follows: Mr. McClatchey, Gold Star Mother of Lt. McClatchey of "B" Battery and her daughter, son-in-law and grandson. They have been coming to all these events from Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Winch, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Howe Sr., Dick O'Connor and his three sons, Louis Constantine and myself and a few others that I might have forgotten their names but not their faces. My apology to them and I will make it a point to keep a record of those who attend these events.

I was surprised to read about the passing of Abe Feder. I know that he will be missed by all those who knew him. Abe attended quite a few National Conventions and other functions that the Association held. Abe was employed by the VA in Brooklyn. Abe served in Hq. Btry. on the Personnel Section.

I received Xmas cards from the boys and probably we can get them to join the association. Russell Hickey, Ken Mills, Kenneth Howe, Sr., Jerome Spang, Chester E. Meyers, Ray Croteau, Rico Bernadoni, Eugene Butler, Frank Baker Jr., Frank Baruzzi, Mario Franceschetti, Emerson Clough, Jim Haroutunian, Leo Smith, C. J. Terricola, Jack Wilson and Wilbur Yuhaus.

Alfonse Guarino, ex-1st Sgt. "C" Battery is a detective with the White River Junction, Vermont Police. Maurice (Moe) Callahan, "C" Battery lives in Dalton, Mass., not far from me and is married to an ex-Army nurse. Haven't seen him in quite some time. I send him copies of the Octofoil. Frank Baruzzi lives in North Adams, Mass., and is hap-

Fort Carson News Items

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tery, and a 762mm rocket battery. The 762mm rocket is more commonly known as the Honest John and has an atomic capability.

Won't Call Th's GI By Middle Name!

Fort Carson, Colo. (UP) — A basic trainee at the Army's Fort Carson claims to have the longest middle name in U.S. military service.

pily married and the proud father of two fine boys. Haven't seen Frank in 12 years and we are only 21 miles apart. Jack Kargir is in the Hardware business in Cambridge, Mass. Jack was the supply sgt. in Hq Battery. Sam Robinson, from "B" Battery is in the meat business located around Lynn, Mass.

I have a few addresses that probably some of you would like to contact. Russell Hickey, 1460 Water St., Indiana, Pa., Ken Mills, 26 Forest Ave., Middletown, N. 305 Palmer, Mass., Jerome Spang, Y., Kenneth E. Howe, Sr., Box 30, Sherwood, Wisc., Chester E. Meyers, 4157 N. 68th St., Milwaukee, Wisc., Ray Croteau, Box 464, Marlboro, N. H., Rico Bernadoni, 31 Almy St., Providence, R. I., Eugene Butler, R. 1, Adams Center, N.Y., Frank Baker, Jr., 359 Locust St., Swansea, Mass., Frank J. Baruzzi, 19 Hermon Ave., North Adams, Mass., Maurice E. Callahan, 73 Oak St., Ext., Dalton, Mass.

If you have any news or want to locate any of your buddies please write to Stan Cohen, c/o Octofoil or to me. My address is: Fred Talarico, 99 West Union St., Pittsburgh, Mass. I'll sign off for now, will write more in the next issue.

Editorial Note — Frederick has a good start — How about some other contributions to help this column along.

However, Pvt. Albert Kahekili-kui-kalewaokamechameha Kahahe-kulu of Company L, 39th Infantry Regiment, and Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii, is closely pressed by his two brothers.

Until Private Albert went into the service with his 29-letter middle name his two brothers were on top with 22-letter names. Brother Moses is with the Army in Germany and brother Donald is stationed in Arizona with the Air Force.

Albert's middle name means "Thunder, Oh Great Chief of the Island," and his last name, "House Is Wet."

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men from K company through Christmas cards each year. Occasionally he sees Phil Gilbert, Robert Singleton, Mike Ros and Richard Newell. . .

Mail Bag

Robert Winkler and from Temple, Lester Schweirand from Rt. 1, Tipton, Indiana, Paul Plunkett from Columbus, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. William Ravolick of Box 1, Dane, Wisconsin (Gold Star parents of Sgt. Harold Havolick who lost his life in El Guettar in Tunisia in 1943 all made life brighter twhis past year for Wilton.

STORKTIME NEWS — Congratulations to the Garguilo's Henry and Angie proudly announce that on Saturday, January 25th, 1958 Henry Louis arrived in at 7 lbs. and 10 ozs. Hank is not a bragger, but after 11 year. HE WANTS EVERYONE TO KNOW THAT HE FEELS LIKE BRAGGING. . . Go ahead Hank, it couldn't have happened to two nicer people. . .

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