Gentlemen:

Another successful year for the Ninth Infantry Division Association has been completed. We help from all of our members we can hope for a happy, healthy, and successful New Year.

DO NOT YOUR PART
If you write something for the pages of the column in Philly in July, and Worcester in November you will have done your part to make this another great year for our association.

I hope that the last holiday season was as happy and joyful for you and your families as it was for the McKenzie family. Santa was good to us and we did our part to help others to keep their faith in him.

FRIENDSHIPS
The Christmas season has become a time for friends to say "Hello" to one another. It is the only time of the year for most of us to renew friendships through the use of a printed card or especially for the season and delivered by the U.S. Mail.

During the past holiday season 25 members of Service Battery, 26th FA, and 9 men from other batteries in 26FA took advantage of these busy holiday schedules to say "Hello" to me. Therefore, I respond with MORE THAN JUST "HELLO". It is much better to write than just "Hello". Some of it was good and some of it was bad. Eddie Wallace lost his sister and brother during the past year and the results were not good.

Lois Griffin (wife of our Paul) reports that their oldest son works in Akron, another son and their baby will be in Worcester this fall. Harry Joe McKenzie (26th FA) reports that he is moving to Worcester. Mac Hurn found retirement not as pleasant as he had hoped. In Lakeport, Calif. that has 7 acres of Bartlett pears and is a 22nd floor observation deck of Penn National's Philadelphia. 

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Michigan Dongs

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During this session, the following Members began their tenure as the new elected Officers for 1980. President: John Al Young First VP - Bill Haggard Second VP - Rodger Albaugh Adjutant: Don Lewis Treasurer: Bob Haddad Chaplain: Phyllis Henryness Historian: Elmer Wagner Secretary, John Buckowski

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