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Mr. Click Relander
1212 N. 32d Ave
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Dear Mr. Relander:

This is in answer to your letter dated 16 September 1954.

The Army does not publish or distribute histories of individual units. Such histories are handled by the units themselves, private organizations, bookstores, publishers or veterans' organizations. The address of the Ninth Division Association is Box 428, Jersey City, New Jersey. For your information we are enclosing two Fact Sheets on the 9th Infantry Division which you may keep for your needs.

Since you have exhausted the files of the National Archives it is suggested you try the Library of Congress, Washington D. C. or write to Military Personnel Records Center 4700 Goodfellow Boulevard, St Louis Missouri. You might also write to the Chief Signal Officer, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C., who might be able to help you on the additional pictures.

For your information the Combat Forces Journal, 1529 18th St, NW, Washington, DC, lists an excellent publication on the 9th Infantry Division entitled "Eight Stars to Victory" priced at \$6.00. This publication contains maps and illustrations.

Thank you for the clippings and brochure. We will place them in our history file on the 9th Division.

Sincerely,

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Incl
Fact Sheets

9TH INFANTRY DIVISION (Regular Army)

HISTORY: The 9th Infantry Division was organized in Jul 1918 at Camp Sheridan, Ala., and was still training in the United States when the war ended. Demobilization of the Division began Dec 1918. The Division was activated in Aug 1940 at Fort Bragg, N.C. and included a number of units which had seen combat action in World War I. In Sep 41 it took part in the Carolina maneuvers under the First Army. The Division received amphibious training in 1942 under the Amphibious Corps of the Atlantic Fleet. It left New York 11 Dec 42.

DATE OF: Activation - 1 Aug 1940
Inactivation - 15 Jan 1947, at Stolberg, Germany.

BATTLE CREDITS WW II: (Division) Tunisia, Sicily, Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe.

COMMANDING GENERALS:

Col Charles B Elliott	- Aug 40
Brig Gen Francis W Honeycutt	- Sep 40
Maj Gen Jacob L Devers	- Oct 40 to Jul 41
Maj Gen Rene E Hoyle	- Aug 41 to Jul 42
Maj Gen Manton S Eddy	- Aug 42 to Aug 44
Maj Gen Jesse A Ladd	- May 45 to Feb 46
Maj Gen Horace L McBride	- Mar 46 to inactivation

COMBAT CHRONICLE: The 9th Infantry Division saw its first combat in the North African invasion 8 Nov 42 when its elements landed at Algiers, Safi, and Port Lyautey. With the collapse of French resistance, 11 Nov 42, the Division patrolled the Spanish Moroccan border. The 9th returned to Tunisia in February and engaged in small defensive actions and patrol activity. On 28 Mar 43 it launched an attack in southern Tunisia and fought its way north into Bizerte (7 May). In August the 9th landed at Palermo, Sicily and took part in the capture of Randazzo and Messina. After returning to England for further training, the Division hit Utah Beach on 10 Jun 44 (D plus 4), cut off the Cotentin Peninsula, drove on to Cherbourg and penetrated the port's heavy defenses. After a brief rest in July, the Division took part in the St Lo breakthrough and in August helped close the Falaise Gap. Turning east, the 9th crossed the Marne 28 Aug, swept through Saarlautern, and in Nov and Dec held defensive positions from Monschau to Losheim. Moving north to Bergrath, Germany, it launched an attack toward the Roer 10 Dec, taking Echtz and Schlich. From mid-Dec through Jan 45, the Division held defensive positions from Kalterherberg to Elsenborn. On 30 Jan the Division jumped off from Monschau in a drive across the Roer and to Rhine, crossing at Remagen 7 Mar. After breaking out of the Remagen bridgehead, the 9th assisted in the sealing and clearing of the Ruhr pocket, then moved 150 miles east to Nordhausen and attacked in the Harz Mts, 14-20 Apr. On 21 Apr the Division relieved the 3d Armored along the Mulde River, near Dessau, and held that line until V-E Day.

HONORS: Congressional Medals of Honor - Four
Distinguished Unit Citations - Twenty-four

FOREIGN AWARDS: Five; one Belgian and four French Fourrageres.

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