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## LOOKING AHEAD

A blue ribbon committee with a view to the future of Blanchard Post has been formed for the purpose of formulating ideas that will meet the needs of the Post's growth.

There are eleven members on the committee, of which five are past Post Commanders. Chairman of the group is Gus Williams. The past Post Commanders are Harold Barkhuff, George Butman, Joe Von Ronne, Dick Dalton and Ed Costigan. The others are Vice Commanders Bill Campbell and Joe Roehr; Hank Kindberg and Voorhees and Tip Nelson. Barkhuff, Williams, Costigan and Dalton are on the Board of Directors.

"Don't expect miracles from us," says Chairman Williams. "We may come up with something good and then again maybe nothing will happen. At least, not right away. This is a long range thing. We'll have to make a study from all dimensions. We'll look at the past and try to project it into the future. We're open for all suggestions. What can be done will get done."

The group has adopted for its name The Committee to Consider Expansion. It held its organizational meeting on November 13 with a prospective follow-up meeting for the following week.

The need for such a program has long become evident, especially from the over-crowded conditions which exist at the social events at the Post.

As the committee's work progresses it will be reported to the Post.

## Hello to '68

Activities Chairman-Vice Commander Walt Van Wormer is making the arrangements for the Post's annual New Year's Party. It'll commence at ten p.m., on Sunday, December 31 and run many hours into '68. The stipend will be \$3.50 per couple. Reservations for it can be made by contacting the Chairman (Cookie, to you), either at the Post, his home 439-2526, or if you see a large Pepperidge Farms truck rolling down the highway and Cookie's driving, stop him.

## Taps

We mourn the passing of Blanchard Legionnaires Franklin F. Schmidt of Van Rensselaer House, Albany, died September 30; and Earl F. Smith, 29 Hurlburt Street, Albany, on November 3.

## Membership Meter

Help Us grOW  
761 Quota  
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will bring  
this up from  
464 presently

## 'TIS THE SEASON

Vice Commander-Activities Chairman Walt "Cookie" Van Wormer is clearing the path for Santa's two visits to Blanchard Post this month.

The first spirit of the Yuletide will be shown on Saturday, December 9. At seven o'clock that evening the Post's annual Egg Nog Party commences. It lasts for two hours. It is followed by the Tinsel Ball for which music will be under the direction of Blanchard Legionnaire Rog Di Nucci. For these events there will be no charge for Post members and their guests.

Santa in all his jolly glory will glow on the afternoon of Saturday, December 16, when the annual Christmas Party for the children takes place at 1:15 p.m. In addition to the children of members of the Post these events are generally attended by the youngsters, up to 10 years old, from the community.

Before Santa makes his appearance there is usually a movie shown and there are Christmas-time songs. Then Santa distributes gifts to our little guests, they are given ice cream and candy and are made ready to leave by 4:30 p.m.

For all these events Chairman Cookie will be looking for help on his committee. Be a Santa's helper and give Walt a hand.

## BLANCHARD CALENDAR

MONDAY, Dec. 4 — The Post Affairs Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
Regular Post Meeting, 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, Dec. 7 — Committee That Cares Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Remember Pearl Harbor.

SATURDAY, Dec. 9 — Egg Nog Party, 7-9 p.m. Tinsel Ball, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

SATURDAY, Dec. 16 — Childrens Christmas Party, 1:15 to 4:30 p.m.

MONDAY, Dec. 18 — Mid-monthly Meeting

TUESDAY, Dec. 19 — Blanchard Auxiliary meets, 8:00 p.m.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, Dec. 31 — New Year's Eve Party (by Reservation)

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

And a good 1968 to Everyone

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## DON'T STOP NOW

As the Membership Meter below shows we're now over 60% toward our quota. Vice Commander-Membership Chairman Bill Campbell has his eye on New Year's Day to reach the quota. To do it he needs the help of all of us. First he needs the renewals of all of you who receive this TEN FORTY TIMES and have not yet sent in your 1968 dues. Next he needs the help of everyone to get new or re-instated members to make up for those who have passed on, or for some reason may have left Blanchard Post. For your veteran friend male or female eligible for the American Legion who is waiting to be asked to join you will be doing a great favor by offering a membership application.

A warm welcome is extended to these new members of Blanchard Post:

Kenneth J. Burns, Pasquale A. Cifarelli, Richard H. Davis, Jerome J. Galeo, Robert S. Geer, Ronald J. Howlett, Walter B. Kreidler, Theodor H. Lohrey, Joseph A. Mc Elroy, Jr., Dana Moore, John W. Mullen, Thomas M. Ottman, Peter Pastorok, Henry R. Ristau, Donald J. Smith, John J. Smith, Ernest A. Viele and Steve N. Yelich.

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**Auxiliary President's Corner**

At the last monthly meeting in October, Geraldine Klett, Empire Girls' State chairman, introduced Miss Jane Hunter our representative Girl Stater. Jane, with 321 other girls, attended the Empire Girls' State week held at the SUNY campus, June 27 through July 1. Jane explained to the Auxiliary her week's activities, which was a thorough, fast paced workshop in government. The girls listened to one to three speakers a day, discussed important issues in national and state governments, and campaigned and elected their contemporaries for state offices.

As an added dividend we also heard from the Legion's delegate to Boy's State, Timothy Gray who attended a similar program at State University, Morrisville, New York. Tim was also enthusiastic as he spoke about this week's program. "A learning experience in having politics come alive," declared Tim.

We hope for both Jane and Tim that their 'experience in democracy' was enlightening and meaningful.

If the over thirty crowd is worried about the teenagers of today, don't be. These two youngsters are gracious, enthusiastic, well informed, and keen thinkers. With potential leaders as Jane Hunter and Timothy Gray, we old timers can be less optimistic about the future.

Ruth Dalton and President Helen Reynolds were busy passing out raffle books. We'll find out who the lucky winner is of the 'Basket of Cheer' at the seasonal Egg Nog Party and Tinsel Ball, Dec. 9.

Decembe 19 is the date of the Christmas Dinner to be held at Schrafft's Restaurant. Maud Hafley is in charge of the arrangements. A room has been reserved which can accommodate all 105 members. Don't cook that night, girls. Come along with us!

Maud also expresses her sincere, "Thank you," to all the girls who helped to make the Bingo Party at the Veterans' Hospital, November 1, a success.

Important — to all officers, Standing Committee chairmen and chairmen of

sundry activities. This is your column to use for the purposes of: publicity, informing, and expressing gratitude. We urge you to take advantage of the TEN FORTY TIMES (circulation-760), and use it more often. Report your information to me, by phone, before the 12th of each month. (My number is 439-6225). Remember this column is written a month preceding its arrival in your mailbox, so plan ahead when phoning in your details.

President Helen Reynolds, officers and members of the Auxiliary take this opportunity to wish your family the joys of the Season. May the truest joys of Hanukkah blend into wonderful memories for you. May the blessings of Christmas be with you today and always. We wish you happy holidays and a bright New Year to follow.

Marcia Rosenfield

**Scuttlebutt**

What's happened to it?

**BRINGING IN THE YULE LOG**

The burning of the Yule clog or log is an ancient Christmas ceremony handed down from the Scandinavians, who at their feast of Tuul, at the time of the winter solstice, used to kindle huge bonfires in honor of their god, Thor.

The bringing in and placing of the ponderous block (frequently the rugged and grotesquely marked root of an oak) on the hearth of the wide chimney in the baronial hall was the most joyous of the ceremonies observed on Christmas Eve. It was drawn in triumph from its resting-place amid shouts and laughter, every wayfarer doffing his hat as it passed, for he well knew that it was full of good promises, and that its flame would burn out old wrongs and heart-burnings.

On its entrance into the baronial hall, the minstrels hailed it with song and music, or, in the absence of the minstrels, we are told that each member of the family sat upon it in turn, sang a Yule song, and drank to a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year: after which they had as part of their feast, Yule dough, or Yule cakes, on which were impressed the figure of the infant Jesus.

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## MOUNTAINEERS

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It has become necessary for Commander Sid Kaplan to make a change in the Mountaineers Chairman. Henry Kohler is fairly new to our Post. He reported a marvelous holiday at the Camp last year and accepted chairmanship for this project. A health condition however has caused a change. Graciously, to quickly fill the gap in this important American Legion activity responded past chairman, Bud Mosmen.

Last year Bud brought a new high of thirty-eight Mountaineer memberships to Blanchard Post. Bud, with your help, counts on surpassing that figure. If you don't see him leave your dollar Mountaineer dues with Art Quinn at the Post.

## Achtung! Achtung!

Mark down right now der date on der calendar. For dis is our fourth annual German Nacht mit der draught beer, der roast fresh ham, sauerkraut, potatoes und vegetable, relish tray und dessert. All prepared by Chef Herman Habich. Und for der collectors of beer mugs we have dis year a mug from Wurtzburg Brewery of Germany. Joe Bauhoffer, again der chairman for dis nacht, promises us all der costumed frauleins und fraus to do der serving. For anudder unforgettable nacht of German food, goot German beer (und American, too), und music (Delmarian) mark it down now for January 20. Danke Schoen.

## AROUND THE CORNER

Around the corner I have a friend,

In this great city that has no end.

Yet days go by and weeks rush on,

And 'ere I know it, a year has gone.

And I never see my old friend's face,

For life is a swift and terrible race.

He knows I like him just as well

As in the days when I rang his bell

And he rang mine.

We were younger then:

And now we are busy and tired men —

Tired with playing a foolish game,

Tired with trying to make a name.

"Tomorrow" I say, "I'll call on Him,

Just to show I'm thinking of him."

But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes,

And the distance between us grows and grows.

Around the corner, yet miles away!

"Here's a telegram, sir!"

Jim died today!

And that's what we get and deserve in the end,

Around the corner — a vanished friend.

Charles H. Towne

## Citations

To the credit of the Post under the commandship of Joseph L. Cannizzaro two achievements were recognized by the National American Legion. These were in the fields of Americanism and Child Welfare, for which Certificates of Merit have been received.

At the November 6 Post Meeting a presentation of the Americanism Certificate was made by County Vice Commander Al Woehrle to Past Commander Joe who in turn dutifully acknowledged the efforts of Americanism Chairman, Past Commander Charles J. O'Hara, and all who participated in bringing about this honor.

## Sick Call

Win Robinson at home making slow and satisfactory recovery from his operation in October. Drop him a line of cheer at 14 Forest Road, Delmar, N. Y. 12054.

Ray Oakley is a patient at VA Hospital in Albany.

Die when I may, I want it said by those who knew me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower would grow. — Abraham Lincoln

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## NEW YEAR AROUND THE WORLD

While you may raise a glass of sherry from Spain and sing "Auld Lang Syne" when the clocks strike 12 on New Year's Eve, your Japanese counterpart may sip cola from America while singing "Otanjobi Omedeto Gozaimasu" ("Happy Birthday to You") — for the stroke of midnight means it's everyone's birthday!

Celebrating the first day of a new year is an age-old custom. Nearly all peoples have marked the coming of the year. However, the time selected as New Year's Day has varied widely. The First Day has been celebrated as early as the autumnal equinox, about September 21, and as late as the summer solstice, about June 21.

In most European countries during the Middle Ages, March 25 was the beginning of the New Year. And legend has it that El Cid, the great hero of Spanish liberation from the Moors, once won a great battle on New Year's Day by giving his tired horses generous gulps of Spanish sherry the night before (apparently giving them a head start).

Since antiquity, Jewish people have celebrated their New Year's late in September or early October. The special name which was given this momentous occasion, Rosh Hashanah, means "The Feast of the Trumpets."

With just as much of a roar, the Russian people, long ago, welcomed the New Year in with a hundred cannon shots at midnight.

In ancient China, people took a different approach to the First Day. They cleaned house, paid debts and closed their shops. Then they shot off their firecrackers . . . and who can ever forget a New Year's in the Chinatown of a big American city, with its colorful procession and fiery paper dragons breathing good cheer to everyone!

Near China, in old Japan, New Year's was a time for everybody to don new clothes, take three days off from work and visit their friends. Each gatepost would be adorned with green pines and bamboo. And over each door would hang red lobsters, crabs and scarlet tangerines, standing for long life and happiness.

Gypsies in Spain used to marry on New Year's Eve. The 18th century writer George Borrow tells us that a main feature of the bridal ceremony was the feasting associated with it. Once the Gypsy couple took their vows, guests swirled down drink and ate and sang and danced throughout the night and day.

Not to be outdone, Italians just consider January 1 as part of their Yuletide festival, and so revel until Twelfth Night, 12 days after Christmas.

In Vive-La-France, New Year's Day is so singular that adults let Christmas pass by and exchange presents on January 1.

Tradition has it that in Scotland the first one in a house on New Year's Day gets a big, big bear hug. Why? Because he has brought the host good luck. Midnight Scot celebrators carry cakes and spiced ale to wish their host a good year.

And the same to you!

## Sprinkled Out

Due to a break in the sprinkler system at Sport Haven the Nov. 15 schedule of the Blanchard Bowling League was cancelled. Through the fast work of Charlie Wiley's wife, Catherine, word got out to the forty members of the league soon after the break was reported to Charlie thus saving unnecessary trips that night to the alleys by the bowlers. That was the night for the scheduled Turkey Shoot.

Since the last posting of standings in the TIMES Ken Stinson moved to the top of the league. Navy team held at first place.

## Our Flag

From the efforts of Flag Chairman George Reeber came this letter to our Post:

Dear Commander Kaplan;

We thank you very much for the two American Flags you donated to our school.

Our school offers the Montessori approach in education to children between the ages of 2½ and 5.

These children are already pledging allegiance to their Flag every morning.

Again we thank you.

Chairman Reeber also reported the presentation of a Flag to Brownie Troop No. 273 here in Delmar.

## IT CAN BE DONE

Say not, my son: "It can't be done!" —

First try! with a grit of your teeth!

It can be done, but only by one

Who will never admit defeat.

No failure can be — as you will see —

If you try, with your head held high.

There's no such thing that life can bring,

Except through your ceasing to try.

If the cause is right you'll win your fight,

No matter what the odds may be —

So with all your might, stand for the right,

And — like truth — it will set you free.

If the blows come fast and seem to last

'Til endurance has reached its end —

Forget the past, and hold on fast,

With a tilt to your manly chin.

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## SHUFFLE BOARD NEWS

The league is going full blast with the Nationals leading the Americans by the slight margin of four points. Score is 28 to 24.

Our new members, Len Sellner and Bob Strickland are scoring well. Genial Royce Day is keeping everyone smiling with his famous expression, "Stop Right There". Jim Fanning and his superb shooting style keeps the audience in stitches. He makes shots you've never seen before. Henry Engle is hotter than a pie right out of the oven. (Ask George Spawn).

The reason the scores are so close is due to the improved shooting of Dick Cole, Andy Rooney, Pop Morrison, Jim Cornes, Norm Thwing, Charlie O'Hara, Bill Campbell, Dick Dalton, Al Adams, George Laird, Ed Costigan, Fred Grasser, Bob Colburn and Bruce MacDonald.

We miss Russ Denegar this year. He must be practicing some place. Pierce Green, our pinch-hitter is playing well. Referee Art Quinn has had to make a few too close decisions.

If you want an enjoyable evening stop at the Post any Thursday night and see the players in action.

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## MUSE AWHILE

A Frenchman was telling his experience in studying the English language. He said: "When I first discovered that if I was quick, I was fast; that if I was tied, I was fast; if I spent too freely, I was fast, and that not to eat was to fast, I was discouraged. But when I came across the sentence, 'The first one won one one-dollar prize,' I gave up trying."

## THE FIRST CHRISTMAS CARD

"A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You!"

This historic greeting dates back at least a century. It appeared in print as early as 1843 on the very first Christmas card... known to antiquarians as the Cole-Horsley.

Almost every age since medieval times has made unique contributions to the various expressions and quaint phrases that are associated with Christmas. But it was in 19th Century England... during the golden age of Christmas... that most of our colorful Yule messages and greetings were born.

This was the era of "The Merrie Words of Christmas", the blessed land and time of which Sir Walter Scott wrote: "A Christmas gambol oft would cheer/The Poor Man's heart through half the year."

It was in that merrie England of a century ago that Sir Henry Cole decided to distribute among his associates a special form of Christmas greeting. He commissioned a noted London artist, John C. Horsley, to design what was to be the very first Christmas card.

The face of the card is divided into a trio of colored panels. The center, larger than the other two, portrays a family at Christmas dinner. The side panels illustrate the charitable virtues of feeding the hungry and clothing the needy... a time-honored Christmas practice which was widely observed in England during that period.

Along the face of the card was the now traditional greeting of the season.

The English Royalty took up the idea as a most gracious way to extend greetings to their intimate friends at the Christmas season.

Year after year, the Christmas card, the messenger of joyful remembrance, has grown in popularity, until today it is an integral part of the celebration of the Season.

## THEN LAUGH

Build for yourself a strong box,  
Fashion each part with care;  
When it's strong as your hand can make it,  
Put all your troubles there.  
Hide there all thought of your failures  
And each bitter cup that you quaff;  
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Another Blanchard Post-sponsored program in the interest of Armed Forces personnel has been launched by Commander Sid Kaplan. For it he has named Ray La Moy to handle the details.

Simply it is making available to those on active duty from our community a courtesy card to provide some ready-made friends away from home while stationed in the United States or its possessions. It is the intent that the card will serve as a key of introduction at Posts of the American Legion and other veteran organizations which will recognize it.

Since the names of all the members of the Armed Forces from our community are not easily accessible to us, Chairman Ray believes it would equally serve the purpose if you would send this copy of your **TEN FORTY TIMES** to a member of the Armed Forces from our community who may be related to you. It would help Chairman La Moy with his records if you would report to him to whom you sent the **TIMES**. In the interest of expediency it is believed by the Chairman that the following will serve in lieu of a card:

**NATHANIEL ADAMS BLANCHARD POST No. 1040**, The American Legion, Delmar, New York 12054, takes pleasure in introducing:

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/s/ **MERWYN K. ATWOOD**  
Adjutant

/s/ **SIDNEY M. KAPLAN**  
Commander

## GRATIFYING

"The response from the article about the Eye Bank in last month's **TEN FORTY TIMES** is heart-warming," says Post Commander Sid Kaplan who also serves as an Eye Bank Serviceman for the Bethlehem Lions in conjunction with the work of the Sight Conservation Society of Northeastern New York, Inc.

Carroll W. Greenman, Executive Director of the Society, last month made this report which concerns our Commander:

*"Mr. David Algie, Star Route, Hudson, New York died in the Albany Medical Center Hospital, October 4, 1967. An Albany Medical Center doctor performed the enucleation at 2:00 a.m. At this time we had been advised by the radio network that two emergency operations were pending in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Mr. Sidney Kaplan of Albany Lions Club eye bank service group cared for the necessary details and took the eyes to the Albany Airport and they were on their way to North Carolina. A report from Winston-Salem has just arrived saying that the eyes were received and were used for two corneal transplants, one for a man and one for a woman."*

*"We are most happy that the Albany group could handle this case for you. Also that one of your donors could render such a great service in helping to restore the sight of two individuals. You may wish to pass this information on to your club members."*

## On The Line

Those white lines on the Post Parking Lot (through the efforts of Gus Williams) are a big improvement. Now if only those who drive to the Post would park their vehicles in keeping with the purpose for which the lines were made it would complete the improvement.

## Pearl Harbor Memorial Service

Catholic War Veterans Edward F. Sullivan Post No. 809 will sponsor a commemorative program on Sunday, December 3 at seven p.m. marking the Pearl Harbor attack. The occasion will be at St. Vincent de Paul's Catholic Church in Albany. All are invited to attend.

## Protest

Oratorical Chairman Rus Denegar reminds us now to mark our calendar for Sunday, January 20. At two p.m., that day at St. Teresa Auditorium at New Scotland and Hollywood Avenues in Albany will be held the Albany County American Legion Oratorical Contest in which we can again look forward, with distinction of sponsoring a young orator from our school district.

This is another of the important American Legion projects for the youth of our County. "This, in a way," says our chairman, "is a subtle protest to the protestors of the American way of life." Your presence at this program will add to the strength of the protest.

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## TOP O' THE MORNING

(This is a reprint of an article from the August 13, 1946 issue of the ST. JOSEPH, (Missouri) NEWS PRESS. It was written by a fellow who really soldiered shoulder to shoulder with Al Woehrle through the ETO (European Theatre of Operations for those who forgot). It is presented here to stir memories of your war-time experiences. It may encourage others who read this to submit their war memoirs).

By Robert Gordon

Dear Mr. Gordon: For some reason or other we got to thinking about a friend of ours who helped us lick the axis during the recent shooting which took place across the Atlantic, namely Alexander J. Woehrle, better known as "the Whirling Dervish," the general factotum of the 36th tank battalion. In case you didn't know it, the 36th tank battalion, with the minor assistance of several armies, won the recent fracas in Europe.

We regret that you did not meet Alexander, who came into our midst a raw recruit from Staten Island, N. Y., where his aunt was skipper of a ferry boat. There was something Lincolnesque about Alexander. Perhaps it was lack of meat on his bones or the nose with which he could chin himself, but within the G.I. blouse there beat a heart of gold.

If you wanted a pass and the old man didn't want to give you a pass and the colonel didn't want to give you a pass, you'd get the pass because Alexander had his ways of operating behind the scenes.

Talking of passes reminds us of the time we were sent for a couple of days on some kind of a detail or other to Winchester, with a handful of men. Our division was preparing a camp for some other outfit which was to take our place when we crossed the Channel to France. We arrived in Winchester where we were bunked in one of his majesty's garrisons and informed "No passes."

Did that baffle us? Not in the least. Every man-jack of us roamed through the ancient streets of Winchester that night where once King Arthur and his knights held forth. All we did was borrow some pass blanks and sign them "Major Alexander J. Woehrle, Calvary, United States Army." Alexander was only a T/4 at that time but the might of the name would awe any MP.

Alexander was also quite a linguist. I think he told us once that he was Hungarian by birth but by the time we had completed our tour of Europe he could speak any and all languages. The basis of the Woehrle system was "If you say it loud enough and enough times, they'll understand you no matter what you said." We laughed at Alexander but — he did get the job done.

Alexander was our battalion clerk, the colonel's right hand man. He covered up for the sergeant-major when that Irishman got drunk and he wasn't afraid to herd a half-track down a road while German tanks popped away at him. Alexander just hunched a little lower until only his nose was sticking out from beneath his battered steel helmet, and away we went.

If ever there was a miracle man it was Woehrle. He could steal chickens, pound a typewriter or be the ideal soldier. He could do anything and did.

Our favorite yarn about Alexander covers the entry of the 36th tank battalion into the town of Lintfort. Lintfort was on the Rhine plain inside the Siegfried line but west of the Rhine. It was a model mining town with row upon row of modern homes for workers, an imposing office building as mine headquarters and enormous mines. We were assigned to getting a couple of hundred men, women and children out of a sub-basement in the office building, herding them up narrow stairs with a carbine and hustling them down the street to their homes. They were scared stiff that we were going to shoot them all and eternally grateful that we didn't.

Meanwhile, Alexander was missing and as the rumble of battle continued, punctuated now and then with an 88 coming a bit close, we wondered what had happened to the fellow, especially since he was holding a chicken for us in this half-track.

Minutes sped by and soon a column of uniformed Germans, buttons shining, hands clasped over their heads, came marching down the street with the doughty Alexander urging them along with his carbine. He lined up his catch along the sidewalk and kept the men there for an hour or so. Tears coursed down the cheeks of some of the men who ranged from 45 to 60 in age. Finally an interpreter came along, talked to the prisoners and then informed Alexander:

"Sergeant, you have just captured the Lintfort fire department."

Alexander did come home covered with glory though. He was inducted a year later than we were and therefore got his discharge later. When he completed his military career he was a fullfledged master sergeant. We laugh when we remember how he broke the news of his promotion to his wife. He just addressed the letter to "Mrs. Sergeant-Major Alexander J. Woehrle."

—Friend of The Whirling Dervish

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