



NINTH INFANTRY REGIMENT

26 December 51

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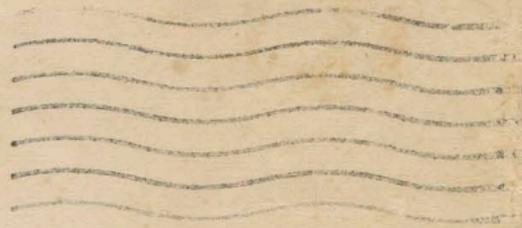
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gotten to be pretty close friends.

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This letter was sent to Mrs. Neigel by Pvt. Don C. De Witt after "Chic" was killed. We did not know Pvt. De Witt, but his letter meant so much to all of us. His letter had a picture of the patch of the Ninth Infantry which "Chic" had described in his letter of September 7, 1951. It was a black shield with a white star in the middle. An Indian head was in the middle of the star.

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