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BOSTON HAS CAPACITY TURNOUT



7th Boston Reunion Hits Record

About 800 People Representing Practically Every Unit Attended This Affair

The Statler Hotel in Boston, Mass., was the meeting place of the 7th Annual Reunion of the 9th Infantry Division Association.

They came from all over New England and there was no questioning this fact after hearing that long flat "Baaston" accent. This gigantic influx only proved again the vast "Expirit de Corps" that is retained by the men of the 9th. Perhaps the best way to report any event is to take a day by day treatment . . . therefore, we will start from the very beginning of the convention meeting.

The days preceding this affair had temperatures running into the upper nineties and one would have imagined that this would have deterred the great crowd that gathered . . . but, again, we fooled 'em all. First day get togethers ran higher than any other previous convention. At the close of the first day, there were almost 200 registrations.

The first scheduled event of Thursday, was a Sight Seeing Tour. This tour, was taken by an estimated 100 people who saw such sights as: "Old Ironsides," "Paul Revere's Home," "The Commons," and "Fisherman's Wharf," "Bunker Hill," and many other points of historical interest in and around Boston.

Then the fete of fetes; a wonderful party, a party that rang the bells of merriment. Beer flowed, songs were sung, and discussions of past experiences floated throughout the gay gathering.

Wives ogled and gaped at the exploits that were bandied about. Amidst all this glorious confusion the "Three Salesmen" and a very exuberant gal accordionist entertained the assemblage. Memories, fun, blatant chords, and dischords of harmony resounded again and again . . . One note that did capture this group was the wonderful vocalizing of DonAmato, formerly of the Div. Art'y Red Band.

Friday was the day of turmoil and good fellowship. The morning breakfast of orange juice, fish cakes and scrambled eggs, coffee and danish was enjoyed by about 100 lads. Mr. Jack Brown, the official Boston greeter, bestowed upon the 9th Inf. Div. Assoc. a scroll of welcome. Speeches, real nice short speeches by Al Bruchac, Father Connors and Marty Connelly rounded out the morning breakfast.

The first formal normal business meeting then took place. All of the reports of this meeting are detailed on Page 3.

The ladies, in the interim, were treated to a gala fashion show. The details are on Page 3.

After a wonderful and hectic business meeting, everyone went dancing. Steps were performed under all conditions imaginable. You should have seen your buddies step out; they did themselves proud. It did not matter at times what the band played. For, if they felt like doing the Polka, they did it to a waltz or foxtrot. They all danced

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7th Annual Boston Convention Business Meeting Report

Minutes of the 7th Annual Meeting of the members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association held in Boston, Massachusetts at the Statler Hotel on July 25, 1952.

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 A.M. by the National President Al E. Bruchac.

Mr. Bruchac called to the attention of the members the detailed report and suggested proposals which were prepared under his supervision with the assistance of various members of the association to help the committees.

Mr. Bruchac appointed Mr. Robert Colflesh of Philadelphia to act as chairman of the Miscellaneous Committee in place of Mr. Joe Casey.

Mr. Golabiecki was appointed as temporary chairman of the Membership Committee, pending the arrival of the permanent chairman Maj. Harold Smith.

Mr. Bruchac completed the assignment of various members to the Reunion Committees and instructed the various committees to meet in their designated rooms to accomplish their missions and be prepared to submit their committee reports to the membership for final action in the afternoon session of the meeting. The meeting was recessed at 10:30 A.M. and ordered to reconvene at 2:00 P.M.

AFTERNOON BUSINESS REPORT

The annual meeting of the Ninth Infantry Division Association

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Frank Wade Elected President

Frank Wade now becomes the 5th President of the 9th Infantry Division Association. It is only proper and fitting that this distinction be bestowed upon Frank Wade. For Frank Wade has the unique distinction of being one of the original officers to join the 9th. After his graduation from Western Maryland College Frank drew his first army assignment, platoon leader of C-Company of the 39th Infantry, 9th Div. This all started away back in April 19, 1941, when he was released from the 9th Div., Frank Wade was a Lt. Col. in charge of S-4, section, 39th Infantry. Frank now operates a very successful Ford agency in La Plata, Maryland. Frank and Libby have three children, Frank Jr., age 10, Elizabeth age 5, and Patricia age 2.

Frank Wade is still in the Organized Reserve Corps and retains a Lt. Col. commission in the University of Maryland unit.

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It's Your Move Now

If you could have been in Boston, or if you were there, you saw how hard a few men worked so that a great many could enjoy themselves. You just have to stop and think for a while and then say to yourself, "Was all that effort worth anything?"

Here are the undisputable facts. In Ingolstadt, Germany, June 19, 1945, the Association gathered together 9000 paid members. Now seven years later we have 1700 paid members.

Our association is only just getting to the stage of developing the limbs and leaves of a great tree of friendship. The roots of this great tree were firmly planted by a few farsighted men back in 1945. But, unfortunately, no tree can firmly grow if the branches and the leaves are in an unhealthy condition.

We have the healthy trunk of an organization fathered by just a few men. Gentlemen. . . THIS IS NOT ENOUGH!!!

What we need are healthy branches. Branches in the forms of good strong local chapters. Chapters that operate. Leaves in the form of members that gather every meeting night. These in essence are the necessary ingredients that go into forming a healthy tree. A tree with this combination of friendship and comradeship will reopen and blossom each year. Without this combination, we shall perish slowly but surely!!

The Boston Convention adopted two unique impetuses to help us in our hour of need. . . .

Gentlemen, we must not lose ground. That is something this outfit has never done before. We have always faced all types of adversaries and we have never given them an inch.

You men who read this paper run this organization. You men have the voice that operates this organization.

THIS IS YOUR ORGANIZATION. . . .

Don't let us down. Here is how you can help. Check back over those old addresses of the guys in your squads, your sections, your companies, and drop them a line. Tell them the old outfit is in trouble and needs their support again. Check with the guys in your neighborhood, your town, and your city. Enlist the aid of those who have fallen by the wayside when it comes to re-upping with their dues to the association. Don't let a few do all of the work. This is an organization for the many.

LET US HEAR THE MANY SPEAK UP NOW FOR ITS SUPPORT.

Fall Dance Planned By New York

Another in the series of par excellence dances will be the feature of our fall program for the New York Chapter. The date has been set for November 15th 1952, the place, the Hotel Edison, in the "7 Arts Room," the time 8:30 p.m. Music will be supplied by a very fine group of musicians under the

able leadership of Rex Clayton. Entertainment of gargantuan proportions have been arranged. Once again, the New York Chapter is out to duplicate the efforts of the past. . . "Come prepared to have one good time." The net tab will be \$1.50 per person.

7th Boston Reunion Hits Record

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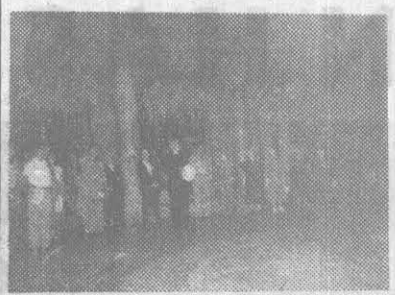
like Arthur Murray pupils, before and after. The most important aspect of the affair was that all who attended had a very good time.

Saturday morning, Father Connors conducted a special Memorial Mass which had a record attendance. Then followed the traditional parade. Once again, our lads did themselves proud. So proud, that when the 3rd Army Band started off, our lads became soldiers on the march; they stiffened, stayed at arms length, and marched as they had marched so many times before. Of course, "Walking East on Beacon" in a very warm sun, following the previous nights' activities was a little trying, but, that did not deter the ranks. They marched strong and straight right up to Boston's State House. Leading the parade were: Brig. Gen. George C. Barth, Al Bruchac, Father Connors and Martin Connelly.

The memorial services were conducted in a rotunda of battle his-

that were part of the "March of the 9th" from Fort Bragg, N. C. to Germany. His speech was filled with the battle memoirs of the 9th in action. We were honored indeed to have had him speak.

Telegrams were received from: Mrs. Lillian Cavoy, past president of the Gold Star Mothers, Phil. chapter, Chaplain Col. Cecil L. Propst, Gen. Craig, Mrs. Mae Spencer, Gold Star Mother from the N. Y. chapter, and from Dr. Clem Cruthers of Houston, Texas. All the telegrams applauded the an-



nual reunion and stated their regrets that they were unable to attend.

Entertainment was furnished by the "Three Salesmen" who gave to us a prime example that "good clean fun" can be most engaging. The food served by the Statler was up to its usual excellence.

Father Connors was kind enough to allow the following messages to be printed. M. Gioia is stationed

tory . . . flags . . . uniforms . . . memories . . . and gallant deeds recorded throughout the pillars and cubicles of this famous building.

Then, as Father Connors led this group in prayer . . . a muted bugle sounding taps echoed and re-echoed; melting and fusing those of us who stood with bowed heads in reverent prayer . . . with those who had stood there in years gone by . . . Solemnity and beauty were the keynotes of this tribute to our fallen buddies.

Saturday night was the grand finale . . . the banquet . . . Approximately 500 people attended this gala function to glean words of wisdom, spirit and praise from the assembled speakers. Seated at the dais were: Brig. Gen. George E. Barth, Father Connors Mr. and Mrs. Al E. Bruchac, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Connelly, Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Storey, Mr. and Mrs. William



Termini, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cohen.

Among our assembled Gold Star guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Riley representing Bill Lyons, (M. P.), Mr. Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. J. Waldron (James A-Co. 39th), Lillian Solkoff, (brother E-39th), Mr. and Mrs. Regan (M. Shanasey-Can. Co. 60th), Mr. McMerrey, Mr. and Mrs. Olson and daughter (J. Olson-



G. Co. 39th), Mr. and Mrs. Young (James Young-47th), the Puchine family (26th F. A.), Mr. and Mrs. Dwyer and daughter (J. M. Dwyer 899th T. D.), Mr. and Mrs. McInerney (J. McInerney, I. Co. 39th).

Father Connors outdid himself with a speech that should be evidence enough of a majority in the next campaign. Gen. Barth recounted all of the glorious deeds

Art Sykes is now in Helsinki Art is still with the army, only now, he is attached to the American Legation in Helsinki. He writes, "I never had it so good . . . love this army . . . will try to make the reunion in 1953."

Mrs. Ruby K. Fuller, wife of Lt. Chas. Fuller, Div. Art'y, wrote to say that because she is busy traveling around the country visiting her relatives and she would not be able to attend the convention.

The Boston Chapter did an outstanding job in performing their jobs gallantly throughout the convention. They had every detail ironed out beforehand in order to insure the success of our 7th annual reunion. The first member to buy a block of tickets and sign up was FREDERICK B. D'AMORE

of 75 Webster Street East Boston, Mass. Frederick was with the 15th Eng. He is the secretary of the New England chapter and, if any of you lads who did not attend the convention and would like to attend the N. E. chapter meeting, send a card to the "9th Inf. Div. Assoc., New England Chapter, Box 892, Boston, Mass. Fred will be only too happy to send you the necessary information.

Here and there about the convention:

"Shirts" Matusick and Sgt. Budrick vying for honors on the loudness of their shirts. Matusick had the color; Budrick the style. Speaking of Sgt. Budrick . . . There is a correction to be made regarding the recent story of his meeting with Gen. Eddy, in Hawaii. The meeting took place in Fort Leavenworth, and not in Hawaii as reported in the June issue of the Octofoil. "Shirts" Matusick donated a dollar to the Memorial Fund. He had promised his lads from Chicago that if anyone came to the convention with his convention cap on, he would donate the money. Some fellows did, and he carried through his promise.

The Seventh Annual Convention of the Ninth Infantry Division Association is now a thing of the past. The memory of the good time that was had by all who attended will remain as a moment of encouragement towards the attendance of all at our next annual reunion. To those who were not there we say, "Come to Washington D. C. in 1953, ready and eager for our 8th annual reunion."

Board of Governors Meeting Reports

Minutes of the 25th meeting of Board of Governors of the Ninth Infantry Division Association held on Thursday, July 24, 1952 at the Statler Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts.

Members present: Albert Bruchac, Maj. H. W. Smith, Lt. J. Clouser, Henry Golabiecki, Frank Wade, Don Clarke, Martin Connelly. Non-member, Stanley Cohen. Mr. C. Tingley acted as recorder.

The meeting called to order by Pres. A. Bruchac, at 4:30 P.M. Mr. Bruchac advised the members of the Board that it was his desire to write Mr. Franz Robinow to attend the Association's Reunion as a special guest. Approval was unanimous.

Maj. H. Smith made a motion to pay \$50.00 to Stanley Cohen to cover his expenses for his work for the period July 15 to Aug. 1. Motion seconded by D. Clark. Motion passed.

Mr. Connelly made a motion to authorize a special sale price of \$3.50 per copy of "Eight Stars To Victory," such price to be effective during the Association Reunion. Mr. Donald Clark seconded the motion. Motion duly passed.

There being no further business the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

The 26th meeting of the Board of Governors of the 9th Infantry Division Association was held at the Statler Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts on July 25, 1952. Members present:

Mr. Albert Bruchac
Mr. Donald Clarke
Mr. John Clouser
Mr. Richard Storey
Mr. Paul Plunkett
Mr. William Termini
Mr. Jack O'Shea
Mr. Walter Millstone
Father Edward Connors
Mr. Edward Connors
Mr. Charles Tingley
Mr. Frank Wade
Mr. Martin Connelly

The meeting was called to order by the nation president, Albert Bruchac at 5:30 p.m.

1: Mr. Bruchac called for nominations to fill the office of national president and following members of the Board of Governors

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Business Meeting Report of the Annual Boston Convention

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tion was reconvened at 2:30 P.M., July 25th, 1952.

The meeting was called to order by the National President Albert E. Bruchac.

Committee reports were called for and presented in the following order.

1. FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Chairman: Richard C. Storey

Members: Mr. Gatto
Mr. McGrath
Mr. Murphy
Mr. Greenman
Mr. Clouser

The committee made the following recommendations.

A) Recommended no change in the amount of the annual membership dues at the present time. Dues to remain at \$3.50 per person. Recommendation was approved by entire membership.

B) Recommended not to increase amount paid to or deducted by chapters on annual membership dues collected but that instead, each chapter would be allowed a bonus of \$5.00 on each block of 10 new members, including old members who renew membership after a lapse of membership for the previous year.

Recommendations approved by the entire membership.

B) Recommended the elimination of initiation fee. Recommendation approved.

C) Restated policy on payment of annual dues in order to clarify any misunderstanding. Any member who has let his payment of annual dues lapse may re-instate his membership by paying the current years dues. No requirement is provided for to pay back dues. Approved.

D) Recommended establishing a Nat'l Ladies Auxiliary with dues of \$1.50 per year. Chapters will be authorized to retain or collect the sum of \$.50 for each type of membership and the sum of \$1.00 will be laced in the General Fund of the National Association. Such type of membership will not include subscription rights to the Octofoil. Recommendation was fully approved by members.

E) Recommended a change to the By-Laws authorizing "Three-Year Membership" . . . upon payment of \$10. Recommendation was approved.

F) Recommended a change to the By-Laws authorizing establishment of "Life Membership" upon payment of \$50.00. Such memberships will not be subject to payment of annual dues but will be considered paid member of the Association for the rest of such members' natural life. Such members will be issued a "distinctive card" and the sum of \$12.50 of each \$50 Life Membership payment shall be retained by or paid to the local chapter involved and the balance of \$37.50 shall be paid into the Capital Fund of the National Association. Recommendation approved.

G) Recommended that present plan involving "Sustaining memberships" remain as is . . . Any member paying an excess over and above the payment of \$3.50 annual dues shall be considered as a "Sustaining Member." Local chapters concerned will be entitled to receive a sum equal of 1/3 of such excess amounts paid over the of \$3.50. The balance to be paid to the National Association. Recommendation approved.

H) Recommended that \$30,000 present value of Series F. U.S. Government Savings Bonds now owned by the Association be designated as "The NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION CAPITAL FUND," that said capital fund be available for current expenses of the Association, only as voted by the members of the Association at its annual meetings; and that the sum represented by these bonds be

re-invested in a Balanced Fund Mutual Investment Trust, managed by an nationally known firm of investment counsellors; that after establishment of such capital fund, the balance of the Association funds now invested in U.S. National Savings Bonds be designated as a contingent reserve; that said funds be deposited in a bank account to be separate from the Association's regular account and that said fund be available for current expenses only as voted by the Board of Governors. Dividends received from the Investment Trust Fund would be deposited to the Association's general fund for operating expenses. Capital Gains received from the Investment Trust would be then re-invested in the Investment Trust Fund. Recommendation Approved . . .

Appendage floor recommendations . . . The Board of Governors shall have the authority to act in the Investment changes authorized by the above recommendation, also to be certain that any meeting of the Board of Governors called for the purpose of acting on the above recommendation should be called only after full and complete notice has been given to each Board member, specifically stating that purpose of such meeting is for the actions necessary to arrive at decisions on the recommendations pertaining to the Re-investment of the Association's assets.

I) Recommended that an Auditing Committee be selected from the membership of the Association, no one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Governors. Such members so appointed shall serve without compensation. This committee will examine the books of the Association within 90 days after the close of the fiscal year and their report will be published in the next issue of the OCTOFOIL following completion of their examination. The official audit of the Association's books will be conducted by a Certified Public Accountant to be found among the membership of the Association . . . Recommendation approved.

J) Recommended that price of the Division History "Eight Stars To Victory" be reduced to \$3.50 per copy . . . Recommendation approved.

K) Recommended that all officers of the Association be instructed to reduce expenses as much as possible during the year 1953. The budget as shown be approved . . .

INCOME:

Dues, renewals, new members, sustaining members \$7300
Other income 900

EXPENSE

Salaries \$2,500
Extra Allowance for Jan. - Feb. 200
Octofoil 2,700
Printing 375
Postage Express 1,300
Office Supplies 125
Board of Dir. Meetings 500
Telephone 200
Misc. Expenses 800

\$8,200

Recommendation Approved . . .

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chairman: Ted Matusik

Mr. Moore
Dr. Seslowe
Mr. Soliday
Mr. Remer
Mr. Clarke
Mr. D. Amore
Mr. Doherty

The committee made the following recommendations.

1. — Recommended the following named members for election to the Board of Governors to serve a term of 3 years.

W. Millstine Pitts.
J. O'Shea Phila.
C. Tingley Wash.
W. Termini Louisiana

The following names were nominated from the flood of the meeting.

V. Guglielmino N. Y.
F. Owczart Chicago
R. Schaeffer Ohio
E. Spink Buffalo

Upon a vote of the membership of the association the slate recommended by the Nominating Committee was elected to serve.

CHAPTER & POLICY COMM.

Chairman: Mr. Roger Schaeffer

Members: Mr. Kobren
Mr. O'Shea
Mr. Martin
Mr. Hoffman

The committee made the following recommendations:

1) Recommended that the individual committee chairman is to follow through on his program for the year and maintain a check to determine if the points adopted by the reunion concerning the committees report are carried out. He will automatically be a member of the next reunion committee.

Recommendation Approved

2) Recommended that it shall also be the responsibility of the President to report in the Octofoil of the following June issue the results of the resolutions adopted at the previous reunion.

Recommendation Approved

3) Recommended that the Board of Governors be authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$10.00 for the first mailing to start a new chapter or to reactivate any chapter that may already have become inactive and desires to become an active chapter again.

Recommendation Approved

4) Recommended that the five year rule limiting the selection of reunion sites be reduced to three years.

Recommendation Approved

5) Recommended that one officer of each active chapter shall be a member of the Chapter and Policy Committee. If no officers are present at reunions, non-officers may be substituted. . .

Recommendation Approved

6) Recommended that the Board of Governors and the officers of the Association take appropriate steps to eliminate members from the Board who are unable to attend meetings and reunions and make room for some members who will be present. This is particularly a difficult position in view of the fact that some Board members might be in the Service but in all fairness to the Association such persons could be carried as Honorary Members of the Board for the duration of their unexpired term and the alternate should come from the area in which the original member was elected. After a specific time any member who has not regularly attended Board meetings without excuse, should be written to, requesting that he make known whether or not he will attend future meetings. If not, request that he resign from the Board. The Board would then be required to choose a successor from the same section as the member who has resigned, such person selected to serve out the balance of the unexpired term.

Recommendation Approved

7) Recommended that the National President shall appoint a Sergeant-At-Arms, to check the membership at each meeting to determine whether or not all attendees are members in good standing.

Recommendation Approved

8) Recommended that arrangements be made in the future to let the Registration Fee be reduced for those persons arriving on Friday or Saturday to attend reunions. No vote was taken on the above Recommendations.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman: Major Harold W. Smith

Members: Mr. Golabiecki
Mr. Butswinkus
Mr. Belmonte

The Committee made the following recommendations.

1) Recommended that an individual who can sign up 3 new members or who can induce 3 delinquent members to renew pay-

ment of annual dues. (A delinquent member in this case is one who has been delinquent for a period of one year or more) should be given a year's free . . . FREE . . . membership . . . Provided that such members should not be eligible to receive a year's free membership if they are members of a local chapter. . .

Recommendation Approved

2) Recommended that the calendar year basis now in operation covering payment of annual dues be changed from the calendar year basis and that membership run from the annual reunion date for a period of one year.

Recommendation Not Approved.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE

Chairman: Robert Colflesh

Members: Mr. Coyle
Mr. Miele
Mr. Newell

The committee made the following recommendations. . .

1) Recommended that some special effort be made at each reunion to gain contributions for the MEMORIAL FUND.

Recommendation Approved

2) That some special program be considered by the officers and the Board each year to select in the reunion site area a Gold Star Mother or Father (or both) to be guests of the Association at the Reunion dinner. . .

Recommendation Approved

3) That at the reunion dinner special tribute be paid to any groups, chapters, or individuals planning events of special interest and progress to the Association.

Recommendation Approved

4) That the reunion dinner not become a political sounding board but remain a simple reunion of the Ninth Division members and guests featuring a military speaker preferably one of our own former commanding officers.

Recommendation Approved

NEWSPAPER COMMITTEE

Co-Chairman: Stanley Cohen

Louis R. Becker

Members: Mr. O'Connor, N. Y.

Frank Lovell, Boston

T. Delli Priscoli, Springfield

T. Eckert, Philadelphia

Emil Radic, Chicago

Frank Wade, Washington

Geist, Chicago

The committee made the following recommendations:

1) A — Editorial Policy for Octofoil.

1 — Establishment of an Editorial policy under the direction of the Board of Governors.

2 — Recommended for use in the Editorial Column is subject matter covering such points as our finances, membership, Memorial Fund, organization, policies, reunions. Chairman of each committee pertaining to the above functions is authorized to write special articles.

2) Suggested Special features.

A — Veterans Administration Column.

B — Ladies Column.

C — Lost & Found Buddy Column.

D — Chapter Activity section.

E — Letters To The Editors

GRIPES.

F — Human Interest stories, concerning our members providing for suitable prizes for best stories.

G — Picture Stories.

H — "Do You Remember Column."

3) Cut-Off date for unpaid members.

A — Establish a new date to be effective March of each year.

4) Memorial Issue for November.

a — Specially prepared cover for this Memorial Issue.

b — Special Memorial Editorial.

c — Chaplains Message — to be furnished by our various chaplains of all faiths, such articles to appear on Page one instead of the Editorial page.

d — Where possible mail memorial issue to next of kin, such lists to be limited by the direction of the Board of Governors.

5) Special Mailings:

a — One special mailing only per year . . . the issue two months

in advance of the dates of the annual reunions.

6) Reactive — Active Duty Section.

A) Special article on any member of the association who is recalled to active duty. In the notice published to gain this information a request is made for complete details including a photograph of the members concerned.

7) Chapter Aids.

a — Permanent publication of the name and address of Chapter Sec.

b — Permanent publication of time, date and meeting place of each chapter. . . .

8) Member Contributions:

a — An appeal to be made to the members to let them know that the Octofoil will always welcome articles that will contribute to the best interest of the association.

b — Material concerning Civic and government progress and promotions of Association Members is also welcome material for the readers of the Octofoil. . . .

The above recommendations approved per se. . . .

Upon the completion of the reports of the aforementioned Committees, Mr. Bruchac, the National President suggested that a reunion business meeting agenda such as the type used at this meeting be adopted as a guide for the future meetings of the association.

A rising vote was given to all the members who assisted in the preparation of the agenda used in the business meeting.

There being no further business brought before the meeting, the 7th Annual business meeting of the 9th Infantry Division Association, upon a motion made by Mr. Richard C. Storey and duly seconded was adjourned at 5:10 P.M. July 25, 1952.

Operation "Powder Puff"

By Hedda Cohen

Gals, here at last is a column for us. We have been sadly neglected in the past, but let's try to make up for it in the near future. Do send me news of births, engagements, marriages, and any one of the thousand and one things that we women are interested in. This column cannot be a success unless I hear from all of you, so let's show our menfolk that we too can do a job.

Congratulations and best wishes to our new first lady, Mrs. Elizabeth Wine Wade, mother of three. Before her marriage, "Libby" as we all know her, was engaged in social work at La Plata welfare offices in her homestate of Maryland. Gleaning a bit of "info" from her hubby, I learned that he rates her tops as a wife and homemaker. Thanks to the aid of Mrs. Martin Connelly, under the expert guidance of her husband, we gals were treated to a wonderful fashion show and reception given in one of the hotel's nicest rooms.

Mrs. Mildred L. Albert, Dean of Academie Moderne of Boston, and her charming fashion models known as the "Hart Girls" favored us with a two hour showing of the latest clothes from "Plotkin Bros." one of Boston's leading women's department stores. Mrs. Albert's commentary was excellent, and the nicest thing of the show was that the clothes shown were within the budgets of all who were viewing it. We hope that a fashion show will be on the agendas of all our future reunions.

Among those present and accounted for at the fashion show were:

Mrs. Leo Stier, Miss Mary M. Brearty, Mrs. James Kelly, Mrs. Matthew Mulholland, Mrs. Fred D'Amore, Miss Barbara Timin, Miss Joan Stankard, Miss Pat Gagan, Miss Catherine DeArruda, Miss Constance Mather, Miss Irene Spector, Miss Stella Palladino, Miss Linda Wright, Miss Florence Miller, Miss Adele Smas, Miss Myrna Lichtman, Mrs. Anvis C.



Model wearing clothes shown at fashion show.

O'Donnell, Mrs. Selma Abrams, Miss Lillian Masacco, Mrs. James McLaughlin, Mrs. Julia Mischles, Mrs. Allen Webster, Mrs. Frances Podsiadlo, Mrs. Thos. Orband, Mrs. Don Amato, Mrs. Leonie Houches, Mrs. Ann Scotta, Mrs. Frank Wade, Mrs. M. D. Keough, Mrs. Roger Schaeffer, Mrs. Betty Rizzo, Mrs. Ruth Wind, Mrs. Judith Barbaggio, Mrs. Myrtle Guglielmino. Till next year!

A bravo to Mrs. Tingley for having the nicest and most well-behaved children, (boy and girl) I have been with in many a day.

We wish to extend our get well and speedy recovery wishes to Mrs. Mae Spencer, our honorary Gold Star mother. We were sorry she was unable to attend the convention because of illness, but even ill, her thoughts were in Boston as evidenced by the wonderful telegram read to us at the banquet.

Board of Governors Meeting Reports

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were placed in nomination for the office:

Mr. Frank Wade
Mr. Albert Bruchac

Mr. Millstine moved that the nominations be closed. Motion duly seconded and passed. Upon a majority vote of the members of the Board of Governors, Mr. Frank Wade was elected national president of the 9th Infantry Division Association. The term of office to commence immediately after the close of the 7th annual reunion of the association on July 26th, 1952.

2: The Following officers of the association were duly elected by a unanimous vote of the members of the board of governors:

First Vice-President
Mr. Vincent Guglielmino
Second Vice-President
Mr. Frank Owczart
Third Vice-President
Mr. Charles abre
Judge Advocate
Mr. Harrison Daysh

3: Mr. Richard Storey moved for the adoption of the following resolution for the purpose of opening bank accounts, including necessary checking and savings accounts also safe-deposit, facilities with the Hudson County National Bank of Jersey City, N. J.

"Resolved that Hudson County National Bank (hereinafter referred to as the "Bank") is hereby designated as a depository of this corporation; and it is further resolved that until further order of the Board of Directors of this corporation, any funds of this corporation, deposited in said bank be subject to withdrawal at any time, and from time to time upon checks, notes, acceptances, or other instruments or orders for the payment of money when signed in behalf of this corporation by the Secretary-Treasurer and countersigned by the president or first vice-president."

The above motion was seconded and duly adopted by unanimous vote of the members present.

4: Mr. Richard Storey moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

"Resolved that the Secretary-Treasurer and the President of the

60th Field Notes

By Charles J. Fabre

It is with a feeling of pride that we sit down to pen this little note. A feeling of pride in the men of the 60th that turned out for this, in our opinion the best reunion to date, and a feeling of pride that we had a small share in making it a success. Mike Bellmonte (A) came from Chicago to add his charm to the occasion. If Mike missed a year we would be hard put to make it seem the same. Austin Briggs (HQ) tore himself away from his new house (it is a beauty) and Alice to attend. When we described the occasion to Mrs. Briggs on the way home, she called her mother to reserve her services as baby sitter for next year's reunion.

Edward (the Arab) Bedishian arrived Friday with the lovely wife Lottie. Congratulations Ed. Robert Torrey (SV) arrived with his wife Jane and they had Savino De Rose (SV) out to their house Sunday so that Savino could demonstrate his art of pancake making. How did you make out De Rose? By the way Friday night De Rose got lonesome for the Mrs. and phoned her in New Jersey to get on the train and come to Boston. She arrived Saturday afternoon. Uncle Bud Remer made it from Chicago this year. Last year he missed his plane and could not get another reservation. Of course, our regulars Mike Bish and his wife were there. It will be a sad day when Mike stops coming to the reunions. We were pleasantly surprised when Dick Powers (HQ) showed up with his beautiful wife whom he insisted on calling Pat.

Gordon Dalrymple (HQ) arrived with his charming wife Marjorie. Gordon wants to know why Eddie Rouse did not show up. Paul Dougher (C) was in early and fought the "Battle of the Bulge" over with Larry Gould (C). Let's see more of both of you fellows. It did our hearts goods to see John Marston (B) and the lovely Carolyn. We had trouble with the Bostonian accent of John's, but Fred Duggan (B) set us straight on it. It is easy if you keep the "R" silent like the "Q" in fish. See what I mean?

True to his promise, John Shea (HQ) arrived with Mary. The Taunton post office just had to do without him for three days, and we were sure glad to see you, John. Anthony Molica (MED) came up to say "hello" Thursday, but due to unchangeable working conditions, was unable to be with us Friday and Saturday. He did call both days. Edward Wardzola (A) showed up Saturday and this is a reminder to you New England men to get after him to join the Association. Thomas Delli Priscoll was in Thursday and stayed right through till Sunday. Tom was with Personnel and was one of Frank Lovell's indispensable men. Frank Lovell was in Saturday with the

Ninth Infantry Division Association be and hereby are authorized and directed to execute the necessary form of assignment and present to the proper authorities for redemption all U.S. Savings Bonds now held by the Association."

The above motion was seconded, and duly adopted by unanimous vote of the members present.

5: Mr. Frank Wade moved that the board of governors, upon due and proper notice, would hold a meeting within ninety days (90) from date for the purpose of carrying out the new policy of investment of capital assets of the association as proposed and adopted at the business meeting of the membership of the association held on July 25th, 1952.

The above motion was seconded and duly adopted by unanimous vote of the members present.

6: Upon unanimous approval of the members present the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m., July 25, 1952.

lovely Patricia and the two boys so they could see their father parade in the memorial services. How do you keep so calm, Pat? Everett Linscott (SV) was in every day with Mrs. Linscott (Leona with the ready smile and we were wondering if you two got in on those pancakes at Torrey's house. Linscott is the boy who ate 24 of them at one sitting in the army. Sandy Burns arrived with the future Mrs. Burns and we sincerely hope to see Mr. and Mrs. Burns in Washington next year. We offered to drive them up to Maine to have the ceremony performed but they decided to wait a bit. We hope to see you in November, Sandy.

Francis Frigon (HQ) was up with the wife and unless we miss our guess Fran will be making every trip from now on. Estelle says she likes reunions and hopes her mother will be available as baby sitter next year. Louis Pandolphi (C) pitched in with their arrangements and we don't know where we would have been without him. All Louis will say is "Let's have more reunions." That's the spirit we like to see. If some of you fellows that did not get to the reunion think it is hard to get away thing of Bohdan Banit (A) who got out of the hospital and came up with his foot in a cast rather than miss the fun. I don't know how much fun we had, but we certainly were glad to see him. Sorry you could not stay for the banquet Saturday, Banit. Fred L. Murray (HQ) also got out of bed against the doctor's orders in order to come Saturday night. But what happened to you Sunday, Fred?

You all remember Don Amato (Band) who showed up as usual, but this time brought along the Mrs. Please don't whistle, fellows!! Don Scanlon (B) made a brief appearance Saturday as did Pat Callahan (HQ). But, due to circumstances beyond their control, were unable to stay. As we were writing this we received a letter from Capt. George Obeldobel, whose address is HQ 28th Div. Arty. APO No. 111, c/o Postmaster NYC, NY. George regrets he was unable to be with us but sends his regards to all. He also sent along ten dollars to renew his membership. (Don't worry Stan, it will be along in the next mail).

When we arrived in New York we found Mike Bellmonte here and we then proceeded to see Charley Ahrens (A) who just bought a new house near us. Then on Thursday, Mike and Charley drove up to see Al Friedlmeier (A) in the Bronx. Al promised us some addresses but up until now we haven't received them. How about it, Al?

If any of you fellows know of a man that is not a member of the association how about getting after him. Also, don't forget the dues. That is the lifeblood of the outfit. Send them to me or directly to the National Secretary or through your local chapter. Take a look now and see if you have paid up 1952 dues — You don't — Well, just slip \$3.50 in an envelope and send it along. We will see that you get the card.

If Jack Markowitz (HQ) sees this, how about sending me that battalion list you have, Jack? Delli Priscoll tells me you had a complete list. So far, we have about 200 names listed, and we can't do much more without your help. "Wonder what happened to department"??? Glen Beem — Joe Burton — Steve Bushnick — Frank Sortino — Nickerson —

Well, got to sign off now and go make some green stuff in the salt mines. Hope to see you all in Washington, D. C. in '53.

Charles J. Fabre (HQ)
288 Maple Street
Brooklyn 25 N. Y.

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To the members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association, I wish to express my gratitude for your sincere support and cooperation during my term as your President. It was a distinct honor I shall long remember to have been so chosen to represent you. To me, the Association has been and will continue to be, a source of pleasure and a fine experience.

During this past year, it was my privilege as President to participate in numerous Association activities. I met many members from various parts of the Division and of the Country, and it was most encouraging and gratifying to find among the membership an overall feeling of warm enthusiasm for the organization and its affairs.

When I was elected at the New York City Reunion in 1951, I did not fully recognize the tremendous task I had accepted. However, I pledged to the membership at that time my willingness to attempt to settle our most pressing problem — our financial situation. I am happy to report that with the backing of the membership at the Boston Reunion, a plan I helped prepare during the year for a more successful financial setup was adopted. I am confident that the Association will benefit by this in the future.

Our new President, Frank Wade, has been a part of the Association since its inception and is, therefore, experienced and familiar with our problems. He must receive the complete help of each member, as I did, if the Association is to continue to prosper.

"AL" BRUCHAC

INAUGURATION OF A NEW COLUMN:

Letters to The Editor

Fellows, this is your space — reserved for your gripes, praise, and views both pro and con about the Association, the Octofoil, and anything else that you wish to air in public. Please make use of its availability, and we promise to print in-toto your complete letter. Your confidences will be respected should you not wish your name to appear as the author.

THE EDITOR

From: E. H. Spink — R. D. No. 4, Akron Road, Lockport, N. Y.

Dear Stan:

Like I promised the last time I saw you in Boston, I was going to write a letter for publication so here goes.

First of all, I realize I am going out on a limb but before anyone attempts to saw it off, I am a paid-up member formally of the 9th Signal Company. I would like to see a section in the Octofoil devoted to "Letters to the Editor" in which we "Pious" may air our opinions. Having missed only one convention I feel that I can express my opinion as to what I think of the Association.

I think the fellows who attend are a fine bunch and those who don't are certainly missing something. We have everything, even a clique. The smartest words I heard were when the fellow from Chicago with the nickname "Shirts" got up and said let's not call this a convention, let's call it a reunion. Certain individuals' ears must have burned at that blast. I think it's about time the group of "professional lobbyists" took cover before they are exposed.

As a former member of the Policy and Chapter Committee representing the Buffalo Chapter, we went on record at the Pittsburgh meeting of Geographically locating members of the Board of Directors. I think this worked swell because each chapter was represented. So what happens this year? The whole idea was washed out. I wish someone would explain why with only eleven chapters and 14 members on the Board of Directors, with the exception of the bigger chapters, the little chapters can't be represented also!

I would also like to see more extensive advertising of our reunion and some money spent on decorations. Also, someone be appointed with power to beg, borrow, or steal the regimental colors for our future reunions. My address is at the top of the page for those who happen to be in this area and want a "tall cool one." Good luck, Stan, in your new position.

Sincerely,

"EV" SPINK

New York Chapter Reports

By Bill Mauldin Night

Do you remember the cartoons that Bill Mauldin drew for the Stars and Stripes? Well, the New York Chapter is planning the same affair for our first meeting in September. The date is September 12th, 1952. A Friday night, the second Friday in September. It's at the Southern Restaurant, 17th Street and Fourth Avenue in Manhattan.

Now hear this . . . Now hear this . . . The only ticket of admission is one thin dollar plus — plus some article of clothing from your old uniform. We don't care if it is shoes, caps, shirts, ties, or jackets . . . It must be some part of your old uniform. Your dates must come attired in skirts and blouses . . . If you attend this af-

fair in suits with a white tie and jacket, you will be fined 50 cents. If your date wears a dressy dress, she will also be fined fifty cents.

Door admission is \$1.00 per person. Beer is \$1.00 a pitcher . . . All attending must bring a door prize, value not to exceed fifty cents. Prizes will be arranged for the most ill fitting uniform of the bunch.

If you want to enjoy a night out . . . If you don't want to get all decked out, wear those old G.I.'s the wife has been yelling to get rid of . . . and win a prize for the saddest uniform. It's Sept. 12th, 1952 at the Southern Restaurant, the first call of the New York Chapter.

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