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60th FIELD REPORT

By Charles Fabres

July 27, 1953

We wish to go on record in our praise of the smooth handling of the 8th Annual reunion and our thanks to the Washington Chapter for making this the most memorable event. Also to our very capable National Secretary Stan Cohen for his wonderful cooperation. While our praise of the Washington Chapter is unstinted and sincere, we wish to hold back a comparison until you visit New York in 54. We promise that the 9th Annual Reunion will be the tops. Arriving in Washington Thursday morning we forthwith set up the 60th Field C.P. in a large air conditioned room and it was not long before Louis Pandolphi (C) showed up. Louis is our collector and holder of funds and the arrangements would have been much more difficult without his help. We had brought our one and only, Hazel, to help us with the records and to do a bit of typing — we thought — but in the rush she somehow managed to forget the typewriter. When it came to the records — She was in a conference with Leona Linscott (Mrs. Everett Linscott) (Sv.) and Savino DeRose (Sv.) trying to figure a way to make us propose. Finally Leona told us bluntly that if we did not, we need not show up at the next reunion. We had all this in addition to the usual work of the reunion. A bit later Jim Hardy (Hq.) showed up and it sure was a pleasure to see you Jim. We hope to see you and Alise in N. Y. Bill Spruill (A) arrived and with him the charming Essie. We hope you

bring the boy along with you next years folks. With Bill around you never have to worry about the party going dead. Just after we arrived we had a knock on the C.P. door (one of the few times it was closed) and upon opening it we found Al Brush (now C.W.O. with Hq. 36th AAA Bn. Fort Meade, Md.) who had just a few days previously sent in a check for ten bucks for three years membership. Al sure would like to hear from the fellows in the outfit. Hope you can bring the Mrs. to the New York reunion Al. Austin Briggs, our moral support, put in his appearance early, but due to difficulties at home was unable to bring Alice with him. He seems to have taken off a few pounds and believe us, Alice, he really missed you. You had better make sure you are with him next year so he can enjoy himself. Seems like he took the bus hours earlier than he had to. Of course Uncle Bud Remer made it with the Chicago Chapters help. Mike Belmonte came along with him and the both of them joined some sort of a girls sorority that was in the hotel at the time. We wish we knew where they get the time — we never seem to have enough to eat properly. Lt. Col. and Mrs. Williams arrived Friday and with Phil Thivierge (Capt. Hq.) and Mrs. Thivierge added to the gay time every one had at the dance. Sorry you folks could not stay for the banquet Saturday. However we hope that you had a good time and will be with us again next year. Mike Bish (Hq.) and

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Everybody But Everybody Had a Good Time

The 1953 Washington D. C. Convention is now a part of the memorable history in our scrapbook of time. We suppose the best way to ascertain the success of this affair is to brief you on what was said on Sunday morning after the convention was over. Everyone we spoke to, every one we heard speaking about the reunion, said the same thing. They were all glad they had come and they were pleased and satisfied with the hotel accommodations and the program of entertainment that was given.

The Committee

The reason for these words of praise can be traced to the excellent handling of the reunion. To men like Charles O. Tingley, William Peverill, Anthony Micke, Bill Robey, John O'Donnell, Sal Trapani, Steve Grey, Dick Cohen, Frank Wade, Harrison Daysh, Tony Chacconas, and Ralph Jones go the laurels for a job well done. Then too, we must bestow a bouquet upon the ladies who so ably assisted them. Mrs. Thelma Micke, Mrs. Geraldine Daysh, Mrs. Frances Robey, Mrs. Phyllis B. Jones, Mrs. Alice Carci, and Mrs. Libby Wade. This group overlooked late hours, tardy dinners, and pacified their husbands during the days of planning for the reunion to see to it that each affair worked as smooth as silk.

Triple Task Man

For Charlie Tingley this was a triple task; his wife was due to give birth at any moment, a lawn mower had run over his foot and he was chairman of the convention team. Incidentally, we just received word that Mrs. Tingley has given birth to a daughter named Barbara Edith. The date of the birth was July 29, just one day after the reunion was over. This was part of the tension that was the 8th reunion, but it had simmered down to real industry once the convention had gotten under way. We suppose that in reporting

this affair the best way to handle the situation would be to relate the entire proceedings from start to finish.

Wednesday

The reunion officially did not start until Thursday, but let's see what goes on behind the scenes. Steve Grey and I met with the publicity director of the Shoreham. Mr. John Merkel, and set up the exploitation program. We wanted to get as much publicity as possible. We had about 500 news releases printed and Steve chauffeured while we proceeded to contact each out of town and each local newspaper in the D. C. area. To them, we handed the releases with a plea that we would appreciate them appearing in the next edition of their newspaper. This was in addition to the hundred or more press releases that had been sent out as early as July 7th for publication in the various papers all over the country. Then, we started to visit the local radio stations.

Radio and Television

The first radio program we hit was Nancy Osgood of N. B. C. who said she would be glad to help; then to Tom Gibbons at A. B. C. who said he too would be happy to broadcast the information we gave him. From there to Jerry Strang and with his o.k. our radio contacts were set. Now we hoped for TV spots. We contacted Art Lyam to see what we could do

about working a spot with him on his TV show and he gave us the nod and said Thursday would be the day. On Thursday, Frank Wade, Steve Grey and I hurriedly drove to the TV station with our information consisting of books, maps and our personal memories of life in the 9th division. It was our good fortune that Steve had his little boy and girl in the studio and when the cameras focused on them, they really stole the show. We three men told of the reunion being held at the Shoreham, and of our hopes that any ninth men within sound of our voices would be interested enough to contact us in D. C. or at our national office in Jersey City.

We had fully accomplished what we had set out to do. We had gotten our information into the papers, onto the radio, and we had appeared on TV. The program was starting to move. Getting back to the hotel late that night we began to see familiar faces in the lobby. The influx had begun. The convention was starting.

Thursday

At 10:00 o'clock in the morning a large sign was placed over the main entrance of the Shoreham hotel reading, "WELCOME 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION". This was it; the beginning of an eventful three days . . . The D. C. Board of Trade sent over three lovely ladies

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THANK YOU

YOU AND YOU AND YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR SUCCESS STORY OF 1953. Yes, this is the first time in years that we can say with pride, "our books are in the black." We have finally showed an operation profit of \$784. PLUS the fact, that we can say for the first time in years, we have increased our membership by over 150.

This means we are going over the top in both directions. We have successfully passed the critical stages in the life of this organization. We now have the where-with-all to do more for one another. This is the step that we have been looking forward to these last ten years.

You are all aware that every club and organization goes through similar patterns during their lifetimes. They all start off with a bang and then, in a few years, they taper off to a sparse few. If they can't overcome the hurdle of time, they drop off into oblivion. It is only the strong who can survive the pitfalls of time.

Very honestly, now it can be told. In the early part of this year this Association had just \$75.00 of the budget appropriation left to operate with, and this money had to last until July 31. Believe me, each day's chasing down to the Post Office became a daily prayer. With the same question being repeated, "Can we do it?"

Needless to say we did!! We squeezed through by the skin of our teeth. We made do with things and fought with all our might to stay alive. YOU DID THE TRICK. YOU RESPONDED WHEN WE REALLY NEEDED YOU THE MOST. YOU PAID YOUR DUES.

Now we are conscious of one very vital aspect in the life line of this association. We can never be licked. We can do it, because we have the kind of solid patronage that makes success possible.

So we get a little puffy at this point and we say, we can and we will do better next year. The reason for this chesty approach is based on the following statistical reason. We can count on 1850 men next year to stay with us, and we know of a potential of 6325 men who have yet to join the flock actively. We have a net draw of some 9175 men that we know about. How about those fellows who left us in Sedjanne, St. Lo, Duren and the like, that don't know about the association as yet. The fellows who send you and you Christmas card every year. The fellows whom you meet downtown every once in a while. These are the men who we are looking for.

Don't come down to our convention and bellyache about why there is no active chapter in your home town area. If you don't have one, then you do something about it. That is what we of National are formed for. We will give you all the assist you need. When a man thinks enough of this Association to attend its conventions, then the least he can do is think enough of this outfit to form a chapter and spread his pride to others in help keeping alive the 9th Div. Assoc.

Let's keep moving on the same path of success. It's very simple when you stop and analyze the method. Just take 5 minutes of your time to make a phone call or drop a card to some buddy and tell them about the swell times you have with us. Tell

60th Field Report

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Anne arrived Friday a bit too late to take in the White House tour. It seems like "Mike" had some difficulty in getting off from work and also in getting Ed. Colonello (A) and Mary to pack their things and come to Washington. Mike and Ed are among the regulars that attend each reunion, and we sincerely hope they will continue to come for years. Among those who attended a reunion for the first time was Joe Burton (Hq.) and Mrs. Burton (Frances) and they brought their two swell children along. I still wonder how they slept through the party. Joe asked me to remind you 60th men that when you are down his way to be sure and stop in to say hello. Ray Firebaugh (Sv.) made his appearance with the Mrs. and we were sorry to see him go. We got hold of Ray through one of the fellow and wrote to him little expecting that we would see him in a few days. Now he is signed up for three years and will be in N. Y. next year. Saturday Frank Lovell and the lovely Pat made their appearance after a 14 hour drive from Brighton, Mass. This should set an example for those fellows who live near the reunion site and find it hard to make it. Ralph Summers (Hq.) made an appearance Thursday evening but due to the press of work at home had to leave us. We hope to see more of Ralph soon. By the way, Jack Markowitz, (Hq.) stopped in to see us about a week before the reunion while on his vacation in N. Y. but was unable to make the reunion. He sends regards to all of the gang. We picked up a few names and addresses while in Washington but not nearly enough. As you all know we are planning on getting out a mimeographed list of all 60th Field names we have on file and sending a copy to each one on it. We have the machine all set up and would like to go ahead with it but are waiting for all the names that have been promised. PLEASE SEND ALONG THE ADDRESSES YOU HAVE, so that we can include them on the list. We wish to inform the members that sent in contributions for the Ad in the JOURNAL that our check arrived two days too late due to the Chairman having moved, so the \$13.00 that was collected will be held for next years JOURNAL. We have been advised that we may have charge of next year JOURNAL, so you can bet it will be in it. Those members that expressed a wish to contribute and did not get around to it can now send it along for the 54 Ad. In looking over the money situation we find that we have \$5.88 in cash and 4 bottles of liquor left over which will be held over for the N. Y. reunion. Aside to Louis Pandolphi, that is from the figures you gave me and we will explain when we see you. Many of the men who were supposed to show up sent along notes explaining they could not make it. We will try to include a few in the next edition. Hope to see you next month.

New Additions

The Decals are finished. These new decals can be placed on windows or on baggage. They can be used in front of glass or behind glass. They have glue on either side.

In bright fresh red, white and blue, this will be an outstanding decoration.

They are priced at \$.25 a piece or 5 for \$1.00.

them you met so and so, and above all tell them to contact National and pay their dues.

Then, the following year, we will be thanking him for his help as we are thanking you now for yours. Lets keep this move active; lets keep getting stronger every year.

WE HAVE PROVED THAT WE CAN DO IT. LETS PROVE THE FACT THAT WE CAN DO IT FOREVER.

For your help in the past, for your help in the future.

Thank you . . .

Stan Cohen, National Secretary.

Powder-Puff

By Hedda Cohen

An Orchid to 'Our Baby Sitters'

During the war years we civilians were continually informed that we as workers in factories, offices, or in our own homes were the "women behind the man behind the guns." That same slogan can be applied to the women who so obligingly and willingly man the job of taking care of the children for mom and dad during the time that the 9th division has its reunions in cities all over the country. That slogan should be amended to read thusly: "the mothers, mother-in-laws, grandmothers, and aunts who are the women behind the women who journey with their husbands to attend our annual reunions."

Without you kind people many of our fair sex would be relegated to the same chores they perform year round for their youngsters while their husbands would be free

to attend the reunions with only a wistful backward glance at the little woman who unfortunately must stay home with the children because there is no available baby-sitter to leave them with. I must say that I was amazed when I learn of the vast numbers of mothers who help the young couples out by staying with the offspring for the entire four days. Therefore, may I throw an orchid your way and say thanks so much for helping us to make our reunions a huge success. For you see, without your aid, we doubt that attendance at our reunions could be as great as they have been. We know that with you on the job our young wives and husbands leave their homes without the worries that would plague them had they left their children with a stranger.

Chit-Chat Gathered Here and There At the 'Beer Party'

Myrtle and Vince Guglielmino, accompanied by their charming "chaperone" Myrtle's mother Mrs. Hannah Belknap and her lovely daughter Grace helped make the beer party a gala occasion. As usual, Vince was busy making smoke rings with a cigar. Have one on us, Vince! A pleasant chat with Frank Ozart (47th D Co.) and his friends Mr. & Mrs. Clinton Geiser (H. Co. 39th) brought forth information from Frank that he had heard from Judd Fuller (L-47) who now lives in River Forest, Ill. Frank told me that en-route to D. O. he met Clint Geiser at a tourist cabin but couldn't remember his name and Mrs. G. wouldn't let Clint talk to Frank because he was a stranger and she had read too much about hold-ups, etc. happening to people travelling on the road. Now-now, 9th division boys are harmless — or are they??

Jack O'Shea (39th hdgs.) sang and entertained for us. Did a nice job of it. Mr. & Mrs. Michael McInerney Gold Star parents (son James 39th) told this reporter of a new addition to their menage. A bouncing yellow canary whose voice is yet to be heard. I didn't stay around long enough to catch the name they gave it, and I don't know the date of birth or weight either. No comments, please. — This is a way to make a living??? Mr. McInerney is a past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus. Hazel Malloney and Charlie Fabre (60th field art.) made handsome twosomes and I want to thank them for plying me with coffee whenever I met them in the coffee shop.

Barney Fritz (Hqs. 47th) wants to hear from any old friends round the country. Bob Coleflesh (L-47) and his bride celebrated their 10th month anniversary the night of the party. Good luck to you both and I hope we're around to help you celebrate your 10th year's anniversary. Ted Curless (Co. E-47th) from Brooklyn, Wisconsin certainly journeyed a long distance to attend the reunion. Its fellows like him from small towns all over the country that help make our association the success we know it to be. Milton Kaminsky (15th eng.) now lives in Silver Springs, Md. Fred D'Amore (B Co. 15th Inf.) our hard working gent from the N. E. chapter informed me that Victor Campisi (60th Inf.) has just

returned from Germany where he was an assistant publicity man for the government. Frank Fazio (H Co. 47th) and his wife proudly announce the birth of a daughter Joanne on July 9th. Just in time to allow Fazio to attend the reunion. Considerate daughter even at this young age! Frank Gonzales (G Co. 47th) wants all his friends to know that he now has a daughter and a son. This is Frank's first attendance at a reunion and we sincerely hope that he'll be at the ones to come. Ray Inzer (47th 3rd bat.) was attending his first reunion too. Hope you enjoyed yourself, Ray.

Harold Smith (60th Inf.) now a Major in this man's army is being transferred to Fort Mead. Lots of good luck Smitty in your new assignment. Thomas Beers, (Hq. 15th eng.) spoke to me about his latest addition to the family, a daughter named Eleanor Margaret who is now five months old and has the distinction of having been born on Friday, February the 13th. No superstition in that family!

We heard about Eddie Coule (D Co. 47th) from friends that he was unable to attend the reunion because of having just purchased a new home and was just settling down to live in it. Lots of luck in your new home, Edide. Henry Golabiecki (C Co. 47th) had visitors to his vacation cabin in Canada when Stanley Caban and George Simon both 39th came up for some fishing. But, as Henry daddy puts it, "When the cows sit down, the fish don't bite, and visa versa especially when Stan and George are around. Don't feel bad, fellers, there's always golf!! The New York crowd included Ruth and Milton Wind (K-47) the latter complete mid ulcer, Al and Patricia Bruchac (60th Inf.) Richard Storey (Hq. 60th Inf.) our new national president, and the fellow who never misses a reunion Doc Soslows (9th Med Bn.) Ellen and Jim Ryan (Div. Hq.) were on hand and our best wishes to them in their new home in Jersey. They have two of the sweetest daughters I've ever met. Selma and Fred Golub (Sv. 60th) accompanied by their Palaroid camera lived things up by having us pose all over the place, developing the film and hearing loud protests of "Oh, no, it can't be me when the results were looked at. Beauties we're not, but have a heart, Fred — at least get us in focus." Betty Rizzo and husband (F-47th Inf.) added to the evenings enjoyment by having Betty sing all our old favorite songs. Thanks, Betty, we're glad he brought you along.

From the N. E. chapter we met Nunzio and Mrs. Mortelliti (I Co. 47th) and Herbert and Pauline Olson (G Co. 47th). What nice people they have in New England.

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to assist us with the registration and they started to process the incoming men, women and children of the Division Association. At this moment, we would like to mention a few of the non-Washington Chap-

Friday

The sun blistered its way in Friday morning and announced that it was going to be another scorcher. Yet, inside the cool atmosphere of the Shoreham, the business sessions of the convention started.

Memorial Prayers



The audience was hushed in reverence as Father Connors prayed for peace and the eternal rest of the dead. Among the surrounding pillars of this vast hall, cleansed in the brilliance of the sun, the band reverently played, "My Buddy." Major General George S. Smythe delivered the major address to the assembled throng and told them of the deeds and of the heroics of the past.

ter men who can always be counted on to work like beavers at the reunions by assisting us in any manner we ask them to.

Such work horses and we do mean work horses as Dom Miele of N. Y., Ted Matusik of Chicago, and Milt Wind of N. Y. These men volunteered their services and did a swell job helping us during the three days at the Shoreham.

Beer Party

What more can be said about a beer party then merely mentioning the name? Here is the place to start old campaigns and renew memories long buried in the back of one's mind. Sing songs, and have a real old fashioned 9th division time. The wonderful nostalgia that comes from beer suds is indescribable. It just helps to mellow the first day's reunion by loosening tongues, and shapening wit.

Guest Singer

Here is an interesting sidelight on the party. Steve Grey, happened to know of an old 9th man who was singing at a local night spot in town and Steve said he didn't know about the association. We asked him to come to the party and he readily accepted. He came down to entertain us with his singing, and that boy can really sing. His name is Norville Reid and he was a staff sergeant with the first of the Negro platoons that joined the 9th in Remagen and really did a job. Reid sang on the Arthur Godfrey show last year and since then has had good fortune smile upon him. We hope it continues.

Extra Dividends

A little later on in the evening, Barney the orchestra leader of the Shoreham stopped down and played a little of "Roll me Over" and various other songs on the piano. As usual, this brought out the "beautiful beer baritones." Didn't they, Jack O'Shea!! But the harmony was something to hear. Melodious — maybe, off-key, perhaps, but loads of fun. The manager of the Shoreham was a little disturbed. At the beginning of the evening, he questioned the amount of beer ordered. Near the evening's end when we ordered another barrel he checked to see if mayhem wasn't let loose, and then remarked, "I didn't think they could do it." He doesn't know the capacities of this outfit. Hollow legs no doubt. After the last table was cleared away and the din of the crowd gave away to a broom swept murmur, the gang then retired to the more intimate hotel C. P.'s

rooms were doubly enhanced by the magnificent colors used in the decor of each room. The ground floor rooms are used for state occasions, we were told. While walking and viewing we became conscious of the feeling of past history as the group went from room to room, escorted by a White House Guard. (The cards of admittance to the White House have since been returned to this office and will be mailed back to our members to be kept as a memento of this visit.)

Business Meeting

At 4:30 p.m. the Business Meeting was then reopened by President Wade. Harrison Daysh, Chairman of the Nominating Committee then recommended the following names for the Board of Governors. Non-Chapter member, Maj. Gen. George M. Smythe, Frank Owzart of Chicago, John Sabato of Philadelphia, Mike Gatto, New York, and Roger Schaeffer of Ohio. Fred B. D'Amore then moved to approve the report as read and Charles Fabre seconded the motion. Dick Storey then made the floor motion to approve the slate as read and Al Bruchas seconded the motion. Motion carried slate approved.

Chapter and Policy Committee

Jack O'Shea Chairman, N. E. Everet Linscott, Illinois, Ted Matusik, Washington, Dick Cohen, N.Y., Charley Fabre, Roger Schaeffer, Ohio.

1. Recommend that the President and members of the board of Governors be ineligible to succeed themselves.

Motion approved by John Sabato, seconded by Milton Wind.

Recommendation approved by entire group.

2. That the Board of Governors be comprised of 14 members and that there be no more than three members from any one active chapter and there be at least 2 members without active chapter affiliations.

Recommendation approved by Frank Rankin, seconded by John Sabato.

Amendment to the motion made by Tom Egan: to have one man from each unit on the board . . . Motion made by Dick Storey to table the amendment . . . Motion carried . . . Recommendation tabled.

3. A recommendation was made that at future reunions there be local publicity in the form of paid newspaper ads and that the cost be borne by the National Association and paid from the General Fund.

A motion was made by John O'Donnell to table the recommendation, and was seconded by Doc Sternlicht.

Motion approved, recommendation tabled.

Banquet Dias



Left to right: Top row: Mrs. George Smythe, Father Edward Connors, Mrs. William Peverill, Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, Frank B. Bade, Maj. Gen. George B. Smythe, Mrs. Elizabeth Wade, William Peverill, Richard C. Storey. Left to right: Bottom row: Mrs. Stanley Cohen, Robert W. Robb, Mrs. H. Gearhardt, Stanley Cohen, Mrs. R. W. Robb and Mrs. Howard Gearhardt.

Membership Committee

Chairman, Bud Reemer, Philadelphia, Victor Butswinkus, New England, Jack Kaizir, Washington, Ralph Circi, N. Y., Irv Feinberg, Buffalo, Henry Golabecki . . .

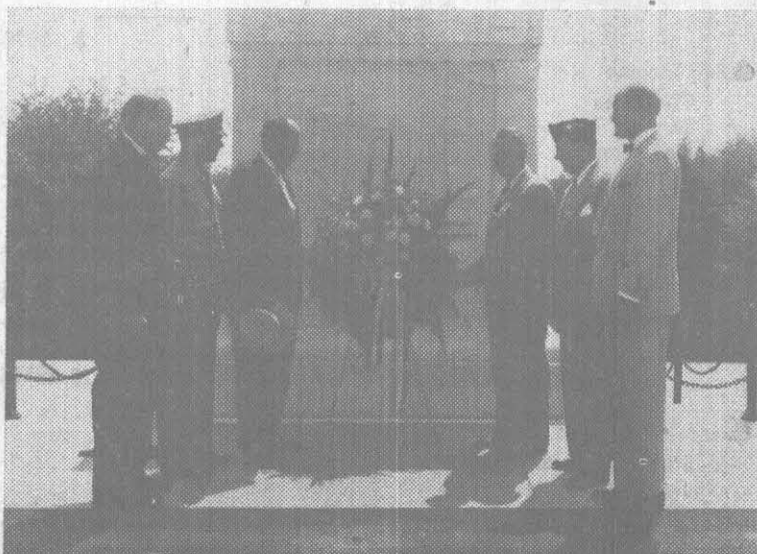
1. Send buddy's membership

Newspaper Committee

Chairman: Al Bruchac, Philadelphia, Erry Nothman, Illinois, Waples, New England, Joe McKenzie, Washington, Charles Jones, N. Y., Larry Greenman.

1. National directors urge use of

Tomb of Unknown Soldier



From this point the group reassembled on the front steps of the memorial building to watch the wreath laying ceremony. After being briefed on the ceremonial procedures, Frank Wade, Father Connors, Maj. Gen. Smythe, Dick Storey and Stanley Cohen marched down the plaza to stand with bowed heads in front of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Frank Wade then laid the floral wreath before the tomb and there was a moment of silence. At 11:30 a.m. we watched the very inspiring changing of the guard ceremony before the tomb.

dues. Each member to contact friend and pay non-member dues so as to encourage non-member to join.

Recommendation tabled.

2. Recommended to try 2 year membership.

Recommendation disapproved.

3. Raise membership to \$25.

Recommendation disapproved.

4. Vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Stan Cohen for helping to increase 1953 membership.

Recommendation approved.

Miscellaneous Committee

Chairman F. Geist, Philadelphia, Bob Coleflesh, New England, Matt Mulholland, Washington, Tony Chonas, N. Y., Dom Miele.

No report . . .

recognized reporters from local chapters.

2. Editorial policy — emphasize finance and chapter policy.

3. Elimination of December issue.

Dick Storey moved report be approved as read and put on file.

Motion so carried.

Budget and Finance Committee

Chairman: Dick Storey; New England, Leo Steir, Philadelphia, John Sabato, Illinois, Frank Owzart, Washington, Anthony Mickle, N. Y., Harold Sternlicht.

1. To ratify the action of the board for the purchase of the Mutual Investment Bonds. Motion so ratified.

2. Accept the Financial Report.

Ninth Infantry Division Association

Balance Sheet at June 30, 1953

CASH			
General Fund	1147.39		
Capital Fund	2809.60		
Memorial Fund	893.06		
Petty Cash	75.00		
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		Total	4925.05
Mr. M. Connelly	4119.80		
Less Reserve	2934.80		1185.00
INVENTORY			
Jewelry	59.95		
Histories (Nom. Value)	1.00		60.95
INVESTMENTS			
Loomis Sayles Co.			
Mutual Fund	9973.92		
Scudder Stevens Clark Fund	17466.46		27440.40
FIXED ASSETS			
Furniture & Equip.	2305.36		
Less: Aeserve for Depreciation	1154.09		1151.27
OTHER ASSETS			
Utility Deposit	50.00		50.00
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Withholding Tax Payable	131.22		
Social Security Tax. Pay	118.75		
Chapter Commission	86.00		235.97
FIXED LIABILITIES			
Memorial Fund			893.06
NET WORTH			
Surplus			33683.64
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH			34812.87

Financial Report motion to be approved made by Ted Matusik, seconded by Thomas Garde. Report adopted as read.

serve on the Board for the remainder of Connelly's term. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Meeting closed at 6:15 p.m.

Ninth Infantry Division Association Income and Expense Statement for the Period of July 15, 1952 to June 30, 1953

Dues & Subscriptions			
Renewals	\$ 4503.27		
New Members	323.00		
Life Members	450.00		
		\$ 5276.27	
Other Income			
Histories	215.25		
Maps	19.25		
Car Tags	74.50		
Jewelry	4.60		
Miscellaneous Income	29.75		
Interest on Bonds Received	4051.00		
Interest Income	5.60		
Convention Income	\$ 5162.30		
Less: Reserve for	2924.80	2227.50	6938.25
Dividend Income	310.80		
TOTAL INCOME			\$ 12214.52
General Expense:			
Publication of Octofoil	1932.61		
Salaries	2454.13		
Convention Expense	4119.93		
Postage & Express	669.03		
Office Supplies & Expense	607.46		
Telephone & Telegraph	221.18		
Employees Expense Allowance	463.38		
Depreciation Expense	220.92		
Payroll Taxes	39.29		
Corporation Fees	55.00		
Rent	300.00		
Miscellaneous Expense	347.29		
TOTAL EXPENSE		11430.22	
NET GAIN FOR THE PERIOD			784.30
Budget for 1954			
Publication of Octofoil	2200		
Salaries	2500		
Rent	300		
Depreciation Expense	200		
Telephone and Telegraph	200		
Postage and Express	1100		
Postage and Express and office supplies	1100		
Miscellaneous	500		
Employees Expense Allowance	500		
Total			7500

Motion made by Charlie Fabre to approve budget, seconded by Schmidt. Motion carried, budget approved.

Richard Storey then made a motion to thank Stan and Hedda Cohen for the fine job they did in 1953. Motion so carried.

New Business: Cambell of Pittsburgh then inquired as to the reason why the Pittsburgh chapter was not operating. The secretary then explained why and how he could start the chapter rolling by merely contacting key men in the Pittsburgh area as Coyne and Buck and Pittsburgh could get going again.

A motion was made to extend a sympathy note to Walt Mahons parents on behalf of the Association. Motion so carried.

At 5:45 Ted Matus made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Milton Wind seconded, motion carried. Meeting was adjourning at 6:45 p.m.

28th Board of Governors Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Frank B. Wade attended by: Dick Storey, Roger Schaeffer, Doc. Sterlicht, John Sabato and Jack O'Shea.

The first business was nomination of the new President. Doc Sternlicht nominated Richard E. Storey for President, and the motion was unanimously carried by the board. Richard E. Storey was elected President for 1954.

A slate consisting of Vincent Guglielmino as 1st. Vice-President, Charles Fabre as 2nd Vice-President, and Joe McKenzie as third Vice-President was unanimously carried by the board.

Frank Wade then moved that Martin Connelly's resignation be accepted as a member of the Board of Governors. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Fred B. D'Amore was elected to

Dance

At approximately 10:00 p.m., the white shirts and ties, and fancy dresses became the keynote of the evening. The festivities of the night had begun. To the lilting tunes of Jack Corry and his orchestra, the X-doughboys and their wives and guests danced the light fantastic.

Each time one sees this entourage congregate it is a sight to behold. Men who used to gripe at walking an extra few steps are here really living it up. Some moving, some swaying, some in time with the music. Others, well, any other name would be as good. But all with one purpose. Really enjoying themselves. Well, why shouldn't they. Everybody but everybody was enjoying the festivities of the evening. No cares no baby sitters, no bills were even thought about. The only thing they were doing was having a good time.

Dance Show

To show us how to really move, Vic Daumit brought down some of his dancing teachers from his studios in Washington, D. C., called the Daumit Studios, and displayed the art of fine ballroom dancing.

Vic did an admirable job and much credit should go to this lad who has acquired a fine reputation as a dancing instructor in the nation's capital.

Raffle Prize Winners

During the dance, raffle prizes were awarded to the following people: Frank Rankin of N. C. won a case of beer, as did Dr. Rob Miles and Temko of Pittsburgh, Pa., and John Agosta of N. Y. C. the beer was donated by Chris Heinrich. Crane of S. C. won himself a bottle of lucky spirits donated by the Kaminsky Wines and Liquors of Wash., D. C., Milt Wind of Cliffside, N. J., carried home a box of fine Howard Johnson can-

dy, donated by Frank Wade, who, by the way, runs a very fine Howard Johnson on Rt. 301 outside of La Plata, Md. Jerry Northman of Phila., won himself a luncheon for two at the Shoreham, and Webster of Eden, N. Y., won a beautiful pair of hosiery, Brother Rankin carted off as 2nd prize a fine paint brush and Frank Ozart won a raincoat; Clinton Geiser won the beautiful garden donated by the Palace Florist of Wash. D. C. Ted Miller of Washington won the free gas and grease and oil change at Tony Chaconas' gas station. During the drawings, Hank Golabiecki's two little girls, Nancy and Jo Ellen assisted very ably and coyly in selecting the winners.

As the last strains of the music faded from the halls, once again the trek was made towards the local reunions in the hotel rooms.

Saturday Memorial Service

At 9:45 a.m. (quite early after the hectic nights) the bugles sounded and the band assembled on the front lawn and commenced the start of gathering the flock together. Out of the hotel they came; some still half asleep; others getting their cameras in readiness for the pictures they were to take. Some just stood gaping at the band. All of them were doing a myriad of different things; yet all had one purpose. Attendance at the memorial services the true reason and meaning behind our reunion.

After the usual shouting of wait for Joe or Jim, the busses were loaded, and the convoy got under way led by the D. C. police department. The sun did its very best to outshine the ceremony, but nothing can compare to a memorial ceremony at Arlington National Park. No other place on earth is more impressive or presents a more awe inspiring sight. The wide approach across the Potomac leading into these haloed grounds makes you catch your breath with emotion for here sleep the bravest of the brave. And on this day, we had come to pay homage to these men and to those who are still sleeping on foreign shores.

Afterwards, the assemblage dispersed. Some of them went to visit the Pentagon and there have their lunch. Others returned to the hotel or went about sightseeing in the capitol. Tired, happy and proud we headed back for the Shoreham to make ready for the banquet.

Banquet

The West ballroom of the Shoreham housed the final function of the 8th Annual Reunion. Frank Wade introduced the members and guests seated on the dias. He then introduced Maj. General Smythe who very obligingly acted as the evening's toastmaster. Amid jokes and other pleasantries, General Smythe read the telegrams that had been received from Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer, Chaplain Propst, and Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Sciarappa. The following telegram received from Sgt. Steven Budrick now stationed in Korea, arrived too late to be read at the banquet, but its message deserves special attention. It read, "From the men of the fighting Ninth Infantry Division who are still wearing the Octofoil patch out here on foreign soil in Korea, and to the comrades up above in heaven who fell on foreign soil in World War II, I wish you a very successful reunion." Steve sent \$30 for an ad in the journal out of mailed from far away Korea in his army pay, but because it was not received in time. This is an example of pride; this is what the men of the 9th division association have in its members.

Guests

Some of the guests who attended the convention were: Col. and Mrs. C. Von Kann, (Paddy Flint's daughter), Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gearhardt, Gold Star parents who lost their son in the 39th.

Main Speech

The main address of the evening was delivery by Lt. Gen.

Manton S. Eddy, our honored guest, and honorary head of the association. His speech stressed the fact that this is no time for a reduction of taxes or expenditures for military defense, despite any let-up in unfriendly relations with the Kremlin. He said that part of the reason for present Russian difficulties was the foresight of American leaders in the past few years. Our intervention in Korea had stopped the communist advance there, and the Marshall Plan, N.A.T.O. and military assistance to other countries blocked an easy Red expansion in Europe. As he put it, our units were not tactically disposed to meet Russian division but were set up to maintain law and order. "Today," he said, "we have five divisions fully equipped with the latest weapons and upon call be made ready to meet aggression." Concluding, Gen. Eddy said, "perhaps the West was winning the cold war but that in any war, cold or shooting the rule is to press your advantage vigorously and not to let up."

General Eddy's speech keynoted the events of the banquet. It was a magnificent speech and once again he was the soldier in the field that we knew as our commanding officer during the second world war.

His speech concluded, the banquet was over. The 8th annual reunion of the 9th Infantry Division Association now took its place among the happy memories of the past seven that had preceded it. Tired, but happy that all who attended had had a good time, we can now look forward to our 9th annual reunion in New York City in 1954.

Convention Souvenirs

Any one interested in purchasing a convention souvenirs journal can get one by contacting National Headquarters and enclosing \$1.00. 1954 — 9th Annual Reunion, New York City.

Walt Mahon... MIA

We have recently learned of the death of one of the 9th Division stalwarts, Major Walter J. Mahon. Walter was a former Lieutenant in C. Company of the 47th Infantry Regiment a Co-founder of the Illinois Chapter, a past president of the Illinois Chapter, and a past member of the Board of Governors.

This is indeed a real loss to Walter's family and to his friends. Walter was called back into the army on or about November 15, 1952 and was reported missing on a flight over the Aleutian Islands, in the territory of Alaska.

New England Chapter News

At the last regular meeting of the New England Chapter of the 9th Infantry Division Association it was voted that the last Monday of each month be designated as Meeting Night. Our present meeting place is the YD Club, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass. Meetings are scheduled for 8:00 P.M.

The new slate of officers for New England are as follows: Sylvester Byrne President, James Hennelly, Vice President, Fred B. D'Amore, Treasurer and Everett Linscott Secretary.

The New England Chapter is going to start off again on the publication of "Soud-Off." Vic Campesi now back from Europe will take charge.

Anyone interested in the New England Chapter can get all the details by contacting Fred B. D'Amore at 75 Webster Street in Boston, Mass.

New York Chapter

Sept. 2, at 8 p.m. at the Southern Restaurant, 17 St. and 4th Ave. refreshments will be served.

Powder-Puff

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Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gleason were there and this is their first reunion but from the good time they were having, I'm certain it won't be their last. He's from (Silver Spring, Md.) George (Q. M.) Kovalak attended with his brother-in-law! What better chaperone could his wife ask for? He's a terrific worker for the now temporarily defunct Pittsburgh chapter. If the chapter is able to reactivate itself, it will be because of untiring workers like George. The Pittsburgh chapter is now looking for a good secretary. Anyone interested. We're certain that the fellows from there would like see their chapter in full swing again. How about it? Well, that's all the news for now. Don't forget to send in any news you have. We'll print it — your friends will read it.

Local Chapters of the Association

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Meeting place:
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Meeting Time:
1st Frid. of each Month

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