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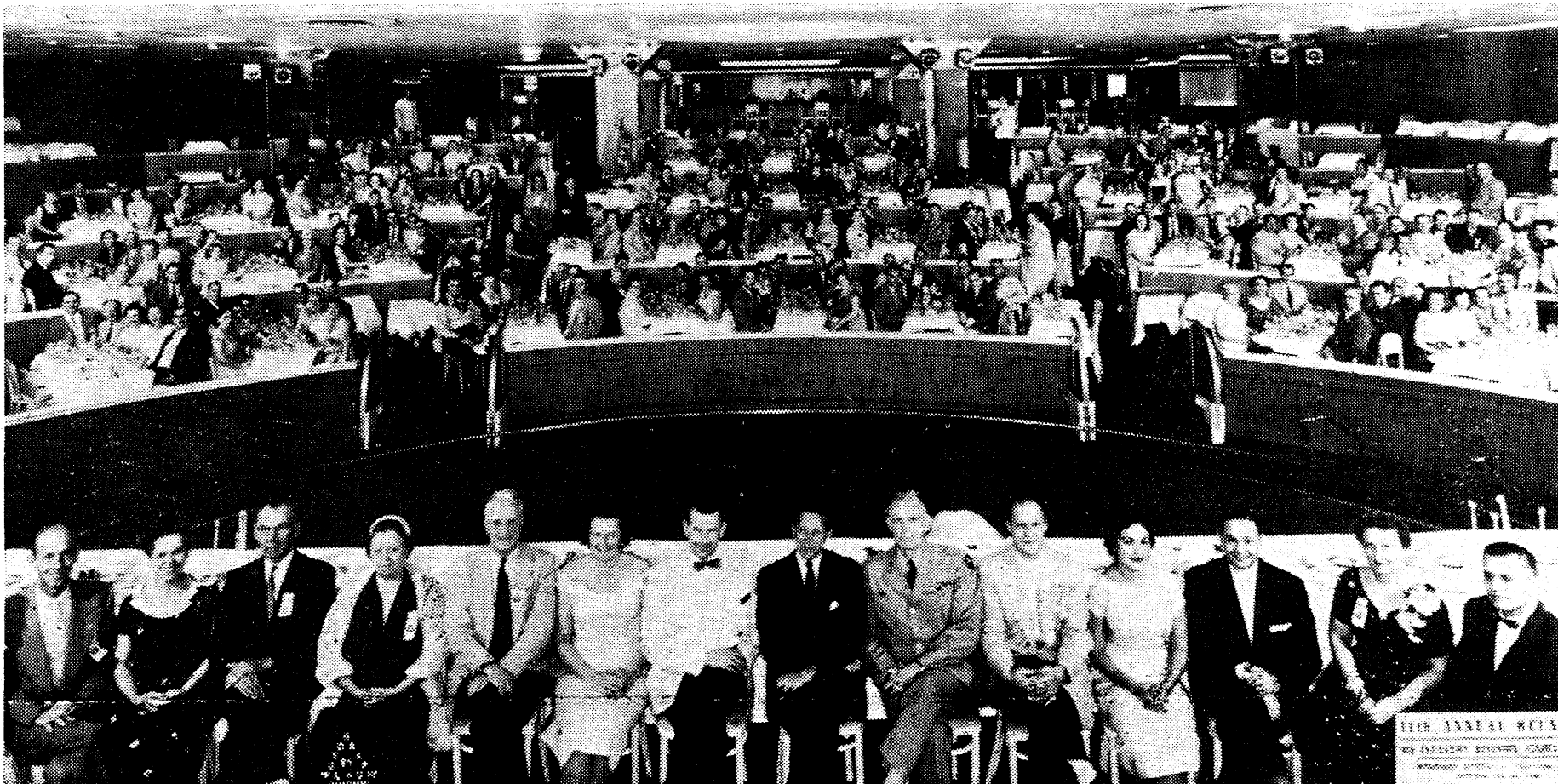
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Chicago Convention Hits New High



Over 500 Attend 11th Annual Reunion

From the very moment we entered this city till the moment we left the lobby of the Morrison Hotel echoed the phrase, "Ninth Infantry Division Reunion."

If you should ask how we could tell? Why it was very obvious, all one had to do was to look about and you saw reunion written on all of their faces. No, they did not have to wear hats, or buttons or badges, that certain look was reflected upon all of their faces.

Wednesday

Wednesday is not the beginning of any convention other than the working parties. Speaking of working parties, a member of of this organization happened to arrive early. He was spotted and we thought he should be put to work, and work he did. Ted Matusik, our able assistant on Wednesday helped us trot all around town distributing information to the local radio and TV stations. And himself, Sgt. Steve Budrick had to pack himself into his uniform and work with us doing a similar job. The three ambassadors of good will really walked their heads off throughout the loop. Only when things got really tough did we taxi. After all, we were once infantrymen but to listen to the sad tales of woe one would imagine we were part of a kitchen repair battalion.

Thanks

The safari on Wednesday was well rewarded, we at this time want to thank the many radio and TV stations who carried the message of the 11th annual reunion in the Chicago area. Also, the many newspapers who heralded the soundings of the reunion via the fourth estate.

The Beginning

Thursday morning we arrived in the mezzanine and as usual we encountered the fabulous mixup that always occurs. We believe that if things go right on the first day, then look out for the balance of the reunion. However, if things are snafued then everything will be alright. It seems that the Banquet department forgot to tell the Service department that the setup for the Ninth Division Registration was to be at the entrance of the 1st floor elevators. Well, we were on the mezzanine, so the fun began. Call the banquet department, who called the service department, who called the hotel convention department, who called the assistant manager, who called the manager. After two and a half hours of calling we found out. Go upstairs please you were listed for 1st floor. Then up to the first floor and guess what. The Sanitation workers of something or somebody were still in session. By this time, Frank Ozart joins us, Bob Winkelman, John Clouser and the balance of the Chicago Chapter. Again the phone calls, this time we just patiently sit down and wait until the phone stops ringing. Finally, a suggestion is made. Look, leave the

Sanitation workers have their end let's set up in the parlor. More convenient and less tiresome arguing with the staff. So, all is agreed, here is where we stay until the end. Well, it is now about 10:45 and all the loyal first arrivers are clamoring to get their dough on the line and the questions start, and in short the convention gets off with a royal bang. By the way we found out that on Monday, that is the Monday before the convention, the hotel had a registration of about 195 just for the convention, that is the Ninth Division Convention. So, everyone was really hepped up about the prospects of a good turnout.

Workers Attention

When you are stationed at the registration desk you quickly get to know the fact about who the guys are and the gals that do the work. Well, we have to go on record and make one admission that we believe gets priority. Bob Winkelman's wife, Georgette, Ted Preston's wife, John Huffman's wife, Ted Matusik's wife by now Rose, these are the kids who really did a fantastic job. They did not yak-yak, brother they worked. So, from a loyal fan of their's, and we certainly know that the Chicago Chapter lads as a whole will echo our sentiments. "THANKS FOR A SWELL JOB" . . .

Thursday Night

After a hectic beginning, and as the sun slowly sank behind the Chicago river, the era of good times suddenly unfolded, the beer

EDITORIAL —

In Memorium

Maj. Gen. Van Houten could not deliver his Memorial Speech because of bad flying conditions. But we thought you would enjoy reading the General's speech.

Today, we are gathered here to pay homage to those men in our division in World War II who made the supreme sacrifice that our people might remain free.

To many persons, remote from the scenes of action, casualty figures sometimes tend to become mere statistical abstractions. This is understandable for it is difficult for non-combattants to visualize that casualty figures represent the loss of human lives.

Few today know that the proud old Ninth had more than 4,500 fine soldiers killed in action. They were the cream of the nation's manhood. You and I remember them as intently vital individuals, sometimes gay and dashing, sometimes bored and restless, sometimes even mischievous—all wistfully longing for their homes and families. They chafed under their grim duty but they were determined to do it well. Often they were afraid but like brave men they conquered their fears — the supreme test of manhood.

The price paid by the Ninth Infantry Division for the victory was high. Few divisions fought as many bitterly-contested and crucial campaigns. For a moment, let us recall the grim days of November, 1942, when the Ninth received its first baptism of fire.

Then almost all of Europe was in the firm grip of Nazi Germany. In Western Europe, Britain was at bay in its island fortress. In the East, Hitler's legions were knifing deep into Russia. In North Africa, Rommel's Panzer force had roughly handled the British Army. The German submarine blockade had almost throttled allied shipping.

On the other side of the world, Germany's axis partner, Japan, had made China helpless, overrun the Philippines, seized the key islands of the Western Pacific and was even

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In Memorium

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threatening Australia. Moreover, Japan posed the threat of a Siberian front which might well have led to a collapse of Russian resistance.

Up to that time, the allied powers had not scored a single significant victory. Thus, it was indeed clear that never was there a greater need to reverse this sinister trend. It had to be done quickly or our allies would surely go down in defeat. Thus, the United States alone would have to face a victorious axis.

This then was the situation when our division was first committed to the North African Campaign. Those of you who wore the Octofoil in those stirring days can be proud of your role. You achieved the victories that marked the turning point of the war in the European-African Theaters of Operation.

Algiers, Safi, Port Lyautey, Green Bald Hill, the Kasserine and Bizerte, today, are but names in history books. But to you who were there, they were vivid experiences. The men who fought and died beside you in those first actions were real people who shared your bivouacs, your long, hard marches, your hopes and fears—but North Africa was only the first step toward final victory.

All of Europe was still firmly held by the enemy. In the South he was strongly entrenched on the rugged Island of Sicily. On the Italian Peninsula, he was securely dug-in on a series of nerly impregnable defensive positions with their flanks protected by the Mediterranean and the Adriatic. For three years, he had been preparing his massive defense of France and the lowlands. And in each case we must launch our invasions from the sea.

You all know your division's wonderful history. You helped make it. Many of you were participants, in the short but bitter Sicilian Campaign, during the summer of 1943, when your heaviest transportation was the sure-footed burro and you had to beat the enemy in savage mountain combat. We left a number of our friends on that island, too.

Many of you will recall the all-too-short training period in England which lasted from November, 1943, until June of 1944. It was the longest interlude of near-normal living that the division enjoyed during World War II. It was the calm before the biggest storm of all.

In this audience are dozens of the men who stormed across northern France and Belgium, across the Rhine and into Germany itself, to achieve the final victory. You and I recall the joy of that achievement. Now we, the survivors, might rest easy in the knowledge that we had done our part. Now each of us had earned the right to enjoy his own little place in the sun.

Convention Hits New High

party. We were informed that the beer was to be the best. It was and as usual the best is none too good when it comes to the men and their gals of the Association. The singing, well I've heard better but you must admit that you never heard it as loud and as strong as you heard it that night. Brother, "You Were There," we get it from fine sources that the Walnut Room is still carrying the echoes.

Table Meandering

Norris S. Kautz of 122 E. Church Street, Kewanee, Ill., bursts with pride when he speaks about his offspring Pamilia Ann. (By the way we figured out at the table by the time this news item got into print she would be 2½ years old, however upon closer approximation we find Pamilia will only be 20 months old. Incidentally, Norris would like to remind his buddies of the 34th Field, that you lads who missed this convention, missed one heck of a fine time.

Wallace Jenkins of Charleston, South Carolina reminded us that his lil' ole gal, baby Lynn Elizabeth Jenkins is a big 'girl 'cause she's just round 9 months old now. . . Wallace wants Col. Wilson's address. For those who are interested: Keene N. Wilson, Route 1, Box 40 A, York, Alabama. Wallace also reminded us of his trips to see Mrs. Flossie Rothrock who is a Gold Star mother of a buddy of Jenkins. Mrs. Rothrock is now living at 515 E. Hamilton, Allentown, Pennsylvania. Paul Clark told us that a buddy of his from D Co. of the 60th Dallas Bradshaw of Look Out Mountain, Golden, Colorado should be contacted to join the Association. We are contacting as ordered Paul . . .

Joseph Lipka of the 60th Medical Detachment now living at 2040 West 21st Street in Chicago told us that he has two sons now, Anthony who is four and Johnny who is three months old. Gilbert Russell wants all his friends to get active in this organization, and he means it.

Attention E Company men of the 60th Infantry: Here is an interesting note about George Rothrock. They now have an American Legion Post in Allentown, Pennsylvania named after George. So all you X 9th men in this area have a reason to stop in. George was killed in Djebel D'Arty in North Africa.

We met some other swell folks that night: Mr. and Mrs. Chick Hennen, Doc and Mrs. Weiner, Jerry and Mrs. Shauck, Bill Hintz, Hennemuth, Bill Palady and his lovely lady, Freddy and Mrs. Selma Golub, Pat and Al Bruchac, Mike Gatto, Harry Orenstein, Roger and Bea Schaeffer, Al and Mrs. Sebock, Diane Preston and Ted, Grace and LeRoy Dreifus and countless more folks and friends of yesteryear. After consuming the golden brew, the many parties retired to their respective rooms. The 60th Field Artillery and the Chicago Chapter had a C. P. set up that went morning, noon, and night and into

the following three mornings. The 47th C. P. was constantly filled to the brim with congenial hosts and Arabs.

Friday

At 6:30 A.M. believe it or not about 60 people gathered in the lobby of the hotel to attend the Don MacNeil, Breakfast Club show. After donning their hats, and buttoning up their lost mates up Madison Avenue to the Sherman Hotel marched these brave lads and lassies. Well, as usual whenever we attend one of these shows the Ninth gets some good plugs. We received a warm welcome at the start of the show (only because we occupied about 60% of all the seats and you couldn't miss us) and lo' and behold the boy with a thousand voices is called upon to entertain. This youngster turns up in the flesh and by name young Apar the son of George and Rose Apar of Franklin Square, L. I. Then towards the end of the show Mr. MacNeil calls upon the displaced southerner Veldee B. Hodge. If anyone stole a show Veldee did with his wonderful sense of humor and wit. We will try to recapture the conversation as we heard it.

Don.—What's this displaced southerner?

Veldee.—Well, you see sir, I'm from the South but I'm really from the North.

Don.—What do you mean?

Veldee.—Well, sir I'm still wearing the uniform of the Confederate army.

D.—How's that?

Veldee.—Well, sir, if my grandpappy knew what I was doing he would turn over in his grave, but then again may be he wouldn't.

Don.—Why?

Veldee.—Well you see my grandpappy fought in the Civil War. Today I'm a Postman in Minneapolis and I'm still wearing the grey. I figure it like this. The North won the war, but the boys in grey like myself are still carrying on as the "Army of Occupation."

Business Session

We are reprinting the minutes of this session under a separate article so you who missed the convention will be aware of what happened on the floor. Speaking of what happened, the gentlemen from the fine state of Kentucky, Ed Johnstone stole the show at the business meeting with his knowledge of parliamentary procedure. (We might add that Big Ed, is a judge down in his home town.)

Friday Night

As soon as the business meeting was over, a still hush descended over the hotel. The gals were getting dressed and the boys were being paged to come on up and get ready. Ready, I'll say, 'cause finer looking young men and women are hard to find. The band started to play and play they did, the gang started to dance, and dance

they did and in short it was a real honest to goodness great dance. To describe this dance one would have to be a combination of an Arthur Murray and an Ernest Hemingway. Because this was the combination that has to be described. The men polkaed, while the women waltzed. The gals kicked their heels and the men smiled and approved, then reached for an overworked ice cube. During some of the antics it resembled a 350-mile hike surrounded by the grace of a Pavlova who had one leg in a sling. Seriously, though the end result is, did they all have a good time. Well, let us say, they did. Why then did all of them stay on to see the show put on by the one and only Veldee B. Hodge. Say, here is a lad who has energy to burn and talent to spare. The crowd was really having a heck of a good time. Incidentally, our thanks to his lovely wife for letting her spouse take off on "Blue Suede Shoes." This was Elvis Presley all over again. Only, we think a heck of a lot better. Time was running out about now because looking at our watches it seemed like 5 A.M. We might add not only did it seem like, by gosh it was. But the strong and the mighty retired to carry on in more intimate fashions. Once again the room parties took over. By about this time you start to wonder where all of this energy is coming from. You don't stop to think too hard because you would only find out how really tired you really are. P. S. Thanks to Doc Hummel for his fine movies of previous conventions and his house—

Saturday Morning

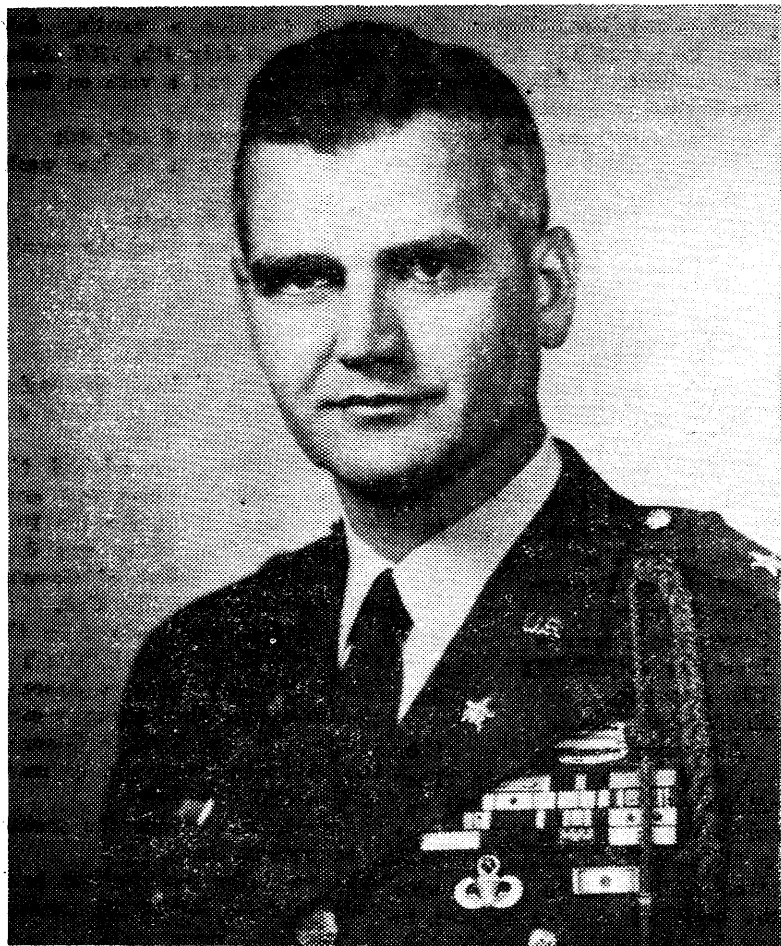
About 6:30 A. M. the phone rings in your room, and you pick up the phone and listen. This is Gen. Van Houten, "don't know if I can make the speech at the Memorial Services, weather has closed in on the field and we don't think we can make it. We'll try." Yipes, we all get busy. After much running around a priest from St. Peters accepts a quick and hurried invitation to speak at the Memorial Services. John Clouser sighs with relief, Frank Ozart smiles and everything is o. k. It is now 9 A.M., the lads from the Great Lakes Naval Training Center are on hand and the bugles and drums beat out a quick Revellie. From cloistered rooms filled with smoke and haze, out they stumble and some crawl, but they all somehow manage to get lined up for the March. We don't know how it happens but it does. The parade takes off with a very fine color guard from the 5th Army leading the way and a fine Navy band following and picking up the path are the brave men of the Ninth Infantry Division Association. However, they are marching up a one way street with traffic moving in an opposite direction. The Division colors whip in the breeze, the band hits up a smart tune and at a given signal, the parade begins.

The setting of this parade was extremely unusual to say the least. The march was a short one through the downtown shopping area of the loop. But the manner of march was something to be proud of. Every man was in step and you could sense the feeling of pride that came over the faces of these men as once again they marched with their former comrades in arms. The added thrill was the gals, they too joined in the parade. The kids grabbed the old man's hand, 'cause he wanted to march, and the old man smiled

Yet, tempering our elation was the memory of friends who had fallen along the way. The last sight that met the puzzled eyes of some was a barren waste in North Africa; others saw only a bleak mountain trail in Sicily; still others fell facing the hedgerows of France and Belgium. And many caught their last fleeting glimpse of this earth in a narrow cobbled street of some small North European medieval village.

But regardless of where they fell, they bequeathed to those of us who survived a priceless heritage and a great responsibility. Ours must remain the task of guarding jealously the freedom they died to preserve.

Our 11th National President



**BRIGADIER GENERAL
WILLIAM CHILDS
Westmoreland, U.S.A.**

William Childs, Westmoreland was born in Saxon, South Carolina, March 26, 1914. He graduated from high school at Spartanburg, South Carolina, and attended The Citadel at Charleston South Carolina, for a year. In July 1932, he entered the U.S. Military Academy, was graduated June 12, 1936, commissioned a second lieutenant of Field Artillery and assigned with the 18th Field Artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

In March 1939, General Westmoreland joined the Eighth Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. In May 1941, he was assigned to the Ninth Infantry Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, as operations officer of the 34th Field Artillery Battalion.

General Westmoreland assumed command of that battalion in April 1942. The following December he moved with it to North Africa and commanded it in combat there and in Sicily and then

moved with it to England. In March 1944, he was named executive officer of the Ninth Infantry Division Artillery, served in combat in France and Germany and in October 1944, became chief of staff. He assumed command of the 60th Infantry Regiment in Germany in June 1945; became acting chief of staff of the 71st Infantry Division there in January 1946, and assumed command of it the following month.

From May to July 1946, General Westmoreland took parachute training at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and received his parachute and glider badges. He then assumed command of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment at Fort Bragg, and in August 1947, became chief of staff of the 82nd Airborne Division there. He received his senior parachute badge in April 1950.

General Westmoreland was named an instructor at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in August 1950, and two months later became an instructor at the Army War College, also at Fort Leavenworth. In June 1951, he moved with the Army War College to Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, and continued to serve

as an instructor until July 1952.

On August 1, 1952, General Westmoreland assumed command of the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team in Japan. He became Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff, G-I for Manpower Control, at Army headquarters, Washington, D.C. in November 1953.

General Westmoreland was named Secretary of the Army General Staff, Washington, D.C. in July 1955.

During World War II, General Westmoreland was awarded the Legion of Merit for service as commander of the 34th Field Artillery Battalion from April 1942, to March 1944; the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit for service as chief of staff of the Ninth Infantry Division from October 1944, to May 1945; the Bronze Star Medal for service as chief of the Ninth Infantry Division, from February 20 to March 20, 1945, and the Air Medal for participation in aerial sorties in the presence of the enemy from July 23, 1944 to April 9, 1945. In October 1953, he was awarded a second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit for his accomplishments in Korea and Japan while commanding the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team.

General Westmoreland and his wife, Mrs. Katherine Van Deusen Westmoreland, have two daughters, Katherine and Margaret, and one son James Ripley.

PROMOTIONS

He was promoted to first lieutenant June 12, 1939; to captain September 9, 1940; to major February 1, 1942; to lieutenant colonel September 25, 1942; to colonel July 28, 1944. He reverted to the rank of lieutenant colonel June 30, 1947, and was promoted to colonel June 29, 1951; to brigadier general November 7, 1952.

New Faces at Reunion

60th INFANTRY:

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Minn. 2, Minn.

(G-Company)
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(Hq. Co.)
Robert J. Singleton
Rt. 2
Winamac, Ind.

(M. Co.)
Wilbur Guelzow
Oakfield, Wisc.

(60th Inf. Sv.)
Joe Viviano
14281 Flanders
Detroit, Mich.

(Med. Bn. Hqs.)
Harry Flanagan
8428 Baker Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

(Sv. Co.)
Lester Cook
Oakfield, Wisc.

(Sv. Co.)
47th INFANTRY:
Dick Jacob
1619 Circle Drive
Fort Wayne, Ind.

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down and the gang made room. Three blocks to the waters edge against a beautiful background of deep blue sky the site of the Memorial Service. John Crouser made the opening remarks, the invocation was delivered by the church representative from Saint Peters Church and President Everett Linscott spoke about the men who did not return. While the bugler played taps and a silent hush fell over the throng, a squad of riflemen broke the stillness of the morning breeze with three rounds to salute the fallen men of the Ninth Infantry Division.

Memorial Luncheon

A novel idea was introduced at the convention: a Memorial Luncheon. This was merely a simple luncheon and served its purpose as a very entertaining and delightful affair.

Afternoon Party

Saturday afternoon is usually an anti-climax in any function, however the beer party took up a slack period and filled the time up with continued good times.

Banquet

We have reprinted a picture of the Banquet hall, all we can add to this picture is you had to be there to appreciate the surroundings. We think that the Chicago Chapter deserve a world of praise, for this was one of the finest rooms we have seen in many a convention.

Otto Kerner, as dapper looking and as fine a man you could meet anywhere then took over the rostrum as the Master of Ceremonies. After a word of greeting, Judge Kerner then read some of the fine telegrams that were received. From Lt. Gen. Manton S. Eddy: "Please convey to all my former comrades present my great affection and deep respect. My great regret is that I am unable due to serious illness of my business associate to do so in person. May our association continue until the last of us is not longer able to attend the convention." Maj. Gen. Van Houten: "Extreme regret bad weather enroute prevents my attending the memorial service. Express my regrets and best wishes to membership." Maj. Gen. George Smythe (Formosa): "Best wishes for successful and fruitful convention."



Paul Clark, (D-60th); Mr. and Mrs. Veldee B. Hodge (G-60th); Wallace and Dorothy Jenkins (K-60th); Harry E. Flannigan (K-60th); Tom Clinton (G-60th); Norris S. Kautz (C-Btry-34th FA); Tommy Pallach, Mr. and Mrs. M. Ros, Mr. and Mrs. G. Russett; J. Lipka; Mr. and Mrs. John Delk; Kopac, Ted Curless, and Emil Radic and away in the background we see our own Bud Reemer.



Frank Russo; Charles F. Warner, Randolph Propsey; Samuel B. Ferrante, Mrs. Martin Maloney, Hank Bauman, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Tokarz, Steve Budrick; Vic Campisi, Tony Valeris, Frank Ozart and Glen Moore.

George Whitney: "My very best wishes to everyone and tell N.Y. members I will return to the fold one of these days." Bob Coleflesh: "Best wishes for successful 11th reunion. Regards to all in 2nd Battalion of the 47th." Father Connors: "Sorry that I cannot attend. Will offer Mass for our deceased. Gods blessings to all.

Head Table

Seated at the head table were:

John Clouser, Al and Pat Bruchac (former National President. Robert and Georgianna Winkelman (President Chicago Chapter, Mr. and Mrs. Przybyla Gold Star parents, Gen. Rhumbraugh (former C. O. of the 47th Infantry), Mr. and Mrs. Everett Linscott (National President), Gen. H. D. Ives (Guest Speaker), Frank Ozart (Co-Chairman), Mr. and Mrs. Stan Cohen (Nat'l Sec.), Rose Slouf and Ted Matusik.

Minutes of the 11th Annual Meeting

The Ninth Infantry Division Association Morrison Hotel, Chicago, Illinois

July 27th, 1956

At 11:05 A.M. Mr. Frank Ozart the Co-Chairman of the 11th Annual Reunion welcomed the members to Chicago and announced that the business meeting was in session.

There were fifty-five (55) the following Committee Chairmen present which constituted an official quorum.

After announcing the Memorial Luncheon and upon motion duly made and seconded it was:

Voted to: Appoint Everett W. Linscott as Chairman for the 11th Annual Reunion business session.

The Chairman, then called upon the National Secretary, Stanley Cohen to read the minutes of the 10th Annual Reunion. After a motion duly made and seconded it was:

Voted to: Accept the minutes of the 10th Annual reunion as read and to place the same on file.

The Chairman then called upon the National Secretary to report on the Membership. The Secretary then announced that the membership for 1956 fiscal year was 1199. N.Y. Chapter 271; New England Chapter 65; Chicago Chapter 49; Western Pennsylvania 33; Capitol Chapter 12; Philadelphia Chapter 37; Buffalo Chapter 14; Columbus Chapter 1; Ladies Auxiliary 8; Life Members 5.

The Chairman then called upon the Secretary to read the Financial Report. For the period of July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956. Income was \$5,356.00, General and Administrative Expenses \$8,803.87. Net Loss for the period was \$3,447.87.

The Chairman then discussed the Connelly matter and explained that final action would be taken by the Board of Governors.

The Chairman then appointed

Newspaper—Victor A. Campisi
Miscellaneous—Mike Gatto
Budget & Finance—Roger Schaeffer

Nominating—Dan Quinn

After selecting committeemen from the floor, the committees were then sent to their meeting rooms, and after motion duly made and seconded it was voted to:

Adjoin until 2:30 P.M.

At 2:50 P.M. the annual meeting having reconvened, was called to order by Chairman Everett W. Linscott.

There were 56 members present which constituted an official quorum.

Mr. Linscott then brought to the attention of the membership, "That the official record of attendance of the 10th annual meeting held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, did not officially constitute a full quorum and that all business conducted during the period of July 28, 1955 to July 27, 1956 was not in accordance with the official by-laws of the association." Therefore, the chairman recommended floor suggestions.

After discussion and motion duly made and seconded it was:

Voted to: Accept the actions of the 10th Annual meeting and the Board of Governors subsequent thereto be ratified and adopted.

Mr. Apar then discussed the error and brought to the attention of the membership the factor of individual conflict. After further discussion the chair called for a vote. Floor vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

After discussion of cuts and typographical errors in the Octofoil the committee recommended the following:

1—Editor take immediate corrective action to reduce and eliminate consistent and inordinate number of typographical errors in Octofoil.
2—Octofoil publication schedule be changed to conform to either one of the following two suggestions and that the assembly express its preference.
a—Increase to 12 copies a year.
b—Continue 10 issues per year.

3—Appropriate changes be made in masthead to conform with policy and practices.

4—Committee takes complimentary vote of May issue of Octofoil in which Secretary-Treasurer implement a novel idea. Using Octofoil blank page as delinquent dues reminder. Recommended that system be continued.

After discussion and upc. motions duly made and seconded it was:

Voted to: 1—Accept the report as read.

2—That there be 10 issues of the Octofoil with no issues in August and January and that each issue be published so that it can be received on or about the 15th of the month of issue.

3—Continue using Octofoil as dues reminder.

The President then offered the following commendation and after motion duly made and seconded it was:

Voted: Whereas, Victor Campisi has done an outstanding job of editing "Sound-Of," monthly newsletter of the New England Chapter of this Association and

Whereas, by submitting "Sound Of" and other news items for publication in the "Octofoil" he has made a valuable contribution to the success of the "Octofoil" during the past year, therefore be it

Resolved: that the outstanding work of Victor Campisi be recognized by a rising vote of thanks.

The president then called upon the chairman of the Miscellaneous Committee Mike Gatto to report the findings of his committee. Mr. Gatto reported that the following six (6) men comprised his committee: John Rizzo of New York, Ted Preston of Chicago; Adolph Dominick of Western Pennsylvania and Wallace Jenkins of South Carolina.

After a full discussion of the following it was:

Voted to: Continue the present contact between the 9th Infantry Division and the 9th Infantry Division Association.

That the National Secretary shall insert a box ad in the Octofoil at his discretion.

After a discussion of the incentive award to a member bringing in the largest number of additional members into the Ninth Infantry Division Association. This action was tabled and was recommended that it be referred to the Board of Governors.

The president then called upon the chairman of the Finance and

Budget Committee, Roger Schaeffer to report the findings of his committee. Mr. Schaeffer reported that the following five men (5) comprised his committee. George Apar and Vincent Guglielmino of New York; Jack O'Shea of Philadelphia; and John Huffman of Chicago.

After a motion duly made and seconded it was:

Voted to: Accept a budget of \$7,790 for the fiscal year 1956-57.

Salary	\$3158
Octofoil	2139
Postage and Exp.	400
Telephone and Telegraph	25
Office Supplies and Exp.	250
Corp. Filing Fee	55
Depreciation Expense	230
Payroll Taxes	59
Convention Expenses	200
Inventory Adjustment	234
Miscellaneous	300
Employees Expense	
Allowance	250

A motion was then made, "That effective January 1, 1957 the annual membership dues be increased to \$5.00 and the three (3) year membership dues be \$12.00 with the scale of chapter rebates to remain as previously established.

After discussion and a motion duly made and seconded it was:

Voted to: Table the motion.

After duly made and seconded it was:

Voted to: Empower the Board of Governors to transfer a sum not exceeding \$1,100.00 from the Capitol to the General Fund for the purpose of meeting expenses for the fiscal year, July 1, 1956 to June 3, 1957 providing that the invested funds not be disturbed.

The President then called upon the chairman of the Nominating Committee Dan Quinn to report the findings of his committee. Mr. Quinn reported the following:

The Nomination Committee recommended that:

Brigadier General William C. Westmoreland
Frank Fazio
George Apar
John Clouser
Adolph T. Dominick

be nominated for the Board of Governors to served a three year term of office beginning August 1956 to July 1959.

After motion duly made and seconded it was:

Voted to: Instruct the secretary to cast one ballot in favor of the slate as recommended by the committee.

The president then called for new business. Mr. Dan Quinn then brought for the suggestion that the 1957 Convention Com-

mittee consider a meeting date on or about July 4th, 1957. After a discussion and a vote on three suggestions:

a—In favor of July 4th
b—Leave as is the last weekend in July
c—No preference

The following were the results of a hand vote:

a—19
b—3
c—18

Recommended 1957 convention committee consider the July 4th date.

Glen Moore then advised the session that Columbus was anxious to make a bid for the 1957 convention. This matter was then referred to the Board of Governors for there consideration.

A motion was made from the floor by Victor Campisi that: The Ninth Infantry Division Association condemn the action recommended by the Bradley Committee. After a motion duly made and seconded it was:

Vote to: Oppose the motion as recommended.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was:

Voted to: Adjoin at 5:20 P.M. July 28th, 1956

New Faces at Reunion

(H-Co.
Catus, Robert P.
Parker, Ind.
Earl E. Rumbaugh
1123 Eherman
Danville, Ill.
(Hq. Co.)
Arnold Bouley
7945 So. LeClaire Ave.
(Hqs. Co.)

39th INFANTRY:
Dale E. Smith
Rt. 1
Mt. Vernon, Ohio
(2nd Bn. Med.)
Ansell E. Bailey
4761 Kentucky St.
Gary, Ind.
(Cannon Co.)
Leland D. Lambert
2104 W. State St.
Rockford, Ill.
(E. Co.)
SP. TROOPS
Henry Meyer
229 Clardell Dr.
Benton Harbor, Mich.
(9th Div. Band)
Harry Veeneman
6559 Harvard
Chicago, Ill.
(Co. C. 899th TD)
Thomas Strong
734 Lebanon St.
(Div. Hqs.)
Raymond Schultz
Box 21
Lowell, Wis.

9th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Stan Cohen, National Sec.-Treas.
Post Office Box 66
Livingston, New Jersey

Enclosed please find 1956 dues for:

Name Serial No.

Street Address

City Zone State

I was a (Battery member of (Company Regiment 9th Div.

I wish to sign up for the following:

Regular Member	\$1.00 per year ()
Sustaining Member	()
THREE YEAR MEMBER	\$10.00 ()
Life Membership	\$50.00 ()
Octofoil Auto License Disc	\$ 1.00 ()
Eight Stars to Victory	\$ 3.50 ()

(Pictorial History of 9th Div. in Action)

Ladies Auxiliary Member	\$1.50 ()
Decals	\$.25 apiece — 5 for \$1.00
Combat Route Map	\$.50
60th Infantry History	\$1.00

Please credit the following chapter:

Philadelphia ()	Illinois ()	EUCOM ()
Buffalo ()	Columbus ()	Greater N. Y. ()
Columbus ()	Western, Penn. ()	Wash., D.C. ()
New England ()	Northern Ohio ()	Detroit ()
Twin Cities ()		

Explanation of Dues:

Non-Chapter member all payment of dues to Nat'l.
Chapter Member: \$1.00 for chapter, \$3.00 to Nat'l.
Ladies Auxiliary \$5.00 to chapter, \$1.00 to Nat'l.
Three Year: \$3.00 to chapter, \$7.00 to Nat'l.
Life Member: \$12.50 to chapter, \$37.50 to Nat'l.
Sustaining Member: Chapter to receive 1/3 of amount over \$3.50, balance to National.

Sound Off

BOSTON GETS CONVENTION FOR '57—MCLAUGHLIN SELECTED GENERAL CHAIRMAN

Boston, Mass.—Historic Boston, headquarters of the New England Chapter, will be host city next year for the 12th annual reunion of the 9th Infantry Division Association.

For the N.E. Chapter, assignment of the 1957 convention to Boston was the highlight of the 11th annual reunion of the 9th Inf. Div. Association which ended Saturday, July 28, at Chicago, Ill.

This marks the second time in Association history that Boston has been selected for this 3-day fete.

Boston's first reunion was in

1952 at which time more than 500 members made the annual pilgrimage. Indications are that the '57 reunion will exceed this by far.

BOYLE HONORED WITH NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENCY AND CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Other honors came N.E. way when Thomas J. Boyle, 39 Hall Ave., Somerville, Mass., hard-working and efficient secretary of the local chapter was elected 3rd vice president of the national association.

Boyle also was presented a Certificate of Merit for his "devoted and successful activities in furthering the interests of the Association."

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