

714th Veterans Elect Burgess as President

Reunion of the 714th Railway Operating Battalion was held June 20 and 21 at the Midland Hotel in Chicago, Ill. There were 39 in attendance at the banquet.

Joe Burgess, 6538 Winsdale St., Minneapolis, Minn., was elected president; and M. H. Sullivan, 805 N. Lincoln St., Casper, Wyo., as secretary.

Gunion is Honored Following Retirement

W. B. Gunion, who retired last November, was one of three former B & O employees who were honored

at a recent testimonial dinner given by the train dispatchers, in the Town Hall at Pataskala, Ohio.

Mr. Gunion completed 40 years of service before retiring on account of disability.

He entered service as an operator in November 1917 and was promoted to train dispatcher in 1923. In August 1942 he entered the Military Railway Service, serving overseas as chief dispatcher and movement director, for which he received numerous awards. Released from active duty in 1946, he returned to train dispatching at Columbus, Ohio.

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Senator George A. Smathers, of Florida, was recently presented an autographed copy of the book, "Railroading in Eighteen Countries," by the late Major General Carl R. Gray Jr. Presentation was made at the Capitol in Washington, D. C., on behalf of the more than 6,000 Military Railway Service Veterans, showing their appreciation of Senator Smathers' interest in the present plight of the railroads. Shown in picture, from left to right, are Edward Conaway, Reading Company; Phelan E. Tyler Jr., Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad Co.; Senator Smathers; Fred Popowich, Pennsylvania Railroad; and William M. Steamer, Southern Railroad.

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Letter FROM the Editor . . .

WE'RE PLEASED to find occasional reference to The MRS Journal in the individual publications of various units. Publicity can help us to reach more MRS veterans, and thus gain new subscribers. We'd like to express our sincere thanks to the unit editors who have been giving us publicity from time to time.

THIS MONTH'S COVER shows an army railroad trainee as he watches a Baltimore and Ohio switchman in the freight yards at Baltimore, Md., part of his training in the proper method of switching cars. U. S. Army photo.

IN THE NEAR FUTURE we hope to run a series of short histories of MRS units. Arrangements have been made to secure articles about several different railway operating battalions, but as yet none has arrived.

BY THIS TIME you've no doubt made up your mind as to whether you'll be in attendance at the big MRSV convention and reunion in Washington, D. C. A wonderful program has been arranged, and the trip itself will be a dandy! Better get packed and on your way if there's still time to make it!

DON'T FORGET to notify us in advance of any change of address. Your failure to do so not only costs us money (5c every time the Post Office Department notifies us), but also means you may miss an issue of The Journal. Take time to drop us a card when you move.

WE'RE LOOKING for a few good pictures showing operations on the Claiborne and Polk (Old Crime and Punishment) during World War II. Another article on the "worst railroad on earth" will appear in The Journal soon . . . we need pictures to go with it.