

JOIN US AT TOMB OF UNKNOWN SOLDIER & KENNEDY'S GRAVE

ALL FIGHTING 69'ERS SHOULD BE PROUD - -

Just received the following letter from Lt. Col. RAY STRAUSS one of our most devoted members and very popular at all Reunions:
 "Dear Loar, Here I am at Ft. Leavenworth (Please Note! I'ts "F O R T") so that I may graduate from the U. S. Army Command and General Staff College. In our class of 60 students - this guy stares at me - he's familiar but where in my long army career - now 22 years - did I know him?I GOT IT!!!! Lt. Col. ALLEN C. WILLIAMS was Motor Pool Officer 272. He came in as a part of the Cadre and stayed with us until we changed to the 29th Div. He also went to the 29th Div. He would like Bulletins and to become a member of the Association.

I checked the "secret " archives here at Leavenworth - and believe it or not----the Librarian has a card for the 69th Div. - but in the file - the 69th Div. Portfolio is missing -----!!!!!! I did check on the history of the 1st Army and a very interesting picture of the 69th is described there - While our Div. history gives our own history as a separate Div. - the 1st Army book, V Corps, places the 69th in the big picture and in relation to other divisions in the Corps and Army. How much of this material I can write about, I am not sure -- It's still classified stuff - But was most interesting especially at this late date.

Also interesting here at Leavenworth is the Museum. For it was from here the Wagons rolled West....Oregon or Santa Fe ---In the Library are records of outfits long forgotten. Personal stuff of Custer, Sheridan, Sherman, Grant etc. OH YES!! KEARNY - more colorful than we realized. General Custer said before he left for the Big Horn --- 'Don't change a thing in the Town of Leavenworth until I get back.' You KNOW they didn't!!!!

RAY STRAUSS

Ed. Note.....So many of our members do not realize the important role the Fighting 69th played in the 2nd WW.....The reason we are still a wonderful fellowship organization is because so many of us are constantly proud of our beloved 69th, its leaders...long will we remember the hard times as 3 BBB's and Combat Fighting 69'ers under two great leaders. They were both thinking of our welfare as a man and a soldier. One making sure we were well trained to go into combat on even terms if not better than our enemy and the other making sure we used our training in good organized ways to assure victory with a minimum of loss. Let us never forget our fallen comrades who helped.

UP TO THIS DATE HERE ARE NAMES OF PERSONS HAVING RESERVED TO ATTEND THE 1964 REUNION:

Wm. Lilien & wife G272--Sol Rosenblitt & wife H 271--Loar Quickle, wife & 2 children--Joe Giglietta & wife all of G271---Jos. Lipsius and son Hqs 272--Harry Austin, Jr. & wife and 2 children of AT 272--Wm. Matlach, wife and 3 children E 273--Earle Harvey & wife L271---Sam Paranka & wife G272--Chas. Kooles & wife H271--Rev. Russell H. Milnes, Arty Chaplain--Burnett Trueworthy & wife H273--Frank Christie & wife and 1 child A271--R.E. Bob Turner & wife and 2 children 269 Engrs.--Clarence Marshall & father Div Hqs Co.--Cyrus Rockhold H271--Milton Halainen & wife plus 2 children 769 Ord. --Gen. Chas. Bolte & wife Div Hqs Co-- William Fiester & wife and 3 children L271--John H. Hale & wife A269--Walter Goeben & wife A269--Stuart McGregor, mother and guest B269--Oswell Taylor, wife and child A271---C.J. Kennedy, Gen. Retd Hqs 272 ---Geo. Phillips & wife G271--Asa R. Cowden K271---Isadore Solomon & wife 569 Sig. -- and 2 children---Clarence Miles, wife and 3 children, all teen-agers...724 FA Bn---Geo. Shapiro, wife & 3 children AT 272--Robt. Silberg & wife Hqs Co Div.--Lester Milich, wife and 2 children 569 Sig.--Gerald Rodelli, wife and 1 child H & S 269--Jack Jones & wife A271--Murray Zyne & wife Hqs Co Div.--Hugh Strong H273--Donald McCoppen, wife and 4 children G271 --Gerald Emmons, wife & 4 children G272--Frank Nemeth, wife and 2 children B269--Santo Cruppi and wife guests of Giglietta G271--Bruce Young & wife 879 FA Bn, Serv. Btry--Kenneth Manning & wife 569th Sig---James Buie & wife H271--Albert Schreiber & wife L271---Britton Palmer, Am. Express Rpr. Guest of Loar Quickle --Leo McGillen, Drakes Corner Rd., Princeton, N.J & B 269 -- John A. Buller & wife A 269.

A T T E N T I O N ! ! ! FORMER MEMBERS OF HQS. 69TH DIV....We have lost contact with quite a few of our former members and would like to relocate them if possible. I hope someone who reads this list following, can help us out. If you have the correct address, please send to me, CLARENCE MARSHALL, 345 Sixth Ave., New Kensington, Penna. They are:

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| Sgt. Ross, Supply Room | -- | Cpl. Beuthin Comb.Pl. |
| Angelo Botitto, Cook | | Joe Del los Rios " |
| Buzz Silvernale " | | Cpl. Benevage " |
| John Reynolds " | | Cpl. Fowler, Sup. Rm. |
| Ronsky " | | Col. Pengally |
| Hutchins " | | Col. Dinsmore |
| Cpl. Hallock Motor P. | | Ottoe Hohe |
| M. Dellinger " " | | Sgt. Syska |
| Art Burgess " " | | Maj. Dameron |
| Carol Kruetzman " " | | Col. Casper |
| James Austin " " | | Capt. Benson |
| Bob Johnson " " | | (CLARENCE MARSHALL) |

WE ARE ALL PROUD TO BE CALLED "3 BBB's and FIGHTING 69TH"

EDWARD GILDNER formerly of 272 writes:
and 1053 Poplar, Denver, Colo.

Dear Loar: Thank you for your very newsy ltr. Boy it was full of things we wanted to hear. And too, thanks for the advance info. on the itinerary. Altho I am writing again so soon no need to answer except maybe ans. my questions I have to ask, as I know you are busy with this sort of thing ie: answering all these inquiries. However you did say you were working on something. This something was arrangements for the Calif. peoples to get to NYC. (regarding the Elbe Tour)...Since this is our own back year and our first trip there together, perhaps we could be part of this arrangement. Perhaps a stop-over here in Denver. It would help us and maybe help all. I think the itinerary is excellent. We have already looked up the hotels in our AAA. We too feel the time schedule was good. We believe now we will take some of the time in Paris to fly north for a day. Again I say thanks for your prompt answer to my letter...Eddie

Eddie, your letter will be forwarded to HUGH ARNOTT IN CALIF. AND I AM SURE YOU WILL HEAR FROM HIM...Loar...

WE ALL KEEP HOPING GEN. EMIL REINHARDT WILL SURPRISE US AND SHOW UP AT REUNION TIME.....

ROBERT E. BEMENT formerly Commanding Officer of the 724th FA BN and S-2 and S-3 under Gen Slack and Gen. Maraist...writes: Dear Loar: Forgive me for being so long in answering your good letter. I enjoyed reading your publications about the Assoc. Enclosed is my check for membership. During the time we were at Shelby I was Div Arty S-2 and then S-3 with Gen. Slack. I was Gen. Maraist's S-3 until Oct. '44 when I took command of the 724th FA BN. After we crossed the Rhine I returned to Div Arty as S-3 until it was oaver at Torgau. Last Mar. I attended a National Security Seminar in Kans. City An Armored officer recognized my 69th patch and asked if I had been in Leipzig and had anything to do with the Arty. fire on the monument. He had been a prisoner of the German's in the Monument while we were firing. We had some good visits about Leipzig and the 69th. How is the Tour coming? Mrs. Bement and I would surely like to go if we can arrange to be away at that time. How late can we make reservations? I will know by August 1, 1964....Bob....

Ed. Note! We have literally dozens of inquiries such as Bobs and it takes a \$75. per person down payment to hold yourself a seat. Your money is refundable up to 6 weeks before take-off. Am writing you separately, Bob..Thanks

A T T E N T I O N A L L M E M B E R S L I V I N G I N: MARYLAND, PENNSYLVANIA,
VIRGINIA, DELAWARE, D. C.,
DON'T MISS THE REAL CHANCE OF ATTENDING PART OF OUR REUNION WEST VA., NEW YORK and
all points SOUTH OF VIR-
VISIT WITH YOUR BUDDIES ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY OR SUNDAY MORNING! GINIA.....

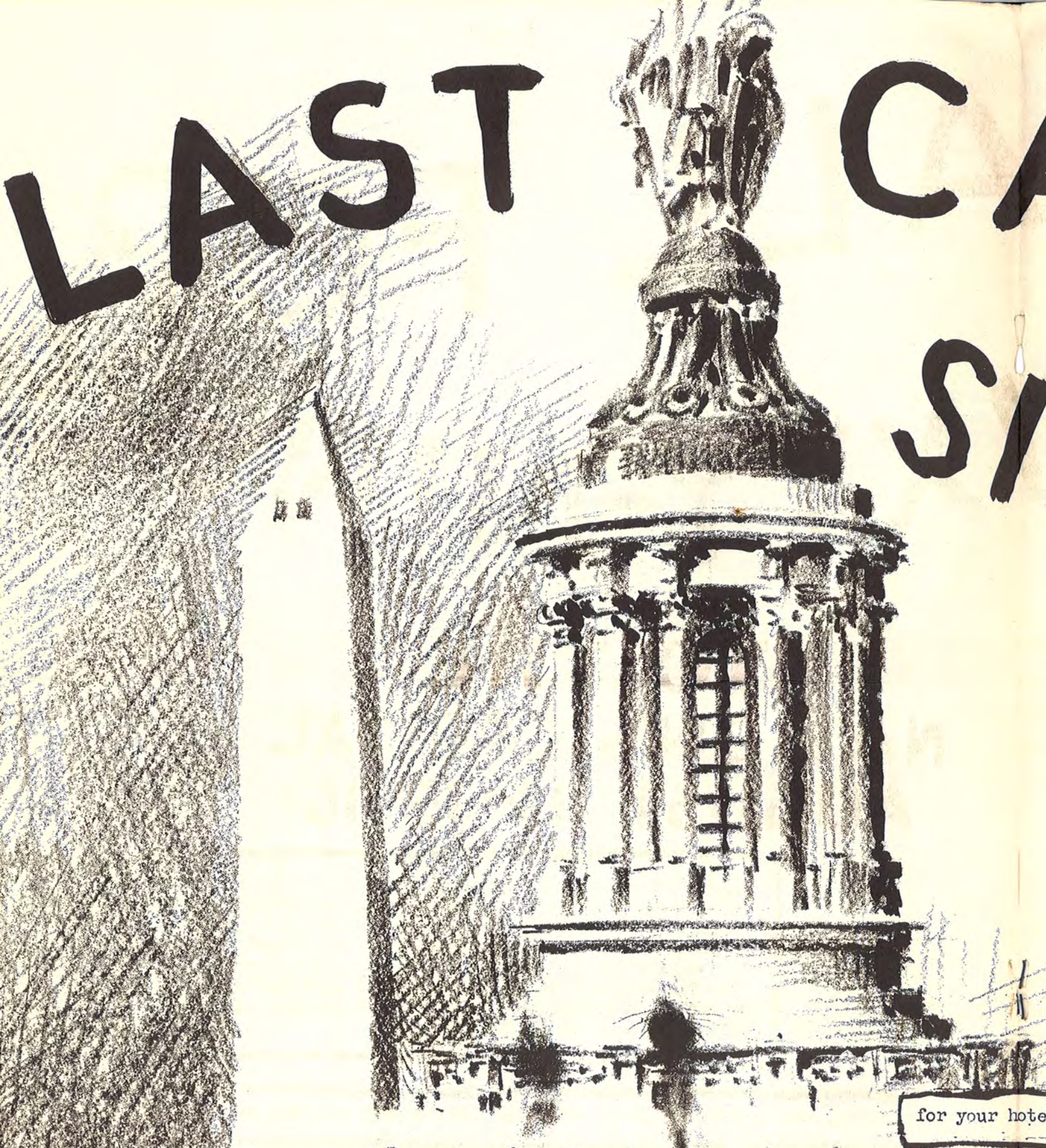
WHETHER YOU TAKE PART IN ACTIVITIES, WHETHER YOU SPEND ANY MONEY OR NOT, WHETHER YOU ATTEND ANY OF OUR FUNCTIONS SUCH AS BANQUET, MEETINGS OR MEMORIAL CEREMONIES ETC., PLEASE DO COME AND SPEND A DAY, PART OF A DAY OR AN EVENING WITH US....DON'T COME EXPECTING TO MEET A BUDDIE AND BE DISAPPOINTED, BUT JOIN IN THE FUN LIKE CHAPLAIN MILNES DID IN PRINCETON LAST YEAR. YOU TOO WILL FIND THE HOSPITALITY OF OUR GROUP REWARDING AND YOU TOO WILL RETURN HOME WITH HAVING SHARED A WEALTH OF PLEASURE WITH MEN YOU ONCE HAD SOMETHING IN COMMON.....!!!!!! However, should you want to meet a former buddie, write him or call and arrange to have him meet you. You will find out how welcome your letter or phone call has turned out to be....DO IT NOW!!!

M A R Y L A N D E R S, D. C. ers, V I R G I N I A N S AND ALL MEMBERS LIVING WITHIN A RADIUS OF 100 MILES OF WASHINGTON IT WOULD BE A CRYING SHAME IF YOU DO NOT TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND SOME TIME WITH US.....WE DON'T WANT YOUR MONEY, HOWEVER, WE DO WANT TO SEE YOU.....

PLEASE JOIN WITH US IN THE FUN AND COME AND LEARN THE PLANS WE HAVE IN STORE ! ! ! ! !

LAST CALL FOR SIXTY-NINERS

TO THE NATION'S CAPITAL AUGUST 14-15-16



THE ROUTE? If you hit Washington from the South, West, or North-East, head for the center of town, and go out Connecticut Avenue to Calvert Street, where you will see the Shoreham spread out on your left. Calvert Street will be just across the one bridge you cross. For those coming from the North-WEST, all this applies, save that you will be coming DOWN Connecticut. You might glance at your filling station map to check this.

for your hotel accommodations, send a note to; HOTEL SHOREHAM, 2500 CALVERT ST., NW, WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

Whatever the individual member's plans for the rest of the week-end, we particularly hope for a big turn-out for the visit to the Kennedy grave that has been scheduled, and for the accompanying presentation, at the Tomb of the Unknowns, of the Association's memorial tablet. Try to be in Washington for these events, which will take place Saturday afternoon. We will go from the hotel to Arlington by motorcade. If, as well, you will be at the Banquet, it will help to speed the arrangements, (mostly the seating of friends together,) if you notify the Association. and send along ten dollars for each adult, a sum that will cover, as well as the Banquet, registration, and Friday night's party, and that will be returned if your plans have to be changed.

YES! THERE IS TO BE A KIDDIE'S PARTY

WHAT A WONDERFUL LETTER THAT FOLLOWS AND IT HAS TO COME FROM A MARVELOUS PERSON, JUST READ

Hi, I should have written sooner but never seem to find time. Barney or Duke (BERNARD DUKOWITZ, 328-27 Ave., Nor., McCloud, Minn. and G271) and I (HILDA) have 10 children ages 21 to 2½ hears. We built ourselves a new 10 room house five years ago and now own and operate ourself a Dairy Bar & Grocery Store Combine. A 3.2 Beer Tavern and a 8 table Billiard Hall. Which is only 3 Blocks from our home. We have 2 children out of school and 7 in school besides our 2½ yr. old. Our oldest daughter was named Queen of our VFW Post #428 last week for their Convention. Will be unable to attend the Banquet and Reunion because of business and the children. Would sure enjoy coming though. Write us all the news about the Banquet and let us know anything new about the 69'ers. Also send us a decal of the 69th for our car. HILDA DUKOWITZ.....Ed. Note...Hilda, it is a good thing the fair sex are concerned about the husband's business and friends.... I remember Bernie very well as a very handsome fellow. Many of the G271 boys ask about him and we are so very happy that you volunteered the wonderful news. You two are surely to be envied and admired for the wonderful family you now have. Perhaps Duke will be able to make our reunion soon as the family seems to be getting to an age of responsibility...Anyway, God Bless you both for writing...Loar..

----- ABRAHAM H. TEMKIN

Had a phone call from Abe today that he had read the notice of the 69th Reunion in the Am. Legion Mag. He was surprised we had an Assoc. Invited him to come and share with us the wonderful fellowship at the Shoreham. He only lives at 3 Patrick La., Morrisville, Pa. and hails from Hqs Co 273 and Cp. Shelby. He seems to be proud of having been A 3 BBB...He owns a business at 525 So. Broad St., Trenton, N.J.

He also have me the name of Geo. Vespoli who is at the Main USO Club, Texas Ave., Ft. Dix, N. J. and a Leon Rosenberg, Morrisville, Pa.

JACK JONES A271...writes: "Here is a ltr. just received from Col. John Austin, CO A271...

"Jack: A short time ago I got tired of flying this desk and volunteered for front-line duty in Vietnam. You know me, your old fire horse. I haven't shot anybody since 1951 in Korea and you have to keep your hand in.

I have my orders now which will send me on my way. I have been told by Gen. Collins, who handles officer asgmts. for the Army that I

will be the advisor for "a div, or corps of the Vietnamese Army which has seen a lot of action"...Good.

I will be at this address until July 15th when I take off for the vine-swinging school at Ft. Bragg. Sidney will stay here. Wish I could send my mother-in-law on to Vietnam too. She could replace any battalion easily. I remember that for my birthday in Korea she sent me a cake. It exploded - prematurely, and killed 6 EM in the base P.O.

I get through with the school Aug. 7th and move by priority air from San Francisco on the 11th, coming out on the shooting end in Vietnam on the 15th...This means of course that I won't now be able to make the Wash. reunion and Sidney and I had really looked forward to it. But you can't every time do all the things you want to and you know I'll be with you in Spirit. Ask the boys, including my good Jim Parks, to spin a few prayerwheels from time to time for me, your boy, while I'm there. I'll send you shrunken heads. While at Bragg my add. will be Class No. 1 (MATA) US Army Sp. Warfare Sch., Ft. Bragg, N.C. After Aug. 15th: US Army Element, US MACV, APO 143, San Francisco, Calif. My best to your sweet Gal...Johnny

HAROLD ADAMICH, 31 St. Charles Ave., San Francisco, Calif. and E and Cannon 272 writes and sends in his \$150. for 2 down payments to the Return to the Elbe Fund: Many thanks for my first 69th Bulletin! I was in the 69th from the day of Activation, Cp. Shelby to the day of deactivation; having gone there from Camp Adair, Ore. with the Cadre.

Was originally in E Co and then transferred to Can 272. What a wonderful outfit-and the grand men we all met. Just receiving your Bulletin; reading the names and and Regts. brings back so many memories. Some sad-but so many that are wonderful ones.

I was pleasantly surprised to read Jos. Lipsius whom so many of us so well remember. Give him my very best regards from his Supply Sgt..... My wife Betty and I are sure looking forward to t his wonderful reunion on the Elbe and trip. We had a surprise call from Hy Goldstein last Aug. and a grand short visit with he and his wife "Bess". Boys - Bess is sure swell!!!! "HY IS ALRIGHT TOO!!!"

HAROLD ADAMICH

Ed. Note! Here is a man that is a good example of many in our organization that never knew the Assoc. existed. They too like to read the news of their former buddies

CALL OR WRITE A BUDDIE TO JOIN YOU!!!

REV. RUSSELL H. MILNES, Hqs Co Div. Arty. and presently living at 53 Chestnut St., Bethel Conn. writes: "I was unaware that the Fighting 69th Inf. Div. Assoc. existed until I happened to see a notice of the '63 Reunion in the Am. Legion Magazine sometime in the Spring of '63. I wrote to Sol Rosenblitt, whose name was listed as the correspondent, and almost immediately received a most cordial letter in reply. It contained information concerning the reunion at Princeton and whetted my desire to attend.

I went to the Reunion realizing that the odds against my knowing anyone there were great, & therefore it was no disappointment when there was no one there whom I had known back in '44 and '45. I must admit I was "shook up" as Bill Matlach stated in the previous bulletin when he asked me how his aunt and uncle here in Bethel were, because I had no idea that he was related by marriage to two of my most active and finest parishoners.

However, from the moment I arrived at the hotel in Princeton I was heartily welcomed by those of the Assoc. who were already there, and I at once felt that it was quite worthwhile to have come. That first evening when a few others who like myself were there for the first time, and I were somewhat hesitant about joining in with those who had been coming to the reunions in previous years, we were soon befriended by the others and the sense of being left out was soon dismissed.

In like manner the remainder of the reunion was filled with a sense of comradeship and friendliness on the part of all who were there. It ended all too soon, but it left me with a firm desire to attend the 1964 reunion. Now that the time for it is close at hand I find that the desire is even greater and I'm really looking forward to Washington on the Week-end of Aug. 14, 15 & 16. I would certainly urge all 69'ers to attend the reunion, particularly those who have not attended before. They'll find a real welcome awaiting them. I feel that there is a unique comradeship in renewing the ties that bind us from WW II days."

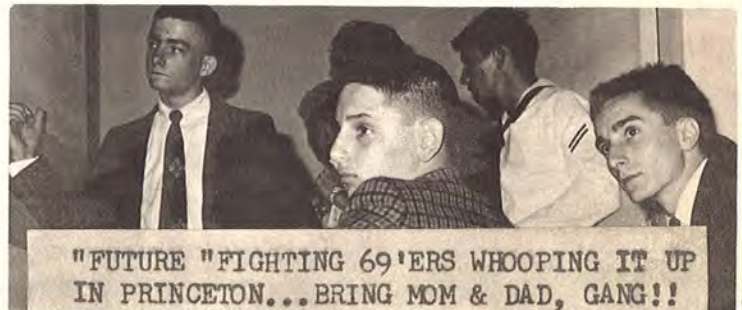
Your president heartily agrees with Rev. Milnes and all of us that met this wonderful person in Princeton are looking forward to renewing our friendship with him once again.

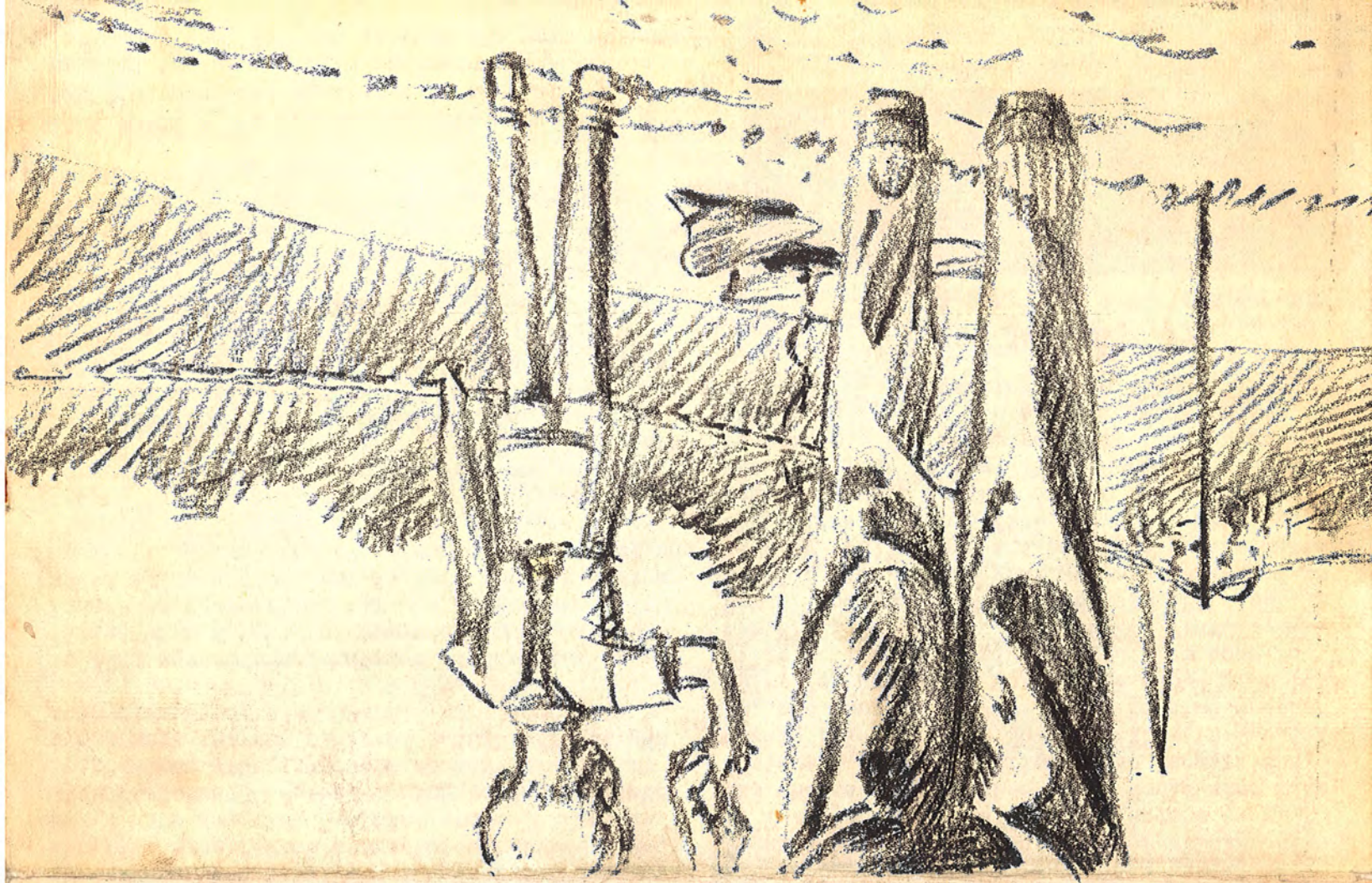
JACK JONES A 271 writes the following message for A company men that came in too late to be printed in the bulletin you received a couple of weeks ago, so read it from the next column:

"POOP FROM THE GROUP" A271

The time is almost here for what promises to be the biggest and best of all the Fighting 69th reunions. Reservations have been pouring in, so if you have not made yours, don't put it off, make them today. We need YOU there to help make it a real success. COL. AUSTIN, our former CO has just returned from Viet Nam and writes: "If there is any way possible I'll make the reunion this year." Ya GOTTA come Johnny, y'know why? Well JIM PARKS, our former 1st Sgt. plans to be there! Holy Smokes! Austin and Parks, those two wild men in the same city at the same time. Remember how Eilenberg, Germany looked when they were there? However, Washington is a quite sturdy city so I hope it will be able to take it!!! EMIL ZERENGA writes that he is planning his vacation so he can come. Bring PETE DEROSA and LEN KESSLER with you, EMIL. SAM POPKINS HAS BEEN PROMOTED to Chairman of the Alexandria, Va. Industrial Education Instructors. Congrats Sam....Will look forward to seeing you in Aug. JOHN PEREIRA writes Bill Matlach sending him his new address. Says he really enjoys the Bulletins. Good to hear from you Johnny. FRANK CHRISTIE writes that he will try to make it this year. On your way, scoop up JACK WRIGLEY in Springfield, O. and bring him along. Frank asks for the addresses of WILLIE PATE of Texas and ROY HEARD of Ga. Anyone know of the whereabouts of these men? Would also like to locate Chas. Humphries, John Beccari and Gerald Beasley. Saw OSWELL TAYLOR in Danville Va. not long ago. OSWELL has located another 69'er for us. Good work! The crowd from Danville will be on hand in Aug. Also hope to see MERLE GOODLING, JOHN SMELTZ, FRANCIS BIGHAM, ED HOULAHIN, ROY SLOAN, JIM BELL AND LARRY BYRNES. Last year we were delighted to have Dr. Phil Ikens and his lovely wife Marion. Doc, Close up the office for a few days and come on down. Another one we are hoping to see this year is big JIM RICHARDSON. Jim was responsible for me going to my first reunion and I can't thank him enough. Hope to see all of A 271 men in Washington in August.

JACK JONES A271





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