



*****GENERAL REINHARDT
AND
COLONEL BUIE
RHINE RIVER, WEST

LOOK UP THAT LAST BULLETIN, FILL OUT THE YELLOW RETURN SHEET AND JOIN THE MORE THAN 300 PERSONS THAT HAVE ALREADY RESERVED TO ATTEND OUR 19TH ANNUAL REUNION IN ROANOKE, VIRGINIA AT THE FAMOUS HOTEL ROANOKE AND MOTOR INN, AUGUST 19, 20 AND 21....THIS THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1966.

WRITE YOUR BUDDY TO ATTEND WITH YOU, BRING YOUR FAMILY TOO AND YOU WILL FIND WHAT A JOY IT IS TO REMINISCE. I AM SURE YOU WILL ENJOY IT ALL! WHAT A JOY IT WOULD BE TO HAVE A REAL TURN OUT OF OFFICERS FOR THIS ONE.

"To Burn a Draft Card..."

As a veteran who, like you, gave choice years of his life to the military services of our country, your President is seriously disturbed by the rash of draft card burning by protesting students. Admittedly, the number of such persons represent only a minute portion of our youth. Unfortunately, because this act is sensational, it attracts wide news coverage. More unfortunately, it stamps an indelible mark upon the character of each of these rebellious youth.

In a recent Faculty Forum article for the Daily Collegiate newspaper, Dr. Eric A. Walker, President of the Penn. State University made these cogent remarks concerning the draft card burnings on different campuses throughout the nation. His observations marshal strong counter arguments against these acts and should be mandated reading for all students.

"All of us worry about student protests carried to the point of willful violation of laws. The tragedy of such acts of defiance may not easily be recognized. The real victims are the young people themselves. For when they defy the accepted laws of the land, they mutilate their own careers almost before they begin to construct them.

"To burn a draft card (quite apart from being for or against the draft or for or against war) is a federal offense. When such burning is done, it is in defiance of the law. And the cost of defiance is not just a possible prison term but permanent damage to a young career and reputation.

"A student by doing such a thing, sets himself apart from a large proportion of the population. He alienates many of his friends and narrows his range of friendships for the foreseeable future. He limits his employment possibilities and circumscribes the scope of his career, not only because his loyalty is suspected, but because his rationality also is questioned. The effect of his act on the world is temporary, but the scar on his career lasts a lifetime.

"That we should be alert to such actions and the causes of such actions is obvious. But we must remember that we choose our students because we think they are bright and we therefore expect independent thinking of them. We hope they are innovators; we tell them that we are not satisfied with the way the world is run and we urge them to correct it, to do something about it.

"Perhaps we should also counsel some caution that, in their desire for change, they do not commit acts that will make them self-imposed exiles in their own land, incapable of sharing fully in the work for which their intellect and education have prepared them.

"If adults seem at times to lack the wisdom to act in a complex world, it does not follow that students still in the learning process necessarily possess it. Their elders may not be as impatient for action as they are, because the elders have learned that arguments are not all one-sided. Indeed, a 60-40 split on the facts will make one man say yes while another equally knowledgeable and equally wise will say no.

"It is easy to make up one's mind when the facts are obscure and unknown. But it takes a truly wise man to make up his mind and later, on the basis of previously unrevealed facts, or on more complex evidence, or even on a shift of his own sentiment, to change it. And what is more, it takes courage as well as wisdom to alter a wrong position once it has been publicly announced and publicly defended.

"Our problem seems to be that we cannot persuade our students that there is time to learn all the facts, time to assess them, and time to take a second look before taking action that cannot be erased."

WELL SAID, DR. WALKER.

RECOGNITION DEPARTMENT. Your President wishes to express his heart felt thanks to the many persons actively engaged in keeping our Association virile and functioning. Bouquets go to... LOAR QUICKLE for his assistance on the Bulletin and as chairman of our Roanoke reunion... to CLARENCE MARSHALL, Roster Chairman who has sent hundreds of letters in an effort to locate former members...to BILL MATLACH our busy Treasurer, ever ready with a reminder to pay those dues...to Secretary GOL ROSENBLITT and his lucid minutes...to KATE REYNOLDS for the many hours spent in sending cards reminding us of our birthdays...to TOM MAUPIN and his fireball reunion committee...to OUR DIRECTORS who travel many miles to our meetings...to ALL CONTRIBUTORS of news to our annual bulletins...and to scores of others who are ever willing to lend a hand in the multiple activities of our Association.

WE NEED MORE OF YOU "FIGHTING 69ERS" TO TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST. WON'T YOU?

YOUR BUDDIES WRITE.....

Following are 69ers new to our ranks or relocated by our most efficient Roster Chairman, Clarence Marshall, from old files in his possession. If you see a familiar name, spend five cents and renew your comradeship.

369 MED.BN, HQ.DET. - H.D. (DAVE) EGE, 501 W. 98th St., Kansas City, Mo., married with three children. "Presently project manager and deputy chief mechanical engineer, Power Plant Division, Burns & McDonnell Engineering Co."

COMBAT ENG. BN. - LEONARD C. HALPENNY, 3938 Santa Barbara Ave., Tucson, Ariz., married with two children. "I am head of a consulting water-supply development company which is based in Tucson and operates around the world (since 1955). Dec. 1945-early 1955: Was employed in Arizona by the U.S. Geological Survey."

569 SIG. CO. - GEORGE C. HEPP, 8 Brockley Dr., Delmar, N. Y. 12054, married with two children. "Charter Member of "Fighting 69th Assoc.": Attended first reunion in N.Y.C. - lost contact when we moved. After war returned to Civil Service job with State I had before war. Received a B.B.A. Degree under G. I. Bill and worked way up promotion ladder. Now in charge of systems analyst bureau in N.Y.S. Office of General Services. Son, 18, in college; daughter, 15, in second year high school. Interested in rejoining Association - I lost previous correspondence and could not contact you - glad you found me!!"

569 SIG. CO. - FRED J. HUSER, 209 E. 12th St., Hays, Kansas, married with five children. "From 1947 to 1960 - Territory Mgr. - B. F. Goodrich Co.---From 1960 to 1965 - Business for myself as a Real Estate Broker and Ins. Agent. Am now a Right of Way Appraiser for the State of Kan."

724th F.A.Bn. - ARTHUR J. HERGENROEDER, married. "Have been engaged in the wholesale plumbing and heating business for the past 20 years."

B BTRY., 879 F.A. - JOHN W. HERRICK, R. D. 4, Bath, New York 14810. "Great to hear from the 69th. I am a security guard at the Taylor Wine Co. in Hammondsport, N. Y. I haven't heard from anyone who was in B-Battery - 879 F. A. in twenty years. Thanks for the letter."

879 F.A. - BTRY. B - ROBERT W. DOMBROWDKY, 301 Nimitz Ave., State College, Pa. 16801, married with three children.

F. REEMSNYDER, E-273 writes to give all Co. E members his best regards. Hopes to see them at a future reunion.

879 F.A. - B BTRY. - BENJAMIN F. HART, 19 Redwood Dr., RFD #1, Ballston Lake, N. Y., married with two children. "B.S.Ae.E. Lawrence Inst. Tech. - 3 years toll engineer, 2 years test engineer - Chrysler, past 10 years General Electric Co. as manager engineering."

880 F.A.Bn., Med. Det. - JOHN O. HILDEBRAND, JR., M.D., 1637 Southbrook Dr., South Bend, Ind. 46614, married with four children. "After discharge Feb. 1946 went to Pre Med at Washington University, St. Louis and medicine at Indiana Univ. Graduating in 1952. Interned at Indianapolis General Hospital (now Marion Co. Gen. Hospital). Have been in general practice in South Bend, Indiana, ever since."

881 F.A.Bn. - BTRY. B - GEORGE P. KAHN, 16 Stanwick Place, Stamford, Conn., married with two children. "Self employed, as color processing lab. (Very happy to hear from you) Active in Veteran Affairs - J.W.V. - Dept. C of S., Comm. National Deputy C. of S. -- Best regards to all members."

69th HQ. DIVARTY - SYL F. KARAS, 3638 Green St., Steger, Ill., married with three children. "After service owned and operated a retail & wholesale lumber business. Recently entered the Automatic Car Wash field which I devote all my time to."

69th DIVARTY - DENNIS V. GWALTNEY, Box 163 Heatherstone Drive, Fredericksburg, Va. 22401, married with one child. "Owner-Operator -- The Fredericksburg Press -- Fredericksburg, Va."

271 INF., CAN. CO. - CHARLES H. GILREATH M/SGT. 513th INTC, GP UTIC FIELD TEAM #2, APO New York 09757, married with one child. "I have remained in the service, since the war was over, now have over 14 years overseas, plan to retire next year if not frozen again. Home address still remains the same."

CAN. 271 - S. D. HAMPTON, Moulton, Ala. Rt.#4, married with three children. "I served with the 31th Dixie Division for about 9 years and one half. During the Korean Conflict. I have been employed with the Chemstrand Corporation since July of 1952. I have 3 daughters and one grand daughter."

HQ. CO, 1ST Bn., 271 - LOUIS A. SCHEV, 1205 Heather Lane, Wilmington, Del. 19803, married with four children. "After discharge returned to Univ. of Del. to complete study, grad. in 1949 - B.S.M.E. Went to work for DuPont at their exp. station. Have been there 17 years."

A CONTRIBUTION TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE

YOUR BUDDIES WRITE (cont.)

271 CO. D - CHARLES KNEBEL, 3400 S. Aberdeen St., Chicago, Ill. 60608, married. "I do a little bowling with our VFW Post and drive a tractor trailer truck in the city for a screw machine outfit - have been with them for 31 years now. Had a few operations on my stomach as I had a bad case of ulcers."

271 HQ. CO., 3rd Bn. - FRED JACKSON, 2600 Vogel Road, Evansville, Ind. 47711, married with two children. "Foreman, mails - post office - 19 years. Real Estate Brokerage."

271, CO. I - JAMES F. GRAHAM, JR., 807 Pine-dale Dr., Tyler, Texas 75701, married with five children. "Returned to the Belmont Oil Co. as part owner, still producing oil in the East Texas area. Was a National Commander of the 40 & 8 in 1963, and very active in the American Legion. At present play golf and enjoying my old age."

271, CO. K - HAROLD J. JOHNSON, 7825 Division St., Minneapolis, Minn. 55426, married with two children. "Have been in business education for the past 19 years with the Minnesota School of Business in Minneapolis, the No. 1 and largest business college in the U.S.A., enrollment of 1100 students. Am in the Admin. part of it, Registrar and Counselor."

271 INF., CO. M - JOSEPH M. HANSEL, 1303 West 172nd St., East Hazel Crest, Ill. 60429, married with one child. "Since 1960 I am Chief of Police of East Hazel Crest, Ill. I am a member of the American Legion, Post #1139, located here in this Village. Since I haven't heard from the 69th Inf. Div. Assn, for such a long time I was really surprised to find that they still exist. Will you ever have a reunion in Illinois, Chicago maybe?"

272 INF., CAN. CO. - LEROY P. GWALTNEY, Box 2626 Satellite Beach, Florida 32935, married with four children. "Presbyterian minister, pastor of church near Cape Kennedy, Florida."

272, CAN. CO. - DALE JACOBSON, Gowrie, Iowa 50543, married with four children. "Discharged July 2, 1946. Started farming March 1, 1947. Married April 7, 1950. Still farming."

272, CAN. CO. - WILLIAM J. EHLERS, 4926 N. 19th St., Milwaukee 9, Wis., three children.

272 - JOSEPH F. HUBER, 1341 Evergreen St., West Bend, Wis. 53091, married with four children. "Owe and operate a printing plant in West Bend. Also am interested in publishing a
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2 times weekly newspaper (8,000 circ.) and a 15,000 circ. Shopper - Active in scouting on a Troop, District and Council Level - Have had posts in local Legion Post - Presently am V-Pres. of Local Rotary Club - nom. for Pres. (1966-67) - Have held posts in local Historical Society as well - For a number of years I was a member of the 69th Div. Assoc. 1947-50 prox."

272, ANTI-TANK CO. - CHARLES HAWES, 217 East-lawn, Parma, Michigan, married with two children. "I have probably been doing as most of the fellows have done. Work, play in Northern Michigan where we have a cottage on the lake shore and fishing etc."

272, MED. DET. - ROBERT W. HELSTROM, 4848 14th Ave. S., Minneapolis Minn. 55117, married. "Went to work for Veterans Admin. after war & have been Treasurer - Manager of the Fort Snelling Federal Credit Union at Ft. Snelling for the past 11 years and at present. Been interested in boating and trailering in camping trailer in spare time. Spend as much time as possible out of doors. Would be interested in your "News Releases" from time to time and keeping up with latest "goings on" of the assn."

272, SERV. CO. - FRANCIS J. HIPPLE, JR., 9 Stanton Ave., West Chester, Pa., married. "At present working for Penna. State Employment Service."

272, CO. B - RAYMOND E. GARRISON, Box 469, R-1 Laurens, S. C., married.

272, CO. C- ANTHONY F. KLANCHER, 746 E. Camp St., Ely, Minn. "Am still single!" "Worked in the mines, Taconite Plants, Construction Projects, attended Ely Jr. College 1949-1950, St. Cloud State College, St. Cloud, Minn. 1951-52 graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and taught in the 5th and 6th grades at Keewatin and Morris, Minn. Am working in the Post Office at Ely, Minn. as sub clerk-carrier at the present time. Plan to return to the teaching profession next fall. I was an original member of the fighting 69th Asso. - but lost track of it after a couple of years. Nice to hear from you again and I hope to be able to attend one of the future reunions"

272, CO. D - WALTER L. HOLMES, Box 151 A, RFD 5, Conway, S. C., married with three children. "I work with the State Commission of Forestry."

272, CO. G - ROBERT E. GIPPLE, Mt. Union, Iowa, married with three children. "I have been farming for the past 17 years and also associ-
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COMPANY 'G' 271 LEADING THE REGISTRATIONS FOR ROANOKE -

YOUR BUDDIES WRITE (cont.)

ated with Equitable of Iowa Ins. Co. as Life underwriter. Additional Addresses: R. W. Baxter, Box 113, Hamilton, Mont., and Lloyd Granquist, 712 Cline St., Port Orchard, Wash. Both are ex-infantrymen - Co. G. - 272nd."

272, CO. I- DEWEY B. HARDIN, JR., Rt. 1, New Franklin, Mo., married with three children. "After I came home I started farming. In 1958 was flooded out so I went to work for State Highway Dept. for 4 years, now am back at farming full time."

272, CO. L - GORDON M. KEITH, Windom, Minn., married with five children. "Currently employed at the Windom Federal Savings and Loan Asso."

273, ANTI-TANK, HQ. CO. 2ND BN. - SAMUEL E. JOHNSON, 6062 Sydney Dr., Huntington Beach, California, married with three children. "Am selling steel for Maas-Hansen Steel Corp., Los Angeles. Have been with them 16 years -- spare time spent working in Little League Baseball & YMCA Indian Guides." (Editor: You'll start receiving our annual bulletins, Sam, with all necessary information about the Asso.)

273, CO. M - HAROLD HOLZINGER, Box 3, Arbor Vitae, Wisconsin, married with two children. "I own and operate a resort on Big Arbor Vitae Lake in northern Wisconsin. I also do taxidermy work."

273, CO. B - ROBERT F. GRIMM, 114 Farragut Ave, Monroeville, Pa., married with four children. "I work for US Steel Research Lab., Monroeville, Pa. When I am not working my family and I are hunting or fishing at our summer home. Let us know if you want to come along."

724 FA Bn - HERBERT J. KONZE, 6546 Westchester, Houston, Texas 77005, married. "Employed as Department of the Army Civilian, with the Army Reserve. Am CWO W3 in the 75th Maneuver Area Command, USAR, asgd as Mil Pers Off, active in reserve program."

NO REGT. GIVEN - ROY F. JESSEN, 718 - 34th St., West Des Moines, Iowa, married with two children. "Principal and coach at Griswold. Our daughter was born in 1947, moved to Mo. Valley where I taught and coached. Coached eight years at T.J. in Co. Bluffs, Iowa. The next 6 years, principal at Creston, Iowa. Sold Ins. in Bluffs and since Feb. am with the State Dept. of Public Instruction of Education (Federal)."

ED. J. LEARY, Div Hqs Co. just returned from World tour. Sent in reservation.

NO UNIT GIVEN - CLIFFORD C. HUFFER, 309 Buckeye St., Miamisburg, Ohio, married. "I have been living in Miamisburg, same address as before war. I work for Frigidaire Plant #3. I am a job setter on machines that make parts for Frigidaire Washers, 36 years with Co. My four weeks vacation I fish in N. Michigan."



JOHN J. KENNEDY, Captain, Deceased as of September 23, 1954.

EARL F. FRISCHKORN, Hq. Co., 3rd Bn., 271. Deceased as of March 6, 1966.

DAVID S. HARRINGTON, Co. F, 272. Deceased as of August, 1955.

RALPH LONTKOWSKI. Deceased as of July 28, 1956.

JOSEPH SCHMIDT, AG Section of Div. Hq. Deceased as of 1965.

CHARLES MAGARAC, G-1, Div. Hq. Deceased as of 1965.

Col. Ed. Leary sends this note relative to an inquiry about a former member:

"Noted an inquiry in a former bulletin about Capt. Maxie Thurmond. He was Co. O. of the 69th Recon. Troop. I understand he was killed in an auto accident shortly after the end of the war."

We are sad to report the above and sorry that we had no knowledge until not of most of these deaths. We would appreciate receiving such notices of deaths of members from the family or buddies of the deceased.

To the families we extend our deepest sympathies.

REMEMBER? ANOTHER TOUR IN 1970!

FIGHTING 69TH PARIN' TO GO....NEW CENTRAL
PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH ORGANIZED

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 1966 was indeed a red letter day in the National Association because HAROLD STARRY, President, organized another local chapter. It is to be called "Central Penna. Branch" of the "Fighting 69th" Inf. Div. Assoc., Inc.

14 former veterans of the Fighting 69th met at Inn Town Holiday Inn, Harrisburg, for an organization meeting and dinner. All arrangements were made by Harold Starry. Loar Quickle and his wife Adele were invited and helped get it going.

At a meeting of the men, Charles W. "Chuck" Brown, 272 Med., and 3908 Greenwood Blvd., Progress, Harrisburg, Pa. was elected Pres. Our old friend and buddy Jacob "Jake" Stark was elected Secretary - Treasurer. Dues were collected from each member in an effort to assist in the defraying of mailing costs. Already they are planning on a picnic early summer or late spring and a dinner meeting in the fall. Some of the men travelled as far as 90 miles to be there. Each 69'er promised to come next time and bring one or two more members with him. It was learned from many attending that they knew of other 69'ers living in their areas and they intend to begin a membership campaign to get them interested in the National Orgn. Loar Quickle picked up 8 reservations for the 19th Reunion in Roanoke from those Attending. Others are going to try to make it too.

Harold Starry has lived up to his promise of activating chapters during his tenure of office. It is hoped the next one will be in Virginia during reunion. That is a sure bet!

Others attending besides Quickle and wife, Adele; Harold Starry, wife: Dot; Charles Brown, wife Esther and Jake Stark, were: Joe Star & wife Estelle, G-271; Edward C. Davis, wife Zola, B-269; Paul B. McComb, wife: Margie, D-271; Wm. R. Barlup, wife, Libby, D-272; Wade L. Johnson, wife Helen; Sus Mem; Sam Talley, M-271, and wife: Helen; Arthur J. Grund, Sus Mem, wife: Mildred; Millard E. Mellinger, Sr., Hq Co 661 TD & wife, Ruth; Wm. C. Randall, C-273 and wife: Sara; Howard H. Hoover, Med. 273 and a few children were along too. It may be noted why Mellinger's have not attended reunions in the past. They have been busy raising a family of 8 children.

Hoover was named chairman of a Program Comm. and Sam Talley, chairman of a Membership ". A real 69'er fellowship session followed the dinner. GOOD LUCK, CENTRAL PENNA. BRANCH!

Roshwalb Named To Senior Post

Irving Roshwalb of 29 Leabrook Lane has been elected senior vice president and a member of the board of directors of Audits and Surveys Inc. Mr. Roshwalb will continue to function as assistant to the president in which position he is involved in all areas of the company's operations.

Prior to joining Audits and Surveys, Mr. Roshwalb was chief statistician for Opinion Research Corporation and an instructor of statistics at City University and New York University. A member of the American Marketing Association, American Statistical Association, American Association for Public Opinion Research, and the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, he holds a degree from the College of the City of New York and a master's degree from Columbia University.

Loar Quickle sent in the above clipping to remind us there are others from Princeton besides Leo McGillen and himself. Irving served with K-272. CONGRATS from all us 69'ers, Irv.....

LEW TERRELL WRITES:

"I had a nice letter from my old Co. 1st Sgt. AL HAAG, D-271, and He and his wife and 4 children are coming to the Reunion in Roanoke in August. Al hails from Chicago."

MEL MELLINGER - 661 TD BN WRITES:

"Just a line to say a cheery hello, and to say that we really enjoyed ourselves at the meeting in Harrisburg. We are looking forward to many more such get-to-gether's in years to come. I have been checking out some of the men from our battalion and hope to have some of them attend our outing at Allenberry this summer. As soon as I locate my list of names and addresses for my Co., I want to sent it to Harold Starry. I had a nice letter from GEO. STRALEY, 661 TD, this week. Enclosed is my reservation for Reunion. Will be looking forward to seeing you at that time., Mel...."

STANLEY AND WANDA KARAS WRITES:

Wanda and STAN KARAS, F-272, writes that they are sorry they could not attend the Reunion last year in Harrisburg because they encountered so much trouble after they returned from the Flbe Tour....He said: "I wanted to write sooner and thank everyone who had anything to do with organizing the tour, it was wonderful. We had a grand time. Seeing all that we did and meeting all the fine people. Again I didn't find the time." Busy. Stan.

WE SALUTE JACK JONES FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION IN FOUR YEARS!

NEWS TID-BITS FROM FIELD

RALPH PLUGGE, G-271 writes he is to ATTEND at long last. He is bringing his wife Jo and two children. He is going to be in Winchester, Va. on Wednesday before the Reunion visiting Shorty Reynolds also of G-271. He hopes some of the other G Co. men show up at Shorty's. He particularly wants to see Fernandez of St. Pete, Fla. Ralph and Jo went along with the Return to the Elbe folks and they both were full of fun.

J. T. HATCHER AT 272

JIM HATCHER writes and sends along a check for \$3. dues for EARL D. McLELLAN, 569 Sig., and 113 Thomas St., Elizabethtown, Ky. This is the city Jim lives in. Jim, you ought to join your old buddy Harry Austin for a fling in Roanoke....We couldn't run a reunion without Harry and his wife, Roseann....Harry is going to MC the Saturday night affair. I assume Bill Matlach has sent Earl a card by now. Glad to have you with us.

COMPANY F-272 MAKING PLANS

LYNN C. JOHNSON, F-272, and Bluefield, W. Va. has been working on the Va. committee to work up enthusiasm in his state of W. Va. to get a big turnout in Roanoke and his efforts have spilled over to his company. He has obtained all the names of F men on the roster from Clarence Marshall. As a result of his enthusiasm, Loar Quickle is checking out a roster of 220 F Co. men which was furnished by Herb Callaway, their former C.O.....It was the finest roster Loar had ever seen in his 4 years of working on rosters to obtain membership. Besides Lynn and Herb, Reagan Brown from Texas has reserved. LANNY RUSSOW, a former Lt. in F company was in to see Loar the other day and he too is planning to show up in Roanoke. Come on F Co. send in your reservations.

ROSLEY RILEY A-273

ROSLEY is also a member of the Reun. committee and is making all the arrangements for a band etc. Pierce Rice of A-273 worked with the Assoc. for years and now another A man has been recruited. Glad to have you with us Rosley.....

JOSEPH KOWAL WRITES:

Joe sends in his dues with a note that reads: "I am enclosing my dues and a contribution to the Scholarship Fund.

We were unable to attend the last Reunion because of my mother's sudden illness, but hope to make the next one. Our best wishes to everyone."

Joe and his lovely wife Maxine went along on the RTTE tour last summer.

LEARYS ON ROUND THE WORLD TOUR

Have been hearing from many members that they received cards from Col. and Camilla Leary. They no more than returned from Europe for 6 weeks than they began planning a round the world cruise. We received a card from Hongong and I heard others received cards from many other parts. The Leary's joined us in London and went all the way on the land tour and left us at Paris when we returned. All I can say is, "God Bless them both".....Will be looking for them at Roanoke.

-----WHAT TO WEAR TO REUNION

Quite a few members write in as to what they should wear to the functions at the reunion. Dress is strictly optional. Some wear street clothes and some wear cocktail dresses, suits and a few dress formal. You dress to please yourself and you will fit right into the crowd; just so you will be comfortable. During the day wear shorts, slacks etc. Men dress in sport clothes during day.



Jimmy Combs, 569 sure knows how to pick them. His

E N G I N - - E A R S

Through the fine work of JOHN PONTIERI and WALT GOEBEN a great time is in the offing for the Reunion in Roanoke. I am sure you all received your letter outlining what we thought might contribute to everyone's enjoyment. Please mail your hotel reservations to Leo McGillen, Drakes Corner Road, Princeton, N.J. if you think it is a good idea for the Engrs to be together. Do let us know, also if you plan to be there for dinner Friday night so, again we can plan to have dinner together. The hotel is real nice and well situated with wonderfull accomodations. Loar Quickle and Harold Starry state the food is on the up side of being unusually good. The cost is not out of line either. If you care to drink during dinner, you must bring your own liquor however, you can buy all the wine and champagne you desire. I am sure that this Reunion will be the gayest and best of all, and we hope that all Engineers reading these words will make a real effort to be with us. I am sure your buddies will be there, for we hope to have the largest turn-out ever. We would like to have your reservations so we can tell your other buddies about it in the last bulletin going out just before the Reunion. So please get them in. Walt Goeben, John Pontieri, Frank Nemeth and I had a get-together here in Princeton during the last 69th Board meeting and all promised to do his most to contact everybody whose address we have on our roster, but please help us; drop a line to your old buddy urging him to come and bring his family. You know, you can guarantee him the time of his life.

At the rate Walt Goeben and John Pontieri are working on our roster which breaks down into companies within the 269th, it won't be long until the infantry regiments will be attached to us for rations.

For those of Co. B interest, I spent a grand holiday with Chuck Williams and family, what a great group. Wilma, Chuck's wife, sure is a lovely gal and a good looking one too, the teen-age daughter is a chip of the block of Chuck's Mare. They live in the biggest little city in the world, Reno, Nevada. What a country.....Mountains in your back yard and a view unparalleled anyplace. Chuck has not been east since he got off the boat and I don't blame him for not wanting to leave that great country, however, Chuck, I am renewing my invitation, publicly; do come east this year, in time for the Reunion, we would love to see you all. Please Wilma get after the old man, those Mountains and lakes will still be there on your return.

Remember to come to Roanoke the 19, 20 & 21

Engineers Con't'd:

and bring another buddy with you and do write and let us know that you will be there. I almost forgot.....Loar Quickle said one of the attendees of the Charter meeting in Harrisburg, Penna. on March 6th was our own EDDIE DAVIS, B-269. If I had known it, I surely would have driven out with Loar and Adele. See, the Engineers just about have to be in on everything that happens in our Association.....See you in Roanoke Eddie.

Leo McGillen

FROM OUR COMMANDING GENERAL

Dear Loar: "Thank you for your kind letter of 17 Mar. It arrived just prior to my departure on a short trip to Monterey, Mexico. My daughter is visiting here from Shetford Mines, Quebec province so there was not time to reply to your letter until today, as we arrived back in San Antonio last evening.

I am delighted with the wonderful program which is being made on arrangements for our 1966 Reunion. I never dreamed that the enthusiasm for the grand get-to-gathers would last this long ---and even grow through the years. So many of the Associations have already folded up and no longer exist. The present roster of members appears to be far larger than when I turned the records and funds over to the Association at our First Reunion.

As far as I am concerned, my attendance is a MUST unless some unforeseen emergency arises over which I have no control. Of course that applies to all of us.

I shall definitely check in on Friday, Aug. 19th and leave on Sunday, Aug. 21st.

I shall also probably be visiting my daughter, now in Shetford Mines, Quebec Province prior to the Reunion and go from there to Roanoke. I shall be visiting in Michigan during a good share of July and attend the 60th Reunion of my High School class late in July or early in August. As to whether I can get to Roanoke on Thursday, Aug. 18th is somewhat in doubt. A little later, my plans will be better crystallized and I can let you know in ample time. I'll try to make the "Early Bird" dinner.

If my attendance at the Reunion is of any help in making the 1966 a great success in attendance or otherwise, I shall not only be highly pleased but deeply grateful."

----- Yours, F. F. Reinhardt -----
The above letter from a great man in the hearts of all "Fighting 69'ers" Won't you be a part of the membership to honor him?????

A SUGGESTION FROM JACK JONES, A-271

"I think one thing that makes the Fighting 69th Reunions an affair to remember is that there are no strangers there. So, when you see someone you don't know, stick out your hand and, introduce yourself. It is a pretty lost feeling when you attend for the first time and don't find anyone you know right away. So.....be friendly and make everyone there know you are glad to see them."

Jack is so right, we started doing this at the first Princeton reunion and just about everyone that has been attending will walk up to anyone they think is a 69'er and say: "Hi, I'm John Smith, A-271, good to see you here. What outfit did you belong to?" You try it out, when you come down to Roanoke or if it is your first reunion and you will find out how well it works out.

TOM MAUPIN, E-271 Mapping up

If we ever had a member working hard on getting members interested, locally, in one of our reunions it is this year. That fellow Maupin sure is going like a house afire. He writes that an announcement giving complete details of the reunion and a brief history of our division was announced all over the state of Virginia. We have picked up something like 25 to 30 new members due to the work of Tom and his committee. He writes: A couple of days ago I saw Eve Flora, Charlie Flora's wife and she said they definitely plan to attend the reunion even though they have not made reservations as yet. Eve gave me the name of a former member of the 69th living in Charlottesville to whom I have sent all info. Will contact this member personally in a few days and try to get him to attend."

WHAT THEY THINK OF US.....

The HOLIDAY INN TOWN, Harrisburg, Pa. writes:

"In glowing terms we express our appreciation to the Fighting 69th Inf. Div. Assoc. for having its 18th Anniversary at our HOLIDAY Inn Town. This was one of the finest conventions held here, and I might add one of the best organized. The credit for the latter belongs to Harry Austin, Harold Starry & you Mr. Quickle. We are, indeed, grateful and thank every one concerned. The latch-string of welcome is always out to the Famous Fighting 69th."

CY ROCKHOLD WRITES:

I had a wonderful visit with Bonnie and Glen Brieland, H-271, but for only 24 hours. I think reunion in Roanoke will be a great one.

FATHER OF CHRIS FOX WRITES:

Dear Sol: "Last week, Gladys Fox and I had the pleasure of visiting with Gen. Reinhardt and we are pleased to report that he is in good health and getting along splendidly.

And let me tell you this, too, my boy...he is simply beaming as he told us that he was going to attend the 69th reunion this year. He said he didn't know of anything that he was happier about and he was looking forward to it with keen anticipation.

Until we meet with you all, remember we think of you and wish you well." Chris P. Fox

EMIL ZERENGA, A-271 WRITES:

Put my request for early reservation aside and it took Anna, my wife, to remind me. Boy, this is sure a sign of old age, putting things aside until tomorrow. Today the weather here in NYC is terrific. Looking out the window the sun is shining and just the slightest wind blowing, and yet the temperature is 27. How can I tell about the wind; well my wife has the clothes on the line....She hopes that they will dry, but....right now they look like dried cod.

Ann and I were just talking about the last reunion in Harrisburg and we thought it was a little better than the one in Washington. We had a swell time. I am trying my best to get more of A-271 men to attend. Some of them never answer but I am going to keep on writing until I get them mad enough to write back. See you in Roanoke....Your buddy, Emil

MILLARD YORK, D-271 WRITES:

I too am looking forward to seeing all in Roanoke. I was Exec. of Co. D, with Capt. Embick commanding. I believe he lives in Mifflinburg, Penna. Wonder if someone living there or nearby will look up his correct address? Have never seen any mention of our company in the bulletin before. Millard

Well, Millard, you now have company. Lew Terrell and Douglas Baird both boys living in Virginia are signed up to come. You fellows are lucky. I went for 5 years before someone showed up in my company. Now we lead the way. Anyway, you will find out what a good time can be had. Oh yes, Bernard Pokrass, Richmond too.

JOSEPH KOWAL, H-273 WRITES:

I have enclosed my dues and a contribution to Scholarship Fund. We were unable to attend the last reunion because of my mother's illness, but hope to make the next one. Best wishes to everyone, especially those that were on the Elbe Tour. Joseph Kowal

The following letter from Mrs. Stella Bedle, wife of Frank S. Bedle, G-271, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. tells the story:

"To whom it may concern: I am sorry to write and tell you that Frank S. Bedle passed away Aug. 4, 1965 and was buried Aug. 7, 1965 at Pompano Beach, Fla. He would have enjoyed your letter." His wife, Stella. 1753 N.W. 60th Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

All Co. G, 271 men reading this note and those that served with us in Camp Shelby cannot help remembering Frank Bedle. Frank was with us many months and serving on limited duty. He used my car on many occasions. He really had many friends and was doing favors for them all the time. Frank was a Police Chief for Avon by the Sea, which is near Asbury Park. I stopped to see him one time and he treated me wonderfully. We will all miss him. Our love and sympathy goes to his wife, Stella. This reminds me of a poem I once knew and I give it to you. Don't make the mistake of not visiting a good buddy when you get near his home. Here goes:

TEMPUS--FUGIT!

Around the corner I have a friend

In this great city that has no end;
Yet days go by and weeks rush on,

And before I know it a year is gone,
And I never see my old friend's face;

For life is a swift and terrible race.
He knows I like him just as well

As in the days when I rang his bell
And he rang mine. We were younger then;

And now we are busy, tired men,
Tired with playing a busy game,

Tired with trying to make a name.

"Tomorrow," I say, "I will call Jim,
Just to show that I'm thinking of him."

But tomorrow comes and tomorrow goes,
And the distance between us grows and grows,
Around the corner, yet miles away

"Here's a telegram, sir. Jim died today."
And that's what we get and deserve in the end,
Around the corner, A vanished friend.

—Charles Hanson Towne

You think about it and visit one of your buddies and great friend made during the war. For me it was Charley Beers last year, now Frank Bedle.....Loar L. Quickle.....

JACK JONES OF ORANGE, VIRGINIA
AND "A" 271 WRITES:

MESSAGE FROM A WEST VIRGINIAN

One of the veterans meeting with Harold Starry and Loar Quickle in Roanoke last fall and gave his support to the Reunion is LYNN C. JOHNSON, F-272, and an attorney living in Bluefield, W. Va. Remember? We told you what a good time was had by all the persons attending including wives. Well, the follow-letter is living proof: I quote:

"THE FIGHTIN' 69TH RIDES AGAIN!!!!....."

Dear Buddies:

You received a letter a few days ago from TOM MAUPIN, E-271, of Charlottesville, Va., telling all about the 69th Div. Reunion to be held in Roanoke, Va. on Aug. 19, 20 & 21, 1966. I, too, attended the planning meeting in Oct. I have never been able to attend one of the Reunions before, but I tell you, I certainly won't miss this one (or any more if possible)! There were about 25 of us at the planning meeting - I didn't know a one of them - but it didn't take long - we all knew common friends of days with the 69th. I haven't had so much fun since the war ended! It was so enjoyable to relive, once more, some of the experiences we had with the 69th Division.

I would like to suggest to you that, if you can possibly do so, you should start planning now to attend the Reunion. You won't regret it. I believe you will be impressed, as I was, by the tremendous job Loar Quickle and Harold Starry, and the others have done to keep this organization alive - and it is alive.

Tom Maupin sent me a roster of our W. Va. members. I thought you might like to know that you are not a lone member in this State.

Please try to make it to Roanoke Aug. 19, 20 and 21st.

Sincerely,
Lynn C. JOHNSON, F-272"

Fellows, this is a wonderful thing Lynn is doing sending out the above letter to all our members living in W. Va. to attend. I might add that there are many more persons living in W. Va. who are potential members of our 69th association. Why not get them sending in names and addresses of old buddies, Lynn? Now! Lynn, you have joined the category of persons helping to keep our 69th alive. A REAL good job.

Glad to hear that the reservations are coming in fine for the Reunion in Roanoke. This should be one of the finest yet. Tom Maupin is doing a wonderful job contacting everyone within shouting distance. Am going to write everyone in A-271 and see if we cannot give G-271 and the Engineers a run for their money. Hope to make a contribution to the Scholarship Fund.

WE EXTEND AN OPEN INVITATION TO THE RECON BOYS TO JOIN US

You have already received the last bulletin giving you a roster of all those that signed up for the Reunion in Roanoke, Va., Hotel Roanoke and Motor Inn, on August 19, 20 and 21st. W E L LGet a look at the additional ones and is just the beginning of those to come. It looks like the best one we have ever had since the first one. However, we'll enjoy this one more for many reasons. Hotel Roanoke has delicious food, they have ample room, the lobby is spacious, the rooms tastefully decorated and we believe, the service is excellent. The banquet facilities are great.....Besides, for the first time, a former veteran of the "Fighting 69th" in BOB CLEVELAND will have his band there to play music for our enjoyment on Saturday evening. Bob hails from the 661st TD Bn.... and Danville, Va. where he has the Bob Cleveland Music Enterprise.

To top it all off, our own GEN. EMIL F. REINHARDT, will be there for this Testamonal Reunion.....Help us honor him and show up! Up to now we have more that 300 persons reserved and this is the best reservation list we have ever had this soon before reunion. Soo-o-o-o Come, won't you?

ADDITIONAL RESERVATIONS- - -

EMIL ZERENGA, wife: anna, A-271
VICTOR ZERENGA, wife: Margie, guests
MILLARD E. MELLINGER, SR. 661 TD Bn, wife: Ruth
JAMES L. BUIE, H-271, wife: Evelyn
JOHN B. HAYES, H-271, wife: Helen
WORLEY SMITH, K-271, and wife
WARREN ALFORD AND Wife
MILLARD YORK, D-271 and wife
REV. CARL E. WAGNER, Div Hqs Co
ROBERT GOLEMBE, SUS. MEM. and wife
R. E. CONNER, Div Hqs, wife: Doris
JOHN DI CARLO, G-271, wife: Jane
G. H. MARSHALL, father of Clarence
WILSON E. BAKER, Sv. 271, wife: Lucy and one child
HERBERT CALLAWAY, F-272, wife: Kathy
MURRAY ZYNE, Div Hqs, wife: Eleanor
RALPH S. PLUGGE, G-271 Wife: Josephine and two teen-agers. (#12 for G-271)
DENMAN H. AYRES, 724 FA, Wife: Jane and one son: Tom
IRVING SARAFAN, 769 Ord., wife: Shirley and two children
HOWARD D. (RED) DENBO, C-269 and Wife: VIRGINIA.
W. CHARLES ELLIS, B-269, wife: Gertrude

LEW N. TERRELL, D-271, wife: Betty 2 children
MILTON W. HALAINEN, 769 Ord., Wife: Esther.
GERALD EMMONS, C-272, wife: Betty R. L. COCHRANE and wife
Dr. HARRY UNDERWOOD and wife
WILLIAM RUSSELL, Flint, Mich. E-272
HARRY G. AUSTIN, JR. AT-272 and wife: Roseann
E. T. CASEY, wife and 1 child
VIRGIL D. ARTHUR, L-273 wife: Thelma
JOHN PONTIERI, B-269, wife: Louise
JOHN T. mCKEIL, D-272, wife: Rose Mary
GRAHAM B. LIPPARD, E-271, wife: Frances and 2 guests
PAUL B. MC COMBS, D-271
CLYDE JANDEBEUR, Charlotte, N.C.
DEWEY B. HARDIN, JR., I-272, wife Irene
GEORGE D. TAYLOR, M, L & K-271
ROBERT F. MOORE, H-271, wife Marty and two children
EDWARD J. LEARY, Div Hqs, wife: Camilla
SAM PARANKA, C-272, Wife Cecilia
STANLEY KARAS E-272, Wife: WANDA
MURRAY BRODOFF, M.D., S.M, Wife: Phyllis and 3 children

THERE THEY ARE FELLOW MEMBERS, OVER 300 PERSONS SIGNED UP AND IT IS ONLY APRIL. 30 DAYS BEFORE YOU RECEIVE THIS BULLETIN AND PERHAPS ANOTHER 300. USE YELLOW RETURN SHEET FROM LAST BULLETIN AND SEND IN YOUR NAME FOR ENTERING ON OUR NEXT AND LAST BULLETIN MAKE YOUR RESERVATION DIRECT TO HOTEL ROANOKE, ROANOKE, VA. FOR YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS. SEND REUNION RESERVATIONS, FUNCTIONS ETC. TO: LOAR L. QUICKLE, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY STORE, PRINCETON, N. J.

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CECIL FERNANDEZ & RALPH PLUGGE IN NEW ORLEANS, 1944. Co. G, 271

RETURN THIS SHEET FILLED IN COMPLETELY TO:

CUSTODIAN SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS 1966-67
HARRY G. AUSTIN, JR.
DRAWER "I"
MARS, PENNA.

I DONATE THE FOLLOWING AMOUNT \$ _____ AND WILL BE COMMISSIONED _____

IN THE "FIGHTING 69TH" SCHOLARSHIP ARMY. NAME _____

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PERMANENT FUND \$100. OR MORE, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING GIVING US A BRIEF RESUME OF YOUR
ACTIVITIES, INTERESTS, NAMES OF FAMILY ETC. _____

A S A M A T T E R O F F A C T !

For your information, the committee in putting its O.K. on this type of solicitation, did not have in mind that you cared or whether the committee cared about non-com rank or officer rank, but rather to show some consideration in ranking those that give to the Scholarship Fund. We intend to up the rank of those that give even if it is only \$2. each year. This way you will be receiving recognition each year, no matter how much you give. (If you give \$2. this year, you will be a Private, then another \$2. contribution next year you will be uped to Sergeant)..... WE KNOW YOU FEEL THE WAY WE DO, EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS, THAT IT IS NOT THE RANK BUT YOU WILL HAVE THE FEELING YOU ARE GROWING WITH OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND. IT WILL BE A WONDERFUL FEELING KNOWING YOU ASSISTED SOME BUDDY'S SON OR DAUGHTER GET A BREAK IN COLLEGE.

OUR PLAN FOR A PERMANENT TRUST FUND IS GROWING AND YOU WILL LEARN MORE ABOUT IT AS TIME GOES BY.....OUR COMMITTEE'S GOAL IS \$10,000. in the next three (3) years.

WILL YOU BE A PART OF IT?????????

JOIN THE "FIGHTING 69TH" SCHOLARSHIP ARMY

WIN A COMMISSION THRU YOUR GENEROSITY

From the beginning of this country's founding and the Revolutionary War, men with strong convictions and love of their country were willing to lay down their lives and money for their beloved America, and, were accorded recognition for their endeavors by being commissioned in the Continental Army.

We are all reaching that age when one can look back and reflect on our past experiences and, if you are like me, you are very sentimental about your war time associations and proud that you were able to serve your country in the cause of maintaining that freedom as exemplified by our founding fathers. Our objective is to set up a permanent memorial trust fund wherein even our grandchildren will be able to participate in the future. In other words, our fund will grow and grow to the point where only the interest will be used for scholarships and will assist our aim in perpetuating the memory of our "Fighting 69th".

ALL DONATIONS ARE INCOME TAX DEDUCTIBLE

If you can obtain donations from your friends, relatives and business associates, like many of you have done in the past, you will be commissioned in our Scholarship Army and your friend and associate will be appropriately recognized in our "Fighting 69th" bulletin.

Below is a schedule of commissions offered and what we intend doing with the money donated to our fund. We have signed a contract with Educational Testing Service (College Entrance Examination Board), Princeton, N. J. to assist us in determining the winners each year.

THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS DONATED WILL GO INTO PERMANENT TRUST FUND

Subscribe \$500. and	you will be commissioned:	General of the Army *****
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Subscribe \$75. and	you will be commissioned:	Colonel
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" 15. " " " "	"	Captain
" 10. " " " "	"	1st Lt.
" 5. " " " "	"	2nd Lt.
" 4. " " " "	"	Sergeant
" 3. " " " "	"	Corporal
" 2. " " " "	"	Private

Any amount will be accepted for our fund and remember it is the great number of small amounts given by so many of you that will aid our Scholarship Committee to have the necessary funds to award yearly scholarships. REMEMBER! You will receive recognition in a forthcoming bulletin.

You can make your donation in memory of a buddy killed in action or one that has passed away since the war. Just fill in his name and unit. We will give appropriate space to your request in the bulletin.

FILL OUT THE RETURN SHEET ENCLOSED AND MAIL TO OUR "CUSTODIAN OF YEARLY FUNDS":

HARRY G. AUSTIN, JR.
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HARRY WILL MAKE A YEARLY ACCOUNTING TO BE PUBLISHED IN OUR BULLETIN EACH YEAR.

LOAR L. QUICKLE, CHAIRMAN SCHOLARSHIP
COMMITTEE

O N D U E S

Bill Matlach our wonderful treasurer has informed us that the dues notice that was so late in going out is bringing in good results as it pertains to number of collections and the voluntary contribution to the Scholarship Fund. It is rewarding to those of us that wanted to stop printing a Journal and solicit directly from our membership.

Out of the first 99 dues paid, Bill says he collected a total of \$107. for the Fund. This would work out that every other one is contributing to the fund. We certainly hope this continues as the trend in the beginning would indicate.

It is worth noting that putting out one of these bulletins is a great deal of work for a number of persons. If we could collect just one-half the dues potential, we would have enough money to put out a first class bulletin with much more news and one with a lot more detail etc. Our dues collections have been on the rise the past couple of yrs. therefore, we look (we hope) for an increase once again this year. WILL YOU DO YOUR PART, GET OUT THE NOTICE BILL SENT YOU AND SEND HIM THE THREE DOLLARS, ADD \$2. FOR SCHOLARSHIP?

ALEX WAICHULIS, E-271 and 3322 Michigan St., Hobart, Ind. sent in his dues and a \$2. contribution to the Scholarship Fund and said he was fairly sure he was going to attend the Reunion in Roanoke. He promised to reserve in the next 30 days if everything goes well.

OF CLARENCE MARSHALL

Clarence Marshall, our aimable Membership Chairman added 92 new members to the roster from the bulletin received in Jan. 1966 to the second one you received in April '66. Clarence, is doing a yeoman's job of keeping our records straight, corresponding with new members and interesting them in our Assoc.

DO YOU KNOW A MEMBER BY NAME OF JACK JONES?

Well, all of us in the National Chapter do know him and we hope to do honor to him in Roanoke this year. Because of the hard work and ground work done in our early days of re-organization by him, we are holding this yrs. Reunion in his state of Virginia. Due to him, the membership in that state went from 15 to 137 in three years of hard work. We cannot possibly say enough good of him. Come on A-271

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