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COME TO FUN-FILLED PHILLY!

Fighting 69'ers who plan to attend the reunion in Philadelphia have a lot of fun and excitement in store. Whether it's your first visit or your fiftieth to the 287-year-old settlement laid out by William Penn on the banks of the Delaware River, you can be sure of finding plenty to see and do - for the city is a prime tourist attraction at all seasons.

Located in the heart of the heavily industrialized but still beautiful Delaware Valley, Philadelphia is the fourth largest metropolis in the nation, with more than two million people and almost that many points of interest.

Probably no other city in the U.S. has a richer historical heritage. It was the leading city of Colonial America, and the capital of our young republic for ten years (1790-1800). Thrilling relics of the past survive in great number, to be seen on many quaint streets and in a dozen museums. Yet Philadelphia is at heart a thoroughly modern city. One dramatic proof of that is the new Penn Center in mid-town next to City Hall, with its towering buildings and spacious plaza. Another dramatic proof: the beautifully rejuvenated Society Hill section. This is the downtown part of the city where the oldest relics of Philadelphia's past survive. In a carefully planned renewal project that could serve as a model for other cities, historic public buildings were refurbished and old houses skilfully spruced up to provide modern living at no sacrifice of charm. Yet Billy Penn and Ben Franklin - whose burial place is nearby - would probably still recognize the area, because the colonial atmosphere has been preserved and lingers on.

One historic shrine every 69'er will want to see is Independence Hall - the old Pennsylvania State House of Revolutionary times - in the restored area now known as Independence National Historical Park. In this famous building, whose classic spire is shown on the cover of this Bulletin, the First and Second Continental Congresses met, and the Declaration of Independence (written by Thomas Jefferson in a rented room only two blocks away) was adopted. In the State House tower hung the "Liberty Bell" which was rung to celebrate the signing of the Declaration on July 4, 1776. Today, the old bell is enshrined inside the building, for everyone to see.

Other landmarks you'll want to see in the Independence Park area are old Christ

Church (Episcopal), old St. Joseph's (Catholic), the old Custon House, the first U.S. bank, the Betsy Ross House where our first flag was created, and tiny Elfreth's Alley where people live today in fascinating period homes on either side of a thoroughfare too narrow for modern automobiles.

Another colonial section of the city, much nearer to our Marriott Motor Hotel reunion site, is Germantown, scene of an American military disaster in the Revolution and now a quaint neighborhood of 18th century homes.

Don't miss the wealth of historical treasure in Philadelphia. And don't forget to bring your camera to this paradise for shutter-bugs!

Not all the history is out in the open, of course. A lot of it is in museums, some of them out-of-the-way but not really hard to find. There are far too many to visit on our reunion weekend, or any other weekend, but here are some to choose from: the Maritime Museum, the Atwater Kent Museum, American-Swedish Historical Museum, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania Museum, the University Museum, and the Franklin Institute.

If you like art, by all means visit the huge Philadelphia Art Museum, with its fascination fountains, and the nearby Rodin Museum. You may want to drop in at the Philadelphia Academy of the Fine Arts, or drive out into the suburbs to view the fabulous treasures at the Barnes Foundation.

For the youngsters especially, and the young in heart, there's the Zoo with its 1,800 specimens of wildlife, and the surrounding 42-acre zoological garden that's reputed to be the oldest in the country. Kids love the Academy of Natural Sciences, too, and the air-conditioned Aquarama with its dolphins, sharks, and the only North Atlantic pilot whales in captivity.

It's not difficult, even for a perfect stranger, to make his way around Philadelphia. And the transportation is easy - good trolley car and bus service, and a subway system that goes all over. There are daily sightseeing tours to many places of interest both inside and outside the city. They leave from some of the downtown hotels, and it's a wonderful way to cover a lot of ground in a couple of hours.

There's good suburban rail service, too. Penn Central trains leave from Penn Center, in the heart of the city, and whisk you out to the country in a matter of minutes. Or

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LET'S ALL GO TO PHILADELPHIA!

In the language of the Space Age, all systems are "Go" for the Fighting 69th's 21st annual get-together in the City of Brotherly Love. The good word comes from Tom Reardon and Ray Fahrner, co-chairman of the committee that has been working hard for the past five months to make this first Philadelphia reunion a memorable one -- something you'll go back home and talk about for a long time.

This committee (you might call it the advance detail) is putting the finishing touches right now to a planned program that is pretty sure to keep everybody happy every minute of the three big days: August 16, 17, 18. If those dates aren't marked on your calendar yet, better mark 'em right now! A lot of 69'ers make the annual reunion the start or finish of a vacation. It's a good idea, and there's probably still time for you to arrange your vacation this way.

The place where the action's going to be is the Marriott Motor Hotel, City Avenue and Monument Road, on the western edge of Philadelphia. This is a wonderfully convenient location, especially if you drive your car to the reunion -- easily accessible to the Pennsylvania Turnpike, the Northeast Extension of the Turnpike, and the primary routes from the west, south and east, without any downtown traffic. It's easy to reach by train or bus too.

RESERVATIONS

The Marriott Motor Hotels are famous, and the Philadelphia Marriott is one of the best. It's a popular place for conventions, and the management has given us a good deal. Here are the rates for accommodations:

Room - single bed, per person,	
per night	\$ 13.00
Room - double (2 persons,	
1 bed) per night	\$ 16.00
Room - twin beds (2 persons	
2 beds) per night	\$ 17.00
Suites are available from	\$ 25.00
Roomside parking is	FREE

The committee recommends that you make your reservations as early as possible to assure getting accommodations of your choice. Do this directly with the Marriott - not with the 69th. A prepaid postal card for this purpose is inserted in this bulletin. You don't need to send money

with the reservation, unless your time of arrival is 6 P.M. or later; in that case the hotel requires an advance deposit of one night's rate.

While you're at it, send in your reservations for the reunion events you want to attend. A form is inserted in this Bulletin, to be filled out and sent to Asa Cowden, 1623 Holmes Avenue, Prospect Park, Pa. 19076. The two big events you'll want to make reservations for are:

Friday Night Beer Party,	
	\$ 3.00 per person
Saturday Night Banquet	
	\$ 9.00 per person
Package price, both Beer	
Party and Banquet	
	\$11.00 per person
Sub-teen and Teen Parties	FREE

Here again, no advance money is required. You pay when you register at the reunion desk in the hotel. The desk will open on Thursday, August 15, from 2:30 to 5 P.M., and on Friday and Saturday from noon through evening, in the main lobby of the hotel. As at past reunions, the desk will serve as a Message Center. A Buddy Bulletin Board will be set up to facilitate the exchange of messages.

EARLY BIRDS WILL HAVE FUN

Reason for the registration desk opening on Thursday is that a number of 69'ers plan to arrive early. It's a great idea, particularly if you are vacationing and want extra time to look around the city or to shop at some of Philadelphia's fine stores. Some of these early birds get together for an Early Bird Dinner - an informal Dutch treat affair. You're welcome to join the group. These dinners get more popular each year, and they're a wonderful way to renew friendships and relax before the real reunion program goes into gear.

Whether you arrive Thursday or Friday, remember that there's plenty to do and see in Philadelphia. Your committee is arranging some group tours for Friday, and possibly for Thursday afternoon. It will be fun, too, just loafing around the Marriott, with its big swimming pool and patio, two gift shops, and four specialty restaurants.

MORE FUN ON FRIDAY

Friday will be a busy day, with 69'ers arriving from all over. As this is being

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69TH HONORS COL. ED LEARY!

Nassau Inn, in Princeton, N. J., which has become a favorite stamping ground for 69ers in recent years, again played host to the 69th on May 18, on the occasion of the Ed Leary Dinner. As described previously in our last bulletin, the affair was a dinner-dance sponsored jointly by the national association and the New York Branch and held in honor of Col. Ed Leary who played an important part in the organization of the 69th Infantry Division Association as well as the original organization of the 69th Division itself in his capacity as G-1.

The dinner was preceded by a lively cocktail party which permitted old friends to bring each other up to date on their current and recent activities and, at the same time, established the proper atmosphere for the occasion. We were able to renew our acquaintance with Col. and Mrs. Andrew Casper of Fayetteville, Ark. who had been participants in the Return to the Elbe tour and who are currently contemplating a tramp steamer tour of some of the exotic ports of the Far East. Another, whom we had not seen in a good many years, was Col. Bill Saladin former C.O. of the 1st Battalion 273.

After proper fortification by food and drink, the company present turned its attention to the business of the evening and many glowing tributes were paid to a somewhat embarrassed Col. Ed Leary by 69ers present and by many letters and telegrams from his former colleagues in both Army and civilian life. Among the many messages read were complimentary letters from Gen. Reinhardt, Gen. Bolte, and Gen. Lanham. The latter originally made a reservation to attend but had to cancel due to anxiety over conditions of



Presentation of plaque by Pierce Rice.

unrest in his home city, Washington, D.C.

The final testimonial was delivered by Mr. Stephen Potter, a colleague of Ed's from the American Petroleum Institute where Ed had been regional supervisor before retiring in 1966 after 33 years of service. As we all suspected, Ed has been the same thoughtful and congenial man in civilian life that he was back in the days with the 69th.

The highlight of the evening was presentation of a personalized plaque, conceived and prepared by Pierce Rice, which set forth, both in words and symbolic rendition, the sum total of all which had preceded by oral presentation.

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Col. Bill Saladin, Col. Andrew Casper, and Col. Ed Leary discuss old times.



Sally, Adele, and Ed Leary make plans for the evening.

UNIT NEWS

269th ENGINEERS

by Walt Goeben

Well, our reunion in Philadelphia is getting very close. I hope the turnout is good. I hear the committee has a great program, and we should have a great time.

This has not been a growing year for the Engineers. We have not added a single name to our roster since the last reunion and we have lost two members, (Hale and Spencer) through deaths.

John made two reunions, but Frank never did get to a reunion.

One and all should try to make this reunion to meet some old friends. Let us not let time pass us by without keeping in touch either at a reunion, or a visit to an old buddy, or even just a short note to someone you were close to in combat and training.

I'd like to see House, Herold and Nelsin at a reunion. Hale is now missing from our weapons carrier crew. Let us get together at the next reunion.

Joe Monteleone would be thrilled with more members of his squad at the reunion. Bill Schwab missed Roger Drake last year and hopes to see him this year.

Lets make it a good showing for this 1968 reunion. We'll all have fun, renew friendships and relive a lot of pleasant memories.

John Pontieri has been slowed down by a stroke this past winter. He is taking it slow now and is in good spirits. He'll be at the reunion.

Leo McGillen is now retired and living in Florida and we hope to see him at the reunion.

I hope Colonel Holmlin and Major Elbling are successful in getting more officers to attend. As everyone at the Engineer reunion knows, the officers do the K.P. work and Walt and Jim are getting worn out doing all the work by themselves. Let's see Pruitt, Cutrell, Tworck and McCarthy, etc. come to the rescue.

See you all in August.

AT - 271

The last issue of the bulletin featured an article about the Company History written by Reuben Levin and currently being distributed by Col. Arthur Datnoff. At last count, Col. Datnoff had sent out 54 copies of the history and received at least 20 letters from former men of that unit due to the story in the bulletin.

Col. Datnoff has been receiving donations from some of the recipients in appreciation and to help cover costs of printing and mailing. Where donations have been excessive, he has presented the surplus to an American charitable organization where he is stationed.

Clarence Marshall, Membership Chairman of the association went to work on the list of old addresses in the Company History and, so far, has managed to locate about 25 men of AT-271 whose current addresses were not previously known to the association.

With all this activity going on within AT-271, this would be a good year to make a concentrated effort for a big showing at the reunion in Philadelphia. What do you say, fellows?

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The balance of the evening was devoted to dancing into the wee hours and enjoyment of the fellowship and conviviality common to all occasions when 69ers get together. You can expect more of the same, a lot more, this August in Philadelphia, --- a full week end. If you missed the Princeton dinner, make it your business not to miss Philly!

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you can rent a car, if you don't bring your own, and drive to such places as Valley Forge and Longwood Gardens.

Did anybody mention shopping? You can do it to your heart's content in Philadelphia, at big modern department stores like Wanamaker's, Gimbel's, Strawbridge and Clothier, and Lord and Taylor, or at any number of specialty shops.

Philadelphia has a live-wire Convention and Tourist Bureau, located in a mid-town Hospitality Center. Your reunion committee has alerted the staff there, and they'll go all out to make themselves helpful to visiting 69'ers. Don't hesitate to drop in.

Now of course, our reunion headquarters at the Marlott Motor Hotel are so completely outfitted that a guy could spend the whole Thursday-evening-to-Sunday-noon right there, without ever going off the grounds. But ... everybody wants to break away now and then, and the thing to remember is that whatever you're looking for, Philadelphia has it.

Come to the 1968 Reunion! Have fun in Philly!

THE FLIGHTING 69TH RIDES AGAIN!



Don't get upset -- you haven't missed the Flying 69th Tour -- not yet! The happy group you see above is at Kennedy Airport and about to depart on the Return to the Elbe Tour, -- which took place in 1965. If you have had occasion to speak to anyone in the photo, we're sure they've told you that that was one tour they would not have missed for anything. -- And we promise you that the Flying 69th Tour will be better still.

To review, the tour will take 22 days, July 12 thru Aug. 2, 1969 (only a year away), at a cost of \$779.00 per person. This fee included all transportation, hotels, and two meals a day. All hotels will be First Class, and all transportation from city to city will be by air (except for Amsterdam to Cologne.)

To give you an idea of what is in store for you, take a look at the itinerary as it stands at present:

July 12 (Sat.)

NEW YORK: Leave by evening plane for London.

July 13 (Sun.)

LONDON: Arrive in the morning; stay at Hotel Waldorf. In the afternoon, a sight-seeing tour via Whitehall, passing Downing Street (No. 10 official residence of the Prime Minister), to Westminster Abbey (visit), thence via Chelsea Embankment, Queen's Gate, Albert Hall, Oxford Street, Marble Arch, Hyde Park Corner, Constitution Hill, Buckingham Palace, The Mall, St. James Palace, and Trafalgar Square.
July 14 (Mon.)

LONDON: Optional full day motorcoach drive to Winchester. Return via Windsor.
July 15 (Tues.)

LONDON: Day at leisure.
July 16 (Wed.)

LONDON: Depart by morning plane to arrive Amsterdam by afternoon. Stay at Hotel Krasnapolsky.

AMSTERDAM: Afternoon drive via Rokin and Mint Square to the National Museum (Rijksmuseum). See the collection of Dutch masters, including Rembrandt's "Night Watch". Return via the old canals.

July 17 (Thurs.)

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AMSTERDAM: Day at leisure.

July 18 (Fri.)

COLOGNE: Leave Amsterdam in the morning by motorcoach and drive to Cologne via Henri-Chapelle and Margraten, near Aachen, where American Servicemen's Cemeteries will be visited. Stay at Hotel Altantic.

July 19 (Sat.)

COLOGNE: Day at leisure.

July 20 (Sun.)

FRANKFURT: Leave for Frankfurt by morning plane from Cologne. Stay at Hotel Monopol-Metropole. Afternoon free.

July 21 (Mon.)

FRANKFURT: Day free. Leave by evening plane for Munich.

July 22 (Tues.)

MUNICH: Morning drive to the Koenigsplatz with the Greek Trefoil, Glyptothek, New State Gallery, passing the Technical College, the University, and Academy of Arts. Continue along Ludwigstrasse to Odeonplatz with the Theatiner Church, then to Marienplatz to see the clock carillon with many mechanical figures moving round in the tower of the New Town Hall. Proceed to the German Museum, the world's largest museum of Science and Technology, then pass the Maximilianeum, the seat of the Bavarian Parliament, the "Landtag". Continue along Maximilianstrasse, passing the National Opera House, Main Post Office and former Royal Residence.

Afternoon at leisure.

July 23 (Wed.)

MILAN: Leave for Milan by morning plane from Munich. Stay at Hotel Cavour. Day at leisure.

July 24 (Thur.)

ROME: Depart Milan by morning plane for Rome. In Rome, stay at Hotel President. Remainder of day at leisure.

July 25 (Fri.)

ROME: Full day tour, driving via Piazza del Popolo and Mussolini's Foro Italico to Vatican City. Visit the Sculpture Museum, Tapestry Gallery, Candlestick Gallery, Sistine Chapel, Raphael Stanzas, the Library, and the Christian Museum. Continue via Piazza Colonna (Column of Marcus Aurelius), Corso, Piazza Venezia (Tomb of the Unknown Soldier). Proceed along the Via dei Fori Imperiali (ruins of the Forums of Julius Caesar, Augustus, Nerva, and Trajan), and via the Roman Forum to Palatine Hill, Capitoline Hill (equestrian bronze statue of Marcus Aurelius) Town Hall, Church of St. Peter in Chains (Michelangelo's famous Moses) Circus Maximus,

Pyramid of Cains Cestius, Basilica of St. Pauls Outside the Walls, and Janiculum Hill.

July 26 (Sat.)

ROME: Free for independent activities.

July 27 (Sun.)

MADRID: Depart from Rome for Madrid by morning plane. Stay at Hotel Plaza. Optional Bull Fight in mid-afternoon.

July 28 (Mon.)

MADRID: Day at leisure.

July 29 (Tues.)

MADRID: Day at leisure. Optional visit to a typical Spanish restaurant for dinner party. "Flamenco" dancers add entertainment thrills.

July 30 (Wed.)

LISBON/CASCAIS: Arrive by noon plane from Madrid. From Airport, drive via Avenida da Liberdade (main thoroughfare), Edward VII Park, main boulevards, Belvedere Park, Coaches Museum, Monastery of Jeronimo, and the residential section of the city. Then proceed to Cascais and the Hotel Estoril Sol.

July 31 (Thur.)

LISBON/CASCAIS: Day at leisure.

Aug. 1 (Fri.)

LISBON/CASCAIS: Day at leisure.

"Farewell" dinner party at Do Guincho, originally an ancient fortress and furnished in medieval style.

Aug. 2 (Sat.)

LISBON/CASCAIS: Depart for New York.
NEW YORK

That's the schedule as it stands at present. Of course, as conditions change, there may be minor revisions between now and the date of departure, but no major or significant changes are anticipated.

In establishing the itinerary two primary objectives were assumed: (1) to visit places in which we, as 69ers, have a mutual interest related to our service in 1944-1945; (2) to explore new areas which any traveler would find desirable to visit, regardless of 69th background. We believe the current itinerary accomplishes this.

The first portion of the tour covers an area previously included in the 1965 tour. However, although the same general area is being covered, in some instances new cities have been selected, while in other instances repeat visits are being made to places which, based on our previous brief examination, warrant further attention. Moreover, the time at each stop has been extended sufficiently to permit private exploration of near by areas (Siegfried Line, Rhine River, etc.) which may hold special interest to individual 69ers. Such

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OBITUARIES

MAJ. GEN. PHILIP C. BETTENBURG (273) - passed away March 20, 1968 in St. Paul, Minnesota at the age of 67. Gen. Bettenburg (then Col.) was C.O. of the 273rd Regiment during its training period in Camp Shelby.

His Army service began in 1918 when he joined an Army special training unit in St. Paul and then became a private in the 6th Minnesota Infantry the following year. He became a second lieutenant in 1921. When the guard was mobilized for World War II, he saw action in North Africa as a lieutenant colonel.

In 1946, he became assistant commander of Minnesota's 47th National Guard Division and division commander in 1954, from which post he retired 10 years ago.

In civilian life he was senior partner in the architectural firm of Bettenburg, Townsend, Stolte and Comb and was a past president of the St. Paul Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and of the American Society of Military Engineers.

Survivors include his widow, Lucy, his son James, a St. Paul attorney, and 12 grandchildren.

JOHN HALE (A-269 Eng.) - died on March 19, 1968 at Ft. Howard Veterans Hospital in Baltimore at the age of 51, leaving his wife, Flora and children John Jr. and Lynn. John drove the weapons carrier in "A" Company, and in recent years worked at Friendship Airport. John and Flora were at the 1963 and 1964 reunions.

FRANK SPENCER (A-269 Eng.) - died March 26, 1968 at North Bellmore, N.Y., leaving his wife Dorothy and son Frank. Frank was a Platoon Sergeant in "A" Company. In civilian life he was very active in the Masons, Little League, and his church.

ALLEN O. HALUBER - passed away on March 10, 1967 in Lebanon, Ill. at the age of 52, of a brain tumor. He leaves his wife Onita, one son, and one daughter.

CLARIEN D. KELLY (A-881 FA) - passed away in Nuremburg, Germany on Nov. 20, 1967. He had been serving as a Civil Service employee with the 182nd LEM Co. Signal Corps in Stuttgart. He is survived by his wife, two sons, a daughter, and one grandchild.

JUNIOR P. LERCH - died January 12, 1967 in North Madison, Ohio at the age of 44. His death was due to brain cancer.

CREAGAN G. BARLOW (A-661TD) - Ft. Worth, Texas

ARTHUR HERGENROEDER (HS-724 FA) - Rockville, Md.

BENJAMIN K. HOOVLER - died April 23, 1964 at Fort Screven, Ga.

FRED LA CHAPPA (A-661 TD) - Santa Ysabel, Cal.

JAMES MCMANUS (661 TD) - Waco, Texas

CLARENCE MOYER (A-269 Eng.) - Allentown, Pa.

R. KIRK PARKHURST (Div. Hq.) - died March 30, 1968 at Oriskany, N. Y.

CLIFFORD PATERSON (H-272) - Blue Ridge, Ga.

CARL D. TAYLOR (H-271) - died October 3, 1963 at Jasper, Ind.

WILLIAM BALLINA (661 TD) - passed away July 19, 1964 at Freeport, Pa., of cancer. Bill had been the proprietor of his own business, an auto garage. He leaves his wife, a son who is in his first year of college at Eastern Arizona, and a younger son who is a Freshman in high school.

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side trips were not always possible on the 1965 tour. Consequently, there should be little actual duplication for those who also took the previous tour, and such duplication that exists should not prove undesirable.

The latter portion of the tour includes cities and countries which rank among the top tourist attractions in all Europe -- Munich, Milan, Rome, Madrid, Lisbon -- these are all currently enjoying tremendous popularity. The resulting itinerary has been described by American Express representatives as quite unique, in that it combines an excursion through the northern portion of Europe with a tour of the contrasting Mediterranean area as well. Very few (if any) commercial tours offer this.

Although the departure date is still a year away, reservations have been coming in at a rapid pace, with a high concentration of repeaters from 1965 who know from past experience what to expect. There can hardly be a better recommendation than this. Because of limitations in transportation and hotel facilities we must necessarily limit the size of our group to one which can be properly served. If you intend to be a participant we advise that you insure yourself a reservation by sending in your down payment of \$100.00 per person as soon as possible. If you are interested and would like more detailed information, write to: LOAR L. QUICKLE, THE PRINCETON UNIVERSITY STORE, 36 UNIVERSITY PLACE, PRINCETON, N. J. 08540

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written, Co-chairman Tom Reardon hasn't completed his negotiations for group tours, but we're counting on him and his committee to come up with something good. At 4 PM, in the Vintage Room of the hotel, there will be a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Association. In the evening comes the first big social mixer event -- the traditional beer party and gabfest. It will be held in the hotel's Delaware Room, and a cash bar will be set up for those who prefer other beverages.

Every 69'er who's ever been to one of these beer parties knows that they're a real "fun thing," with lots of talk, lots of laughs, music, refreshments, and conviviality. Don't miss this one! And while you're living-it-up, you won't have to worry about the young people you brought along, because simultaneously, from 9 o'clock to midnight, there will be a reception and party for teenagers in the hotel's Pennsbury Room, where the youngsters can make their own kind of jive with a live rock-and-roll combo.

SATURDAY - THE BIG DAY

At 10 o'clock Saturday morning, in the Marriott's Salons 1 and 2, the annual business meeting of the Association will take place. The year's activities will be reviewed, new officers elected, and plans made for the future. At the same hour, in the Pennsbury Room, the Ladies auxiliary will hold its annual meeting. And while both these meetings are in progress.

there will be a Splash Party for children in the hotel's gorgeous patio pool.

Late in the forenoon, the traditional memorial service will be held. No details on this yet, but it will be impressive as usual.

Saturday afternoon's entertainment will be at least partially up to the individual. A tour of the studios of television station WCAU-TV is planned, and for those who have never been inside a TV studio this should be a real treat. Other tours are under consideration. If you choose to go around on your own, you'll find that the driving is easy, or you can take one of the buses that pass our hotel every 15 minutes and go downtown.

BANQUET - THE BIG NIGHT

The hotel has assigned us its handsome Brandywine Ballroom for the Saturday night banquet, which gets underway at 7:00 PM with a cocktail hour (cash bar). The committee hopes to have a few special guests on hand, but no long-winded speech-makers. The schedule calls for dancing to begin promptly at 9:30 to the music of The Melodiers - a really terrific six-piece band that the committee is still congratulating itself it was able to get. So you're in for a real dreamy evening, old buddy -- and when the last strains of the music die away is anybody's guess.

That's about it. Sunday, of course, is pick-up and pack-up time, so we won't go into that now. And if we've failed to

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Send to Asa Cowden, 1623 Holmes Ave., Prospect Park, Pa.
Make checks payable to 69th Division Reunion.

I will arrive August 15 () 16 () 17 () before August 15 ()

In my party will be () adults () pre-teens () teens

No. of persons attending Thursday Night Early Bird Dinner _____

No. of persons attending Friday Night Beer Party (\$ 2.00 ea.) _____

No. of persons attending Saturday Night Banquet (\$ 9.00 ea.) _____

PLEASE FIND ATTACHED A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____
I WILL PAY ON ARRIVAL AT REUNION _____

NAME _____ UNIT _____

ADDRESS _____

MAIL CALL

The following is a portion of a letter received by Clarence Marshall from Mrs. Joseph H. Gardner, widow of Maj. Gardner whose obituary appeared in our last issue. As you may recall, Mrs. Gardner has been searching for 69ers who knew her husband and who might be able to supply information regarding his health while with the 69th.

"Dear Mr. Marshall:

I would like through this letter to accomplish several things. I would like above all to thank you so much for what you have done to help me find men who served with my husband; thanks for the names and addresses you sent me, thanks for the article in the last Bulletin of the Fighting 69th which has deeply touched me. Thank you for the letters I have already received in answer. I would like to keep you informed in a short way, if I can, of the results as I think you might be interested to know the results of all your efforts for which I am so grateful....I do not know how to tell you what it means to me to receive the bulletin and the letters of men who have been with my Darling Husband. It is like a pilgrimage into the past and makes me feel near my hubby again. I also feel like from above he smiles and is proud of his old 69th about which he bragged so much to me. Thus through these letters I feel like in a spiritual communion with my husband. It is complicated to express just what I feel but I think you know what I mean when I tell you thank you from the bottom of my heart.

The letters I have received till now are from Mr. Dale R. Bybee, Sidney M. Groom, O. M. Harris, Robert G. Morris, Gus Naggy, Charles M. Adams, and Fred W. Craig, and today one from Harry Levin....

Encouraged by these letters I wrote to the VA in Seattle and explained that I was finally on the good road but that it would take a lot of letters and time.... So now the VA has given me an extension of time for my claim until September 30, 1968. Can I at this point take the liberty to ask you if you would not mind too terribly if I ask you for some more addresses? These names have been given to me as men who could help me:

Capt. Oren D. McFarland, Lt. Col. Leo W. Shaughnessey, Lt. Joseph J. Kovarik, Lt. Sheil, Lt. Richard L. Martin, Lt. Col. John M. Lynch, Col. Alvin Hulsey, Major Manlio T. Delfini, Major Clinton E.

Male, Sam J. Rich, William D. Salladin, Major James R. Sykes, Capt. Foster (I wrote to Mr. Hooper in Conn. but the letter came back).

Sometimes I feel discouraged because so much is involved and so much depends on my claim and then I get scared that I will never have the time to do all these letters, and I feel ashamed to bother so many men of the 69th with my letters. But then I think that you all understand and do not mind to go through all that trouble and just do it because you are all brothers to each other and are glad to help each other as you did on the battle field.

All my gratefulness is going to you and the Fighting 69th.

Mrs. Joseph H. Gardner
Route 2, Box 414
Chehalis, Wash. 98532"

stress the most important part of this reunion -- the getting-together of old friends and their families, the renewal of old comradeships, the revival of old and mutual memories in a world in which none of us is getting any younger -- it's only because we figure you realize the importance of this without being reminded.

Is this any way to run a reunion?

You bet it is! So go ahead and fill out the enclosed reservation form and send it in as soon as possible. Remember: room reservations must be made directly with the Marriott Motor Hotel. Beer party and banquet reservations must be mailed to Asa Cowden.

We're counting on you!

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO---

We present below additional brief biographical sketches of some of the members we have heard from in the past year or so. Addresses are available upon request.

HERMAN G. HARRINGTON (Hq. 2nd Bn. 272) - Rensselaer, N. Y. Married, 1 son, 1 daughter. Employed by Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. as a Crew Foreman. Active in Veterans' circles and is presently State Vice-Commander of the American Legion.

GUY W. NOWELS (A-661 TD) - Portland, Oregon. Married, 1 son, 2 daughters. Has been active in the Reserve since WWII and was back on active duty for 1 1/2 years in 1951-52. Spent time at Ft. Hood, Tex., then in Korea with the 3rd Division, 10th

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MEMBERSHIP

Our Membership Chairman, Clarence Marshall, is unhappy with the state of our mailing list, although he has managed to enlarge it by several hundred names since this time last year. As a matter of fact, we doubt that Clarence will be satisfied until he has relocated every man who ever served with the 69th. Why he would want to do this is beyond us, because it only means more work for Clarence.

But whatever the reason, you can help him try to achieve his goal. Do you have the names and addresses of fellow 69ers you correspond with and who may not be on our mailing list? Do you have an old list of names and addresses (even 25 years old) of men from your outfit? If you do, send them in to Clarence --- if he can track down their current addresses, we'll add them to our mailing list and, who knows? You may even see them at our next reunion! It's a cinch they won't be there if they don't know about it, and they can't know about it if they're not on our mailing list.

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO --- (Cont. from Page 10)

FA Bn. Retired from the Reserve in 1964 with 23 years service and the rank of Lt. Col. Has been working in the port of Portland as a U. S. Customs Inspector since 1952. Travels to his old home in Kansas about once each year. Would like to hear from some of the ex-661 TD boys.

HAROLD J. ADELMAYER (A-661TD) - Theresa, Wisc. Married. Graduated from University of Wisconsin with a B.S. degree in June 1950. Since then he has been employed by Maysteel Products Corp. at Mayville, Wisc. He was Traffic Manager for 9 years, Sales Engineer for 5 years, and has been Production Manager for the past 3 years.

GEORGE N. MEYERS (661 TD) - Uniontown, Pa. Married, 2 sons, 3 daughters. Works in the coal mines for U. S. Steel, Is now a grandfather.

JOHN M. AGEE (661 TD) - Hopkinsville, Ky. Married, 1 son, 1 daughter. Retired from the Army in 1956 and went to work for the State for seven years. Is now working with a local business. Has a grandson age 14.

JAMES LACY GARBER (661 TD) - Halifax, Va. Married, 2 sons, 1 daughter. For several years operated a service station in the town of Halifax. Has been doing landscaping, custom tractor work, and

1969 REUNION

Our Reunion Site Committee has been hard at work all year trying to decide on a location for the 1969 reunion. Although a final decision has not yet been established, at this writing it's a toss-up between Hartford or New Haven, Conn. This is about as far Northeast as we've ever gone and should make it easy for all of you New Englanders to participate. Obviously, since the site has not been pin-pointed precisely, neither has the date, but we are shooting for the usual third week end in August.

The final decision will be made very shortly and details will be announced at the 1968 Reunion.

farming. Also works for U. S. Plywood Corp.

WARREN E. TUTHILL, SR. (661 TD) - Fairfax, Va. Married, 4 sons, (no beatles) 7 daughters!!! After discharge he returned to his old service station job. Went into service station of his own in 1954.

CHARLES W. McGUIRE (Med-Divarty) - Pasadena, Calif. Single. Still working for government (civilian) - Assistant Chief, Inspection Division, Subsistence Regional Hq., Defense Personnel Support Center, Los Angeles.

JAMES H. SPRINKLE (D-273) - Hiddenite, N. C. Married, 2 sons, 1 daughter. Farmed a few years after leaving the service. Has been working at Kewaunee Technical Furniture Co. in Statesville.

ROBERT W. RINEHART, Ph.D. (B-271) - Arvada, Colo. Married, 3 daughters, 1 son. Vice-President of Hoffman Laboratories Inc. in Wheat Ridge, Colo. Hoffman engages in physical and analytical chemistry as a general basis for commercial laboratory work, and specializes in molecular spectroscopy. Likes to relax by fishing, hiking, and camping in the Colorado Rockies and fly-tying in the winter.

WAYNE S. STANFORD (880 FA) - Alhambra, Calif. Married, 1 son, 1 daughter. Employed as Home Delivery Newspaper Agent for Los Angeles Times. Is still in the Reserve, as a CWO Supply Officer.

CHARLES W. HASTINGS (369 Med.) - Walton, N. Y. Married, 1 son, 1 daughter. Works most of the time as a truck driver for Delaware County Highway as he prefers outdoor work. His wife works at the school cafeteria and they have done catering together. Both children are in college.

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A while you're at it, add another \$2.00 (or more, if you like) as a donation to our scholarship fund. Make checks payable to the 69th Infantry Division Association and send to the appropriate address listed among others on this page.

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JOHN RUSSELL BULLING

(A-661TD) - Hastings, Mich. Married. In 1947 purchased some land, built a building, and went into Home Appliance service eventually specializing in radio repair. Purchased the

first TV set in Barry County in 1950 and has been repairing radio and TV ever since. Has four rental cottages 2 1/2 miles north of Hastings and serves vacationers from Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and other states in the summer.

JACK AITKEN DENNARD (661 TD)-
Sitka, Alaska. Married, 1 son. After discharge went into construction operations and is now field superintendent for World Wide Construction Co.

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