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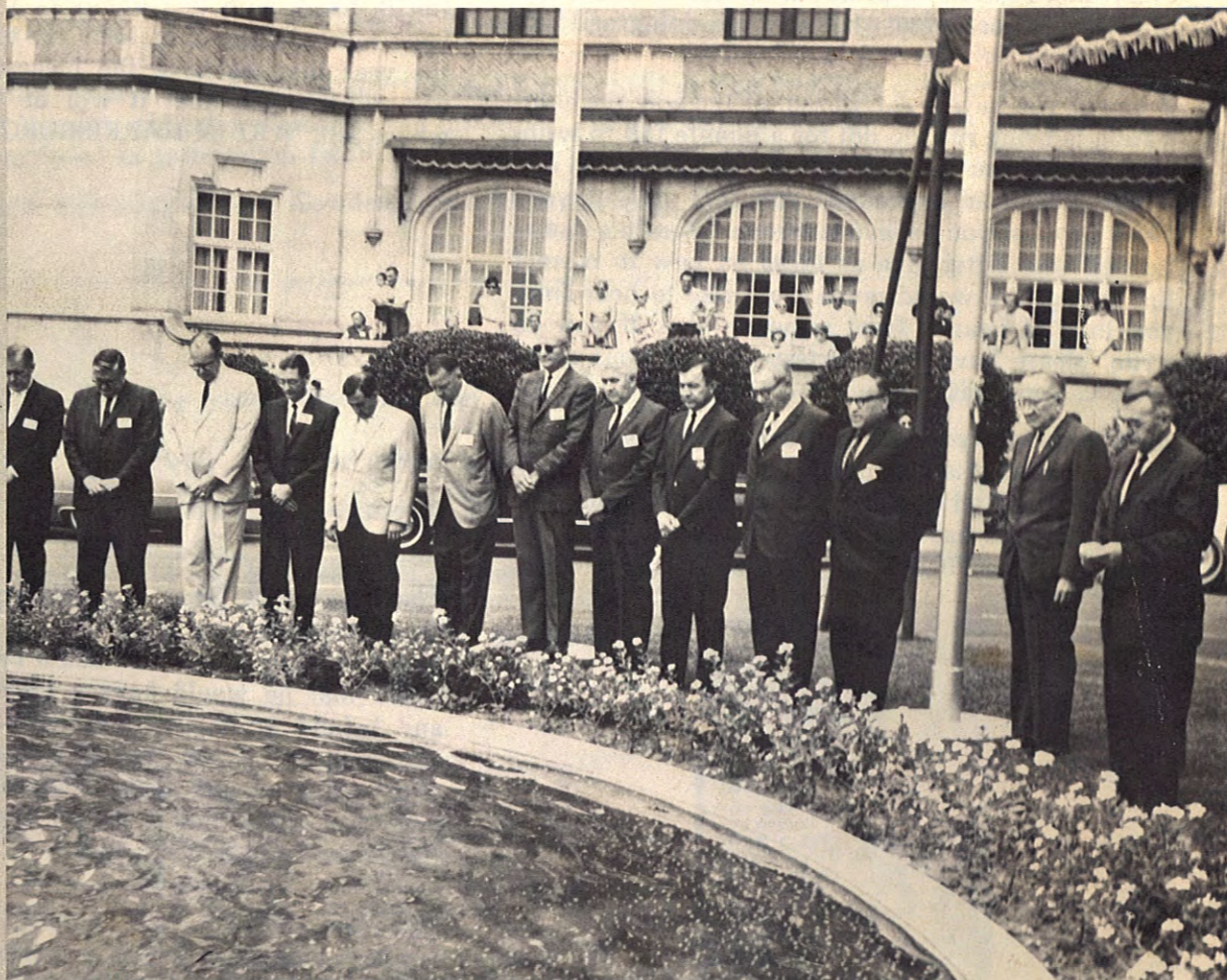


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Harold Starry and his Central Pennsylvania Branch desire to dedicate this next reunion to our beloved General Emil F. Reinhardt. Pictured below is Harold leading the 69'ers in prayer at our 1966 reunion in Roanoke, Va. Just to his right is our General who later in this Memorial Ceremony gave us a stirring speech, one we shall never forget. It was his last reunion with his former soldiers. He was a kind and understanding man and soldier, loving the children in attendance and giving attention to anyone that ventured to speak a word with him. If you have never attended a reunion, please make this one part of your plans to be in Harrisburg, Penna. next August.



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FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

We have had quite a bit of difficulty in the past couple of years getting out the 69th bulletin. Your officers have met recently and this included our next reunion chairman, Harold Starry, a former president. We have decided to change the bulletin make-up as well as the program of the reunion somewhat. Sometimes we go on and on with a set program with no criticism from anyone and we are led to believe everything is just right. Last year in Washington we found out that many persons did not drink beer or highballs etc. So this year, there will not be a charge to anyone on the Friday night get-together. Rather we intend to have an open bar and you can have what your heart desires. The no charge plan will lessen the cost of registration. Anyone is welcome to this Friday Night fellowship party whether he pays or not.

As for the bulletin, we are hoping to recruit more persons in the 69th units to furnish us with news and pictures to make our bulletin more interesting to the members. **WE HOPE YOU COOPERATE WITH US.** After all it is news of your buddies most of you are interested in when reading the bulletin. We will do everything possible to print part if not all you write to us. So let us know what you are doing and ask questions of us regarding your buddies.

If any of you have any criticism of the way the association is being run, do not for a minute fail to write one of us. If you do write, please do not criticize any of the officers in a personal vein, but give us your ideas on what you believe is wrong. Then in summation of your letter give us ideas on how to correct the wrong. We would much more like to hear from you than to hear it from someone else. If you do write, please have the courtesy to sign your name and give your unit.

In this bulletin you will find some news written by some member of a unit upon request. We hope to do more of this kind of thing. If you can't help us, perhaps your wife has a flair for writing . . . **HELP US GROW . . . PARTICIPATE.**



FROM TRESPASS RED ABLE . . . A271

A-271 had a smaller crowd than usual this year but the ones who were able to attend had a wonderful time. **FRANK AND BETTY CHRISTIE** from Michigan, **CHRISTINE AND SAM POPKINS** from Alexandria, **BETTY AND OSWELL TAYLOR** from Danville, Va., **ELENA AND EMIL ZERENGA** from New York, and our old faithful, **LEN KESSLER** also from New York, **MARGARET AND JACK JONES** from Virginia. Several German maps were displayed and it was great to see them and to trace some of the movements we had made and remember the names of some towns that had been forgotten. We hope to see some of the members who could not make it this year at the next reunion in Harrisburg, Pa. in August. **Helen and Jack Wrigley**, **Madge and Roy Sloan**, hope to see you next year. And one boy that really should make the reunion a gala affair would be ole **JIM PARKS** our former top kick. How about it Jim? Colonel **JOHN D. AUSTIN**, AFSOUTH APO 09524, N. Y. He would be glad to hear from any A-271 men who will dop him a line. We hope that every A Co. man will try to plan to come next year and bring along another who has never been to one of our reunions. Get in touch with that buddy of yours and plan to meet him in Harrisburg. Let's try to make next year the year that we have the biggest turnout ever. I can promise you that it will be well worth your while. **SEE YOU IN HARRISBURG!**

JACK JONES

Thank you Jack Jones. . . . We know now you are the same spark plug that helped us to rejuvenate the 69th many years ago. Jack had a bet every year with G-271 that he would have a larger attendance. Lo and behold it happened in Washington last year. However, if I know that G Co. membership, they won't let it happen again. They have plans so the grapevine states that a record turnout is projected for the next one in Harrisburg.

The most missed person and his lovely wife at the last three reunions I was reminded in Washington is **HARRY AUSTIN AND HIS LOVELY WIFE.**



HAROLD STARRY— REUNION CHAIRMAN WRITES

Our upcoming reunion AUGUST 19, 20, 21 and 22 has a special significance for all of us. First, it is our 25th reunion, a milestone to be recognized and, of equal importance, it will be a Memorial Reunion dedicated to the memory of our beloved General Emil F. Reinhardt.

As hosts and local reunion committee, the Central Pennsylvania Branch hopes that you will make a special effort to attend this special reunion. As an added inducement, we list the following information, plans and program.

Dates: Aug. 19 thru 22, 1971

Place: Holiday Inn Town, Harrisburg, Penna.

Goal: The greatest reunion in the history of the Association (and we have had some great ones in the past).

All Early Birds will receive upon registration a packet containing brochures of local places of interest such as the Dutch Country, Gettysburg, Hershey, Carlisle

and others. Listed also will be the public golf courses in the area, and the best restaurants. On Thursday evening our Early Bird Dinner will be held at Schindlers (buffet style and delicious). All you can eat! This will be followed by a tour of a local Autorama.

FRIDAY: Four scheduled tours 9 AM Patroid-News Publishing Co., 10:30 AM Wm. Penn Museum, 1 AM Hershey Chocolate Corp. or the Autorama and 3 PM slides of the second tour of Europe and at 9 PM WE WILL FEATURE A NEW PX NIGHT WITH MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT. A come as you are affair.

SATURDAY: Assoc. and Ladies Auxiliary meetings in the AM, our Memorial Service at 2:30 and a cocktail party preceding our Dinner Dance in the Evening.

The Ladies Aux. will man a Social Room, will assist registrants and escort them to Social Rm. to meet their families. Teenage Pool Parties and a Teen-Canteen Friday and Saturday all day with food, music and dancing. Teens will register on a separate roster to facilitate the functioning of planned and impromptu activities.

200 Rooms Reserved . . . Reserve Early

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MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW FOR HARRISBURG

O.K.?

Harold Starry and his Central Penna. Branch have the most active chapter in the Fighting 69th Inf. Div. Assoc. going for us. If you don't want to miss the best reunion yet, make your plans now. They don't only have business meetings out there a few times a year, they have social functions two or three times a year.

Your reunion committee met with them and learned quickly the detailed plans they had for us this year. We had the pleasure of eating out in a recommended place on Friday night, had dinner with the Starrys at Schindlers on Saturday nite and breakfast on Sunday morning with the balance of the committee.

Believe me, they are a great bunch and they have that common attribute that makes an enthusiastic committee, the desire to have the best reunion yet. With their low budgeting, they will have a long ways to go to beat Pittsburgh, Philly and New Haven, but your committee is betting on them.

There is to be a stereo for the teens . . . So . . . all attendees bring along his or her favorite record. They have plans to keep all teens busy 3 days. . . Dot Starry told us she has plans for the ladies too, so you can look forward to her committee to be different than in the past.

Our Memorial Ceremony will be in Harrisburg this year. The drive to Gettysburg took too long the last time. However, if you have never visited Gettysburg, be sure to include a tour there as it is certainly worthwhile. And, it is only minutes away. We found the food in the Inn Town to be as good as it was in 1965. The rooms will be found still like new and clean. They now have a liquor license. It MAY be possible to bring your own bottle on Friday night's PX Get-together. By the way, GEORGE PHILLIPS, G-271 IS TO BE YOUR CHAIRMAN FOR THIS AFFAIR. Some of us have had the privilege to attend one of his sponsored affairs and he makes it plenty interesting . . . SEE YOU IN HARRISBURG??? YES???



THE "661st" TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

BY BILL BESWICK

The Washington reunion was a huge success this year, at least it was for the 661 T.D.'s. Everyone enjoyed it immensely. The fellowship was something to think about, especially since it has spanned a twenty-five year period.

Several new faces appeared this year, Harry Thomas, Canton, Ohio, Sylmanus Baker, Laurel, Del., Wayne Allen, Saloom Springs, Ark., Joe Reid, Bethesda, Md., James Parks, Gambrills, Md., and Burr Petersen, Gas City, Ind.

We missed Walt McFarland, John Olchak and George Straley this year.

The banquet was a very nice affair. I hope everyone agrees the food was very good. The speaker General Bolte added a very nice touch to the evening, as did General Lanham. We all like to hear from our former commanders.

For the second year in a row, one of the T.D.'s won the color TV set. Garland O'Roark called me recently and told me how much they enjoyed it, the lucky rascal. Don't forget, if any of you are on Route 33 in Hinton, Va. be sure to stop in and see it, especially if your favorite program happens to be on. Frances O'Roark is a most gracious Hostess.

Joe and Hazel Reid acted like a couple of teen-agers on the dance floor doing the Jitter-bug, especially after Hazel removed her shoes.

All had a very nice party and social hour in Bill and Jo Beswick's room. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the bull sessions that lasted until 3:20 AM. The last time we saw Ralph Bragg was when Col. King (former "B" Co. commander and now Military advisor to the civilian authorities of the State of Massachusetts) escorted him to the elevator and bid him good-night.



Through the untiring efforts of Garland and Frances O'Roark, Pat and Polly Patterson the T.D.'s also had a small get-to-together at the Monticello hotel in Charlottesville, Va. in October. We were really thrilled when we had thirty-two couples show up for the evening banquet. Bill Snidow and Mel Mellinger showed some slides from their European tour, and Ralph Bragg showed some movies from the Washington reunion. We invited Tom Maupin over for the evening meal, —sorry we were late, as he had already eaten. But we had the pleasure of his company for the evening.

Now one final word. Won't some of you that have never attended, pack your bags this coming August 19th and come join us for a few days of pleasure. If you come once, we all believe you will come back. Try it and see.



MAIL CALL

F Co. 272 Joseph H. Schaffer who was a S/Sgt from 1944 in Shelby until the Linkup writes requesting a membership application. Joe was commissioned as a Lieutenant following WWII and in 1964 retired as a Lt. Colonel. Joe lives at 10550 Millazo Way, Rancho Cordova, California 95670. Good to have you with us Joe.

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K Co. 272 Bill L. Harbert should have been in the Engineers. He is Exec. VP of Harbert Construction Corp. in Birmingham, Ala. Bill and his wife Joy have three children, Anne, Elizabeth and Billy, Jr. Bill in his work is involved in heavy construction all over this world. A 1948 graduate of Auburn U. Bill is involved as a member of the Vestavia School Board. 205 Vestavia Circle, Birmingham, Ala.

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Hq. 3rd Bn. 273 Alan H. Murphey who was originally from N. Y. C. writes from Ohio where he is presently employed at the Foreign Technology Div. Wright-Patterson AFB. Alan attended school under the G.I. Bill in Europe from 1956 to 1964. Spent 11 years in the Air Force from 1954 to 1965. Had tours of duty in Alaska, France and back in Germany. Alan and his wife Emmy have two boys Jeffrey and Philip. 78 Lee Court, Fairborn, Ohio 45324

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M 271 W. C. Sheavly, 233 West Fulton St., Butler, Pa. is being transferred to Baltimore, Md. He would like to hear from *John Campion* and any other M Co. men who live in the area.

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A Bty 879FA Paul R. Harford and his wife June live in Indiana. Paul is a Clerk in the Main P. O. in Fort Wayne. Just retired from the Army Reserve with 22 years service as Sgt/Major of FA Bn. 1706 Tilden Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana

CANNON CO. 271 John B. Trampler of Union, N. J. finally got around to writing "that letter". But, he has a good excuse. John is Agency Super. for a local detective agency and as such is a pretty busy guy. He does pass on a nice compliment in saying that the 69th Bulletin is the most welcome mail item at his house. John will be at the next reunion in August. A licensed "ham" radio operator with call letters WB2ZGE, John would like to hear from any other members in the Assoc. who are so inclined. Quick Detective Agency, Inc. 2004 Morris Avenue, Union, N. J.

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Hq. 272 John Mouchan is in the Men's wear and tailoring business in Elizabeth, New Jersey. A frequent visitor at Johns is an old army buddy, John L. Hurst. Hurst is a VP with Simmons Mattress Co. in Elizabeth, N. J. 115 First Street, Elizabeth, N. J.

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K 272 Harold D. Gingrich has just been located by our hard working Corr. Secy. Clarence Marshall. Harold and his wife Arlene have three children—Avis June, Carol Ann and Curtis Alton. We are looking forward to seeing you in Harrisburg in August. 114 N. Duke St., Hummelstown, Pa. 17036

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K 272 Robert R. Fisher is another new member. Bob and his wife Joye have two children, Patricia and Richard. He is an auditor of disbursements for the Santa Fe Railway, having worked for them since his discharge. Also hopes to make the 1971 reunion in Harrisburg and would like to hear from his old buddies. 2712 Indian Trail, Topeka, Kansas 66614



A Bty 879FA Selden C. Fant has just completed 40 years with the Oklahoma Natural Gas Co. Selden and his wife Margaret have a daughter Gloria Sue. 3215 NW25, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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B 661st TD Bn. Albert Hauk when he wrote to our Sec'y. had six grandchildren. His youngest son was in Vietnam at the time and hopefully is home now with his family. Al works for the Lusk Candy Co. Would like to hear from his old company members. 2042 West 4th St., Apt. 4, Davenport, Iowa

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A Bty 879FA Bn. Merel R. Yarnell is among other things a rancher. He owns The Flying Y Ranch in Lucas and also owns a Chevrolet Agency. He and his wife Eileen have four children—Harold, Keith, Priscilla and Tamara. Box 218, Lucas, Kansas 67648.

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269th Eng. Bn. Col. Warren Everett Ret. Since his retirement from Army in 1963 Warren has served as Chief Engineer for AID in Vietnam, in Nigeria and in Vietnam Bureau in Washington. In the Executive office of the President in 1968 & 1969. With PA&E in Vietnam since Feb. 1969 following retirement from AID.

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F 271 Eric Jacobsen is teaching German and Social Studies at Clover Park High School. Retired from the Army in 1959. He and his wife Helen have three children—Anne, Edmund and Lewis. 3721 101st St., S.W., Tacoma Washington

Hq & Hq Div Arty Our old Pal Syl Karas from Steger, Ill. has sent us some good news about another 69'er, Guy Rogers. Guy was with us from Shelby to the Elbe and was commissioned after the war. Returning to Mississippi he served for many years as Asst. Att. General and remained active in the reserves. This past fall Guy was honored by being commissioned a Brig. General.

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C 661st Romaine F. Repair is a civil engineer in Calif. He and his wife Mary have three children, Lisa, Robert and William. 11 Corte Capistrano, San Rafael, Calif.

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Medics 271 Don M. Kolloway after the war returned to major league baseball and played until 1954. Chicago White Sox (Ed. Note: I had the pleasure of seeing Don play several times in Yankee Stadium). Don visited Bill Seal another former big leaguer and minor league manager at his St. Petersburg, Fla. home. Bill was with G-271. Don is with the Cook County Road Dept. 2236 W. 121st St., Blue Island, Ill.

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AT Co 271 Bernard L. Lawry is retired after 20 years as a dock foreman in the trucking industry. Bernie was Cpl. 1st Plt. 2141 Sycamore, Terre Haute, Ind. 47807

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269th Eng. Bn. John E. Cryst, M.D. is a GP in New York. He and his wife Jeanette have three children—John Jr., Susan, and Michael. 109 Wiltshire Rd., Buffalo, N. Y. 14221



**REUNION RESERVATION FORM****AUGUST 19, 20, 21 and 22**

Please fill in the following form and send to ASA Cowden, our treasurer, so he can keep the Holiday Inn Town and the Pennsylvania (Central) Chapter informed of progress of the number of persons that will be attending.

NAME _____ UNIT _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP CODE _____

Registration fee will be \$11. per person this year. The fee includes the Saturday Night Dinner Dance and all other functions of the reunion.

Please find enclosed my check to cover registration fee.

Number attending _____ at \$11. per person . . . Total \$ _____

I will pay my registration fee at the reunion _____
Please Check

Number of Teens attending _____ Number of sub-teens _____

I will attend the Early Bird Dinner Thursday Evening at Schindlers and desire to make _____
Number of Reservations

The 'Early Bird' dinner at Schindlers on Thursday will be held at 7:00 P.M. The cost per person will be \$3.95. (Note! You can go back for seconds and thirds. . . . All you can eat and the food is very good. . . .) This is not included in registration fee.

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August 12, 1970

ALBERT F. SMINCHAK

3rd Bn Hqs 271

May 20, 1969

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Our Scholarship Fund has been growing the past few years due to the generous contributions of our members and the raffling of the color television each year at the Reunion. We urge any member that can afford more than the \$2. contribution we request when paying dues, to send us a check at any time. There are a few that have been generous in the past.

If any member can make a rather large donation to the fund, we would be more than happy to give an extra scholarship in his name or in memory of one of his buddies.



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