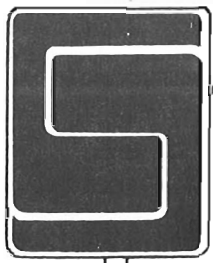


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## 69th Infantry Division Association Recipient of Generous Contribution

Many of you remember the Red Cross Canteen, and the goodies they served while we were overseas.

Recently, Mr. Fred O. Metzger, who was a member of that group, sent in a check for one hundred dollars, in Memory of his wife, "Bettie", who passed away in April of 1978.

Mr. Metzger served thirty-seven years with the Red Cross, and retired in March of this year. He had many

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# 1981 Big Reunion

It was just that . . . a big and very good Reunion, in "Dutch Country" of Pennsylvania. The week went along well, with members signing in both old faces and many, many, new faces. For most of the week the Host Inn was sold out, handling our memberships' room request, and we had some overflow at both the Marriott and Howard Johnson's. Over at the Marriott, some twenty plus rooms were taken by First Timers, C-Battery of the 880th Field Artillery. They were a great bunch of fine members of our 69th Division and their lovely ladies. I enjoyed being with them for a short while Friday evening, after returning from the wonderful day spent on the "Dutch Country Tour." Believe it or not, I turned down a dinner from them, due to being stuffed from the tour dinner. Thanks a lot, fellows! I'll accept it some other time. So, welcome aboard and hope to see many of you at future Reunions. Other First Timers who helped fill the Host Inn, were our good members, and their lovely ladies, from the 69th Calvary Recon Troops. Enjoyed being with them several times in their hospitality room. Sooooo, come see us again soon, troopers. Besides the Division Association hospitality room on the 6th floor, where all members and wives were welcome, we had the Engineers, 661st Tank Battalion, and Company-I, 272 Infantry, having hospitality rooms, beside the Recon Troops at the Host inn, and the 880th FA, C-Battery at the Marriott.

The good man above made it possible for our Reunion week to be a very nice one weather wise, in Central Pennsylvania, with only one evening having a few showers. Our week started out Wednesday, with the Gettysburg Tour, under the direction of Howard Hoover. Two bus loads spent the day with their box lunches at the battlefields, seeing the land where history was made. Those who participated came back tired, but well pleased with the tour — saying the guides were wonderful and answered their many questions.

Thursday was a well worth spent day at Hershey Park and Chocolate World. The shows and rides were well worth the money spent for both adults and teenagers. Our Early Bird, Thursday evening, was most enjoyable and relaxing, first by chowing-up on all you could eat — buffet style, then settling back to enjoy a very good theatre play — "Broken Up". Act one wasn't all that great, but Act two really broke you up. "Let's have another Tequila, and another, and another."

Friday was the day, and really was the "winner" of the 1981 Reunion. It was the "Dutch Country Tour." Five bus loads left in the morning under the guidance of Little Petite Susie of Host Inn, John Hawley, and myself footing the bills — That is with Division money. First was picking up five guides, one for each bus, and taking a two and one half hour tour through Dutch Country narrated by the Mennonite guides. Shortly after noon, we stopped at the Strausburg Inn for lunch, and you believe it, we had all you could eat of noodles, mashed potatoes, corn, green beans, apple sauce, sausage links, ham, roast beef, salad, rolls, butter, coffee, tea, milk, vanilla pudding, ice cream, apple pie, peach pie, and shoofly pie. If you left the table hungry, it was your own fault. By the way, all the food we ate was grown by the Mennonites. Having a little time to visit the gift shop, we then headed to the Strausburg Railroad, boarding the three o'clock train, and off we went to PARADISE. That is Paradise, Pennsylvania. Returning to Strausburg, the ladies were again given time to shop at the railroad gift shop. We then headed for home, passing through Intercourse and Bird in the Hand, along the way. I must say it wasn't a good evening for groups to eat out on your own, as Strausburg Inn saw to that. It was a big day, as we all once again gathered for the PX Beer Bust that continued to the wee hours.

Saturday was the day to find out what was happening at both the men and ladies' General Meeting. Much important business was discussed and finalized, including: changes in the

By-Laws, Scholarship briefing, and Reunion sites. No site was chosen this year, so two should be picked next year at Milwaukee. A relaxing afternoon at pool side and the outdoor salt water whirlpool, plus being on your own, gave everyone a breather. The impressive Memorial Services by the 28th Division Band of Pennsylvania just before the Banquet, started the evening off on the right track. We do honor to our deceased members, as it should be. Following the Banquet, a short program, dancing, and awarding some several dozen raffle prizes during band breaks. The **Big 1981 Host Inn, Hershey-Harrisburg Reunion** came to an end. Some 600 plus attended the Saturday Night Dinner Banquet Dance. A very, very good Reunion which it should be in "the Geographic Hub" of our membership. A job well done by the Central Pennsylvania Branch Committee. We will have you all listed in the next issue of the Bulletin, along with those that we missed as attendees this year.

## 1982 Reunion Committee

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First off, members of the 1982 Milwaukee Reunion Committee who attended the 1981 Host Inn Reunion, want to congratulate that committee for a fine and wonderful Reunion, which went off on schedule as arranged. It really gives the Milwaukee committee something to live up to. The Milwaukee committee will meet the last Friday evening of each month, until Reunion time. The July 17 and August 28th meetings were held at the Ramada Inn in Milwaukee. The September 25th meeting was held at the Gobbler on L-94. Those 69th members living in Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, and Minnesota, wanting to be on the Milwaukee committee should contact one of the above mentioned chairmen for future details. The committee personnel attending meetings to date, include:

**Gaylord and Ruth Thomas**  
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Gaylord and Ruth Thomas will handle the registration desk, Phil and Harriet Sparacino will hand the tour on Friday, Fran and Zita will handle the Thursday Tour, and Chalmers and Reita Pearson will make arrangements for a Golf Outing. Most rooms will have two beds with rates being \$36.00 for single and \$38.00 for double, plus a 9% state tax. So says the committee in Wisconsin.

**"COME HAVE FUN WITH US ON YOUR REUNION VACATION IN THE LAND OF CHEESE AND BEER." — August 15 to 22, 1982, at the Ramada Inn - Airport.**

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## Bob Myers, Now A Past President, Writes

This is a note of "Sincere Thanks to MANY."

My two years in office have ended. I must agree with previous Presidents that, "It is truly an unforgettable honor to have been elected to be your President for two years."

My greatest memory will live forever in my mind, as concerns **many, many members who contributed so much to make my term in office a real joy.**

The Honor Roll published following the New Orleans Reunion are some of those super, unselfish contributors to our joint success and happiness. Likewise, the Honor Roll appearing elsewhere in the Bulletin, cites those many unselfish and dedicated members who gave so much of their time and effort. The "Record Reunion" just completed, reflects the highest degree of credit upon Bill and Betty Foster and the great team which did a superior job, and I am sure they will not leave out one single name.

In addition to two great Reunion teams, I have to personally thank some others. Bill and Reba Sheavly for the tremendous job in consolidating and getting a handle on our souvenir program. Frank Nemth and Ray Fahrner for rounding up and bringing the scattered souvenirs as well as various other volunteer duties they performed. Joe Wright, the man whom I could not have functioned without. The Chairmen, Chuck Herring and Frank See for my Resolutions and Future of the Scholarship Committee. And, the members who served with dignity on these vital committees.

I must also thank the officers, board members and former Presidents who responded to my mail during my term in office. I join all of us in thanks and appreciation of the tremendous contribution by Clarence Marshall and Earl Witzleb. Words fail to let me express my most personal appreciative thanks to Sammy Woolf for the job he has done with our Scholarship Committee.

I must further extend my deepest personal Thanks to each and every member who has written to me, responded to my telephone call, and replied to my mail these past two years. Folks like Mike and Mary Moscaritola (Rcn. Troop), Lowell McFarlin, C-Btry, 880th, and many others will live forever in my memories.

Who can forget the Hospitality Room volunteer bartenders, like "Full-time Tireless" Alex Zubrowski, and part-time assistants, Ray Fahrner, Adam Manz, John Gradomski and the Helpenny's of Tucson?

And, finally, I am sure I speak for ALL of us. We most sincerely thank General and Mrs. Bolte, and their great family, for their inspirational support and attendance, which makes it all worthwhile. The courage displayed this past year by our "FIRST SOLDIER", his lovely Lady and two fine sons, David and Phil, makes us proud to be BBB's with the man who never started something he couldn't finish.

Let us get behind our newly elected officers and support them with all our might. Let us make a special effort to attend our Reunions, pay dues and contribute to a long and successful life of our great **Fighting 69th Infantry Division Association, Inc.**

With my deepest appreciation to so many . . .

I remain,  
Bob Myers

*(Editor's Note: The Honor Roll name list of those who worked so hard as a Host Inn Reunion Committee has not been received for this publication of the Bulletin, but will appear in the next Bulletin).*

## Bolte's Son, Phil, Writes Bob Myers Concerning Bronze Star Medal

Dear Bob:

Thanks very much, for including me in the 69th Division Reunion. I felt as welcome as if I had actually been a member of the division, instead of only spending a few nights in the field with it, when "home" on vacation from high school.

I am sure I don't have to tell you how much Dad enjoyed being there. The time there was like a shot of adrenalin to him, and the anticipation of the Reunion had already done much good for him. I talked to him by phone this morning. He was a little sore in some muscles he hadn't used much lately, but his spirits were still much buoyed by the Reunion.

You will recall that we discussed the automatic award of the Bronze Star for meritorious service to anyone who was awarded the CIB in World War II, and that I promised to get the information on the subject so that it could be published in the 69th Bulletin. Here is the information:

**Anyone awarded a CIB in World War II, who has not received a Bronze Star for meritorious service in conjunction with that award, should write to the U.S. Army Military Personnel Center and request the award. The letter should enclose a copy of the individual's discharge papers [which should reflect award of the CIB] or a copy of the orders awarding him the CIB. The letter should look like this:**

Commander MILPERGEN  
ATTN: DAPC-POS-A  
200 Stovall Street  
Alexandria, VA 22332

Dear Sir:

In accordance with paragraph 2-14b(2), AR 672-5-1, request I be awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service. I enclose a copy of my discharge certificate (or CIB orders) showing my award of the CIB.

Yours truly,

(Your name and address written or typed plainly)

According to the little old lady in tennis shoes who handles these requests (actually, she sounded quite young and efficient), this should do the trick.

Thanks again for allowing me to participate in the Reunion.

Sincerely,  
Brg. General Philip Lawrence Bolte  
U.S. Army Ret'd  
10715 Oakenshaw Court  
Burke, VA 22015

## Sammy Woolf Writes

The Reunion was great this year — with many new faces.

Anne and I had a marvelous time our entire stay at the Host Inn. We both thought the committee did a great job, and of course, seeing new men and their wives from my company, made me feel that much better, which makes me say that the Reunion was a success in both attendance and activities.

Last Sunday, we had at our house a few 69'ers from around this area. We had the Sarafan's, Lilien's, Keller's, Matlach's, and the new and old Westchester residents — the Strauss's and Green's. We all had a great time discussing the Reunion and 'old times'.

Hope to see, and be with many great friends in '82, at Milwaukee.

Sincerely,  
Sammy

# News From The Editor's Desk

by — Clarence Marshall

**James M. Dye**, P.O. Box 85, Kent, OH 44240 — Ser. 724th FA.: I saw a write-up in the Akron Beacon Journal about the 69th Infantry Division having a Reunion in 1976. This is how long it has taken me to write. I have moved a couple times and misplaced your address.

I took my basic training at Camp Shelby and then was put in Service Battery 724th Field Artillery from the fall of 1943, until September of 1944. In September of 1944, I was one of those people that got caught in the shake-up and was sent to the Infantry at Camp Carson, Colorado. After six weeks of advanced infantry training, we were sent overseas and served with the Ninth Infantry. I am a member of their Association.

Would I be eligible for membership in the 69th Infantry Division Association? Do you have any newspaper or letter? Please send me any information that you have.

— A Later Communication from Mr. Dye —

Was very glad to hear from you so soon. I really enjoyed reading the Bulletin that you sent. I have kept real close contact with one guy, and occasionally with another.

**Frank Cline** and I were buddies all of the way. He got hurt real bad in "The Battle of the Bulge", and was returned home. My wife and I visited he and his wife in March of this year.

**Don Doxey** stayed with the 724th after the shake-up. There were only two names on the list you sent me that I can remember, and they were both hard-nosed sergeants. They are **George Bramlette** and **Ray Lamb**. You can send me their addresses if you don't mind.

I retired from the U.S.A.R. in 1968, as 1st Sergeant, E-8. Please let me know about your dues.

*(Editor's Note: Both Frank Cline and Donald Doxey were new additions to our Roster, and their addresses are listed under the new men which we have relocated).*

**Sherman Howard**, Box 18, Loyall, KY 40854 — B-369th: I have copied the home addresses of Co.-B Coll, 369th Medical Battalion, from the booklet "Til We Meet Again", which was written by **James W. Williams, Capt. M.C. Commanding**, probably in 1945.

I am also enclosing a copy of one of the first 69th Infantry Division Bulletins, and the accompanying Reunion blank. I was pleasantly surprised when I recently found these. If you would like to have a copy of the book (27 pages), I will be glad to send it. I hope these will be of interest to you.

*(Editor's Note: Serving also as Membership Chairman, I had previously obtained the book which Mr. Howard mentioned, and had already checked out all of the old addresses. I have in my possession all of the Newsletters or Bulletins ever published by our Association, which includes originals that were just mimeographed single sheets).*

**Stanley E. Czyzyk**, 30 Duke Drive, New Hyde Park, NY 11040 — C-273rd: I have been working for Bulova for 35 years as a tool maker.

**Harold C. Dillingham**, 2315 Morton Street, Terre Haute, IN 47802 — A-777th: My mother and some of my brothers and sisters live here in Terre Haute, and also my son Joe.

I worked in the steel mills in Owensboro, Kentucky, for sixteen years. My married daughter lives in Owensboro.

I have been back in Terre Haute the last eleven years.

I am self-employed now, and do general maintenance work. My wife, Rose, teaches here at I.S.U.

We will try to come to the Reunion. Send us more information if you have any.

**Henry Sarnicki**, R.D. No. 1, Marshall Road, Evans City,

PA 16033: I would appreciate more information on the Fighting 69th Infantry Division Associations 34th Annual Reunion.

I was much surprised to see the announcement, as I wasn't aware there were any Reunions being held.

**John W. MacClaren**, 2451 Inglewood Drive, McKeesport, PA 15131 — 881st FA.: I am an ex-member of the 69th Division, by way of the 881st F.A. This was not mentioned in the Pittsburgh newspaper.

Do you have any information regarding status — reunion — membership or location of anyone in that group? I never made any previous contact.

I am formerly from Vandergrift, and I am now retired and living between McKeesport and Irwin.

**Joe S. Lackey**, 1825 Mount Zion Avenue, Gadsden, AL 35901 — Med. 2nd Bn.-273rd: I have never had the honor of coming to a 69th Reunion. I hope to some time.

At the present time, I would like to hear from some who were in my outfit.

**Charles O. Funk**, Ewan-Aura Road, P.O. Box 94, Ewan, NJ 08025 — F-271st: Although I'm not an active member attending Reunions and such, I sure do treasure my association with the organization. Many times I've been determined to write a more informative letter and possibly send along some pictures. I will, sooner or later.

Sorry, I won't be able to make the Reunion in Harrisburg this year, but my thoughts and best wishes will be with you all.

I really appreciate each and every Bulletin received. I am always looking for some members from Fox 271, especially the Fourth Platoon. **Sgt. Farris** was in charge, under **Lt. Webne**.

For now, take it easy, stay healthy, and the best of wishes to everyone!

**George A. Ross, Jr.**, 71 Jefferson Street, Belleville, NJ 07109 — Can. 273rd: Please send me information regarding the forthcoming 69th Infantry Division Reunion.

My service was with Cannon Company-273rd Infantry, from February 1944 to August 1945.

**Walter L. Smykowski**, 39500 Warren Road, Lot 409, Canton, MI 48187 — C-777th: I see in the V.F.W. Magazine that the 69th Infantry Division is going to have a Reunion. That is great news to me.

I am from the 777th Tank Battalion, Company-C. I'll never forget that number as long as I live. When you have the time, please send me some more information about it. Also, please send Reunion information to my old Army buddy in Pennsylvania: **Albert G. Bonura** of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

*(Editor's Note: Mr. Bonura is already on our Mailing Roster, and should be receiving our mail regularly).*

**Maj. Homer B. Hanberry, Ret.**, 308 S. Bonham Road, Columbia, SC 29205 — Hq. 271st: A notice of the Annual 69th Infantry Division Reunion was published in the May 7, 1981, "State" Newspaper.

Having served in the 69th Infantry Division overseas, I have been interested in knowing of their Reunions. I would appreciate you sending me any information you have on this years' Reunion in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Will be looking forward to hearing from you.

**Walter A. Mueller**, 413 24th Street, Union City, NJ 07087 — Hq. 271st: My wife and I are planning to attend the Reunion of the 69th Division in Harrisburg. We would appreciate any information as to the proceedings, cost, and any other information you may be able to supply us with.

I was a Radio Operator with the I & R Regimental Headquarters, 271st Regiment, during World War II.

Looking forward to meeting some old buddies.

**Arthur E. Kaye**, 1268 Poinset Place, Decatur, GA 30033 — B-271st: Please send me information about the 69th Infantry

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## Tommie Thomas Would Like To Hear From Buddies

Dear Earl:

This is my first letter to you. I am glad you have such a good organization, and publish the news. I wish you had more news from the Artillery.

I was a member of the Original Cadre and I was the first First Sergeant of Headquarters Divarty Artillery in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, having come there from Camp Adair, Oregon.

I have seen **Guy Rogers**, **James Chronister**, **Dick March**, **Ryan** and **Sullivan**, since the end of the war, and still correspond with **Syl Karas** and **Guy Rogers**. Also saw **Captain Jay S. Rollman** in California.

I would like to hear from any of the fellows that would write to me.

After the war I returned to Los Angeles, California, and was employed by the Los Angeles Police Department. I returned to my native Oklahoma, and work for the Department of Corrections as a Parole and Probation Officer.

Best regards to all, and I hope to hear from some of my former friends.

Sincerely,

**1st Sgt. Paul B. [Tommie] Thomas**  
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## Jake Stark, Jr.'s Annual Company H-273rd Infantry Letter

The Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Reunion was one of the greatest for Company H, 273rd. We had nine members present.

**Richard Parent**, Trenton, NJ  
**E. R. Sams**, Pinnacle, NC  
**Raymond Szkudlarek**, Toledo, OH  
**Roger Roden**, Harrisburg, PA  
**Samuel Grubbs**, Allison Park, PA  
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**Charles Burtyk**, Alexander, VA  
**John Mowrey**, Charleston, WV  
**Jake Stark, Jr.**, Enhaut, Steelton, PA

I reside only 2.3 miles from the Host Inn, where the Reunion was held this past August.

Three were "First Timers". Charles Burtyk, who was our Captain, is now a Retired Colonel. John Mowrey coached a football team who played a team in Breman. (I used to see the games every Saturday, but never ran into John). E. R. Sams joined us in Belgium.

It sure was nice to see them after thirty-six years. It was "Worth a Million Dollars." We had all changed a little, but when we all began to talk, you could recognize the familiar voices. We could point to ourselves in photographs.

Mike Masullo had a massive stroke after the Pittsburgh Reunion and is now almost fully recovered - he made the Reunion this year. I call that "69th Guts". Roger Roden lives only five miles from the Host Inn, where the Reunion was held. Samuel Grubbs made the Reunion also, and is now seventy-four years old. Richard Parent was on a patrol during the war, and also met the Russians but did not mention it for fear of being court martialled.

## President Walter Doernbach Writes His First of Many Letters To You

The Harrisburg Reunion has come and gone. It was just great! To those who were fortunate to have attended, I am sure you had a great time with all the events. The Gettysburg Tour, Pennsylvania Dutch Country Tour, The Hershey Tour and the ride on a steam locomotive on the Strausburg Train, and dinner at the Strausburg Inn, topped everything off. (Just Great).

The Reunion Committee did one Hell of a job. I would like to personally thank everyone who helped in anyway to make this such a successful event. It shows how much work goes into planning things that will be enjoyed by the members.

I believe that this was one of the largest attended Reunions we have had in a while. I am sure the Reunion Committee in Milwaukee will do a good job too. Get your reservations and plan early to attend. Contact a Buddy early and follow-up so we can make Milwaukee another banner Reunion with an even larger attendance.

Labor Day is this weekend, and by the time you read this letter in our Bulletin, Thanksgiving and Christmas will not be far away.

I wish each and everyone a "Joyous and Happy Holiday Season." This is my greeting to you.

If anyone has a Reunion site to propose for 1984 or 1985, please write and we will send you the information needed to qualify for this affair.

I want to thank the members of this great Fighting 69th Infantry Division Association for placing your confidence in me and for electing me President of the 69th Infantry Division Association. This is a great honor, and I am just bursting with pride. We have a great slate of officers in Vice President George Gallagher; Secretary, Frank Nameth; and Treasurer, Earl Witzleb, Jr.

We will try to keep you posted in the Bulletin of important events. If you have any comments or recommendations, contact any one of us and we will try to help.

Hello, to all the "First Timers" who attended their First Reunion. Hope to see you in Milwaukee.

Always happy to hear from you.

Good health to each of you and your families.

Walter Doernbach  
*President*

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Helen and Ray Szkudlarek stayed at our house, during the Reunion, and Ray was with me at the Registration Desk every day. He sure did a good job.

After the Reunion, August 17, 1981, Helen and Ray, and my wife, Violet, and I went up to Maine, across to Nova Scotia for five days, then across to Prince Edward Island for two days, then across to New Brunswick, and then down through Maine, and stopped in Boston for three days. We went on to Stanford, Connecticut, and saw John Marini. He was in the same Squad of Mortars with Ray. We had a swell time.

We came home September 1, 1981.

Through my efforts in sending out 59 addresses to the 59 men in Company-H, Richard Parent went to see Charles Attara in Clifton, New Jersey, and John Adams of Rockingham, North Carolina, went to see E. R. Sams. I hope when the Company-H 273rd men read this in the Bulletin, they can get together with a Buddy and come to the next Reunion in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. God willing, we will be there.

Jake Stark, Jr.  
691 Dunkle Street, Enhaut  
Steelton, PA 17113

## NEWS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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Division Reunion to be held at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, from August 8 to 16, 1981. I saw the announcement in the May issue of The Retired Officers Magazine.

Do you know where I might obtain a copy of "Trespass Against Them," a history of the 271st Infantry Regiment?

Thank you, in advance, for information about the Reunion and for any assistance in locating a copy of the History.

**George A. Ross, Jr.**, 71 Jefferson Street, St. Belleville, NJ 07109 — Can.-273rd: Thank you, for your letter regarding the recent Reunion, and the news Bulletin which arrived at the same time. I appreciate being added to the Mailing Roster for future news Bulletins and other data.

I would appreciate it if you would send me the addresses of the men that you have, who served in Cannon Company 273rd Infantry Regiment.

It seems that I have some photos taken late in April, 1945, near Trebsen, Germany, that may be of interest to these gentlemen.

Seeing the list of names triggered a lot of old memories. Here are two names that I have: **Edward Lorincz**, 413 Brook Avenue, N. Plainfield, NJ 07062, and **Hilton Gramps**, 237 S. Tuxedo Drive, South Bend, IN 46615.

Somewhere along the line I lost contact with the Association, since I recall attending the first and second Reunions in New York City. I have the Directory put out by the Association in 1949, and also a 1950 membership card. Also, I recall reading in the local papers about the Reunions held in Princeton, NJ. Since 1950, there was no contact until I saw the 1981 Reunion notice in the V.F.W. Magazine. Even though I lost contact, the 69th Division has not been forgotten.

I wore the 69th Patch from 1947 until 1951, while serving with the 50th Armored Division, New Jersey National Guard. A model of the "Monument at Leipzig" has been on my dresser since 1945, while in recent years a photo of the "Monument" has been on my office wall.

In 1973, for a Christmas present, my wife gave me a Military Trophy Case in which the 69th Patch and the Cannon 273rd-Crossed Rifles are prominent. I often wore the Crossed Rifles while in the New Jersey National Guard.

As a reader of World War II History, I am pleased to see the 69th mentioned. I enjoyed seeing the 69th highlighted on the TV Series, G.I. Diary — The Road to Berlin segment. My 69th Division Lapel Pin has been worn with pride during the years.

Regretably, I could not attend the Reunion this year, but who knows, maybe next year or one of these years, I'll make it.

You and the people who have kept the Association going all these years, are to be commended since I am aware of the time and effort you devote to your tasks.

Enclosed are membership dues for me and my wife, who was with me in Hattiesburg, during the spring of '44. Please excuse my rambling and accept my thanks for the tremendous job you and the Association are doing, and have done.

**Charles E. Burns**, Box 164, Dora, AL 35062 — C-777th: I just found a reply to one of my letters which I had written to you on March 15, 1976. I was in Co. C-777th Tank Battalion, 3rd Platoon. I had a left shoulder separation playing baseball. At the time I did not go to the Dispensary as **Lt. Bothfield**, in charge, and others, got it back in place. This shoulder is bothering me now, and for years it would slip out of joint.

If I could get in touch with Lt. Bothfield, I feel sure he could and would verify this.

In your letter you listed some very familiar names, such as: **Robert Abney**, **Leroy Lingwall**, **William Luzader**, **Daniel McGinness**, **Keith Richards**, **Marcell Sedano**, **Franklin Showers**, **Rollard Tappa**, and **Guy Ungaro**. Maybe some of these fellows could put me in touch with Lt. Bothfield.

**Lloyd D. Malone**, 1414 "C" Street, Apt. 5, Lincoln, NB

68502 — Hq. 2nd Bn. - 271st: I received your Bulletin and letter. I joined the 69th at Shelby in the summer of 1944, and was in Hq. Co., 2nd Bn. - 271st Regiment, A&P Platoon.

I stayed with the 69th until it went home from Germany in 1945, when I was transferred into the 29th Division in Bremen, Germany. A friend of mine who served in the same time period and same platoon, lives here in Lincoln, Nebraska, also. He is: **Robert H. Clapp**, 1610 N. 62nd Street.

**Frank Burianek**, 141 "K" Row, McKees Rocks, PA 15136 - I-272nd: I am an operating engineer. I enjoy fishing and hunting. I have two children, married, and five grandchildren.

**Andre Boucher**, 5f rue, Danton F92300 Levallois: I have been receiving your journal with great pleasure, for many years, and I thank you for sending it so regular.

I would have liked to have joined you in one of your meetings one day. Unfortunately, so far, my job has prevented me from undertaking such a long trip. I would be delighted to meet any members coming to Paris, if such an occasion were to arise, as Levallois, where we now live, is practically in the center of Paris.

I still remember my time with the Division, with emotions. I would be glad to know how **Major Sheehan** (G-5) is, these days, as I have not heard from him for a long time.

I am sending you my new address, and hoping to receive your publication for many years to come.

(Editor's Note: We do not have Major Sheehan on our Association Roster. If any of your former G-5 men can assist us in relocating him, please contact National Headquarters).

**Jack Shadburn**, 543 N.E. 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601 — Hq. 3rd Bn. - 273rd: Just received a clipping from a newspaper in Pennsylvania, of a planned Reunion of the Fighting 69th Infantry Division, near Harrisburg. This is my first information that the BBB's were having Reunions.

I served with the Fighting 69th from the first day of activation at Camp Shelby, until we ended up at the Elbe River, with the Russians. **Col. Shaughnessey** was my Battalion Commander.

I would like to attend this year's Reunion, if possible, and would appreciate any information that you can send me. I loved the 69th, and met some damn good soldiers while we served our country. God Bless all former BBB's who are still living.

**C. A. Cottle**, 1552 Hogan Street, Portsmouth, OH 45662 — F-271st: Maybe sometimes fate does smile a little. It was quite by accident that I was in Lexington, Kentucky, on the same Sunday that your notice concerning the 69th Infantry Reunion was published in the Lexington newspaper. If I had not been visiting sons at the University, your notice would have been missed.

I was in F-Company, 271st Infantry Regiment.

It will be very much appreciated if you will send me particulars of the Reunion. Also, if possible, the names of anyone in the Portsmouth, Ohio, area.

**Charles W. Chapman**, 7412 Exmore Street, Springfield, VA 22150 — Hq. Divarty: About noon on Friday, August 15, 1981, I was able to get away from the office, and decided on the spur of the moment to attend the PX Party at the 69th Reunion.

It was a very enjoyable evening, and I enjoyed seeing **General Bolte** and his family. While I didn't see anyone else from Division Artillery Headquarters, I understand that **Al Faison** was there, but I missed him. I did meet some new friends from the 880th F.A., before departing early Saturday morning.

If you would provide me with a list of the names and addresses of those who served in Hq., and Hq., Battery Division Artillery, I will write them, and try to have a good representation at the 1982 Reunion in Milwaukee.

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# Former Members of the 69th Division and Attached Units Relocated Since Our Last Bulletin

**Major Homer B. Hanberry, Ret.** Hq. 271st  
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Please print your new address below:

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Please send this form and your old address label to  
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Please allow six weeks advance notice.

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5024 Reinhardt Drive, Shawnee Mission, KS 66205

**Melvin R. Rump** — 369th Med.  
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**Russell Falls** — Med. 273rd  
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**Major General Harold J. Lavell** —  
Quarters No. 3, Ft. Indiantown Gap,  
Annville, PA 17003





*Joe Palermo and Joe Cortese*

Pictured above are two former 69th Buddies, from A-272nd. On the left is: John Palermo who is currently on our Association Roaster; and on the right, is Joe Cortese whom Mr. Palermo would like to relocate.

The last known address for him was Union, New Jersey. If you can help, please contact National Headquarters, or Mr. John Palermo at: 76 Meadow Farms North, Apt. 6, Chili, New York 14514.

*“Come and have Fun with us on your  
Reunion Vacation in the land of  
Cheese and Beer, Milwaukee”  
Mid-West Reunion on your  
schedule, along with your  
vacation plans.*

**AUGUST 15 to 22, 1982**

**RAMADA INN — AIRPORT**

**6401 South 13th Street**

**Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53222**

**FORMER MEMBERS OF THE 69th DIVISION AND  
ATTACHED UNITS RELOCATED SINCE  
OUR LAST BULLETIN** *(Continued from Page 8)*

**John W. Turner**, P.O. Box 1645, Decatur, GA 30031  
C 724th: Neta and I regret that we had to miss the Reunion at the Host Inn. We are looking forward to being at the one in 1982. We are going to contact other members of C-Battery, 724th F.A., to encourage a large turnout for 1982.

Please send me a list of names and addresses for C Battery, and for the ones from the 724th where their Battery is not known. Perhaps some of the latter may have been in my Unit.

**Billy D. Miller**, Box 207, Gauley Bridge, WV 25085  
Ser. 273rd: I would appreciate it if you would send me information about the 69th Infantry Division Reunion. I was in Service Company of the 273rd Infantry Regiment.

**Robert J. Ambrose**, 81 Stillwell Road, Leonardo, NJ 07737  
— 569th Sig.: I was pleased to receive the Bulletin, and the

list of the men that you have, who were a part of the 569th Signal Company.

While I am unable to attend the Reunion planned for Harrisburg, I would appreciate receiving the addresses of the men from the Signal Company. Seeing the names of these men brought back many memories.

I was with the Company from Camp Shelby, when it was activated to its action in Europe.

My best regards to you and the members of the 569th Signal Company. If you know any of them personally, please pass my good wishes on to them.

**Jack D. Hubbard**, 2852 Wild Horse Road, Orlando, FL 32807 — A-273rd: I am writing in regards to a notice in the V.F.W. Magazine about Reunions. I was a member of the 69th Infantry Division, from beginning, at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, until we disbanded in Germany, after the War in 1945.

I attended a 69th Infantry Division Reunion, the Third Annual One, at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C., in 1950. I have a picture taken then, and I hope to contact some of the fellows soon.

Would you please let me know the status of future Reunions of your Association? I served with A-Company of the 273rd Infantry Regiment.

**Joseph H. Schaffer**, 1501 S.E. Oar Street, Lincoln City, OR 97367 — F-272nd: Opened my newspaper, last night, and much to my surprise found the News Release for the 69th Reunion. It really made me feel good that the people who are running our Association, are doing such an outstanding job.

As you may know, I became severely ill at the Reunion in New Orleans, with severe bronchial asthma, and had a Hell of a time to keep the doctor, there, from putting me in the intensive care section of the hospital. I finally talked him into letting me fly back to the northwest, where I checked into the hospital here. Now I have completely recovered, and Sally, and I, are looking forward to the Reunion, this year, and to seeing all of you good people again. I am sending you the News Release as I thought you might like to know the results of your efforts made to publicize our Reunions.

**Oran G. Chatham**, Star Route, Wiley, CO 81092 — F-273rd: Just a few lines to let you know that I am still among the living. I am still farming and ranching. It has been awful dry all summer, and there hasn't been much grass for my Feed Cattle.

Here is the name and address of another former 69'er. **George F. Cosier**, Route B, Box 11B1, Flippin, Arkansas 72634. He did not tell me what Unit he served in. We were both in the same outfit before we joined the 69th. I wasn't in the 69th that long, to get well acquainted with the fellows.

**Arthur B. Wilmoth**, 6323 Woodson Drive, Mission, KA 66202: I have retained your letter applicable to my inquiry pertaining to the 69th Division Association, and appreciate your reply. I thank you, and everyone involved, for the issues of the Bulletin, which have been sent. I feel, in time, that I will be able to attend some of the planned functions, and meeting some of our buddies. Will be refreshing and interesting, after more than 35 years.

I am submitting to you the names of three fellows that were with the 69th, from Camp Shelby days, until the end of hostilities. Perhaps they may be interested in knowing more about the efforts that are going into the development of an active Association of former 69th soldiers. **Francis L. Smith**, 5024 Reinhardt Drive, Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66205 (369th Med.); **Melvin R. Rump**, 104 West 18th, Hutchinson, Kansas 67501 (369th Med.); **Russell Falls**, 56 Altair Drive, Turnersville, New Jersey 08012 (Med. 273rd). I have several addresses that were given to me during the War, but I doubt if they are still living in these areas after all of these years.

*(Editor's Note: Mr. Wilmoth was advised to send along the old addresses, because you never know how lucky you might be in relocating these former 69'ers).*

# Festung Ehrenbreitstein

(Editor's Note: The following article was furnished from the records of E. A. Stelzer, who served in C-Company of the 273rd Infantry Regiment).

At 11:00 A.M., on March 27, 1945, Fort Ehrenbreitstein, commanding the junction of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers, fell to troops of the Fighting 69th. It was here, in January, 1923, that the American Flag was lowered, when the United States Army of Occupation left Germany, after World War I.

On Army Day, 6 April, 1945, the same Flag was raised by a Special Honor Guard of the 69th Infantry Division, symbolizing the victorious re-entry of American troops into Germany.

## 69th TAKES FORT EHRENBREITSTEIN, GERMANY MARCH 27, 1945

Less than four months after landing in England, the 69th Division commanded by Major General E. F. Reinhardt, was seeing action for the first time in the inner Siegfried defences. By March 27, it had broken through the crumbling line, crossed the Rhine and captured the historic fortress of Ehrenbreitstein citadel of the American Army of Occupation after World War I.

The 272nd Combat Team which spearheaded the Fighting 69th drive across the Rhine, was comprised of the First Battalion of the 273rd Infantry, and the Second Battalion of the 272nd Infantry.

Standing poised on the west bank of the Rhine, after its drive into the Rhineland, the 69th Division sent a combat team commanded by Colonel Walter D. Buie, across the river on March 16th. Threatened by the encircling American Forces, the enemy began to withdraw rapidly eastward.

Encountering but light opposition from enemy rear guard elements, the 273rd First Battalion, and the 272nd Second Battalion completed a pincer-like movement around the fort and captured 163 prisoners. The fortress fell to the 69th at 11:00 A.M., on March 27th, and was one of the 42 localities that were cleared by the combat team in a two-day operation.

General Reinhardt, former Commanding General of the IX Corps, who assumed Command of the 69th Division September 2, 1944, served as a Major with the 4th Infantry Division's 8th Infantry, during the occupation of Ehrenbreitstein.

## ARMY DAY — FORT EHRENBREITSTEIN, GERMANY 8 APRIL, 1945

In a special Army Day Ceremony, attended by General Omar Bradley and other Army leaders, an Honor Guard of the 69th Infantry Division raised the American Flag over Fort Ehrenbreitstein for a second time in a generation. In a short address, General Bradley told how Allied Troops occupied portions of western Germany after World War I. *"This fortress, Ehrenbreitstein,"* he said, *"was in the United States zone of occupation. On the 23rd day of January, 1923, the last of the American Occupation forces, headed home from Germany, and the Flag of the United States was lowered from these ramparts. Only 16 years later, Germany, under new and ruthless leadership engulfed the World in a new and terrible War. Although forced into a War, they did not want the Allies to have by their united efforts now assured, conquest of Germany. Ten days ago, troops of the First United States Army, captured this Rhine fortress of Ehrenbreitstein. Once more, as a symbol not only of American, but of Allied might, this very same Flag that was drawn down in 1923, has been raised here, today. In the years between World War I and World War II, this Flag was preserved in the War Department. Only recently, it was flown here for this ceremony. It has been raised today, by a special Honor Guard of the 69th Infantry Division. It was this Division that re-captured Ehrenbreitstein, scarcely more than a week ago."*

## ARMY DAY CELEBRATION AT EHRENBREITSTEIN ONE OF THE HISTORIC MOMENTS OF THE WAR

Present at the Army Day Ceremony at Ehrenbreitstein, were the Commanding Generals of the United States Armies of the Twelfth Army Group, in addition to General Bradley, and other Army leaders.

The military smartness of Honor Guards, the surroundings of the ancient fortress, the News photographers hovering in the background, presented a scene of historic and awe-inspiring solemnity. For the Flag raising, the Honor Guards and the reviewing stand, formed a square around the Flag pole. To the left of the reviewing stand was the Guard of Honor for General Bradley, a Company from the 28th Infantry Division. To the right of the stand, were two Platoons of the 8th Infantry, and directly opposite the stand, was the Honor Guard of the 69th Infantry Division.

The Flag which was sent from Washington, for the occasion, was brought to the ceremony by the 8th Infantry Honor Guard. Two soldiers stepped forward with the Flag and handed it over to representatives of the 69th's Honor Guard, who in turn, raised it over Ehrenbreitstein. The National Anthem was played by the 28th Infantry Division Band, on captured German instruments.

## COINCIDENTAL

By one of those odd coincidences, not usual in War, Major General Reinhardt, who Commanded the 69th Infantry Division which raised the Flag over Ehrenbreitstein, was a Major in the Fourth Division, 8th Infantry, the Unit that lowered the Flag in 1923.

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## Former 69er in Need of Help



Bruno E. Bruwer

Pictured above is Bruno E. Bruwer, No. 9 Eighth Avenue, Farmingdale, New York 11735.

Mr. Bruwer served with the 69th from May 25, 1943, until April 23, 1944, in both D-Company and Cannon Company, 273rd Infantry Regiment. He was with D-Company from May 25, 1943, until August 9, 1943. He was with Cannon Company from August 10, 1943 until April 23, 1944.

Bruno was treated for a fungus disease, while serving with both companies. He received a hand injury on October 6, 1943, and a head injury on February 9, 1944. Mr. Bruwer feels that the following men from these two companies could help him, but they are not on our Association Roster.

From D-Company: Capt. Higgins, Lt. McNulty, Lt. Weekly, Sgt. Hall, Cpl. Daly, Larry Mariconi, Frank Andert, Maraffino, and Janowski. From the Cannon Company: Capt. Yust, Lt. McGee, Sgt. Johnson, Sgt. Ritter, Sgt. Clemenz, Cpl. Orgella, Sidney, Vargo, Molers, Appel, Harry Haines and Derogatis.

If anyone reading this can help with addresses for any of the above names, please contact Mr. Bruwer or National Headquarters.

# Scholarship Winners for 1981 And Scholarship News

The Scholarship Committee met this past June, at Nassau Inn, Princeton, New Jersey, to review the applications received for the 1980-1981 Scholarship Awards. After examining the scholastic records, evaluating answers to application questions regarding thoughts on various topics, and guided by the recommendations of Mary Drew, our friend and professional college entrance evaluator throughout the country, we selected the following two award winners.

Melissa Leike is the daughter of Albert and Joyce Leike of Parkersburg, Pennsylvania. Melissa is an outstanding student who graduated 29th in a class of 589 students. Her activities and honors include: member of the Honor Society, member of the school Student Council, Class Cabinet, Orchestra, Band, Meister Singers and an Honor Graduate.

Melissa will pursue a career in Computer Management and has been accepted at the University of Hartford. She writes that I want to express my appreciation in being awarded the 69th Infantry Division Association's Scholarship Award. I feel honored to be selected by the Scholarship Committee. I will begin my college career August 29, 1981, by being accepted at the University of Hartford, West Hartford, Connecticut.

I will attend your Reunion Banquet with my parents, Saturday evening, August 15, 1981.

William Matlach is the son of Bill and Jane Matlach of West Islip, New York. William ranked 23rd in a class of 675 students, and had to obtain exceptional grades to achieve this honor. He is a member of the Honor Society, and Marine Biology Club. He also was a member of the Basketball Team and Band. Billy has been a Bible School Helper for several years, for Missionary Outreach. He has been accepted at Reaselear Polytechnic Institute and hopes to pursue something in the Mathematics field.

Billy writes . . . I was very happy when informed that I was a recipient of a 1981 Scholarship Award. I am very proud to have been selected by the committee and the 69th Division Association. Thank you, for decorating me with this prestigious award. I will definitely be in Harrisburg, at the Host Inn, with my parents to accept this award at the Saturday Dinner Banquet Dance.

Melissa's father, Albert, is a member of the 369th Medical Battalion, Company-C, and Billy's father, Bill Matlach, a Past President of the Division Association, was with Company-E, 273rd Infantry Regiment. It was nice for the first time in many a year to have our award winners attend the Reunion Banquet. This made seven Past Presidents in attendance at the Banquet, feel very proud of their accomplishments in selecting these two fine students to go along with the many others to know that the Scholarship Fund is doing good in aiding our young people of



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the 69th Division. We hope it makes a better tomorrow for our country.

After a President of our Association becomes a Past President, his main duty to the Association is that of serving on the Scholarship Committee. Now a "Future Scholarship Program Committee" is working on the problems that will come about in years to come, concerning the Scholarship Fund. This committee is listed on page two of this issue of the Bulletin, and wish to get feed-back from our membership, so that they can make the right decisions that should come before the membership at the Milwaukee Reunion in 1982.

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For the information of the membership, the following is a reprint of the Scholarship/Welfare Fund Trust Agreement, which is to be revised.

*(Editor's Note: For those who have written since the Trust Agreement was published in a past Bulletin, and again in this Bulletin, a Welfare Fund HAS NEVER BEEN ESTABLISHED by the 69th Division Association. All monies in the fund belongs to the Scholarship part of the fund. Any member belonging to the 69th Division Association can have his son or daughter apply for a Scholarship Award by writing Samuel Woolf, 241 Waverly Road, Scarsdale, New York 10583. Sammy is the Scholarship Chairman, and the only stipulation for a member is that he is in good standing with the Association by having his dues paid-up for the past two years, and that his membership continue during the term of his son or daughters' attendance in college.)*

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## REPRINT OF SCHOLARSHIP/WELFARE FUND TRUST AGREEMENT INFORMATION . . .

As most of you know, the 69th Infantry Division Association maintains a Welfare and Scholarship Fund which is used to grant Scholarship Awards competitively, to outstanding students about to graduate from high school, before continuing in college, technical school, school of nursing or other advanced studies. Currently the award has been \$200 per year for a total of up to \$800, assuming the student continues studies for four years.

In response to inquiries from several members, the following is the text of the Trust Agreement which provides for the control and management of the awards:

This Trust Agreement made this 3rd day of August, 1966, by and between the 69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC., a New York membership corporation with its principal office at 19 Barberry Road, West Islip, New York, hereinafter referred to as Settler and the President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer and all past presidents of the said 69th Infantry Division Association, Inc., hereinafter individually and jointly referred to as Trustees.

WHEREAS the Settler has established a Welfare and Scholarship Fund for its members, and wives, and children of its members, and widows, and children of deceased members, and

WHEREAS it is the intention of this Trust Agreement to set up all funds now or hereafter earmarked for welfare and scholarship purposes, and

WHEREAS it is the intention of the Settler to give honor to its comrades in arms, and wives, widows and children of its comrades in arms and to help when necessary, and to extend at all times to recognized scholars a sum of money in appreciation of those students' scholarship.

### NOW, THEREFORE,

1. The Settler does hereby set apart from its general funds the sum of \$3,391.44 in its Welfare and Scholarship Fund into which shall be deposited all funds heretofore received and

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## Dottie and Me



Earl and Dottie Witzleb

Hi, Buddies, very glad to report that we had a real good Reunion in the Hershey-Harrisburg area, at the Host Inn. I hope that it is the beginning of many **bigger and better Reunions**. I did try to emphasize in past Bulletins, that the east should take advantage of this past Reunion, as it would be the last in the east for a couple of years, and I do believe you responded beautifully. Published elsewhere in this Bulletin you will find the names of those who attended and the states from which they came. The count in attendance is only the member present, so in most cases you double that figure, by counting the wife, plus, this year there were many guests, who came to the Reunion. Now I say, it's your turn Mid-west. You are in a good spot in Milwaukee, to encourage the mid-west membership to attend the Reunion in 1982. The east and west should also turn out well at the Reunion, as Milwaukee is only half-way across the country — and I'm sure the south always participates with a big turn-out. I am sorry to say that neither Clarence or myself have any pictures of the 1981 Reunion to be printed in this issue of the Bulletin. Victor Woo, Bill Matlach, and Chuck Herring were our big picture takers at the Reunions, but Victor had to be in a family wedding this year, and as you know Chuck has passed away. I understand Bill Matlach has a very good picture of the seven Past Presidents who were present at the Reunion this year, but so far haven't seen it.

It's **Dues Time**, again for this current Dues Year of 1981-1982, so do get your dues paid. By now you should have received the First Notice in the mail. Your dues card this year will be Blue (or at least it has a bluish look). I like to consider this year as the First Round. That is, if you have paid your dues the last two years, plus this year. You should therefore have a red, white and blue card, if you keep them. I have mine plus a lot of old white ones. Like to also mention that the Fiscal Dues Year is no longer from Reunion to Reunion, but as directed in our By-Laws. That is: our Fiscal Dues Year begins August 1 and ends July 31 of the following year, so our current Fiscal Dues Year is from August 1, 1981, to July 31, 1982. If you have paid your dues at the Reunion, ignore the two Dues Notices. If you still have the stub on your Dues Card which you received at the Reunion, please send it to me for my record, otherwise, I guess I just say you haven't paid yet.

Frank Nemith sends word along that he isn't finished writing the minutes of the meetings at our meetings at Host Inn, so you will have to wait until the next issue of the Bulletin to read them, and find out about the business we conducted at this year's General Meeting of the Association. The meetings were very productive, I would say, except we did not get a Reunion Site for 1984, so we should select two sites at our Reunion in Milwaukee.

Word from our ex-Vice President, Chet Yastrzemski, coming from Sarah Giduck, about the death of her husband Harry Giduck, on July 10, 1981. Both men were close friends . . . visiting each other after the war. Harry was Chet's Squad Leader in the 3rd Platoon, 1st Squad of Compay-E, 272nd Infantry Regiment. Also, had an acknowledgment from

Rosemary Campaigne for the Memorial Check sent to Boswell Memorial Hospital, Sun City, with the passing of her husband. We all knew Frank Campaigne as our Bolo Man. We also missed Chuck Herring, our Golf Pro, who had run many of our Golf Tournaments at Reunions gone by. These men, as well as our other deceased members, will be missed by their Buddy friends, as well as the Division Association.

In this issue of the Bulletin, Page two, are listed the Committees which President Walter Doernbach has named for the 1981-1982 term. Also, on the Cover Page is the list of officers for this year's term. **I would like each officer, plus the Directors, to mail me a picture of themselves, plus a little write-up on himself and family, and what events have happened over the years since their discharge.**

I would also appreciate each member taking the time to fill out both sides of the important Survey Sheets which are published in this issue of the Bulletin, and will also appreciate your remarks or comments, so that this information may be passed along to the various Committees. A deadline is set for your response on these Survey Sheets, however, the more prompt you are in sending in this information, the more valuable this information will be to the 69th Infantry Division Association. We hope to be directed in making many decisions for the good of the organization from your response to the Survey, so do fill it in as complete as you can, and send it to me **Earl Witzleb, Drawer M., Champion, Pennsylvania 15622.**

### A THANKS — FROM ME AND OUR OFFICERS

In wrapping-it-up for this time, I'll close with a picture and a newspaper clipping which came to us from Taney County, Missouri. This only goes to show you . . . we get publicity in the "wee-corners" of our country.

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This woodcarving by Clarence Fisher of Ridgedale will be presented to Col. Robert E. Myers, of Sun City, Ariz. by Joe Wright of Forsyth.

### County to be represented at reunion in Pennsylvania

Taney County will be represented at the 35th annual reunion of the 69th Infantry Division at Harrisburg, Pa., the first week in August.

A member of its board of directors is Joe Wright of Forsyth.

The county will also be in evidence when an original woodcarving of a popular World War II figure is presented to the association's retiring president, Col. Robert E. Myers of Sun City, Ariz. The figure, which stands about two feet tall, was carved by Clarence

Fisher of Ridgedale and shows in clear detail all of the equipment carried by a combat infantry soldier into action.

The 69th Infantry Division distinguished itself when it met the Russian Army at the Elbe River in Germany, ending the war. One of the regular attendees at the annual reunion is four-star General Charles L. Bolte who activated the 69th and later led the 34th Infantry to victory in the Italian Campaign. Junior Miller of Forsyth was one of his officers.

# Attendees at 1981 Reunion

HOST INN – HERSHEY-HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

(\*First Reunion)

## DIV. HQ. & HQ. CO.

Fred & Lois Avery ..... Virginia  
General & Mrs. Charles Bolte (Adaliade) ..... Virginia  
Guests: Brig. Gen. Philip L. Bolte (Ret.)  
Col. David E. Bolte (Ret.)  
\*Eugene & Norma Butterfield ..... Ohio  
Albert & Henrietta Crisp ..... New Jersey  
Guests: M/M William Irwin  
M/M James Nolan  
M/M Robert Cury  
Walter & Ann Doernbach, Sr. .... New Jersey  
Guest: M/M Walter Doernbach, Jr.  
Theodore & Rosemarie Edstrom ..... Ohio  
W. O. "Dutch" & Jeanne Hawn ..... Colorado  
\*William & Anna M. Kimmel ..... Pennsylvania  
Adam G. Manz ..... Pennsylvania  
Clarence Marshall ..... Pennsylvania  
Guests: Mrs. Mary Jane Cline  
Mrs. Madalyn Briggs  
Robert Myers ..... Arizona  
Robert & Evelyn Silberg ..... Maryland  
Joseph & Eleanor Wright ..... Missouri

## 69th BAND

\*Dan Bolton ..... Maryland

## 69th M.P.

James & Faye Moody ..... North Carolina  
John J. Moriarty ..... Massachusetts

## 69th QUARTER MASTER

George & Vickie Gallagher ..... Pennsylvania

## 69th RECON TROOP

\*Robert & Mickey Dalton, Jr. .... California  
\*William & Mary Jane Dingey ..... Ohio  
Lewis & Stella Ellsworth ..... Ohio  
Charles & Barbara Fox ..... Maryland  
\*Doyal & Betty George ..... Maryland  
Joseph & Zola George ..... Pennsylvania  
Michael & Cecilia Gugliemetti ..... New Jersey  
\*Evelyn Karavedos (Widow of Constantine) ..... Maryland  
Guest: Mary Mack  
\*James Logue ..... Pennsylvania  
George & Rosemary Makris ..... Connecticut  
\*Frank & Josephine Morris ..... Pennsylvania  
\*Michael & Mary Moscaritolo ..... New Jersey  
Guests: Dr. & Mrs. Michael Moscaritolo and 2 Sons  
\*Herbert & Eileen Norman ..... Colorado  
\*Lewis & Lucille Pickett ..... Virginia  
Guests: Mary & Sharon Pickett  
\*Charles & Patsy Rice, Jr. .... Oklahoma  
\*Ralph Riggs ..... Ohio  
\*William Saville ..... West Virginia  
\*Murry Schmieder ..... New York  
\*Robert & Doris Seward ..... Maryland  
\*Harold & Maxine Stambaugh ..... Pennsylvania  
Guest: Nancy Stambaugh  
Harold & Velma Vance ..... Pennsylvania  
\*Lewis Vaughn ..... Virginia  
\*Robert West ..... Ohio  
\*Nicholas P. Zins ..... Maryland

## 269th ENGINEERS - HQ. & SERVICES

Howard "Red" & Virginia Denbo ..... Indiana  
W.R. "Bill" & Betty Foster ..... Pennsylvania  
Guests: Joe & Bonnie Wachs  
Leonard & Corkey Halpenny ..... Arizona  
John & Elizabeth Hawley ..... Pennsylvania

Guests: Walter & Elizabeth Howland, Jr.  
Janice, Patrick & Eric Donley  
Walter & Kathy Hawley  
Sarah & Henry Hawley  
Ralph & Violet Alleman

Walter Holmlin ..... New Jersey  
Oliver & Violet McConahay ..... Pennsylvania  
Leon & Rose Swedlow ..... Florida

## A-269th

John & Midge Buller ..... Pennsylvania  
Elsie Coe (Widow of David) ..... Delaware  
Guest: Mrs. Thelma Cowan  
Harold Ferguson ..... Virginia  
Walter & Loretta Goeben ..... New York  
Guest: Betty Lou Simmons  
John & Anna Hedl ..... Pennsylvania  
Ray & Leona Hull ..... Ohio  
\*E. Delmar Jennings ..... Indiana  
Robert & Marguerite Kamping ..... New Jersey  
Ray & Ruth Lottie ..... Minnesota  
Joseph & Christine Monteleone ..... Pennsylvania  
Frank & Grace Packard ..... Massachusetts  
\*Aage & Mary Simenson ..... New York  
\*Ted Vincent ..... Kentucky  
Guy M. Winfrey ..... Virginia

## B-269th

Daniel & Helen Evers ..... Pennsylvania  
Lottie Herring (Widow of Chuck) ..... North Carolina  
Guests: Curtis "Beamer", Tina & Tammy Herring  
Frank & Stefania Nemeth ..... Pennsylvania  
John & Louise Pontieri ..... New York

## C-269th

Hugo & Emma Jordan ..... Pennsylvania  
Gerald & Eleanor Rodelli ..... New York  
Guests: John & Josepha Koubek  
Mr. & Mrs. Ekareth  
\*Lawrence & Jean Roeder ..... Kentucky

## 369th MED. BATTALION

### HQ.

William Bowman ..... Virginia

### A-369th

Bernard Hoak ..... Pennsylvania

\*Anshel Konzak ..... Maryland

### C-369th

Albert & Mrs. Leike, Jr. .... Pennsylvania  
Guest: Melissa

\*Russell & Linda Reed ..... Delaware

## 569th SIG. CO.

Margie Armbruster (Widow of Earl) ..... Pennsylvania  
Bernard Bosley ..... New Jersey  
George & Dorothy Hepp ..... New York  
Kenneth & Hester Manning ..... West Virginia  
Seymour Nash ..... New Jersey  
Curt & Evelyn Peterson ..... Wisconsin

## 769th ORDINANCE

Clifford & Estelle Ewing ..... Georgia  
Milton & Esta Halainen ..... New Hampshire  
Irving Sarafan ..... New York  
Joseph & Vera Selb ..... New Jersey

## 661st T.D. BATTALION

### HQ. CO.

Grover & Juanita McDonald ..... Virginia  
Guest: Anita

Mel & Ruth Mellinger ..... Pennsylvania

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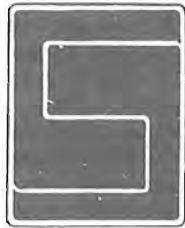
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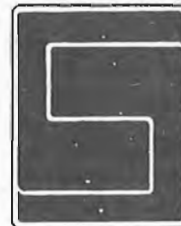
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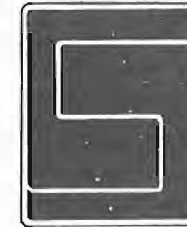
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**C-Co.**

Steve & Anne Forgas ..... Ohio  
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**TD-RECON**

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**777th TANK BATTALION**

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John Minnucci ..... Pennsylvania  
Alex Zubrowski ..... New York

**C-Co.**

\*Edward & Frances Davidson ..... Pennsylvania

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\*Barry & Ruth Baliles ..... Virginia  
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\*Elmer Brownsberger ..... Pennsylvania  
Marion & Helen Calloway ..... Delaware  
Merle & Marcella Kelly ..... Florida  
\*Donald & Eva Knaus ..... Pennsylvania  
Andrew & Mary LaPatka ..... Pennsylvania  
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\*Mike Marsyada ..... Pennsylvania  
\*Ammon Shenenberger ..... Pennsylvania  
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A. C. Faison ..... Florida  
Francis Fenner ..... Pennsylvania  
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\*Richard & Emily Magers ..... Maryland

**724th FIELD ARTILLERY**

**HQ. & SERVICES**

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**BATTERY A**

\*Paul & Mayreta Kitner ..... Pennsylvania  
William Harsch ..... Pennsylvania  
Walter & Mrs. Mormello ..... Pennsylvania

William & Patricia Ruebsamen ..... Arizona

**BATTERY B**

\*Charles & Edith Becker ..... Pennsylvania  
\*John & Sophie Pierce ..... Pennsylvania  
Roy & Helen Thompson ..... Virginia  
Henry & Ruth Wietmarschen ..... Ohio

**BATTERY C**

John & Gladys Heliseva ..... New York

**BATTERY UNKNOWN**

\*Robert Hollister ..... New York

**879th FIELD ARTILLERY**

**HEADQUARTERS & SERVICES**

Dell & Mary Balzano ..... Ohio  
Philip & Elizabeth Colombo ..... New York  
\*James Evans ..... Pennsylvania  
Harold & Emily Fletcher ..... Pennsylvania  
Al & Margaret Kormas ..... Ohio  
Fred Schoepf ..... Pennsylvania  
Guests: Danny & Mark

**SERVICE BATTERY**

Bruce & Mary Young ..... Maryland

**BATTERY A**

Irvin & Vivian Berman ..... Maryland

**BATTERY C**

Harry & Mary Carozzo ..... Pennsylvania  
William & Mary Harr ..... Ohio  
Frank & Katherine Kruger ..... New York  
Guests: Henry & Josephine Kruger

**880th FIELD ARTILLERY**

**HEADQUARTERS & SERVICES**

\*Emil Paoletta ..... Ohio  
\*Bill & Katherine Suckel ..... Ohio

**BATTERY C**

\*Henry & Lucille Abbe ..... New York  
\*John & Marjorie Clark ..... Ohio  
Willard & Joan Clineff ..... Delaware  
\*John & Dorothy Damato ..... New Jersey  
\*Edward & Marjorie Dufton ..... Pennsylvania  
Enrico & Anne D'Angelo ..... Pennsylvania  
\*Forrest & Katherine Eley ..... Ohio  
Marvel & Mildred Henson ..... New Jersey  
\*Raymond & Florence Kubacki ..... Pennsylvania  
\*N. J. & Ann Mancini ..... New Jersey  
Lee J. & Betty Meyer ..... Pennsylvania  
Guest: Barbara Meyer

\*Ray & Peg Mills ..... Indiana  
Wayne & Jayne Murphy ..... Ohio  
\*Lowell & Marjorie McFarlin ..... Ohio  
\*Alvin & Florence Philpet ..... New Jersey  
\*Lewis & Fern Pugh ..... Ohio

Guest: William Pugh  
\*Marvin & Mary Reber ..... Pennsylvania  
\*John & Helen Wallace ..... Massachusetts  
\*Robert & Irene Williams ..... Ohio

**BATTERY UNKNOWN**

\*Henry P. Wojtanowski ..... Maryland  
Guest: Pat Manson  
\*Frank & Rose Kusher ..... Pennsylvania

**881st FIELD ARTILLERY**

**HEADQUARTERS**

\*George Ames ..... Pennsylvania  
Daniel & Joan Jones ..... Pennsylvania

**A-BATTERY**

James & Irene Liguori ..... New York

Guests: Three  
John & Marie Suprano ..... Pennsylvania  
William Tener ..... Pennsylvania

## 271st INFANTRY REGIMENT

### HEADQUARTERS

\*Walter & Julia Mueller ..... New Jersey

#### AT-271st

\*Arthur & Nancy Holgate ..... New Jersey  
Francis Tomczuk ..... New Jersey  
\*Henry & Lucy Wessel ..... Pennsylvania  
George & Virginia Weston ..... New Jersey

#### MED. DET.

Francis & Lee Burrows ..... Maryland  
Guests: Two  
Michael & Elsie Montemurro ..... New York  
Guests: Two

#### HQ. 1st BATTALION

Albert & Edith Carbonari ..... Connecticut

#### A-COMPANY

Irvin & Doris Hunsberger ..... Pennsylvania  
Emil & Mrs. Zerenga ..... New York

#### C-COMPANY

Robert & Jayne Rankin ..... Pennsylvania

#### D-COMPANY

Merrill Embick ..... Pennsylvania  
Charles & Ethel Marcum ..... Kentucky  
Paul & Marguerite McCombs ..... Pennsylvania

#### HQ. 2nd BATTALION

Il. Ward & Sally Chorpenning ..... Ohio  
Guest: Doug Chorpenning  
Morris Greenberg ..... Pennsylvania  
Stanley Lucki ..... New Jersey

#### E-COMPANY

Irving & Etta Gotkin ..... New York  
Dale & Helen McGee ..... Florida  
\*Bing Poon ..... Washington, D.C.  
Paul & Marian Shadle ..... Pennsylvania  
Guests: Paul & Glenda Shadle, Jr.  
\*Bernard Woolf ..... Pennsylvania

#### F-COMPANY

\*Frank & Arlene Carey ..... Pennsylvania  
\*Cecil & Arlene Cottle ..... Ohio  
Charles & Virginia Funk ..... New Jersey

#### G-COMPANY

Cliff & Pauline Barbieri ..... Virginia  
Clarence & Lena Goon ..... Ohio  
Nathan & Rhoda Green ..... New York  
Clarence & Shirley Jenson ..... New York  
Guests: Gail Jenson & Stacey Gibbs  
\*Wayne & Evelyn Nelson ..... Pennsylvania  
George Phillips ..... Florida  
Loar Quickle ..... New Jersey

#### H-COMPANY

Charles & Louise Kooles ..... Florida  
Michael & Rose Marie Kutzmonich ..... Pennsylvania  
Albert & Eleanor Panara ..... New Jersey  
Ralph & Marion Trapper ..... Pennsylvania  
Guests: Two  
Morris & Chickee Yegelwell ..... Florida

#### HQ. 3rd BATTALION 271st

Irvin Fox ..... Pennsylvania  
\*Raymond E. Messimer ..... Pennsylvania

#### I-COMPANY

\*George & Ursula Vlad ..... New York

#### K-COMPANY

Robert & Claire Kremin ..... New York  
Worley & Mae Smith ..... Michigan

#### L-COMPANY

Thomas & Mattie Carson ..... Georgia  
Ralph D. Fitzgerald, Jr. .... Maryland  
Guest: One  
T. E. & Merle Prillaman ..... Virginia

#### M-COMPANY

William & Reba Sheavly ..... Maryland  
S. M. Talley ..... Pennsylvania

## 272nd INFANTRY REGIMENT

### DIV. HEADQUARTERS

Ray & Mary Ann Knudsen ..... New Jersey  
\*Fred Sheridan ..... California

#### ANTI TANKS

Harry Austin ..... Pennsylvania  
Guest: One  
Charles & Vivian Hawes ..... Michigan  
\*Urno & Evelyn Gustafson, Jr. .... Pennsylvania

#### MEDICS

I. A. & Mary Ann Nicholson ..... Texas  
S. Raymond & Charlotte Strauss ..... New York

#### A-COMPANY

\*Earl & Dorothy Miller ..... Pennsylvania

#### B-COMPANY

Bernard & Marie La Due ..... New York  
Guests: Sandra & Kerrie Kowalski

#### C-COMPANY

Valarie Ike ..... Ohio  
Guest: Mary Rose  
George & Shirley Yust ..... Pennsylvania  
Guests: Two

#### D-COMPANY

John & Joan Mason ..... California

#### HQ. 2nd BATTALION

Harold & Dorothy Starry ..... Pennsylvania

#### E-COMPANY

Arthur Caola ..... New Jersey  
Sam & Rosemarie DiGirolamo ..... Pennsylvania  
Edward & Connie Gallagher ..... New Hampshire  
Joe Greco ..... New York  
Allen & Muriel Histan ..... Pennsylvania  
Tony & Florence Keller ..... New York  
Milton & Dorothy Lutes ..... Pennsylvania  
\*Eliot & Peggy Rubin ..... New York  
William & Barbara Russell ..... Michigan  
Guest: Larry Russell  
Edward & Victoria Netta ..... New Jersey  
Guests: Albert & Marie Laggini  
Kenneth & Marilyn Shayne ..... New York  
Tom Smith ..... Delaware  
\*Roger & Ruth West ..... Michigan  
Chester & Barbara Yastrzemski ..... New York  
Guest: Richard Yastrzemski

#### F-COMPANY

Francis & Eva Fournier ..... Massachusetts  
Guests: Mr. & Mrs. John Mitchell  
James & Peachs Henry ..... Pennsylvania  
Joseph & Anne Nunes ..... Rhode Island  
Neil Shields ..... Pennsylvania

**G-COMPANY**

Anees Barakat, Jr. . . . . Pennsylvania  
Clarence Burke . . . . . Pennsylvania  
William & Marian Lilien . . . . . New York  
William & Joyce Phillips . . . . . Pennsylvania

**I-COMPANY**

John & Herta Almacy . . . . . Maryland  
Frank Aplan . . . . . Pennsylvania  
Andrew & Betty Blishak . . . . . Pennsylvania  
Wendell & Sally Freeman . . . . . Georgia  
Dennie & Elsie Haltiwanger . . . . . Florida  
James & Marie Herbison . . . . . New York  
\*John & Valda Herrick . . . . . New York  
Robert & Vivian Kurtzman . . . . . Ohio  
    Guests: Daughter & Son-in-Law  
Pat & Janice Lushbaugh . . . . . Maryland  
Ed McDonnell . . . . . New York  
Chalmer & Reita Pearson . . . . . Illinois  
Thomas & Jeanne Reardon . . . . . Pennsylvania  
Andrew & Mary Rebick . . . . . New Jersey

**K-COMPANY**

\*Donald & Catherine Ruppert . . . . . Pennsylvania  
\*Charles Lintz . . . . . Maryland

**M-COMPANY**

Raymond & Alice Wolthoff . . . . . Florida

**273rd INFANTRY REGIMENT**

**HEADQUARTERS**

Bennie & Rachel Fay . . . . . North Carolina  
Doris Ober (Widow of Robert) . . . . . Pennsylvania

**MED.DET.**

\*Albert & Anna Dippel . . . . . Maryland  
Howard & Johnie Hoover . . . . . Pennsylvania

**HQ. 1st BATTALION**

Rocco & Mrs. Campagna . . . . . Pennsylvania  
Charles & Lorraine Goodhart . . . . . Pennsylvania

**A-COMPANY**

Ray Fahrner . . . . . Pennsylvania  
Ray & Gladys Irvin . . . . . Pennsylvania  
Edward & Johanna Lucci . . . . . New York  
Ray Pugliese . . . . . Pennsylvania

**B-COMPANY**

\*Peter Waligura . . . . . Pennsylvania

**C-COMPANY**

\*Stanley & Gloria Czyzyk . . . . . New York  
    Guest: Jane Czyzyk  
\*John & Eleanor Renshaw . . . . . Pennsylvania  
\*Emmett A. & Rosemary Stelzer . . . . . Texas

**D-COMPANY**

Allan & Mary Blackmar . . . . . New York  
    Guest: Barbara Pilkonis  
\*Henry & Julia Kaminski . . . . . Pennsylvania  
\*Gordon Mohr . . . . . New York  
Ken Sawyer . . . . . Florida

**E-COMPANY**

Fred & Eunice Huston . . . . . Ohio  
William & Jane Matlach . . . . . New York  
    Guest: William Matlach  
Frank Reemsnyder . . . . . Ohio  
Earl E. & Dottie Witzleb . . . . . Pennsylvania  
    Guests: Joan Witzleb Smith  
    Lois, Karen & Sharon Verminski  
    Mary Lee & Frank Javorka  
    Margarie Karns  
    George Dressler

**F-COMPANY**

Gilbert & Marian Clark . . . . . Pennsylvania  
\*Thomas & Jean Graves . . . . . Florida  
Robert & Ingeborg Mottaz . . . . . California  
Sam & Anne Woolf . . . . . New York

**G-COMPANY**

Edson & Lory Stagg . . . . . New Jersey  
    Guests: Mr. & Mrs. Joe Corso

**H-COMPANY**

\*C. W. Burtyk . . . . . Virginia  
Samuel Grubbs . . . . . Pennsylvania  
Michael Masullo . . . . . Pennsylvania  
\*John & Arylene Mowrey . . . . . West Virginia  
Richard Parent . . . . . New Jersey  
Roger & Mrs. Roden . . . . . Pennsylvania  
\*Elijah & Jacque Sams, Jr. . . . . North Carolina  
Jake & Violet Stark . . . . . Pennsylvania  
Ray & Helen Szudlarek . . . . . Ohio

**HQ. 3rd BATTALION**

Jack Goldman . . . . . Virginia  
\*C. R. Hoffman, Jr. . . . . Florida  
\*Earl & Anna Walters . . . . . Pennsylvania

**I-COMPANY**

Carl & Berniece Macknair . . . . . Pennsylvania  
    Guest: George Ames

**K-COMPANY**

\*Nelson Koppenhaver . . . . . Pennsylvania  
Gerald & Mary Sheehan . . . . . New York  
\*J. Tutt & Edna Snodgrass . . . . . Kentucky

**L-COMPANY**

\*Anthony & Genevieve Plasic . . . . . Pennsylvania

**M-COMPANY**

\*Albert & Elvira Francavilla . . . . . Pennsylvania  
Randolph Leibensperger . . . . . Pennsylvania  
Woodrow & Frances Welch . . . . . Illinois

**States Represented By Members  
At the 1981 Host Inn Reunion**

Pennsylvania . . . . .	113
New York . . . . .	40
New Jersey . . . . .	30
Ohio . . . . .	30
Maryland . . . . .	20
Virginia . . . . .	19
Florida . . . . .	12
Delaware . . . . .	6
Michigan . . . . .	5
California . . . . .	4
Kentucky . . . . .	4
Massachusetts . . . . .	4
North Carolina . . . . .	4
Texas . . . . .	4
Arizona . . . . .	3
Georgia . . . . .	3
Indiana . . . . .	3
West Virginia . . . . .	3
Wisconsin . . . . .	3
Colorado . . . . .	2
Connecticut . . . . .	2
Illinois . . . . .	2
Louisiana . . . . .	2
New Hampshire . . . . .	2
Minnesota . . . . .	1
Missouri . . . . .	1
Oklahoma . . . . .	1
Rhode Island . . . . .	1
South Carolina . . . . .	1
Washington, D.C. . . . .	1
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>326</b>

## Look at Us . . .



*Al Kormas (Kormazis) and Bob (Mail Call) Hoch*

Two former buddies in Hq. Battery, 879th F.A., bare their heads. Al states they were 'dead broke' and 'sober' when they did this, for something to do. It was all done with just scissors and a comb, and he said they looked like they had the mange. Their co-horts in the barracks loved it. It was suggested that they come in to the Mess Hall last, at the next meal, after all others were seated, including the officers. When they entered someone called "**Attention!**" and everyone jumped-up, even the officers. Everyone got a big charge out of it, except the Battery Commander and the First Sergeant. The Battery Commander ordered the First Sergeant to have them escorted with their plates to the garbage rack to eat. As they left the Mess Hall there was a great cheer from the group. At retreat that night they were marched in front and center and told to bare their heads, and the First Sergeant really tore into them. He then marched them to the PX, where their heads were shaved. A lot of details of extra duty followed, and the Battery Commander made it quite clear at retreat, that if anyone else wanted to try it they would be "Better off dead," and some other words which are censored.

Al states the Bob Hoch was very witty and comical, and always had an answer away ahead of anyone. He was full of devilment, liked by all, and later on became Battery Clerk.

Bob is a Bank Manager in Fremont, Ohio, and the two get together quite often. Former First Sergeant, Ed Stark, would readily agree that the "Hut" in Shelby, that Al and Bob shared, was responsible for the most devilment. But, they had a wonderful gang with: **Jug Powers, Filthy Gray, Shorty Hartmen, Parker, Green, Kizer and Schoepf.**

## George Gallagher Retires

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George Gallagher has been a member of the IBEW for almost forty-one years. The first twenty-five years were spent working for National Electric in Ambridge. He was a member of Local 1073 at this time.

During this time, George was elected to the office of Recording Secretary and served for three years. He was elected Department Steward for eight years, and served as Second Turn Plant Steward for four years.

George was also active in Beaver County Labor Council. He was elected to the office of Financial Secretary and served for fourteen years. He also served as the COPE Chairman for

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hereafter to be received by the Settler without co-mingling with other funds of the Settler.

2. That the Welfare and Scholarship Funds shall not be drawn except on order of any two of the Trustees and in such amounts as the Trustees en banc shall determine.

3. In no event shall more than \$50.00 be expended on behalf of any one member of the Settler or any wife, widow or child of any member of the Settler without the written approval of the Board of Directors of the Settler.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hand, and seals, the date and year first above written.

69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.

By: Harold M. Starry, President

Attested:

By: Sol Rosenblitt, Secretary

E. F. Reinhardt

Hyman E. Goldstein

Lester J. Milich

Harold M. Starry

Loar L. Quickle

Sol Rosenblitt

For further information, or for applications for the 1980 award selection, write to our Scholarship Committee Chairman:

**William Matlach**

19 Barberry Road

West Islip, N.Y. 11795

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assignments over these years of service, and we were fortunate to have him as a part of our Division while we were on foreign soil.

Mr. Metzger's permanent retirement home will be in Hawaii, where he plans to move by early October.

We wish you many years of happy and healthful retirement, and thank you for your generous gift.

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the Labor Council for twelve years, and served four years on the Beaver County Man Power Commission for the Council.

George came to Westinghouse in August of 1965, and became a member of Local 201. He was elected to the Executive Board, and served eight years in the position. George was a Line Steward for eight years and Department Steward for four years.

When George retired on May 29, 1981, he took over forty years of union experience with him. Without a doubt, George Gallagher will be missed.

We wish him a long, healthy, happy retirement.

*(Editor's Note: George Gallagher served with two units in the 69th Division, the 69th MP's and 69th Q.M. He has attended many of the National Reunions, and is an active member in the Tri-State Group of ex-69'ers. We also wish him a long healthy, happy retirement.)*

# Division Association Chapter (Group) Meetings Across the United States

We are interested in all news from Chapters, Groups, Branches, Companies, Regiments, and whatever, for this column, as it may help build up your event[s]. Mail your date[s], location, banquet cost, and room rates, plus a good write-up, to Box 69, Drawer M, Champion, Pennsylvania 15622, as early as possible. Then follow through with a write-up immediately after the event[s].

## Western 69'ers

**Leonard C. Halpenny, Chairman**  
3938 East Santa Barbara  
Tucson, Arizona 85711  
Telephone: 602/327-7412

### 1982 WEEKEND

**Colonel [Ret.] Fred Sheridan, Chairman**  
1236 Patricia Avenue, No. 48  
Simi Valley, California 93065  
Telephone: 805/581-0902

The Western 69'ers held their Spring Meeting in Tucson, at the Hilton Hotel, on Saturday, May 23. Several arrived on Friday and stayed over until Sunday morning. We had an impromptu dinner together Friday night, and a planned luncheon and a planned dinner on Saturday. Those who attended were as follows:

**Leroy and Frances Brown**, Oceanside, California — H/S-269  
**David and Alice Delory**, Scottsdale, Arizona — A-273  
**Ralph and Mary Dinsmore**, Green Valley, Arizona — A-271  
**Gene and Gretchen Edminster**, Tucson, Arizona — D-271  
**Bob and Phyllis Ellis**, Tucson, Arizona — A-271  
**Len and Corkey Halpenny**, Tucson, Arizona — H/S-269  
**George and Betty Hinnant**, Phoenix, Arizona — C-271  
**Bob and Elva Myers**, Sun City, Arizona — Div. Hq.  
**Fred Sheridan [Col. Ret.]**, Simi Valley, California — Hq. 272  
**Leo and Nadine Shaughnessey [Col. Ret.]**, Phoenix, Arizona — Hq. 273  
**Andy Stelzer**, Post, Texas — C-273  
**Vic Woo**, Oakland, California — QM

The Browns, Fred Sheridan and Andy Stelzer were with us for the first time. I had known Leroy Brown overseas, and we hadn't run across each other in the intervening 36 years. Bob Ellis is recovering from an accident and told us he would be unable to go to Harrisburg. Vic Woo took many pictures and I am sure he will send some to you.

We reviewed preliminary plans for the National Reunion at Mountain Shadows in Scottsdale in 1983, and decided to hold the next meeting of the Western 69'ers on the West Coast in 1982. Fred Sheridan has already started arrangements for the 1982 get-together.

Ray and Ruth Lotte from Minneapolis came down to Tucson last week and we had a wonderful visit with them.

The Western 69'ers are planning a get-together JUNE 11, 12 and 13, 1982, at the Casa Sirena Marina Hotel in Oxnard, California. We hope for a large turn out of California 69'ers.

Oxnard is about half way between Los Angeles and Santa Barbara, on Alternate Highway No. 101 (Ventura Freeway).

The hotel is located at 3605 Peninsula Road, Channel Island Harbor, Oxnard, right on the Pacific Ocean. The rates will be as follows:

Mandalay Bay Rooms with balconies and an ocean view will be \$44.00 single and \$48.00 double.

Patio Rooms with balconies will be \$40.00 single and \$44.00 double.

There will be more information about planned activities in

the next Bulletin.

For further information concerning the 1982 Western 69'ers Reunion, please contact Colonel (Ret.) Fred Sheridan, Chairman of the event. His address and phone number is given above.

Best Regards, to all

Len

*[Editor's Note: It's nice to see the Arizona [Western] Group has changed their name to Western 69'ers. This means all you members and lovely ladies from California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, Nevada and Texas get behind the Arizonians' and make this one terrific group. Hopefully we will have another fine Mid-West Group started from the 1982 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Reunion Committee.*

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## Tri-State Goup

### "WE ARE THE FAMILY GROUP"

Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, New York and West Virginia

**Earl and Dottie Witzleb, Jr.**  
R.D. No. 1, Box 477  
Acme, Pennsylvania 15610  
Telephone: 412/455-2901 (Evenings and Weekends)

### 1982 SPRING WEEKEND

**Enrico and Ann D'Angelo, Chairpersons**  
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Saltsburg, Pennsylvania 15681  
Telephone: 412/639-3037

### Ohio Representatives:

**Robert and Vivian Kurtzman**  
610 W. Maple Street, Wilmot, Ohio 44689  
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### Noble P. and Rosemary Casey

1094 Himebright Boulevard, Akron, Ohio 44320  
216/867-7993

### Robert and Jean Shaffer

916 Pheasant Grove, N.W., Massillon, Ohio 44646  
216/837-8662

### Homer D. Rager

2469 28th Street, S.W., Akron, Ohio 44314  
216/745-8440

### Pennsylvania Representatives:

**George and Vickie Gallagher**  
84 D Street, Van Buren Homes  
Beaver, Pennsylvania 15009  
412/774-6539

### Enrico and Ann D'Angelo

516 Chestnut Street, Saltsburg, Pennsylvania 15681  
412/639-3037

### West Virginia Representatives:

### Lewis and Stella Ellsworth

R.R. No. 1, Knoxville Road, Steubenville, Ohio 43952  
614/282-2327

After a very successful Spring Weekend in Canton, Ohio, the Tri-Staters' settled back for two small events, marking time until the Big Host Inn Reunion came along.

On Sunday, July 26, 1981, a Picnic was held at Clarence Marshall's cottage. Naturally it rained again, but the Tri-

Staters' played host to Buhl Brothers Printing Company. These are the people who do such a good job in publishing three Bulletins a year for we 69'ers, and have done so for the past four years. Hopefully, three more will go out again this year, if all members pay their dues for 1981-1982.

Those attending from Buhl Brothers Printing.

Bob Buhl — Owner of Buhl Brothers Printing, and guest Rhea Eicheldinger

Luke Buhl — Plant Manager and Company Co-ordinator and his lovely wife, Gladys

George Buhl — Head Cameraman

Charles Buhl — Brother of the aforementioned Buhls

Rose Minella — Lay-out and Paste-up Department, and her four year old daughter, Angela

Mary Zik — Bindery Department

Andre Latour — Small Press Operator, and girl friend, Sherry Becket

Mary Jane Cline — "Our Snake Lady" — Photo Type Setter and Co-ordinator for our Bulletins, and her husband, Bill, plus their little poodle, Monique

Tri-Staters' were:

Clarence Marshall, Host — New Kensington, Pennsylvania — Div. Hq.

Robert and Gladys Braun — Clarion, Pennsylvania (Clarence Marshall's Sister and Brother-in-law)

Boyd and Stella Ellsworth — Steubenville, Ohio — 69th Recon

Joseph and Zola George, Jr. — Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 69th Recon

Paul and Marian Shadle — New Kensington, Pennsylvania Co.-E, 271st

Earl and Dorothy Witzleb, Jr. — Acme, Pennsylvania Co.-E, 273rd

The second event was a "Welcome to Pennsylvania" for our then President, Robert E. Myers. After a three hour, direct flight from Phoenix, Arizona, arriving three minutes early at Greater Pittsburgh Airport, Dottie and myself took Bob to the mountains. He has some stories to tell about this short three day stay. On Saturday, August 8th, Bob and fourteen Tri-Staters gathered at the Witzleb's in the afternoon for a few hours of socializing, before motoring four miles to the Sandman Restaurant and Lounge in Donegal, Pennsylvania, for a Pre-Reunion Banquet of prime rib and popover, with the works. Sunday we traveled the Pennsylvania Turnpike to our big Host Inn Reunion.

Those attending Saturday were:

Robert E. Myers, *President*

Sun City, Arizona (Guest) — Div. Hq.

Enrico and Ann D'Angelo

Saltsburg, Pennsylvania — 880th FA

Boyd and Stella Ellsworth

Steubenville, Ohio — 69th Recon

George and Vickie Gallagher

Beaver, Pennsylvania — QM & MP

Joseph and Zola George, Jr.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania — 69th Recon

Paul and Marian Shadle

New Kensington, Pennsylvania — Co.-E, 271st

John and Marie Suprano

New Kensington, Pennsylvania — 881st FA

Earl and Dorothy Witzleb, Jr.

Acme, Pennsylvania — Co.-E, 273rd

Before you receive this Bulletin, we will have had our Fall Weekend, November 6, 7, 8, 1981, at Wilson Lodge in Oglebay Park, Wheeling, West Virginia, under the leadership of Boyd and Stella Ellsworth, from the Recon Troops. Watch in the next Bulletin of our announcement for our Spring Weekend to be held May 21, 22, 23, 1982, directed by the D'Angelo's of the 880th FA, and the Witzleb's. This is scheduled to be a joint weekend with our neighbors — the Central Pennsylvania Branch, led by John and Elizabeth Hawley of Shippensburg,

Pennsylvania, and the Engineers.

From all Tri-Stater's, to each 69th member and their families, the best for the coming Holiday Season, and the coming New Year. "Good Luck," to all, and "May God Be With Each of You."

Come join us some time in the Fall or in the Spring.

Earl, Dottie and the Tri-State Family

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## Central Pennsylvania Branch

John T. and Elizabeth Hawley, *Chairpersons*

330 East Fort Street

Shippensburg, Pennsylvania 17257

Telephone: 717/530-2974

The Spring Banquet was held at Host Inn, April 25, 1981. Furthering plans for the Big Host Inn Division Association Reunion in August was the main topic of discussion, after a superb Dinner Banquet.

Those in attendance were:

John and Elizabeth Hawley

Shippensburg, Pennsylvania — Engineers

Doris Ober

Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania — Ladies Auxiliary

Howard Hoover and Wife

Halifax, Pennsylvania — Med. 273rd

Milt and Esta Halainen

Troy, New Hampshire — 769th Ord.

Dan and Helen Evers

Chester, Pennsylvania — Engineers

Jake and Helen Stark

Steelton, Pennsylvania — Co.-H, 273rd

Raymond and Helen Szkudlarek

Toledo, Ohio — Co.-H, 273rd

Joseph and Zola George, Jr.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania — 69th Recon

William "Bill" and Betty Foster

New Cumberland, Pennsylvania — Engineers

Jim Kehew

Camp Hill, Pennsylvania — Div. Hq.

Robert and Helen Baer

Leesport, Pennsylvania — Co.-C, 273rd

C. L. MacKnair and Wife

McClure, Pennsylvania — Co.-I, 273rd

Earl and Dorothy Witzleb, Jr.

Champion, Pennsylvania — Co.-E, 273rd

The Fall Banquet on Saturday, October 31, 1981, in Shippensburg, at University Lodge will be history before this Bulletin is published. A report will be made in a later Bulletin. 69th members living in Eastern Pennsylvania, Eastern Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and Washington, D.C., should contact John Hawley, address above, to get on the mailing roster of this fine group from the East.

[*Editor's Note: We need your Fall and Spring Banquet dates one year in advance to be sure of publication in Bulletins. Your Spring Banquet should be May 21, 22, 23, 1982, as a joint Get-Together with the Tri-State Group. We aren't that far from Shippensburg or Carlisle.*]

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## 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion

William "Bill" and Jo Beswick, *Chairpersons*

P.O. Box 576

West Point, Virginia 23181

Telephone: 804/843-2696

No report for this publication, but I am sure we'll hear from the 661st Tank Destroyers for the next Bulletin. They have a Spring Reunion Week coming up on April 26 to May 1, 1982, at the Quality Inn, Anaheim, California. Again, we do need to know dates, location, and program a year in advance. Then follow the event up, with a good write-up which makes for good reading by all members.

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## 69th Cavalry Recon Troop

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**Joseph A. George, Jr.**

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Telephone: 412/882-8649

No report for this publication by the Troopers, but we should hear from them for the next Bulletin. Did you like the Reunion at Host Inn? We all enjoyed having you fine men, and lovely ladies. A little birdie by the name of Boyd Ellsworth, tells me you are having your week in Columbus, Ohio, in 1982. May I have some information on this for future Bulletins. Is Trooper Ralph Riggs in charge since he lives in Columbus?

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## 880th Field Artillery, C-Battery

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Telephone: 419/368-7363

**Lewis G. Pugh, Co-chairman**

Route 4, Grant Street  
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Telephone: 614/942-3721

Enjoyed spending the hour, or so, with your fine Artillery men, and your lovely ladies, at the Marriott across from Host Inn in Harrisburg. Enjoyed talking to the football coach, but we just ran out of time. Did you folks like the Reunion at Host Inn? You helped to make the Reunion the biggest yet. Do come back again soon. Now let me know your activities so that we can give you good write-ups in the Bulletins under this column, Division Association Group meetings Across the United States. I understand that one of your lovely couples will be doing double-duties in 1982, as they prepare plans for your Yearly Weekend, as well as being in charge of the Tri-State Weekend in May of 1982. Guess it will be in Pennsylvania, and I am sure Enrico and Ann D'Angelo will handle the duties well.

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## 269th Engineers, Company-B

**Frank Nemeth**

66 Gaping Rock Road  
Levittown, Pennsylvania 19057  
Telephone: 215/945-3809

Just returned from a real good time at the Reunion in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. (Do you realize it's our 34th Reunion). It was good to see everyone once again and also made many new friends. Received a nice surprise while at the Reunion. Ed Stagg presented me with this photo which he got from Ray Strick. Both Ed and Ray served with the 269th Engineers before transferring to the 273rd Infantry. This is the first time I've seen this photo of our Cadre at Camp Shelby. Take a good look and see if you can name these Buddies of yours . . .



Kneeling (Left to Right): Sample, Hodson, Huggins, Strick, Hess, Engles, Tomlinson.  
Standing — Ducote, Dahill, Douglass, Moore.

Sorry to report we lost a good friend in the passing away of Chuck Herring. He'll be greatly missed by all the Engineers, since he was very active in all our activities and all the 69th Division activities, as well as serving as the Golf Tournament Chairman and on other committees. Chuck served in both "B" and "H.S." Companies during his time in the 269th.

In our next report I'll give you all a run-down of the Reunion and all its highlights, we had fifty-four people there and Co. A really truned out strong. I also met a lot of First Time Engineers at the Reunion.

If you have any questions about any of your Buddies, no matter what company, just write and ask and I'll try to get the answer, OK?

Hope to See 'Ya All Soon,  
Frank Nemeth

*[Editor's Note: Frank Nemeth handled all the news for Company-B of the Engineers, but I presume now that Frank will do it all for the Engineers. So until I hear different, send your Engineering news and photos to Frank.]*

P.S.: Knowing everyone will read this Bulletin from front cover to the back page, and knowing I will reach those mentioned herein, I wish to thank the girls at the Registration Desk, who worked so hard to break down the reservations for our tremendous Banquet, by units when time became crucial. I cannot remember if I had thanked them.

Also, to Leo Swedlow, Johnnie Pontier and Dan Evers, who lugged chairs and tables and helped me in my time of confusion. Thanks' Fellas!!

Frank Nemeth  
Banquet Seating Chairman

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**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS AND COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE**  
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May I just make a note to all Leaders of Chapters, Groups, Branches, Companies, Regiments, Recons, Artillery, and T.D.'s to get your Activities Schedules in to Box 69, Champion, Pennsylvania, as early as possible. We try to work at least a year ahead, as we only put out three Bulletins a year. When mailing in this information, do send your organization's name, person in charge [Chairman], address, city, state, zip, telephone numbers [including area code], dates, location, and anything else that you feel might be of interest for the outfit to know. This may also bring a new face, or two, to your group.

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**JANUARY 15, 1982**

Deadline for Material and Pictures for Bulletin  
 Volume 35 Number 2  
 January - February - March - April, 1982  
**Please take note: Milwaukee Reunion Committee**

**MARCH 31, 1982**

Deadline for Material and Pictures for Bulletin  
 Volume 35 Number 3  
 May - June - July - August, 1982

**APRIL 26 thru MAY 1, 1982**

**661st Tank Destroyer Battalion Reunion**  
**Quality Inn - Anaheim**  
**Anaheim, California**  
 William "Bill" and Joe Bestwick, *Chairpersons*  
 P.O. Box 576  
 West Point, Virginia 23181  
 Telephone: 804/843-2696

**MAY 21, 22, 23, 1982**

**Tri-State Spring Weekend**  
*[Guests will be our neighbors -  
 Central Pennsylvania Branch]*

**Sheraton Inn**  
**Route 30 East, at Westmoreland Mall**  
**Greensburg, Pennsylvania**

Enrico and Ann D'Angelo, *Chairpersons*  
 516 Chestnut Street  
 Saltsburg, Pennsylvania 15681  
 Telephone: 412/639-3037

Earl and Dottie Witzleb, Jr.  
 R.D. No. 1, Box 477  
 Acme, Pennsylvania 15610  
 Telephone: 412/455-2901 *[Weekends and Evenings]*

**JUNE 11, 12, 13, 1982**

**Western 69'ers**  
**Casa Sirena Hotel**  
**3605 Peninsula Road**  
**Channel Islands Harbor**  
**Oxnard, California**  
 Fred Sheridan, *Chairman*  
 1236 Patricia Avenue  
 Apartment No. 48  
 Simi Valley, California 93065  
 Telephone:

**NOVEMBER 5, 6, 7, 1982**

**Tri-State Fall Weekend**  
**Site - Unknown**  
*[Keep reading your Bulletin carefully]*

**MAY 22 to 29, 1983 [Month Change]**

**69th Infantry Division Association Annual Reunion**  
**Mountain Shadows - Marriott Inn**  
**Scottsdale, Arizona**  
*[Relax With Us At Pool Side In Sunny Arizona]*  
 Robert E. Myers, *Co-Chairman*  
 10453 Cumberland Drive  
 Sun City, Arizona 85351  
 Telephone: 602/977-1952 (Home)  
 602/975-2270 (Office)

Frank See, *Co-Chairman*  
 3003 Moss Avenue  
 Midland, Texas 79701

**AUGUST 25, 26, 27, 28, 1983**

**Tri-State Spring and Fall Weekend**  
*[Combined Spring and Fall Weekends in 1983]*  
**Site - New Philadelphia, Ohio**

Robert and Vivian Kurtzman, *Chairpersons*  
 610 West Maple Street  
 Wilmot, Ohio 44689  
 Telephone: 216/359-5487

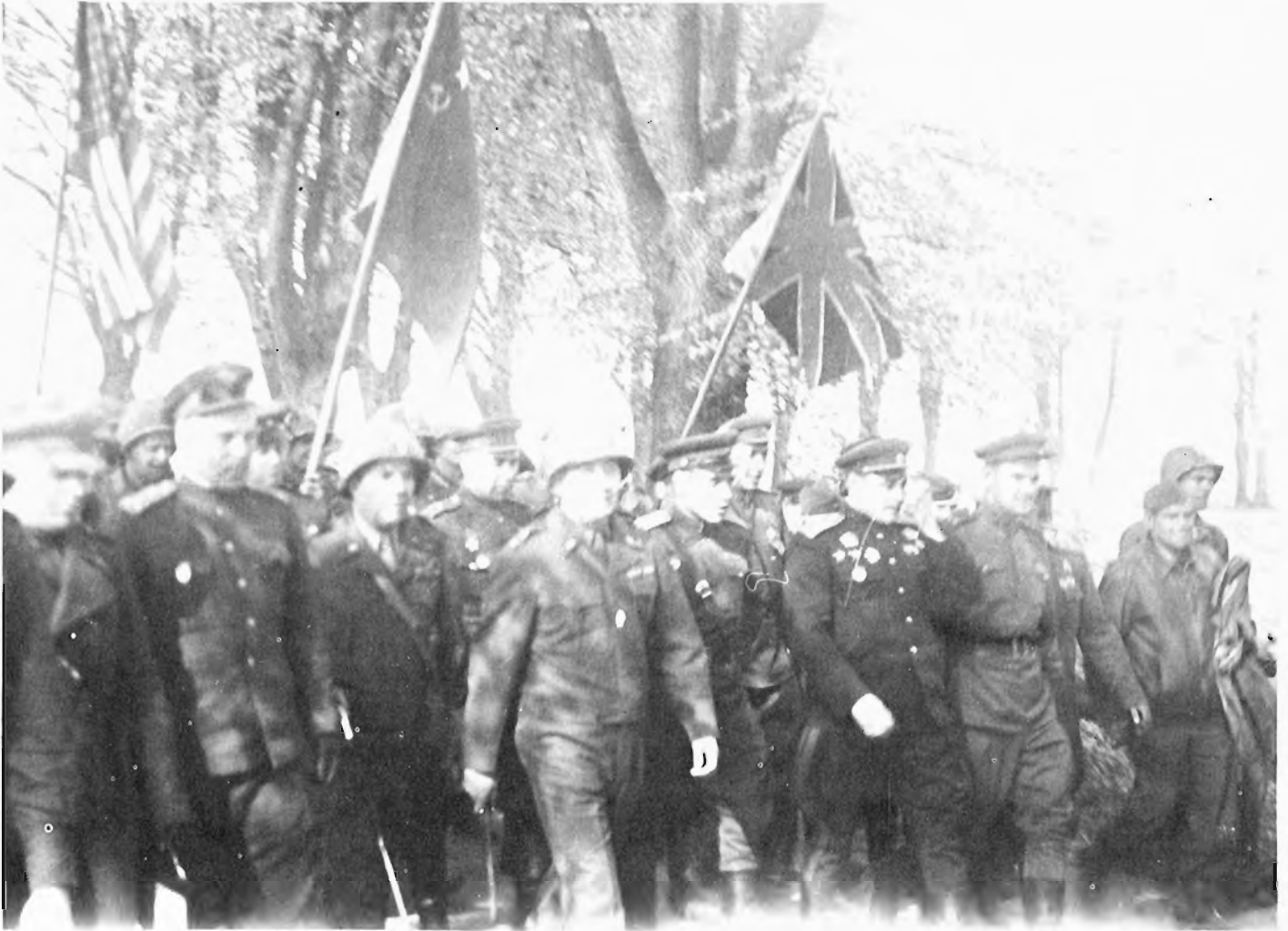
- P. - Plan With a Unit Buddy
- S. - Save For A 69th Reunion Vacation Week

**AUGUST 15 to 22, 1982**

**69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL REUNION**  
**Ramada Inn - Airport**  
**6401 South 13th Street**  
**Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53221**  
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Vernon Wirth, *Co-Chairman*  
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 Telephone: 414/422-9664  
 Gaylord W. Thomas, *Co-Chairman*  
 132 Doty Street  
 Waupun, Wisconsin 53963  
 Telephone: 414/324 4065





The above picture was taken by Sam Webne when General Reinhardt and Staff met with the Russian General for the first link-up of American and Russian troops.

Mr. Webne served with Company-F, 271st Infantry as a First Lieutenant, from the period extending just before the crossing of the Rhine and until we returned home. He was Platoon Leader for the Fourth Platoon, and for a brief period Company Commander. At the same time his brother, Morris Webne, served as a First Lieutenant with H-Company.

Sam states: *"By chance, my brother and I were visiting briefly, when General Reinhardt's jeep passed by! Realizing this might be of some importance, we followed. We found a boat and rowed across the Elbe, and I took this picture with a borrowed camera."*

## Robert E. Bliss Writes



*Robert Bliss, and wife, Joyce  
"Big Bob" to the guys in Company-C, 273rd*

Robert E. Bliss, 562 Yucca Drive, El Centro, California — 92243, C-273rd.

After the War (1945), I came out to California and got married. I went back in the Army for a total of eight years. Got out again, and tried lots of jobs, until 1952, when I joined the U.S.A.F. (Air Police), at March Field California.

I went to England again for two years and met my second wife. I completed twelve years in the Air Force and retired a M/Sgt.

I had twin boys by my first marriage, and a son and a daughter with my second wife.

I volunteered for duty in England, again in 1958, as that was my wife's home. I spent my last three years at Luke Air Force Base in Arizona, where I retired in 1964. I came here to El Centro and was hired as a "Hydrographer" at the Imperial Irrigation District.

I was sixty years old on June 3, 1981. I would love to see some of my old buddies from Company-C, 273rd Infantry, but I have a bad back and could not sit in an airplane that long, for the trip to Pennsylvania. My best thoughts and wishes to all of you in the 69th Infantry Division, and to all of my buddies of the 273rd C-Company, under Capt. Lichtenfels.

God bless you all, and a good life to you all.

# IMPORTANT SURVEY

## 69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

The Division Officers and Board Members request that all 5,000 members on our mailing list take time to complete the following survey form, and return it to Earl E. Witzleb, Jr., Co-Bulletin Editor, Drawer M., Champion, Pennsylvania 15622. To complete the form will only require about fifteen minutes of your time, and a first class stamped envelope. You could also use one of your old Dues Notice Envelopes to return the form in. After you have completed both pages of this survey, remove the pages from the Bulletin and be certain to return the information by February 28, 1982.

### Part One

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last* *First*

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/Area Code \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

69th Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Your Anniversary Date \_\_\_\_\_ Your Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Children Living at Home - Under 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Over 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

### Part Two -- Bulletins

I/We look forward to getting the Bulletins three times a year \_\_\_\_\_

I/We read them completely \_\_\_\_\_ Partially \_\_\_\_\_ Scan through it \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to see these changes made \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

### Part Three -- Dues

I pay my dues yearly \_\_\_\_\_ Every other year \_\_\_\_\_ Every few years \_\_\_\_\_

When possible \_\_\_\_\_ Reason \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Dues - \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Contributory Dues - \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Ladies Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Fund \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are OK \_\_\_\_\_ Too high \_\_\_\_\_ Too low \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

### Part Four -- Officers

I would like to be an Officer in the Division Association \_\_\_\_\_

President  Vice President  Secretary  Treasurer  Board Member  Committee Member

Reunion Co-Chairman  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

### Part Five -- Reunions

I enjoy the yearly Division Association Reunions \_\_\_\_\_

I attend yearly \_\_\_\_\_ Every two years \_\_\_\_\_ Every few years \_\_\_\_\_

When possible \_\_\_\_\_ When in my area \_\_\_\_\_ Never \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for never attending \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I hope to attend next year \_\_\_\_\_ Some year \_\_\_\_\_ When \_\_\_\_\_

I/We travel to Reunions by:  Airplane  Drive our car  Motor Van  Bus  Train  Amtrack

We would like to share a ride and expenses to Reunions \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to have a Reunion in my area \_\_\_\_\_

What City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have motels to handle 250 (plus) rooms \_\_\_\_\_ 600 persons \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Hotel/Motel \_\_\_\_\_

We have an International Airport  Commercial airport (  Large —  Small)  
 Private airport  None

I/We can get a committee together of at least 10 to 12 members and wives \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Part Six — Scholarship Fund**

I am interested in the Scholarship Fund \_\_\_\_\_

I have children under 18 years of age \_\_\_\_\_ In high school \_\_\_\_\_ In grade school \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to have my son/daughter apply for a Scholarship \_\_\_\_\_ What year \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Part Seven — Feedback On**

Future Scholarship Program — Remarks \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Resolution/By-Law Committee — Remarks \_\_\_\_\_  
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Betterment of the Division Association — Remarks \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Other — Remarks \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Use additional paper to more fully express your ideas and suggestions

# THE AUXILIARY'S PAGE

by — Dottie Witzleb

Hey, Ladies, we get a page, even if it is at the end of the Bulletin. Yes, we won ourselves some space in the Bulletin, and that's for all issues, so write me as we want to fill the page, rather than loose it back to the men.

I hope for the next issue to get a letter from our President, Emily Fletcher, and a picture of herself. Margaret Kormas, our Secretary, has sent in the minutes of our meeting at the Host Inn, our 1981 Reunion site, so from those minutes all of you ladies will know what the activities of our Auxiliary are, and what we do.

I handle the selling of hats, plackets, T-Shirts (a new item), golf towels, and license plates for those of you who can put a plate on the front of your car. Also, we have large and small 69th decals. You can get one of each of the decals if you request them when mailing in your dues for the 1981-1982 Dues Year. Prices will be published in a future issue of the Bulletin, but for now the same prices prevail as last year. Those prices can be found in your old Bulletin — Volume 34, No. 1 (September - October - November - December, 1980).

I would like to bring one important item to the attention of all you ladies, which is a yearly, all year round, project. This is it. We ladies care for our Veterans, especially those in Veteran's Hospitals all over this country of ours. We make lap robes during the fall and winter, to pass away the long cold winter evenings, so if you croche, do make a few this winter. The lap robes are brought to the Annual Reunions. This year the Annual Reunion will be in Milwaukee, at the Ramada Inn, August 15 to 22, 1982, where Valerie Ike, our Veteran's Hospital Lady, will deliver them to a Veteran's Hospital in the Milwaukee area. Those Vets' really go for them. I know as I delivered lap robes to two Veteran's Hospitals in the Pittsburgh area in 1978.

We also take up a collection at our General Meeting, which usually is a hundred dollars or more. With the money collected this past August at the Reunion, Valerie will buy tooth paste and brushes for the Veterans. These also get delivered to the Veteran's Hospitals in the area of the Annual Reunion. This year, the items should have gone to Veteran's Hospitals in the Harrisburg area. Valerie is to send a report to me, which will cover past Reunion distributions in Boston, New Orleans and Harrisburg areas. From that report we will learn just what we are doing for the Veterans.

We do have extra copies of our Bulletin left, after our membership mailing, which I want to start sending to Veteran's Hospitals across the country, so if you have a Veteran's Hospital in your area, do send me the name and address, and I'll see that they get a half-dozen copies for their lounge and recreation room. At present we do send them to the two Veteran's Hospitals in Pittsburgh.

May I just ask? Do you know of any 69'er who is in a Veteran's Hospital. If so send me his name and the address of the hospital. I'll see that he gets a copy of each of our Bulletin mailings.

So, Ladies, do write me some interesting news so that we can fill a page in each issue of the Bulletin. I would like to know of any member that we can mention who would be considered on our 'sick list', as it would be nice for each member in his unit to send a card of 'good cheer'.

General Bolte, who had two hip operations this past spring and summer, did make our Host Inn Reunion. He looked well and was getting along fine. If you want to drop him a note, you may write him at General Charles L. Bolte, 6631 Wakefield Drive, Apartment 903, Alexandria, Virginia 22307.

You can write me at — Dottie Witzleb, R.D. No. 1, Box 477, Acme, Pennsylvania 15610. [Please note, this is not the Division Association's address, but is our home — fast address .

## Ladies' Auxiliary Minutes Host Inn - Harrisburg

The meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Fighting 69th Infantry Division was called to order on Saturday, August 15, 1981, at the Host Inn, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, by President Mary Balzano.

The President opened the meeting with words of welcome to all. The new members were asked to rise and identify themselves.

Virginia Weston was then called upon to give the opening prayer.

We were honored in having Mrs. Bolte present. She was called upon to say a few words. In her lovely manner, she spoke about General Bolte's hip operations, his progress and his determination to get to the Reunion.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Secretary, Emily Fletcher. They stood approved, as read.

Under new business, Marge McCombs spoke about a new "Ladies' Column" to be published in the Bulletin. Our members were encouraged to write news letters for each of the Bulletins, published three times a year, and send them to Dottie Witzleb.

Dorothy Starry inquired about the size of the lap robes, so that new members would know the right size. Marge McCombs opened one of the lap robes and gave the measurements.

Lovely lap robes were made by: Betty Columbo, Jane Ayres, Mrs. Frank Morris (Dorothy Witzleb's Mother), Josepha Koubek, (Mrs. Rodelli's Sister), Elsie Haltiwoner, Esta Halainen and Valerie Ike. Christine Montelione's lovely place mats were to be used as a door prize on Saturday night.

Dorothy Starry, also, wished to know where these lap robes, tooth paste and brushes were sent each year. President Mary Balzano responded by saying that they are sent to the V. A. Hospital nearest to our Reunion location. Betty Foster volunteered to take these lap robes to the Labanon V.A. Hospital — about eleven miles away.

A plate was passed and \$161.20 was realized for the tooth paste and brushes. Valerie Ike will take care of these items. She mentioned how appreciative the V. A. Hospitals are to receive these items. Valerie is to be reimbursed for any phone calls that are necessary.

A special thanks to Betty Foster for taking care of the lap robes and to Valerie Ike for taking care of the tooth brushes and tooth paste.

Under new business, the following officers were nominated and elected unanimously for two years.

Emily Fletcher, *President*

Margaret Kormas, *Secretary*

President-elect, Emily Fletcher, was asked to say a few words. She accepted the office with thanks, and is proud to be part of such a wonderful organization as the "Ladies' Auxiliary of The Fighting 69th Infantry Division.

The Secretary-elect, Margaret Kormas, was asked to stand and be recognized. There was a round of applause.

At this time, Reba Sheavly spoke about the souvenirs. They wish to start fresh next year with items such as earrings, stick pins, charms, cards, coasters, etc. The old souvenirs will go on sale at a reduced price.

Marge McCombs was complimented on the fine work she has been doing as our "Sunshine Lady". Her birthday is December 31st, and her anniversary is August 31st.

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B-269th

**Oscar Molho**  
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69th Recon.

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273rd

#### LADIES' AUXILIARY (Continued from Page 27)

Betty Foster was then called upon to introduce our speaker. She is Rose Swedlow, Leon Swedlow's wife — residing in Ocala, Florida. Rose spoke on "The Total Woman" — Mental and Physical Attitudes of Today's Mature Woman. She was most interesting and informative.

Our President was presented with a lovely corsage to wear Saturday night.

Virginia Weston gave a closing prayer.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed. Our next meeting will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1982.

Respectfully submitted,  
Emily E. Fletcher, *Secretary*