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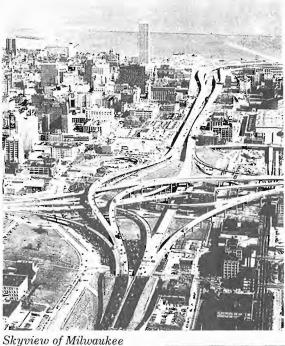
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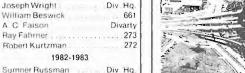




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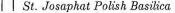
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# News From The Editor's Desk

by-Clarence Marshall

Charles H. Schultz, 2785 Oak Crest Drive, Dubuque, Iowa 52001 — H-273rd: I saw in the March issue of the V.F.W. Magazine that the 69th Infantry Division is having their Reunion in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I did not go through basic training with the 69th, but I did serve with them all through the E.T.O. All the way to the Elbe River with the meeting of the Russians.

I served in Company-H, of the 273rd Infantry Regiment.

I was one of the unfortunate ones to lose my job due to the economy. I started a new job this past January, and will not get a vacation this year.

The V.F.W. Magazine listed the dates as August 15 to the 22nd, for the Reunion in Milwaukee. If possible, I would like to have some information on the activities. Milwaukee is about a four-hour drive from Dubuque, so if anything is going on Friday evening the 20th, and Saturday the 21st, I might be able to attend that weekend.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Schultz was advised that Friday and Saturday are our big days for activities, and we hope that he can make it for that weekend).

**Abner B. Moore**, 6077 Charing Drive, Columbus, Georgia 31904 — H & Can.-272nd: As per your request in The Retired Officers Magazine of February 1982, concerning former members of the 69th Infantry Division, the following information is hereby submitted.

I was assigned to the 69th Infantry Division at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, in 1943. I was a member of H-Company, 272nd Infantry Regiment, and later First Sergeant of Cannon Company, in the same Regiment.

(Editor's Note: In a later communication Mr. Moore requested addresses for four men that he had served with, and we were only able to help him with one person, Joe Lipsius who is on our Roster. The other men he would like to contact are: Walter Bernstein, Lt. Charles Syers, and Sgt. Helm Camp. If you can help, please contact National Headquarters.

L. Z. Kennedy, 2317 Spring Avenue, S.W., Decatur, Alabama 35601 — Hq. 2nd Bn.-272nd: I saw your ad in the V.F.W. Magazine. I was in the 69th Infantry Division, Hq. Co. 2nd Bn.-272nd Infantry Regiment as a machine gunner. I was wounded 31 days before the end of the War.

I would like to hear from someone of my old outfit. I was a Pfc. then, and retired in 1965 as a Staff Sergeant.

I am 60% disabled from the service. I went into the service from Laurens, South Carolina, but live in Alabama now. Don't ask me why, I don't think I can explain.

A. D. Linkinhoker, 583 E. Church Street, Urbana, Ohio 43078 — M-271st: I saw your notice in The Retired Officers Association Magazine, and thought I would drop a line.

I was in the 69th for a short time — from May 1943 until December 1943. I was in Company-M, 271st Regiment.

I have pictures taken at that time of the Regiment and the Company.

Col. J. L. Juskowiak, [Ret], 2552 Juniper Place, Sarasota,

Florida 33579 — A-369th: In the Retired Officers Magazine for February 1982, I noticed an article pertaining to the 69th Infantry Division.

I joined the Division as a 2nd Lieutenant several weeks before activation, and went overseas with them, through England, France and Germany. I was assigned to Company-A, 369th Medical Battalion, and we provided medical (collecting) support to the 271st Infantry Regiment. I was the first officer to receive the Soldier's Medal in a Division Review at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, while the Division was still under the Command of General Bolte.

Any information on future Reunions would be greatly appreciated.

Capt. Devern C. Stone [Ret.], 1154 Washington Street, S.W., Sherrodsville, Ohio 44675 — C-369th: I was stationed with the 69th Division from June 1943, until August 1944, in Company-C, 369th Medical Battalion. I was a Sergeant at that time.

I wonder if you have other members of that Company?

(Editor's Note: Mr. Stone was provided the names which we have addresses for this Company).

William H. Jackson, 5821 N. Dearborn Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46220 — I-271st: I served with the 69th when the Division was formed at Camp Shelby in 1943. It was my first duty station as a newly commissioned 2nd Lieutenant from OCS. I was assigned to Company-I, 271st Regiment. Lieutenant Dzubian was the Company Commander, with 1st Sergeant Wendt. Sergeant Rominger was my Platoon Sergeant, otherwise known as "The Mad Russian". Major Davisson was the Battalion Commander, and Colonel Harmony was the Regimental Commander. Somewhere along the way, I crossed up Harmony and was shipped overseas in September of 1943.

I know what happened to Lieutenant Dzubian and Colonel Harmony. Harmony retired as a Major General after serving in the Korean War. Lieutenant Dzubian was killed on the beach "D-Day" 1944, and is buried in West Point.

I have often wondered what happened to the Platoon members. Some of the names I can remember are: Nortel, Wolf and Green. There has been a lot of time passed by since then, and the memory is dim. Seven of the 2nd Lieutenants were "shanghaied" at the same time. I can't remember all of their names, but one was named Edwards, who ended up in the 3rd Division, as I did. He was awarded the Silver Star in Italy.

I was wounded on the approaches to Montecassino in December of 1943, with a "million dollar" wound, which sent me home and out of the Army.

I have a Company picture taken some time in the summer of 1943. Unfortunately I did not attach a roster, so I would know the names later. I imagine quite a number were shipped as replacements before the outfit went overseas. Do you have a member roster I could see, to locate some of the people?

(Editor's Note: Mr. Jackson was furnished a roster for his Unit and later on sent along this following communication).

Thank you for the information. There were only two names that I could recognize. One was **Sergeant Lallman** who was a Supply Sergeant, and **Chavious**.

In August of 1943, our Company Officers were: 1st Lieutenant Pickett, Company Commander: Lieutenant Schick, Executive; Lieutenant Isaacson; Lieutenant Work; Lieutenant Tyc; Lieutenant Wheddon, and myself.

Lt. Col. Gene H. Hudhausen, 1234 Agate, San Diego, California 92109 — Hq.-272nd: Saw your notice in the TROA Magazine for February 1982.

I was in Colonel Buie's Regiment, the 272nd, and I joined the 69th Division in France, as a replacement officer. My job was to guard the Regimental C.P., and help in processing P.O.W's.

Please put my name on your list. I have many fond

memories of those days.

Please send me a roster of other members who belonged to Hq. Company of the 272nd.

I was the Regimental Provost Marshal as a 2nd Lieutenant. After "V.E. Day" I was shipped to Austria and ended up in the 83rd Infantry, with a job as Camp Commander in a P.W. Camp, which had some 4000 S.S. soldiers. Anyway, I stayed in the Army National Guard after returning to San Diego, and finally made Lieutenant Colonel.

Hope your mission is successful. - Best Wishes.

Edward L. Galuska, R.D. No. 2, Box 285, Irwin, Pennsylvania 15642 — Hq. 2nd Bn.-273rd: I was a Sergeant and Squad Leader in the A & P Platoon of Hq. Co. 2nd Bn.-273rd. I joined the Division in Camp Shelby, in May of 1943. I remained with the 69th until they left Germany, and then I was transferred to another Division for later discharge. I retired as a Chief Warrant Officer.

Clyde A. Talley, 104 James Street, McMinnville, Tennessee 37110 — F-272nd: I was discharged in March of 1946, and married on May 31, 1946.

I went to work with Genesco Shoe Company in McMinnville in July of 1946, and I am still with them.

Paul D. Kitner, 2814 Hillvale Avenue, West Lawn, Pennsylvania 19609 — A-724th: I have a former 69'er who is interested in joining our Association.

Please contact him and explain a little of our activities. His name is **Mr. Cass Krajewski**, 21810 Tuscary Avenue, East Detroit, Michigan 48021.

(Editor's Note: The next communication is from Mr. Krajewski).

Casimir J. Krajewski, 21810 Tuscany, East Detroit, Michigan 48021 — A-7:24th: I am the former member of the 69th Infantry Division that Paul D. Kitner told you about.

I came to the 724th Field Artillery, A-Battery of the 69th Division on cadre from the 96th Division in Camp Adair, Oregon. I was the gun mechanic on the 155 Howitzer medium artillery.

It was a real thrill to find out about the 69th Infantry Division Association, even after 36 years of being out of the Army. The picture on the front of the Bulletin brought back good memories of when we helped to take Leipzig. It doesn't seem to be that long ago.

I have been married to a wonderful wife for the past 35 years, and have two married daughters, and a brand-new grandson.

I am sending my dues to Mr. Witzleb, but wanted to thank you for the information you gave me, so that I could join the Association.

I don't know when I will be able to get to one of the Reunions, but I am looking forward to it some day.

George D. LaMoree, 1930 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles, California 90031 — Hq. 3rd Bn. 272nd: Here is a belated news item which you may have covered, or if not, you might care to investigate it further for accurate details and dates. I knew

Wayne Springer as a Major operating as Executive Officer of one of the Battalions in the 272nd. He remained with the Regiment when we went overseas and as far as I know continued with the Division until reorganization. Wayne continued a distinguished career in the Army after the War. He went through paratrooper training, and at a very early age became a "Full Colonel".

In the last stages of the Korean War, or shortly after while on active duty with a Regiment, he was killed in the crash of a helicopter on reconnaissance. His widow Mrs. Connie Springer resides at 913 Driver Circle, El Paso, Texas 79903.

Col. Richard N. Stoddard [Ret.], Box 5057 Steamboat Village, Colorado 80499 — B-881st: I was a member of B-

Battery, 881st Field Artillery Battalion, from June 1943 to approximately August 1945. After college I received a regular Army commission in 1950, and retired recently as a Colonel.

A good man to contact for other names of our Unit would be **George Custis**, 85-89 89th Street, Woodhaven, New York 11421.

Eugene G. Tabacchi, 349 East 2nd Street, Beaver, Pennsylvania 15009 — B-881st: I have been a dues paying member of the Fighting 69th Infantry Division Association since its inception, or shortly after. I was a member of B-Battery, 881st Field Artillery from several days before the Division's formal activation, until the last group of "Old Sixty Niners" were shipped out in August 1945.

I have never attended a Reunion, but have high hopes, almost certain hopes of attending this year's confab in Milwaukee. It so happens that one of my fellow cannoners, **Philip Sparacino**, is on the Reunion Committee, this year, and is pressuring me to attend.

I am hopeful that you will be able to forward to me the addresses of some of our other "Old Comrades" from Baker 881st. We are especially interested in the addresses of Leonard A. Sampson of Lynn, Massachussets; 1st Sergeant Walter Haag of California; Lieutenant William Bell of Washington; Richard Stoddard of Ohio; John Young of Brooklyn; Gilbert Rocco of Erie; Barney DeStefano of Amsterdam, New York; Dan Dowling of Minnesota; Jimmy Moen of Minnesota; Cook of Virginia; and Sylvester Duval of Shubuta, Mississippi.

In the early years after the War, I kept in close touch with three fellow Ohioans: George Newman, Ted Pohlman, and Dick Dalton. I still have their addresses, but don't see them as often, since coming to Pennsylvania.

I reside in Beaver County and am the editorial writer for the local newspaper.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Tabacchi was furnished with the addresses that we have for his Unit).

John A. Dragan, 1209 Wood Avenue, Roselle, New Jersey 07203 — G-272nd: I just thought I would send you the enclosed picture of a Little Reunion we had a few months ago.



Three "Old Buddies" from G-272nd Reunite

(Left to Right): John Dragan, Raymond Zwaskis and Leroy Honea, after 30 years finally got together at John Dragan's home in Roselle, New Jersey, and also at Ray Zwaskis' home in Linden, New Jersey. Leroy Honea was on his way north to New York from Marshall, Texas. Recently Leroy had a double by-pass operation, and would appreciate hearing from his former buddies. His address: 301 N. Alamo Boulevard, Marshall, Texas 75670.

Leroy Honea was up to New York City, and visited with me in Roselle, New Jersey. We then drove over to see Raymond Zwaskis who lives in Linden, New Jersey, which is about two miles from my home. This was the first time that Ray had seen Leroy in about 30 years. It was about 15 years since I last saw Leroy. My wife and I visited with Leroy and his parents quite often in Mississippi.

Since we had our Little Reunion, Leroy was hospitalized in Texas, and had a double by-pass operation. He is now recuperating at home, and I am quite sure he would love to hear from some of his Buddies. His address: 301 N. Alamo Boulevard, Marshall, Texas 75670.

It will be four years since I have retired, after working 44 years for the E. I. DuPont Company in Linden, New Jersey. I have not done a thing since retiring. I enjoy a round of gold in the summer, and bowl during the winter.

Lots of luck with the Reunion.

Charles W. Chapman, 7412 Exmore Street, Springfield, Virginia 22150 — Hq. Divarty: Thanks for the list of names and addresses of the roster of Headquarters Division Artillery. On January 27th I wrote to each of them, enclosing names and addresses, and asked for additions, corrections, etc. I have received a number of responses from old friends, and continue to receive an average of one or two a day.

Here are three additional names: Jay S. Rollman, Charlie Jordan and Earl Puterbaugh. In addition to adding these names to the Association mailing list, you might also want to publish their names in the Bulletin. I am sure there will be more names to be added, but I wanted to be certain you received these by publication time.

From the response that I have received so far, I believe Headquarters Battery 69th Division Artillery will be very well represented at the Milwaukee Reunion, and will probably have a "Mini Cet-together" ourselves, in conjunction with the Division Reunion, Will keep you posted on new names and events.

(Editor's Note: Jay Rollman was already on our Roster, and the addresses of new men Charlie Jordan and Earl Puterbaugh appear in the column of "New Men Relocated" in this issue of the Bulletin).

Lloyd W. Abbott, Route No. 1, Box 279, Bixby, Oklahoma 74008 - 69th Recon: Having noticed the attached obituary in the local newspaper recently, I realized how time was passing us by. A search of Oklahoma Phone Books turned up Charles Rice of Oklahoma City, as apparently the only other remaining "Old Okie" from the 69th Reconnaissance Troop still in Oklahoma. After a "Telephone Reunion", Charlie sent me a 1981 Roster of known names and addresses of the WW II members of the 69th Recon Troop. It then became apparent why I had lost all contact with the Fighting 69th. The Lloyd Abbot listed in the Roster is not the old Cpl. Lloyd W. Abbot "Mortar Gunner", then "Point Scout" (after Robert Dalton was wounded) for the 2nd Platoon 69th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop (Mecz). I am what is left of him. Please change the Roster and send whatever information is required for me to maintain contact with the 69th Division.

(Editor's Note: We feel we have you covered by now, and please keep us informed if your address should change).

Merril C. Embick, P.O. Box 3053, Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701 — D-271st: Once again I am writing to tell you that I have been able to learn of a long lost member of the 69th Division. Please put his name on the mailing list and send him a Bulletin. His name: James Conrad, 1161 Day Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54302 (D-271st).

Also please send Van Cockran's Widow a copy of the Bulletin, where his name appears on the "In Memoriam" page.

**Dr. Henry Madoff,** 532 S. Aiken Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15232 — C-271st: I must congratulate you on the excellent job that you have been performing in the Bulletin. Although I have not been active in the organization, it is pleasant to reminisce while reading the Bulletin.

For many years I have wondered what ever happened to John Zerr. He was the Captain of Company C-271st Infantry Regiment, and the finest Infantry Officer that I have ever

known. Perhaps some of the membership has information about him, and would kindly write to the Bulletin.

(Editor's Note: Dr. Madoff was advised that we have former Captain John Zerr on our Roster at a Balboa Canal Zone address, but we don't know how accurate it is).

Larry W. Brown, 538 Burns Avenue, Clarkston, Washington 99403 — B-461st AAA: We are still trying to decide if we can make your Reunion and our own September 17th in Allentown, Pennsylvania. We may drive and be able to spend a couple days at yours on Friday and Saturday.

Sorry I took so long to answer but have had too many celebrations in the family. Hope to see you in August, and thank you so much for your letters.

Robert L. Kremin, 3604 Howlett Hill Road, Camillus, New York 13031 — K-271st: Once again I am turning to you for aid. After leaving the Host Inn last year I drove to Philadelphia. My wife had 'conned me" into visiting the historical sites. While gawking at the Liberty Bell, etc., my briefcase was clipped. Many irreplaceable pictures were lost, as well as an address book that I had been compiling and up-dating for over 35 years.

I was in receipt of the 69th Bulletin yesterday and realized I had no way to contact my old comrades and try to get them to meet me in Milwaukee. So, please send me your list of K-271st. I will appreciate it greatly.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Kremin was provided with his list, so we will be looking for a lot of K-271st men in Milwaukeee).

Gilbert A. Clark, 149 Culver Street, Forty Fort, Pennsylvania 18704 — F-273rd: I am sending you a list of former F-Company 273rd Infantry members who had autographed my 273rd Regimental History Book. I don't know how many you might be able to locate after all these years.

My wife and I were present at the Harrisburg Reunion for the Saturday Meeting and Banquet. I was very glad to see Sam Woolf, Bob Mottaz and Thomas Graves. I was sorry that I missed the first days of the Reunion.

I enjoyed the story in the last Bulletin by Mottaz. I think it was the new Court House that F-Company ended up at after the ride on top of the tanks. The pictures of Trebsen, Neichen, Grimma, and Leipzig brought back old memories. Also the picture of Larry Kolarik and Fred Scherer.

I joined the 69th in April of 1944 at Camp Shelby. I was in the Machine Gun section of the 4th Platoon. Later overseas I was 4th Platoon Runner. I left the Division on August 15, 1945, at Sterkelshausen, Germany. I was sent to the 3rd Replacement Depot near Marburg, Germany, then to different Units in Brussels, Belgium, Holland and Le Havre, France. I received my discharge March 26, 1946, at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

For the last twenty years I have been in the electrical contracting business. I have been a member of the local Fire Department for 36 years, having served as Foreman for 5 years, Assistant Chief for 4 years, and Fire Chief for 5 years. Being a musician, I also find time to play French Horn with several local bands and orchestras.

I have been intending to send this list of names for some time, but just didn't get around to it. I hope you can locate some of them.

(Editor's Note: As membership chairman we will "give-it-a-go". Like a soap opera, the mystery will unfold when we list the new men from F-273rd in our next issue of the Bulletin).

WE WISH ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES A SAFE, ENJOYABLE SUMMER AND VACATION SEASON.

DO COME JOIN US IN MILWAUKEE, IN AUGUST, FOR ANOTHER GREAT REUNION.

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## Vic DeCarlo Found Slain

The body of Victor DeCarlo, Company G-271st Infantry, was found Saturday, April 17, 1982, at 8:00 A.M., in the hallway, beyond the rear door of his funeral home, by a caretaker.

He had been shot to death, apparently by someone he knew. At the age of 64 years, he had been shot once in the neck and three times in the chest, sometime around midnight Friday

No motive has been determined, nor has the weapon been found, with no suspects being held.

Victor lived on the second floor of his Uniontown, Pennsylvania, funeral home, and apparently knew his slayer. His nephew last saw Victor about 6:00 P.M., on Friday.

The Tri-State Group of the Division Association visited the funeral home on Sunday evening, April 18th, to view the body

## Are You There Yet?

The following is a communication received from GODFREY SLIMMER, JR., Buckshutem, New Jersey 08332, dated March 3, 1982:

To: 69th Division Association Members

Subject: Moving South

My wife, Edith (Graham) Slimmer, our dog, Nubian Princess, of Buckshutem and Seminary, and myself, are in the process of moving from Buckshutem to Seminary.

When this move is completed, we hope to be able to invite all members of "Fighting Sixty-Ninth" to visit us.

You may expect a full report, together with maps, dates, means of transportation available, etc.

A.S.A.P. — hopefully — in about a year.

Signed:

Godfrey Slimmer, Jr. Mail Clerk & Msg. Cen. Sgt. 881st F.A. Bat.

(Editor's Note: We know you are now living in the south at Seminary, Mississippi, and we are looking for the invite. That is, why don't you get a committee together and plan another Southern Reunion. Vicksburg or Jackson are two good sites. We are open for Reunion locations for 1984, 1985 and 1986).

## A Letter To The Editor From John Suprano

Dear Clarence:

We sure enjoyed the last Bulletin (Vol. 35 No. 2). The only improvement that could possibly be made, would be if more of us would pay more attention to "THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE," and make sure that these events are submitted and published in earlier publications of the Bulletin. A good example was the article "The Sixty-niners Are Coming". It was well put together, but a bit late; as well as a few other articles which referred to the coming of the "Harrisburg Get-together."

I received a letter from **Warren** and **Betty Kunkle** (Ser. 880th). They were spared in the Fort Wayne tragedy — Thank God.

George Stephan (A-881st) wrote me a letter, plus the history of our Wire Section. Thanks to the list you sent him, we are in the process of writing rotating letters about some incidents which took place during our time with the Three B's. He had names of members dating back to the start of the Three B's. There was quite a turn-over . . . the trials and tribulations . . . joys . . . sadness . . . gripes . . . and dangers . . . which we now laugh-off.

The letter of **Bob Mottaz** . . . his story and the pictures which were published in the last Bulletin, brought back many memories . . . however, knowing his wife, Inge, I could not imagine her not saying a word to the East German guards.

I want to "put in a plug" for Past President Bob Myers and Past Vice President Chet Yastrzemski. They, along with the rest of their staff, sure did a "bang up job." Walt Doernbach and George Gallagher, I am sure, will also be a credit to our fine organization, once they get their feet wet.

It is good to see more 'Unit Gatherings'. I hope they don't forget the "Big One" so that they do not have conflicting dates. In fact, some Units could combine their "Mini-Reunions" with the National Reunion.

I hope to see all of you at Milwaukee. I am looking forward to seeing all of my "old friends", and hope to make a few more "new friends" at the Reunion . . . what with the way you, Clarence, keep digging-up more names of members of the Division.

Clarence, keep up the good work you, Earl and Mary Jane are doing through the publication of our Bulletins.

God Bless You,

John P. Suprano 1006 Edgewood Road New Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068

## C-Battery of The 880th Field Artillery Still Trying To Relocate These Men . . .

Listed below are World War II addresses for former members of C-880th Field Artillery. If any of you readers live in these areas, how about giving us a hand and do a little research work, and help find out if any of these men might still be around the same location. Perhaps you can get us a current address for them, from a relative.

National Headquarters would be indeed grateful to you, if you can help in any way.

Michael Monahan

513 Monmouth Street, Jersey City, New Jersey

Henry C. Kloppke

3046 Clybourn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

Lloyd Kanfer

973 Debbe Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio

Louis Romansky

129 N. High Street, Millville, New Jersey

Richard E. Boelke

3566 N. 19th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Nolan B. Farrell

R.R. No. 1, Box 395, Orange, Texas

Raymond R. Rappold

41 Central Avenue, Maywood, New Jersey

**James Moscato** 

300 14th Street, Buffalo, New York

Raymond H. Walther

259 Graphic Boulevard, New Milford, New Jersey

William J. Evans

738 Boulevard Avenue, Dickson City, Pennsylvania

Wesley L. Holland

Marble Falls, Texas

Ephriam W. Guffy

Rt. No. 3, Albany, Kentucky

Lester Carver

R. R. No. 1, Attica, Indiana

Henry S. Baskin

631 Dumont Avenue, Brooklyn, New York

Walter Ramsden

11 Elm Street, Derry, New Hampshire

**Arthur Hernandez** 

805 Finis Street, Beaumont, Texas

Richard T. Aune

1412 24th Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Raymond L. Bond

26 Maple Heights, W. Springfield, Massachusetts

Charles J. Enzer

105 Sherman Avenue, New York, New York

Robert J. Sullivan

202 S. Railroad Street, Pottsville, Pennsylvania

Robert Beatty

Portland, Oregon

## For Those of You Who Might Be Seeking Information From Your Service Records

If any of you find you have need for information from your Service Records which were stored in the Veteran's Administration Record Section in St. Louis, Missouri, and are informed that your file was destroyed in the fire, you still have another way of possibly getting the information you want.

Write a letter giving full data on yourself and the information you want to: National Archives, Seventh Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20408.

# E-273rd Members . . . Take Note

FORMER SGT. EUGENE R. ORLOWSKI WRITES AS FOLLOWS:

Just a quick note to let you know that I am planning to take my wife, Jean, to the Reunion in Milwaukee this year — which will be a first for me. Milwaukee will be a very convenient location for me.

I was in the 60th M.M. Mortar Section. We had Harold Macy, Fred Dicke, Roland Horn, Bill Gleason, Art Baker, Joe Winicki, Karl Spitz — a whole bunch of great men and

soldiers. Include Earl Moe also.

Bill Gleason is also planning on attending the Reunion.

We will be calling some of the crew to let them know we are going to attend, and want to make "one heck of a fine party for this event."

We will arrive there on Thursday, unless the other guys mandate an earlier arrival.

Eugne R. Orlowski, Sgt. 221 E. Bingham Street Alpena, Michigan 49070

## To Military Communicators

If you have ever served, or are currently serving, with the U.S. Army Signal Corps, either in the military (active, reserve or National Guard) or as a civilian employee, you are invited to join the U.S. Army Signal Corps Association. Communicators from sister services and allies are also welcome to join and become part of this unique organization.

The Signal Corps Association was formed to recognize the proud history of the Signal Corps and to preserve its ever evolving history for posterity. In accomplishing this goal, recognition will be given for outstanding achievements by signal soldiers, Army civilians and Signal Units.

Members of the Association represent many skills and skill levels and share a background of highly specialized training and working together as an integrated team. Here is a chance to join other communicators like yourself.

Members of the Association receive copies of the Army Communicators, the Voice of the Signal Corps, as a benefit of membership. This professional journal contains timely articles on world-wide communication developments. Here is an opportunity to learn what the Signal Corps is doing today and what is in store for the future.

Additional information and applications for membership are available by contacting: Signal Corps Association, P.O. Box 7740, Fort Gordon, Georgia 30905.

## A Few Interesting Letters

Dear Earl:

This is my first letter to you, but hopefully it will serve as a link through which I may make contact with some of the guys I served with in the First Platoon, Co.-F, 273rd.

I have enclosed some photos I have kept that you might publish in a later edition of the bulletin. I am also sending the names and addresses of some guys, (most have probably changed by now), I would like to hear from. Someone might remember that God-forsaken village we stayed at, and like to have gone nuts, after the end of the war. I think this is where these pictures were taken.

Sincerely,

Joe L. Mayfield

T/Sgt. Harry E. Duquette

Route 1, Godwin, North Carolina

Sgt. Henry O. Boyd

Browning, Illinois

Sgt. Theodore V. Ralston

Breckenridge, Missouri

Howard M. Armstrong

Route 6, Wooster, Ohio

Clarence Ablitz

3779 Colbert, Detroit, Michigan

John R. Betts

1440 Washington Street, Easton, Pennsylvania

Andrew Bonfiglio

375 Henry Street, Brookland, New York

**Arthur Davis** 

Storis, Connecticut

Anthony R. Allen

No. Brookfield, Massachusetts

Percival Monkus

Blue Ridge, Georgia

Elmer R. Lockhart

225 So. 5th Street, Canon City, Colorado

**Ted Pitcher** 

269 Lincoln Road, Brooklyn, New York



First Platoon, Company F, 273rd Infantry

First Squad (Left to Right): Squad Leader, Sgt. Ralston; P.F.C. Allen; Sgt. Lockhart, Assistant Squad Leader; Joe Mayfield; P.F.C. Houston, P.F.C. Mankus, P.F.C. Armstrong, P.F.C. Pitcher, P.F.C. Ablitz, P.F.C. Davis (my best Buddy). Out front is the Platoon Guide, Staff Sgt. Szpak. This picture was taken at Borna by the lake.



(Left to Right): Monkus; Ablitz; Sgt. Ralston, Squad Leader; Joe Mayfield.

#### SOME INTERESTING LETTERS (Continued from Page 7)



(Top Row — Left to Right): Britten, Marcenak, Mayo (a close Buddy), Carrow. (Bottom Row — Left to Right): Goresky, Grizzle, Brooks, Sgt. Boyd.



(Top Row — Left to Right): Pittman, Hogerhite, Brack. (Bottom Row — Left to Right): Howell, the First Platoon Comedian — He was a radio announcer at Louisville, Kentucky; Locaril; Platoon T/Sgt. Dukette; S/Sgt. Beltes.

#### Dear Mr. Witzleb:

I thought I would drop you a line about the trip my wife, Maxine, and I took to Europe in August, 1981. Sorry it took so long to write to you but just didn't get it done.

We traveled through six countries, but we were most interested in England and Germany. I've always wanted to go back since being there during World War II.

We took a Rhine River cruise from Cologne passing Bonn. Many castles on both sides of the river. Passed where Remagen Bridge was, Sinzing, Niederbreisig — where C-271st spent one week and enjoyed their warm springs, Bad Honningen, Coblenz, and on to Loreley Rocks. After we got on the bus

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## Dottie and Me



Earl and Dottie Witzleb

DEAR FIGHTING 69th MEMBER:

A friendly reminder that your DUES for 1981-1982 are now due,

Please make a check or money order to 69th Infantry Division Association, Inc., and enclose it with this flap in the return envelope. Do not send cash.

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| Please Check: Contributing Membership (voluntary) \$10.00  This includes dues and scholarship fund.  | Your Occupation |
| Annual Dues  | Wife's Name     |
| Ladies Auxiliary \$ 2.00 \( \text{Name} \)  Name and Address is Correct Yes \( \text{No} \)  | Telephone No.   |
|  |                 |

If payment has already been made, please disregard this notice.

DEAR FIGHTING 69th MEMBER:

SECOND REQUEST

A friendly reminder that your DUES for 1981-82 have not yet been received. Please make a check or money order to 69th Infantry Division Association, Inc., and enclose it with this flap in the return envelope. Do not send cash.

| lease Check:   |         |                 |
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| Contributing Membership (voluntary) This includes dues and scholarship fund. | \$10.00 | Your Occupation |
| annual Dues  | \$ 5.00 |                 |
| cholarship Fund (suggested minimum)  | \$ 2.00 | Wife's Name     |
| adies Auxiliary  | \$ 2.00 |                 |
| Jame and Address is Correct Yes  | D No    | Telephone No    |

If payment has already been made, please disregard this notice.

"IF PAYMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE, PLEASE DISREGARD THIS NOTICE" is the way I read the last line on each of the above copies of the Dues Notice Envelopes which are sent out to all members twice a year. The First Notice should come out in September or early October, and will say "Your Dues for [Dues Year] are Now Due." The Second Notice that should come out in January or early February says, "Your Dues for [Dues Year] have not yet been received."

All members get these notices, as it would cost us a bundle of money to pull the names of paid-up members out of the files, and then have to put them back in for each addressing and mailing of the issues of the Bulletins . . . and so on as the year moves on. The matter of taking names in and out of the files (for addressing) could happen six or seven times in a dues year, and would just take us broke doing this such thing.

If you attend the yearly Reunions and pay your dues — forget the two notices. If you didn't attend the Reunion, pay your dues on the First Notice and forget the Second Notice.

Dues from the Reunion and First Notice pays for the first two Bulletins published in a Dues Year. Dues received from the Second Dues Notice pays for the third Bulletin of a given Dues Year, so you see we need to mail out the Second Request each year, or you just don't get the third Bulletin.

I'm sure most of you realize whether your Dues are paid-up or not, so there is no need writing me telling me that you are paid-up. If you pay Dues twice a year, I accept it twice, as once again you should know if you are paid-up or not.

One way you can help me out when paying Dues is to enclose the flap with your check in the envelope provided. This gives us much needed information as we are now getting

a lot of members who are retiring and many good dues paying members are passing on to be with our Lord and Saviour.

So please don't give me a hard time concerning Dues, just pay it once and keep reading the Bulletins.

The Membership Card for this year's paid-up current Dues is Blue. On August 1, 1982, the color of the Membership Card will change . . . The color will be Red and will represent payment of Dues from August 1, 1982, to July 31, 1983.

Sorry for having to "blow-my-top" (so to speak), but being Treasurer is quite a job in this organization, as in any other one, but do remember we have 5,000 members on our Roster, and this responsibility does create a problem sometimes, especially after working an eight-hour day on my regular job, and trying to make a living to support our home and other responsibilities. Enough said!

I hope to see all you good members in Milwaukee at the August Reunion. It should be a good one as the Tours look great — beginning on Wednesday.

One noticeable change on the 1982 Milwaukee Reunion Program is the Board of Directors' Meeting which is changed from Thursday to Friday, beginning at 3:30 P.M., or shortly therafter when the Tours return. Many requests of Board Members who wanted to take in the Tours, especially those on Thursday has prompted President Doernbach to make this change. If need be . . . the Director's Meeting can go until it is time for the PX Beer Party time at 9:00 P.M. We do urge all Directors to come and participate at the Board Meeting, as this is where our policy begins. Again, Board Members, you should see to it that each of the eight Division Units consisting of Division Headquarters, 271st Infantry, 272nd Infantry, 273rd Infantry, Divarty, 269th Engineers, 661st Tank Destroyers and the 777th Tank Battalion have a good representative to give to the Nominating Committee for Directors to fill the three year term ending in the 1984-1985 year.

President Walter Doernbach would like the members who served on the Nominating Committee last year at the Host Inn, to serve again this year at the Ramada Inn in Milwaukee. Chester Yastrzemski was the chairman.

Haven't had any news from the 461st AAA Battalion, but I am sure we'll hear from many of them in the near future. We do hope some of them will find their way to Milwaukee in August, especially those living in the Mid-West and around the Great Lakes Region. We do invite them to attend.

So until we meet at the Reunion, I'll close with this one reminder. There will be a Hospitality Room at the Ramada Inn, so do stop by and meet old friends. I am sure many of the Units and Groups will also have Hospitality Rooms, so do come and have a relaxing and enjoyable Reunion week with friends and old pals.

Thirty-five years have now gone by . . . so you see . . . how many more Reunions can we possibly have?

Please pay your Dues early for 1982-1983, when the new dues year begins on August 1, 1982.

## Trelease MGM Grand Fire Chief



Arthur Trelease

Arthur Trelease, former city manager of Las Vegas, has been named fire safety officer for the MGM Grand Hotel-Las Vegas.

Trelease, with more than 35 years of experience in fire safety, will supervise the daily maintenance of the hotel's new multi-million dollar Life-Safety System and serve as a liason between the county Building and Fire Departments and the MGM Grand.

A life-long resident of Las Vegas, he served as city manager from 1964 to 1976. Prior to that, he had served as assistant city manager and director of building and safety.

His career as a fireman in Clark County began shortly after release from the military in 1946. In 1952 he was promoted to captain and two years later was placed in charge of the Fire Prevention Bureau.

Before becoming city manager, he attained the rank of battalion chief, then assistant fire chief.

While serving his country in Europe with the United States Army during World War II, he was awarded the Bronze Star.

Trelease's father, William Trelease, was Clark County's first fire chief, from 1953 to 1964.

(Editor's Note: Arthur was with Service Company 273rd Infantry. All you good 69'ers, when visiting Las Vegas you might check in with Art. Might I suggest too, that the Western 69'ers get Art on your roster. He could be of help to you in 1983 as a Committee Member for our Reunion).

## Extra! Extra! Extra!

WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 18, 1982 — MELODY TOP THEATRE

JOHN RIATT in "FANNY"

The Melody Top Theatre, in Mid-February, announced the schedule of their 20th season of Musical Revues, with John Riatt in "FANNY" during the week of our Fighting 69th Division Reunion. They will reserve a limited number of tickets for the Wednesday evening production of "FANNY" for us, with more to be available, depending on their season ticket sales.

To those members who have already mailed in their Reservation Forms, and wish to attend this Musical on Wednesday evening PLEASE notify **Gaylord Thomas**, IMMEDIATELY, so your ticket(s) may be reserved.

| \$14.00 per person — Number attending | — Total Amount Enclosed \$. |
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#### SOME INTERESTING LETTERS (Continued from Page 8)

again, we passed Fort Ehrenbreitstein. We went to Munich and saw the Olympic Stadium and the German Memorial Park. All World War II rubble was piled on one hill and seeded for a park.

We had a free day while in London, so Maxine and I took the train to Winchester where I was for six weeks in 1944.

We went to the Westdown's School and talked to Mr. Cornes, Headmaster. He is retiring this year and his nephew will take over now. C-271st was at Westdowns School for a few days until Division Headquarters moved in. We were then moved to Winchester Barracks for about five more weeks, till we moved out to combat.

We visited Winchester Cathedral, Guild Hall where King Arthur's Round Table hangs on the wall, and saw the Old West Gate.

I wanted to take pictures of the Barracks but there is a group of Royal Guards stationed there now, and we couldn't even get inside the front gate.

Enclosed are a couple of pictures you may have if you can use them. I thought many of the fellows would enjoy hearing about my trip and it might bring back some memories.

We enjoyed the trip very much and are thankful that we were able to go back.

Sincerely,

David R. Hanrahan, Sr. Co.-C, 271st Infantry

P.S.: Earl, just thought I'd tell you an Old Buddy of mine from the Cadre at Fort McClellan before we went to the 69th says he was in your Co.-E, 273rd — Art Hume. Art and I still correspond with each other.

(Editor's Note: I wonder if you two Old Buddies put me through Basic Training at Fort McClellan, Alabama — April, May, June, July, 1944).



Westdown's School for Boys, Winchester, England



David Hanrahan, Sr., Winchester, England, August 10, 1981

Dear Earl:

In December, I sent the following letter to all of the AT-272nd men who were on Clarence's Association Roster, and received two interesting replies which perhaps you can use in your Bulletin.

You will also notice that **Frank Metcalf** goes by Bill, and that **Herb Bodman** has a new address in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Cordially,

Harry G. Austin

December 21, 1981

Dear 69'ers:

At the most recent Reunion of the 69th Infantry Division Association, held at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, I asked for a printout of the AT-272nd Roster.

This was just received and a copy is enclosed for you. If you have the address of any of those listed without addresses, please drop me a note with the correct address and I will see that the information goes to the Association.

It's probably nostalgia, but the attendance at each Reunion seems to be larger than the previous. In 1982, we will meet in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and then in 1983 at Mountain Shadows, Scottsdale, Arizona.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Harry G. Austin

April 13, 1982

Dear Captain Austin:

A while back I received a letter from you, forwarded several times, and I think I'd better give you a good address. It's getting more difficult for my mother, who is 86, to do the forwarding.

I've been living here in Chapel Hill for some years now — 21 to be exact. You may recall when I was in the AT-Company I had been a student here at the University of North Carolina. I came back, finished up and went on to graduate school in Islamic history. Worked for Uncle Sam for a while and then came back here to teach after a couple of years living in the Middle East and then in Canada. My wife and I have four

children, and three grandchildren.

**Jake Viverette** used to be the Episcopal Chaplain at the University and is still a minister. I think the address you have for him is still good. I know he's down east of here, somewhere fairly close by.

The only other one from the Company I've ever seen is Malcolm Hare — up in Lewiston, Maine, many years ago.

My best to any of those whom you meet. I have trouble conjuring up the face to match the familiar name, but last summer when we moved for the first time in 21 years, I came across the old Company pictures as well as my map case. That sure brought back a lot of old memories.

Well, enough of nostalgia for tonight. I have to get back to my work.

Cordially,

Herb Bodman, Jr. 510 Hawthorne Lane Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514

Dear Harry:

Thank you so much for taking time at this busy time of the year to send your letter, Roster and Holiday Greetings. Unfortunately, I have not located any of my close Buddies who I used to correspond with many years after the war. I was especially close to George Pischak who used to live in Ohio, when I lived in Pittsburgh (1948 thru 1953), Mat Fantasio who lived in Brooklyn (I can't find him now even though he is so close). For picture identity. I'm enclosing two photos with our names. I've also enclosed a self-addressed envelope for return.

We have very special friends living in Mars, Rod and Cindy Smith. Rod is a minister of the Methodist Church. Cindy worked with my daughter at Ramapo College. Rod married my daughter Nancy (that is, performed the ceremony), Look them up if you get a chance. Rod thinks he sees you often as he refers to an ex-Army Captain who seems to know everybody in town. Sounds like you, Harry.

Marie and I have not attended any conventions because we've been so busy getting three kids through college. Our last is in college now and hopefully, we'll start attending soon.

We go to Pittsburgh often since Marie still has family there. Maybe we'll stop in some time.

#### Bill Metcalf

P.S.: I don't use my first name (Frank).

Frank W. Metcalf 225 Woodside Avenue Franklin Lakes, New Jersey 07417

(Editor's Note: Very nice hearing from you, Harry. Surprisingly, as it goes, you only hear from a few out of many letters, which one takes time to mail out, as in your case, Harry. It would be nice if one interested member in each Unit would do as you did, and mail out letters to their membership, striving to make our Reunions bigger, as the years go by. I can tell each and every member, the Reunions get better every year and we don't have too many more in the books. Members can get a Roster of their Unit from Clarence Marshall, or myself. I might add that I mailed out 67 letters for the Host Inn Reunion to Company-E, 273rd Infantry, and only received 10 replies. So let's do it now, and see you all at the Ramada Inn in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in August. Yes, 'Ya All Come Now!).

## Let's Do A Turn-Around . . .

We realize you needed to look in a mirror to put everyone in their place, to fit the captions of the two following photographs which were published in the last issue of the Bulletin. So here they are again.



This happy group of handsome young men consists of seven of the eight former Presidents of the 69th Infantry Division Association, who attended the Harrisburg Reunion. (Left to Right — Front Row): Bob Myers, Loar Quickle and Bill Matlach. (Back Row — Left to Right): Cliff Ewing, John Moriarty, Sammy Woolf and George Phillips. The eighth President, Harold Starry, was last seen chasing a Red Bikini around the swimming pool.



777th Tank Battalion

This is a picture of the 777th Tank Battalion, returning home in box cars from Leipzig, after the war. From (Left to Right): Ed Davidson, C-Company; Burdick, B-Company; Baylor, B-Company; Chester, A-Company; Al Bonura, C-Company.

Photo compliments of Albert Bonura



## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS AND COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE

May I just make note to all Leaders of Chapters, Groups, Branches, Companies, Regiments, Recon, 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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Regular Dues — \$5.00 Contributory Dues — \$10.00 Ladies' Auxiliary Dues — \$2.00 Dues Year 1981-1982 ends July 31, 1982

#### AUGUST 15 to 22, 1982

## 69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNION

Vernon Wirth, Co-Chairman 8330 West Concordia Avenue Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53222 Telephone: 414/422-9664

Gaylord W. Thomas, Co-Chairman 432 Doty Street Waupun, Wisconsin 53963 Telephone: 414/324-4065

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AUGUST 5, 6, 7, 8, 1982

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#### **SEPTEMBER 18, 1982**

Deadline for Material and Pictures for Bulletin Volume 36, No. 1 September - October - November - December, 1982

[PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Mountain Shadows -Marriot, Scottsdale, Arizona, Reunion Committee]

NOVEMBER 5, 6, 7, 1982

Tri-State Fall Weekend
Possible Site
Holiday Inn or Sheraton Inn
Clarion, Pennsylvania

Clarence Marshall, Co-Chairman 101 Stephen Street New Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068 Telephone: 412/335-3224

Paul and Marion Shadle, Co-Chairmen 1504 Greensburg Road New Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068 Telephone: 412/335-9980

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. "Bob" and Elva Meyers, Co-Chairpersons 10453 Cumberland Drive Sun City, Arizona 85351 Telephone: 602/977-1952

Leonard and Corky Halpenny, Co-Chairpersons 3938 Santa Barbara Avenue Tucson, Arizona 85711 Telephone: 602/327-7412

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

PLEASE NOTE THE MONTH CHANGE FOR THE 1983 REUNION AT MOUNTAIN SHADOWS, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA — THE REUNION WILL BE HELD IN THE MONTH OF MAY, RATHER THAN THE USUAL MONTH OF AUGUST.

THE AUXILIARY'S PAGE

by - Dottie Witzleb

FIGHTING 69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION LADIES' AUXILIARY OFFICERS — 1981-1982

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Margaret Kormas, Secretary 10301 Lake Avenue, Apt. 726 Cleveland, Ohio 44102 Telephone: 216/651-2084

Hi, Ladies:

Reunion is nearing its deadline date, which means Lap Robes should be in the finishing stages. Bring them to Milwaukee so that they can be distributed to Veteran's Hospitals in that area, by members of the Milwaukee Reunion Committee. Tooth Brushes and Paste will also be distributed, which is handled each year by Valerie Ike.

We are now sending several copies of the Bulletin to many Veteran's Hospitals in the United States. We would like to hear from these hospitals, by writing Dottie Witzleb, P.O. Box 69, Champion, Pennsylvania 15622 — stating if they are interested in receiving our Bulletins. If so, we will put them on our Bulk Rate Address List so that they will be mailed out with the rest of the Bulletins. This will save us the additional postage by having to send them out separately. We are most happy to do this for our Veterans as we feel the reading material in them is a good "Perker Upper" to our Vets. If any 69th member would like to add a Veteran's Hospital to the list, we will be happy to do this also. Just send the name and address of the hospital to us.

Bulletins are also going out to about one hundred 461st AAA members, whom we believe were part of the 69th in the later months of the War. We haven't heard from any of these men to date, but feel some will be writing us telling what they know about serving with the 69th Division. You men, wives, and families are most welcome to join us at the Milwaukee Reunion this coming August 15 to 22, 1982. You will find all the information needed concerning the Reunion in other sections of this issue of the Bulletin.

Margie McCombs, our "Sunshine Lady", asks all members who get Birthday Wishes and Anniversary Cards from the Division to keep her up-dated on change of addresses when you move. It's also nice to get the new addresses to Clarence Marshall, our Membership Chairman, when you change your magazine, bills, etc., as return mail costs additional postage to the Division.

I could use more "Ladies' News" to fill a page in each issue of the Bulletin, so do write, ladies, especially those of you who are involved in future Reunions, letting us know what is being planned for us. I believe we will have a good program at our General Meeting this year in Milwaukee, with Mary McBride serving as our Guest Speaker. See you all at the Ramada Inn - Airport, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Lucile Arnott writes the Hugh has not been too well the last couple of years, so a card or note would be appreciated especially from his Old Buddies of 769th Ordnance. Hugh's address is: Hugh G. Arnott, 1010 Shady Brook Lane, Napa, California 94558.

Gaylord Thomas and Vernon Wirth write Earl telling all members who are sending in Registration Information, that the cost on the Registration Sheet is per person. Those of you mailing in checks that only paid for one should either mail the difference in to Gaylord, or see him when you arrive at Milwaukee. An example is: The Wednesday Tour of three Milwaukee Churches cost \$17.00 per person — so if two are going the price is \$34.00. These Tours all include a Noon Lunch and start out in the morning, so be sure you are ready to go the day of the Tour — Not arrive the day of the Tour or you'll miss it!

"As You Were"

Our new book titled, "As You Were" is now in production. It is an illustrated collection of "GI" slang, nicknames and other Army jargon of WWII. Also included will be a condensed combat record of every United States division.

For free information, write:

Barracks Bag Books Dept. 69I Post Office Box 5021 Louisville, Kentucky 40205



## 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].

## 724th Field Artillery C-Battery

Vernon E. Tritch, Co-Chairman 3259 Foxianna Road Middletown, Pennsylvania 17057 Telephone: 717/944-9080

John W. Turner, Co-Chairman 2148 East Lake Road, NE Atlanta, Georgia 30307 Telephone: 404/378-3543

Former personnel of Battery-C, 724th F.A. Bn. assembled at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on April 2, 3, and 4, 1982, for their First Battery C Reunion. There were eighteen in all—eleven members and seven of their wives, coming from seven states. It was held at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, 473 Eisenhower Boulevard, and the Banquet on Saturday evening was at the 230 Diner in Middletown, Pennsylvania— as arranged by Vernon Tritch who lives in Middletown. Vernon also obtained a 14-passenger van which he drove on Saturday, to take some of us on a Tour, including Hershey's Chocolate World, Founder's House, and a 'tourist's view' of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Plant. He also drove the van to the Banquet on Saturday evening. It was a great Reunion and was enjoyed by all of us.



Battery C, 724th F.A. Battalion Reunion Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, April 2, 3, 4, 1982

(Front Row — Left to Right): Vernon Tritch, Norman Giese, S. John Heliseva, Anthony Visconti. (Back Row — Left to Right): George Mallotides, Robert Hollister, Robert Pietsch, John Turner, L. Kenneth Walter. (Absent from the picture are Louis Psaltis and Hirry Armor).

Much time was spent by all of us, chatting, reminiscing, looking through photo albums, and a few souvenirs. We continued the camaraderie, as we ate most meals as a group in the Howard Johnson's Restaurant. While some went on the Tour,

the others remained and continued reminiscing at the motor lodge. We had a very nice Hospitality Room adjacent to one of our rooms, reserved for Battery C's use and was more than adequate.

We have made no definite plans for our next Battery C Get-together. We have tentative plans for such Battery C Get-together at the 69th Division Reunion in 1984.

Attending our First Battery C Reunion were: Norman F. Giese, Louis Psaltis, Robert E. Hollister, Harry J. Armor, Sulo John Heliseva, Gladys Heliseva, George Mallotides, Annie Mallotides, Robert L. Pietsch, Gloria Pietsch, Vernon E. Tritch, Jr., Mary Tritch, John W. Turner, Neta Turner, Anthony Visconti, Grace Visconti, Lester Kenneth Walter and Pat Walter.



Ladies present at the Battery C, 724th F.A. Battalion Reunion (Front Row — Left to Right): Grace Visconti, Gladys Heliseva, Mary Tritch. (Back Row — Left to Right): Gloria Pietsch, Annie Mallotides, Pat Walter, Neta Turner.

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| I/we would like to be put on your Weekends. | Mailing   | List | for | future |
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| Mail to John W. Turner at the address       | ss above. |      |     |        |
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## 69th Cavalry Recon Troop

Michael P. Moscaritolo, Chairman 575 Sherman Avenue Roselle, New Jersey 07203 Telephone: 201/245-8159

#### YEARLY WEEKEND GET-TOGETHER

Lewis and Stella Ellsworth, Co-Chairpersons R.R. No. 1 - Knoxville Road Steubenville, Ohio 43952 Telephone: 614/282-2327

Joseph A. and Zola George, Jr.

3751 Willett Road

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15227 Telephone: 412/882-8649

Due to the unexpected illness of both our Reunion Hosts, Ralph Riggs and Bob West, the Reunion will not be held in Columbus, Ohio. It will be held at the Holiday Inn, Stoney Hollow Boulevard, Steubenville, Ohio.

I do hope both Ralph and Bob will be recovered so as to be able to attend at Steubenville.

If anyone else (other than a Recon Trooper), would like to attend, please let us know. We will be more than happy to make the arrangements.

We did enjoy the Harrisburg Reunion very much. Thank you, Bill Foster, for a job well done.

If you are planning on attending the Division Reunion at Milwaukee, you Troopers in the east — this stop is on your way, so come to Steubenville, August 13, 14, 15.

Stella and I hope to see you in Steubenville 13, 14 and 15 of August, 1982.

Then motor on to the 69th Division Association's Reunion at the Ramada Inn - Airport, 6401 South 13th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with the main attractions beginning August 18 thru 21, 1982. We'll be there hoping to see all Troopers at two great Weekends, Steubenville and Milwaukee.

(Cut and Mail)

## I would like to be put on your Mailing List for future weekends. Address City/State/Zip ..... Mail to L. Boyd Ellsworth for Weekend information, or Michael P. Mascaritolo, Chairman, to be put on the roster. -----

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## Western 69'ers

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

#### 1982 WEEKEND

First priority should be the 69th Infantry Division's Annual Reunion which will be in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at the Ramada Inn - Airport. We hope to see you there in August.

No report can be given in this issue of the Bulletin, but we Westerners will let you know how our June 4 and 5, 1982, Weekend turned out in the next Bulletin.

We will be the Host Group for our 1983 Reunion at Mountain Shadows - Marriott, Lincoln Drive, Scottsdale, Arizona, the week of May 22 - 29, 1983. Please note now, that this is a month change for the Annual Reunion - from August to May. We are planning a nice stay and week for your Reunion with the weather this time of year a little milder.

If you live in the western part of our country from California to Colorado and Texas to Washington, we would be happy for you to be a part of us, so do write to the address above for more details. I am sure Robert "Bob" Myers from Sun City, Arizona, our Reunion Chairman in 1983, can use all

the help he can get to make this Western Reunion a success, for those of you coming from all over the country.

See you in Milwaukee!

#### Len and Corkey Halpenny

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| I/we are interested in your Western 69'ers Group, and want to be put on your Mailing List. |
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| Name   |
| Address  |
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| Unit Wife's Name   |
| Postage Fund Donation  |
| You're on the Mailing List - Thanks for writing!   |
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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

It looks like our turn-out at the Quality Inn, Anaheim, California, will be somewhat smaller than other T.D. Spring Reunions, but I am sure we will enjoy ourselves, and we'll give you a good report in the next publication of the Bulletin. I hope that if you didn't make Anaheim, that you are planning to attend the 69th Infantry Division Association's Annual Reunion, this year, in Milwaukee.

We Tank Destroyers are very much a part of the Association as well as other Groups, who make this yearly affair the enjoyable week that it is - having a little fun and relaxation. Two of our T.D. members are part of the Reunion Committee, helping to put this year's 69th Association Reunion together, and they want to see you at the Ramada Inn - Airport, during the week of August 15 to 21, 1982.

Eugene Pierron from Belgium, Wisconsin, and Raymond Fischer from Milwaukee, want you to see what really "The Land of Cheese and Beer" is all about. We'll have a good time as we are looking forward to seeing others from that area -Like: William Keith, Horicon; Alphonse Bruni, Mayville; Harold Adelmeyer, Theresa; Fred Korth, West Bend; Homer Cook, Milwaukee; Art Hartwig, Fox Lake; Leroy Lumby, New Lisbon; Ralph Hoppe, Bowler; Bud Charbarneau, Rhinelander; Albert Poddlan, Delta; and Kenny Koon, Oshkosh, plus all you others from our 50 states.

We, like many other Groups, want you to make the Annual Reunion attendance first priority. If you are a new 661st T.D. member to the 69th and want to know more about us - come to Milwaukee or write us at the above address.

See you in August!

Bill and Jo Beswick

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## 269th Engineers

Frank Nemeth

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

Well, it's that time of the year again! I'm sure looking forward to going to Milwaukee for this year's Reunion. It should be a lot different than most places we have been to. I've never been to that part of the country, so we're planning on seeing a lot of the state and surrounding areas and hope others feel the same way!

I've gone over the 269th Engineers roster and intend to write to everyone up in that area to let them know we hope to see them all at the Reunion, even if it's only for a day or night. Some of the boys have already moved to warmer climates, but maybe they'll be back north at Reunion time, trying to beat the Florida heat.

Haven't heard from too many of the men since Christmas, but everyone is doing pretty good! It's just too bad we only write during the Holidays, instead of a couple times a year, but most of us are miles apart, too far to travel for a visit! That's why the Reunion is so important — we can get together for a few days of vacation with old friends and just relax! So here's hoping to see you all in Milwaukee at the Reunion — Ray Dahill, "Lum" Critchfield and "Al" Lierness!

Your Old Buddy,

#### Frank C. Nemeth

(Editor's Note: Frank is the co-ordinator of the 269th Engineer crew. Should you care to drop Frank a note, write him at his address given above. The Engineers hold no Weekend Get-togethers during the year, but push for a 100% attendance at the 69th Division Association's Annual Reunion. They really come up with "something out of this world Hospitality Room" at all Reunions and enjoy themselves very much. They are a great participating Group at all functions of the Reunion - from the beginning of the week through the Saturday Evening Banquet Dinner Dance - when they all say "See you next year in Scottsdale, Arizona, at the Marriott Mountain Shadows. Remember, Engineers, it will be in May 1983, instead of the month of August - so get those pot holes filled early and make sure all the bridges on highway 10 are repaired. Guard rails should be up too, as we don't want to fall in the Grand Canyon, on our way. Right now Frank says all is "'A' OK" for the Milwaukee Ramada Inn Airport trip - so be there August 15 to 22 of this year - 1982. "Ya All Come to The Land of Cheese and Beer." - See 'Ya there!).

## Central Pennsylvania Branch

John T. and Elizabeth Hawley, Chairpersons

330 East Fort Street

Shippensburg, Pennsylvania 17257

Telephone: 717/530-2974

Our Fall Banquet will be held on Saturday, some time in October.

Should you want to attend and be notified of place and location, do write to the above address to be put on the Mailing List. We would like all 69th members from Eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware to be part of our Group for these Spring and Fall Banquets.

Elizabeth and I ask all Central Pennsylvanians to make a great effort to attend the 69th Division Reunion in Milwaukee.

We'll be there having a ball!

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| I/we want to be on your Mailing List, and plan to attend your Fall Banquet. |
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| Name  |
| Address   |
| City/State/Zip  |
| Telephone/Area Code   |
| Unit Wife's Name  |
| Postage Fund Donation   |
| I'll notify you of the Fall Banquet!  |
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## 880th Field Artillery C-Battery

Lowell McFarlin, Co-Chairman 89 North High Street Box 236 Jeromesville, Ohio 44840 Telephone: 419/368-7363

Lewis G. Pugh, Co-Chairman Route 4, Grant Street Cadiz, Ohio 43907

Telephone: 614/942-3721

We are looking for "a large turn-out" at our yearly Weekend on August 5, 6, 7, and 8, 1982, at the Holiday Inn, New Philadelphia, Ohio. This year we expect to see many new faces along with the old ones, as this area is pretty much centrally located for our Group.

If you are a new member of the 69th Division and would like on our C-Battery, 880th Field Artillery roster, do write me, Lowell McFarlin, at the address above.

Our Cut and Mail Information Notice can be found on page 18, at the top of the first column. Thanks for filling it in with a note, as we are always glad to hear from 880th Members.

Lowell McFarlin

## Make Reservations Now For 1982 69th Division Association's 35th Annual Reunion

#### RAMADA INN - AIRPORT

6401 S. 13th Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53221 Phone: 414/764-5300

Week of August 15 to 22, 1982 - Main Attractions August 18 to 21, 1982

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See You — In August — In Milwaukee, Wisconsin "In The Land of Cheese and Beer" (Cut and Mail)

I/we are new C-Battery, 880th Field Artillery members to the 69th Infantry Division, and would like to be put on the roster of C-Battery.

Name
Address
City/State/Zip
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Unit
Wife's Name
We have a yearly dues which includes our postage fund.

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## Tri-State Group

"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)

As I type these brief few statements to all members, returns are coming in for our Spring Weekend at the Sheraton Inn, Greensburg, Pennsylvania. We mailed out 1,308 letters via bulk rate mail, and this is beginning to get too costly for our little Group. We usually mail out around 700 to 750 letters. but for this Weekend it will have been a joint Tri-State and Central Pennsylvania Branch gathering. You will read about it in the next publication of the Bulletin.

If you live in Western Pennsylvania, Maryland, or New York, plus all of Ohio and West Virginia, and would like to be on the Tri-State roster, tell us about it, by writing to the above address. Or if you live in this area and did not receive one of the "orange letters" concerning the Spring Weekend, let us know — we hope we didn't miss anyone in this area.

Tri-State Group says "Give First Priority to the Annual 69th Infantry Division Association's Reunion, then visit with us as we aren't all that costly for a day or two."

See you then!

Earl and Dottie Witzleb plus
The Family Group of Tri-Staters

(Cut and Mail)

I/we are interested in being on the Tri-State Group roster for 1982, through 1984.

Name
Address
City/State/Zip
Telephone/Area Code
Unit Wife's Name
Postage Fund Donation
Thank you, kindly!



This foursome is enjoying the summer sun at the winter home of the George Gallaghers, our Vice President, in Zephyhills, Florida. Their thoughts for the moment is a Reunion in Florida in 1985 or 1986. (Left to Right): George Gallagher, Vickie Gallagher, Zola George, and our own Joseph A. George, Jr., direct from the Recon Troopers.

## Down-States Group

Phillip Colombo, Chairman 156-20 65th Avenue Flushing, New York 11376 Telephone: 212/886-0363

Just want to say those of you from Eastern New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, that I would like to get a group started in the fall with a Weekend Banquet probably on a Saturday.

If you are interested, do write me at the address above.

I would like to see as many of you members and wives attend the Milwaukee Reunion in August as can possibly come — where we could get together — possibly at the PX Beer Party night for a short while, to make some plans for the Fall.

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## Mid-West Group

Vernon Wirth, Co-Chairman 8330 West Concordia Avenue Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53222 Telephone: 414/422-9664

Gaylord W. Thomas, Co-Chairman 432 Doty Street Waupun, Wisconsin 53963 Telephone: 414/324-4065

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## Tentative Program for 1982, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Reunion

The Milwaukee Reunion Committee Welcomes the Fighting 69'ers to "The Land of Cheese and Beer", August 15 to 22, 1982.

PLEASE NOTE: Sign up early when you send in your reservation, as the Bus Tours will depend upon enough persons registered to fill a bus[s] for each of the trips.

We think an excellent program has been arranged for this year's Reunion. The usual Early Bird Dinner, PX Beer Party, and the Banquet Dinner Dance, along with several interesting tours for those who wish to take advantage of them. For those who might like to tour on their own, there is a Milwaukee Zoo, Milwaukee Public Museum, the War Memorial and Art Center, where a person can spend a whole day. Sorry, no Major League Baseball Game, as the Brewers are on the road.

NOTE: A Registration Committee Member will be in the Registration Room each morning, one-half hour before any Tour leaves, to take care of any members who might have arrived during the night.

Sunday, August 15, 1982

- Early Arrivals - On Your Own

Monday, August 16, 1982

Early Arrivals — On Your Own — Registration 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Tuesday, August 17, 1982

Registration and Hospitality Room — 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., and 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Wednesday, August 18, 1982

Registration and Hospitality Room — 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., and 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday Tour - Three Outstanding Churches: Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, the last work of architect Frank Lloyd Wright, St. Joan of Arc Chapel, this medieval French Chapel was constructed in the 15th Century, near Lyon, France. It was moved and reconstructed on the Marquette University Campus in 1964. St. Josaphat's Basilica, the first Polish Basilica in North America. Its majestic dome is modeled after St. Peters in Rome. — 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Wednesday Noon Lunch — At Mader's Restaurant — World famous restaurant. Wednesday Evening Musical — "FANNY" — at Melody Top Theatre — 7:15 P.M.

Thursday, August 19, 1982

Registration and Hospitality Room — 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., and 6:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

Thursday Tours - Two different tours to Wisconsin Countryside.

Old Wisconsin [at Eagle, Wisconsin] - One of the country's finest outdoor Ethnic Museums of reconstructed buildings of Wisconsin's early immigrants - 1840 to 1860 - With authentic furniture and guides telling the story of the immediate family and the ethnic group related to each building. — 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

**Lunch** — Served in the Clausing Barn (octagon shaped).

Central Wisconsin - Fox Lake Area - A drive through Central Wisconsin farmland, with a stop at a Cheese Factory, to see the process of making cheese from liquid fresh milk. You cross the famous Horican Marsh Wildlife Refuge, where over 100,000 Canadian Geese gather each spring and fall, on the way, to and from, the Canadian nesting area. Also, a stop at a Modern Medium Security Correctional Institution. — 8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

**Lunch** — A typical Wisconsin Bratwurst and Corn Roast.

Return trip through the scenic Kettle Moraine Forest.

Thursday Evening — Early Bird Reception — Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar) — Buffet Dinner —

6:30 P.M.

Friday, August 20, 1982

Registration and Hospitality Room — 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., and 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Friday Golf - Under the direction of Chalmer Pearson and Raymond Fischer. - Morning Tee

We hope to use the beautiful Tuckaway Country Club — the scene of the last two Greater Milwaukee Open Golf Tournaments.

(Prizes will be awarded).

Friday Tour - A guided tour of Milwaukee, the magnificent lake-front and many points of interest, with stops at the Mitchell Park Flower Domes, Pabst Brewery, and the Pabst Mansion which was completed in 1893, at a cost of over \$225,000, when carpenters earned thirty-five cents an hour. — 8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Lunch - At the Alonzo-Cudworth Legion Post on the lake-bluff, overlooking the beautiful lake-front and harbor.

Board of Directors and Officers Meeting - 3:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

PX Beer Party - Dance - 9:00 P.M. until 1:00 A.M.

(A good night for Groups and Units to have their own Get-together at another restaurant, then meet at the PX Beer Party - Dance). — (Go in Private Cars).

Saturday, August 21, 1982

Registration and Hospitality Room — 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

(No further Registration after 4:00 P.M.) Men's Membership General Meeting - 10:00 A.M.

Ladies' Auxiliary General Meeting - 10:00 A.M.

Saturday Night Cocktail Party [Cash Bar] - 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

MEMORIAL SERVICE - 7:30 P.M.

(Please be Seated Before 7:30 P.M., for this Solemn and Brief Service).

**BANQUET DINNER** — 8:00 P.M. — Prime Rib and the Works

**DANCING** - 9:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.

Sunday, August 22, 1982

Farewells and Departures — All Day.

Monday, August 23, 1982

- Farewells and Departures.

## Pictures From the 1981 Host Inn Reunion



Unfortunately we cannot identify the two gentlemen on the left of the photograph above, the one seated and the one standing, however, standing second from the left is: Harry Austin, Bill Foster, Paul Shadle.



Picture of the Strasburg Train arriving on time, to take the 69'ers to Paradise, Paradise, Pennsylvania, that is. Standing up-front in the picture is Earl Witzleb, who is checking things down the tracks.



Col. David Bolte reciting an incident that took place while his father, General Charles L. Bolte, was with the 69th at Camp Shelby. (Left to Right): John Moriarty, John Mason, Col. David Bolte, and gentleman with face turned from the camera is unidentified.



Pictured above are some of the 69'ers standing outside of the Strasburg Inn. (Left to Right): Marie Suprano, Ann and Enrico D'Angelo, Marion and Paul Shadle, and Paul Shadle, Jr., and wife, Glenda.



Enrico and Ann D'Angelo are pictured above, waving goodbye from the window of one of the pullman cars of the Strasburg Railroad.



Company G-271st Members at the Beer Bust (Front Row — Left to Right): Clarence Jensen, George Phillips, Wayne Nelson and Nate Green. (Back Row — Left to Right): Clifford Barbieri, Clarence Goon and Loar Quickle.

## GIFT SHOP CORNER

Reba and Bill Sheavly, Chairpersons

### Souvenirs

Some Souvenir Items are now being made available for sale through the mails besides being sold at the Annual Reunions.

William and Reba Sheavly, Souvenir Chairpersons, plan to introduce more new items as often as ideas and agreements can be reached.

The following items are now for sale by sending Check or Money Order, payable to 69th Infantry Division Association.

Send your order to:

William C. Sheavly, Souvenir Chairman 218 Sacred Heart Lane Reisterstown, Maryland 21136

#### Items:

| 69th Bumper Decal, size 3-1/2" x 5" (Weatherproof) (An investment in the 69th Pride) Mailed post paid       |
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| Two (2) Year Pocket Secretary, with 69th Decal A place to enter appointments and Birthdays Mailed post paid |
| Chrome Zippo Lighters with 69th Emblem Mailed post paid   |

#### When ordering the following items - Send Order To:

**Dottie A. Witzleb**, Salesperson P.O. Box 69 Champion, Pennsylvania 15622

#### Items

ITEM OR EVENT

Adjustable Hats (Both Blue Backing and

| Red Backing)                                | .00 |
|---|-----|
| Small, Medium, and Large Plackets 9         |     |
| Extra Large Plackets 10                     | .00 |
| Extra, Extra Large Plackets                 | .00 |
| Extra, Extra Extra Large Plackets           |     |
| (Not Available)                             |     |
| Children's T-Shirt (Small, Medium, Large) 5 | .00 |
| Umbrellas (Golf Size)                       |     |
| (Not Available)                             |     |
| Golf Towels                                 | .00 |
| License Plates (Made of Aluminum) 4         | .00 |
| Large 69th Division Decals (Each)           | .50 |
| Small 69th Division Decals (Each)           | .25 |

If you send in your Dues and ask for a Decal, we will be happy to send one of each to you with your Dues Card. These are for display on your car window, or on luggage, or whatever.

For Mail Orders: Add \$2.00 for the first item ordered, and \$1.00 for each additional item, to cover the cost of Postage and Insurance. Send \$1.00 extra if only ordering a hat.

It has been suggested that before putting your License Plate on your car, that you would give it a coating of clear varnish, in order to protect it.

#### When ordering the following items, send your order to:

Clarence Marshall, Salesperson 101 Stephen Street New Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068

#### Item:

| 69th Infantry Division History Book   | \$5.00 |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| 69th Infantry Division Shoulder Patch | \$1.00 |

NOTE: All items will be available at all Division Association Reunions — the next Reunion August 15 to 22, 1982, at the Ramada Inn - Airport, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

## 1981 Host Inn Reunion Financial Report

**Expenses** 

Income

| Gettysburg Tour                 |             | \$ 1,539.00 |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Buses                           | \$ 1,320.00 |             |
| Box Lunches                     | 278.25      |             |
| Hershey Park Chocolate World    |             | 930.00      |
| Tickets                         | 817.50      |             |
| Early Bird Dinner               |             | 4,233.00    |
| Dinner Theater - Host Inn       | 3,859.00    |             |
| Pennsylvania Dutch Country Tour |             | 3,990.00    |
| Buses                           | 1,317.50    |             |
| Mennonite Tour Guides           | 100.00      |             |
| Strasburg Inn - Dinner          | 1,620.25    |             |
| Strasburg Railroad —            |             |             |
| Train Ride to Paradise          | 425.00      |             |
| Registration —                  |             |             |
| PX Beer Party - Dance           |             | 2,855.00    |
| Beer, Soft Drinks,              |             |             |
| Pretzels and Chips              | 824.22      |             |
| Band                            | 300.00      |             |
| Saturday Night Banquet -        |             |             |
| Dinner Dance                    |             | 9,452.00    |
| Dinners                         | 8,018.91    |             |
| 28th Infantry Division          |             |             |
| Band Dinners                    | 480.73      |             |
| Band                            | 400.00      |             |
| Flowers - Head Table            | 28.09       |             |

| Program Ads                | -           |     | 373.50   |
|----------------------------|-------------|-----|----------|
| DeWalt Press - Progam      | 577.70      |     |          |
| Administration Expenses    |             |     |          |
| Clarence Marshall - Room   | 356.16      |     |          |
| Coffee - General Meetings  | 536.17      |     |          |
| Printing - Name Tags,      |             |     |          |
| Tickets, Ribbons           | 155.72      |     |          |
| Postage                    | 31.08       |     |          |
| Door Prizes                | 359.94      |     |          |
| Ladies' Auxiliary          | 29.23       |     |          |
| Committee Expenses         | 80.10       |     |          |
| Plaque Awards              | 138.55      |     |          |
| Refunds                    | 573.00      |     |          |
| Week Long Activities Total | \$22,627.10 |     |          |
| Net Income                 |             | \$2 | 3,372.50 |
| Net Profit                 |             | \$  | 745.40   |
|                            |             |     |          |

#### ATTENDANCE LEADERS AT THE HOST INN REUNION

| Company - Troop -<br>Battery - Unit   | Members | Total<br>Including<br>Guest |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| 69th Infantry Division Recon Troopers | 24      | 48                          |
| C-Battery, 880th Field Artillery      | 19      | 40                          |
| Division Headquarters —               |         |                             |
| Headquarters Company*                 | 15      | 38                          |
| E-Company, 272nd Infantry Regiment    | 14      | 29                          |
| I-Company, 272nd Infantry Regiment    | 13      | 26                          |
| H-Company, 273rd Infantry Regiment    | 9       | 14                          |

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"They forgot Bolte's Bivouacing Bastards."

#### MID-WEST GROUP (Continued from Page 18)

We expect to start a Mid-West Group after the Milwaukee Reunion. Our aim at present is to have one heck of a good Reunion for all 69th members who attend. Our program is set with the addition of an evening event for Wednesday. It will be a Musical Revue with John Raitt in "Fanny" at the Melody Top Theatre.

For the Ladies at their meeting Saturday morning, the guest speaker for their program will be Mrs. Mary McBride. Mrs. McBride has been the top writer for Phyllis Diller for 17 years and also was the chief source of material for Joan Rivers for 5 years. Ladies, you have a treat in store for you at your meeting, so do get the husband on the ball, and come to Milwaukee August 15 to 22, for one heck of a Reunion in "The Land of Cheese and Beer."

Do get your reservations to **Gaylord Thomas** and **Ramada Inn - Airport**, as early as possible. Our overflow will be next door at the Holiday Inn.

See you in Milwaukee!

#### Vernon and Hilde Wirth

(Cut and Mail)

| I/we are interested in your Mid-West Group, and want to help your committee at the Reunion in August. |
|---|
| Name  |
| Address   |
| City/State/Zip  |
| Telephone/Area Code   |
| Unit Wife's Name  |
| Mail to me, Vernon Wirth at the address listed above.   |
|   |

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#### 1981 FINANCIAL REPORT – ATTENDANCE LEADERS

(Continued from Page 21)

| Battalions                      | Members | Total |
|---------------------------------|---------|-------|
| 269th Engineer Battalion        | 28      | 70    |
| 880th Field Artillery Battalion | 23      | 48    |
| 2nd Battalion, 271st Infantry   | 23      | 47    |
| 2nd Battalion, 272nd Infantry   | 23      | 46    |
| 724th Field Artillery Battalion | 22      | 44    |
| 2nd Battalion, 273rd Infantry   | 18      | 42    |
| 777th Tank Battalion            | 26      | 42    |
| 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion  | 14      | 29    |

\*Additions to Division Headquarters who came Saturday evening were: Fred Sheridan, from Simi Valley, California, and Mr. and Mrs. Miller Harris, from Spinnerstown, Pennsylvania.

## "LAST CALL"

## "LAST REMINDER"

## MAIL YOUR RESERVATIONS

## **TODAY**

# FOR THE MILWAUKEE REUNION

SEE YOU "IN THE LAND OF CHEESE AND BEER"

Hello from Milwaukee!

Everything is falling into place for the '82 Reunion. We have various Tours and other activities scheduled. If there are other things not scheduled that you want to see, just "ask for it" and we will try to gather information on it and help you in any way we can to make your Wisconsin visit more enjoyable.

The International Airshow is held in Oshkosh (about 70 miles North of Milwaukee), the week before the Reunion. There is some very good fishing throughout the state, including salmon and lake trout on Lake Michigan, with chartered boats available every day. There are many good golf courses in the Milwaukee area. We also have an occasional mosquito (some almost big enough to ride), and sometimes a hot humid evening, but we also have a saying: "If the Wisconsin weather doesn't suit you — wait an hour — it will change!" You doubt me? Come and see for yourself! All this in addition to cheese and beer . . . We have a few surprises in store for you, too.

Send your Registration Forms, Tour Reservation and Motel Reservation in early.

It is always great to greet old friends and to make new friends at our Reunions.

Help us make this a "Memorable Reunion."

Gaylord and Ruth Thomas

## Milwaukee Bound

#### 69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL REUNION

August 15 - 22, 1982 Ramada Inn - Airport Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear 69'ers:

We are writing regarding Air Tickets to the 1982 REUNION IN MILWAUKEE. We were also asked to arrange for Car Rentals and a possible Side Trip to Chicago, following the Reunion, similar to the one we did at Las Vegas. There is a tear-off sheet at the bottom of this communication. Please fill out and return to the address listed below.

Airfares are fluctuating drastically and the cost depends on the day the ticket is issued and paid for. All airfares are Federally controlled and are the same whether you buy directly from the airlines or our Agency. We can save money on the Air Tickets if we go as a group from our respective cities.— Groups must leave on the same plane and return together on the same plane. Should you decide to travel independently and purchase your ticket in advance, you will be given a refund for the difference if the rates decrease before date of travel. (Most cities require a minimum of 15 persons to constitute a group.)

August seem far away and many may not wish to purchase tickets now. We do suggest that you advise us of your travel plans now, so that seats can be reserved whether for individuals, or to get a group count. (Please remember a seat reservation does not guarantee the rate.)

If you have any further questions please drop us a note at the addresses listed below:

Regards,

Al and Edith Carbonari 73 Hallsey Lane

Woodbridge, CT 06525 Telephone: 203/393-1803 or

271 Bank Street - Route 67 Seymour, CT 06483 Telephone: 203/888-0545

|                 |   |                | (Tear Here) | <br> |  |
|-----------------|---|----------------|-------------|------|--|
| Name:           | _ |                |             | <br> |  |
|                 |   |                |             |      |  |
|                 |   | tes of Travel: |             |      |  |
| Departure City: |   |                |             |      |  |
|                 |   | □ Car Rental   |             |      |  |
|                 |   |                |             | <br> |  |

 $(Tear\ Herc)$ 

## Nominating Committee

President Walter Doernbach has requested that all members who served on the Nominating Committee last year, at the Host Inn, Hershey-Harrisburg 1981 Reunion would once again serve on the Nominating Committee for the 1982 Milwaukee Ramada Inn - Airport Reunion.

Chester Yastrzemski will once again serve as chairman. Those serving on that committee who will not be in Milwaukee should write Walter at 128 South Cincinnati Avenue, Egg Harbor, New Jersey 08215, or Chester Yastrzemski at 29 Skinner Street, Southampton, New York 11968, so that a replacement can be selected to serve at the Reunion.

After this Reunion and the election of eight new Board Members, the Board of Directors will be complete for the first time in many years. Serving on the Board of Directors will be three members serving from each of the Units: Division Headquarters, 271st Infantry; 272nd Infantry; 273rd Infantry; Divarty, 269th Engineers, 661st Tank Destroyers; and 777th Tank Battalion.

Members in each of these Units should get together with the two Board Members for the years 1982-1983, and 1983-1984, to caucus for a good member to fill the seat for the years of 1984-1985. The selection of the member should be placed in the hands of the Nominating Committee before the Board of Directors meeting on Friday, August 20, 1982.

The Board Meeting on Friday, August 20, 1982, is scheduled to begin at 3:00 P.M. or shortly after the Friday Tour arrives back to the Ramada Inn. Each Board Member serves for a three year term and should sit-out for a period of one year after his term expires, before being considered again.

## Tri-State Bus Trip To Milwaukee

Very little response has been received for the Tri-State Bus Trip to Milwaukee. We must have at least 40 persons to a bus, in order to make the trip possible, and to date only one-third of one bus could be filled, making the cost too high, per person.

If any of our members have reconsidered about taking the bus, they should contact Earl E. Witzleb, Jr., immediately, by phone, at 412/455-2901, in the evening between 8:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M., or call William Sheavly at 301/833-2771. Bill should also be called during the evening hours.



## Your Editor Receives A Letter From Germany . . . Written in German . . .

GARTENSTRASSE II GHO BEBRA-WEITERODE

Bebra- Weiterode, 14.2.1982

Bundesrepublik Deutschland (Hessen )

Herrn Clarence Marshall lol Stephen Street New Kensington, PA 15068

Sehr geehrter Herr Marshall !

Vom Department of the Army wurde mir Ihre Anschrift s Vereinigung ehemaliger Angehöriger der 69. Infantry Division mittelt.

vereinigung enemaliger Angenorager det 09. Intantry Division vermittelt. Im Sommer 1945 lag eine Einheit Iherer Division bei uns hier in Weiterode imm Quartier, speziell waren auch Soldaten in meinem Elternhaus untergebracht. Als Mitglied des Heimatvereins befasse ich mich auch mit der Jüngeren Geschichte von weiterode und würde mich freuen, wenn die Möglichkeit bestände mit den ehemaligen Soldaten Kontakt aufzunehmen. Vielleicht ist es möglich, welche noch lübende ehemalige Soldaten damals in Weiterode stationiert waren, aunfindig zu machen, um in Briefkontakte zunächst zu kommen. Venn 3ie sonstige Unterlagen, vielleicht Berichte oder Bilder über diese Zeit Haben wäre ich Ihmen dankbar hier Kopien zu bekommen.

Gerade in der heutigen Zeit halte ich es für wichtig Kontakte mit Ihnen herzustellen, damit die Ereignisse von damals nie wieder kehren. Erwähnen möchte ich noch, daß unser Ort Bebra- Weiterode nur 9 Kilometer von der "DDR " Grenze entfernt liegt.

Für Ihre Bemühungen danke ich im voraus !

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

#### HERE IS WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT:

Your Editor received the above letter, which is typed in the German language. After several efforts and a three week lapse of time, I finally got it translated into my language.

The letter was written by Kurt Nolke of West Germany. He states that in the summer of 1945, soldiers from the 69th Infantry Division were quartered in his parents' home, in the town of Bebra-Weiterode. He would like to contact these men and correspond with them.

He relates that this town is only 9 kilometers from the East German border as it is today. A check of the current map of Germany shows Bebra very close to Rotenburg, a town that appears on the map in our Division History Book.



M/Sgt. Fleming sitting on steps of German home, believed to be that of Kurt Nolke's parents in Bebra-Weiterode.

If you were one of the men from our Division who stayed in the Nolke home in the summer of 1945, please contact us at National Headquarters so that we can pass the information

The Department of the Army referred this gentleman to your Editor.

We feel that these three men, along with a Lt. Fischer, are the members of our Division who were quartered in Kurt Nolke's parents' home, in the summer of 1945. None of these men are on our current Mailing Roster.

If you can help us relocate these men, please contact National Headquarters.

These photos were furnished by Mr. Kurt Nolke.



Cpl. Arthur J. Weidel Hq. 2nd Bn.-272nd Hometown Brooklyn, New York



M/Sqt. Fleming



Pvt. Douglas L. Mason Company E-272nd Hometown Spragueville, New York

## Resolutions/By-Laws

The following are suggestions for Amendments, now recorded with the Resolutions/By-Law Committee, and should be considered with the Constitution and By-Laws which were printed in Bulletin Volume 34, Number 3, dated May-June-July-August, 1981, and which were also voted upon at the 1981 Reunion.

Our Corporate Name is properly stated in the Constitution
 — the 69th should be spelled out everywhere it appears.
 (This does not need membership approval).

2. Article II, Section [a] -

Eliminate or clarify this Section. We have neither the funds, nor the personnel to "aid" members. We might also consider eliminating "General Welfare" in the "preamble."

3. Article II, Section [e] -

This has been consistently violated, even in our publication. It has been suggested that we add "except on an honorary or complimentary basis."

4. Article III, Section 3 [c] -

It has been suggested that this should be qualified to "The son(s) of an Active Member, limited to and ending with the first generation." This limitation should also be considered in connection with Section (a).

5. Article V, Section [a] -

Suggested that this be changed to 1 year, with the option of re-election and limited to a second year — (except Secretary and Treasurer).

Article V, Section [b] -

Eliminate last 6 lines, beginning with "excepting Article V, Section (d), should read "Secretary and/or Treasurer."

6. Article VI -

Eliminate — No longer needed.

7. Article VIII -

Eliminate word — "Treasurer".

8. Article IX -

Since we travel to distant cities — a quorum of 12 Directors might not be available — 8 has been suggested as easier to accomplish.

9. Article XI -

Add "provided the material comprising the proxy is in the hands of the Secretary at least 30 days before the Annual Meeting.

#### **BY-LAWS**

1. Article I, Section 3 -

Remove final sentence - "the incoming Secretary".

2. Article I, Section 4 -

Certification of all bills and claims by president could cause undue delay.

Perhaps a financial limit should be agreed upon for "clerical assistance". (If this is changed the same should be done to Constitution, Article V, Section (d).

In the last sentence approval has already been greatly changed from 14 to 30 days.

3. Article I, Section 6 -

Eliminate - No longer needed

4. Article I, Section 7 -

Except for the Secretary and Treasurer the term of office should be 1 year, with the option of re-election to, and limited to, a second year.

5. Article V -

This has changed to "August 1 and terminated on July 31", at general meeting in August 1981.

6. Article VI, Section 2 -

Any area desiring a "Branch Society" should be aware of these requirements.

7. Article VI, Section 3 -

Eliminate word "treasurer" in 2 places.

- 8. Wherever word "Convention" appears, it should be changed to "Reunion", ie.: Article II, Section 1; Article III, Section 1, and Article IV.
- 9. Amendments procedure should be consistent either 2/3 as in Constitution, or Majority as in the By-Laws Suggest preference in latter.

## Late Correspondence In Regards To Our Up-Coming Reunion

**Jerry Hoovler**, 84 N. Main Street, Box 229, Fredericktown, Ohio 43019 — K-272nd: Please send me information on time and place for the Reunion this year.

Charles Ley, 716 S. Sycamore, Marshfield, Wisconsin 54449: Please send me information on the 69th Infantry Division Reunion in Milwaukee, August 15 to 22, 1982.

Harley R. Miller, 3254 N. 52nd Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53216 — 69th M.P.: I see by my American Legion Magazine that the 69th Division is holding a Reunion in Milwaukee sometime in August, 1982. Please send me all available information regarding this Reunion.

I joined the 69th M.P. Platoon in February or March of 1945, as a replacement in Schmidtheim, Germany.

Kenneth Reitz, R.D. No. 3, Box 136, Birdsboro, Pennsylvania 19508: Please send me more information on the 35th Annual Reunion of the 69th Infantry Division, from August 15 to 22, 1982, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Joseph N. Peele, P.O. Box 385, Whitakers, North Carolina 27891 — Can. 272nd: I have just finished reading the notice of the Reunion planned for the Fighting 69th Infantry Division on August 15 to 22, 1982, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I am planning to attend and would appreciate it if you would send me any information you have concerning this Reunion.

Clyde E. Arvin, 4201 Webster Drive, York, Pennsylvania 17402 — B & C-881st: In regards to the news clipping from our local newspaper about the 69th Infantry Division Reunion. I was with the Division from Camp Shelby, Mississippi, until it was disbanded in Germany. Then I went to the 78th Division Headquarters in Berlin, Germany. I was originally in Battery B of the 881st Field Artillery and later on was transferred into Battery C.

I was very happy to see this information about the Reunion in the newspaper. Since I am a member of the V.F.W., I have constantly watched for news about such a Reunion, for many years, and this is the first time I have ever seen anything about the Reunions.

I am not sure that I will be able to make the trip this year. I do have five weeks vacation schedule.

Joseph Wright, chairman of the Resolutions/By-Laws Committee wishes to meet with his committee at the Ramada Inn, some time on Thursday, or early Friday. He hopes to get a suitable time scheduled, which will be a time agreeable to all the members of the committee. Check with Joe, by calling his room, anytime from Wednesday on, or see him in the lobby, or perhaps in the Hospitality Room.

#### 69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 1982 REUNION - 661st TANK DESTROYER BATTALION - 777th TANK BATTALION

#### Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Thomas 35th ANNUAL REUNION - REGISTRATION FORM

| 432 Doty Street                        |          |            |           |                      |                  |                   |         |
|--|----------|------------|-----------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Waupun, Wisconsin 53963                |          |            |           |                      |                  |                   |         |
| Phone: 414/324-4065                    |          |            |           |                      |                  |                   |         |
| I torre where to be set the Damada Inn | A immant | Milmoulena | Wissensin | for the 1000 Dounian | and to attend th | o following natio | vitioe. |

| The number in our party will be: Adults Children   |   |                  |               |        |
|--|---|------------------|---------------|--------|
| Name:  |   |                  |               |        |
| Address:   |   |                  |               |        |
| City/State/Zip:  |   |                  |               |        |
| Phone/Area Code: Unit:   |   |                  |               |        |
| Guests:  | Time  | Per Person       | No. Attending | Amount |
| Registration   |   | \$5.00           |               | \$     |
| **Wednesday — Tour of Three Milwaukee Churches   | 8:30 A.M.   | \$17.00          |               | \$     |
| Musical "Fanny" at Melody Top Theatre  | 7:00 P.M.   | \$14.00          |               | Ψ      |
| **Thursday — Tour of Old World Wisconsin Museum  | 8:00 A.M.   | \$18.00          |               | \$     |
| or — Tour of Fox Lake Area — Cheese Factory and Correctional Institution   | 7:30 A.M.   | \$12.00          |               | \$     |
| Early Bird Reception and Dinner  | 6:30 P.M.   | \$17.00          |               | \$     |
| **Friday — Tour of Milwaukee including Pabst Brewery and Mansion, The Mitchell Park Flower Domes   | 8:00 A.M.   | \$15.00          |               | \$     |
| Golf Tournament (Friday Morning Tee Off)   |   | \$ ?             |               |        |
| Friday Night — PX Beer Party and Dance   | Your Registra                                     | ation Ticket     |               |        |
| Saturday — Banquet and Dinner Dance<br>(Prime Rib) — (Seating by Units)  | 7:00 P.M.   | \$20.00          |               | \$     |
| Sub Total  |   |                  |               | \$     |
| DUES - For Year - August 1, 1982 to July 31, 1982  |   |                  |               |        |
| Regular Membership   |   | \$ 5.00          |               | \$     |
| Contributory Membership  |   | \$10.00          |               | \$     |
| Ladies' Auxiliary  |   | \$ 2.00          |               | \$     |
| Postage Donation (For Mailing Bulletins - Bulk Rate)   |   | -                |               | \$     |
| Sub Total  |   | 1                |               | \$     |
| Total Amount Paid  |   |                  |               | \$     |
| All Tours Include Noon Lunch   |   |                  |               | -      |
| Wednesday Church Tour — Mader's Restaurant<br>Thursday Tour — Old World Museum — Clausing Barn and Fox Lake -<br>Friday Tour — Milwaukee Tour — Alanzo-Cudworth American Legion                                |   | twurst Lunch.    |               |        |
| **Tours will be limited to get a significant percentage of each bus filled.  Golfers — Those wishing to golf, please mark the reservation form so  | we can make reser                                 | vations for enou | gh foursomes. |        |
| 3, 1   |   |                  |               |        |
| If this is your First Reunion, and you have not given this information. This information is for our "Sunshine Ludy" Margie McCombs, wh suggested Regular Reunion Attendees up-date this information periodical | n before, <b>please, de</b><br>o will send greeti | o fill in below  |               |        |
| Member's Birthday: Wif   | e's Birthday:                                     |                  |               |        |
| Wedding Anniversary:   |   |                  |               |        |
| Children Living at Home:   |   |                  |               |        |
| Name:  | Name:   |                  |               |        |
|  | Birthday:   |                  |               |        |
|  | menday.   |                  |               |        |

## All Roads Lead To Milwaukee, Wisconsin August 15 to 22, 1982

#### FROM BOSTON AND UPPER NEW YORK STATE:

Take I-90 West to Ohio Turnpike, West of Cleveland. Continue West on I-80 and I-90 to Chicago Area. Just across Illinois State Line take I-294 (Tri-State Tollway), to Wisconsin on I-94. Exit at College Avenue. Exit 319.

#### FROM NEW YORK CITY AND UPPER NEW JERSEY:

Take I-80 West to the Chicago Area. Just across Illinois State Line, take I-294 (Tri-State Tollway), to Wisconsin on I-94. Exit at College Avenue. Exit 319.

## FROM SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY, PHILADELPHIA, BALTIMORE, WASHINGTON, PITTSBURGH AREA:

Take the Pennsylvania Turnpike West to Ohio-Indiana Turnpike, continue West on it to Chicago Area. Take I-294 (Tri-State Tollway) to Wisconsin, on I-94. Exit at College Avenue. Exit 319.

#### FROM THE FLORIDA AREA:

Take I-75 North to Cincinnati. I-74 to Indianapolis. I-65 North to I-80 and I-90, then West to I-294 (Tri-State Tollway), to Wisconsin, on I-94. Exit at College Avenue. Exit 319.

#### FROM THE NEW ORLEANS AREA:

Take I-55 North to I-57. North on I-57 to I-294 (Tri-State Tollway). North on I-294 to Wisconsin on I-94. Exit at College Avenue, Exit 319.

#### FROM SOUTHWESTERN STATES:

Take I-40 to Oklahoma City. Then East on I-44 to St. Louis. I-55 North to I-294 (Tri-State Tollway). North to Wisconsin on I-94. Exit College Avenue. Exit 319.

#### FROM SAN FRANCISCO AND OREGON STATE:

Take I-80 East to Chicago Area. North on I-294 (Tri-State Tollway), to Wisconsin on I-94. Exit at College Avenue. Exit 319.

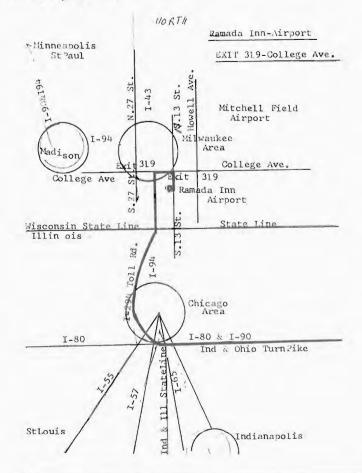
#### FROM WASHINGTON AND MONTANA STATES:

Take I-90 East to I-94. I-94 East to Minneapolis, Minnesota. South on I-94 to Madison, Wisconsin. East on I-94 to Milwaukee. Exit at College Avenue, on South-Side of Milwaukee. Exit 319.

#### BY AIR:

Milwaukee County General Mitchell Field is served by BRANIFF, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, OZARK, REPUBLIC, UNITED and is only five minutes from the RAMADA INN - AIRPORT. Free Van Service to and from the Airport. If the Ramada Van is not in the Taxi and Limousine Area, Call 764-5300, for Pick-up.

RAMADA INN - AIRPORT 6401 S. 13th Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53221 414/764-5300

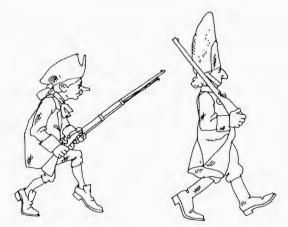


DRIVE OR FLY SAFELY TO MILWAUKEE — ENJOY YOUR STAY, AND HAVE A SAFE RETURN HOME.

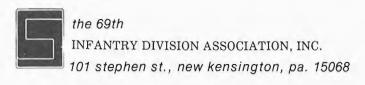
The Milwaukee Reunion Committee

NOTE THE ADDITION OF JUNIOR EXECUTIVE SUITES, AND ONE BEDROOM AND PARLOR SUITES ON THE REGISTRATION SHEET — ON PAGE 17 — ROOM RATES





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Tom D'Antignac 75 Ponce de Leon Avenue, N.E. Atlanta, Ga. H-272nd

Robert J. Matzoll 101 Smith Street Ashland City, Tenn. I-272nd

Carl H. Leno 231 Beech Avenue Hershey, Pa. 777th

Thomas H. South 127 Brindletown Road New Egypt, N.J. H-272nd

## In Memoriam

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