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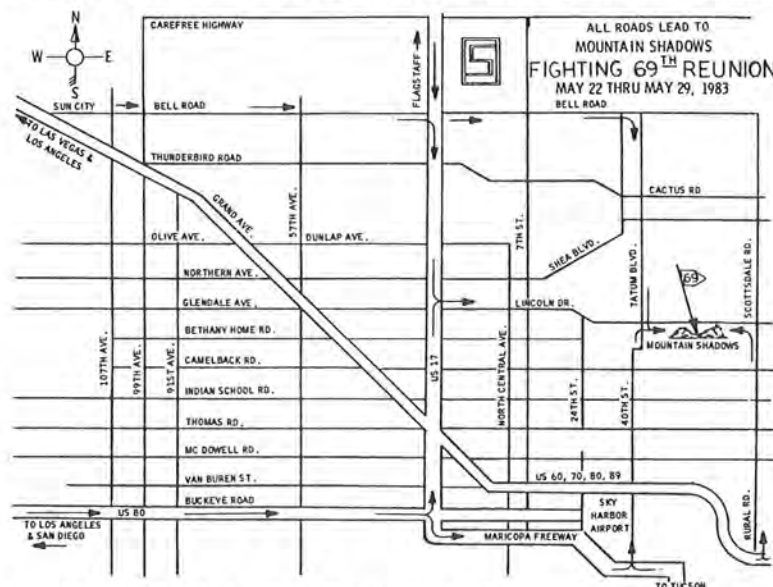
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News From The Editor's Desk

by — Clarence Marshall

Barney Jolley, Route 5, Box 622, Forest City, North Carolina 28043 — G-273rd: Enclosed are my dues for the coming year. I enjoy the Bulletin and especially the birthday and anniversary cards from the Sunshine Lady. I have been a member for twelve years, and have not failed to receive our cards each year. Was glad to hear that the 1984 Reunion is going to be held in Orlando, Florida. My wife and I are planning to attend in 1984.

Charles N. Aldredge, 5504 N.W. 37th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73122 — A-777th: Wife, Patricia, and we are parents of two children, Carolyn and Randy. Retired from Mobil Oil Corporation in 1978, after working with them for thirty-one years. I have a travel trailer, and camp and travel frequently.

Henry Kwasniewski, Box 392, New Milford, Connecticut 06776 — 69th M.P.: I see by the Bulletin that you are still the Membership Chairman. The reason that I mention it is that I ran across a book of addresses of a lot of my Buddies from the 69th M.P. Platoon. Here it is nearly forty years ago, so I don't know whether many of them are still living at the same address. If you would like to look through it, I would be glad to send it to you. I would want it back after you are finished. Please let me know if you want it.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Kwasniewski was advised that I would like to have the book, so that perhaps we could relocate some more men from the M.P. Platoon).

Paul D. Kitner, 2814 Hillvale Avenue, West Lawn, Pennsylvania 19609 — A-724th: About a year ago I sent in a name of a former 69'er, **Mr. Cass Krajewski**, of East Michigan, who is now a member of the organization. For about the last fifteen years, my wife and I have been spending the month of October, at Clearwater Beach, Florida, and during that time we have become acquainted with a few couples who do the same sort of things as we do. During one of our "bull sessions," we started in on World War II, and lo-and-behold, we discovered a former 69'er who didn't even know there was a 69th Infantry Division Association. He is interested in joining. His name is **Mr. Robert Hocker**, 137 Starkey Boulevard, Wintersville, Ohio 43952. Please contact him, and I am sure we will have another member. Sorry that we missed the Reunion in Milwaukee, but we are planning to attend the one coming up in Scottsdale, Arizona. Thanking you for your interest and good work.

James E. Boris, 6800 Henry Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19128 — Hq-881st: Spent thirty years in the Philadelphia Fire Department. Have been on pension for five years. I am now an electrical contractor. Would like a current list of 881st Field Artillery Battalion, especially Headquarters if available. Also would like notification of any future Reunions.

Ruth Z. Allen, 8542 Brady Road, Oakdale, California 95361 — Widow E-273rd: John was a member of the Fighting 69th, in the 273rd Regiment. We had hoped to join you at one of your get-togethers, but somehow we didn't make it. We did a lot of trailering and rock hunting, and somehow didn't get it into our schedule. John passed away on May 3, 1982, of a sudden massive coronary. Kept reading your Newsletters and did recognize a few of the ones sent in. Always hoping of a

Reunion with the men of his Unit. My very best to all of you.

Eugene T. Roberts, 6418 McCommas, Dallas, Texas 75214 — D-272nd: Vice-President and General Manager of Cliff Granberry Corporation. Have been in sales work since leaving the Army.

Lee Mueller, 127 Hillcrest Drive, Belle Plaine, Minnesota 56011 — C-273rd: This is my first letter to the 69th Association. I would like to hear from any of the fellows from Company C-273rd. After the War I returned to Minnesota. Best regards to all, and I hope to hear from some of my former Buddies.

Joseph P. Scurti, 240 Tinton Place, E. Northport, New York 11731 — B-879th: I am a relatively new member of the Fighting 69th Infantry Division Association. I appreciate you providing me with some addresses and names of fellows from my outfit, Battery B-879th Field Artillery. You mentioned that you had some 69th Division History Books for sale. Enclosed is my check for one, and please send it at your earliest convenience.

Douglas L. Mason, 15303 Nevada Street, Woodbridge, Virginia 22191 — E-272nd: I thank you very much for the Fighting 69th Infantry Division Bulletin, and your letter pertaining to **Mr. Kurt Nolke** of Bebra-Weiterode, West Germany. **Sgt. Fleming** was our Platoon Sergeant, but I do not know his address. **Lee Hight** of Oklahoma, may be able to help. **Cpl. Weidel**, I never knew. I do not recall of having stayed in **Mr. Nolke's** parent's home. **Sgt. Fleming** may have. We moved frequently right after the War, pulling back so the Russian's could move in. I have no knowledge of ever billeting in the same home as **Sgt. Fleming**. I'm surprised that you had no record of my past addresses, as when I lived in Cayuga, New York. I received some news of our old 69th Division, and a couple notices of the Reunions. Sorry I didn't answer your letter sooner, as my father was very ill, and recently passed away.

(Editor's Note: Since your correspondence, with the assistance of Mr. Hight in Oklahoma, I have relocated Sgt. Fleming. His address: East Route 3, Box 28, Bloomfield, New Mexico 87413. He is listed elsewhere in the Bulletin under "New Members Relocated").

Vic Lautz, 10453 Russell Road, La Mesa, California 92041 — 569th Sig. Co.: I was a member of the 569th Signal Company. Just recently, after these years, I was reunited with an old 569th Buddy, **Carl Fritch**, of Mertztown, Pennsylvania. He spoke of his membership in the Association, and got me interested. If you will let me know what the dues are, I will remit same. I have not been in touch with any of my friends, but I plan to drop a line to a couple as a result of contacting Carl.

Benjamin J. Armour, 2154 Fortune, Memphis Tennessee 38127 — Recon 661st: I am writing in regards to your Association, and any information would be appreciated. While on vacation a few weeks ago, I met a man who was in the 69th Division during World War II, and he told me about your Association. I served in Europe, with the 661st Tank Battalion, attached to the 69th Division and the First Army, Commanded by **General Hodge**. I was unaware of your Association until he told me about it. His name is **Carroll Powers**, and he gave me your address.

Clifford E. Ewing, 3206 Bonway Drive, Decatur, Georgia 30032 — 769th Ord.: I have wanted to write for some time to tell you how sorry I was that I did not get to come to the Reunion in Milwaukee. My wife was in the hospital at the time. She is at home now, but it will be a long time until she is completely well. I received a letter from **Paul Shirlock** of the 769th Ordinance, who for years had lived and worked in Chino, California. He has now retired and moved back to Connecticut. His wife has also been ill. He would like his address changed. I am still traveling for the local Mercedes dealer, although

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business has been slower this year than in the past. Hope to see you in Phoenix in May.

Fred V. Johnson, 819 Ridge Road, Ashland, Ohio 44805 — B-273rd: I will attempt to answer some of the questions from your letter, which I thank you for. My Army Sergeant from the 69th was sending me some of the Bulletins from time to time. I was looking through Volume 35, No. 3, and found your ad on page 21. My reason for being interested is because I was one of the original 69th. I was shipped from Camp Perry, to the 69th when it was activated and ended up in B-Company, 273rd Regiment as a 60mm Mortar Second Gunner. After basic training a part of the 69th was shipped out as replacements and we were filled back-up with A.S.T.P. men and some ex-paratroopers.

We then started through basic again. The rest of the men who had not shipped out in the fall left the spring of '44, and I was one of these. I ended up at St. Lo, where I was put in the 9th Division, 60th Regiment, Company-D, as a Second Gunner on a 30 water cooled. We finally pushed through the hedgerows around Paris, on into Belgium, and then Germany. I was captured September 25, 1944, at Aachen. I was sent to a POW Camp, and later on by train to where we would be working. Most of the time it was Munich. I was liberated at Laudsehat. I received your Bulletin from **Gerald Ekholm**, who was my Sergeant of the Mortar Section. **Lt. Mennell** was our Platoon Leader and **Capt. King** our Commanding Officer. It was interesting to read the book, but all the names were strangers. I enjoyed it just the same. I have read several of your Bulletins and only one time have I seen a name and a picture of a man I knew. He was **Sgt. Stewart**, pictured with a Russian when they met at the river. It has been a pleasure knowing you.

Harold L. Gardner, 2929 Mason Avenue, Independence, Missouri 64052 — 69th Recon: I guess by now you have everything closed out on the Milwaukee Reunion, and are starting on the planning for the next one. We had a swell time at Steubenville, Ohio, at the Recon gathering, but I was a little disappointed with the turnout. There were several of the Ohio boys who didn't make it. **Boyd** and **Stella Ellsworth** did a heck of a good job on it, especially on the short notice due to **Riggs** and **West** becoming ill. The Ellsworth's invited everyone out to their lovely home for Sunday brunch, and we all had such a nice time becoming better acquainted. They are great hosts.

I've got another name of a 69'er for you. On the way to work one morning I pulled up to a doughnut shop to let my daughter buy some goodies. I noticed a man pull up to the bakery door on a bicycle and go into the shop. As he was coming out I saw him looking at my car, and was wondering if he was someone I should know. He came out to the car and told me he saw the 69th License Plate on the car, and told me that he hadn't seen that emblem for years. We introduced ourselves and talked for several minutes. I wish I would have had the time to talk to him longer, but I was on my way to work. Anyway, if I understood him right, he rode a bicycle into Independence, from Nebraska. I ask him what his outfit was, and told him a little about the Division Association. He was not aware that we had an Association. He was not sure, but as far as he could remember he was in Hq.-273rd. I told him that I would make sure that his name got to you, and he would be sent the necessary paperwork to join the Association. Even though I wasn't in the 273rd, I do have an extra copy of the 273rd History and will try to get it in the mail to him. I also told him that the Division Association had Annual Reunions, and he seemed interested in those. I told him the one this year was in Milwaukee, and the one in '83 would be held in Scottsdale, Arizona. I had installed my 69th License Plate on the car prior to going to the Recon Reunion, and was glad that it was still on the car.

One of the highlights of the Recon Reunion in Steubenville, was seeing my old Platoon Sgt. **Lloyd Walker** from

Salem, Ohio. I hadn't seen the Sarge since June of '45, when the Division split up and I went to the 29th. It pleased me very much that he recognized me and called my name. Also in addition to **Boyd Ellsworth (C.O.)**, there were several others that I hadn't seen since '45.

We were unable to make the Milwaukee trip this year. Still have hopes of making a Division Reunion yet. We will take a vacation to California in '83, but not until June or possibly July. My wife and I are still with Remington Arms making ammo for Uncle Sam. We have hopes of retiring in '85. At least we are kind of looking at that time. I am now a foreman in production. The building I work in manufactures 50 cal. My wife is in the personnel department.

I sure do enjoy your "News From the Editor's Desk". Even when there is nothing in it about a Recon member, I still enjoy reading what the other 69'ers are doing. Even though we may never see or know some of these fellows, just being in the 69th during World War II with them, gives us a common connection. Take care and keep up the good work. Sure do enjoy your Bulletin. I read it over and over.

(Editor's Note: The new name and address which Mr. Gardner sent along was; Clarence Moore, 1319 Fulton, Falls City, Nebraska. The sad part of it was that when I sent him one of our Bulletins it was returned. So maybe Mr. Moore kept on pedaling his bicycle and never returned to Nebraska).

Al Faison, 428 Sparrow Drive, Satellite Beach, Florida 32937 — Hq.-Divarity: Enjoyed seeing you and so many of the other fellows and friends at Milwaukee. Sorry we didn't get together more, but I was so busy talking up Florida for 1984, and asking for advice from some others who have put on a Reunion, I just didn't have as much time for visiting as I would have liked. Our group had a meeting in Orlando, on the 14th of September. We have an agreement with the Hilton Center to hold the Reunion there October 14th through the 21st, 1984. Some of the fellows want to try and organize a Florida Chapter, or at least a Central Florida Chapter. **Jim Harvey** and **Dave Dunlap** are going to generate a letter and send it out to the people within a 50 to 75 mile radius, and see what kind of a response they get. Meanwhile we are going to have an informal meeting on November 20th, here at my house, for the people I have contacted in Orlando, and those who live over here in the local area. I have asked them to bring their wives, and if all show up it will be about thirty people.

Sherman E. Wilson, 318 Reade Drive, Roxboro, North Carolina 27573 — B-881: I received your letter of September 27th, and also a copy of the (May, June, July, August) Bulletin. I noticed on page 8 of the Bulletin that dues become due in October. I don't know how you apply for membership, but I would like to become a member of the 69th Infantry Division Association, and therefore I am enclosing my check for \$10.00 with this letter. Thanks very much for sending me the copy of the Bulletin. I found it very interesting and enjoyed reading it over several times. I appreciate the addresses that you sent me for **Lt. Bell**, **Cpt. Curtis** and **Sgt. Starkey**. You said you had not heard from **Capt. Louis Mills** yet, and in case you do hear from him I would like to have that information.

(Editor's Note: I still haven't heard from Capt. Mills, nor was his mail returned. Can anyone in our membership give us a helping hand with him?)

Dennis C. Kelley, 1618 6th Street, S.W., Roanoke, Virginia 24016 — K-271st: Many thanks for your correspondence of July 17, 1982. I have put off answering as I have been trying to have some copies of a photo of Company K-271st taken in August of 1943 made. I have an enlargement made from the original. I would like to donate this to our Association. I have been in touch with **James Dunn** of Ellenton, Florida, by mail. It was real nice to hear from him.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Kelley's photo appears elsewhere in

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this issue of the Bulletin).

Thomas R. Smith, 1916 S. 5th Avenue, Marshalltown, Iowa 50158 — Hq.-881st: I am very sorry that I was not able to participate in the 69th Infantry Division Reunion in the Milwaukee area. I had really hoped to be there, but business commitments prevented me from doing so. I would like to know if you have any members in the Association who are identified with the Headquarters Battery of the 881st Field Artillery Battalion. We have infrequent communications with the following former members of that Unit: **Paul Harford**, **Bill Bawden**, and **Ed Friel**. I see quite frequently **Howard Johnson** who is on the faculty at Iowa State University at Ames, Iowa. Howard was in a different Unit from mine, and I don't know what it was. Please let me know if you have others listed on your Roster.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Smith has advised as to whom we have listed for his Unit. Now I would like you to send me an address for Howard Johnson, as I do not find him listed on our Association Roster).

Charles W. Chapman, 7412 Exmore Street, Springfield, Virginia 22150 — Hq. Divarty: I have an additional name for a former member of Headquarters 69th Division Artillery. He is **William Degan**, 702 6th Avenue, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018. Hope to have three or four more by the deadline for the next Bulletin. I am in the process of tracking down a few leads. I would appreciate it if you would publish the enclosed picture of the men from 69th Div. Artillery who attended the Milwaukee Reunion. While modest by some standards it was by far the largest attendance that we have ever had. We hope that this will create additional interest for future Reunions.



Attendance for Headquarters Division Artillery was at its highest in Milwaukee, last August. Pictured here are (Front Row - Left to Right): **Charlie Chapman**, **Joe Tully**, **Doug Hall**. (Back Row - Left to Right): **Jimmy Brennan**, **Syl Karas**, **Charlie Kaercher**.

Picture furnished by **Charles Chapman**

Clyde Robbins, 13210 Woodruff Avenue, Apt. No. 1, Downey, California 90242 — G-271st: I attended the 1967 Reunion at Pittsburgh, with one of my sons, **Jim**. We have five boys and a beautiful daughter, **Kathleen**. I had a great time with Old Buddies such as: **George Phillips**, **Loar Quickle**, **Joe Star**, **Shorty Reynolds**, **Clarence Jensen**, **John Kuli**, and **Dave Scatena** who came in late and walked off with the T.V. Dave and I have a mutual friend here in California, **Tom Martini**. Dave and Tom grew up in Oakmont, Pennsylvania. I worked at McDonnell Douglas Corp., in Long Beach, California, and there I met a lovely lady, **Jan Clark**. While talking to her I found out that her husband, **John D. Clark**, was also a 69'er, in the 272nd, I think. I am sending his address so that you can contact him. He wants to attend the Scottsdale Reunion in May of this year. Give my regards to all of the gang. I'll try to see all of you in May.

Chet Yastrzemski, 29 Skinner Street, Southampton, New

York 11968 — E-272nd: We had a nice time at the Milwaukee Reunion, and once again looking forward to the one in Arizona, and then on to the one in Florida. I haven't been to Florida in twenty years, so I'm really looking forward to the one in Orlando. We will be taking a trip to Hawaii in November, skiing in Canada in February, and then on to Arizona in May. I enjoy traveling to see different parts of the world while I am employed, because I know we will have to curtail our travels when I retire.

Stanley S. Schatz, 924 LeBrun Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32205 — C-272nd: I took my basic training with Company-C of the 272nd Regiment. I was then shipped out for the "D" Day Invasion into the 9th Division. I remember my 69th training even though it is over thirty-nine years ago. I remember **Sgt. Paranka**, **Curley**, **T/4 Orrin Miller**, **T/Sgt. Phillip Packard**, **S/Sgt. Max Afanesko**, and **Sgt. Sheldon Goldstein**. The names of the men listed in the 272nd Regimental History Book are mostly those who came in after I shipped out. Just a few of the originals stayed to train the new men. I have an original picture of Company C-272nd taken in May of 1943. You mention in your letter that there are around 400 ex-69'ers living in Florida. I would be interested in knowing about any from around the Jacksonville area. I hope to make your next Reunion, and hope that some of my Old Buddies from C-272nd will be there also.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Schatz is interested in relocating former T/Sgt. William Curley. If you can help, please contact National Headquarters).

Mrs. J. Thomas Cannon, 14 Midbrook Lane, Darien, Connecticut 06820: I have been meaning to write this letter for over eight years. It's called procrastination. Anyway, I was married to **Ronald F. Ball**, who served in Division Headquarters, for eighteen years. He was on your Association mailing list. He died of a heart attack on September 23, 1974, while we were jogging. A couple years later I was dating **Tom Cannon**, and one day he noticed on the kitchen counter something that had come in the mail to Ron from the 69th. He said: "What's this doing here?" I explained that Ron had been in the 69th, and that I hadn't got around to notifying you that he had passed away. Well, you lost one but gained another, because **Tom Cannon** was in the 69th also. Small world! There must be something I like about the 69th Division. Please take **Ron Ball's** name off of your list, but you may add **J. Thomas Cannon**. We were married in 1977. I thought that you would enjoy this story.

Bennie L. Everett, Route No. 4, Box 221, Kensington, Georgia 30707: **James P. Everett** (M.P.), passed away June 1, 1981, of bone marrow failure. He bought the "Family Farm" and eventually an adjoining farm. He was employed by Combustion Engineers in Chatanooga, Tennessee, for twenty-five years, and retired in 1980, on disability. We had five children, three boys and two girls. I am employed by EOA in Walker County. Two of our sons farm our 450 acres. One daughter is in Indonesia with her husband, an Army Major. The other daughter works for the State of Georgia, and our other son works in Chattanooga, the same firm that his Father worked for.

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Words About Two Fine 69'ers Now Deceased

I want to add a short personal note about **Loar Quickle's** death. I only recently heard of it. Loar was "Mr. Fighting 69th", at least he was while I knew him. I first heard from him in 1964, and finally met him in Roanoke, Virginia, in 1966. He was always working on something for the 69th Division. He reached down and helped to pull it up by the "boot straps". We had no money in the treasury at one time. In my opinion he was the primary person for the recovery of the Association. Loar always made everyone welcome, as well as getting newcomers to the Fighting 69th Reunions. At each Reunion he made his rounds to the Regiment and Battalion parties, to meet any newcomers and talk with old friends. In my own personal opinion — "Loar Quickle was One Hell of A Guy!"

Another person that I must not forget is **Garland O'Roark**. Garland was a great worker in the 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion Get-Togethers, and always trying to keep everything moving smoothly. I could go on and on about Garland, but I don't think it's necessary for all of you who knew him. May Garland also rest in peace. He passed away on January 20, 1982.

These are two fine members which we lost in 1982.

Bill Beswick

Dottie and Me



Earl and Dottie Witzleb, Jr.

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(Evenings after 7:00 P.M. and Weekends)

As Treasurer of the Association I will report that I am most pleased with the Dues that have been coming in for this Dues Year of 1982-1983, which ends July 31, 1983. If your Dues are paid for this year, you have a Red Dues Card, so when the Second Dues Notice Envelope comes to you, just ignore it — don't write me a letter saying you have paid your dues. Now all Dues — whether Regular or Contributory goes into the General Fund to help defray the added costs of Bulletins, Postage, Bulk Rate Mailing, Sunshine Lady, Membership, and Treasurer's Expenses. We do not want to raise the Dues to members, so we urge those of you who can to pay the Contributory Dues to do so, as paying only Regular Dues fees doesn't come close to paying for our Budget. We need the Contributory Dues to meet our expenses. For example our last Bulletin was 40 pages and the total cost from our printer, the addresser, and mailing bulk rate postage cost us \$5,000.00, and we do mail you three Bulletins each Dues Year, which we feel have good reading material presented in them, and I'm sure you don't want a Bulletin eliminated. We have, I am happy to report, one of the better Division Association Newsletters in the country. It's hard to find a better one — so if you find one send it to me.

I want to say a little about our Division Association Reunion at Mountain Shadows Marriott Inn Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona, coming up this May 22 to 29. It is several months earlier this year, than our normal August date, so this will be the last Bulletin before the Reunion. Do get your Reservations into Leonard Halpenny immediately, as time is closing-in fast.

Once again, we are looking for a lot of, believe it or not — "First Timers" from the west, southwest, northwest, and mid-west who were unable to attend the Milwaukee Reunion. I am sure too we will have a lot of "Second Timers" at this Reunion, coming from the mid-west, as those members attending Milwaukee were really great new "First Timers" and "Truly Friendly 69'ers." You have to attend a Reunion just to see how great our Buddies are from World War II, who now bring their lovely wives with them, which makes for a much better time of all. All Reunion information will be found on other pages of this Bulletin, and I must say to take in the Three Tours offered, as we may never get back to this area of the country again.

ALSO HAPPY TO REPORT TO ALL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS that you too can take the Tours, as the Directors Meeting has been changed from Thursday to Fri-

day, starting at 2:00 P.M., or as soon as the Phoenix Salt River Valley Tour returns. We should be able to get our business at the Director's Meeting over in three hours, so that Groups, Units, and Companies have time to go out on their own for dinner at nearby restaurants, and get back in time for the PX Beer Party which starts at 9:00 P.M., Friday evening.

When driving to Scottsdale, do take note from the last Bulletin on Page 7 — drive the route suggested, as Dottie and I did it back in 1977, and it was just beautiful country to see. First when getting into Colorado, stop at the Air Force Academy and spend a few hours there. Then head down to Colorado Springs and take that scenic route over the mountains through America's Little Switzerland. If you have the time stop over for a day at Durango, and take the train ride to Silvertown and back which takes a day. You may need reservations for this so write now for information to Durango.

Again the Three Tours scheduled at the Reunion which are scheduled on Wednesday, to Old Tucson and Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, and Thursday's North Central Arizona Red Rock Country, each Tour taking a day, is time well spent and also we will all be together as a group. Really — you remember the good time we had at the Dutch Country Tour from the Host Inn Reunion, and the Fox Country Tour we made at last year's Milwaukee Reunion . . . what a pleasurable time . . . and I'm sure these Three Tours scheduled at this year's Reunion will be no different. It really makes us like a family, doesn't it. The Phoenix Salt Valley Tour will be just a little over a half day, giving those of you not attending the Board Meeting time to relax at the big pool, at the resort. May I suggest you read over the Program Schedule offered for the week, as well as the Reservation Sheet to Leonard Halpenny, as one price has changed, but the Tour now includes Lunch with the price. All prices for the events are now finalized. So the scene is now set for our early May Reunion in the west at Scottsdale, Arizona, Marriott Inn Mountain Shadows Resort and the Western'ers led by the Myer's and Halpenny's await our arrivals. Send reservations now.

I hope all members have read the Constitution of the 69th Division and the By-Laws of the Association which were published in the last Bulletin on Pages 33 thru 38, along with the changes, so that you know what the changes are all about. It can't be explained any easier and I do suggest those of you attending the 1983 Reunion read them over several more times before coming to Mountain Shadows. We would like a vote on them this year, as they have been hassled-over for the last two Reunions. Approval of the changes will make us more up-to-date, and any new changes can begin getting the committee's consideration. Already the 271st Regiment has lost out on a Nominating Chairman and will now have to wait eight years. Hopefully the 272nd Regiment will get it started at the 1984 Reunion in Orlando, Florida.

We are getting a few Dues from members of the 461st AAA Battalion now, and hopefully they are enjoying our Bulletin. We understand from many of our members that the 461st was attached to the 69th when we were in Germany. I do hope the 461st members remember this and will write me on this subject. You know, if you are part of us, we invite you to attend our Reunion and for sure there is space in our Bulletins for you to have a column. We would like to know about your doings and any Weekends or Mini-Reunions that you may have had, or will be having. I am sure in reading our Bulletin you get to know the format we use and only request that material and pictures get to us early for publication in a future Bulletin. We welcome you members of the 461st and hope to see a few of you in Arizona, but do know by the addresses that most of your members come from the east through the state of Ohio. Some of you might be interested in our 1984 Reunion in Florida, or our 1985 Reunion in New Jersey. So let's hear from you soon.

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No changes on the Gift Shop Corner chaired by Reba and Bill Sheavly, so if you wish to purchase any 69th Division Items refer to your last Bulletin on Page 18, and you will find all items and prices listed. There are also items listed which may be purchased from Dottie or Clarence Marshall. One correction on that page — where it states that these items will not be available at Division Association Reunions should read **ALL ITEMS will be sold at all Division Association Reunions.** I understand that Bill will have a very nice new Souvenir Item for sale at the Mountain Shadows Reunion, which all members will want to have as a keepsake. Oh, yes, might say that Bill and Reba have **69th Division Post Cards for sale, which was a hot item at the Milwaukee Reunion.** Should you want any, to write a note to a Buddy, they sell for 25 cents each or 5 for \$1.50, which includes mailing cost. Even if you buy one or two the postage fee is 50 cents. Your request for Post Cards must go to Bill and Reba Sheavly whose address is listed in that column of the last Bulletin.

Round Trip Letter

Jake Stark's 'annual letter' to-and-from the Milwaukee Reunion, has arrived and can be read with interest by all Company-H 273rd Infantry Members. Jake sure tries to get all his Buddies out to a Division Association Reunion, and does come up with a nice turn-out each year. It's hard work, let me tell you, I know. Now here's Jake . . .

I am finally writing a letter to you. First it was really great to see you and Dottie again in Milwaukee and in Shippensburg. Hope to see you two in Scottsdale.

Before the Reunion we stopped at Helen and Raymond Szkudlarek (Company-H 273rd) in Toledo, Ohio. From there we went up to the Upper Dells in Wisconsin for three days, then on to the Reunion in Milwaukee from Tuesday thru Sunday.

We met Charles H. Schultz (Company-H 273rd) and his wife. It was the first time I had seen Charles since 1945. He joined our Company in Belgium.

After the Reunion we went to upper Michigan, Iron Mountain (Iron Mines), Houghton (Copper Mines), on to Marquette, Manistique, Sault Sainte Marie, through the Soo Locks. We also went over to Canada and took the train ride up through the mountains, which was a six hour ride. There were 16 cars, 2 diners, and three engines.

August 29th we spent with Helen and Ray, as it was their 42nd Wedding Anniversary.

We took all the Bus Trips in Milwaukee and it sure was a "Great Reunion."

I had mailed out about 30 letters to Company-H 273rd men, and only received about 2 answers. I tried!

The former 69'ers don't know what they miss by not attending the Reunions . . . it is great to see Old Buddies you haven't seen since 1945.

I guess that is it Earl. Hoping this letter finds you and Dottie and your family in the very best of health. May God Bless All of You, 'til we meet again. (Earl put whatever part of this letter you want to in the Bulletin. Health permitting will see you two in Scottsdale, along with all the other 69th Friends).

Sincerely,

Violet and Jake Stark
691 Dunkle Street, Enhaut
Steelton, Pennsylvania 17113

President Walter Doernbach Writes . . . Come To Arizona



Walter Doernbach

Dear Fellow 69'ers:

Here it is the first week in January. Christmas and New Year's Day have both come and gone. We had a wonderful time, as a whole, family was here. We had seventeen for dinner with roast turkey and all the trimmings. The Lord was good to us last year and we had a lot to be thankful for. I hope each and everyone of you also enjoyed your families and had a wonderful holiday.

I just received my Bulletin, only about a month late. I read it from front to back, and had a lot of very good letters and messages from our "Dear Friends" and "Fellow 69'ers". It was really good to hear from so many, especially the new members. I am glad so many people enjoyed the Reunion in Milwaukee. I want to again thank the committee for a job well done.

So much for that, but now we have to look forward to our Reunion in Scottsdale, Arizona, in May, which is only four months away. Send in your Reservations early so you can give another Great Reunion Committee all the help they can get to make the Arizona Reunion enjoyable and a success.

This is our "Fortieth Anniversary" of the Activation of the Fighting 69th Infantry Division.

This should be another Reunion that will be remembered long after it is over — the Reunion is called "The Reunion In The Valley of The Sun." Let us all, who can attend, show just how GREAT our Division has become in our "Forty Years," since our activation.

Bob Myers just keeps bubbling-over everytime he writes or calls, telling me of all the things that their Committee has planned — so you should come early in the week to be able to visit and see this beautiful part of our Great Nation. Let us give them all the help they need.

Do not forget to get your children's applications in to the Scholarship Chairman, so they may be eligible for a Scholarship.

Thanks, again, for all those who have helped in the past year to make this organization as great as it is today.

Your Humble Servant

Walter E. Doernbach
President, 69th Infantry Division Association



THE AUXILIARY'S PAGE

by — Dottie Witzleb

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216/651-2084

Our Auxiliary Page, this time, has very little news but do remember the request of President Emily Fletcher who asks all ladies who plan to attend the Reunion at Mountain Shadows, to bring some kind of a "gift" for a "Gift Exchange", at the Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting there on Saturday morning. This is something new that the ladies want to try — hoping it will become a success — and will go on again at future Reunions.

Ladies, winter is with us now, and when you receive this Bulletin, winter should soon be at an end, which means hopefully you have worked all winter long making "Lap Robes" for distribution to Veterans at Veteran Hospitals in the Phoenix, Arizona, area. We do hope several dozen robes will be collected at the coming Reunion. If you have "Lap Robes" for this Reunion, and for some reason you can't make it to the Reunion, I am sure if you send them to Emily Fletcher, Margie McCombs, Valerie Ike, or Corky Halpenny they will see to it that they get to the Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting. Valerie Ike is in charge of this distribution for the ladies, and she also distributes tooth paste and tooth brushes to the Veteran's Hospitals.

I am sorry this year I will not be bringing a "Lap Robe", which my mother usually makes six of for each Reunion, as she has been sick most of the time since our last Reunion. We had her in the hospital most of the month of September, for a slight stroke and sugar count. It has taken months for her to recover, and now her eyes are giving her trouble. We are now taking her to a specialist for laser treatments of her eyes. This has created problems for Earl and myself, in keeping up with Division Association work, but we are managing to get caught up. Some of you members waited extra weeks for us to get out Dues Cards, and we apologize for the delay. Earl

has to favor several weekends — three times a year to get the Bulletins in order for printing. This Bulletin is now ready for the printers which we hope to get out earlier than the usual Number 2 Bulletin, as the Reunion date is scheduled for an earlier time in the year. We have the dues up-to-date now, and waiting for the flow from the Second Dues Envelopes. Next week Earl will get the News Release Letter ready to send to newspapers across the country — to publicize our coming Reunion, in May. About the only thing he is behind in now is answering many of the letters he has been receiving, but I think you can read a lot of the answers you ask about, by reading the Bulletins. So sorry for the delays this year in some of our Division work-load.

Emily Fletcher has just announced that the guest speaker for the Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting on Saturday, May 28, 1983, will be Miss Patricia Myers, daughter of Robert E. and Elva Myers from Sun City, Arizona. Bob as you well know is now a Past President of the 69th Division Association. Patty will speak on a subject pertaining to shoplifting — a nation-wide crime, which concerns all of us.

John W. Turner of C-Battery, 724th F.A. reports that Alfred J. Eckhardt has had a slight stroke but is getting along well now. All 724th F.A. members wishing to send a card or note the address is:

Alfred J. Eckhardt,
P.O. Box 1344
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
Phone: 419/625-7659

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Scholarship News

by — Sammy Woolf



Sammy and Ann Woolf

By the time you receive this Bulletin you may be too late to have a son or daughter be awarded a 69th Infantry Division Association Scholarship. We will award one or more Scholarships at this year's 1983 Reunion in Arizona, and hope that a child in your family will be an awardee. All high school seniors are eligible as long as their father is a member in good standing of the Association, which means his dues must be paid for at least the last two years and continues to do so for the four year period of the award. **Since time is about to run out for this year you may call me at Area Code 914/633-6887 to see what your status is for this year.**

I would like to find out how many teenagers we still have in the 69th Association, and ask all members to send me the names of your children in school, whether it be grade school or high school. Do let me know if they expect to apply for a scholarship award and for what year. I would like to report these findings to the membership at this year's Reunion, so that we can plan the future of the Scholarship Fund.

Most children of our membership are becoming young adults, but we do have several that are still in school.

Write Me:

Sammy Woolf
241 Waverly Road
Scarsdale, New York 10583

Our awards now pay \$250.00 a year, or \$1,000.00 for a four year college or school of higher learning term.

If in doubt about the school you plan to attend, write me and I might say it's time to start thinking about 1984 when our Reunion will be in Florida. We do have funds to award.

Sammy Woolf

Isaac Zaleon Passes On

On December 21, 1982, Isaac "Ike" Zaleon died at Albany Medical Center Hospital, where he had been a patient for one week. He had been in ill health for three years.

"Ike" as he was fondly known in the 69th Division, was a Corporal in the Special Troops Section of Division Headquarters Company. He was the recipient of the Bronze Star and Distinguished Service Medal. In civilian life he was an Attorney, graduating from Syracuse University in 1935, and also Albany Law School. He was admitted to the State Bar in 1941. He was Assistant City Judge in Gloversville (1956-1959), City Judge (1959-1964), and Fulton County Family Court Judge (1964-1974). He retired from Law Practice in 1979.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Rae (Gordon) Zaleon, and two daughters Ms. Donna S. Zaleon and Mrs. Beverly Ann Agneta.

Hey! Good Buddy 69'er

After taking the Second Dues Notice Envelopes to our printers, Buhl Brother Printing of New Kensington, Pennsylvania — I, Earl Witzleb, had the pleasure of having dinner with Clarence Marshall. We enjoyed our dinner talking of the NFL Play-offs, steel situation of our whole area, and the economy of our country.

Retuning back to Clarence's home, we spent the rest of the evening talking Division Association news. As you know Clarence spends a lot of time trying to track down new members for the Association, and he tells me there are a lot more members, but he has no way of finding them. That is to say, if you only send him only a name, city, and state, it's hard to locate these members without a street address. Now, "Good Buddy 69'er" we can do something about this if you all read the rest of this article and reply accordingly.

Clarence refers to a lot of telephone books but he has to go to the Public Library to do this, and there they only have the big city phone books like: Pittsburgh, New York, Chicago, Miami, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Kansas City, Phoenix, Houston, Dallas, Boston, Nashville, and the likes, which means he has no way of finding members who reside in smaller areas of our country, which are remote from larger cities and the coverage of their telephone listings.

Now this is the way you can all help Clarence out. Regardless of where you live go to the telephone company of your area — get the latest telephone book which would be the 1982 or 1983 edition, and send it to Clarence Marshall, 101 Stephen Street, New Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068.

NOW READ THIS VERY CAREFULLY SO THAT CLARENCE DOESN'T GET A DOZEN BOOKS FROM THE SAME AREA — DO THE FOLLOWING:

First, send Clarence a post card or note telling him of the book you can get for him. If Clarence wants the telephone book you have to offer him, he will write you a note saying to send it to him. If he doesn't want the book you have to offer he just will not answer you — so forget it — as in all cases he will have already told someone else to send that book. It would be silly for Paul Shadle, John Suprano and Fred Schoepf to send him a New Kensington area telephone book when he already has one. In other words he is very much interested in the small area telephone books, but would also like to have them from the bigger cities also. This way he doesn't have to leave his home to go look up a name and address.

And so "Good Members" let's see what we can do in getting many, many telephone books to Clarence for his use. **Please do not bring them to the Reunion in Scottsdale, but rather mail them to him.** It will only cost you a dollar or so, and surely you can do this for your Division Association.

We do need to find new members who don't know of our Association and are not aware that our Association has been in operation for over thirty years. There are many such members scattered over the whole country who it would be nice to find — they would help to increase our membership, as we are constantly losing members through death over the last couple of years.

Clarence now has about 5,200 Members on the Membership List — That is quite an increase from only 1,500 Members a few years back. So do your part, and do this one little thing for Clarence to make his duties a little easier. I know Clarence will sincerely appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Earl Witzleb, Jr.

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, Drawer M., Champion, Pennsylvania 15622, 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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APRIL 30, 1983

Deadline for Material and Pictures for Bulletin
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(Information for Units or Groups having Mini Banquets or Weekends should take advantage of this issue of the Bulletin).

MAY 23, 24, 25, 1983 — Prescott, Arizona

MAY 26, 27, 28, 1983 — Scottsdale, Arizona

661st Tank Destroyer Battalion
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JUNE 17, 18, 19, 20, 1983

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AUGUST 18, 19, 20, 21, 1983

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Greensburg, Pennsylvania

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Saltsburg, Pennsylvania 15681
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419/368-7363

Lewis and Fern Pugh
Route 4, Grant Street
Cadiz, Ohio 43907
Telephone: 614/942-3721

AUGUST 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 1983

Tri-State Spring and Fall Weekend
Holiday Inn
Interstate 77 and Ohio Route 250
New Philadelphia, Ohio

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OCTOBER 14-21, 1984

69th Infantry Division Association Annual Reunion
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(The Land Of Disney World — In Sunny Florida)

Al Faison, Co-Chairman
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(To be held in conjunction with
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Atlanta, Georgia 30307
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69th Infantry Division Association Annual Reunion
The Grand Hotel
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Wildwood Crest, New Jersey 08260

Walter and Ann Doernbach, Chairpersons
128 South Cincinnati Avenue
South Egg Harbor, New Jersey 08215
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(Members living in New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Eastern Pennsylvania willing to work on this committee call the above number).

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An Invitation . . .

For those of you going to our Reunion in May, at Scottsdale, Arizona, and who plan traveling to California, either before the Reunion or after the Reunion — **Hugh and Lucille Arnott**, our fine members and friends — extend an invitation to visit with them as long as only four people visit at a time, so get your reservation in early with the Arnott's.

Their "Letter of Invitation" follows — and from what they say, it sounds as though visiting the Napa Valley would be very interesting . . . seeing vineyards which extend for miles and miles.

FROM: HUGH AND LUCILE ARNOTT

1010 Shady Brook Lane at Wild Horse Valley Road
Napa, California 94558
(50 miles from San Francisco, California)

Dear Friends:

Hugh wants you "69'ers" to know that any of you who wish to visit beautiful Napa Valley, that you can come to our house and save yourselves hotel expense. (3 or 4 of you at a time).

Napa Valley is 26 miles long and miles of vineyards are from Napa up through Yountville ("1870" "shops"), to Colistoga and St. Helena. (Beautiful wineries — many, many on your way) Mr. Yount was first settler in this Valley — plus watch "Falcon Crest" on T.V. for pictures of this Valley. Calistoga was named by Sam Brannan, pioneer who meant that it was the "Saratoga of California" — it has hot springs. St. Helena Mountain is nearby.

The fall colors have been beautiful and since we have had some rain — the valley will be green from now to spring! Then the yellow mustard will grow in all the vineyard rows 'til summer — so pretty. We are 4 miles from Napa — have redwood ranch style house — 1-3/4 acres, with stream.

You are most welcome — just drop us a line. Imagine some of you will be at Arizona Reunion. Sorry to miss it.

Lucille and Hugh Arnott
Phone: 707/224-2073

A Word About Tours

In recent years our membership in attendance at our Annual Reunions have requested and patronized organized Tours. Accordingly, we have put in considerable thought, work and planning to provide the Tours outlined elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Because of the expanse of "The Great Wide-Open Spaces" we have selected two Tours which we feel will be most appreciated. We cannot do anything about the distances and resultant time involved. In addition, these same factors add to the individual cost for the Tour. These Tours are offered for those who want them. We must fill the busses for them to be conducted. Busses and guides must be ordered in advance to include substantial dollar deposits.

In view of these considerations, we respectfully request that you advise our Committee (Mr. and Mrs. Halpenny) as far ahead as possible those Tours you desire to take and in addition . . . send your payment in advance.

Thank you,

Your Reunion Committee

P.S.: Busses to out of town sites (Wednesday and Thursday) are equipped with air conditioning, latrines, and public address systems.

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).

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(Evenings after 7:00 P.M. and Weekends)

Tri-State Group is made up of two states and parts of three others. The two states are Ohio and West Virginia, with Western Pennsylvania being the other big part of the group. Western New York and Western Maryland completes the Tri-State Group. About half of our membership come from Western Pennsylvania, and the other half from Ohio. Western Maryland has a couple active members with no shows coming from Western New York and the great mountain state of West Virginia. We have had several interesting members reply to our announcements from New York. In our attendance at Weekends, we have had members come from Georgia, Indiana, and New Jersey, which makes them Tri-Staters and leaves the door open to all 69th Infantry Division Association members to be part of our group, no matter what state they come from. At present we have several members in the group coming from Central and Eastern Pennsylvania, who are also members of the Central Pennsylvania Branch out of the Harrisburg area. Due to the Division Association Western Reunion "In the Valley of the Sun", at the Mountain Shadows Marriott Inn Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona, May 22 to 29, 1983, we will only hold one early Fall Weekend in 1983. Tri-State says to all members to give first priority to the Big Division Reunion and support those that are in charge of the Mountain Shadows Reunion by sending in your Reservation now to Leonard Halpenny, Tucson, Arizona. That information can be found on several other pages of the Bulletin.

We will hold our Weekend August 24 thru 28, 1983, this year at the Holiday Inn, Interstate 77 and Ohio Route 250, New Philadelphia, Ohio. Our main tour attraction will be an all-day event through the "Little Switzerland" of the Ohio area. Other side attractions will take us through the Amish Country. Football Hall of Fame, a rose garden, and many other fine restaurants for your eating pleasure.

Our Clarence Marshall Holiday Inn Clarion, Pennsylvania Weekend was a big success. Most of the members gathered on Friday in the hospitality room where the beverages flowed like years gone by, which proves we are just getting younger in our older days — and flow away. The Soup and Sandwich Buffet closed out the evening with an open bar. Saturday morning the group had a most productive unusual business meeting with Robert "Bob" Kurtzman telling us the program for the New Philadelphia Weekend, and Earl Witzleb giving the group the program for the May 69th Division Association Reunion. Earl gave a Treasurers Report and stated the New Group-Roster would be out in December. Earl then asked to be relieved of his Tri-State duties, with no takers, so I'm stuck for years.

We decided our 1984 Weekend would be an early one, possibly in May or June, at Bedford, Pennsylvania, due to the Orlando Division Association Reunion which is scheduled for the month of October. This we hope will be another joint

Weekend with the Central Pennsylvania Branch, only a little better, or larger attendance is hoped for from both of the groups. Likewise, we will only have one Weekend in 1985, due to the New Jersey Division Association Reunion which is to be in either September or October. This particular Weekend we expect to hold in either May or June, at Sea World, near Cleveland, Ohio, with hopefully a trip to a Veteran's Hospital, to spend a little time with those 'Old Soldiers' who aren't as fortunate as us.

The group agreed to put in a bid at Mountain Shadows to have another Division Association Reunion in Pittsburgh, in 1986, with a few new ideas in the making stages.

Meeting was adjourned at noon with a tour of a glass factory scheduled in the afternoon, which really wasn't a glass factory, but a cap factory that makes the caps for all types and sizes of glass bottles, like those used for booze, medicine and so forth.

A Banquet was held in the evening, and the food was very good, Swiss Steak or Stuffed Pork Chops. Entertainment came to us from a son and his wife of the 69th Members, who sang folk songs and some very good jingles. Jim Kehew of Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, can be proud of his son and daughter-in-law, as we enjoyed their entertainment for over an hour. A "Noon — Going Home Brunch" on Sunday, wrapped up a nice Weekend with the following in attendance:

Clarence Marshall — 69th Division Headquarters
New Kensington, Pennsylvania
Adam Manz — 69th Division Headquarters
Ellwood City, Pennsylvania
Joseph and Zola George, Jr. — 69th Recon
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
W. R. and Betty Foster, Jr. — 269th Engineers
New Cumberland, Pennsylvania
John T. and Elizabeth Hawley — 269th Engineers
Shippensburg, Pennsylvania
Sammy and Rosemarie DiGirolamo — Company-E 272nd Inf.
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Milton R. and Dorothy Lutes — Company-E 272nd Inf.
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Robert and Vivian Kurtzman — Company-I 272nd Inf.
Wilmot, Ohio
Robert C. and Florence Fox, Jr. — Headquarters 272nd Inf.
Parker, Pennsylvania
Albert Naginonis and Friend — Company-M 272nd Inf.
Aliquippa, Pennsylvania
Robert G. and Jean Shaffer — Company-C 272nd Inf.
Massillon, Ohio
Enrico and Anne D'Angelo — 880th Field Artillery
Saltsburg, Pennsylvania
John P. and Marie Suprano — 881st Field Artillery
New Kensington, Pennsylvania
Paul N. and Marian Shadle — Company-E 271st Inf.
New Kensington, Pennsylvania
Russell R. and Reba Shay — Company-K 271st Inf.
Emlenton, Pennsylvania
Dell and Mary Balzano — Ser. Battery 879th Field Artillery
Highland Heights, Ohio
Alex and Margaret Kormas — Hq. 879th F.A.
Cleveland, Ohio
Fred J. and Polly Schoepf — Headquarters Field Artillery
Lower Burrell, Pennsylvania

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DIVISION MEETINGS

Noble P. Casey — Company-C 273rd Inf.

Akron, Ohio

Earl E. and Dorothy A. Witzleb, Jr. — Company-E 273rd Inf.

Acme or Champion, Pennsylvania

Robert and Gladys Braun — Guests of Clarence Marshall

Buss Harmon and Son, Bill — Guests of Clarence Marshall

It looks like the 272nd Infantry and Pennsylvania was in control at Clarion, which should change when we visit in New Philadelphia, Ohio. Members from the big cities of Pittsburgh and Cleveland have let us down in attendance, which we hope changes also.

Central Pennsylvania Branch

Mrs. Doris Ober, Chairlady

660 Groff Avenue

Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania 17022

Telephone: 717/367-5125

The Harrisburg Central Branch of the 69th Infantry Division held their Fall Dinner Banquet Meeting at the V.F.W. Post Home in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, Saturday, October 16, 1982. Twenty-seven members attended the evening affair. They were as follows:

John, Elizabeth and Son, Henry, Hawley — 269th Engineers
Shippensburg, Pennsylvania

Bill and Betty Foster — 269th Engineers
New Cumberland, Pennsylvania

Earl and Anna Walters — 273rd Battalion Headquarters
Landisville, Pennsylvania

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

Earl and Dottie Witzleb, Jr. — 273rd Company-E
Champion, Pennsylvania

Dan and Helen Evers — 269th Engineers
Brookhaven, Pennsylvania

Frank and Stefania Nemeth — 269th Engineers
Levittown, Pennsylvania

Jake and Violet Stark — 273rd Company-H
Steelton, Pennsylvania

Ray and Helen Szkudlarek — 273rd Company-H
Toledo, Ohio

Harold and Dottie Starry — 272nd Battalion Headquarters
Carlisle, Pennsylvania

Lloyd and Rose Herr — 271st Company-C
Shippensburg, Pennsylvania

Doris Ober — 273rd
Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania

Millard and Ruth Mellinger — 661st Tank Destroyers
Wrightsville, Pennsylvania

John Garrity — Speaker
Carlisle, Pennsylvania



(Left to Right): Betty Foster, Dottie Witzleb, Zola George, Helen Evers, Elizabeth Hawley, Ted Nemeth.

John Hawley, Chairman, gave a brief run-down of the Milwaukee Reunion and urged all Central Pennsylvania Branch members to try and attend the Division Reunion. He then asked to be relieved of his duties as Chairman of the Central Pennsylvania Branch, and suggested Doris Ober become the new Chairlady. She accepted and appointed Earl and Anna Walters as Program Chairpersons. Harold Starry then introduced the speaker for the evening, John Garrity from the Carlisle War College. He works for the government and is a hand-writing analyst. We enjoyed a very interesting evening as he came close to reading everyone's handwriting except you know who, Earl Witzleb. Can't figure it out but he was only half right.

Closing the evening, Doris gave a few brief remarks — mainly that she would like to build the Spring and Fall Banquet attendance back to where it used to be — urging all 69th Division Members living in central and eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, and New Jersey, to join the Central Branch.

(Cut and Mail)

Doris, please put my name(s) on your Mailing List, as we are interested in your Spring and Fall Central Branch Banquets.

Name: _____

Wife's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone/Area Code: _____

Unit: _____

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Mid-West Group

Chalmer L. Pearson, Chairman

187 Juniper Lane

Bloomington, Illinois 60108

Telephone: 312/529-0081

The Mid-West Group held two meetings since the August Reunion, and plan another before heading west to Arizona. Curt and Evelyn Peterson hosted the meeting in October, and Gaylord and Ruth Thomas hosted the meeting in December.

The Milwaukee Reunion Committee met on October 9, 1982, in Madison, Wisconsin. This time to relax and reminisce about the events leading up to and including the 35th Annual



(Left to Right): Bill Foster, Earl Witzleb, Jr., John Hawley, Dan Evers, Frank Nemeth, Joseph George.

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Reunion of the 69th Division in Milwaukee. Those attending were:

Fred and Mavis Battenhoff
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Fran and Zita Enright
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Gene and Ethel Pierron
Belgium, Wisconsin
Dale and Bonnie Scott
Jefferson, Wisconsin
Gaylord and Ruth Thomas
Waupun, Wisconsin
Curt and Evelyn Peterson
Madison, Wisconsin

On December 18, 1982, nine couples of the Reunion Committee met at our house for a social Get-Together. (A NO-WORK MEETING so to speak). We went out to eat and then back to our house for more NO-WORK. We will be meeting again in March to plan our trek to Arizona.

Chalmer Pearson will accept the Chairmanship of the Mid-West Group when we get it going. He is in the process of drawing up an application form.

We are checking into the possibility of going together to Phoenix and will discuss this further at a meeting that is planned for March, 1983.

The great attendance we had in Milwaukee made all the work that went into planning and arranging the function for the week worthwhile. Thank you all for the many favorable comments.

Hope to see everyone in Phoenix

THE MID-WEST GROUP

(Editor's Note: When making a write up for the Bulletin, please let us know who attended and from what city and state. Gaylord, who were the nine couples that visited you, and do let us know those that attended the March meeting. If we would have known the date and place of the meeting in March this could also have been published, so as to help the Mid-West get a couple or so more new members. We try working a year in advance, as only three Bulletins a year are published. We hope to hear more on your success of traveling together to Arizona as a group. This could create more interest in other groups to do the same. I am sure you'll have a ball on your journey to Arizona, as well as the return trip. What couples have to agree on is doing the same thing for two or three weeks and making it a Reunion Vacation Trip).

Central Florida Chapter

James W. Harvey, Chairman
3914 Pintail Court
Orlando, Florida 32807
Telephone: 305/275-6629

Dear Members:

With over two-hundred members in Florida, it is about time we form a Florida Chapter.

With our members scattered across the states, we can reach this goal by forming sub-chapters.

The 69th Infantry Division Association 1984 Reunion will be held in Orlando, Florida. We have 15 members and meet once a month at various places.

(Cut and Mail)

I/we are interested in your Central Florida Chapter (Great Southern Group)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone/Area Code: _____

Unit: _____

Wife's Name: _____

Mail to James W. Harvey at the address listed above.

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(Editor's Note: May I suggest you forget sub-chapters and change your Central Florida Chapter to the "GREAT SOUTHERN CHAPTER OR GROUP" taking in members from all over the state of Florida, plus the two states north of you, Georgia and Alabama. I feel sure there are members from those two states that would like to be a part of your group. It also would be nice if you as a group could coordinate a bus, train, or airplane trip to the Marriott's Mountain Shadows Resort 1983 Reunion in Arizona, as the Mid-West Group of our northern states are planning. They hosted the 1982 Milwaukee Reunion. It is also recommended by me not only as Co-bulletin Editor, but as Treasurer also, that all leaders of Groups or Chapters ask your members to pay regularly, Dues to the 69th Division Association, as this keeps the Bulletins coming to all members of the Association.

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"The Land Of Disney World" in Sunny Florida will host the 1984 Division Association Reunion in Orlando, Florida. Al Faison's meeting on November 20, 1982, was the "Lid-Lifter" for the 1984 Reunion Committee. The end results of this meeting of the Florida Chapter reports the very impressive results of that meeting . . .

We did have the meeting at our house. Basically this was to permit prospective committee members for the 1984 Reunion to become better acquainted, and secondly, to assist in the promotion of a Florida Chapter.

The primary committee group were solicited by me from those that I could contact locally by phone and the Orlando Group that were solicited by mail. I had several meetings with the Orlando Group, and they were most helpful in developing the plans for the 1984 Reunion, over there. But, only a couple of the folks over here on the coast had met the Orlando Group, nor had a meeting of the Local Group been possible. Only a couple of the Orlando Group made it over here to the coast for the meeting, but almost all the Local Group showed up. I must admit, I was a little surprised at how quickly and easily this diverse group got acquainted with each other and then just relaxed and enjoyed themselves, and each other. A lot of credit for this must go to the wives who were here. Bless them all — they were delightful — and they will play a large part in our 1984 Reunion.

The eighty degree weather was just perfect for relaxing with good company and friends on the patio for about three hours, and then the seventeen of us went to Sullivan's Steak House for dinner. In addition to Anne and me, the following friends were present (I emphasize, FRIENDS, because that's what we really are now):

Jim and Elsie Irvin
Cocoa Beach, Florida

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DIVISIONS (Continued from Page 14)

Fran and Peggy Roper
Melbourne, Florida
John and Helen Hayes
Indialantic, Florida
Ken Sawyer
Melbourne, Florida
Jim and Mary Harvey
Orlando, Florida
Al and Cathy Long
Orlando, Florida
George and Vickie Gallagher
Zephyrhills, Florida
Stanley and Ruth Auk
Tampa, Florida

I talked to **George Gallagher** some weeks ago and asked him to come over for the meeting. He was in contact with **Stanley Auk** and ask them over. Between them they will be able to recruit others in their area for the Florida Chapter.

Enclosed you will find a letter drafted by the Orlando Group, and reproduced in some quantity by **Dave Dunlap** in his law office. We started a small postage fund and **John Fain** has agreed to forward some of these to members in a reasonable driving distance of Orlando. We will mail a few on the coast from Titusville south to Vero Beach. How about running a copy of this letter in the Bulletin with additional information I have typed on the bottom.

If you live within a reasonable driving distance of Orlando, and a lot of you do, why not get in touch with **JIM HARVEY** and let him know you are interested in attending some of our meetings. You will enjoy them.

Additionally, any 69th member from anywhere in Florida that would like to serve on the Reunion Committee in 1984 — October 14-20, to be held at the Hilton Inn Florida Center, International Drive, Orlando, Florida — please contact:

Al C. Faison, Co-Chairman 1984 Florida Reunion
428 Sparrow Drive
Satellite Beach, Florida 32937
Telephone: 305/773-7250

Jack Hubbard, Co-Chairman 1984 Florida Reunion
2852 Wild Horse Road
Orlando, Florida 32807
Telephone: 305/273-6466

69th Cavalry Recon Troop

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

A follow-up of the Recon Troopers Weekend at the Holiday Inn, Steubenville, Ohio, last August 13 and 14, 1982, comes from **Lloyd W. Abbott** of the attendees, which are as follows:

Harold and Jeanne Gardner
Independence, Missouri
Boyd and Stella Ellsworth
Steubenville, Ohio
Lewis (Cowboy) Vaughan
Hopewell, Virginia
William A. Saville
Romney, West Virginia
Doyal B. and Betty George
Cumberland, Maryland
James Logue
Everett, Pennsylvania
Frank A. and Jo Morris
Wayne, Pennsylvania

Joseph A. and Zola George, Jr.
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
William and Mary Jane Dingey
Zanesville, Ohio
Robert P. and Doris Seward
Monkton, Maryland
Charles E. Fox
Silver Springs, Maryland
Robert and Mabel Schueler
Hamilton, Ohio
Lloyd Walker
Salem, Ohio
Rodney and Mary Paradine
Coldwater, Michigan
Nick and Kathy Zins
Baltimore, Maryland
Henry and Lillian Weiman
Beach Haven West, New Jersey
Lloyd W. Abbott
Bixby, Oklahoma

(Editor's Note: Sorry if anyone was missed as thirty-five attended and only twenty-eight names are listed. Three of those missing were Bill Pugh, the Cowboy Entertainer you had Banquet evening, plus his parents, Lewis and Fern Pugh, of the 880th F.A., from Cadiz, Ohio. Since your Weekend isn't until September, 1983, it would be nice if some of you Western Reconer's would attend the National Division Association Reunion in Scottsdale, Arizona, in May, 1983).

Western 69'ers

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

Plans and arrangements have been finalized for the coming 1983 Division Association Reunion May 22 to 29, 1983, at the Marriott Inn Mountain Shadows Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona, hosted by our Western 69'ers Group.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Bulletin you will find all the necessary forms and program that will provide all who attend a great week. One Tour price has changed, but that is due to now getting a lunch on that Tour. Do have a safe journey — enjoying your trip here and back home.

We Westerner's now await your arrival for a Reunion with BBB's that started forty years ago at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

880th Field Artillery C-Battery

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Jeromesville, Ohio 44840
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Lewis G. Pugh, Co-Chairman
Route 4, Grant Street
Cadiz, Ohio 43907
Telephone: 614/942-3721

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Richie and Barb Yastrzemski



Anne Woolf and Jane Matlach



*Sol Rubenstein, Joe Selb
(In the background): Hannah Lucci*



Fran Enright



*Earl and Ann Walters
(On the right): Couple Unidentified*



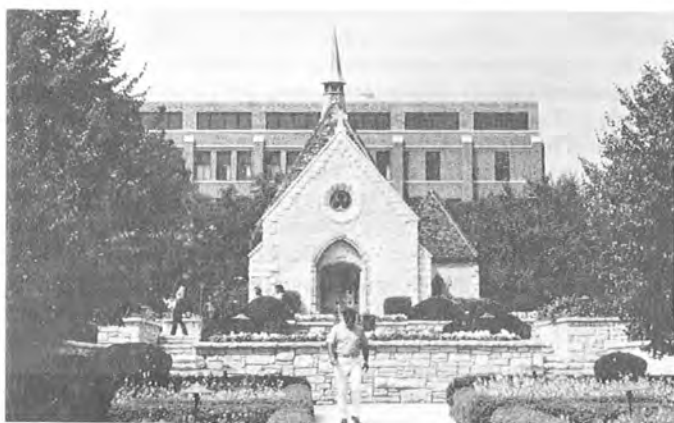
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Kerry Kowalski and Marie LaDue



Old Wisconsin



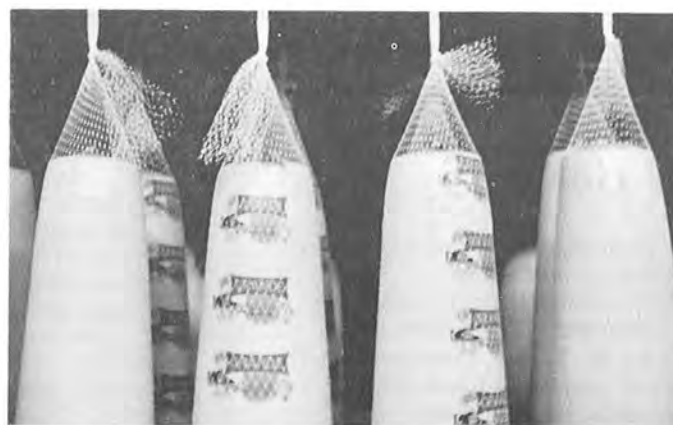
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Old Wisconsin



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Zita Enright*



Cheese

1982 Reunion — Milwaukee, Wisconsin



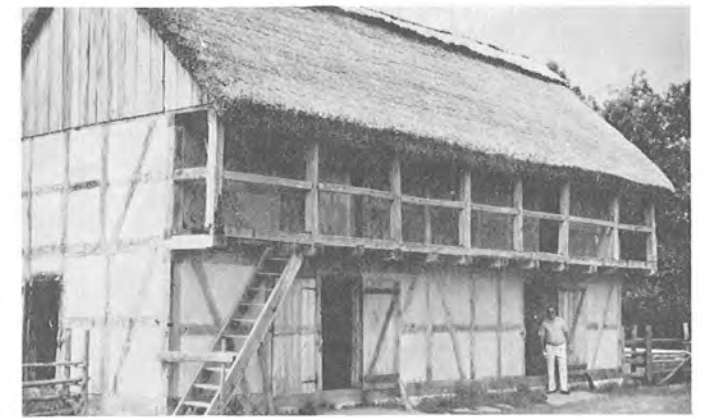
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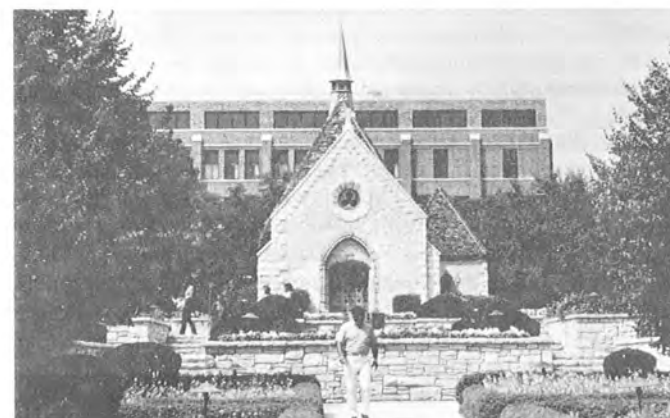
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(In the background): Hannah Lucci*



Fran Enright



St. Joan of Arc



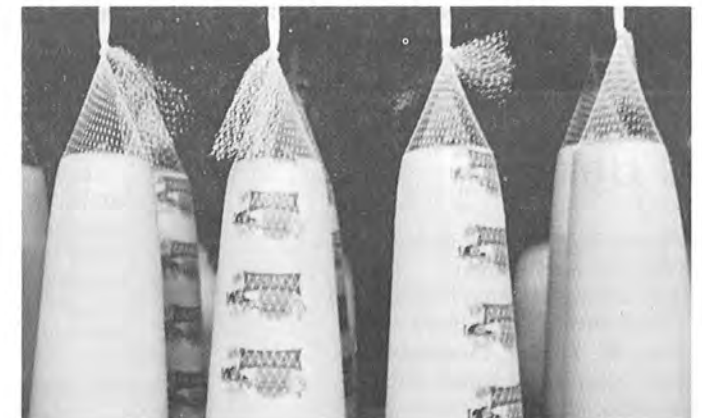
Old Wisconsin



*Earl and Ann Walters
(On the right): Couple Unidentified*



*(On the left): Lady unidentified
(On the right): Zita Enright*



Cheese



The picture above was published in our last Bulletin, and is printed again in this issue with the picture and the names matching. Somehow the picture was turned and printed in reverse in the earlier publication.

(Left to Right - Row 1): Ray Mills, Bill Pugh, Bud Henson, Ray Kubacki, Lowell McFarlin.
 (Row 2): Marvin Reber, Lew Pugh, Wayne Murphy, Cliff Eley, John Wallace, John Clark.
 (Row 3): Bill Leslie, Bob Williams, Al Philpet, Joe Damatro, Lee Meyers, Henry Abbe, Jack Runkle.
 (Row 4): Bill Sells, Don Johnson, Ben Tobias, Enrico D'Angelo, Howard Whitfield.

Plans are progressing on the August 18 to 21 Weekend of the 880th Field Artillery in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, at the Sheraton Inn. The committee is looking for a large turnout and do bring your golf clubs as a hilly course is right out the back door of the Inn. It's challenging!

Company-D, 272nd Infantry

Lowell and Billie Jackson, *Chairpersons*
 6736 Mohican Trail
 Ft. Wayne, Indiana 46804
 Telephone: 219/432-2881

A Mini-Reunion will be held at the home of the Jackson's, June 17 to 20, 1983. If you are a Company-D, 272nd member and interested write to the above address or phone for information concerning the outing.

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

C-Battery of the 724th Field Artillery's next Weekend will be a long event, to be held in conjunction with the 69th Infantry Division Association's Reunion in Orlando, Florida, October 14 to 21, 1984. Members please mark you calendar accordingly.

661st Tank Destroyer Battalion

William "Bill" and Jo Beswick, *Chairpersons*
 P.O. Box 576
 West Point, Virginia 23181
 Telephone: 804/843-2696

The 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion Get-Together will be held May 23, 24 and 25, 1983, in Prescott, Arizona, immediately preceding the Fighting 69th Infantry Division Reunion at Marriott Inn Mountain Shadows Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Col Donald B. Miller, Ret., our former Battalion Commander, is making the Motel Reservations in Prescott, for you. You must make the reservations at Scottsdale Marriott Inn Mountain Shadows Resort yourself, by using the Reservation Form published here in this Bulletin.

Don states, "In 1977 I hosted a cookout and made arrangements for a goodly crowd — I would like to do it again. To do so, I'll need a reply from you by March 15th indicating the type of accommodations you desire and for what days. Motels run from the Motel 6 Type at \$16-\$20 per day, to Best Western at \$40-\$45 per day. There is also a KOA Campground close."

An 18-Hole Golf Course is also available. If interested, please let Don know so he can reserve tee time, and bring your sticks!

If you go by plane to Phoenix, rent a car for the week (it's very reasonable), drive up to Prescott on Sunday or Monday morning. You surely won't want to miss anything while in Arizona. The Grand Canyon, Desert, Petrified Forest, etc. — Oh, many numerous things. Then return to Scottsdale, on Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning for the reminder of the Fighting 69th Infantry Division Association Reunion at Mountain Shadows.

Don will have information brochures available for you on your arrival at the Motel.

NOTIFY:

Donald B. Miller
 9 Holly Drive
 Prescott, Arizona 86301

269th Engineers

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

Hope all had a Healthy and Happy Holiday Season, and 1983 will be much better for everyone. Sorry to see so many friends in the "Taps" in the last issue of the Bulletin — just all the more reason we should all try and make the Reunions, whether it's the 69th Division Association Annual Reunion or a Local Group. We are all getting older and have so much to do yet and so many people to see, yet!! But, I was also happy to hear from a lot of my "Ole Buddies" who retired during the past year. It seems like I'm the only one still on the job. Notice — I didn't say working.

We plan to drive to Arizona in May for the coming 69th Division Reunion and plan to make a few stops on the way to see old friends of the 69th Division and other friends. It's such a nice drive from here to the 'Old West' with so much of this country to see. We plan on a few weeks vacation, that is if we don't get homesick for our Grandson before then!

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That Arizona Gang sure puts on a 'Great Reunion' and take good care of us — fine rooms and all the extras. We will have a 269th Engineer Hospitality Room set-up in Arizona from the efforts of **Len and Corky Halpenny** of H&S Company. So, I'm sure we'll have a nice turnout since a few of the guys already told me they will be there. So try and make it, OK!

But for all the Engineers in the 'Tri-State Area' who can't make it to Arizona in May, think of late August and the Weekend in New Philadelphia, Ohio. I plan to remind you all within a 200 mile radius to come down and join your 'Ole Buddies' for a nice weekend. We should have a nice turnout of Engineers, since we have so many in that area.

So, until I see you all in Arizona, take care and the "Best Always"!

Sincerely,

Frank C. Nemeth

(Editor's Note: To All You Engineers — by now you know Frank is the newsman for your Group, so keep him posted and then he can keep us posted. Since the Engineers have their own Groups "Big Doings" the Week of Our Divisions Annual Reunion with all the 69'ers in Arizona, you might start thinking as our New Mid-West Group is doing — and planning to make the trip in a Group, either by bus, plane, or train. I am almost certain Frank, Bill Foster or John Hawley could coordinate a trip for you to Arizona, or to any other Reunion. This should also cut-down on the expenses. Now maybe all you Engineers who only see each other at the Division Reunions would like to read what Frank should have had in the last Bulletin. Remember he had no report as his letter was really late).

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(Letter from Frank Nemeth):

Had a real good time up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and we really had a pretty good turnout of Engineers. That sure is pretty country up that-a-way. We drove up to Stevens Point and really had a nice motor trip. Never saw so many corn fields and farms with so many silos.

The Engineer's Dinner was a huge success with over forty people in the motorcade to "Hoffman's", a real good eating place. Thanks to **Betty and Bill Foster** for setting it all up. Co. H&S had five Engineers there and **Chuck Griffin** sure looked sharp in his 269th Engineers T-shirt.

Thanks to **Louis Riveria, Mac McConahy** and **Vi** we're going on a motor trip also, and hope they had a nice trip home. The **Hawley's** were going to Yellowstone Park and the Wild-West, can't wait to see "Big Chew" and hear about this trip!! **Corky and Len Halpenny** have assured us they are waiting for us to come to Mountain Shadows, Arizona, as everything is all set for a "grand time."

Company-A had four Engineers show up. Couldn't get **Fergie and Winfrey** and **Kamping** going, but **Ruth and Ray Lottie** made it. They are thinking of moving to the state of Washington. Guess they like wet weather. **Jennings** and **Vincent** assure me they will be in Arizona and maybe **Joe Vioral** will also make it. I know **John Buller** and **Joe Monteleone** will be there.

Company-B had five Engineers, they include **Ray Streck** and **Wife**, from Green Bay — (Remember they used to have good football teams). Ray transferred to the Infantry for the easier life, after we got him in good shape in the Engineers! **Dan and Helen Evers** made it back from China and Japan in time for the Reunion. Dan lived in the pool or sauana and Helen finally got her cheese package for the people back home. **Ruth and Stanley Auks** drove up from Florida, with the kids and really had a long vacation, about a month on the road.

We had a nice surprise in a "First Timer", **Ray Dahill** and his lovely wife drove in from "Star Prarie" and it was good to see him again after all those years. Ray tells me Star Prarie is now on the map, it's right near "Horse Creek".

Company-C had **Jerry Rodelli** and his wife, and of course, **Richie** was there (mostly in the pool).

We also had guests of Rodelli's — brother-in-law, **John** and wife, and **Walt and Elbie**, Hawley's daughter and son-in-law.

So hope your all making plans for 1983 at Mountain Shadows. Hope to see you all there!

Your "Ole Buddie"

Frank

P.S.: **Walt** hope you have a good tour of duty and hope to see you and **Elbie** soon. Take care!

States Represented By Members At The 1982 Ramada Inn-Airport Reunion

This is the first time since I have been Treasurer and Co-bulletin Editor, when making out the Reunion reports, that another State has beaten out the State of Pennsylvania as the leading State to be represented at a Reunion. "Our Hats Off" to the State of Illinois for taking over at the 1982 Reunion in Milwaukee.

State	Number
Illinois	31
Pennsylvania	28
Wisconsin	27
New York	19
Michigan	12
Minnesota	12
Ohio	11
Florida	8
Iowa	7
New Jersey	7
Indiana	6
Arizona	4
Missouri	4
Virginia	4
Massachusetts	3
Texas	3
Arkansas	2
California	2
Colorado	2
Georgia	2
Kansas	2
Maryland	2
Kentucky	2
Connecticut	1
Louisiana	1
Mississippi	1
Nebraska	1
New Hampshire	1
New Mexico	1
North Dakota	1
Oklahoma	1
Total	207

Make Reservations Now For 1983
69th Division Association's 36th Annual Reunion
661st Tank Destroyer Battalion — 777th Tank Battalion
"40th Anniversary Activation of Division Since May 1943"
Marriott Mountain Shadows Resort — May 22-29, 1983

FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Complete this form or send legible zerox copy to:

Kathy Friend
69th Infantry Division Association Reservations
5641 East Lincoln Drive
Scottsdale, Arizona 85253
Telephone: 602/948-7111

I/We plan to Arrive (Day and Date): _____

I/We plan to Depart (Day and Date): _____

Check Type of Room(s) Desired:

- ☐ Single (One Person) — \$50.00
- ☐ Double (Two Persons) — \$50.00
- ☐ One Bedroom Suite — \$105.00
- ☐ Two Bedroom Suite — \$160.00

Please Advise if Early Arrival is Required.
Late Arrivals Send First Nights Payment in Advance.
Check Out Time: Noon.

Rooms are guaranteed to April 22, 1983. Make Reservations Early.
First Night Deposit in Advance is Required.

Send Confirmation To:

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone/Area Code: _____

Unit: _____ Wife's Name: _____

Remarks: _____

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15 MAY, 1943
40th Anniversary
of the
Activation of the 69th Infantry Division
Camp Shelby, Mississippi

Come to Mountain Shadows Marriott Inn
Scottsdale, Arizona, Reunion
And Help Celebrate The Occasion
May 22-29, 1983

"Hats-Off" To Two Reunion Committees

1981 HOST INN REUNION HERSHEY-HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

W. R. and Betty Foster Jr.	269th Engineers
Doris Ober	273rd Infantry
John and Elizabeth Hawley	269th Engineers
Howard and Jonie-Lou Hoover	273rd Medic
Jacob and Violet Stark	273rd Infantry
Harold and Dorothy Starry	272nd Infantry
Earl and Anna Walters	273rd Infantry

1982 RAMADA INN-AIRPORT REUNION MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Vernon and Hildegard Wirth	777th Tank Battalion
Gaylord and Ruth Thomas	777th Tank Battalion
Fran and Zita Enright	881st Field Artillery
Raymond and Emily Fischer	661st Tank Destroyer
Chalmer and Reita Pearson	272nd Infantry
Curt and Evelyn Peterson	569th Signal
Eugene and Ethel Pierron	661st Tank Destroyer
Dale and Bonny Scott	272nd Infantry
Phil and Harriet Sparacino	881st Field Artillery
Arthur and May Jaszewski	271st Medic
Fred and Mavis Butenhoff	272nd Infantry
Franklin and Eleanor Showers	
Tom Clark	272nd Infantry

Sorry if your name has been left off the Reunion Committees as I have requested those names since the Reunions end. I'll be happy to put a correction in the next Bulletin, should any names be left off of either of the above lists.

Please do note the different Units our Committee Members and wives come from, which certainly makes for our "Family Friendship" at all Reunions. This "Friendship" rubs off on all Members as the week passes at each Reunion — and we all become like "A Family."

We should have a good Committee Report from our next three Reunions, also.

It would be nice to have more participation from our Recon Troopers, 880th Field Artillery, and the three Infantry Regiments, 271st, 272nd, and 273rd.

Many, Many Thanks!

TO ALL OF MY FRIENDS OF THE 69th:

Due to circumstances beyond my control, I was unable to attend the 69th Reunion in Milwaukee and the Tri-State gathering in Clarion. Jo and I were looking forward to going to these.

I had major surgery twice this summer and spent the summer on my back porch. I believe I can tell you just how many leaves were on the trees in my yard. Jo does make a terrific nurse.

Therefore I am unable to write an article about the Reunion... BUT, I do want to thank all those who sent me cards, letters, and also for the phone calls.

Most of all I was most grateful to Sam Woolf for coming by to see me and, his visit put a bright spot in what otherwise would have been a very drab summer.

Many, Many Thanks!

Bill Beswick

This Communication Received By Robert Kurtzman From William E. McElvain

Have just been reading the 69th Bulletin and it has brought a lot of memories to mind. Some good, bad, funny, and sad.

For a while I was able to keep in touch with a few of the men I served overseas with, but it has been some time now, since I have heard from any of them. Overseas I served in the campaigns at Rome-Arno, North Appenines, and Po Valley. At the time I entered service I was sent to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and was attached to the 69th.

My wife and I visited **James Kilcoyne** in Coral Gables, Florida, in 1952, and kept in touch for some years, but have not heard from him recently.

We have one son, thirty-five years old, and two grandchildren, six and eleven years of age.

I'm not a big reader, but my wife will read the Bulletin to me and we both enjoy it very much.

Since the service days I have been a Corporation Pilot and part-time farmer. Retired from flying last year, and now farm full-time.

Would appreciate it very much if you could send a list of the men in my Company, as I would like very much to keep in touch with them. One that we always received a Christmas card from for years was **Jim Gorman** in New York. We learned from his sister that he had been killed in a fire. He was a fireman. This happened several years ago, and it seems that after that we lost track of everyone. Please send any information that you think would be of interest to me.

Another name just came to my mind that I would very much like to know something of is **Wilson Hutchinson**. I served with **Kilcoyne, Gorman, Tom Green**, and so many more. But time has dimmed the memory, and I would like to know about all of the guys in our outfit and what became of them.

(Editor's Note: Mr. McElvain was furnished a list of the addresses that we have for his Company H-272nd, and we hope that he has re-established contact with many of them and that a large group of them show up at one of our future Reunions).



273rd INFANTRY PERSONNEL SECTION
Picture Taken in Trebsen, Germany, in May of 1945

*(In prone position): Popa.
(Directly behind him): Bowers.
(Front Row Kneeling — Left to Right): Tri, Lapetina, Strausberger, Grayson, Sorenson and Ray Pugliese.
(Back Row — Left to Right): Mufson, Reitnauer, Randall, Olafson, Cochrane, Gorenstein.*



Company "K" 271st Infantry
Camp Shelby, Mississippi — August, 1943

Program for 1983 Marriott Mountain Shadows Reunion 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion — 777th Tank Battalion “40th Anniversary Activation of Division Since May, 1943”

Sunday, May 22nd	Early Arrivals — On Your Own.
Monday, May 23rd	Registration 12 Noon to 4:30 P.M. Early Arrivals — On Your Own. A good day to take advantage of the pool and, tennis courts or golf.
Tuesday, May 24th	Registration 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Early Arrivals — On Your Own. Take advantage of the pool or get in a practice round of golf, or tennis.
Wednesday, May 25th	Registration 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
TOUR 7:45 A.M.	Old Tucson and Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum (Includes Lunch). (This tour will last 10 hours and must go on Wednesday, leaving from the lobby).

Old Tucson is a movie set constructed in 1940 for the movie “Arizona”, starring Jean Arthur and William Holden. Since the 1960’s, it has been the set for many TV serials, including “Maverick”, “Little House on The Prairie”, “Father Murphy”, “High Chaparral”, and others. We will see a movie showing clips from former productions, and showing how a production is put together, go on a train ride through the desert and get beset by train robbers, see an old-time Tombstone shoot-out, get harangued by an old-time medicine salesman, and lots more. We will have lunch beneath an open-sided tent.

The Arizona - Desert Museum is world famous for depicting the natural life of the southwest. The Stephen Congdon Natural Resources Museum is **spectacular**. We will see, more or less in their natural habitat, southwestern birds, fish, lizards, snakes, Gila monsters, scorpions, pack rats, coyotes, mountain lions, jaguars, and desert vegetation

Thursday, May 26th	Registration 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
TOUR 7:45 A.M.	North Central Arizona “Red Rock Country — Jerome, Sedonia and Oak Creek Canyon.” (This tour will last all day arriving back at Mountain Shadows around 5:30 P.M., in time to get ready for The Early Bird Buffet Dinner. Lunch will be Included.

On our trip we would see a thrilling adventure in Arizona’s undisturbed desert and beautiful mountains. You will see the church of the Holy Cross overlooking breath taking blazing rocks, etched with silver and gold. You will be able to take awe inspiring pictures of the magnificent views in Oak Creek Canyon surpassed only by Arizona’s Grand Canyon for scenic beauty. You will enjoy a visit to picturesque Sedonia, well known for its quaint unique atmosphere for browsing through the galleries and craft shops at Tlaquepaque, a charming Spanish Mission. In addition this tour includes a visit to the original mining town of Jerome, it’s muesum and some beautiful cool mountain country along the way.

Early Bird Buffet Dinner —
6:30 P.M. Cocktails — 7:30 P.M. Dinner Buffet

Friday, May 27th	Registration 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
TOUR 7:45 A.M.	Phoenix and Salt River Valley

This will be a four to five hour tour of Phoenix and part of the Salt River Valley, with guides. You will see downtown Phoenix, the Frank Lloyd Wright Theater at Arizona State University in Tempe, the Mormon Temple in Mesa, and the Heard Museum in Phoenix. A Rest Stop is planned for 10:30 A.M., with arrival back at Mountain Shadows at 1:00 P.M.

Golf Tournament (Friday Morning Tee Off 9:00 A.M.)
(Electric Carts and Green Fees \$15.60 each).
BOARD MEETING 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Pool Side Chit-Chat — 3:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.
(Relax with the Western’ers in Sunny Arizona).
PX Beer Party and Dance — 9:00 P.M. until 1:00 A.M.
(This is the evening for Groups and Units to have their own Get-Together at
another restaurant, then return for the Party and Dance).

Saturday, May 28th	Registration 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (No further Registrations after 3:00 P.M.). Men’s General Meeting — 10:00 A.M. to 12 Noon. Ladies’ Auxiliary General Meeting — 10:00 A.M. to 12 Noon (Coffee available before both meetings). Final Pool Side Chit-Chat — 1:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. (Relax with the Western’ers in Sunny Arizona). Evening begins with Cocktails at 6:30 P.M. Martial Music by 108th Army Band, Arizona Army National Guard 7:15 P.M. (Please Take Your Seats) Memorial Service (Honor Guard) and 108th Army Band, Arizona Army National Guard Banquet Dinner Dance — 7:45 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.
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Sunday, May 29th	Farewells and Departures. See you in Orlando, Florida, October 14-22, 1984 — “In The Land of Disneyworld.”
Monday, May 30th	Late Farewells and Departures. Many of our members now use Sunday to rest and relax before returning home, or going on an extended vacation.



Company "M" 271st Infantry Camp Shelby, Mississippi — August, 1943

(Sitting): Dittmer, Marino, Pescho, Williams, Strack, Frey, Gorockovsky, Habensteirt, Woosley, Vyndatel, Wiener, Kent, Keslovicz, Bross, Orlick, Guthrie.

(Kneeling): Wheeler, Chlebroski, Southard, Taylor, Talley, Stover, Soga, Petrucce, Wright, Riley, Goss, Ambrose, Bradtmiller, James, Evans.

(Standing): Burkett, Chapman, Welch, Farrell, Brown, Boyle, Melody, Jackson, Roney, Smith, Williams, Ross, Agar, Carter, Hill, Gilmore.

(Row 2): Ganton, Knapp, Sansedo, Balentine, Steele, Breault, Leonard, Davidson, Berry, Touch, O'Down, Sucha, Chanda, Foster, Swinders, Sansevero, Baxley, Linn, Kusek, Turman, Keller.

(Row 3): Webb, Matthews, Silva, Scaruzzi, Speer, Bowen, Desilva, Ihne, Cappa, Kamm, Tkocs, Senko, Vinton, Farbar, Endrizzi, Skivinton, Schultz, Haralson, Eaton.

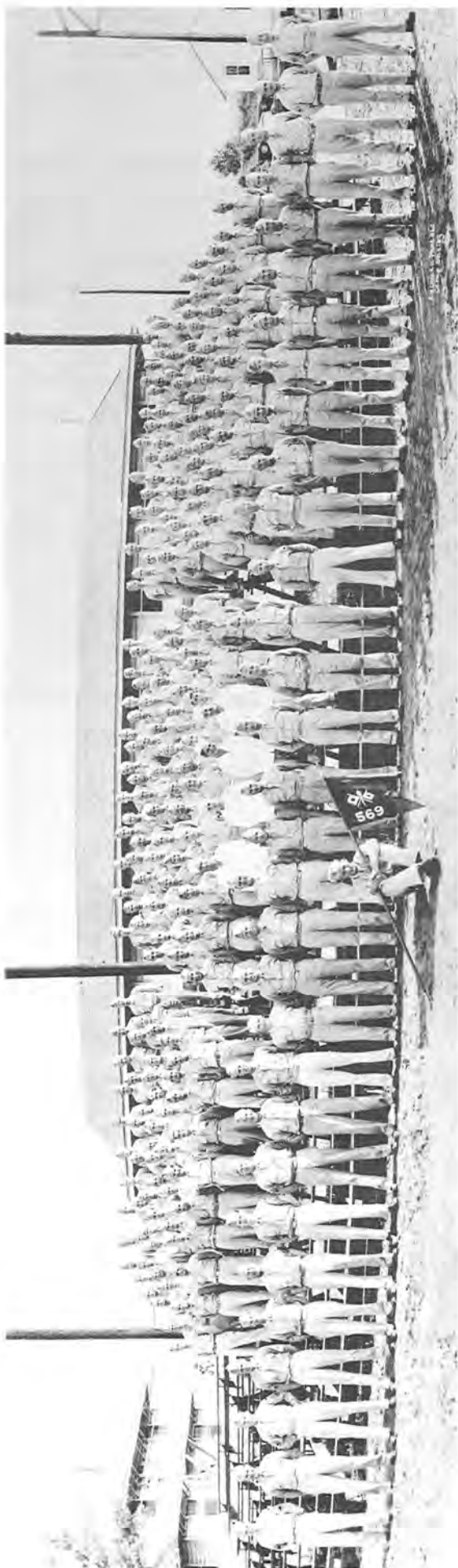
(Row 4): Antonucci, Sidel, Sauer, Likins, Mattie, Saboe, Duabiak, Cohen, Chetwynd, Seles, Brandolo, Nicholson, Thomason, Arnold, Jacobs, Zurlo, Glutz, Marcin, Fetrow.

(Row 5): Murray, Bell, Casey, Brodsky, Dabo, Walk, Summers, Bush, Rodacky, Prebocnyak, Edwards, Hammond, Francabamdera, Rekus, Butts, Linkinhoker, Shields, Kramer, Herzog, Spano.

(Row 6): Basban, Schultz, Burney, Cowan, Ivasanskas, Weese, Limbaugh, Pompilli, Novak, Henry, Engelhart, Hacha, Trovinger, Harmon, Zajac, Busshart, Federschneider, Smith, Graves.

(Row 7): Szekalski, McVey, Freeman, Wottenstein, Schlotterbeck, Colmar, Stepnowski, Huddelston, Majeski, Hollinsworth, Harbaugh, Fletcher, Jaffe, Huddgins, Wisecarver, Tuburski, Case, Rodenan, Petorskin, Riley, Essick.

569th Signal Company
Camp Shelby, Mississippi — June, 1943



Additional Members of The 69th Division and Attached Units Relocated Since Last Bulletin

Paul Swineford — 69th M.P.
1711 Mohican, S.E., Massillon, Ohio 44646

Ronald Frisbie — Hq. Divarty
312 S. 10th Street, Akron, Pennsylvania 17501

Joseph Berger — Hq. Divarty
61 Dering Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43207

Donald Swan — Ser. 272nd
3412 California N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110

W. I. Newstetter, Jr. — M-272nd & Div. Hq.
89 Federal Street, Salem, Massachusetts 01970

Paul Hastings — Hq. 2nd Bn. - 271st
514 Lowell Drive, Endwell, New York 13760

William S. King — Hq. Divarty
1255 19th Street, Apt. 401, Denver, Colorado 80202

Joseph Wronouski — Hq. Divarty
2530 S. St. Louis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60623

John Caruana — Hq. Divarty
1333 Union Avenue, Elmont, New York 11003

Harold Sorenson —
2216 State Street, LaCrosse, Wisconsin 54601

Herman Walker — L-273rd
3941 Stop 10 Road, East, Indianapolis, Indiana 46227

Alexander Dortenzo — A-271st
105 Glen David Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15238

Martin Skrovina — 69th M.P.
1637 Eighth Avenue, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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14 Midbrook Lane, Darien, Connecticut 06820

LTC George M. Johnson, Ret. — D-273rd
1213 Hermitage Road, Colonial Heights, Virginia 23834

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1005 W. St. Louis Street, Effingham, Illinois 62401

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2314 S. 5th Street, Ironton, Ohio 45638

Conrad Smith — Hq. 2nd Bn. - 271st
Sayre, Alabama 35139

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12-50 35th Avenue, Long Island City, New York 11106

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2230 S. 49th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68506

Hillary Monfort — C-273rd
115 Meeting House Lane, Southampton, New York 11968

Wayne Morris —
800 McKinley Avenue, S.W., Canton, Ohio 44706

Maurice Riesberg — 569th Sig.
11 Philadelphia Avenue, Ocean City, Maryland 21842

Make Reservations Now For 1983 69th Division Association Reunion

REGISTRATION FORM TO BE MAILED TO:

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

(If you do not want to tear this from the Bulletin, a legible zerox copy will be sufficient, but be sure it is legible).

I/We will attend the 1983 Infantry Division Association Reunion at Mountain Shadows, and will attend the following activities.

Name: _____ Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone/Area Code: _____

Unit: _____ Wife's Name _____

Guests: _____

The Number in Our Party Will Be: _____ Adults _____ Children _____ Guests

TOURS

Day		Time	Per Person	Number	Amount
Wednesday	Old Tucson and Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum (Including Lunch and 2 Admission Fees)	7:45 A.M.	\$30.00	_____	\$ _____
Thursday	North Arizona "Red Rock Country" Jerome-Sedona-Oak Creek Canyon (Includes Lunch and Admission Fee)	7:45 A.M.	\$25.00	_____	\$ _____
Friday	Phoenix and Salt River Valley	7:45 A.M.	\$ 8.00	_____	\$ _____
Sub Total					\$ _____

REUNION EVENTS

Registration	10:00 A.M.-4:30 P.M. — Monday-Thursday 10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. — Saturday Cocktails (No Host)	6:30 P.M.-7:30 P.M.	\$10.00	_____	\$ _____
Thursday	*Early Bird Buffet Dinner	7:30 P.M.	\$20.00	_____	\$ _____
Friday	Golf Tournament (Electric Cart and Green Fee)	9:00 A.M.	\$15.60	_____	\$ _____
Friday	*PX Beer Party and Dance	9:00 P.M.-1:00 A.M.	\$ 3.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday	* Cocktails (No Host) Seating - Banquet Room Memorial Service *Banquet and Dinner Dance (*Seating by Units)	6:30 P.M.-7:30 P.M. 7:15 P.M.-7:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M.-7:45 P.M. 7:45 P.M.-1:00 A.M.	\$25.00	_____	\$ _____
Sub Total					\$ _____
Reunion Total					\$ _____

DUES

New Dues Year — August 1, 1983 to July 31, 1984

Regular Membership	\$ 5.00	\$ _____
Contributing Membership (All Dues goes into General Fund)	\$10.00	\$ _____
Ladies' Auxiliary	\$ 2.00	\$ _____
Postage Donation (To help defray cost of Bulk Rate Postage)		\$ _____
Sub Total		\$ _____
Total Amount Paid		\$ _____

If this is your First Reunion, and you have not given this information before, please, do fill in below.

This information is for our "Sunshine Lady" Margie McCombs, who will send greetings to you, on special occasions. It is also suggested Regular Reunion Attendees up-date this information periodically — *Thank You, Kindly!*

Members's Birthday: _____ Wife's Birthday: _____

Wedding Anniversary: _____

Children Living at Home:

Name: _____ Name: _____

Year: _____ Age: _____ Year: _____ Age: _____

(Cut and Mail With Reservation)

News Release Letters

Hey, Member, here is a copy of the News Release Letter put into the mail in February, 1983, to most all of the "Big Newspapers in Our Country" — THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Hopefully, it finds us a lot of "New Members" plus it advertises our Annual 1983 Reunion which is at the Mountain Shadows Marriott Inn Resort, in Scottsdale, Arizona, this year. (As if you guys and girls didn't know it.) Hope you are all coming to the Reunion.

If you will, 69'ers, please cut this News Release out or make a zerox copy or two of this one and send it to "your local newspaper" and request them to publish this information. It may help us find a New Member or two — especially the little newspapers which I know didn't get a copy. By the way, if you think your newspaper is big enough for one of these each year, send the name and address of the newspaper to Clarence Marshall so that it gets put on our Mailing List. Thanks much.

(Cut Here and Mail to Your Local Newspaper)

INSERT NEWS RELEASE

From: Fighting 69th Association, Inc.
Headquarters
101 Stephen Street
New Kensington, PA 15068
(412) 335-3224

TO THE EDITOR:

Our records show that a number of Veterans of the 69th Infantry Division reside in your readership area. You will be doing them — and us — a real service if you can find space to publish the attached News Release, or some portion of it.

Thank you for your courtesy!

FIGHTING 69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

For Release At Will:

The Fighting 69th Infantry Division Association has announced that its 36th Annual Reunion will be held May 22-29, 1983, at Marriott Mountain Shadows Inn Resort, in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Highlight of this Reunion will be the observance of the 40th Anniversary since the Division was initially activated in May of 1943, at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. General Charles L. Bolte, USA Retired, who organized, activated, and trained the Division, is planning to attend.

The organization is made up of World War II Veterans all over the USA, who served in the 69th Infantry Division (BBB's) or it's attached Units, the 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion and the 777th Tank Battalion. The 69th distinguished itself in Germany with the First Army with the capture of the City of Leipzig and making the famed link-up with the Russian Army at Torgau, on the Elbe River, to end World War II in Europe.

Co-chairpersons in charge of this National Reunion are Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Halpenny, Tucson Arizona, and Bob Myers, Sun City, Arizona.

Scheduled events include meetings by the Board of Directors, Ladies' Auxiliary and General Membership, Tours, Golf Tourney, Memorial Service and the Banquet Dinner Dance. The Association's Scholarship Committee will award one or more scholarships at this Reunion. This is an annual award to a deserving child of our membership.

Several hundred persons annually attend the Fighting 69th Reunions, but President Walter Doernbach is confident of an exceptional turnout this year. "We're looking for many newcomers from the West and Mid-West," he said, "as well as the regulars on the East Coast who usually attend." He has emphasized that all Veterans of the 69th Infantry or its supporting Units, the 661st T.D.'s, and 777th Tank Battalion, will be welcomed at any or all sessions of the Reunion.

Anyone desiring further information should write to Clarence Marshall, 101 Stephen Street, New Kensington, PA 15068 — Telephone: 412/335-3224, or Leonard Halpenny, 3938 E. Santa Barbara, Tucson, AZ 85711 — Telephone: 602/327-7412.

(It would be appreciated if this announcement could be published, all or in part, more than once in the next two or three months.)



"CONNORS SECOND"

**1 - 3 Tank of Company-C 777th Tank Battalion
Picture taken in Bendorf, Germany**

(Crew — Left to Right): Cpl. Fegerova, Tony Novak, Pvt. Stanley Stevens, Cpl. Schroeder.

Picture furnished by Stanley Stevens (Assistant Driver) — P.O. Box 168, Winfield, Illinois 60190. He would like to hear from any of this crew, or anyone from the 777th who remembers him.



SERGEANTS OF THE 569th SIGNAL COMPANY Picture taken in London

(Left to Right): Morris, Duncan, Robertson, Wilson, White. The small portly man on the left is an English Cab Driver, with a portion of his "Hack" in view. Also in the background in Westminster Abbey.

— Picture furnished by Sgt. Stanley Morris

Margaret Morgan Dasher, Daughter of John A. Morgan Battery C-879th F.A. Writes . . .

My Father, John A. Morgan (known to everyone as Jack), Battery C-879th Field Artillery died suddenly on June 23, 1981. He had suffered from Multiple Sclerosis for about twelve years, and he died of a heart attack while undergoing treatment procedures.

His disability prevented him from attending the Reunions, but he looked forward, avidly, to receiving the Bulletins. My Mother, Margaret Cabrey Morgan, died suddenly of a heart attack on August 5, 1982. They were both 57 years of age.

Dad was an architect in Philadelphia until the time he was no longer able to negotiate the trip downtown every day. He spoke often of his Buddies in the service, but we (his children — he had seven) knew very little of where he fought or what he did, etc.

After his death we found a box filled with mementos from the War years. There were many photographs and notes about friends. Among those that seemed special were "The Big Three" — Dad, Eldon Nussbaum and Bob Aylesworth. Other names were: Bishel, Frieberg, Boone, Fattrosso, Crane, Rayborne and Kruger. Also Charlie and Lucky, The Battery Dogs. We know that he was especially close to Mr. Nussbaum and Mr. Aylesworth, and that he was writing to one of them at the time of his death. He attended a Reunion the summer of 1966, and that is the last time I believe he saw them, although I know they had been in touch since.

Through your Bulletin please inform them of my Father and Mother's death. I would love to hear from them just about anything they remember about Dad. As our family home in Pennsylvania is being sold, I am including my address if anyone wishes to correspond. Dad was so proud to have been a part of the 69th.

Mrs. Margaret M. Dashner
1544 Patuxent Manor Road
Davidsonville, Maryland 21035

PLEASE NOTE THE MONTH CHANGE FOR THE 1983 REUNION AT MOUNTAIN SHADOWS MARRIOTT

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA

**The Reunion will be held in the month
of May, rather than the usual month of
August.**

Attendees At 1982 Reunion Ramada Inn-Airport Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Sorry "First Timer" attendees, but we missed some of you, so rather than point out some of the "First Timer's" we felt it best not to mention any. We usually mark a "First Time" attendee with a (*).

If we have forgotten a name or two, let us know and we will publish it in the next issue of the Bulletin.

DIVISION HEADQUARTERS —

Headquarters Company:

David and Margaret Anderson, Minnesota
Fred and Lois Avery, Virginia
General Charles and Adalaide Bolte, Virginia
Eugene and Norma Gene Butterfield, Ohio
A. F. and Mary Casper, Arkansas
Walter and Ann Doernbach, Sr., New Jersey
Walter and Hazel Fackler, Illinois
W. O. "Dutch" and Jeanne Hawn, Colorado
Gordon and Bernice Kjos, Minnesota
Rabbi Ernst and Eudice Lorge, Illinois
Adam Manz, Pennsylvania
Clarence Marshall, Pennsylvania
Bob Myers, Arizona
Eugene and Carol Neuendorf, Wisconsin
Sumner Russman, Oklahoma
Joseph and Eleanor Wright, Missouri

69th M.P.:

Carl and Ruth Miller, Ohio
Harley and Jean Marie Miller, Wisconsin
John J. Moriarty, Massachusetts
Guida Smania, Illinois

69th Quarter Master:

George and Vickie Gallagher, Pennsylvania
Victor Woo, California
Guest: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hurtado

269th ENGINEERS —

Headquarters Services:

W. R. and Betty Foster, Pennsylvania
Guest: Joey Wacks
Charles and Pauline Griffin, Indiana
Leonard and Corkey Halpenny, Arizona
John and Elizabeth Hawley, Pennsylvania
Guest: Edwin and Libby Howland
Oliver and Violet McConahy, Pennsylvania

A-269th:

E. Delmar Jennings, Indiana
Ray and Ruth Lottie, Minnesota
Ted Vincent, Kentucky
Joseph and Dorothy Vioral, Pennsylvania

B-269th:

Stanley and Ruth Auk, Florida
Raymond and Mrs. Dahill, Wisconsin
Daniel and Helen Evers, Pennsylvania
Frank and Ted Nemeth, Pennsylvania

C-269th:

Gerald and Eleanor Rodelli, New York
Guests: John and Josepha Koubek

569th Signal Company:

Robert and Marie Bausman, Illinois
George and Dorothy Hepp, New York
Leonard and Eleanor Noring, Michigan
Curt and Evie Peterson, Wisconsin

769th Ordinance:

Milton and Esta Halainen, New Hampshire
Fred and Catherine Scheller, Illinois
Joseph and Vera Selb, New Jersey
Ray and Frances Van Brocklin, Iowa
Arthur and Bernice Weber, Wisconsin

661st T.D. BATTALION —

Headquarters Company:

Ralph and Doris Bock, Iowa

661st Recon:

Gilbert and Jean Lacey, Jr., Iowa
Eugene and Ethel Pierson, Wisconsin

A-Company:

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William Keelin, Wisconsin

B-Company:

Wayne Allen, Arkansas
Homer and Catherine Cook, Wisconsin
Raymond and Emily Fischer, Wisconsin
Carlo and Carol Scampani, Illinois
William and Ellen Snidow, Virginia

C-Company:

Steve and Anne Forgas, Ohio
Joe and Marion Jenei, Ohio

777th TANK BATTALION —

Headquarters:

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John Gradomski, Ohio
Gaylord and Ruth Thomas, Wisconsin

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William and Louise Fannucchi, Illinois
George and Ruth Femmel, Illinois
Rex Garde, Wisconsin
Milton W. Myers, Kansas
John and Alice Rooney, Massachusetts
Sil and Margaret Sabol, Ohio
Donald and Dorothy Slimmer, Minnesota
Vernon and Hildegard Wirth, Wisconsin

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For those brave and honored heroes

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