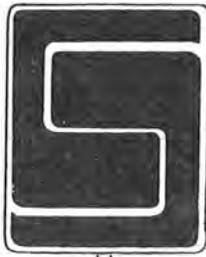


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From The Editor's Desk

by — Clarence Marshall

Lawrence D. Talbot, 2003 Patricia Lane, Billings, Montana 59102 — Hq. 1st Bn.-272nd: I have recently been in contact with **Mr. Donald C. Swan** of Albuquerque, New Mexico, who informed me of the coming Reunion of the 69th at Scottsdale, Arizona, in late May 1983. As a former member of the 69th I am very interested in the details of the Reunion, which information, I understand you can make available to me.

I also understand that you have a list of last known addresses of former members of the Division. I would be interested in attempting to contact some of my former associates, if such a list is available.

For your information, during the period that I was with the 69th I was assigned to Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 272nd Infantry Regiment with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant.

Any information regarding Reunion and available addresses will be greatly appreciated.

(Editor's Note: A later communication followed in which Mr. Talbot stated that he was sorry that he hadn't learned about our Reunions sooner. Also, he requested addresses for eight former Officers that he served with in the 272nd).

C. Kajcienski, 4421 Beckley Road, W. Battle Creek, Michigan 49017: Saw your name in our local Newspaper. I was wondering if the 69th ever had published a book in regards to it's history. If so I am interested in purchasing one. I served in the ETO with the Fighting 69th. Please let me know. Thank you.

Jack H. Cook, 314 N. First Street, Titusville, Pennsylvania 16354 — 69th MP: I served 24 years on the Police Force in Titusville. Retired in 1974, with the rank of Captain. Then spent eight years with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission from which I retired in 1982.

Sorry about not answering sooner. I have been spending a great deal of time in Florida and Virginia, on a winter vacation.

Robert Greek, P.O. Box 107, Montpelier, Ohio 43543 — E-272nd: I wonder if you could furnish me with the following former 69'ers addresses? **Walter B. Bickel**, **Charles Pierson** and **Robert Swager**. Bickel was a Squad Leader in the 60mm Mortar Section, and I was the Section Sergeant. I lost contact with him, but saw his picture in the 69th Bulletin taken when he attended the Reunion in Milwaukee. Swager and Pierson were Squad Leaders in the Machine Gun Section.

I noticed that Pierson wrote to the 69th Bulletin some time back and identified the fellows in a picture you had published. I was assigned to Company-E, 272nd Infantry on November 27, 1943, after being wounded in New Georgia, South Pacific, while serving with the 37th Division. I was one of the first to leave the 69th, for discharge, while we were in Naumburg.

I have now retired after struggling in the automobile business for fifty years, minus the four and one-half years in the Army.

Mrs. Annabel Folwell, 1447 Brookvalley Lane, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30324 — Widow B-880th: I am sorry I haven't written to you sooner to report that my husband, **Lucius (Lou) C. Folwell**, who was a member of B-Battery, 880th Field Artillery, passed away on May 25, 1981. He was

a victim of a malignant brain tumor. It was rather a sudden happening, as he was only ill two months. After the diagnosis surgery was performed on April 1, 1981. Malignancy was discovered and the neurosurgeon gave me no hopes whatsoever. Pneumonia was the immediate result of death.

Lou had not retired, having worked for K-Mart Corporation for fifty-one years. We had a happy marriage of forty-five years, and needless to say I miss him very much.

We had attended the Reunion in New Orleans, in August of 1980, and enjoyed it so very much. I had anticipated attending other Reunions.

I am interested in continuing membership in the Ladies' Auxiliary, if this is possible. I am always interested in getting any news and information of the Fighting 69th.

(Editor's Note: We will indeed keep you on our Association Roster, and if we get close to your area with a Reunion please come and visit us).

Kevin Schulte, Son of Loren F. Schulte, 17401 ElSienna, Cleveland, Ohio 44135 — B-273rd: I received your correspondence that was addressed to **Loren F. Schulte**, who was my Father. I thought I would write to inform you that my Dad passed away on January 16, 1983, after a long bout with cancer. Because he always spoke proudly of his association with the 69th, and had mentioned contact over the years with a few other members. I would greatly appreciate it if you would pass along the word of his death in your publication. Thank you.

Robert C. Matthews, P.O. Box 97, Lackey, Virginia 23694 — K-271st: I was a member of the 69th Infantry Division, Company-K 271st Infantry Regiment, and the "J" Platoon which was all black.

I would like to know where I can get a History Book of Company K-271st. I lost my book back in 1945, and would like to get another one. I hope that this is possible. Our Platoon joined the 69th Division in April or May of 1945, and stayed with it until the end of the War.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Matthews was very fortunate that he contacted me when he did, because at that time I had a copy of the Company K-271st History Book).

Roger L. Blum, 107 Laurel Avenue, Herkimer, New York 13350 — Hq. 273rd Reactivated 69th: I saw your notice of your Division Reunion in the April issue of the American Legion. I would like to join your organization.

I served with the 69th Division at Fort Dix, New Jersey, from June 1954, to February 1955. I was in Headquarters Company 273rd. I was a Truck Driver in Supply with the rank of Corporal. I was sent to Germany after my tour at Fort Dix.

I would appreciate it if you would send me a membership form. I received an honorable discharge after three years in the service.

Edward A. Schalk, 609 West Water Street, Teutopolis, Illinois 62467 — 272nd: Would you please send me any information concerning the 69th Infantry Division organization. I was a member of the Cadre in Camp Shelby, Mississippi, in 1943, and was shipped overseas as Officer Replacement about October of 1943.

I saw the notice of your Reunion in the April issue of the American Legion Magazine. Once before the 272nd Regiment tried to organize something in the Chicago area, but it fell through. I was a member of the 272nd Regiment until I was sent overseas.

I am now retired, and enjoying it very much. So please let me know about the 69th Division.

Paul Bumpus, Rural Route No.2, Kingman, Indiana 47952 — B-880th and Div. Hq.: I landed in Camp Shelby in March of 1943, on a Cadre out of the 96th Division from Oregon. For about six weeks I worked in Division Headquarters Dining Hall for General Bolte and the Division Staff Officers.

I have the "Pass In Review" History Book with all of their

pictures, and remember them all well. I then went back to my old outfit B-880th, until they broke the Division up after the War, when I was transferred to the 29th Division. I left Germany, December 25, 1945.

I never knew that there was an Association, nor that Reunions were held yearly until I heard from an Old Buddy, A. I. Cooper in Baltimore, Maryland. He sent me the Bulletin for September-October-November-December, 1982. I would like to join the Association. I like the Bulletins very much, and would like to have a Roster of B-880th.

I see that C-Battery is about all of the Divarty that is active. I have two History Books on the 880th, the "Pass In Review", and the hard back book they put out at the end of our journey across the ETO.

Let me know about joining, and about the Artillery.

G. E. Whitley, Jr., Box 3, Brookside Park, Franklin, Virginia 23851 — 2nd Bn.-273rd: Saw in the American Legion Magazine that the 69th is having a Reunion in Arizona this year. I served with the A&P Platoon of 2nd Battalion, 273rd Regiment.

Went to the Reunion at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, in the 50's, paid for a Division History and joined the Association, but never heard anything from them after that. Anyway, I am enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope for you to send me some information on what's going on, for joining the Association, and for future Reunions, etc.

Paul R. Swineford, 1711 Mohican Street, S.E., Massillon, Ohio 44646 — 69th MP: It sure was good to hear from you, after all these years, especially after Montenau — having believed all these years that it was fatal to you. Glad to hear you survived.

The Bulletin is very much appreciated. I have read them over and over, and find it a very interesting newsletter. Keep up the good work.

It will be impossible for me to go to the Reunion in Arizona, but I hope to see you in New Philadelphia, Ohio, in August. I have the "69th Division History Book" and the "Fighting 69th Sentinel" that was published in Germany, on the Division's second anniversary. I suppose you have one of these copies, but if you don't I would be glad to send it along to you, so that you could make a reprint.

Sorry to see in "Taps" of four of my Old Buddies. I knew them well, as we were together for over two years in the 69th Division MP Platoon. Many the memories.

After the War ended I was transferred like many of the other low point men to the 29th Infantry Division Headquarters, and came home with them in January 1946.

I am sending in the Contributing Dues and keep up the good work. Hope to see you in August.

Anthony Nicolais, 88-26 209th Street, Queens Village, New York 11427 — A-272nd: Enclosed are some names of men who were in my Company in Germany. They are: Ernest Jones, Box 24, Charleston, Maine 04422; Vaughan Fairbanks, P.O. 367, Nicoma Park, Oklahoma 73066; and Michael Farco, 53-26 69th Street, Maspeth, New York 11379. Also there was Sgt. Whitehead, and you could get his address from Jones.

I am retired, and so is my wife. I have a heart condition and we are not able to travel. We went to the Reunions when they were held in New York City and Washington, D.C.

I enjoy the Bulletin very much, and as much as we would enjoy the Reunion, we can not make it.

When my youngest son was going to O.C.S. at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, I wrote to Fairbanks, because they both had the same zip code. I found that he was still in Oklahoma, and that he had retired from the service as a C.W.O. Maybe if you write to Farco he will be able to give you more names and addresses of members of Able Company 272nd. Wish you luck in this matter, and have a happy Reunion.

I wonder if you have any emblems or decals that I could put on my car. If there are, please send me some and I will pay for them. I would also like a Division History Book. In closing I hope that I was of some help in relocating some lost members of the 69th.

(Editor's Note: Jones, Fairbanks, and Sgt. Whitehead were already on our Association Roster. Michael Farco was added, as we had lost track of him).

Paul J. Hastings, 514 Lowell Drive Endwell, New York 13760 — Hq. 2nd Bn.-271st: I served in the Second Battalion of the 271st Regiment in the Anti-Tank Platoon as a Truck Driver. I towed a 57mm Anti Tank Gun during the training at Shelby, and on through until the end of the War. Our Company Commander was Captain Gorrel.

Leonard Deering of Fredonia, New York, made me aware of your address. He served in the same squad as I did, and sent me a list of names and addresses which are enclosed. If you have the address of Donald Richard Hill (believed to be in Elmira, New York), I would appreciate it.

(Editor's Note: Six of the names on the list that Mr. Hastings sent were not on our Association Roster, and needless to say they have been added).

James G. Kehew, 413 Apple Tree Road, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011 — Div. Hq.: Just heard from an Old 69th Buddy, who was at Syracuse ASTP with me. He is: W. I. Newstetter, Jr., 89 Federal Street, Salem, Massachusetts 01970. He was in Company M-272nd as Company Clerk, then was transferred to the CIC Department in Division Headquarters and served overseas in that. I don't remember where that detachment was housed or quartered. Maybe they were with G-2. I don't remember seeing him in Shelby or overseas.

We may try to organize an ASTP Reunion sometime at one of the Division's Reunions when it's in the east again. Cape May would be a good place. Don't think I'll make it to Arizona too far.

James P. Bidon, 127th Avenue, S.E., Snohmoish, Washington 98290 — A-777th: I received your 69th Infantry Division Bulletin, and enjoyed it very much. I'm glad that more fellows from my outfit are getting active. I was with A-777th Tank Battalion from Fort Benning to discharge at San Luis Obispo in 1945. I see our ranks are thinning out, but we did what we were asked to do and did it pretty damn good.

I was Maintenance Superintendent with Carnation Research Farm in Carnation, Washington, until I was forced to retire on medical disability. Due to the disability my traveling is rather limited. I would like to attend your Reunion, but I enjoy reading about everything that has been going on. Enclosed is a check for \$25.00 for mine and my wife's dues. Use what's left over as you see fit. Keep up the good work, it is really appreciated.

Mrs. Elmer E. Partlow, Route No. 2, Tulia, Texas 79088 — Widow of Elmer Partlow - Med. 880th: My husband, Elmer E. (Pete) Partlow, passed February 4, 1983. He always read the Fighting 69th Bulletin with interest, looking for names of those with whom he had served. He told me many stories of the people and events during the years he was in the service, and I know he formed friendships with many people. Do you have a transition section in your publication and would it be possible to publish the notice of his death? There may be some who would remember him — Thank You.

Mrs. E. M. Walker, wife of Herman L. Walker, 3941 Stop 10 Road, E., Indianapolis, Indiana 46227 — I-273rd: My husband was in the Fighting 69th Infantry Division in World War II. He has tried in vain to get in touch with some of the men that were in his group. He just learned that there was a book titled "Pictorial History of the 69th Infantry Division" — May 15, 1943 to May 15, 1945, published by F. Bruckman in Germany. Is there any chance you know where he could get a copy of this book and information on the 69th?

In a later communication Mrs. Walker advised us that her

husband served in Company-L of the 273rd Regiment, in the Weapons Platoon. He would like to receive the Association literature which is mailed out, and become a member of the Association. He also wants information on the Reunion in May.

He would like to have addresses for the following men (if you have them): **Carl Taylor, Robert Robertson, Sammy Lamuelson, James Jolly, George Hardin, William Gosnell, Samuel Palma, Anthony Plasic and Michael Garkovich.**

(Editor's Note: We were only able to help him with addresses for Taylor, Jolly and Plasic).

William J. Lutz, Sr., 696 E. 8th Street, Salem, Ohio 44460 Div. Hq.: I would like to have further information on the Reunion of the Fighting 69th Division. Could you furnish me with a Roster of those attending the last Reunion? I was in the Post Office at Camp Shelby and overseas.

Harold Sorenson, 2216 State Street, LaCrosse, Wisconsin 54601 — Ser. & L-273rd: When overseas I served with Service Company 273rd Regiment. Stateside I had some time with Company L-273rd. A friend, **Lester H. Rumbaugh,** 2230 S. 49th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68506, has kept in contact with a number of people. Could you see if he is on your Roster? If you write him, I am sure he would want to know about the next Reunion and get the other addresses recorded. I found your address and the reference to the Reunion in a Legion Magazine at the clinic. I guess I should have known that, it was likely a year or more old.

I am disappointed that I am just now learning of the Association. The last communication I had was the transmittal of the Division History by General Reinhardt.

Do you record deaths of Association and Division members? Mrs. Hunsberger wrote me a year ago, that **Jesse Hunsberger** died in December of 1982. He was also from Service Company 273rd Infantry.

While my daughter spent a year at Aix-en-Provence in France, I met her and toured World War I and II areas. I have some slides of areas such as Schmidtheim, Eupen, Malmedy, St. Vith and environs. I could send duplicates or prints if you could use at the Reunion. These were taken in 1974 but at least they reveal the civilian and reconstruction view of those places. Also, my wife and another daughter visited Winchester and environs such as Crowley. We have pictures of those areas from 1978.

James M. Gable, 1520 N. W. 13th Street, Gainesville, Florida 32601 — Hq. 724th F.A.: I would appreciate any information in regards to an Association, if one exists.

(LATER COMMUNICATION AS FOLLOWS: A sincere "thank you" for the quick response to my inquiry and also for the Bulletin. It is a great piece of reporting. Naturally, I would have liked to have seen more about my Unit. I have a Battery Roster, and a printed record of our trek across Europe, and various bits of information, if anyone ever needs such.

Enclosed is my check for Contributory Dues, and also the name of a friend in the nearby town who was a member of the Division. Plan on contacting others, and **J. W. Harvey** in Orlando.

Donald C. Swan, 3412 California, N. E., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110 — Ser. 272nd: Please send me information regarding membership in the 69th Division Association. I served in combat with the 69th Division during World War II.

I would appreciate you checking your Roster for any information on the following men: **Lt. Griffith, Maj. Zimmermen, Capt. Buchholz, Lt. Frank, Capt. Provost, Lt. McNally, Lt. DeLoach, Lt. Pearson, Capt. Moore, Lt. Norton, Lt. Tannehill, Lt. Loulis, Lt. Kemper, Capt. Hill, 1st Sgt. Herron and S/Sgt. Penrose.**

Since I didn't know there was a 69th Division Association until last year, you can imagine the pleasure with which

I look forward to the Reunion, and hope there will be a few familiar faces among those who attend.

Roger T. Sahr, 800 Farmers & Mechanics Bank Bldg., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402 — K-271st: It was interesting to note that I could recognize the names of the men from Company K-271st who attended the Reunion in Milwaukee. Sorry therefore, that I missed knowing of it. That would have been somewhat more convenient to go to from here. Nonetheless, it may be possible for my wife and I to attend the Reunion in Scottsdale. I'll see if I can arrange my schedule to do so.

I do have the Company History for K-271st. The editor of that history was **Bernard J. Saboroff.** He, **Charles Whitaker** (killed south of Leipzig) and I, constructed a large three person foxhole in the Ardennes, while guarding the Tank Destroyers there. When I consider how industriously I worked constructing that log roofed sleeping-eating-security chamber, it would certainly seem that Bob in his capacity as historical recorder, should have expunged the "gold brick" reference from the record.

The name **Russell Shay** brings back some memories. It seems to me that he was in our Third Platoon. I would be interested to know if you have current addresses for **Herbert Pickett,** Commanding Officer of K-Company. As I recall he was from Kentucky. He was a Captain at the time. Our Platoon Leader was **Robert Gluckstern.** Do you have any records as to his whereabouts?

S/Maj. George E. Loikow, 6937 Chestnut Avenue, Falls Church, Virginia 22042 — Div. Hq.: Have just had a chance to look through the latest Bulletin, and notice that you are collecting various phone books. I can get you the three books put out for the Washington, D.C. area, Virginia and Maryland.

One of these days, I'll be able to make another Reunion. Would love to come to Scottsdale in May, but that conflicts with meeting of the organization that I still work for.

I am almost 75 years old, but keep active and mind alert by keeping busy. "I was not put together to retire and rock on the front porch waiting for the grim reaper."

Joseph A. George, Jr., 3751 Willett Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15227 — 69th Recon: My lovely wife, Zola, and I are spending two months in Florida. We got here on the 10th of February, and will be leaving for home again on Monday, March 21st. On our way down we got snow bound in Richmond, Virginia. For three days we stayed with **Lewis Vaughan** of Hopewell, Virginia, a suburb of Richmond. His wife, Lena, had just passed away in December of 1982. We enjoyed ourselves at his house, with he and his dog (Lady Bird), a poodle.

We made our headquarters in Ocala, Florida, when we finally arrived there. We visited with **Gordon and Fern Ewing** of Lake Mary, Florida, and went to the Epcot Center. It was very nice, but it was cold when we were there. On March 14th, we had lunch with **Ed and Marg Schlotter,** and had a lovely time. Ed has a change of address which I will list for you.

As we were driving east on Fort King Road I heard a horn blowing behind me, so I pulled off to the side of the road. The man got out and came up to our car and stated that he saw my 69th License Plate on the back, and that he had served in the 69th. He had been a member of Signal Company, but did not go overseas with our Division. He would like to have a list of the men from the 569th Signal Company. He plans to be in Orlando in 1984. He is a Molding Engineer, and owns a business in Ocala, Florida. His name and address: **Ed Ferreri,** No. 1 N. E. 48th Avenue, Ocala, Florida 32671.

Clifford E. Ewing, 3206 Bonway Drive, Decatur, Georgia 30032 — 769th Ord.: I have another name to be added to our Roster. It is that of our Division Ammunition Officer former **Capt. Leland A. Ferguson,** who is now in the clothing business in Cordele, Georgia. I stopped in his place on my way back from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and he gave me \$5.00 for dues

so that he could start receiving the Bulletins.

If all goes well, and my wife keeps improving, we are planning on being at the Reunion this year. I already have my reservations at the motel. Looking forward to seeing you in Scottsdale.

(Editor's Note: Capt. Ferguson's address appears elsewhere in the column of New Members Relocated).

Seth Mohr, Box 533, Hamburg, New York 14075 — D-273rd: Accidentally located a lost member of our "gang" from an old address book. Finally located him through the Postmaster in Coloma, Wisconsin. I sent him a few letters, and he desires to join the Association, and plans to attend the Reunion in Scottsdale. Enclosed check for membership from: **Ken Maynard**, 1805 11th Avenue, Greeley, Colorado 80631 — D-273rd.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I would like to take this small space in this column to personally thank **Mr. Charles W. Chapman**, 7412 Exmore Street, Springfield, Virginia 22150, Hq. Divarty, for his research work and the relocating of many new members from his Unit who were never aware of our Association. Having been doing this myself for over 18 years, I realize what a job it is. He has supplied our Roster with numerous new names and addresses, and a just reward for him would be that you have a great turnout at the Scottsdale Reunion.

William R. Currier, 212 Blue Hills Road, North Haven, Connecticut 06473 — Hq. 273rd: I have been a member of the 69th Infantry Association for several years, and always enjoy reading your publication. I continually search through each edition hopeful of seeing a name that I recognize. Recently after going through some papers hidden in my closet for many years, I found some negatives taken during the siege of Leipzig. I thought if it were possible for you to publish some of these it might be interesting to some of the 69'ers. I revisited Leipzig in 1969, and took a picture at the Soldiers' Monument. While at this Park I was asked by the German Attendant to pay for parking, and I refused. (In retrospect that was stupid). However, I took my picture and left knowing I had paid the parking charge over 20 years before.

I noticed in the latest Bulletin the name of **Charles Schultz**, however, it was not the same Schultz from our Company. This Schultz was very prominent during President Carter's regime. I saw him several times on TV. I believe his position was Budget Director. He was wounded just after we got through the Siegfried Line. I hope that some of these pictures will help to revive memories.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Currier's pictures appear on the center-fold pages of this issue of the Bulletin)

Grant Brown, 1265 Valley View Avenue, Pasadena, California 91107 — 69th Q.M.: Thank you for the prompt reply to my request for 69th Reunion information, and participation by 69th Q.M. personnel. I knew **Victor Woo** very well. We were both Truck Drivers in the 2nd Platoon. Our Platoon Sergeant was **John Ripley**. Do you have his address? Are **Col. David Small**, **Lt. Elmer Curry**, and **Jack Sieburg** on your list? I have current addresses for these 69th Q.M. men: **Norm Clark**, **Paul Fairless**, **George Noah**, **Mike Poe**, **Joe Smiderle**, and **Stan Thorne**.

I plan to be at the Reunion for several events: PX Beer Party and the Banquet. See you there.

(Editor's Note: The above six men were all new to our Roster. Their addresses appear in the column, "New Members Relocated").

Mrs. Ruth Clarke, Route No. 1, Box 298-A, Kaufman, Texas 75142 — Widow - H-272nd: I received the Bulletin and noticed pictures of the various Companies. Do you have a picture of H-Company 272nd? If not, I have one that the 69th Association can have. Bill had two made, one for his Mother and one for me. My son, Eric, has mine, and I would like very much for the 69th to have Mothers.

I am thinking about coming to the Reunion at Scottsdale, and I can bring the picture then. I hadn't realized that the activation of the 69th was 40 years old until I thought of Bill's induction which was on May 8 — Mother's Day. He was in the Cadre at Camp Shelby.

I hope some of the Pittsburgh 69'ers will be at the Reunion, so that if I do come I will know someone.

Ray Wallpe, 302 W. George Street, Batesville, Indiana 47006 — Hq. 2nd Bn. 272nd: I became interested in joining the organization when I saw the names of two Officers from our Company in Bulletin Volume 36 No. 2. They were **Earl Crea** and **Ralph Cottengim**. I also remember **Arthur Weidel**.

I am now retired from my rural letter carrier work, and have been elected to the Assessor-Trustee Office of my Township.

I would like to hear from anyone in the Company, and if they know where some of the other men are located. Does anyone know anything of the bald headed man in front row of our picture, **Silberstein**, by name. He was one of the greatest. For reference as to who **Ray Wallpe** is, refer to our Company picture on page 148 in the "History of the 272nd Infantry." I am in the second row, from the right the T5 standing behind the Staff Sergeant whom I believe is **John Busch**.

Kenneth R. Backus, 1013 E. Thompson, Taylorville, Illinois 62568 — Recon 661st: Picking up a V.F.W. Magazine for the first time in over 30 years I note an announcement concerning a Reunion for the 69th, 661st and 777th. I have never attended one and am very interested. Will you send any information that you can to me so that I may give it very serious consideration.

Charles V. Calderone, 419 Eason Place, Monroe, Louisiana 71201 — C-879th: In October of 1942, I was inducted into the Army, and assigned to the 96th Infantry Division in Camp Adair, Oregon. After several months I was selected as a Cadre member to help form the 69th Infantry Division at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. I served with the 69th until the date of my discharge, January 12, 1946.

I had no idea that an Association existed. I would appreciate information on membership to the Association and any information on the History of the 69th, if possible.

My duty assignment with the 69th was Communication Sergeant with C-Battery of the 879th Field Artillery.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Calderone is a Supervisor in the Monroe, Louisiana, Post Office and learned of us from our request of information from him).

Hubert Tibbs, 1771 Piercy Drive Akron, Ohio 44312 — Hq. Divarty: Enclosed is check for 1983 dues. I am a former 69'er, Hq. Battery Division Artillery.

I received a letter from **Charlie Chapman** of Springfield, Virginia, who located my address. I also have received the Bulletin. I am pleased to be in touch with the 69th again, and want to continue receiving the Bulletin.

Won't be able to attend the Reunion in Arizona, but plan on the one in Orlando.

Come join us in "Ohio's Little Switzerland" for the Tri-State Groups August 24 to 28 Get-Together.

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THE AUXILIARY'S PAGE

by — Dottie Witzleb

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FIGHTING 69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION LADIES' AUXILIARY OFFICERS — 1983-1984

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Edward Netta writes that again he will not be able to attend our Reunion as was the case last year in Milwaukee. Ed and Vicky run their own greenhouse in Elizabeth, New Jersey, and during one of his deliveries he was involved in a van-car accident. He says he still has trouble with his hand, arm and leg, and Vicky is handling the business, at present. Those of you who want to send a note or card can do so by writing **Ed and Vicky Netta**, 608 4th Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07202.

Letter from Charles E. Hoefer, R.D. No. 1, Box 489, Red Hook, New York 12571:

Cannot attend the Scottsdale Reunion this year, but am hoping to make the next Reunion. Am taking six month off for the purpose of getting two new knees! Had the first just a month ago, and it looks like it will be another two months before I'll be able to get the second one. It looks like it will be a mess, but will take time. Well enough for now. Hope the 69th has a wonderful Reunion.

(Dottie's Note: I'm sure Mr. Hoefer would appreciate a card or note from members of D-Company - 273rd Infantry).

Since I really have no Ladies' news to write about, I thought I would share some letters which Earl has received — hoping that they would be of interest to a lot of us. **Sammy Woolf** will be interested in the one from **Leslie Ainley**. More members should try for Scholarship Awards for their children, as the Scholarship Committee are constantly looking for applicants, and if you should apply for one be certain to follow through with the necessary forms.

Letter from Danny Rubinstein, 17 Pine Drive, N., Roslyn, New York 11576 — 569th Sig. Co.:

I recently was looking at a Veteran's magazine and to my complete and pleasant surprise — I learned of the existence of a 69th Division Association. Through the kindness of Clarence Marshall, who typed a complete Roster of the 569th Signal Company for me, I was able to contact some Old Buddies, and bring back some beautiful and nostalgic feelings.

Since I joined the 569th at its inception in May 1943, and left for the Pacific in August 1944 — I would like to find out if there are any "original members" around. Names like **Julie Tivson**, **Sgt. Stiles** and **Sgt. Jankowski** come to mind.

Will try to see you all in Orlando, Florida, next year. Best wishes to all.

Letter from William Goodheim, 1095 Decker Street, Kingston, New York 12401:

I really appreciate the fine work that you and your devoted staff have done over the years for the 69th Division Association through the Bulletin.

On page 21 of Volume 36 No.1 (September-December 1982) is a picture of one of my Old Buddies whom I haven't seen in thirty-eight years. He is **Walt Bickel**, a former Sergeant of the Mortar Squad in E-Company - 272nd Regiment. Last I knew, he lived near Reading, Pennsylvania. I thought he looked just great in the picture taken in Milwaukee. Would you please send me his address?

I keep in contact with **Bob Greek**, E-272nd of Monpelier, Ohio, and he too saw Bickel's photo and was interested in writing to Walt.

If your Roster is on a computer or otherwise easily retrievable, I would appreciate the names and address of all E-Company - 272nd Veterans.

I would like to add my name to the list of guys who feel the immense loss, at the passing of **Loar Quickle**. He was a very friendly and gracious gentleman who was deeply dedicated to our organization.

We look forward to the May 1983 Reunion, and hope to try to attend.

Good health and best of luck!

Letter from Leslie Ainley:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the extra copies of the Bulletin which I received.

The copies come in handy as I am proud of my Scholarship Award and I am showing the article to everyone possible.

This semester, at Purdue, I have been extremely busy with the organizations that I am involved with and also with trying to keep up my grade point average of 5.8 which I earned last semester. (On a scale of 6.0).

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and I am looking forward to communicating with the 69th Division next year.



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Scholarship News



Sammy Woolf

by Sammy Woolf
Scholarship Chairman
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Scholarship Chairman, Sammy Woolf, called the Scholarship Committee Meeting to order shortly after 2:00 P.M., saying that he had sent out fifteen applications, and that only one-third of the applicants followed through with filling in the application forms and returning these sheets. Any senior student (boy or girl) could complete these forms, along with the high school information needed, within a couple hours. So, high school sons and daughters of a 69th member, start thinking about a Scholarship Award before it is too late.

The Division Association is now giving \$250.00 a year, or a total of \$1,000.00 over a four year period, to the awardee for a school of higher education. Make sure the parent member is in good standing with the Division Association, by having his dues paid for at least the last two years, and continues to do so as long as the student is in college or school of higher education.

Two awards were given and were announced at the 1983 Annual Reunion in Scottsdale, Arizona, at the Mountain Shadows Marriott Inn Resort, this past May.

Those attending the meeting were:

President and Mrs. Walter Doernbach from Egg Harbor, New Jersey

Scholarship Chairman and Mrs. Sam Woolf from Scarsdale, New York.

Past President and Mrs. William Matlach from West Islip, New York.

Secretary and Mrs. Frank Nemeth from Levittown, Pennsylvania.

Treasurer and Mrs. Earl E. Witzleb, Jr. from Acme and Champion, Pennsylvania.

A discussion followed on the lack of interest shown from Past Presidents over the past few years, as some important business needs to be discussed soon at a Scholarship Meeting. Those Past Presidents not in attendance even though some mailed letters stating their reason for being absent were:

FROM THE EAST — Past Presidents: Sherman Lawrence, Harold Starry, Albert Carbonair, Stanley Olszewski and John J. Moriarty.

FROM THE SOUTH — Past Presidents: Clifford E. Ewing, Cyril Baron and George Phillips.

FROM THE WEST — Past Presidents: Murry Galuten and Robert Myers.

Sammy states he is still interested in knowing how many more young teenagers we have who will be interested in future years, and would be applying for a Scholarship Award. He would like the parent to write him at the above address giving the name of their son or daughter and the year they will

graduate from high school. For those becoming seniors this September 1983, it's time to get serious and apply for a Scholarship Award which will be awarded at the Orlando, Florida, Reunion in 1984. Write to the above address.

The three hour meeting adjourned shortly after 5:00 P.M. with all those in attendance saying they will be in Arizona for the Reunion.

Photo . . . Brief History of Your WW II Ship May Be Available

Some of the best mementos of military service are photographs of ships involved in sea-lifting, according to Bill Miller, who served on the USS Pawnee in WW II. Miller has spent many years collecting negatives of troop ships, including Navy transports, LST's (large, slow targets), Libertys, and Victory Ships. Miller's firm, Troopship Photos, also has pictures of British, Dutch, French, and U.S. ocean liners used as troop carriers.

Can't remember your ship? Troopship Photos will help Veterans determine the name, given some information as to where served, when, and in what operation, or failing that, Troopship Photos will give you an idea of which ships took part in a specific operation.

For information, write Troopships Photos, Box 11311, Arlington, Virginia 22211. Miller will send a free brochure on how to obtain 8" x 10" photos and histories.

An Article of Interest For Former POW's

The American Ex-Prisoner-of-War Association is seeking all former POW's for membership in our National Association. We have been instrumental in getting the POW Bill made into law, and this legislation has re-opened the door for many Veterans who have previously had their claims for Service-connected Disability and/or compensation disallowed. For the location of the Chapter nearest to you, please contact: Bill Menninger, 5009 N. La Madera Avenue, El Monte, California 91732.

CORRECTION

In the last issue of our News Bulletin, Volume 36 No. 2, on page 28, in the caption under the picture "Connors Second," we inadvertently omitted the name of Sgt. Joe Mannelli. We are very sorry that this happened.

LADIES' AUXILIARY (Continued from Page 7)

In closing . . . Who is sleeping on Del Balzano's shoulder? The picture on the previous page was taken during the Milwaukee Reunion — was it taken at a time when we were on a Tour, or was it on the way back from the theater where we saw "Fanny." Yes, we all get tired and relax any chance we get, as a Reunion Week just goes too fast, with very little time to keep up on the sleep.

Dottie and Me



Earl and Dottie Witzleb, Jr.

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Our final issue of the Bulletin for the 1982-1983 Dues Year has arrived at your home. We hope that you enjoy the Bulletins. Now, Clarence Marshall and I look forward to again publishing another three issues of the Bulletin in the Dues Year of 1983-1984. It is and will be most important that all members send in Dues for the New Year beginning August 1, 1983, and ending July 31, 1984. The Dues Card for the New Dues Year will be White in color. I hope that all members will be able to pay Contributing Dues this year, as all services keep going up in price each year. I am thankful to those of you who did send checks over and above the Regular Dues amount. Thanks to you members who mailed me Contributing Dues of \$20.00, \$25.00, and a few \$50.00 checks. The extra money went to help defray the additional cost of postage.

Again we will send out, automatically through our Mailing Service — Two Dues Notice Envelopes (earlier this year, I hope). The First Dues Notice Envelope should be in the mail to members no later than September 1983, and the Second Dues Notice Envelope no later than the first week of January 1984. Please do not send me letters saying you have paid your Dues. If you paid your Dues at the Reunion — Forget the Two Envelopes — unless you want to send an extra contribution which are deductible for tax purposes. If you pay your Dues when you receive the First Dues Envelope — then Forget the Second Dues Notice Envelope. If you didn't pay your Dues until the Second Dues Notice Envelope, please may I request that you do so, as the Second Dues Notice response pays for the third edition of the Bulletin, which you receive each year. Do read the last line on the flap of a Dues Notice Envelope and maybe I will not get as many letters. It states "IF PAYMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE, PLEASE DISREGARD THIS NOTICE." To be sure that your cancelled check went through the Division Association Account, it should be stamped on the back as such!

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If you missed the 1983 Division Association's Annual Reunion at Mountain Shadows Marriott Inn Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona, I am sure you are now planning for the 1984 Hilton Inn Florida Center Division Association's Reunion on October 14-21. We will then have our 1985 Reunion in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and hopefully by the time you receive this Bulletin, a 1986 Reunion Site will be selected, possibly in the East. Any member can bid for a Reunion City in their area, but you must have a Reunion Committee of at least 10 member couples, and be near some airport services by at least two major airlines. Good access to major interstate highways for those driving is also helpful. You need not have your Reunion in August of a year, but it can vary a month or two either way, in which it will bring a better hotel/motel room price. We would like to keep under \$50.00 per day, as many of our members are now becoming retired and living on fixed incomes. In Florida, I am sure we will select a Reunion Site for 1987, and possibly 1988, so do get busy if you want your town to host a Reunion. We are getting older and Reunion years will soon be over, but we are pushing for one each year through 2000. How old will you be????? I'll be 74 — God Willing. Virginia, Wisconsin, Colorado, Tennessee, New York, Pennsylvania and California, if it doesn't go into the Pacific, would make good Reunion Site States. So get drumming up a Reunion in your state near a large city.

It was for this particular issue of the Bulletin that I suggested Units, Groups, or Chapters make announcements for holding Mini Banquets or Weekends, but only one took advantage of it. If you read on page 10 - first column - of the last Bulletin at the top one-third of the way down (April 30 Deadlines for material and pictures for Bulletin Volume 36 No. 3).

Tri-State Group composed of Western Pennsylvania, New York and Maryland, plus all of the states of Ohio and West Virginia, have made an announcement for its Half-Week August Get-Together on August 24 to 28, in New Philadelphia, Ohio, at the Holiday Inn. Hope to see all of you there who couldn't make the Division Reunion in Arizona. It's a long way until October 1984, when we will once again meet in Orlando, Florida. Frank Nemeth of the Engineers — under

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Midwest Journal

Ex-Soldier Who Fought For Peace Ready to Rest

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 1983

By Andrew H. Malcolm

Special to The New York Times



When American and Russian troops linked up at Elbe River 38 years ago, Private Joseph Polowsky of the United States Army, standing above, was among the first Americans to make contact.

CHICAGO, MAY 3 — Time is fast running out for Joseph Polowsky. But he is still trying to rekindle the kind of peaceful understanding he first encountered in a German lilac field littered with bodies.

Mr. Polowsky, now a 66-year-old retired cab driver here, was among a handful of Americans on a reconnaissance patrol near the Elbe River 38 years ago last week. They were the first Americans to encounter advance elements of the Soviet Army in the historic linkup that marked the end of organized resistance to the Allies in Hitler's Germany.

The joyous meeting amid wartime devastation was etched in the participants' minds. "We swore," he recalls, "we would dedicate our lives to furthering friendship between our countries so wars would never happen again."

Mr. Polowsky kept his promise. Over the years he has fired off an endless barrage of telegrams, letters, press releases and pleas to world leaders stressing how all countries need each other and how they need to halt the spread of nuclear weapons.

With a loan he managed to pay off recently, he even personally financed one of the reunions of the Russian and American soldiers who met near Torgau, in what is now East Germany

on April 25, 1945, the day the San Francisco conference that founded the United Nations began.

This year, as he has for the last 10, Mr. Polowsky held a personal vigil on that day by the Chicago River. But this will probably be his last. A few months ago he learned he has cancer and doctors told him he probably would not live beyond this summer.

So, this year he is trying to raise \$10,000 so that his family can take his body to be buried near that same German field he found so peaceful and happy nearly four decades ago.

Joseph Polowsky Wants America To Link Up With The Russians, Again . .

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Bill Stokes

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THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1983 — ALL OF HIS LIFE, Joseph Polowsky has fought for his dream. Now he wants to continue the struggle with his death.

Joe is a retired Chicago cab driver who lives with his wife and family on the Northwest Side of Chicago. His 66-year old body is cancer ridden, and he is dying. Doctors give him until summer.

He can accept that. What Joe can't accept is that the dream that obsessed him all of his adult life might die with him.

It is a grand dream, one that "great" men struggle to produce every day. Peace between the American and Russian people is the heart of it. The dream grew out of an April day back in 1945. That was the day when Joe and several other American soldiers were the first to link up with Russian troops as the bloody march of an agonizing war slogged to a halt.

It happened deep in Germany near the Elbe River, on a day when lilac blossoms were bursting out in the warm sunshine and weary old women soaked their feet in the cool water of the river.

JOE REMEMBERS the details because the tentacles of that day wrapped themselves around his bones and never let go.

"I have devoted my entire life to that day," Joe said. "I had to do it, I had to try to make people realize that the terrible sacrifice of the war should be remembered."

Because he could speak German, Joe was with a patrol that went ahead of established lines back on April 25, 1945, and encountered Russian soldiers on the other side of a tributary of the Elbe River. He and others crossed in a boat and walked among corpses near a blown bridge on their way to meet the Russians. He remembers that among the corpses was a dead little girl, holding onto her dead mother with one hand a doll with the other.

Once contact was made with the Russian soldiers there was a wild celebration with joyful tears, wine drinking, accordion music and singing, Joe said.

"Those of us there swore an oath that we would never forget one another," Joe said, "and that we would dedicate our lives to furthering friendship between our countries so that such a thing (war) would never happen again."

JOE TOOK THAT OATH so heart that it shaped his entire life. After the war and his return to Chicago, he traveled extensively, to New York and elsewhere, to try to get a resolution passed by the United Nations that would recognize the importance of the date.

Just as he felt some progress was being made, the Korean War broke out and dimmed his hopes. But he kept at it. Due

largely to his efforts, nine former soldiers, including Joe, visited Moscow in 1955, and were reunited with some of their Russian acquaintances from the Elbe River meeting.

"It was a tremendous experience," Joe said, "We cried tears of joy and had a very pleasant time."

Some money to finance the trip had been earned when Joe and others appeared on the "Strike It Rich" television show, but Joe also used what money he had or could borrow.

Joe continued his efforts on behalf of the "American Veterans of the Elbe River Link Up," and in 1958, seven Russian soldiers visited Washington, where a big dinner was held.

The dinner and other items cost a lot of money, and when it was all over, there was nobody but Joe to pay the bills, in spite of a news report by Eric Sevareid, in which the "plight of Polowsky" was discussed.

"After that newscast, a lot of people said they would help," Joe said, "but it all died down and no money came in."

Joe borrowed \$6,000 and paid the reunion expenses.

"I JUST GOT that loan paid off a little while ago," Joe said on a recent day as he sat in the living room of his modest apartment. His wife, Marie, looked at him as he spoke. She smiled and shook her head back and forth slowly. Her demeanor read as a combination of concern, sympathy and resignation.

Joe's obsessive dream has spilled over into the area of nuclear disarmament, and in recent years he has traveled to various places to try to exert his influence on its behalf. Several years ago he thought Israel had the key to worldwide disarmament and traveled there to try to talk to Menachem Begin. He found himself stranded and the U.S. State Department loaned him his travel fare home. As a result, his passport was confiscated and is being held until he can pay the \$900 it cost to get him back home.

Joe plans to stand his vigil on the Michigan Avenue bridge because the location symbolizes the place on the Elbe River where he and others met the Russians. He said that he wants to talk to people and explain about the importance of April 25.

AFTER HE DIES, Joe wants his body to be sent to Germany and buried near the meeting place on the Elbe River. There is a monument there, and when people visit it they can also visit his grave, Joe said.

He would like the members of his family to accompany his body to the burial, and he wants his funeral to begin with a Dostoevsky reading and conclude with Beethoven's 7th Symphony. On his headstone, along with an inscription, he wants a portrayal of shaking hands.

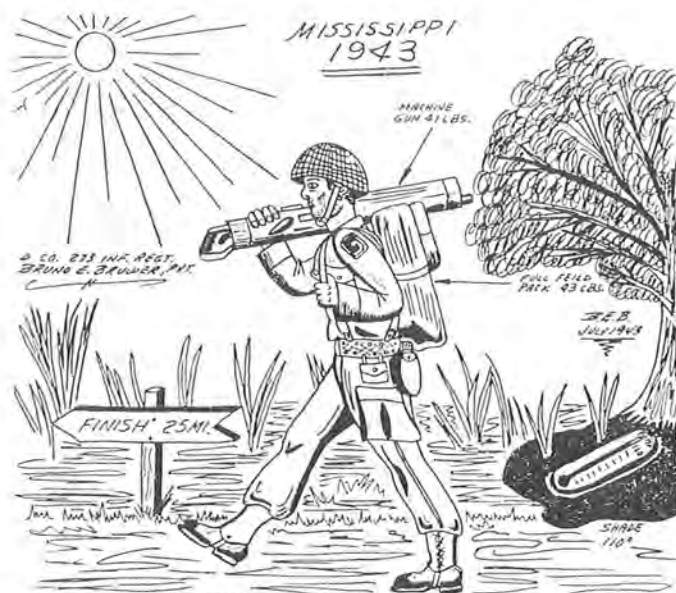
The Army, in a recent letter, commended Joe for his "participation in that historic event and your commitment to international reconciliation."

But the letter also said the government could not pay to have his "remains" nor his family transported to Germany after he dies.

If you see Joe up by Michigan Avenue bridge Monday, you might talk to him about that, too. He said he would be near the plaza in front of the Wrigley Building.

DOTTIE AND ME (Continued from Page 9)

their column has urged his members to meet in New Philadelphia, as many are from the Ohio surrounding states area. I am sure Bill Beswick, who hopefully will be in attendance, would like to see his 661st T.D. Members there also, especially if they missed their Reunion in Prescott and Scottsdale, Arizona. So shall I close my column this time by saying you are all invited to attend the Tri-State Get-Together in August.



OH, CAMP SHELBY WAS A HELL OF A PLACE TO BE
THE TEMPERATURE IN THE SHADE WAS 193
THERE WASN'T ANY WATER AND THERE WASN'T ANY GRASS
BUT THERE WAS PLENTY OF POISON IVY AND YOU
COULD SHOVE IT UP YOUR ---
SING GLORIOUS, SING GLORIOUS, ONE KEG OF BEER FOR THE
FOUR OF US,
GOT DRUNK LAST NIGHT, AND GOT DRUNK THE NIGHT BEFORE
GONNA GET DRUNK TONIGHT LIKE I NEVER GOT DRUNK BEFORE-

This sketch was drawn by Pvt. Bruno E. Bruwer in a memorable day of his Service Career. Now forty years later he is involved in a more important situation — that of trying to establish a claim with the Veteran's Administration, for injuries that he incurred while serving with the 69th. He feels that if he could get in contact with any of the men listed below, that they could help him. So, all of you readers out there, if you know how any of these men can be relocated, please contact National Headquarters.

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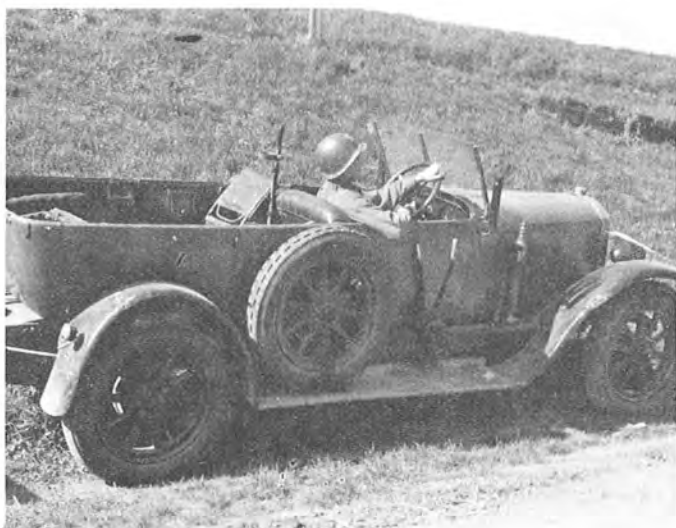
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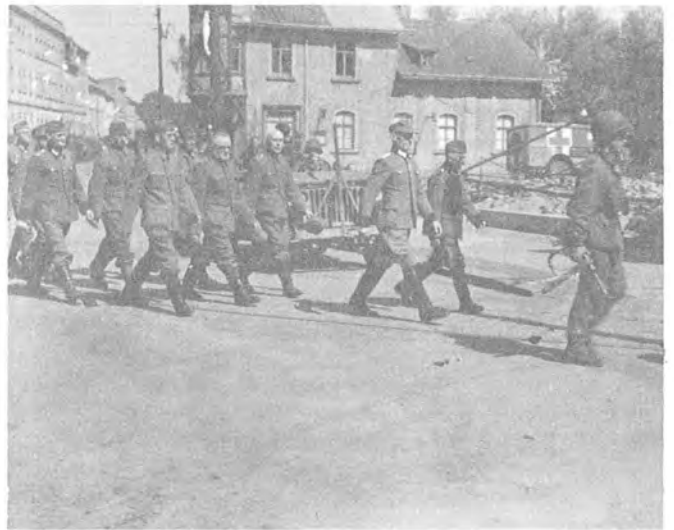
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Mail in your reservations for the package deal of your choice for the Tri-State Weekend to Robert Kurtzman, 610 West Maple Street, Wilmot, Ohio 44689.

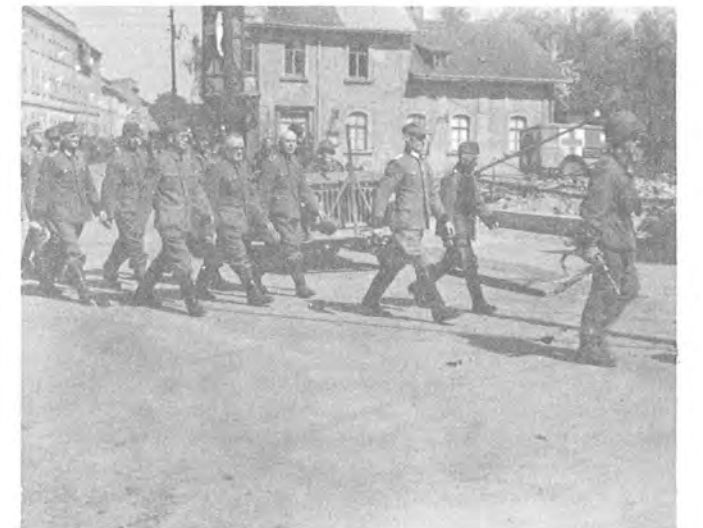
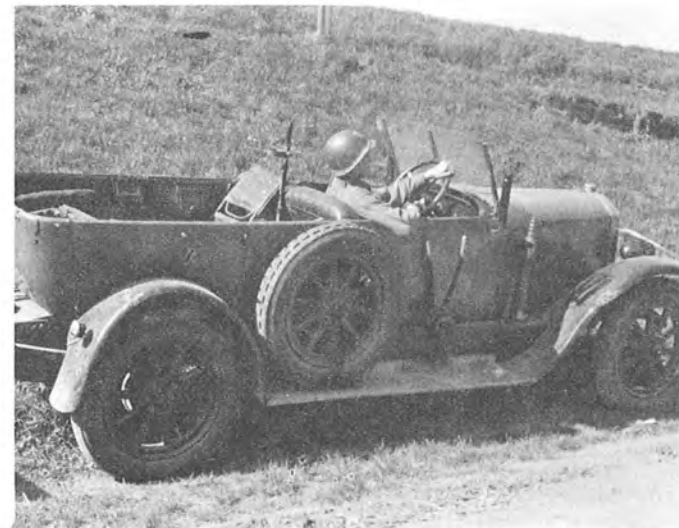
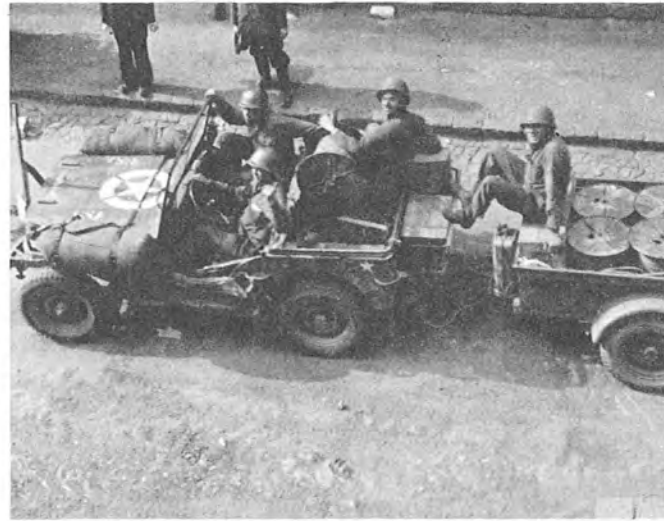
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GIFT SHOP CORNER



Bill and Reba Sheavly

Souvenirs

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

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

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

Send your order to:

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

ITEMS:

- 69th Bumper Decal, size 3-1/2" x 5" (Waterproof)
(Identify you as a member of the 69th).
Mailed Post Paid Two for \$1.00
- 1982-1983 Pocket Secretary, with 69th Decal
(Place for appointments, birthdays, anniversaries).
Mailed Post Paid \$2.50 Each
- Chrome Zippo Lighter with 69th Emblem
(Your choice either men's or ladies' while they last).
Mailed Post Paid \$8.00 Each
- Tote Bag, 12" wide, 15" deep, side pocket, zipper top.
(A real popular item at Milwaukee Reunion).
Mailed Post Paid \$10.00 Each
- Necklace, silver or gold filled,
large 69th Emblem, 18" long
Mailed Post Paid \$9.50 Each
- Stick pin, silver or gold filled
(A nice gift for the ladies' of the 69th).
Mailed Post Paid \$6.00 Each
- Small Lapel Pin
Mailed Post Paid \$5.50
- Large Lapel Pin — Screw Back
Mailed Post Paid \$6.00
- Keytainer — Red vinyl with chain for attaching keys
— just squeeze to open
Mailed Post Paid \$2.00
- Ladies' Slim Zippo Lighter
Mailed Post Paid \$8.00
- 69th Necklace with gold filled chain
Mailed Post Paid \$8.50
- Bracelet with 69th Charm, assorted chain patterns
Mailed Post Paid \$9.50

WHEN ORDERING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS —
SEND TO:

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

ITEMS:

- Adjustable Hats (Both Blue Backing and
Red Backing) \$ 5.00
- Small, Medium, and Large Plackets 9.00
- Extra Large Plackets 11.00
- Extra, Extra Large Plackets 11.00
- Extra, Extra, Extra Large Plackets
(Not Available)
- Children's T-Shirt (Small, Medium, Large) 5.00
- Adult T-Shirts
(Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large) 6.00
- Umbrellas (Golf Size)
(Not Available)
- Golf Towels 5.00
- License Plates (Made of Aluminum) 4.00
- Large 69th Division Decals (Each)50
- Small 69th Division Decals (Each)25

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

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

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

WHEN ORDERING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS —
SEND ORDER TO:

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

ITEM:

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

NOTE: All items will be available at all Division Association Reunions — The next Reunion October 14-21, 1984, at the Hilton Inn Florida Center, Orlando, Florida.



1. Stick Pin — Silver or Gold Filled
2. Small Lapel Pin
3. Large Lapel Pin — Screw Back
4. Keytainer — Red Vinyl with Chain for
attaching keys — just squeeze to open
5. Men's Zippo Lighter
6. 2 Year Pocket Secretary
7. Ladies Slim Zippo Lighter
8. 69th Necklace with Gold Filled Chain
9. Bracelet with 69th Charm
Assorted Chain Patterns

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 codes), dates, location, and anything else that you feel might be of interest for the outfit to know. This may also bring a few new faces, or two, to your group.

AUGUST 18, 19, 20, 21, 1983

C-Battery, 880th Field Artillery
Sheraton Inn
 Route 30 (East at Westmoreland Mall)
 Greensburg, Pennsylvania

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

Lowell McFarlin
 89 North High Street
 Jeromesville, Ohio 44840
 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

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

COMMITTEE:

Noble P. and Rosemary Casey
 1094 Himelright Boulevard
 Akron, Ohio 44320
 Telephone: 216/867-7993

Robert and Jean Shaffer
 916 Pheasant Grove, N.W.
 Massillon, Ohio 44646
 Telephone: 216/837-8662

Homer D. Rager
 2469 28th Street, S.W.
 Akron, Ohio 44314
 Telephone: 216/745-8440

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

SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18, 1983

69th Recon Troops
Baltimore, Maryland

Robert "Box" Steward, Co-Chairman
 16422 Pearce Road
 Monkton, Maryland 21111

Nick Sins, Co-Chairman
 1927 Drummond Road
 Baltimore, Maryland 21228

OCTOBER 22, 23, 1983

Central Florida Chapter
 (Great Southern - Rebel Yankee Chapter)
 (States of Florida, Georgia and Mississippi)
Hilton Inn Florida Center
 7400 International Drive
 Orlando, Florida 32809
 Telephone: 305/351-4600

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

Al Faison
 428 Sparrow Drive
 Satellite Beach, Florida 32937
 Telephone: 305/773-7250

SEPTEMBER 20, 21, 22, 1984

461st AAA Battery B (Battery A)
East Coast Reunion
Erie, Pennsylvania

Larry W. Brown, Chairman
 538 Burns Avenue
 Clarkston, Washington 99403
 Telephone: (Next Issue)

OCTOBER 14-21, 1984

69th Infantry Division Association Annual Reunion
Hilton Inn Florida Center
 7400 International Drive
 Orlando, Florida 32809
 Telephone: 305/351-4600
 (The Land Of Disney World — In Sunny Florida)

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

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

OCTOBER 14-21, 1984

Battery-C, 724th Field Artillery
Orlando, Florida
 (To be held in conjunction with
 69th Infantry Division Association Annual Reunion)

Vernon E. Tritch, Jr.
 3259 Foxiana Road
 Middletown, Pennsylvania 17057
 Telephone: 717/944-9080

John W. Turner
 2148 East Lake Road, N.E.
 Atlanta, Georgia 30307
 Telephone: 404/378-3543

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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 events. 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).

Tri-State Group

THE FAMILY GROUP

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

Earl and Dottie Witzleb, Jr.

R.D. No. 1, Box 477

Acme, Pennsylvania 15610

Telephone: 412/455-2901

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

TRI-STATE GROUP AUGUST WEEKEND

AUGUST 24 to 28, 1983

Holiday Inn

Interstate 77 and Ohio Route 250

New Philadelphia, Ohio

Departure times will be
posted on the Hospitality
Room Bulletin Board

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE AND REMIT TO:

Robert J. Kurtzman, *Chairman*

610 West Maple Street

Wilmot, Ohio 44689

Telephone: 216/359-5487

The Tri-State Group invites you, your lovely lady, family and guests to our Annual Spring - Fall Weekend on August 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28, 1983, at the HOLIDAY INN, 131 Bluebell Drive, S.W., New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663. Located just off Interstate 77 at Ohio Route 250.

Our Program begins on Wednesday, August 24 and continues to Sunday, August 28, 1983.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24 — (Four night package and all the following).

This is the day we drive or fly to New Philadelphia, Ohio. After getting settled, visit the Hospitality Room which will be open at all times. Captain Casey and Coca Cola furnishing the mixes says "bring your favorite bottle and add it to our bar." A planned motorcade to the Amish Door Restaurant for a family style dinner will start off the evening. This is not included in the package and will cost roughly \$8.00 per person. Departure time 6:00 P.M. — **BE THERE!!**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25 — (Three night package and all the following).

Local sightseeing motorcade. We will visit Warthens Carvings, Endres Floral Company, Schoenbrunn Village Memorial, and/or Zoar Village and Ft. Laurens State Memorial. At days end we will go to an Evening Buffet, and "Trumpet In The Land," an outdoor theater play.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26 — (Two night package and all the following).

Bus Tour thru Amish County with stops at Bunker Hill Cheese Company, Quilt Shop, Lunch at Der Dutchman Restaurant, Der Candlemaker, The Alpine Hills Historical Museum, and Breitenbach Winery.

Evening on your own. Rest time in the Hospitality Room.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27 — (One night package and the following)

Local Tours for those who missed Thursday's Tour. Visit the "Football Hall Of Fame." Afternoon General Meeting. Hospitality Room — 2:00 P.M.

Evening Banquet with entertainment.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28 — (End Of Package).

Breakfast Buffet. Time to be posted in Hospitality Room.

Goodby's and check-out time. Have a safe trip home. See you in May 1984, at beautiful Bedford, Pennsylvania, in the mountains and then down south in Orlando, Florida, at the Hilton Inn Florida Center, October 14 to 21, 1984.

PLEASE NOTE — The package starts in the evening of a particular day, that is a two night package starts Friday evening, all day Saturday and Sunday. If you want to go on the Friday Bus Tour, lasting most of the day, you'll need a three night package for two, or one.

If you want to fly come into Greater Pittsburgh Airport and rent a car. Then come on over to New Philadelphia, Ohio. You may also get a flight to Akron, Ohio, Airport, rent a car and come on down. A possible pick-up may be possible if a committee member is available.

This is a good half-week of fun and social relaxing for those of you 69'ers who were unable to attend the Division Association Annual Reunion at Mountain Shadows Marriott Inn Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona, last May. It's a long time until October 1984, when we see you in Florida at the Hilton Inn Florida Center. So come, join us and have a ball with your lovely wife, family and guests.

Once again, it's time to tell all Tri-Staters and 69th members, if you are over 55 years of age you should get an AARP card. For details check at the Hospitality Room.

Noble Casey will have the Hospitality Room open at all times, from Wednesday afternoon thru Sunday noon. I am sure he will get a lot of help from our one and only great bartender, Adam Manz. Clarence Marshall will be around too, looking for new members or changes of address for the Division Association.

NOW HEAR THIS — How would you like your Weekend paid for. Well this can happen to you, or you, or you, or you, or you. We will be selling Raffle Tickets in the Hospitality Room from Wednesday thru Saturday. At the Banquet, Saturday evening, some lucky single, or some lucky couple will go home with a **WEEKEND PAID FOR**, so that you can use that money as a start to get you to the Hilton Inn Florida Center, Orlando, Florida, October 14-21, 1984. Isn't that nice of the Tri-State Group — "The Family Group?"

So You Better — Cut Here — And Mail

TRI-STATE GET-TOGETHER at HOLIDAY INN, NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO 44663

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Robert J. Kurtzman, 610 West Maple Street, Wilmot, Ohio 44689 — Telephone: 216/359-5487

Dear Bob: Please reserve the following package for:

Name _____ Wife _____
Street Address _____ Unit _____
R.D. and Box _____ Area Code _____
City/State/Zip _____ Telephone _____
Number In Party _____
Guest(s) _____

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| Four Night Package For TWO | — \$260.00 <input type="checkbox"/> | For ONE — \$180.00 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Three Night Package For TWO | — \$225.00 <input type="checkbox"/> | For ONE — \$150.00 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Two Night Package For TWO | — \$130.00 <input type="checkbox"/> | For ONE — \$ 90.00 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| One Night Package For TWO | — \$ 90.00 <input type="checkbox"/> | For ONE — \$ 60.00 <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please Make _____ Reservation(s) for Wednesday Dinner, NOT Included In Package.

For those of you living locally who only want to attend the Saturday Night Banquet and entertainment, you may do so by filling in the following and mailing to Robert Kurtzman, 610 West Maple Street, Wilmot, Ohio 44689.

I/We want to attend the Saturday Night Banquet at \$19.00 per person \$ _____

Cut Here — And Mail Above

Might also say that our Banquet will feature Prime Rib and the works. Bob says he'll have a surprise for Dottie, and let me tell you a secret — His surprise is that she'll get a nice dinner of fish. For some of you who would rather have fish, why don't you ask Bob to get you the same when mailing in your reservation.

You must mail in your check when sending in your reservation to Bob Kurtzman and he'll take it from there. Reservations must be made by August 8, 1983, to assure availability of a seat on the bus(s), and room blockage. You need not send for a Room Reservation. Bob does that, so leave it to him. Just come to New Philadelphia, Ohio, August 24 to 28, 1983, but don't come too late on the 28th. HAW! HAW!

Looking ahead to 1984, Tri-State will have their Weekend early in May or June, due to the October Division Association Annual Reunion in Orlando, Florida, at the Hilton Inn Florida Center. We will meet in the mountains of Pennsylvania at Bedford where we hope to make another try for a "Joint Weekend" with the Central Pennsylvania Branch out of the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, area. Likewise in 1985, we will meet early in May or June, near Sea World (Cleveland, Ohio) due to the late September-October Reunion of the Division at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Once again, we invite all 69'ers to come to our August Weekend, especially if you missed the Reunion at Mountain Shadows in Scottsdale, Arizona. We invite our neighboring states of Virginia, Kentucky and Indiana, to take note as New Philadelphia, Ohio, isn't all that far away. Look at a map and you'll see it on Interstate 77 in Ohio, not to far north off of Interstate 70. So come on you BBB's from Indianapolis, Ft. Wayne, Louisville, Frankfort, Lexington, Roanoke, Lynchburg, Winchester, Richmond, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, Erie, Cleveland, Toledo, and all towns across this country —including Columbus. So let's see you in August, the cost is right.

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TRI-STATE WEEK END

AUGUST 24 to 28, 1983 — HOLIDAY INN — NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO

269th Engineers

Frank Nemeth

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

Maybe no news is good news, but I did receive some good news lately! I got a nice letter from **Ed Reeber** who now lives in Lake Placid, Florida, and really enjoys being retired. He is waiting for the 69th Division Reunion when it comes to Orlando, in 1984. It will be good to see Ed again after almost 40 years. I'm sure we'll see a lot of new faces of guys who have moved to Florida, from the Engineers over the past years.

Received a phone call from **Pete Fox**, who lives in Littleton, West Virginia — don't look on a map for it, maybe my maps are just old! It was good to hear from Pete and to hear he is doing well. He hopes to make it to a Reunion in the future, sure hope so. I get a lot of questions asked about **Pete Fox** and **Oakie Eagle**, I guess because they were really "big boys", next to us 135 pounders.

Would also like to say "Thank You" to **Jim Sears (Bill)** for all the photos he gave me for our album, some really good ones of a few guys which I didn't have before.

So, if you can, try and make it to the Tri-State Fall Weekend in New Philadelphia, Ohio, on August 24 to 28 — check the Bulletin for details. I'm sure the Engineers will have a nice turn out, since we have many men in that area!

Remember, if you have any old addresses of 269th Engineers send them to me and I'll try to run them down — OK!

I received a request from a young man who would like photos of German aircraft from World War II, even shot down planes, or any other photos you might have taken. All photos will be returned to the sender. Send photos to me or **Carl Hildebrandt**, 723 Hildebrandt Road, R.D. No. 1, Box 371-A, Perkiomenville, Pennsylvania 18074

So, until I see you take care, hope to see you in August in Ohio.

Central Florida Chapter

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

1984 Reunion In Sunny Florida "The Land of Disney World"

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

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

"MEMO TO ALL SIXTY-NINER'S" . . . And, especially to those living in the deep south, or anywhere else; we are planning a meeting in Orlando, Florida, Saturday, October 22, 1983,

at the **HILTON INN FLORIDA CENTER**, on International Drive.

We want to invite all the folks from Florida, South Georgia, and any others who would like to come.

We will have a meeting room at the Hilton available at 1:00 P.M., the 22nd, and that evening we hope to have dinner at the famous "ROSIE O'GRADY'S" at Church Street Station, where the food and the show are outstanding. For those of you who come from out of town, or state, The Hilton will give us a rate of forty dollars (\$40.00) a night. For folks who have not seen the new Disney EPCOT Center, Sunday would be a good day to see it because the crowds are considerably smaller then. Of course Sea World and Disney World are also only a few minutes driving time from the Hilton.

We hope enough of you will show up so that we can plan one or two such meetings a year, not necessarily in the same location, and possibly start a Chapter or Group for continued socializing and good fellowship. We have already heard from **Charles Lucente** in Miami. Charlie, why don't you telephone **Charlie Kooles**, **Arthur Toro, Jr.**, **John E. Moore**, **George D. Stephens**, and **John Wolonick**, all of Miami, and encourage them and their wives to attend. **Bill McLoughlin** in Sanford, we know you will come . . . why don't you call **Phil Kirchain** and encourage him. We know **George Gallagher**, **Stanley Auk** and **Ray Walthoff** from Tampa - St. Pete Area will get in touch with as many in their area as they can.

Now, if some of you folks up in Georgia, like **Jefferies McChessney** in Atlanta, **Sam Rhodes** in Macon, **Bill Muller** in Savannah, would write **Clarence Marshall** he will furnish you the names and addresses of other members in your area that you could easily contact by telephone. Just think, we might just start us a "REBEL CHAPTER", even if some of you were "DAMN YANKEES" at some time in the past!

FOR RESERVATIONS WRITE:

Hilton Inn Florida Center
7400 International Drive
Orlando, Florida 32809
Telephone: 305/351-4600

A deposit of \$40.00 will assure your reservation, but be sure to mention you are from the 69th Division.

It would be helpful if you plan to meet with us to drop a card to:

Jim Harvey
3914 Pintail Court
Orlando, Florida 32807

You folks in the Orlando area call Jim at 275-6629, so that we will have an idea how many to plan for. People in the Cocoa Beach-Melbourne area call **Al Faison** at 773-7250.

For those of you who have not been attending the Reunions, may I suggest that you make a special effort to come to this meeting because I am convinced you will be pleasantly surprised at the comradery and genuine friendship of these Old Sixty-Niner's, and their lovely wives.

Al Faison

461st AAA Battery B

Larry W. Brown
538 Burns Avenue
Clarkston, Washington 99403
Telephone: (Next issue)

It is too late to tell you about our West Coast Reunion, June 15th to 19th, 1983, at the Thunderbird Motor Inn at

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Jantzen Beach, Portland, Oregon, but I'll send you a write-up on the event for a future issue of the Bulletin.

Our East Coast Reunion was held September 17th through 19th, 1982, at Allentown, Pennsylvania. We had 15 members of Battery-A attend this Reunion, along with 73 from Battery-B.

Our next East Coast Reunion will be held in Erie, Pennsylvania, September 20, 21 and 22, 1984.

Earl, I'll send you information on this as I am informed.

(Editor's Note: Larry, I would like to have your telephone number, so send it to me when writing me next. We only have addresses from your Battery-B, so if you have the names and addresses from Battery-A, we sure would like to have them.)

We invite all 461st AAA Members to join us at the Division Association Annual Reunion. The next Annual Reunion will be held in Orlando, Florida on October 14 to 21, 1984, and our 1985 Reunion will be at Atlantic City, New Jersey. Please remind your members to pay Association Dues, either Regular or Contributory, to keep these Bulletins coming to each and every one. Ladies' Auxiliary Dues are \$2.00 per year. I believe your members are able to apply for our Scholarship Awards, should they want to apply. Write to our Scholarship Chairman, Sammy Woolf, for details. His address can be found under the article "Scholarship News."

Company-I 272nd Infantry

Company-I held a Mini Reunion this past March, at the Haltiwangers in Jacksonville, Florida. They discussed plans for attending the Association Reunion at Mountain Shadows, Scottsdale, Arizona, and the Tri-State Get-Together, in New Philadelphia, Ohio. They hope to be in full force at both affairs.

Those attending came from four different states. Bob and Vivian Kurtzman went on to visit with our Vice-President and his wife, George and Vicky Gallagher at Spanish Trails, Zephyrhills, Florida.



(Left to Right): Wendell and Sally Freeman of Lawrenceville, Georgia; Bob and Vivian Kurtzman of Wilmot, Ohio; Pat and Jan Lushbaugh of Funkstown, Maryland; Dennie and Elsie Haltiwanger of Jacksonville, Florida..

You don't want to miss the Tri-State Get-Together August 24 to 28, 1983.



(Left to Right): Wendell Freeman, Dennie Haltiwanger, Bob Kurtzman and Pat Lushbaugh.

Company- F 272nd Infantry Regiment



(Left to Right): Frank Castaldo, Francis Fournier, Joe Nunes, Bill Lilien, Neil Shields, Jim Henry, Herb Callaway.

Printing on Afgan reads: F-Company 272nd Infantry Regiment, Capt. H. Callaway, Commanding Officer.

Afgan was made by the daughter of Frank Castaldo and presented to Herb Callaway at the Boston Reunion.

MOVING

Please print your new address below:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please send this form and your old address label to National Headquarters, 101 Stephen Street, New Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068.

Please allow six weeks advance notice.

69th Division Headquarters

Two pictures that might interest members of Headquarters hopefully can make one of your Bulletins. The names listed are those on the pictures but not in order. I wonder how many can find themselves.



69th DIVISION HEADQUARTERS
28 MAY, 1945, NAUNHOF, GERMANY

C. J. Benson, F. W. Bell, Charles W. Argenbright, Archie H. Brooks, Charles J. Derganc, M. D. Bradley, Anthony Christian, Jim Reed, William C. Young, John J. Bernero, Adam Manz, Roger S. Lund, David P. Johnson, Robert J. Hinman, Donald Davis, John W. Raymond, John J. Speranza, Truman R. Riley, Henry E. Dennis.



69th DIVISION HEADQUARTERS
28 MAY, 1945, NAUNHOF, GERMANY

Roger S. Lund, Irwin Winehouse, William C. Young, Anthony D. Christian, Charles J. Derganc, Jim Reed, John J. Speranza, C. W. Argenbright, Robert J. Hinman, Frederick W. Bell, Donald Davis, Archie H. Brooks, Carl J. Benson, John W. Raymond, Henry E. Dennis, Truman R. Riley, David P. Johnson.

I was assigned to the small unit of **Captain H. E. Mahoney, Roger S. Lund, Ronald F. Ball and John Raymond**, writes **Albert B. Lewis**, 6305 Berkman Drive, Austin, Texas 78723.

I noted in the last issue of the Bulletin that **Ronald F. Ball** now is deceased 1974, and **Roger S. Lund** is also deceased.

If you have information on **Captain Mahoney** and **John Raymond** will you please provide me with it.

(Editor's Note: I'll get Clarence Marshall to write you as he is a member of Division Headquarters).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (Continued from Page 15)

SEPTEMBER — OCTOBER, 1985

69th Infantry Division Association Annual Reunion Resorts Inc.

Atlantic City, New Jersey

(Official location will be listed in next Bulletin)

Walter and Ann Doernbach, Chairpersons

128 South Cincinnati Avenue

South Egg Harbor, New Jersey 08215

Telephone: 609/965-1074

(Members living in New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Eastern Pennsylvania willing to work on this committee call the above number).

FORMER MEMBERS (Continued from Page 6)

Lewis Tenney — D-273rd

2770 18th Street, Columbus, Indiana 47201

Robert Andrew — H-273rd

134 Madison Avenue, Warminster, Pennsylvania 18974

Arthur G. C. Yip — D-272nd

P.O. Box 306, Leesburgh, New Jersey 08327

Hurley Dawes — K-273rd

2239 Dixie Avenue, Paducah, Kentucky 42001

Philip Denninghoff —

634 Hermitage Street, San Jose, California 95134

John McCann — C-777th

39 Mayflower Road, Woburn, Massachusetts 01801

James DiTomaso — A-272nd

15620 N. 25th Avenue, No. A-102, Phoenix, Arizona 85023

George Allen — B-269th

1884 S. W. Binny Street, Palm Bay, Florida 32905

Grover King — F-271st

4312 S. Crockett, Amarillo, Texas 79110

Glenn Markham — A-271st

1101 S. Canadian, Wheeler, Texas 79096

Olan Maxwell — I-271st

1315 S. Canadian, Wheeler, Texas 79096

Stephen Kwasibroski —

2654 E. Ontario Street

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19134

Kenneth Backus Writes . . .

Dear Clarence:

I wish to express my thanks to you for the prompt reply to my request concerning the up-coming Reunion, and the copy of the Bulletin. It was a real joy.

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend this year because of moving at the same time, but I'm thinking about next year already. I will miss meeting with **Col. Miller** and the 661st, and I have sent the Colonel my best wishes.

Enclosed please find my check to enroll me in the 69th Division Association. I regret I was unaware of it until a chance glance at the V.F.W. magazine.

My best wishes for a successful Reunion and continued prosperity for the Association.

Ken Backus, Recon 661st T.D. Bn.

711 Taylorville Boulevard

Taylorville, Illinois 62568

Deadline for pictures and Bulletin Material
Volumn 37 Number 1 — September 3, 1983
September - October - November - December 1983

Deadline for pictures and Bulletin Material
Volumn 37 Number 2 — December 31, 1983
January - February - March - April 1984
Orlando, Florida Reunion Committee take note

FUTURE REUNION LOCATIONS

1984 - Orlando, Florida
 1985 - Atlantic City, New Jersey
(Walter Doernbach needs more committee member couples to handle activities.)
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Arizona Reunion — 1983



Some of the Tri-Stater's attending: (Left to Right): Ann D'Angelo, Enrico D'Angelo, Vickie Gallagher, Victor Woo, Marie Suprano and John Suprano.



Earl at Pikes Peak on the return trip home. From 115 degrees one day, to 20 degrees the next day, with a wind chill factor of 15 degrees, below zero. Note the snow.



The beauty of Mountain Shadows.



Dottie and Earl Witzleb at Old Tucson.



The desert of Arizona, on the Tucson Tour.



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General and Mrs. Bolte chat with your Co-Editor, Clarence Marshall, prior to the Saturday Evening Banquet at Mountain Shadows.



Division Headquarters and Headquarters Company Dinner at the Rawhide in Arizona.

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The Reunion, at a hot 106 to 118 degrees, Marriott Inn Mountain Shadows Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona, is history. They tell me it was an unusual May week — when the temperature should have only risen into the 90 degrees.

It was another good Reunion with all friendly family atmosphere of good 69'ers. The Tours were all good, with the Sedonia Red Rock Country being outstanding. The lunch at noon time was a dinner, with beef ribs and the works, rather than just something to hold one over until we returned to headquarters, for the Early Bird Dinner.

Naturally, our first tour to Tucson had a few problems with the second bus over-heating, causing those passengers to return two hours late. It was hot, but a very good Tour for those of us who never saw the southwest.

All functions went off well, including the Early Bird Dinner, PX Beer Party, the General Meetings and the Banquet. The band was excellent, but most members and their wives left early — as a matter of fact shortly after the Memorial Service and Dinner portion of Saturday evening was over. I don't know if it was because of the fact that they had early flights out of Phoenix, or because of the four o'clock sand storm, most of us experienced, causing the area to be without water and air conditioning. The air conditioning came back on about 9:00 P.M., and the water about an hour or so later. One thing for sure we'll never have another Banquet evening where most of us were never able to take a shower before we dressed, unless you were one of those who had taken your shower in the early afternoon.

We are looking for a lot of good pictures from this Reunion for the next three issues of the Bulletins, coming from Victor Woo, Chet Yastrzemski, Bill Matlach and my friend from California (Sorry I forgot your name but you know who I am talking of with the camera around your neck hanging on your big body from that good California food).



Tour Guide, Lois (last name forgotten) with Earl Witzleb. Lois is a transplant from Etna (Pittsburgh), Pennsylvania, as are all the Arizonian's.



A Mission on the Tucson Tour. Notice anything.



A Group of 69'ers at one of the many functions.



Earl and Dottie Witzleb at a rest stop on the Red Rock Tour.



Our newly elected President, George Gallagher, with his side-kick, Victor Woo.



Sammy Woolf, our Scholarship Chairman, looking for some sons and daughters to award Scholarships to.



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There will be a great encampment
In the land of clouds today.
A mingling and a merging
Of our boys who've gone away.
Though on earth they are disbanding.
They are very close and near.
For those brave and honored heroes
Show no sorrow, shed no tears.
They have lived a life of glory.
History pins their medals high.
Listen to the thunder rolling.
They are marching in the sky!

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