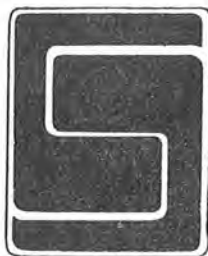


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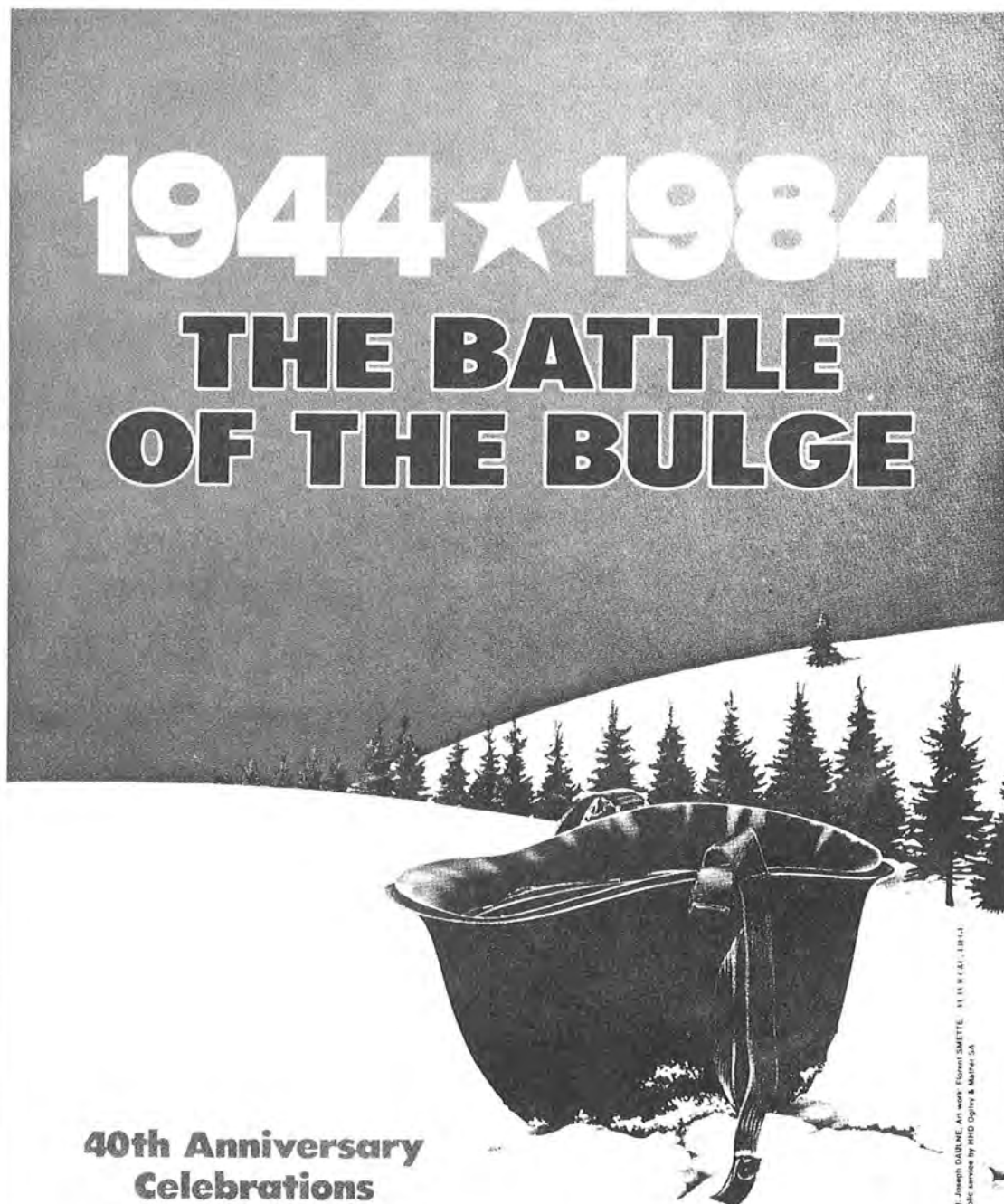
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News From The Editor's Desk

by — Clarence Marshall

Arthur L. Ayres, Sr., Q-10 44 Center Grove Road, Randolph, New Jersey 07869 — D-273rd: It has been 40 years ago that I became a part of you. When I was discharged from the Service, I always wanted to go to a Reunion of the 69th, but never got there. This year I am making it a "must" to be in Florida in October. So all of you who served in the 3rd Squad of D-Company, let me see you there.

I am 58 years old now and don't know how many more I got. I will be looking for the following in attendance: **Henry Kaminski**, **Sgt. Charles Ensminger**, **Lt. Robert McCarty**, **Lewis Tenny**, **Cpl. Ken Sawyer**, **Richard King**, **Sgt. Cross**, **Michael O'Malia**, **Thomas Black**, **Hendrickson**, **Wayne Kruper**, and **Charles Pinelli**. I remember you all every time I read the Bulletin.

I am going to be at this Reunion unless the Lord up above stops me. God Bless You All.

Langdon H. Tannehill, 13272 Sixth Street, Chino, California 91710 — C-272nd: I was in C-Company 272nd Infantry in Mississippi and Europe, and I would like to have my name added to the Association Roster.

Recently, I visited with **Lt. Bert Lewis** and **Capt. Jim Carter** who were both in C-Company 272nd.

Do you have an address for **Morris Assael** who was also in that Company?

(Editor's Note: Mr. Tannehill was furnished the address for former Lt. Morris Assael.)

Julius G. Tivald, Kresson-Gibbsboro Road, Marlton, New Jersey 08053 — 569th Sig.: I was surprised and very pleased to receive a copy of the Association Bulletin.

As a former member of the 569th Signal Company, I recognized the names of other members mentioned in the Bulletin. I served in the Radio Section at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and over in Europe until we met the Russians at Torgau. I was with the Radio Relay Station at Eilenberg during the official meeting. I was reassigned to **Gen. Eisenhower's** Headquarters (USFET) in Frankfurt in August 1945 to the Staff Message Control Section.

I am interested in the new 69th Division History Book. I do have an old original Pictorial History Book circa 1950 of the 69th Division that **Gen. Reinhardt** was instrumental in publishing.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Tivald was advised that there is no new 69th Division History Book that we know of. Only the one published right after the War was over.)

John W. Wilson, 752 Storch Road, State College, Pennsylvania 16801 — 569th Sig.: Please send me information on joining and paying dues for the 69th Infantry Division Association. I received a copy of the Bulletin, Volume 37 No. 1. I think one of my former buddies sent you my name and address.

I was a member of the 569th Signal Company from May 1943 until the split up of low and high point men in Europe. I was transferred to the 29th Division.

Jack Jones, 217 Dabney Street, Orange, Virginia 22960 — A-271st: Sorry for taking so long to answer your letter. Now that I have retired for the second time, I hope to have more time to do some of the things that I have been putting off for so long.

I saw the notice in the Bulletin about **S/Sgt. Henry Mitchell** of A-Company, and I am glad to report that I have been to see him at the Nursing Home. He seemed glad to see someone from the 69th. He has had a stroke and is confined to a wheelchair but he is very alert. I plan to see him again when I get down that way.

I took him photos that I had of men from A-Company, and he remembered some of the Officers and men. We had a few laughs about some of the antics of **Jim Parks** and some others he remembered. He never had a copy of our History Book so please send him one.

I don't think I will make the Reunion in Florida this year, but if I am still around in 1985, I'll make it if I have to crawl there.

I will be 73 in October and the grim reaper is slowly catching up to me. **Margaret** and I feel fine though, and we just live day to day taking it easy.

Have not seen or heard from **Sam Popkins** lately, but will try to get up to see him when the weather warms up.

One more thought before I close. I think you are doing a fantastic job with the Bulletin, and I really look forward to it when it comes out. Keep up the good work! I think you have done a fine job with the Roster too.

I remember the first Reunion I went to in Princeton, and we had about 450 names on the Roster. How you have built it up is amazing.

Best of luck to you and hope to see you soon.

John H. Kastanakis, 7304 Martha Drive S.E., Huntsville, Alabama 35802 — 569th Sig.: Please add the following former 69'er to your Roster and include him in all future mailings. **Charles M. Mitchell**, 407 Four Mile Post Road S.E., Huntsville, Alabama 35802. He served in the 269th Engineers.

The 69th Bulletin gets better and better. I really enjoy it and you should be commended for the excellent job you do.

Chuck Mitchell and **Bill Stripling** (569th Sig.) live within a half mile of me.

William J. Cronin, 819 Kelly Drive, Hinesville, Georgia — D-273rd React. 69th: I was looking through an old copy of The Purple Heart Magazine and I saw your name under Unit Reunions for the 69th Division.

I was a member of the 273rd Infantry Regiment in 1954 when the Division was re-activated at Fort Dix, New Jersey. I was Platoon Sgt. for the 2nd Platoon in D-Company and spent about seven months in that Unit. I was reassigned to the First Infantry Division in Germany.

I would like to obtain a Regimental Crest for the 273rd Infantry. I have built a book case in which I can display the Unit Patches and crests of all the Units that I was assigned to during my thirty years of service. I would appreciate any assistance that you can give me.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Cronin was advised that we have no knowledge where he can obtain a 273rd crest.)

John McCann, 39 Mayflower Road, Woburn, Massachusetts 01801 — C-777th: Now that I am home recuperating after a month in the hospital, I have time to write to some of the men from my outfit.

If you could send me the addresses of the men that you have from C-777th Tank Battalion, I would appreciate it very much.

I wrote to **Marcel Sedano** and received a very nice letter back from him followed by four more. Then a couple of weeks ago I got a letter with some pictures in it from **Guy Ungaro**. I will be looking forward to meeting you in Orlando as I have already made my reservation.

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NEWS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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James C. Little, 3436 Mell Place, Clarkston, Georgia 30021 — Ser. 879th: Many thanks for sending the 69th Bulletin to me. I sure do enjoy having it, and hope to be on the mailing list for future editions.

I joined the 69th in May of 1943 as a member of Service Battery 879th Field Artillery. I was with it till we disbanded, and then I spent three months of occupation with the 29th Division.

Looking forward to the Reunion in October. I plan and sure hope to be there. This will be my first Reunion, but I hope many more will follow.

Robert C. Fjellman, 1316 4th Street S.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414 — A-461st AAA Bn.: A copy of your Bulletin was recently passed on to me, and I would like to join the Fighting 69th Infantry Division Association. The 69th was the spearhead Division from Belgium to the Elbe, and a very classy outfit. From Normandy to the Battle of the Bulge was one thing, and from then on it was something else, led by the 69th.

I don't think I will be able to attend the Reunion in Orlando.

Robert C. Matthews, P.O. Box 97, Lackey, Virginia 23694 — K-271st: I would like to thank you for all of the letters that you have written me. I am well as can be expected at the present time. Sorry to hear of your troubles, but we must remember that a lot of our friends never made it back.

I do have a couple of pictures of men from the Black Platoon which I will have to look for. **Wilfred Strange** should have some, as he took some and gave me mine in 1945.

I noticed that you had a picture of **Capt. Pickett** in your Bulletin, and I would like to have his address.

Robert Pulliam, Box 5, Jackson, Wyoming 83001 — Div. Hq.: I would like a copy of the 69th Division History Book. I saw your picture in the last Bulletin, and I'm sorry Old Buddy, that if I had met you on the street, I wouldn't have known you. Same from you to me, I assume.

When you see **Adam Manz** again, give him my regards. He is, and was a great fellow.

Gordon K. Kjos, 2222 Langsdorf Avenue, Red Wing, Minnesota 55066 — Div. Hq.: Enclosed is a copy of a letter that I have mailed out to some of the members of the Finance Section of the 69th Division.

Can you help me on the address for **Harold Patton**. I mailed a letter to him, but it was returned marked "Unknown."

I am retired now so I have some time on my hands to move on some things like this. It would be nice if we would be able to get a few of the fellows from the Finance Section together in Orlando next October. I hope to see you in Orlando.

Lynn G. Blaylock, U.S. Peace Corp., P.O. Box 696-C, Bridgetown, Barbados, West Indies: Sorry that my address hasn't been kept straight. We had our mail forwarded from Bloomington to St. Paul for a while when we sold our house, but didn't have a Peace Corp address yet.

I have not received Bulletin Vol. 37 No.1 yet, but unless it is sent Air Mail, it takes two to four months to get here.

Both my wife and I are enjoying our stay here. I am working in the area of animal nutrition which is the field I hold a Ph. Degree in. My wife is working as a librarian, the field in which she holds an M.S. Degree. We feel we are fortunate to be able to use our experience here.

Bert A. Lewis, 23791 Fairgreens East, Laguna Niguel, California 92677 — C-272nd: Major **Christol**, who was on the Staff of the 272nd and then moved to Division Headquarters, and who has been on the faculty of USC for many years, tells me that you have been active in the 69th Division organization and might be able to help me with the following information.

I would like to have the present address of **Capt. James T. Carter**, Company C-272nd Regiment, who was wounded in action near Klein-Almerode, Germany on April 7, 1945. I wrote the Army and they said they could not give me this information unless I gave them a Social Security number or Service number, which I did not have. I was **Capt. Carter's** Executive Officer and would very much like to get in touch with him. He was from a National Guard Unit in Indiana and always called himself a farm boy. He fought in the Golden Gloves as a heavyweight and may have been a champion. He told me that his wife was a telephone operator in Biloxi, Mississippi, but when I inquired at that office in 1958, no one there remembered her.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Lewis was provided Capt. Carter's address and sent along the following communication.)

Thanks for your prompt and most helpful response. I have fired off a long letter to **Capt. Carter** and am looking forward to his reply. I was very pleased that your update on him was as recent as 1982.

Thanks also for the copy of the News Bulletin, but I must be getting old. I went through the entire issue and could not find a name that I remembered although I am sure there were several in it that I should.

Please add me to the Roster and let me know about the dues. I doubt I will be very active and I appreciate people like you and the others who perform the services that you do. You will never know how important it was for me to get that address.

(Editor's Note: I have learned that former Lts. Lewis and Tannehill and Capt. Carter got together for a mini-reunion and are interested in getting in contact with former Lt. Morris Assael, another member of their staff in Co. C-272nd.)

Raymond L. Fitzgerald, R. #1, Sheffield, Alabama 35660 — L-271st: Today I received a copy of the Fighting 69th Bulletin. I was really surprised and had no idea that such a thing existed. I am grateful to someone somewhere for turning in my name and address.

I am very much interested in joining the Association and having my name added to the mailing list. I am also interested in the Orlando Reunion.

Larry Kolarik, 4665 B Finchwood Terrace, Boynton Beach, Florida 33436 — F-273rd: I have been a member of the 69th Infantry Division Association since it was chartered on Governor's Island, and was a charter member and later President of the New York Chapter for two years. I am proud of the growth of our Association over the years.

I am writing to try and get some information for a friend of mine in our village. I talked with him about our great Association, and he stated that he had lost track of the outfit that he was with after he was wounded in December of 1944.

He was with the 171st Combat Engineer Battalion, (unattached to any Division). They were also in action in the E.T.O. Are there any Army Departments that he can write to and get information about his outfit and possibly find out if they do have an Association? Also, is there any way that he can get the names and addresses of some of his buddies? Also, where can he write to get medals that he has never received and which he is entitled to? I had some of this information years ago but I can not find it in my files now.

I have wonderful memories of the times we had in the New York Chapter and my buddies, my cousin **Bill Matlach**, **Sammy Woolf**, **Gerard Abraham**, **Sherman Lawrence**, and many more.

I and my wife, **Elsie**, and our children and four grandchildren are all well. **Elsie** and I live in Florida and are living a very happy life. My very best to you and yours. Stay well and enjoy.

(Editor's Note: We sent Mr. Kolarik all of the information

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that we had available for his friend, and if any other readers can assist, please contact him or National Headquarters).

Roland Hendrickson, 4931 Lone Oak Road S.E., Salem, Oregon 97302 — D-273rd: I have found another former 69th name for your Roster. I called him this evening and he didn't know anything about the Association. Perhaps you can send him a Bulletin and get him for a member.

He is **Dewey Holcomb**, Rt. 3, Box 1000, Hoquiam, Washington 98550. He also served in D-273rd. He seemed quite interested in the Association and Reunion.

Jay S. Rollman, P.O. Box 359, Monterey Park, California 91754 — Hq. 69th Divarty: Just received the latest issue of the Bulletin and have enjoyed looking it over.

I find one slight error on page 24 where it lists me as attending the latest Reunion as a member of the 569th Signal Co. I was never a member of the 569th Signal Co. and I should have been listed with the 69th Division Artillery. I was a member of this Unit since the organization of the Division and remained a member throughout the entire European campaign. I have nothing against the 569th Signal as I was very friendly with the Company Commander while we were in the states and overseas. Capt. Creel passed away several years ago and he and I were good friends for a long time during the War and after.

Just wanted to set the records straight. See you in Orlando.

Jack Hubbard, 4300 S. Semoran Suite 588, Box 14500, Orlando, Florida 32857 — A-273rd: I am passing along my new mailing address. I will be out of town for a while on vacation, and I am using this address for the additional correspondence that I expect regarding the 1984 Reunion.

I have already received mail from **Charles Otto** and **James Little**. Mr. Little I met at a C.C.C. Reunion at Pine Mountain, Georgia. We were both on the U.S. LeJune going overseas. He had never heard about the 69th Division Association.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Otto is already on our Association Roster and Mr. Little was added).

Robert F. Davenport, 861 Grove Street, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania 18360 — A-881st: Several months ago, I directed a letter to you looking for former members of Battery A-881st Field Artillery. It was a most pleasant surprise to receive a six page letter from **John Suprano**. The letter was most informative and brought back many memories.

For some reason, I did not receive my copy of the Bulletin in which my previous letter appeared. Would you please send me a copy. I will not be able to make the Reunion this year, but look forward to 1985 and Pittsburgh in 1986.

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GOLFERS — SPECIAL ATTRACTION

Forgive us for not having information concerning the **GOLF TOURNAMENT** in the last issue of the Bulletin. There will most certainly be a Golf Tournament at this Reunion for **MEN AND WOMEN**. So ladies bring your clubs. Details for the Golf Tournament were not complete enough to publish in the last Bulletin. They are now.

As in the past, **CHALMER PEARSON** will handle the Tournament and will be assisted by **Joe Wright**. Prizes will be furnished for the various winners — and losers. Play will be on the Cypress Creek Country Club Course about five minutes from the Holiday Inn. This is a 7000 yard championship course, famous for hosting tournaments such as the **LPGA Orlando Classic**, **Bay Hill Classic**, etc. The Tournament will be **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1984**. The cost will be about \$15.00 per person, and will include 18 holes of golf and cart. Transportation to the Golf Course will be furnished.

LEAVE HOTEL — 8:00 A.M.

STARTING TIME — 8:30 A.M.

Send your reservation for the Golf Tournament to **Al Faison**, Reunion Co-Chairman, as he has to make reservations with the club thirty days in advance. **DO NOT** send money for the Golf Tournament at this time. Payment will be made the day of the Tournament to **CHALMER PEARSON**, or at the Club.

ADDITIONAL NOTE: The Pro Shop at Cypress Creek has fifteen sets of rental clubs available.

Program for 1984 Holiday Inn, 37th Annual Reunion Orlando, Florida

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THE SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER OF BBB's WELCOMES ALL MEMBERS OF THE FIGHTING 69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION AND IT'S SUPPORT UNITS, TO THE "SUNSHINE STATE" OCTOBER 7th TO 14th, 1984.

SPECIAL NOTE: It is anticipated that this will be one of the best attended Reunions in many years, and for good reasons. There are so many things to do and see in the Orlando area that it is impossible to cover all the areas of interest in one week. We urge you to plan your trip so that you can come early and stay late. The Holiday Inn has given us the Reunion Rates (\$48.00 - \$96.00 for a suite) for three days prior to the Reunion and three days after. We have 400 rooms reserved for us until September 7th, 1984, but the Inn has over 600 rooms. So we urgently request that you make your Hotel Reservations just as soon as you get this Bulletin so that you are assured of staying in The Reunion Hotel. Note that we have not scheduled any events or tours before Wednesday, October 10th. We did this purposely. We want to encourage all of you to come down much earlier to take in Disney World, Epcot, Sea World, Walt Disney Village, etc., ON YOUR OWN. You can drive to any of these from the hotel in just a few minutes, and if you don't want to drive, buses leave the hotel for these places every hour. You can see these attractions on your own cheaper than we can schedule Tours and during hours that suit you best. You cannot see all of Disney World or Epcot in one day. As of this writing daily admission to either Epcot or Disney World is \$15.00. Individuals can purchase a three-day pass for \$35.00, a four-day pass for \$45.00, or a six-day pass for \$60.00. These are good for both attractions. Disney does not grant group rates to anyone. Sea World, just minutes from the Holiday Inn, is another all day jaunt in order to see everything they have to offer. There are many other less well known and publicized areas of interest. Those already mentioned plus The Kennedy Space Center, Silver Springs, Cypress Gardens, and in the pure entertainment field, the famous Rosie O'Grady's, are recognized world-wide as must-see attractions for any visitor to central Florida. For those of you retired, or thinking about retirement, don't overlook this chance to visit some of the many possibilities for comfortable and pleasant living. Another point of interest; Florida has no State Income Tax or tax on personal property, Real Property (Real Estate) is taxed at fair market value, and we have a five percent Sales Tax, but not on food or medicines.

DAILY SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES IS AS FOLLOWS:

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| Sunday, Oct. 7 | Early Arrivals — On your own. |
| Monday, Oct. 8th | Registration - 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. |
| Tuesday, Oct. 9th | Registration - 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. |
| Wednesday, Oct. 10th | Registration - 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

SILVER SPRINGS TOUR. Buses load at 8:30 A.M., and return about 5:30 P.M. Silver Springs lets nature show off for you. Enjoy the famous Glass Bottom Boat Ride over natural springs which are the headwaters of the Crystal River and home for a variety of fish and "Gators." Wild monkeys in the trees along the river vie for your attention. The Reptile Institute in the swamps of Cypress Point has three shows to tell you all about snakes, alligators and other reptiles. From the dock in Cypress Point you can take a Jungle Cruise down The Fort King Waterway. Then there is the Deer Park where friendly deer, llamas and goats wait for you to pet and feed them. For the Antique Car Buff a fine collection of antique and classic cars.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING — 7:30 P.M. |
| Thursday, Oct. 11th | Registration - 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER TOUR. NOTE: Buses load at 8:00 A.M. This early loading is so that the buses can return you by 4:30 P.M. History in the making, and it is all shown from the earliest test rockets to the current shuttle. The actual Capsules used to launch Glenn and other pioneers into space, the rockets and all the related hardware are shown and explained in the visitors center area. This followed by a Guided Bus Tour of the vast center. This is a must for any red-blooded American, man, woman or child.

EARLY BIRD DINNER. Buses load at 5:30 P.M. Barbecue Dinner will be served to us in the CHEYENNE SALOON, a part of the famous ROSIE O'GRADY'S GOOD TIME EMPORIUM. Dinner served at 6:00 P.M. At 7:30 P.M. the complex opens to the public and the entertainment begins. Then all aboard Church Street Station for an evening of rollicking, romping, foot-stomping fun where guests leave their inhibitions on the platform and let the good times roll. Cheyenne Saloon features country and western band, singers, cloggers, roping show. Rosie O'Grady's features Dixieland, Jazz Band, Can-Can Dancers, Red Hot Mama, Singing Waiters, Apple Annie's Courtyard features bluegrass and folk music. This will be an evening you will never forget. After Dinner we have free access to the entire complex and all the entertainment. Buses depart 11:00 P.M. |
| Friday, Oct. 12th | Registration 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

CYPRESS GARDENS TOUR. Buses load at 8:30 A.M. return about 5:00 P.M. Cypress Gardens has much more to offer than the world famous Ski Show. You can spend hours strolling through the breathtaking Botanical Gardens developed in the natural tropical Florida habitat. Bring your camera and lots of film. This is a photographer's paradise, and much more.

PX BEER PARTY, 8:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M., in the hotel ballroom. Beer and good fellowship, with organ music for listening and dancing. |

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PROGRAM FOR '84 HOLIDAY REUNION

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Saturday, Oct. 13th Registration 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
MEN'S MEMBERSHIP GENERAL MEETING — 10:00 A.M.
LADIES' AUXILIARY GENERAL MEETING — 10:00 A.M.
COCKTAIL PARTY (Cash Bar) — 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
MEMORIAL SERVICE — 7:15 P.M. Please be seated before this service
BANQUET DINNER — 7:30 P.M.
DANCING — 9:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.

Special Note HOSPITALITY ROOM — Will be located next door to Registration Room.
HOURS: Tuesday through Friday — Noon 'til 10:00 P.M. Saturday — Noon 'til 3:00 P.M.

Sunday, Oct. 14th Farewells and Departures — Except for those who choose to remain longer.

SEE YOU IN WILLIAMSBURG 1985 — AND PITTSBURGH 1986

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Guess really I haven't much to say for this Bulletin. I hope to see all you members and families in Orlando, Florida, at the Holiday Inn this coming October. We plan to be there for the week from October 7-14, Sunday to Sunday. Might just say Monday as it will be late Sunday when we arrive. Information on the Orlando Reunion can be found on other pages in this Bulletin. If you haven't reserved your room, do so immediately as we are getting close to that time again. At the same time, write A1 on your Activities which you plan to do for the week. You don't want to miss any of the activities, especially the Early Bird and Banquet with its beautiful Memorial Service just before the evening begins.

Our new Dues Year begins August 1, 1984, for another year and please members, only pay once. If you pay twice, your not watching your own records and I'm tired of receiving the nasty letters. We send two notices a year automatically which has been carried on now these many years of our association. For those who can, we appreciate the Contributory Dues, as the Regular Membership Dues do not begin to pay our expenses in these times of inflation. Thanks to those who pay extra towards the Postage Fund.

Hopefully our next Bulletin will have information in it concerning our 1985 Reunion.

If you are looking for up to date addresses, I suggest you write Clarence Marshall, our Membership Chairman. I don't know who all is on our Roster but he does. I am sure he can answer you a lot faster than I can.

Another three editions are now finished for the year 1983-1984. We hope we will be able to publish another three issues of the Bulletin in the new dues year — 1984-1985. I am sure we will never put out another Bulletin as large as the last one — 44 pages. The cost all the way around was too great for our organization. From here on out, we must stay under 40 pages but we do hope all Bulletins are newsy. Any suggestions will be considered by Clarence and myself.

Have a good summer, what is left of it, and do come to a Reunion soon. I am sure you'll enjoy them, even if you only sit in the Hospitality Room or registration area. Florida is looking for us this year.

Scholarship News



Anne and Sam Woolf

by — Sam Woolf, Scholarship Chairman
241 Waverly Road
Scarsdale, New York 10583
914/633-6887

It's all over for another year. Scholarship award winners were selected at the Annual Scholarship Meeting on Sunday, June 3, 1984, at the Nassau Inn, Princeton, New Jersey. The meeting took place in the University Colonial Room, Princeton University, at 12 noon.

Names of the award winners will be announced at the General Men's Meeting on Saturday, October 13th. By then, most of the students will have been in college for a couple of months.

It's time now for those who have children in their senior year of high school to apply for an application in order to be an award winner next year when the Reunion will be in Williamsburg, Virginia. Mail letters to Sammy at the above address.

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Reunion Site	Name	Unit	City and State
Holiday Inn - International Orlando, Florida	E. B. "Tom" & Marion Abbott	AT-271st	Danville, Virginia
	Robert A. & June Anderson	A-Co 661st TD	McPherson, Kansas
	Howard C. & Ina Bayerle	569th Sig.	Wetumpka, Alabama
	Arthur W. & Dot Berger	Hq.	Orange Park, Florida
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	Enrico & Anne D'Angelo	Co.-C 880th Inf.	Saltsburg, Pennsylvania
	Howard D. & Virginia Denbo	Co.-C 269th Eng.	Corydon, Indiana
	Davison F. & Helen Dunlap		Winter Park, Florida
	Bernard J. & Claire Dunn	Co.-B 272nd Inf.	Leonia, New Jersey
	James A. & Dotty Eibling	269th Eng. Bn.	Columbus, Ohio
	Ambrose & Dorothy Esposito	C-Btry. 880th F.A.	Chicago, Illinois
	Clifford E. & Estelle Ewing	769th Ord.	Decatur, Georgia
	Charles & Lillie Fairchild	Co.-D 369th Med. Bn.	Ormond Beach, Florida
	Mario D. & Alfreda Fattore	Co.-E 271st Inf.	West Collingswood, New Jersey
	Joseph T. & June Gibbons	Co.-L 272nd Inf.	Southfield, Michigan
	George E. & Marjorie Gleed	Co.-K 272nd Inf.	Las Vegas, Nevada
	Harry & Wanda Greenwood	Hq. Btry. 881st F.A. Bn.	Naples, Florida
	George & Edna Harper	Co.-I 273rd Inf.	Albuquerque, New Mexico
	W. O. "Dutch" & Jeanne Hawn	Hq. & Hq. Co.	Lakewood, Colorado
	John B. & Helen Hayes	Co.-H 271st Inf.	Indialantic, Florida
	Nick & June Herald	Co.-A 269th Eng.	Wadsworth, Ohio
	Robert S. & Joan Hoch	Hq. Btry. 879th F.A. Bn.	Fremont, Ohio

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Holiday Inn - International Orlando, Florida	George & Janet Houseal	Co.-I 273rd Inf.	Norristown, Pennsylvania
	James W. & Phyllis Howard	Co.-E 272nd Inf.	San Diego, California
	Robert D. Hunt	60th Inf.	Fayetteville, North Carolina
	James P. & Elsie Irvine	Div. Hq.	Cocoa Beach, Florida
	Joseph L. & Marian Jenei	Co.-C 661st T.D. Bn.	Greentown, Ohio
	LTC George M. & Barbara Johnson	Co.-D 273rd Inf.	Colonial Heights, Virginia
	Barney & Francis Jolley	Co.-G 273rd Inf.	Forest City, North Carolina
	Sharpless W. & Helen Jones	H&S Co. 269th Eng.	Dover, Delaware
	Merle W. & Marcella Kelly	Co.-D 777th T.K.	Cocoa, Florida
	Joseph & Audrey Kennedy	Sgt. 69th M.P. Platoon	L. I., New York City, New York
	Raymond H. & Mary Ann Knudsen	Hq. Co. 272nd Inf.	Newfield, New Jersey
	Eldon Kolka	777th Tk Bn.	Grand Blanc, Michigan
	Robert & Claire Kremin	Co.-K 271st Inf. Reg.	Syracuse, New York
	Karol & Margaret Kreutzman	Div. Hq. (Spec. Troops)	Yakima, Washington
	John C. & Barbara Lee	Co.-D 777th Tk. Bn.	Simpsonville, South Carolina
	James C. & Lydia Little	C-Btry. & SV. Btry. 879th F.A.	Clarkston, Georgia
	W. & Faye Lord	Hq. Co. 272nd Inf.	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
	Ray & Ruth Lottie	Co.-A 269th Eng.	Minneapolis, Minnesota
	Pat & Janice Lushbaugh	Co.-I 272nd Inf.	Funkstown, Maryland
	John & Ellen McCann	Co.-C 777th Tk. Bn.	Woburn, Massachusetts
	Col. A. E. & Madeline McCormick	Hq. 2nd Bn. 271st Inf.	St. Paul, Minnesota
	James T. & Jan McEwaney	Co.-A & B 269th Inf.	Fort Lauderdale, Florida
	Dan & Cathy McHugh	Co.-D 273rd Inf.	Alexandria, Virginia
	Michael & Catherine Maccarone	880th F.A. Bn. B-Btry.	Flushing, New York
	Richard B. & Emily Magers	Hq. Btry. Divarty	Reisterstown, Maryland
	Charles H. & Ethel Marcum	Co.-D 271st Inf., Co.-C 369th Med.	Louisville, Kentucky
	Dread M. & Dot Mattox	Co.-G 272nd Inf.	Haines City, Florida
	Kenneth C. & Jean Maynard	Co.-D 273rd Inf.	Greeley, Colorado
	Michael & Mary Moscaritolo	Recon Troops	Roselle, New Jersey
	Ray & Pauline Naylor	272nd Inf. Hq.	Tampa, Florida
	Calvin Nordman	C-Btry. 880th F.A. Bn.	Staten Island, New York
	Chalmer & Reita Pearson	Co.-I 272nd Inf.	Bloomington, Illinois
	Samuel D. & Gloria Pharr	Co.-A 269th Eng.	Cleveland, Tennessee
	Andrew L. & Mary Rebick	Co.-I 272nd Inf.	Linden, New Jersey
	Jay. S. Rollman	Div. Artillery	Monterey Park, California
	Cecil E. & Lulu Rue	Co.-A 269th Comb. Eng.	Naples, Florida
	Joe P. Sarna	C-Btry. 881st F.A.	Chicago Ridge, Illinois
	James & Helen Satcho	Co.-G 272nd Inf.	McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania
	LTC Joseph H. & Sally Schaffer	Co.-F 272nd Inf.	Lincoln City, Oregon
	Edward & Margaret Schlatter	69th Recon.	Ocala, Florida
	F. John & Jane Seeba	Hq. Co. 2nd Bn., Co.-C 272nd Inf.	Roswell, Georgia
	Paul N. & Marian Shadle	Co.-E 271st Inf.	New Kensington, Pennsylvania
	Gerald & Mary Sheehan	Co.-K 273rd Inf.	Bronx, New York
	Robert H. & Evelyn Silberg	Div. Hq. A.T. 272nd Inf.	Silver Springs, Maryland
	Worley & Mae Smith	Co.-K 271st Inf.	Pontiac, Michigan
	Bralyn & Verda Snyder	Co.-M 3rd Bn. 272nd Inf.	Fort Pierce, Florida
	Theodore & Cynthia Snyder	Co.-D 271st Inf.	Syosset, New York
	Phil & Harriet Sparacino	B-Btry. 881st F.A. Bn.	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
	Jacob & Violet Srark	Co.-H 273rd Inf.	Steelton, Pennsylvania
	Ray & Helen Szkudlarek	Co.-H 273rd Inf.	Toledo, Ohio
	William & Julie Thomas	Co.-H 273rd Inf.	Mt. Wolf, Pennsylvania
	Vernon E. & Mary Tritch, Jr.	C-Btry. 724th F.A. Bn.	Middletown, Pennsylvania
	Arturo & Roly Toro, Jr.	SV. & Co.-E 273rd Inf.	Miami, Florida
	Alex & Nina Waichulis	Co.-E 271st Inf.	Hobart, Indiana
	Brantley L. & Ruth Watkins	Hq. & Hq.	Pocomoke City, Maryland
	Bob & Poggy Wilson	Hq. 3rd Bn. 272nd Inf.	Cheshire, Connecticut
	Ray & Alice Wolthoff	Co.-M 272nd Inf.	St. Petersburg, Florida
	Millard R. & Elizabeth York	Co.-D 271st Inf.	Groton, Connecticut
	Laverne R. & Thelma Zimmer	SV. Btry. 880th F.A. Bn.	Port Richey, Florida
	Murray & Eleanor Zyne	Div. Hq.	Delray Beach, Florida

If we missed you, sorry — We are human and make mistakes. This is the last Bulletin before our 1984 Orlando Reunion. Hope you saw a Buddy's name and will join him in October some time between the 7th and 14th. Get those reservations in right now if they are not already in, as you just might be a little late in doing so now, but do come. We'll get a room for you.



THE AUXILIARY'S PAGE

by — Dottie Witzleb

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I have very little to say for this Bulletin as news was a little slow. Most letters we received, I feel are answered in the Bulletin as it mostly pertains to information for the Reunion which can be found on other pages of this Bulletin or were already in the last Bulletin.

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Emily Fletcher Writes . . .

I enjoyed my two years as Secretary and then as President and know that Margaret Kormas will do a super job as our new President.

I regret that I will be unable to attend the Orlando, Florida Reunion due to a previous two year commitment. However, I will be thinking of all of you as I know that you will have a wonderful time.

Many thanks again, Dottie, for all of the work that you and Earl do for us.

We hope to see all of you in 1985.

Sincerely,
Emily Fletcher
*Past President
Ladies' Auxiliary*

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MR. WALTER POORE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM FELLOW BUDDIES

Hello, don't think we can make it for the Reunion this year. Sure would love to hear from someone in my outfit. I was in Camp Shelby Anti-Tank Company 272 Infantry Regiment, 69th Infantry Division, in 1943 — out 1944.

Walter D. Poore
328 East 1st Street
Greensburg, Indiana
47240

GIFT SHOP CORNER



Bill and Reba Sheavly, Chairpersons

Souvenirs

Reba and I will have our selections of Souvenirs in Florida at the Registration Room during Reunion Week.

Dottie and Clarence will have their items also in conjunction with ours. We invite any suggestions for new items that the membership might be interested in. Just let us know and have a safe journey.

MEMBERS PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Make sure you send your Hotel Reservation to the Holiday Inn.

Make sure you send your Events Reservation to Al Faison, 428 Sparrow Drive, Sattelite Beach, Florida 32937.

Do not consider the back of a Dues Envelope as a Reservation or these pages of names. They are only those who expect to be in Florida.

**Make Reservations Now For 1984
69th Division Association's 37th Annual Reunion
661st Tank Destroyer Battalion — 777th Tank Battalion
Holiday Inn, Orlando, Florida**

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

**Holiday Inn
69th Division Association Member
Ms. Suzanne Gary, Reservations Manager
6515 International Drive
Orlando, Florida 32809
Telephone: 305/351-3500**

I/We Plan to Arrive (Day) _____, October _____, 1984. Check-In Time is 2:00 P.M.

I/We plan to Depart (Day) _____, October _____, 1984. Check Out-Time is 11:00 A.M.

Please Reserve _____ Room(s) for dates indicated above:

_____ Single \$48.00 _____ Double \$48.00 _____ Suite \$98.00 (Single or Double)

Remarks: _____

Send Confirmation to: _____

Name: _____

Street/R.D./P.O. Box: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone/Area Code: _____

Unit: _____ Wife's Name: _____

If you are sharing a room with another member, we need to know:

Name: _____ Unit: _____

(Cut Here and Mail)

CUT-OFF DATE FOR MAKING RESERVATIONS — SEPTEMBER 7, 1984

A DEPOSIT OF ONE DAYS ROOM RATE IS **REQUIRED** TO SECURE YOUR RESERVATION, AND THIS MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED BY CHECK OR CREDIT CARD. DEPOSIT IS REFUNDABLE UPON RECEIPT OF CANCELLATION NOTICE 72 HOURS (THREE DAYS) PRIOR TO ARRIVAL DATE.

THE HOLIDAY INN WILL GRANT US THE \$48.00 RATE FOR THREE DAYS BEFORE AND AFTER THE REUNION DATES FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO EXTEND THEIR STAY IN THE AREA.

IF YOU ARRIVE IN ORLANDO BY AIR, COACH FARE TO THE HOTEL, ABOUT 10 MILES, IS \$5.50-\$6.00 AT THIS WRITING. IF YOU DRIVE, THERE IS AMPLE PARKING AT THE INN.

SPECIAL NOTICE

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS **EARLY** SO YOU WILL NOT BE SHUT-OUT. WE HAVE BEEN GUARANTEED FOUR HUNDRED ROOMS AND WE ANTICIPATE USING THAT MANY AND POSSIBLY A FEW MORE.

SPECIAL NOTE: Some rooms have one (1) King Size Bed.

CREDIT CARDS — ONLY the following will be accepted by Holiday Inn: American Express, Master Card, Visa Card, Diner's Club, Carte Blanche.

Anyone driving to Orlando and the Holiday Inn should come in on I-4, and Exit at State Road 528A (Sandy Lake Road). The Holiday Inn is a long block north of 528A on International Drive. Those drivers entering Orlando on the Florida Turnpike, take Exit 75 to I-4 West. Motor Homes and Campers going to Yogi Bear's Jellystone Camp also take Exit 528A from I-4, then follow the signs. The camp is about a mile from the Holiday Inn.

Make Reservations Now

For 1984 69th Division Association Reunion

661st Tank Destroyer Battalion — 777th Tank Battalion

REGISTRATION FORM TO BE MAILED TO:

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428 Sparrow Drive
Sattelite Beach, Florida 32937
Telephone: 305/773-7250

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

I/We will attend the 1984 Infantry Division Association Reunion at Holiday Inn from October _____, to October _____, and will attend the following activities.

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone/Area Code: _____ ☐ First Timers ☐ Second Timers ☐ Old Timers

Unit: _____ Wife's Name: _____

Guests: _____

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Weekly Events	Time	Per Person	Number Persons	Amount
Registrations — Monday thru Saturday		\$ 5.00	_____	\$ _____
Silver Springs Tour — Wednesday, October 10, 1984	8:30 A.M.	17.00	_____	_____
Kennedy Space Center Tour — Thursday, October 11, 1984	8:00 A.M.	12.00	_____	_____
Early Bird — Cheyenne Saloon, Rosie O'Grady's — Thursday, October 11, 1984	5:30 P.M.	20.00	_____	_____
Cypress Gardens Tour — Friday, October 12, 1984	8:30 A.M.	16.00	_____	_____
PX Beer Party — Friday, October 12, 1984	8:00 P.M.	3.00	_____	_____
Banquet, Dinner Dance, Memorial Service	7:00 P.M.	24.00	_____	_____
				Reunion Sub Total \$ _____

DUES

New Dues Year — August 1, 1984 to July 31, 1985

Regular Membership	\$ 5.00	\$ _____
Contributory Membership	\$10.00	\$ _____
Ladies' Auxiliary	\$ 2.00	\$ _____
Postage Donation (For Mailing Bulletins - Bulk Rate — Up to You)		\$ _____

Dues Sub Total \$ _____

Total Amount Paid \$ _____

Make Checks or Money Order Payable To: 69th Infantry Division Association

(DO NOT MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO A. C. Faison or Earl E. Witzleb, Jr.)

Al: We are bringing a Camper and will _____ stay at Yogi Bear's _____ Holiday Inn.

Overseas Flower Fund American Battle Monuments Commission



Every year on April 25th, flowers are placed on the graves of the 69'ers who are buried on foreign soil.

We have 145 men buried in American Military Cemeteries overseas. 53 are at HENRI-CHAPELLE which is located at Aubel, Belgium, and 92 at NETHERLANDS AMERICAN CEMETERY which is located at Margraten, The Netherlands.

Each year we receive 10 color polaroid photographs showing the grave sites and flower placement. The flowers are put on each April 25th because that was the day of the "Link-Up" with the Russians, so it is a special day just for the 69th Division members.

If anyone would desire a photo of a certain grave site, write and let me know and I will gladly write to the A.B.M.C. and request same.

Sincerely,
Frank C. Nemeth

William Spurrier Writes To Earl Witzleb . . .

Dear Mr. Witzleb:

My reasons for writing are two-fold, first to congratulate the 69th Infantry Division on it's excellent paper published by the organization. I have never read a finer paper (Bulletin) than what this is. I have belonged to the 69th Association as an Associate Member for several years now. I first learned of it from a former Army Buddy who served with me in the 98th Infantry Division (323 Medics) and left us in Fort Rucker, Alabama, due to his being hospitalized just prior to our going overseas in April of 1944. His name is Eddie Dykman of Nutley, New Jersey. He was sent to your division medics upon his release from the hospital in Ft. Rucker. We have kept up a correspondence over the years and he has visited me out here in the great state of Iowa which is my home area, born and raised here in the small town of Marengo in eastern Iowa.

I began my career with the 98th with the 323 Medical Battalion and was transferred to the 391st Infantry later on, and spent all of my time with them with the exception of three months with the 96th Infantry Division on Okinawa, then back to the 98th.

Now for my second reason and that is I had a country school classmate by the name of Leonard Jacobs, who was with the 69th in Europe, and was seriously wounded somewhere in Germany and as a result he lost the lower part of a leg. He was with Company-B 273rd Infantry, and I am wondering or trying to locate anyone who may have been acquainted with him and any information as to just where he was when wounded. Leonard was from my hometown of Marengo, Iowa, and he passed away about five years ago. He had suffered and experienced several personal problems over the years. (Who of us hasn't?) He had a daughter who worked for me when I was Sheriff of my home county (Iowa County, Iowa) and I have told her I would try to get some information for her on how her father was wounded, etc. Perhaps you may know someone from Company-B that might have some of this information. I don't know how long he was with you fellows, but he once told me that he was sent to the 69th as a replacement.

I have retired from the office of sheriff after serving in the office for thirty-two years. This was four years ago and have worked for the Marriott Hotel Corp., ever since in their Loss Prevention Division.

Mr. Witzleb, I want to thank you for taking the time to read this letter and will certainly appreciate any information that you may be able to obtain.

Just keep up the great work on your Bulletin and best wishes for a successful Reunion this year.

Very truly yours,
William J. Spurrier

(Editor's Note: Anyone from B-273rd able to help Mr. Spurrier please write him at 3323 Ingersoll, Apt. 303, Des Moines, Iowa 50312, or contact National Headquarters.)

Col. Richard A. Foy Writes . . .

I have been reading about Vice President William R. Beswick's return to Torgau, East Germany, while in attendance at Brother Joe Polowsky's burial. I was pleased to learn that Central Hotel in Torgau is still operating. While I was Weapons Platoon Leader, C-Co., 272 Infantry, I spent about a week with my platoon on security duty in the city park just outside the Central Hotel, and along the route to the Elbe River crossing.

A squad of Russian Mongol Cavalry Troops were occupying the hotel, and they stole it down to the bare walls. They demolished everything that they didn't steal, and they set the kitchen on fire during a drunken celebration. I believe the party also involved some "69th Troopers." The Russians rode their horses into the lobby and lounge area. They were a savage group of barbarians, unwashed, smelly and devoted to killing Nazi's.

These same barbarians killed the father of the police chief, by cutting his throat, while standing around drinking vodka and playing the concertinas and accordions that they carried on their wagons. A young Russian officer executed one of the Mongolian soldiers right on the sidewalk in Torgau. The old Mongol was insolent and discourteous when he was ordered to return to the East side of the Elbe River; so the Rusky officer shot him in the ear with his cavalry revolver. About two nights later, some of our troopers killed two Russians that were attempting to break into their quarters. They took the bodies to the Elbe and floated them back to their side. Incidentally, the executed Mongolian and two other soldiers had been robbing graves before the Russian officer carried out the "Execution." The Russian female soldiers in Torgau were all pleasant, happy and respectable types, but they also were in need of a good bath.

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COL. RICHARD A. FOY WRITES

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I am now on retired pay having completed over forty years total enlisted and officer service time. I am assigned on Mobilization Orders to Fort Dix, New Jersey, and I have requested assignment to "The Fighting 69th" if it is again mobilized. This past February, I was honored to be inducted into the United States Army Infantry OCS Hall of Fame at Fort Benning, Georgia. It was the most proud moment of my whole lifetime in the army. My Certificate of Honor was presented by MG James Larsen, Commander of The Infantry School at Fort Benning.

Probably will get to the Reunion in 1985 at Atlantic City, New Jersey. It is only 90 miles from Doylestown, Pennsylvania. A new rail line from Philadelphia to Atlantic City, high speed service type, will be running by that time. My blessings to all my old comrades in-arms.

Col. Richard A. Foy AUS (Ret.)
1075 Pebble Hill Road
Doylestown, Pennsylvania 18901
C-272nd Infantry

President Says — It's Reunion Time



George W. Gallagher, *President*
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Spanish Trails
Zephyrhills, Florida 34248
813/788-5924

Greetings to All Members of "The Fighting 69th" and Wives:

I hope that all of you have your reservations in by now for the 1984 Reunion. Al Faison and Jack Hubbard are expecting a large turn out and they have everything ready — So please don't disappoint them.

Vickie and I were pleased when Ted and Rosemarie Edstrom stopped and paid a visit for a few hours. Also Bob and Vivian Kurtzman stopped. It's always a pleasure to see them. We spent an evening with George Hepp and his lovely wife when they were here in the Southland.

On May 5, 1984, we attended a surprise party for Ray and Alice Wolthoff in honor of their 25th Wedding Anniversary. Our best wishes to them from the "Fighting 69th."

Vickie and I received an invitation from the Victor Woo family to attend his surprise Birthday and Retirement Party. It was held June 2, 1984. We are sorry we were unable to attend. I am sure that each and every 69'er who knows and loves Victor, wish him a long and happy retirement.

There has been a change in the 1985 Reunion location. It will be held in Williamsburg, Virginia, from August 19 to August 25, 1985. All questions about the change will be answered at the Membership Meeting to be held in Orlando, Florida.

Vickie and I are leaving for the North in June. We are planning to attend the Tri-State Reunion in Bedford, Pennsylvania, on our way up North.

We will see you at the Reunion in Orlando, Florida, so have a real nice summer.

God Bless You All,
George W. Gallagher,
President

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PICTURES TAKEN AT TRI-STATE WEEKEND AUGUST 1983 NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO



Phillip Colombo



(Left to Right): Vivian Kurtzman, Bob Kurtzman, Dottie Witzleb, George Gallagher, Earl Witzleb, Vickie Gallagher.



Mr. and Mrs. Carl Miller - MP's, Paul Swineford - MP's.

Fun For You and The Family With 69th Friends In Orange Juice Country Where The Weather is Right — Sunny Florida



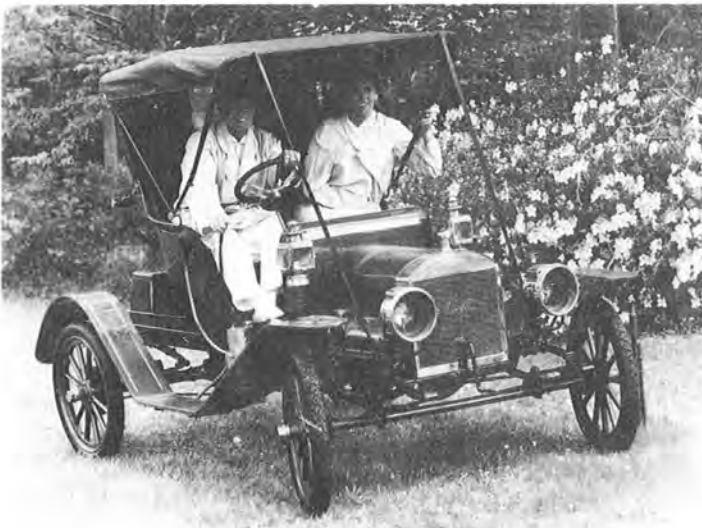
WORLD FAMOUS BOATS

Florida's Silver Springs' word famous Glass Bottom Boats take visitors on voyage over crystalline water to view underwater panorama of marine plant and animal life. Park is located on SR 40 one mile east of Ocala.



NATURE'S BIG SHOW

Llamas watch passengers on Florida's Silver Springs Jungle Cruise. Giraffes, zebras, mouflon, peacocks and other exotic wildlife roam free along river at Central Florida attraction on SR 40 one mile east of Ocala.



REMEMBER WHEN

This 1911 Maxwell is still in pretty good shape for being over 70! The Maxwell is just one of over 40 classic and vintage vehicles at Silver Springs Antique Car Collection.



ANIMAL ENCOUNTER

Baby goats, little llamas and young deer delight old and young alike at Deer Park. Visitors have the wildlife eating right out of their hands.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1984, 7:30 P.M.

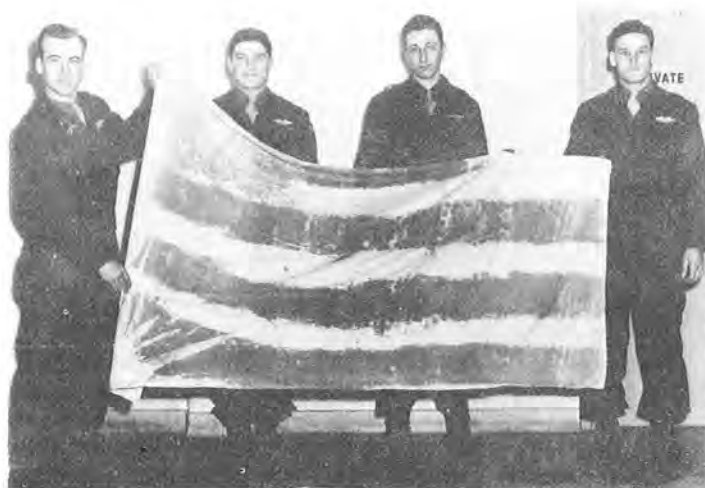
Paul Staub Writes . . .

The following pictures were furnished by Paul Staub. He writes that he was unaware that our Association knew so little about the enlisted men who were with Lt. Robertson in the Link-up Patrol.

The men have not kept in contact with each other over the years.

The other Patrol led by Lt. Kotzebue consisted of about twenty-six enlisted men, and they contacted the Russians in a place called Leckwitz, Germany.

I will not be able to attend the Reunion in Florida this year, but keep promising myself that I will make one of them very soon. It would be wonderful to see some of my old friends again.



U.S. Soldiers hold make-shift flag made from bed sheet, colored with water colors with which they identified themselves to the Russians when the two forces linked-up. General Eisenhower promoted these men one grade when they called on him to present the flag.

They are (Left to Right): 1st Lt. William Robertson, Sgt. James J. McDonnell, Cpl. Paul Staub and Cpl. Frank B. Huff.



I&R Section - Hq. 1st Battalion 273rd Infantry



Picture taken from jeep as the outskirts of Torgau were entered about one hour before the link-up with the Russians.



Bridge over the Elbe River. Note G.I. in the middle, and a Russian running around on the opposite side.

CORRECTIONS

In the last issue of our Bulletin Vol. 37 No. 2, Col. Jay S. Rollman was listed under the 569th Signal Company in the attendance list for the 1983 Arizona Reunion. His correct Unit listing should have been under Hqs. 69th Division Artillery.

Also under the same attendance listing Frank Patterson, 8030 N. 32nd Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85021, was inadvertently omitted under A-Battery of the 724th Field Artillery.

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.

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).

Southeastern Chapter

Allen and Cathy Long, Chairpersons
10620 Fernando Street
Orlando, Florida 32817
Telephone: 305/277-7820

The Southeastern Chapter and Florida welcome all 69'ers and families to the Sunshine State and wish you all a wonderful stay. Under the direction of **Al Faison** and **Jack Hubbard** we hope to be good hosts to all 69th members, families and friends. All information needed for this Reunion Vacation Week, or weeks, can be found on other pages in this issue of the Bulletin. Do remember on this — this is the last call for Orlando and the Holiday Inn Reunion. We hope to see you all in October.

Tri-State Group

THE FAMILY GROUP

Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Western Maryland,
Western New York, West Virginia, and now —
Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky and Virginia

Earl and Dottie Witzleb, Jr., Chairpersons
R.D. No. 1, Box 477
Acme, Pennsylvania 15610
Telephone: 412/455-2901 (Evenings after 7:00 P.M. and weekends)

Bedford is over so now our thoughts are turned toward the Florida Reunion and the week long activities that go with a 69th gathering such as the one coming in October.

Our Division Association President **George Gallagher** and his wife, **Vickie**, who are members of the Tri-State look forward to seeing "The Family" in Florida. Let's everyone make an effort to be there and we say not only 'Tri-Staters', but all members of the 69th Infantry Division Association. This should be first priority on anyone's list, as you not only meet once again your friends, but pick up a lot more new ones — Division wise.

880th Field Artillery C-Battery

Lowell and Marjorie McFarlin, Co-Chairmen
89 North High Street
Box 236
Jeromesville, Ohio 44840
419/368-7363

Lewis G. and Fern Pugh, Co-Chairmen
640 Grant Street
Cadiz, Ohio 43907
614/942-3721

The Fifth Annual Reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn at New Philadelphia, Ohio, on the 9th-10th-11th-12th of August, 1984. Co-Chairmen for the event are:

Robert Williams
1407 Narragansett Boulevard, Lorain, Ohio 44053

Dr. Lewis G. Pugh
640 Grant Street, Cadiz, Ohio 43907

Lowell E. McFarlin
89 N. High Street, Jeromesville, Ohio 44840

The agenda will include arrival and check in on the 9th, and then on to the home of **Lew and Fern Pugh** for fellowship and a meal.

On the 10th we will take a Bus Tour to Salt Fork State Park Lodge for dinner, then on to the restored village of "Roscoe Village" for sightseeing, a canal boat ride, and dinner in the "Old Warehouse Restaurant."

On the 11th there will be various local tours, including Zoar Village, The Football Hall of Fame and others. Also some golfing. Then our Annual Banquet and program.

Then on Sunday the 12th there will be a Brunch at the Inn, followed by an invitation from the Pughs to again stop by their home to all those present.

A complete list of details will be sent to every C-Battery member in our Newsletter, and we are all looking forward to our largest turnout ever. We are asking that the reservations be returned to **Dr. Lewis Pugh** at the above address by the 15th of July.

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

John Turner writes that two of his C-724th Field Artillery men are in poor health and suggests that members send a card or write a letter to them. Also you may wish to stop and see them on your way to Florida for the Orlando Reunion.

James Earl Thomas is having trouble with his eyes and poor circulation. His wife **Pauline** isn't up to par either, so do send a card or stop to see them. They live at 8634 Sanlando Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32211. Telephone number is 904/725-6769, if you wish to call **Earl**, which is the name he goes by.

William A. Muller, Jr., has been in the hospital for treatment and back home now. He isn't up to par but we know a card or note would help a lot. Bill was with both C and B-724th Field Artillery while in the service. His address is 510 McLaws Street, Savannah, Georgia 31405. If you wish to give Bill a call his telephone number is 912/354-5754.

Looking forward for the Orlando, Florida Reunion. Hope to see all our 724th Field Artillery members as well as all those in the 69th attached Units of the 661st Tank Destroyers and 777th Tank Battalion.

(Editor's Note: We do have some members from the 461st AAA as members and hope to see new faces from their Unit. Guess we must consider them as attached Unit also as this is what they were. I believe they joined us in Germany).

269th Engineers



Ted (Stefania) and Frank Nemeth

Frank and Ted Nemeth, *Representative*
66 Gaping Roack Road
Levittown, Pennsylvania 19057
Telephone: 215/945-3809

Just received my latest Bulletin and was so pleased to see so many Engineers and friends that have signed up for the Orlando Reunion already. I counted twelve and that's without Milt and Esta Halainen, our adopted Engineers for many years. Then I also read where Jennings, Winfrey, Vincent and Ferguson from Company-A are coming and I can think of at least five more who said they would be there, so counting "Late Comers" we should have a record turnout. Make sure to get your reservations in early, as soon as possible, rooms might be real scarce at REUNION TIME. The price is right, believe me!!

So sorry that I missed getting into the last Bulletin, but those deadlines sneak up on you. I'll try and give you a little run-down on Tri-State Reunion at New Philadelphia, Ohio. They had a large turnout from the Tri-State Group and everything went so well. Really enjoyed the tours and the delicious meals. It was nice to see Bill Clayton and his wife, Freda, from H&S Company. It was their "First Reunion" and even though they had to leave early due to other commitments, they had a lovely time and plan to try to make Orlando in October. Another "First Timer" was Ward "Pete" Peterson and his wife, Marian. They made all the tours and had a very nice time. Pete was the Lieutenant of the Third Platoon in Company-B, and I'm sure he'll be glad to see George Allen again, who now lives in Florida and plans to attend the Reunion also. We had about ten Engineers and their wives in attendance so it was a nice turnout. It was good to see Jim and Dotty Eibling, Bill and Betty Foster, John and Liz Hawley, Ray and Leona Hull, Steve and Mary Sholtis, and hope they all make it to Florida, in October for the BIG Reunion. I was really surprised to meet John and Ann Mikacinich from Girard, Ohio, who worked with my father and me in the steel mill at McDonald, Ohio, over thirty years ago. I suppose if I had a 69th License Plate on my car or my 69th Cap in those days, we would have met sooner somewhere along the way, but it was nice talking over 'old times' about people we both knew in McDonald and Girard, Ohio. It really is a small world. Sorry I missed John and Flo Pszekaza at the motel. We had just gone out to supper when they drove down for a visit but we'll get together one of these days, promise, John!!

Bill and Betty Foster stopped to see Gene Huggins way down in Honey Grove, Texas, recently and guess what? He was home. Gene is a tough man to catch on his spread, believe me!! They were able to have supper together and a nice chat. Bill and Gene were shipped out together at the 1345th Engineer from the the 269th.

Ray and Gladys Dahill were "First Timers" at the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Reunion. Ray was the Motor Pool Sergeant with Company-B and went all the way with the 269th. Just hope the weather breaks (ice melts) and they can get out and make it to Orlando, also, Ray and Ruth Lottie from up that way

So, the best to you all and hope to see you in October in Orlando.

Your "Ole" Buddy
Frank Nemeth



H&S COMPANY - 269th ENGINEERS

(Left to Right): John Hawley, Fred A. Clayton, Elizabeth Hawley and Bill Clayton.



COMPANY-B - 269th ENGINEERS

Marian and Ward "Pete" Peterson



COMPANY-B - 269th ENGINEERS

Ray and Gladys Dahill

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 1, 1984

NEW DUES YEAR BEGINS TO — JULY 31, 1985
(Pay Your Dues Early).

Regular Dues	\$ 5.00
Contributory Dues	\$10.00
Ladies' Auxiliary	\$ 2.00

AUGUST 1984

Dues Envelopes for 1984-1985 will be mailed to members. (This is early and the first time they will be on schedule. Pay Dues either at the Orlando, Florida, Reunion or in the Return Envelope — remembering to enclose the flap along with your check). Please do sign the check and make address corrections.

AUGUST 9, 10, 11, 12, 1984

C-Battery 880th Field Artillery
Holiday Inn
Interstate 77 and Ohio Route 250
New Philadelphia, Ohio

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Lorain, Ohio 44503

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640 Grant Street
Cadiz, Ohio 43907

Lowell E. McFarlin
89 North High Street
Jeromesville, Ohio 44840

SEPTEMBER 1984

69th Recon Troop
Weekend Get-Together
Dates — Unknown
Motel — Unknown
Place — York, Pennsylvania

For Information Write:

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

SEPTEMBER 10, 1984

Deadline for pictures and material for
Volume 38, No. 1 Bulletin
September-October-November-December
Bulletin due out to members in November

SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 23, 1984

461st AAA Battery-B
East Coast Reunion
El Patio Motel
2950 West 8th Street
Erie, Pennsylvania

Committee:

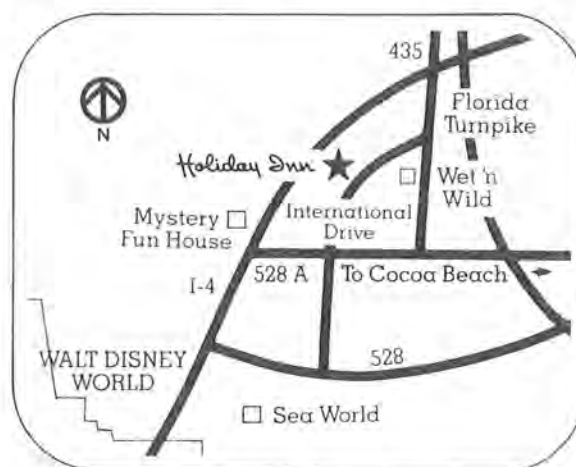
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318 Hawthorne Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15209
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OCTOBER 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 1984

69th Infantry Division Association Annual Reunion
Holiday Inn - International
6515 International Drive
Orlando, Florida 32809
Telephone: 305/351-3500

(The Land of Disney World — In Sunny Florida)



Al Faison, Co-Chairman
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Satellite Beach, Florida 32937
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Jack D. Hubbard, Co-Chairman
4300 S. Semoran, Suite 588
Box 14500
Orlando, Florida 32857-4500

OCTOBER 7-14, 1984

Battery-C 724th Field Artillery
Orlando, Florida

(To be held in conjunction with
69th Infantry Division Association Reunion).

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS (Continued from Page 18)

DECEMBER 31, 1984

Deadline for pictures and material for
Volume 38, No. 2 Bulletin
January-February-March-April, 1985

(Editor's Note: Bill Beswick and Williamsburg, Virginia,
Reunion take note — Information and material needed for this
issue of the Bulletin).

JUNE 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 1985

Tri-State Spring and Fall Combined Weekend
The Family Group invites One and All to:

Holiday Inn
Interstate 77
Independence, Ohio

Featuring Geauga Lake, Sea World,
Akron and Cleveland, Ohio.

Committee:

Dell and Mary Balzano
636 Radford Drive
Highland Heights, Ohio 44143
Telephone: 216/442-0162

Alex and Margaret Kormas
10301 Lake Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44102
Telephone: 216/651-2084

AUGUST 1985

69th Infantry Division Association Annual Reunion
Dates — August 18 to 25, 1985
Motel — To be announced later
Place — Williamsburg, Virginia

William "Bill" and Jo Beswick
Post Office Box 576
420 21st Street
West Point, Virginia 23181
Telephone: 804/843-2696

Note: Bill will need help from members living in Virginia,
North Carolina and West Virginia. Give him a telephone call
or write a note.

AUGUST 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 1986

69th Infantry Division Association Annual Reunion
Pittsburgh Marriott Inn - Greentree
101 Marriott Drive
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15205
Telephone: 412/922-8400

(Family Week — We want to see you adult members and
your adult children at this Reunion, with their children. Shall
we have a baby sitting room like those of years gone by?)

Earl E. and Dottie A. Witzleb, Jr., Chairpersons
P.O. Box 69, Drawer M.
Champion, Pennsylvania 15622

Telephone: 412/455-2901 (Evenings after 7:00 p.m. and
Weekends).

Committee:

Paul and Marion Shadle, Reservations
Clarence Marshall, Membership
Adam Manz, Division Hospitality Room
(Sponsored by the Tri-State Group)
William "Bill" and Reba Sheavly, Souvenirs
Enrico and Anne D'Angelo, Tours
Robert and Vivian Kurtzman, Tours
(And the rest of the Tri-State Family Group)

661st Tank Destroyer Battalion

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

Dear Fellow 661'ers:

Haven't you always wanted to visit Florida? Now you really have a good reason. Come on down to the 69th Infantry Division Reunion and have a good time with old friends.

Orlando, Florida, is a nice place to visit and the center of the hub of all the tourist attractions. Such as: Disneyworld, Sea World, Silver Springs, Cypress Gardens — just to name a few.

I am sure that you will not go home disappointed. Call or write a friend and have him meet you there so you can enjoy it together.

We have quite a few former 661'ers living in Florida now, let's hope they come to Orlando and show the rest of us around.

How about it? Won't we see you there?

Bill Beswick

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We had a great time in York, Pennsylvania, at the 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion Get-Together.

We did not have a set format, everyone went on their own to various places of their own interest, for example to the Amish Country, the clock Museum in Columbia, Valley Forge, Gettysburg and about all the Factory Outlets.

The Hospitality Room was kept pretty well occupied with visiting and remembrances until the late hours of the morning. There was lots to be caught up on by some of the "First Timers", such as John and Esther Roth, Ken Sherwood and his delightful wife, and Louis Cotoio. I sure hope they all enjoyed their 'first time' and will return again.

Frances O'Roark came with Bill and Ellen Snidow. It looked like she enjoyed herself, at least we all hope she did.

"Doc" and Sally Woolley came from Pebble Beach, California, and toured Valley Forge among other places — they enjoyed it. Bill and Kathy King arranged their trip from Florida by way of Texas to visit their son and his family on their return to Rhode Island, and spent time with us, also a very nice couple — Earnest and Lois Yeary returned again after an absence of several years — nice to have them.

Mel and Ruth Mellinger made some nice arrangements at York with the Motel and dinner Saturday night. Thanks to Stan and Gertrude Green, and Ruth and Mel for the snacks in the Hospitality Room.

I must not forget that Earl and Dottie Witzleb came and visited with us for the weekend. Always nice to have them.

Harold and Dottie Starry came and visited with us Saturday. We enjoyed their visit also.

We hope that everyone enjoyed themselves and we look forward to seeing you next year. Also how about joining with us in Orlando, Florida? "It should be a real Bang-Up — Good-Time!"

ATTENDEES AT

661st TANK DESTROYER GET-TOGETHER

HQ. CO.

Mel & Ruth Mellinger — Wrightsville, Pennsylvania
John & Mary Olchak — Monessen, Pennsylvania

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Jim & Betty Binder — Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
 Gene & Evelyn Bernardini — Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
 "Doc" & Sally Woolley — Pebble Beach, California
 Bruce & Doris Snyder — Dallastown, Pennsylvania
 M. R. "Dick" Davis — Greencastle, Pennsylvania

A-COMPANY

Kenneth & Marie Sherwood — Horseheads, New Jersey
 Jack & Leora Sherlock — Pawtucket, Rhode Island
 Mike & Dorothy Kotnik — Elyria, Ohio
 Bill & Margaret Dawson — Nathalie, Virginia
 E. P. "Pat" Patterson — Apollo, Pennsylvania
 Sam & Gertrude Goldberg — Lakewood, New Jersey
 Bruce & Doris Snyder — Dallastown, Pennsylvania

B-COMPANY

Bill & Kathy King — Little Compton, Rhode Island
 Ralph & Chris Bragg — Chase City, Virginia
 Bill & Jo Beswick — West Point, Virginia
 Bill & Ellen Snidow — Pembroke, Virginia
 Frances O'Roark — Hinton, Virginia
 Earnest & Lois Yearly — Richmond, Virginia
 Leo & Ellen Levie — Baltimore, Maryland
 Frank & Maureen Sindlinger — South Bend, Indiana
 Walt & Norma Grossman — Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
 Earl & Ruth Repman — York, Pennsylvania
 Nelson & Betty Leaman — Mountville, Pennsylvania
 Sal & Cris Cucchiaro — Allegany, New York

C-COMPANY

Joe & Pat Slopek — Munroe Falls, Ohio
 Chuck Yannul & Friend — Bellmawr, New Jersey
 Louis Cotoio — Royal Oak, Michigan
 Charles & Gladys Hollenbach — Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania
 Marcel & Carol Pugsley — Ft. Wayne, Indiana
 Stanley & Gertrude Green — Battle Creek, Michigan

RECON COMPANY

Paul & Louise Cole — Baltimore, Maryland
 John & Esther Roth — Bay City, Michigan

HONORARY MEMBERS

Harold & Dottie Starry — Carlisle, Pennsylvania

GUESTS

Earl & Dottie Witzleb — Acme, Pennsylvania



Interested In European Trip?

Tour of France, Belgium, Germany, and the Margraten and Henri Chappelle Cemeteries.

I have been checking on a Tour of a part of Europe. I had talked to some of the people and they were interested in France, Belgium, Germany and the Cemeteries where our friends are buried.

The Tour is along the lines that some of us took in the 69th's travels.

We got together and selected a path and presented it to American Express. We will go into Paris for three days, then to the Cemeteries, through several towns and take the Rhine River Cruise, pick the bus up after the cruise and continue on our journey. Arriving finally in Torgau, Germany, on April 25th, which will be the 40th Anniversary of our meeting with the Russians on the Elbe River in 1945. Then to Berlin for a couple of days, then home.

Are you interested? If so, drop me a line now.

Bill Beswick
 P.O. Box 576
 West Point, Virginia 23181

PROPOSED ITINERARY AND ACCEPTED BY AMERICAN EXPRESS FOR 69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

3 DAYS — 3 NIGHTS:

Paris — Luxembourg — Margraten and Henri Chappelle Cemeteries — Bullingen, Belgium — Schmidtheim, Germany.

1 DAY - 1 NIGHT EACH:

Cologne - Coblenz.

CRUISE ON THE RHINE - 2 NIGHTS:

Bad Ems - Frankfurt - Fulda - Bad Hersefeld.

1 NIGHT:

Kassel - Witzenhausen - Eisenach (From here on is East Germany) - Gotha - Erfurt - Weimar - Apolda.

1 NIGHT:

Naumburg - Weissenfels - Lutzen.

2 NIGHTS:

Leipzig - Eilensburg - Torgau.

2 NIGHTS:

Berlin.

Rates for 1984, subject to change by Fall — due to fluctuation of currencies.

Rates are per person, based on double occupancy and are in U.S.D.

15-19 — \$1,400.00 p/p	30-34 — \$1,064.00 p/p
20-24 — \$1,224.00 p/p	35-39 — \$1,016.00 p/p
25-29 — \$1,126.00 p/p	40-44 — \$ 975.00 p/p

Single Room Supplement: \$150.00

Triple Room Reduction: \$14.00 p/p

Approximate Airfare from DCA \$750.00 p/p, but not final correct figure as prices will probably be much lower . . .

PACKAGE INCLUDES FOLLOWING:

14 Night Hotel Accomodations at First Class Hotels.

- 2 Nights Paris — Ambassador Concorde
- 1 Night Cologne — Crest
- 1 Night Koblenz — city Hotel Metropol
- 2 Nights Frankfurt — National
- 1 Night Kassel — Holiday Inn
- 1 Naumburg — Not yet known
- 3 Nights Leipzig — Not yet known
- 2 Nights West Berlin — Penta Hotel

Package prices are based on these hotels, but we are not yet holding your group space.

ALSO INCLUDED:

Tour Manager Escort throughout Tour, plus a special East German Guide.

Touring with coach or bus (deluxe bus that is all transfers). All portrages for bags (1 bag per person). *\$20.00 per additional bag (if needed).

All taxes and tips. Not Included tips to Tour Manager and Driver.

Breakfast daily throughout.

*In East Germany they require full board. Included are 5 lunches, 4 dinners and breakfast.

In order to Secure Reservations:

A deposit of \$1,000.00 will be needed.

Cancellation Information:

If cancellation takes place 30 days prior to departure a \$100.00 fine will apply.

A \$16.00 p/p cancellation 60 days before departure will apply to East Germany.

With a bus load, the price as of present will be about \$1,700.00 each.

461st ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTALION HISTORY

The Battalion was activated at Camp Haan (Riverside, California) on September 1, 1942. The original cadre was furnished almost entirely by the 216th Coast Artillery Regiment (Minnesota National Guard), which for many years prior had been an Infantry Regiment, and we received our full compliment of men by December 31, 1942. Because of our earlier training we were thoroughly familiar with Infantry tactics and problems.

In February of 1943, the entire Battalion moved to Camp Erwin in the Mojave Desert for ten weeks intensive training and returned to Camp Haan as hardened veterans. There the finishing touches were added and they received their overseas assignments.

As one of the first Battalions to leave Camp Haan for overseas duty, the Battalion left for the Port of Demarkation, Camp Shanks, New York, on June 12, 1943.

On July 7, 1943, the Battalion boarded the British liner Aquitania for overseas, dropping anchor at Greenock, Scotland.

We went directly to Warrington, England (near Liverpool) and were there attached to the 8th American Air Force to provide Anti-Aircraft protection to the airfields in that vicinity.

We were warmly greeted by the English people and quickly adjusted to their customs and learned to speak the English language (somewhat).

Early in December of '43 the Battalion moved to Truro in the Southwest tip of England for amphibious exercises and there Christmas day we spent hard at work.

We then moved to Somerset County where our training was intensified and our firing records were improved. On April 15, 1944, we were alerted for the coming invasion.

On D7 the Battalion landed on Omaha Beach (as part of V Corps, 1st Army). The beachhead was an inferno and our positions nearly untenable and we learned there what War was all about.

Our Battalion mission in the early going was to furnish anti-aircraft protection for the Field Artillery Battalions of V Corps. No man will ever forget those in the hedge-row country where the noise on the line and all around us was terrific and we learned that an "88" was the name of a German gun and not a can of Cola. Did we ever hit the dirt!

We finally broke through the German lines on July 24, 1944, and led by the tanks of Pattons 3rd Army we moved rapidly to and beyond Paris. The War was moving too fast to tarry in paree and we were again on the move through the old historic battlefields of World War I; Marne, Soissons, Compiègne, Sedan, etc.

When the Siegfried Line was reached, because of the bad weather of Fall and Winter setting in and because in our mad dash we had outrun our lines of supply, we dug in and it was there that they intensified their defense efforts. They increased their flying bomb activity and our Battalion was given the assignment of firing on these bombs and had such good success that we knocked one of them down in the middle of our Battalion command post. End of project!! Please excuse us Colonel.

We were also given many assignments for firing on and destroying enemy troop movements, supply dumps and other ground targets.

On December 16, 1944, the Germans opened their offensive in the Ardennes, commonly known as the "BATTLE OF THE BULGE" and our Battalion was caught right smack dab in the middle. We had a busy job on our hands and the Germans came to respect and fear our effectiveness. They soon

began to call us "Schnellfewertruppen" which translated means rapid fire troops.

It could have been a rather uncomfortable Christmas for the men but the ability and determination of the American soldier came to the front and the enemy were made to pay in full for their audacity. We kicked them back on their rear and they never showed any signs of being a "master race" again.

The capture of the Remagen bridgehead spelled the beginning of the end. Soon we began picking up Russian broadcasts on our radios and the Battalion was among the first troops to link-up with the Russians at Torgau on the Elbe River in Germany. Many thousand German's swam across the river to our side to surrender rather than have the Russians capture them. It was at Torgau that we received stand down on our guns and the official word that the War in Europe was over.

I want to apologize at this point because I should have inserted in this narrative earlier that this Battalion was attached to the 69th Infantry Division to furnish anti-aircraft protection to it's Field Artillery Battalion and we enjoyed this pleasant relationship until June 23, 1945. We came to know many of the members well and are most happy for the time we shared together. The assignments for our Batteries at that time were:

A-Battery to 879th Field Artillery Battalion
B-Battery to 880th Field Artillery Battalion
C-Battery to 881st Field Artillery Battalion
D-Battery to 724th Field Artillery Battalion

The above is only a very brief but concise history of the 461st Anti-Aircraft Battalion but there are many reams that can be written in order to tell the full and factual story.

The Battalion went through the War with very, very little R&R time, from the beaches of Normandy to the Elbe River at the end of the War. Though we were Anti-Aircraft, in this fluid and rapid moving War we often found ourselves in towns and territories before even the Infantry had arrived and because our guns could depress to -1 degree, we served a multi purpose and we are proud of our history. We hope that one day the full story of the Battalion can be told while there are still a few of us alive to tell it.

Article furnished to us by former First Sergeant John C. English of D-Battery.

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IN MARCH OF 1982, THE 69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION STARTED RECEIVING THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MEN WHO SERVED IN THE 461st AAA BATTALION, WHICH WAS ATTACHED TO OUR DIVISION DURING COMBAT IN WORLD WAR II.

THE FOLLOWING LIST ARE THOSE WE ARE PRESENTLY SENDING OUR LITERATURE TO:

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Kelley Eisenga

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Robert Fjellman

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Lyman Guss

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David Miller

Route 1, Box 316, Hershey, Pennsylvania 17033

Herbert Norbeck

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Anthony Palbicki

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Russell Shirk

Route 1, Box 226-C, Reedsville, Pennsylvania 17084

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461st ANTI-AIRCRAFT (Continued from Page 21)

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4702 Shaffer Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53716

B-BATTERY

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“Taps”



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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.
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Mr. Granecki Writes



Glad to hear efforts are being made to encourage members of the Association to write about the years following their service time.

I sent a brief letter to the Association when I submitted a list of names as potential members and may be repeating myself.

Was a member of the 69th, F Co., 272, from the time it was activated till shortly after arriving in England. Transferred to the 99th Inf. Div. along with Bill Ditolla and others whose names escape me now. Assigned to the 81 mortar squad at Krinkelt, Germany. When the battle of the Bulge was contained we were sent to Aubel, Belgium to reorganize. Promoted to S/Sgt. and squad leader for the balance of the war. Returning to combat, we continued into Germany until reaching the Rhine River where we had a short rest across the river from Dusseldorf. When the Remagen Bridge was captured we marched all night crossing the bridge that afternoon. "Mopped up" in the Rhur Pocket where thousands of Germans were taken prisoner. The division then was transferred to Patton's Army for the duration.

Following V-E Day it was a series of transfers thru Germany, France and Belgium. In between I enjoyed two furloughs to the Riviera before shipping out to the states in March, 1946.

Returned to my former job in the inspection dept. at the Doehler-Jarvis Die Casting Co. Married in June and have two wonderful children — son, James, and daughter, Janice. Like most parents I am very proud of both as they continued their education well beyond high school. Jim received his degree in Pharmacy from the University of Toledo and was Chief Pharmacist at the Homestead Air Force Base Hospital, for two years. Was discharged as a 1st Lt. and decided to enter Law School at the University of Toledo. After passing the Board Exam. he was assistant to Executive Board Director of the Ohio Board of Pharmacy. He moved to Bowling Green, Ohio where he has a law practice and is currently Asst. Prosecutor in Wood County.

My daughter also outdid herself academically. Graduated from the University of Toledo with a degree in Business Education, received her Masters from Bowling Green University and is currently completing her work on her PhD at Ohio State University. Has been teaching in a Columbus high school for 5 years.

In the early 60s I developed a heart condition which eventually led to a disability retirement in 1968 and open heart surgery in 1978. Am a member of the VFW, American Legion, Catholic War Vets, Polish Vets and the Eagles. Also am involved in several Sr. Citizens groups and have just finished a two year term as Financial Secretary of the Local 1058, UAW Retirees Chapter.

Many times I wondered how some of the members of my platoon fared in Germany — Allen Wardin, Varn, Dunagan, Lawrence — to name a few. Met Jim Henry at a reunion in Cleveland some years ago and exchange Christmas cards and an occasional letter. Also ran into Norm Allen in South Bend at a Notre Dame football game but just long enough to shout a greeting.

Enclosed is a photo of the family with the oldest of three grandchildren.

Would like to hear from anyone from F Co. who might still remember me.

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