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Charles L. Bolte
Commander 69th Infantry Division
Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Mississippi
October 1943

Gen. Charles Lawrence Bolte

Charles Lawrence Bolte was born in Chicago, Ill., May 8, 1895. He was graduated from Armour Institute of Technology in 1917 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering.

General Bolte attended student training camps at Ludington, Michigan, in 1914; Presidio of San Francisco in 1915; and Plattsburgh, New York in 1916. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry Reserve, November 6, 1916, and served at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, as a Training Camp Instructor in 1917. He went on active duty May 8, 1917, and joined the 58th Infantry at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in August, 1917. He received his Regular Army commission as Second Lieutenant of Infantry, October 25, 1917, and was promoted immediately to First Lieutenant. In November 1917, he moved with his regiment to Camp Greene, North Carolina.

In May 1918, General Bolte sailed for France with the 58th Infantry, Fourth Division, and took part in the Aisne-Marne Offensive, St. Mihiel Offensive and the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. He was wounded in action September 19, 1918. Joining the 338th Infantry as Company Commander in France, in January 1919 he served at LeMans at a forwarding camp until March 1919. He then became Adjutant of the Fourth Division with the Army of Occupation in Germany. He returned with the Fourth Division to the United States in August 1919, and remained with it at Camp Dodge, Iowa, until September 1919. Subsequently General Bolte was Adjutant of a Provisional Regiment of the Fourth Division at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, and Gary, Indiana. In February, 1920, he was assigned for duty in the Historical Branch, War Plans Division, War Department General Staff. In September 1920 he became an instructor at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, and a year later became Aide to Major General J. L. Hines at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

He was assigned with General Hines in the Office Deputy Chief of Staff, Washington, D.C., in November 1922 and in the Office, Chief of Staff in 1924, remaining there until September 1926 when he was detailed as student to the Infantry School, Fort Benning, from which he was graduated in May 1927. He then was assigned as an Instructor at the Infantry School and was graduated from the advance course there in June 1930.

General Bolte entered the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in September 1930, graduated in June 1932, and was ordered to the American Barracks, Tientsin, China, for duty with the 15th Infantry as S-3 Company and Battalion Commander.

In April 1936 he was assigned to command a battalion of the 13th Infantry at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. The following August he entered Army War College from which he was graduated in June 1937, and then remained as an instructor.

In July 1940, General Bolte became a member of a War Planning Cacus at the Army War College and for several months had temporary duty in the Office, Chief of Air Corps. He became Operations and Training Officer of the IV Army Corps at Jacksonville, Florida, in November 1940.

General Bolte, in May 1941, began a tour of duty in London, England, in charge of War Plans for a Special Army Observer Group, and was assigned as Chief of Staff of the United States Forces in the United Kingdom at London, in January 1942. The following July he was designated as the First Chief of Staff of the newly established European Theater of Operations with headquarters in England. In August 1942, he was assigned with Headquarters, Army Ground Forces, in Washington, D.C. He became Assistant Commander of the 51st Infantry Division at Camp White, Oregon, in September 1942, and was assigned as Commanding General of the newly

activated 69th Infantry Division at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, in February 1943.

In July 1944, General Bolte was placed in command of the 34th Infantry Division then in combat on the Arno River, Italy, which he led through the rupture of the Gothic Line, the winter campaign in the Apennines, the break-through and the capture of Bologna, the surrender of the Axis Forces in Italy and the subsequent occupation of northwestern Italy, and later of the Northeastern sector.

In November 1945, General Bolte was assigned to Washington, D.C., as Assistant Chief of Staff, Ground Plans. On August 9, 1946, he became Chief of Staff of the Army Ground Forces at Fort Monroe, Virginia. In May 1948, he was appointed Director of Special Joint Planning Group in Washington, D.C., and a year later was appointed Director of the Plans and Operations Division, General Staff, U.S. Army. Upon the reorganization of Army Headquarters, March 1, 1950, he was designated Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations. He was appointed Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans on February 13, 1951. He assumed command of the Seventh Army in Germany, in August 1952. In April 1953, he became Commander in Chief of the U.S. Army, Europe, and the following October he was appointed Vice Chief of Staff of the Army at Washington, D.C. General Bolte retired from active Army service April 30, 1955.

General Bolte was Chairman, Inter-American Defense Board in 1952. In 1953, he served on the Advisory Committee on Army Organization.

General Bolte was Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Board, American Car & Foundry Industries from July 1955 to July 1958.

At present General Bolte is Chairman of the Board, Advanced Growth Capital Corporation, Chicago, Illinois.

He was awarded the Degree of Doctor of Engineering by Illinois Institute of Technology (Chicago) in February 1944.

General Bolte was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal in 1945, for his services in command of the 34th Division in Italy, from July 1944 to May 1945. The Silver Star was conferred upon him in 1945, for gallantry in action on April 20, 1945, in the vicinity of Bologna, Italy. He was awarded the Legion of Merit in 1944, for outstanding services as Plans Officer of the Special Army Observers Group, London, England, and later as Chief of Staff of the European Theater of Operation from May 1941, to June 1942. He also was awarded the Purple Heart for a wound sustained in World War I.

General Bolte's foreign decorations include: the Order of the Bath (Great Britain), the Order of Commander SS Maurizio e Lazzaro (Italy), and the French Officer of the Legion d'Honneur, the French Croix de Guerre with palm, the Brazilian Medalha de Guerra and the Italian Military Order of Savoy, the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Most Blessed Trinity with Plaque (Ethiopia), and the Order de Boyaca (Columbia).

General and Mrs. Bolte have a daughter, Demara Bolte and two sons, Major David E. Bolte, Class of 1949, U.S. Military Academy, and Major Philip L. Bolte, Class of 1950, both of whom were wounded in action in Korea.

PROMOTIONS

He was promoted to Captain (temp) August 10, 1918; to Captain (perm) July 1, 1920; to Major (perm) August 1, 1935; to Lieutenant Colonel (perm) August 18, 1940; to Colonel (temp) December 24, 1941; to Brigadier General (temp) January 17, 1942; to Major General (temp) April 26, 1943; to Colonel (perm) September 1, 1946; to Major General (perm) to date from October 5, 1944 to Lieutenant General (temp) February 13, 1951; to General (temp) on July 30, 1953. Retired April 30, 1955, with the rank of General (perm).

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Up to date as of 31 October 1962.



News From The Editor's Desk

by — Clarence Marshall

Frank B. Huff, P.O. Box 134, Flint Hill, Virginia 22627 — Hq. 1st Battalion 273rd: I sure would like to meet my old Buddies of Company-B 273rd Infantry Regiment. My travel has been limited since 1966, due to a back operation. My legs and back are so bad it has put a limit to riding and walking. I also had a second back operation in 1967.

I was in Washington D.C., a few years ago to the Russian Embassy for a big celebration. I met **Paul Staub**, one of the four of us, who met the Russians on the Elbe River. The other two in our patrol, besides Mr. Staub and myself were **Lt. William Robertson** and **Cpl. James McDonnell**. I was the one who made the official contact. This Russian Embassy celebration was May 9, 1975. What a time we had, and the food was out of this world.

I appreciate the Bulletins that you sent me, and my wife likes to read them also. Hope that everyone has a good time at the Reunion, and I wish I could be there with you.

Reino Pelkonen, 611 N. Mariposa, Burbank, California 91506 — A-777th: Enclosed are my dues for 1984, and a little extra wherever you need it. I have wanted to send this some time ago, but that's water under the bridge.

Retired from the Post Office in 1973, with 32 years of Government Service. I had a brain tumor operation in 1962, but still was able to work on light duty as a clerk until my retirement. In 1973, I had a by-pass operation. I feel pretty good for the shape I'm in. I try to get exercise everyday, to keep going. I guess the Old 11th A-Troop Cavalry put some grit in me to keep going. Best of everything to you and yours.

Edward L. Fitch, 1924 Hidden Harbor Road, Hixon, Tennessee 37343 — L-271st: Several years ago while traveling on Interstate 75 near Chattanooga, I made contact with a car displaying a 69th Emblem, through my C.B. Radio. From this incident I wrote to the 69th Division Association Headquarters, and have been receiving the Bulletins ever since. What memories all of this has brought back. It's almost like relocating family members, to find Old 69th Comrades.

I was not one of the Camp Shelby group. Many of the original Shelby members had been taken out as replacements, and I joined the Division overseas.

Combat has a way of creating fraternal links that are not easily forgotten, regardless of when you joined the outfit. I have located some of the members of my outfit, but there are others I would really like to hear from namely, **Sgt. Tidwell**, **Raymond Fitzgerald**, **Leslie Gaul**, **Sgt. (Red Dog) Davis** and **Wilson King**. If anyone knows anything about the whereabouts of the above, I would really like to hear from them.

If I can arrange to get away from my job, I plan on making the Orlando Reunion. My wife and I plan to retire soon, so that small technicality like getting off from work will not be a problem.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Fitch was under the impression that it was Earl Witzleb whom he had contacted by C.B., but such was not the case as Mr. Witzleb's vehicles are not equipped with C.B. In a later communication Mr. Fitch advised us that he found a History Book of I-Company 271st in his War memorabilia. Since his Unit was Company-L 271st, he would like to get this book back to it's rightful owner. the following

names he figures might be the rightful owner: "Lefty" Lucien, Lionel LaChance, Emil Tobias, Ivan Johnson or Glenn Head).

Woodrow W. Welch, 178 S. Main Street, Smithfield, Illinois 61477 — M-273rd: I have been attending the 69th Reunions for the last four years, and have been meeting and corresponding with my company "M" Buddies in increasing numbers.

I was with the original Cadre at Shelby as a Staff Sergeant, and was promoted to 1st Sergeant before going overseas. I have many Buddies that I have yet to hear from.

My wife, Frances, and I are looking forward to the Florida Reunion, as several of my Buddies have made reservations according to the Bulletin. God willing we hope to continue attending as many Reunions as possible. See you in Orlando.

H. C. Sanders, 14383 S.E. Hollyview Court, Boring, Oregon 97009 — 569th Sig.: Please send me information and data on the forthcoming Reunion. Just read about it in the Legion Magazine.

I am leaving for Europe the 14th of August to tramp around on the ground we tread during the War. I am not going to Leipzig, however.

I was in the 569th Signal Company.

Lester K. Chapman, 994 Woodstock Avenue, Tonawanda, New York 14150 — C-879th: I saw your announcement in the V.F.W. Magazine while visiting a friend of mine. I served in the 69th Infantry Division, in Battery-C of the 879th Field Artillery Battalion.

I had communications with a **Robert Stern** and **Donald Masterana** back in the fifties and early sixties. I last heard from Robert Stern three years ago, and was planning on going to the Reunion, but became ill.

I am interested in joining the 69th Infantry Division Association, and see my Old Buddies again. I had one of the 69th Division History Books, but lost or misplaced it in one of the moves that I made.

I lived in Syracuse, New York, when I went into the Service. I would like information on obtaining another History Book.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Chapman was advised that the History Book was available through National Headquarters, and has since been furnished with one).

Francis G. Blair, 603 Church Road Reisterstown, Maryland 21136 — Hq. 3rd Battalion 273rd: I recently noticed under "Reunions" in the June issue of the V.F.W. Magazine that the 69th Infantry Division will hold one at Orlando, Florida, in October. As a former member of Headquarters Company 3rd Battalion 273rd, I would like to attend this event. Please send me any current information concerning contacts, agenda, reservations, etc.

I would also like to be kept abreast of any changes and development in the planning process. Since a number of Old Comrades have passed away in recent years, I have lost all contact with the organization, and I am really looking forward to this Reunion.

Ralph G. Nuckolls, 208 Panamint Street, Ridgecrest, California 93555 — B-724th: Received your very welcome letter in response to a letter I wrote to **Harold E. Stambaugh** of York, Pennsylvania, inquiring about the 69th Infantry Division. You stated that in 1979, an invitation had been sent to our old address at 1729 Oregon Street, Bakersfield, California. Sorry to say, we left there in September of 1951, and have lived at this address ever since.

I'm happy to know that **Sgt. Al Bukovec** was able to furnish some of the names and addresses for Baker Battery of the 724th Field Artillery. As for myself over the years and being a workaholic it seemed that business always came first. However, since retiring two years ago I have devoted more

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time to reminiscing and trying to stir up Old Army Friends.

Several years ago I flew to Washington, D.C., and then drove to Wilmington, Delaware, just to visit an old Army friend. He was not of the 69th but it was certainly a traumatic experience, especially after 39 years. On a hunch last September I relocated another of our B-Battery men in Salem, Oregon. He was former 1st Sgt. **Con Retherford** whom I had not seen since 1946, when he lived in Exeter, California.

I would like addresses for the following men if they are available: **Arthur Babbitt**, **Al Bukovec**, **Edward Camp**, **Nick Carr**, **Victor Ferrone**, **Morris Jones**, **Edward Kaasmann**, **Leno Leoni**, **Mike Losh**, **Donald Riddle**, **Lawrence Whelan** and **John Pierce**.

I will try desperately to make one of the Reunions.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Nuckolls was furnished the addresses that he requested).

R. J. McCarthy, 835 18th Street, Apt. 404, Vero Beach, Florida 32960 — A-880th: A friend of mine, now living in Ft. Pierce, Florida, gave me your address, as he is a member of your Association, being a former 272nd Infantry grad.

Please consider this an application to join your Association.

I formerly served with Battery-A of the 880th Field Artillery from May 1943 till the end of the War. For lack of points I was transferred to the 29th Division in Bremenhaven, and then to the 86th Division for shipment home.

I have never heard from any of my Comrades in Arms, but maybe I made myself too difficult to find.

My profession is industrial and manufacturing engineer, establishing automotive manufacturing plants in Brazil, South America and Mexico. Lastly, I ended my career as Director of Engineering for Gear Manufacturing Corporation. I am now retired and living in Vero Beach, Florida.

I am very much interested in the 1984 Orlando Reunion. My wife, Irene, would also like to become a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Mrs. William Leader, Sr., R.D. 6, Box 564 Friendship Village, Bedford, Pennsylvania 15522: My husband has recently heard of the Reunion of former members of the 69th Infantry Division in Bedford, Pennsylvania. He was so moved to know that the men of the 69th have Reunions, that I decided to write you and the Association.

He was a member of your Division for most of its activation, and served in all of its locations.

He would like to be informed of any future Reunions, or activities of your organization. He formerly lived in Everett, Pennsylvania, but now resides in Bedford.

(Editor's Note: Please send National Headquarters the Unit you served with in the 69th).

Nathan Green, 5 Westwind Road, Yonkers, New York 10710 — G-271st: I would like to have the phone number and address of **Donald McCoppen**, former Captain and at one time Company Commander of G-271st. I saw in one of your Bulletins that he lives in White Plains, New York, but there is no phone listed under his name. White Plains is only 5 to 10 minutes from me. I am anxious to meet with him again.

(Editor's Note: Mr. McCoppen is not on our Association Mailing Roster, so what appeared in the Bulletin can not be verified. If anyone out there knows his whereabouts please contact National Headquarters).

Ernest M. Salvatore, 2475 W. 16th Street, No. 7-D, Brooklyn, New York 11214 — K-271st: In your News Bulletin Vol. 37 No. 3, I came across the photo of **Paul Staub** on page 15. When I saw his name it rang a bell. I had a little address book during my service days, and after locating it I found enclosed his name and address which he had given me. I have

a very vague recollection of him, as to where we were or when. I would like to have the whereabouts of Paul.

Thanks for the Bulletins. I find them very interesting.

Andrew O. Mahlum, 13900 S.E. Highway 212, No. 117, Clackamas, Oregon 97015 — K-273rd: Just a line to let you know that **Charles Podolak** of LaGrange, Illinois, passed away in May. He was the Platoon Sergeant of the Second Platoon in Company-K 273rd, from the start of the 69th till he was wounded in Germany.

I see that **Gerald Sheehan** will be at the Reunion. He served under Sergeant Podolak. I would like to have the address of Mr. Sheehan, as I was the next in charge of that Platoon.

James Berry, 1600 Branch Drive, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee 38464 — Hq. 3rd Battalion 272nd: Thanks for sending me the copy of your News Bulletin. The Three "B's" bring back a lot of memories.

I joined the 69th in May of 1943, and stayed with it until it was broken up in 1945.

The list of names that you sent me has four that I have thought of over the years. They are: **Paul Miller**, **William Slusher**, **Jon Lundgren** and **Clarence Hartshorne**.

I retired from the Army in September of 1975, with the rank of 1st Sergeant, but the first Unit that I served with has always been the one that I really felt a part of.

My wife, Jane, and I will be at the Reunion in October.

Enclosed are our dues for the Association, and postage. Hope to meet you in Orlando.

Thomas G. Carson, 2095 Glendale Drive, Decatur, Georgia 30032 — L-271st: I was driving up Interstate 75, and stopped at a Rest Stop. I have a 69th Division Decal on my window, and a man parked next to me walked up and ask me what Unit I was in. I told him Company-L 271st, and he stated that he had served in Company-F 272nd.

I inquired if he was a member of the Association, or had attended any Reunions, and his answer was negative. I invited him to come to Orlando. His name is **Leroy Partain**, 406 S. Cantwell Lane, Deslodge, Missouri 63610.

Looking forward to seeing you in Orlando.

James R. Kidd, 222 Al-Fan Court, Winchester, Kentucky 40391 — F-271st: I appreciated the Bulletin, May-August 1984, which you sent to me. It appears to be an outstanding publication of that type. Quite newsy.

I was a late comer to the 69th, having joined it in mid-September 1944, at Camp Shelby. The Division was in the field at the time, and I promptly went out and got my dose of Chiggers. It was interesting what with security and such that when I checked in with Division Headquarters someone said that we were shipping over on November 15th. That rumor came back to me as our ship the "John Ericsson" glided out of New York Harbor on — you guessed it — November 15th.

Those names you furnished bring back memories of Company F-271st Infantry. The only one I have kept in touch with is **Eric Jacobsen**. Another from the 2nd Battalion 271st is **Earl Fox**. My last address for him was 17 W. 71st Place, Westmont, Illinois 60559. I also had some contact with **Chaplain James W. May**, who a number of years ago was a professor at Emory University in Atlanta.

My Unit went on the line in the hills above Helenthal. Of the four platoon leaders in the company at that time, I was the only one who made it through. **Bill Ricker** was killed on a patrol to the tiny village of Buschem. **Bob Scott** was killed when we attacked Buschem. **Don Ahl** was killed in the battle of the gravel pits near Zwenkau.

After the War I returned to West Virginia University, where I received my degree in 1948. My first job was with

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a newspaper at Petersburg, Virginia. I was there only a year when the Dean of the School of Journalism ask me to return as a member of the teaching staff. Four years later I had a free summer and took a summer job at Aberdeen Proving Ground with the Army's maintenance magazine, PS Magazine. I was offered the Editorship, so I stayed. In fact I stayed so long that retired last year after 30 years. You might say that it was a long summer.

Since retirement I have been busy with a small Kentucky farm raising strawberries and beef cattle.

At the moment I am not sure if I can make it to the Reunion in October. If I can, I shall, but it may be an almost spur-of-the-moment thing. If I do make it I am looking forward to meeting the great guys from the 69th.

Hugh M. Colvin, 6909 7th Avenue, W., Bradenton, Florida 33529 — C-273rd: While reading the Legion Magazine of August 1984, I noted that the 69th Division is planning for a Reunion in Orlando, Florida, in October. This caught my attention as I have been watching for an announcement like this for several months.

I was inducted in August of 1944, and will never forget it nor the events that followed in this tumultuous period. I joined the 69th as a replacement through Givet Repple Depot, and went into the Siegfried Line on or around January 30, 1945. I was with C-Company 273rd Regiment, and ended up at Torgau to meet the Russians on April 26th. This was the day after the official link-up by the patrols of Lt. Robertson and Lt. Kotzebue.

I would like to know more specifics about the Reunion as to time, location, etc. It is possible that I can rearrange my travel plans to attend, and perhaps help.

John Oplt, 1617 Schobert Drive, Swansea, Illinois 62221 — D-273rd: I am writing to let you know that I have relocated another former 69'er who served in my Unit D-273rd. I was in Columbia, South Carolina, and had his old address. I was fortunate that he still owned the house, and his renter furnished me his phone number. I spoke with him on the phone, but didn't get to see him. He didn't know that we had a 69th Division Association, so I sent him a copy of our News Bulletin.

I would appreciate it if you would drop him a line, and give him details about our Association and our upcoming Reunion. He is: **Carl Williams**, 217 Partridge Lane, W., Columbia, South Carolina 29169.

Robert J. Miller, Box 21, Dowell, Maryland 20629 — Ser. 271st: Having noted Reunion notice in August Legion Magazine, and having served in the Division from May 1943 thru July 1945, I am interested in receiving information regarding the Association and it's upcoming Reunion. My former Unit was Service Company-271st.

James P. Kearns, 3007 Sherbrooke Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40205 — C-272nd: I have been trying to find and join the 69th Division Association since 1945. I was with Company C-272nd Infantry Regiment from April 1944 to June 1945. While on vacation in Florida I played golf with my brother, and we were paired with two other men. During the game one of these men made a comment about the War, and before long I found out that he was with the 69th in Europe. This gentleman was **Rev. William A. Spurrier** of Cataumet, Maine, and on his return home he sent me your address. I would like to hear from my friends in C-272nd.

Earl F. Fox, 1121 Tamarack Drive, Darien, Illinois 60559 — Hq. 2nd Battalion 271st: Second Lieutenant while in service with the 69th, and in 1951 promoted to Captain.

Since discharge I have spent 36 years in the field of education. My wife, Judy, was a teacher for 18 years. We have three children, Janet, Marilee and James.

I continue to serve on the Board of Education along with other community volunteer work. I am also a golf instructor.

Will be in Europe September 28th until November 1st.

Charles E. Hofer, R.D. 1, Box 489, Red Hook, New York 12571 — D-273rd: I received a phone call from Ventura, California, which made my day. It was from **John Van Auker** whose mailing address is: P.O. Box 5021, Ventura, California 93003.

I was a Section Sergeant, 1st Platoon D-273rd, and John was one of my gunners. After the War he and **Steve Brion** came here to visit, and after that he just disappeared. The last month or so I have been thinking about how I could find him. He claimed he had been thinking the same. He had never heard about the 69th Division Association. Please add him to the mailing list, and he wants to join the Association.

Due to a heart condition and business, he will not be able to make it to Orlando. My wife and I plan to arrive in Orlando on Tuesday, and stay for a week.

Kenneth Barkett, 5 Belle Street, Agawam, Massachusetts 01001 — I-271st: All the years that have passed, and I never knew that the 69th Division Association existed. I don't remember having ever been contacted, but I could be wrong. I would have attended many of the Reunions, if I would have known about them.

Of the names that you sent, the following are most familiar to me: **Robert McMillan**, **Ray Rabuck** and **William Dahoda**. I will write these men, and hope that I get a reply.

I have a copy of the Company-I 271st History Book, and also a copy of the 271st Regimental History Book. The Company-I 271st book was illustrated by **Charles Swanberg** of Seattle, Washington. I knew him very well, and I have his autograph. He did not put down his address, which I would like to have, if you have any record of him.

I have some pictures taken in Germany of my Unit, and also some of when we contacted the Russians. **Walter Hazard** was our C.O., and he was a fine officer and got alot of respect.

My daughter and her family are moving from Midland, Michigan, to West Palm Beach, Florida. I will come to Florida to visit my daughter, and also attend the 69th Reunion.

Robert C. Fjellman, 1316 4th Street, S.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414 — A-461st AAA: As one from the 461st AAA I want to express my appreciation for publishing in the 69th Bulletin, the Battalion History that **John English** of D-Battery wrote, and also for listing all available names and addresses of those of the 461st. I know that John is working to locate as many of our men as he can.

Your Bulletin is superb, and one has to read it from cover to cover. I am looking forward to the next publication, and all future Bulletins.

Allen Speir, 58 Summer Street, Norwell, Massachusetts 02061 — H-272nd: I would appreciate information about the 69th Infantry Division Association. I was in H-Company of the 272nd Infantry Regiment during basic training in 1943. I was pulled out and sent as a replacement. I later joined the Advanced Section Com Zone G-4 Section, and went in on D+14 at Utah Beach.

Looking forward for this information.

Samuel Martin, P.O. Box 884, Homosassa Springs, Florida 32647 — A-724th: Hello from Battery-A of the 724th Field Artillery Battalion. I would like to have some information on the Reunion. I live within an hour of Orlando, and would like to stop over for a couple of days.

Have you had any inquiry from Battery-A?

Henry B. Jurkiewicz, 512 79th Terrace, N., Apt. 207, St. Petersburg, Florida 33702 — A-777th: We have two children, who are both married. My wife and I are retired, and we have been living in St. Petersburg for about three months.

Yes, I am going to the 69th Reunion in Orlando.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Jurkiewicz sent along three other

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names from A-Company of the 777th, but I have been unable to relocate these men).

Lt. Col. R. C. Trimble, USA Ret., 123 Baywood Drive, Biloxi, Mississippi 39532 — Div. Hq.: I note in the September issue of The Retired Officers Magazine that there will be a Reunion of the 69th Infantry Division Association this coming October. I regret that I will not be able to attend, but I sure would like to wish all those there my best wishes.

I would like to get any information which is available on the Association.

Walter T. Glazewski, 5608 S. Mitchell Drive, Tempe, Arizona 85283: I am interested in obtaining a record of the History of the 69th Infantry Division. I served in this division. Any assistance that you can provide in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

(Editor's Note: This letter was directed to Congressman Elton Rudd of the State of Arizona. He in turn got your Editor's address from the Pentagon and requested me to furnish the gentleman what he desired).

Sherman M. Hester, Sr., 123 Northwoods Circle, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27105 — A-272nd: Please send more information on the Fighting 69th Infantry Division Association Reunion which is being held in Orlando, Florida, October 7th to 14th. I served in Company-A of the 272nd Infantry Regiment.

Cecil Fernandez, 1202 Skyview Cove, Lakeland, Florida 33801 — G-271st: Here is the address of another former 69'er: **Walter Westerman**, 12004 Fairway Avenue, High Point, Brooksville, Florida 33512, and the 273rd Regiment. We met him in St. Petersburg, and he was not aware of our Division Association. Please send him a Bulletin so that he will have the information and forms for the Reunion.

I plan to attend also. **Ralph Plugge** of Chicago is supposed to meet me there.

Sure will miss **Shorty Reynolds** and **Loar Quickle**.

William Wetzel, W230 S8805 Clark Street, Big Bend, Wisconsin 53103: Please send me the necessary information regarding attending the 69th Infantry Division Reunion to be held in October 1984.

Hollis Durant, 16 Bunker Hill Avenue, Stratham, New Hampshire 03885 — 459th AAA AW Battalion: I enjoy your magazine so much that is well worth the membership. Many articles remind me of the days I will never forget.

Sam Sample, Route 1, Pickens, Mississippi 39146 — I-273rd: I am trying to find out the name of the ship that the 273rd crossed the Channel on. I think it was British. Any information will be appreciated.

Recently I took a cruise from Tilbury, England, to Leningrad, through the Kiel Canal. We were near Bremen and Bremerhaven where I spent some time 40 years ago. This wasn't too far from where the link-up took place at Torgau. My wife and I also went to Moscow which was quite an experience. We returned home through London. Trip brought back quite a few memories of the War.

Elmer Broneske, 8941 Clay Street, Denver, Colorado 80221 — E-271st: Received the 69th Infantry Division Bulletin you sent after our daughter Barb Schell talked to you. I have enclosed dues to join the Association.

I was in Company-E 271st from the time they left Camp Shelby until they sent the Division home from Germany.

I am interested in the cost of the Division Ring, and also would like to have a couple shoulder patches.

We hope to attend next year's Reunion in Williamsburg, Virginia.

(Editor's Note: Picture of Mr. Broneske and his wife appear elsewhere in this issue of the Bulletin).

Kenneth Sawyer, 2935 Turtle Mound Road, Eau Gallie, Florida 32935 — D-273rd: Another member of the 69th has been relocated. **Seth Mohr** tracked him down by phone using his 1940 address and the assistance of one of his relatives. He was most appreciative of being found, and has asked to join the Association. He is: **George R. Thomas**, 126 South Central Wood, Dale, Illinois 60191. He had just lost his wife when Seth contacted him. He will not be attending the Orlando Reunion, but promises to make the next one. He was unaware of our Association, and will enjoy receiving the Bulletins.

Charles W. Swanberg, Rt. 5, Box 354, Vashon, Washington 98070 — I-271st: By the good offices of Mr. **Jim Dow** of Seattle, I find you have made efforts to relocate me. Your inquiries must have occurred sometime after I had departed downtown Seattle, and re-established my studio in my home on Vashon Island.

Yes, I was a "dog face" in Company-I 271st Infantry. The history was produced in Leipzig by a group of ancient men who contrived to typeset and print a little book with but one very minor typo, all with no knowledge of English whatsoever.

I am glad to hear that the 69th has an energetic and happy Association functioning. If I can be of some service, please feel free to call on me.

European Tour April 13 to April 27, 1985

The European Tour has progressed to the point that we are just about waiting for the departure date.

The itinerary is basically like it was listed in one of our latest Bulletins. With only one or two minor changes to our benefit.

One of the major changes was that we will leave from JFK International Airport in New York, instead of from Dulles, mainly for convenience for the majority of the people. Most people had to go through JFK to get to Dulles, and then go back to JFK to catch the plane overseas, this is not necessary. This makes one less flight change.

One bright point is that the cost is going to be a little less. But, I don't know just how much at this time. We now have two bus loads. But, still one vacancy on one of them. If we can get at least twenty more people for a half bus load, we will take it. So if you are interested, let me hear from you right away.

Send a deposit of \$250.00 per person, make the check out to American Express and send it to **William R. Beswick**, P.O. Box 576, West Point, Virginia 23181. Even though we have two bus loads now and you are interested, send in your deposit and we'll put you on the waiting list. As is always the case, some people will be forced to cancel for some reason or other. So don't give up.

Bill Beswick

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SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EUROPEAN TOUR

1. The Paris and Brussels sightseeing is to be arranged by American Express.
2. Visit the "Memorial Museum" at Bastogne.
3. Visit the "Patton Museum" at Ettlebruck, Lux.
4. Visit Margraten and Henri Chappelle Cemeteries.
5. Visit the "Cologne Cathedral".
6. Visit the Museum at Remagen.

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EUROPEAN TOUR (Continued from Page 6)

7. Visit Bad Ems while at Koblenz.
8. Visit Buchenwald.
9. Coffee and rest stops along the way.
10. Visit Fort Ehrenbreitstein while in Koblenz area.
11. Board the boat at Koblenz for the trip down the Rhine River, viewing the old forts, castles and vineyards past the Loreley to Mainz.
12. Go up through some of our old battle fields from Frankfurt to Fulda, Bad Hersfeld, Kassel Witzhausen and down through Gotha, Erfurt Weimar, Naumburg and Lutzen to Leipsig.
13. We will view the "Monument of Nations" at Leipsig where the Germans held out so strong when we were there in 1945.
14. Go to and look around the Railroad Station in Leipsig that was another stronghold.
15. We will be able to shop and look around in Leipsig.
16. We should have enough time to look around surrounding countryside if you would like to see the small village where your billet was in the Leipsig area.
17. Then we will go toward Eilenburg on our way to Torgau.
18. We will arrive in Torgau on the morning of April 25, 1985. This is a must. We will place a wreath in "Remembrance" to all our friends at the "East meets West" Monument erected by the Russians in 1962.
19. We will spend the day in Torgau and have a luncheon at the "Central Hotel." If it can be arranged and if they can accommodate a group our size.
20. We will place a wreath at Margraten and Henri Chappelle Cemeteries and at the "East meets West" Monument in Torgau.
I believe that we should also place a wreath on Joe Polowsky's grave in Torgau. We will be there and I think we should Honor him with our presence.
21. American Express will have a group Visa for all of us.

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Reservations Received To Date For European Tour April 13 to April 27, 1985

William R. & Josephine Beswick — B-661st
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Robert L. & Joan Doupe — H-661st
6319 Waterway Drive, Falls Church, Virginia 22044

Jules & Ellen (Pat) Slopek — C-661st
140 Fox Run Drive, Munroe Falls, Ohio 44262

Wilson A. & Dorothy Wright — A-777th
131 Maple Drive, Wexford, Pennsylvania 15090

Lloyd W. & Jean K. Abbott — 69th Recon
8098 E. 191st Street, S., Bixby, Oklahoma 74008

Robert P. & Mildred Blackmore — B-272nd
615 Lakeview Road, East St. Louis, Missouri 63367

Bernard W. & Marie Ladue — B-272nd
83 Collamer Road, Box No. 8, Hilton, New York 14468

George W. & Katherine Wallis — A-879th
6737 S. 71 E. Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74133

Chester & Barbara Yastrzemski — E-272nd
29 Skinner Street, Southampton, New York 11968

Thomas C. & Jean L. Graves — F-273rd
Rt. 4, Box 198, Hendersonville, North Carolina 28739

Charles W. & Anita R. Otto — E-271st
7 Heatherly Drive, Candler, North Carolina 28715

Ray & Frances VanBrocklin — 769th Ord.
3318 W. Denison, Davenport, Iowa 52804

John L. & Barbara A. Theisen — 272nd Med.
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Charles W. & Edith Chapman — Hq. Divarty
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William C. & Reba B. Sheavly — M-271st
218 Sacred Heart Lane, Reisterstown, Maryland 21136

Warren & Dorothy Mitchell — H-661st
3050 Harcross Road, Redwood City, California 94061

Willard C. & Nina L. Tubb — Div. G2
3930 North Hampton Brook, Hamburg, New York 14075

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6461 S.W. 46th Place, Portland, Oregon 97221

Donald & Emily Durst — 271st AT
8 Glenview Terrace, LaVale, Maryland 21502

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Roger D. & Ruthella D. West — E-272nd
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L. Raymond Olson — A-272nd
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S. John & Gladys Heliseva — C-274th
79 Millard Hill Road, Newfield, New York 14867

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P.O. Box 303, Rt. 1, Pembroke, Virginia 24136

John R. & Marjorie Fain —
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530 E. Cornwall Road, Cary, North Carolina 27511

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Pine Acres, Oakham, Massachusetts 01068

James A. & Dorothy Eibling —
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Delmar & Francine Crawford —
4820 Lakeside Drive, Reno, Nevada 89509

Raymond & Alice Wolthoff —
5609 14th Avenue, S., St. Petersburg, Florida 33707

Walter H. & Sarah Hart —
308W. Front Street, Perrysburg, Ohio 43551

Willard L. & Fredda Carter —
Box 64, Lorenzo, Texas 79343

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News From The President



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

Greetings to All Members Of "The Fighting 69th" — from Sunny Florida

I must congratulate **Al and Ann Faison, Jack and Jackie Hubbard**, and all the committee members for all the hard work and time they spent in putting a wonderful Reunion together. We members of the 69th Infantry Division Association thank you very much for a Super Reunion.

The next Reunion will be in Williamsburg, Virginia, and the Chairman will be your Vice President, **Bill Beswick**. I know Bill will need all the cooperation from all our members he can get. Please, when Bill asks for your reservation, put them in early. That has been the biggest problem in trying to get the Reunions started.

I'm sorry to report that **Earl Witzleb, Jr.**, our Treasurer, resigned at the Membership Meeting. Earl has a health problem and his doctor has advised him to cut down on his activities for the present. **Earl and Clarence Marshall** will still take care of the Bulletin. Earl has done an excellent job of being Treasurer for all these years. He sure deserves our gratitude and appreciation for all the many hours of work and devotion to the Association.

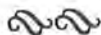
I would appreciate it if all you 69'ers would send **Earl and Dottie Witzleb, Jr.**, a 'Thank You Card' for all the work they have done.

We now have a new Treasurer. His name is **Robert Kurtzman**. Robert was elected Treasurer at the Membership Meeting here in Florida. I know Robert will be an excellent Treasurer, and your cooperation with him will be appreciated. You will be hearing from him in the next Bulletin.

Vickie and I had the pleasure of having my Buddy, **Victor Woo**, spend a week before the Reunion with us, and also having **Earl and Dottie Witzleb** spend a few days after the Reunion. We hope they had a good time.

Well, 69'ers **Vickie and I** wish you and your wonderful wives a very Happy New Year and may all your problems be small ones.

God Bless You All,
George Gallagher, President



Jim Harwood Writes . . .



Jim Harwood in front of West Downs School, May 1984. Windows on right were the rooms that housed the Company G-2 Offices, December 1944 to January 1945.

Here is where Division Headquarters was located while we were in Merry Old England. Martha and I spent twenty-three days in Britain during April and May of this year. This is the first time that Martha went with me, but I was there two years ago.

We may get to the Reunion in Orlando. My health seems to be showing improvement in recent months. Two years ago I had a by-pass that saved my legs, and last year four strokes which fortunately left only a slight residue of bad memory. You may remember that Martha and I were married in Chapel 17 at Camp Shelby on October 16, 1944.

After the Reunion we plan to go to Gulfport, Mississippi, where we spent a three-day honeymoon.

Sgt. Ronsky (now deceased) made our wedding cake, and **Capt. Westby** performed the service.

Frank "Tad" Harrison has visited me a couple times during the last few years. His first wife, May, had died before his visits. His second wife was with him a couple years ago.

I hear from **Art Burgess** a couple times a year, and from **Walt Doernbach** occasionally. I have never written **Karol Kreutzman**, but was glad to see his name as attending the last 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.

Dottie and Me



Earl and Dottie Witzleb, Jr.

Co-Editor of the Bulletin

Post Office Box 69, Drawer M
Champion, Pennsylvania 15622
412/455-2901 (Evenings after 7:00 p.m. and Weekends)

It was a very good Reunion in Orlando, with plenty to do each and every day — there were the planned tours, the on-your-own tours, or just visiting with friends in the Hospitality Room or at pool side. Early Bird, PX Beer Party, and Banquet were all good evenings of fellowship with Buddies and friends. We enjoyed it even if I wasn't up-to-par, and would like to say the committee did an excellent job in putting it all together. Thanks, Orlando Reunion Committee.

The Williamsburg Reunion is going full speed now, in finalizing the program listed elsewhere in this Bulletin, with some changes to be expected. Prices will be in the next Bulletin, along with the tear sheet that will go to Bill Beswick. Bill is looking for members in the Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina areas to help him on his committee and help perform the many duties which are necessary to organize a Reunion. If you are interested and can help him please call him at 804/843-2696, or write him at Post Office Box 576, West Point, Virginia 23181.

Sorry to have found it necessary to resign as Treasurer of the Association. This is due to ill health which was brought on by incorrect medication. I am not up-to-par yet, as my doctor says it will be at least another six months before I'm back to my 'old self'.

Robert Kurtzman, Sr., has been elected the new Treasurer of the Association. I am sure he will more than fill my shoes and do an excellent job. Dues Envelopes should be in the hands of all members by now, so do pay your dues. Due to the October Reunion in Florida being held later in the year than usual and my health, we are running behind schedule this Dues Year.

Our thanks to the Gallagher's for the fine time we had with them following the Reunion. Time just went too fast.



Headquarters Battery, 461st AAA Battalion

Had a nice long letter from Charley Griffin of the 461st AAA Battalion, earlier in the year and haven't been able to get in the last two Bulletins because of space, but hope to do so in the next issue. The picture shows the gang from Headquarters Battery. Can you find yourself or were you just left off?

Also, I received a long article from Milt Halainen from Yankee Magazine, August 1984, featuring Kim Packard of the 269th Engineers, but too long to publish. Will see if Frank Nemeth wants to put parts of it in one of his letters for the Bulletin.

A Letter From Robert F. Wilson . . .

Dear Dottie and Earl,

This letter is being sent to you because in the last issue of "The Bulletin" your names appeared under the "69th Reunion's Bulletin Board." Also, we have become so used to sending you both everything that it will take us a while to get used to the fact that Earl has retired as Treasurer.

Because my schedule has had me traveling extensively since the Reunion, only now am I getting this brief note off expressing my gratitude to the Officers and Committee Members and all who are responsible for the excellent Reunion of our Fighting 69th held recently in Orlando.

In our opinion, the choice of the hotel, accommodations, tours, hospitality suite, meetings, and whatever else, was beautifully handled. All this didn't take place without a lot of planning and hard work.

Our heartfelt thanks to each one of you for making our visit to Orlando and the Reunion an experience we will always fondly remember.

While writing, I would be remiss not to acknowledge the great job that Mrs. Margie McCombs does in remembering our birthdays and anniversaries with a friendly greeting and always written by hand. Our thanks, Margie — it is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Wilson
230 Greenbriar Drive
Cheshire, Connecticut 06410
HQ 3rd Battalion 272nd



NOTICE

For those of you have sent in inquiries to National Headquarters about 69th Infantry Division Rings, the name of the supplier is as follows:

T-J Jewelry Company
Box YL-11
Apache Junction, Arizona 85220

as formerly named:

Royal Military Jewelry

Scholarship News



Anne and Sam Woolf

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

Four scholarship awards were given to outstanding students at the 1984 Orlando Reunion.



Nancy Stambaugh

Dear Mr. Woolf,

I would like to thank the 69th Infantry Division Scholarship Committee for the Award you have offered me. This will certainly help defray some of the expenses I will incur in the next four years.

During this time, I will be attending the University of Pennsylvania. Although it is too early to decide on any specific major, my interest is in the fields of International politics and German. Thus, I eagerly look forward to my future studies.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the Reunion Banquet at the Holiday Inn in Orlando, Florida. At that time, I will be in college, very busy with schoolwork and probably longing for a vacation in Florida! I regret that I will be unable to attend the Reunion.

Enclosed is a copy of my letter of acceptance for your records, along with a photo of myself.

Again, thank you for the Scholarship Merit Award.

Very truly yours,

Nancy Stambaugh

Daughter of Harold E. and Maxine S. Stambaugh.

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Marie Dostart

69th Infantry Division Scholarship Committee,

Thank you very much for selecting me to be the recipient of your 1984 Scholarship. I had a good feeling when I received your letter and became overjoyed as I started to read it.

The monetary value of the award is greatly appreciated and will be used in my future studies at Iowa State University. I feel all the time I spent on activities and scholastic ability during my high school career have served me well.

I am enclosing my acceptance letter from Iowa State University and a passport type photo, as you requested. I am looking forward to seeing myself in a future Bulletin.

I regret to say, but I will be unable to attend this year's Reunion in Florida. I will be attending my fall class. I hope all of you enjoy the Reunion, as I feel my father would have, spending time reminiscing with many good friends.

Thank you for your opportunity and encouragement. I will strive high to repay you for your kindness.

Sincerely,

Marie Cecelia Dostart

Daughter of the late Leonard and Lois Dostart.

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Michele Ann Tukis

Michele Ann Tukis

Daughter of Joseph and Marilyn Tukis.

A loyal member of the School Volunteer Club which includes Mental Health, Monmouth Museum, she has given good loyal service to school and community. She has involved many hundred of hours of service, and she has willingly given her time. She also coached softball and played in Intermural Volleyball, and Badminton.

Her after school job in a local pharmacy has sparked her enthusiasm for medicine, however she has many other career interests as well. She is an interesting young lady who is certainly capable of good college success.

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Geralyn C. Sanchez

Daughter of Fidel and Christian Sanchez

Geralyn an outstanding student who would like to work as a Language Interpreter or Language Teacher. She has participated in basketball, track and field, also cross country. Was active in Girl Scouts also was secretary and president.

Her senior year was spent as an exchange student in Finland. She will be entering her freshman year in the University of Utah.

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Four former Scholarship Award Winners have sent in their up-date of what they are now doing after graduation from college. I would like you members to read what they have to say in their young lives.

ROBERT A. O'CONNOR

7710 Neenah
Burbank, Illinois 60459

Year of Award — 1976

Degree and year graduated — Bachelor of Science in Finance (1981).

Current employment — Stock, Bond and Option Brokerage House Assistant Supervisor.

Personal background — Since finishing undergraduate school, I have experienced the sacrament of matrimony with my wife, Michaelene. We have purchased a beautiful home. Most of all, we are expecting the first additon to our family.

Additional comments — I play 16" softball in a Chicago Park District League. In September, I hope to start Graduate School at DePaul University in order to receive an M.B.A., concentrated in Accounting. Currently, I am in pursuit of a career change. Soon, I may find myself in a more prestigious and responsible position in a different field in the securites industry. Thank you, again, for the confidence and concern which the 69th Infantry Division Assocaition Scholarship Committee has shown for all it's past award recipients. I will not let you down!

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ANNA P. HAVEY

913 Dundee Court, No. 710
Bellevue, Nebraska 68005

Year of award — 1978

College attended — Arizona State University

Degree and year graduated — B.S. (Majored in Journalism) — 1982

Current employment — 2nd Lt., U.S.A.F. assigned to the 544 Strategic Intelligence Wing, Offutt AFB

Personal background — Parents Mr. and Mrs. John P. Havey of Phoenix, Arizona.

Additional comments — My biography is gladly provided for publication in the Bulletin. I am often reminded of the generous people in the 69th and the Scholarship Program they support. Please convey my thanks to all.

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STEVEN B. SNYDER

111 N. Highland Street
Arlington, Virginia 22201

Year of award — 1978

College attended — University of Virginia

Degree and year graduated — B.A. in American Government, May 1982

Current employment — Communications Director for Congressman Gerald D. Kleczka of Wisconsin.

Personal background — Prior to working for Congressman Kleczka, I was a Press and Legislative Aide to Congressman William O. Lipinski of Illinois. I have been a radio policial

reporter (free lance) since 1975. I covered Virginia gubernatorial, senatorial and congressional races for National Public Radio, ABC and the Virginia Network; I also covered the 1980 Democratic National Convention in N.Y.C. for Va. Net. and ABC.

Additional comments — My, father, Theodore, is quite proud of the 69th and the role you played in defending the United States in World War II. He has instilled in me the love of freedom and democracy demonstrated by the soldiers of the "Fighting 69th," and I hope to keep that tradition alive in my work for Congressman Kleczka, and beyond.

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GREG JENSEN

727 Northumberland
Buffalo, New York 14215

Year of award — 1978

College attended — State University of New York at Albany
Degree and year graduated — May of 1982 with a B.A. in Communication.

Current employment — Currently working with the Southwestern Publishing Company based in Nashville, Tennessee. I recruit college students for a sales and management training summer work program.

Personal background — Born and raised in Penn Yan, New York, active in sports and social activities in high school and college. Top student manager 3 of 3 summers with the Southwestern Company, lived and worked for a 3 month period in each of Florida, Georgia, Texas and California, and traveled abroad in October of '83.

Additional comments — I am very appreciative to the 69th Infantry Association Scholarship Committee for the award. It enabled me to take care of college costs. My parents were not in a position to pay for my schooling. With the help of the 69th Infantry Division Award I was able to graduate from college, paying my own expenses, with only a small debt. This has certainly added to my flexibility in that I did not start my career in debt due to college loans. I'm considering graduate school for business/business administration. Thanks for your interest. I hope I've given the type of information you wanted. If you need more feel free to let me know.



B-Company, 271st Infantry, 4th Platoon

Solider with helmet on is Joe Purtell. Moving clock-wise are: Jim Vest, "Slim" Ortway, Jerry Holmes, Ken Curran and Chuck Nicely. In the center is Art Kaye who furnished us this photo. It was taken at Erkshausen, Germany, sometime near V-J Day.



The picture above was taken shortly after the Link-Up with the Russians.

Stern Magazine Corporation of New York City would like to have identifications of the American soldiers in this picture, which are all supposed to be from our 69th Division. If you can identify yourself or any other of the members from our Division please send the information along to National Headquarters, as soon as possible.

List the position on the picture of the ones that you identify.

Your Editor was supposed to have taken this picture along to the Reunion in Orlando, but it arrived at my home too late to do so. Therefore we will have to depend on you men to give us some assistance again.



(Left to Right - Standing): Unknown, Romaine Weis, Ron Curtis, Marian Dellinger, Unknown.

(Left to Right - Seated): Robert Loftus, Unknown, Arthur Burgess, Calvin Hurst.

One Soldier Remembers . . . Solitary Tribute Paid To War Dead



Warren Alford

The big guns lay silent when the spring thaw came, melting the snows to reveal thousands of bodies of dead American and German soldiers, littered across the wasteland that had been the Battle of the Bulge.

"You could see the dead bodies come up and you were thinking, it could have been you," recalled Warren Alford of Gretna of one of his most vivid impressions of World War II, experienced as a young sergeant in the "Fighting 69th" Infantry Division.

Alford, now 67, is a sixth-generation Gretna resident who felt it was a shame that nobody thought to place a wreath Monday on war memorial arch in the city square.

So he stopped by a local florist and bought his own wreath. And while thousands gathered in Washington, D.C., for a tribute to the nation's war dead, and to honor an unknown soldier who was one of the more than 50,000 Americans killed in Vietnam, Alford quietly had his own memorial service.

"A lot of these guys were people I went to school with," he said, sweeping a hand up at the names listed on the arch.

"It makes you think about freedom and how we live in a free society where you can say anything you want, even about the president or anybody," Alford said.

Alford, who unsuccessfully ran for mayor in the late 1940's, served in the Army from 1941 through 1946. Two of his uncles also served in World War II; the name of one of his great-uncles, John Alford, is listed as one of the Confederate war dead honored on the Gretna memorial. Alford said he is researching his great-uncle's life for the Alford family tree.

Badge to Become Bronze Veteran's heroics now bring a medal

David Schroeder lost the Combat Infantryman's Badge he received during World War II. Now, almost 40 years after the War ended, he will receive a higher honor — the Bronze Star. He left the U.S. Army as a Corporal in 1946, and now is President of Schermerhorn Electric Co., Inc.

The Bronze Star, the third highest award given for general combat action, is given for "meritorious and heroic actions against an opposing enemy force." He earned the medal for bravery exhibited during combat, rather than for a specific incident.

Mr. Schroeder, now 59, entered the Army in May 1943, and served initially with the 69th Infantry Division. He later served in the 29th and 78th Infantry Divisions. The point system which regulated a serviceman's return to the States, forced him to be transferred to the two other Divisions after he had served with the 69th.

If he would have received the Bronze Star then, it would have given him more points, and a quicker trip home.



David S. Schroeder will receive Bronze Star 40 years after World War II.



THE AUXILIARY'S PAGE

by — Dottie Witzleb

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LADIES' AUXILIARY MINUTES HOLIDAY INN ORLANDO, FLORIDA Saturday, October 13, 1984

The Fighting 69th Infantry Division Auxiliary Annual Meeting was called to order by **President Margaret Kormas**.

The President opened the meeting with a warm greeting to the 125 ladies present. 34 of these were new "First Timers." A rousing applause was given to the "First Timers."

Our Chaplain, **Virginia Weston**, gave the opening prayer.

The Grand Lady of our Auxiliary, **Mrs. Bolte**, was introduced and she gave us a warm and humorous greeting.

The minutes of our meeting at Mountain Shadows Resort, Scottsdale, Arizona, written by **Secretary Margaret Kormas** were read and approved. Also, a letter from the V.A. Center Director of Phoenix was read. It commended our ladies for 14 Lap Robes given to their patients. **Past President, Emily Fletcher**, sent a note expressing her sincere thanks for the lovely sterling silver pendant given to her by the Auxiliary, and also sending her regrets that she could not be with us.

Committee reports were given by **Reba Sheavly** on the Souvenirs being offered for sale and asked to be informed if the new name badges she and husband Bill had made were incorrect, send them to her and when corrected they will be returned to sender. Profits from Souvenirs goes to the 69th organization. Our super Sunshine Lady, **Margie McCombs**, reported she mailed 1255 cards, an average of 150 to 200 a month. She asked the "First Timers" to be sure and give their birthdays and anniversary dates to her. The President presented Margie with a gift in appreciation for her dedicated service.

\$205 was collected to buy Sundry Items for our hospitalized veterans. Seventeen ladies donated 37 Lap Robes. **President Kormas** asked for volunteers to deliver Lap Robes to V.A. Centers in Florida.

Realized from the donation of 50/50 chances, \$138. **Nina Farrar** was the lucky winner. The balance was given to the Auxiliary.

Chalmer Pearson, Chairman of the Golf Tournament, presented awards to four of our Auxiliary members.

The President introduced **Elsie Irvine**, who in turn introduced our guest speaker, **Mrs. Mary Mace**. Her husband, John, is with NASA at Kennedy Space Center. She is a Charter Member and Past President of the Cocoa Beach Women's Club and currently Chairman of Citizenship Division of the General Federation Women's Club. It was an exhilarating, informative and inspiring talk on our responsibilities of our great America. Nothing wrong with America that a good dose of Patriotism can't cure. Our Flag is a history of greatness, it's just a piece of cloth until the breeze makes it wave and show it's stars and stripes of red, white and blue. We are not a sick society, but we do have problems and we are working to solve them. Mary gave us much to think about but space is limited. Mary was given a monetary gift but returned it to the Auxiliary with her thanks. Thank you, Mary.

After the gift exchanges the meeting was closed with a prayer by the Chaplain.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna K. Walters
Secretary

Ladies' Auxiliary President Writes . . .

Greetings From Cleveland!

Congratulations first, to **Al Faison** and his hard-working committee for making our Orlando Reunion a huge success!

What a joy to meet again, our old friends, and to be able to make new friends from among the many 69'ers who joined us for their very first Reunion, such as **Ellen and John McCann** of Woburn, Massachusetts, who thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it.

The Ladies' Auxiliary was very thrilled to have a record 34 new members added to their Roster. As President, I wish to thank all the ladies who so generously gave of their time

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and talents to contribute the 42 beautiful hand-made Lap Robes for the hospitalized Veterans, and to the committee ladies who made the meeting. Such a fruitful and enjoyable one — namely, Reba Sheavly, Marge McCombs, Vivian Kurtzman, Anna Walters, Alice Weston, and to Rhoda Green who helped with the 50/50 Drawing and special collection for the Sundry Items we buy for the hospitalized Veterans. The warmth, the friendship, and the cooperation was very gratifying.

The high-point of our meeting was our distinguished guest speaker, Mary Mace . . . we owe our thanks to Elsie Irvine of Coco Beach, Florida, for arranging the appearance of her dear friend, Mary, and for her wonderful contribution to our meeting. Her talk on our American Heritage was very impressive and received many words of praise from all the ladies. She very graciously donated a speakers fee to the Ladies Auxiliary for the benefit of the hospitalized Veterans and we wish to extend our thanks again, and our appreciation for her kindness and sharing.

As your President, I was very honored to present to General and Mrs. Bolte, at the Banquet, the lovely Lap Robe with the 69th colors — made by Alice Wolthoff of St. Petersburg, Florida, who requested the robe be given to General Bolte, as a gift on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary. Many thanks, Alice, for your thoughtfulness in making the General and his Lady such happy recipients!

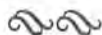
All these moments make the job of President a beautiful experience and I hope that I may do a job worthy of the honor of representing the Ladies Auxiliary during my 1983-1984 term.

Again, it was a very happy week in Orlando being with "you all" and I hope and pray we will be able to meet again next year for another grand 69'ers Reunion!

In the meantime, Alex and I extend our best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous year . . . till we meet again!

Sincerely,

Margaret Kormas
President Ladies Auxiliary



History of Battery B-881st Field Artillery

Activated — 15 May 1943 — Camp Shelby, Mississippi

Arrived — 24 Nov. 1944 — Camp Kilmer, New Jersey

(Staging Area)

Embarked on U.S.S. LeJuene 1 December 1944

Debarked at Southampton, England, 12 December 1944

Billeted at Camp Ranikhet, Reading, England

13 December 1944

Preparation for crossing English Channel

Portland, England, 22 January 1945

Embarked on L.S.T. Weymouth, England, 23 January 1945

Debarked at LeHarve, France, 24 January 1945

Billeted in Chateau Martainville, France, 24 January 1945

Billeted in "Tent City" near Marchais, France

2 February 1945

Moved to front Mirfeld, Belgium, 9 February 1945

Action near Murringen, Belgium, 12 February 1945

Attached temporarily to 28th Division near

Hellenthal, Germany, 6 March 1945

Rest and Relaxation Schmidtheim, Germany, 8 March 1945

Near Connorsdorf, Germany, 22 March 1945

Attached temporarily to 8th Division

Sechtem, Germany, 24 March 1945

Crossed Rhine River at Bonn, 28 March 1945

Captured first POW Arzheim, Germany,

28 March 1945

Arfurt, Germany, 30 March 1945

Elben, Germany, 2 April 1945

Oberelsungen, Germany, 3 April 1945

Ehrsten, Germany, 5 April 1945

Captured 8 POW's Rothwesten, Germany, 5 April 1945

Kassel, Germany, taken 5 April 1945

Landwehrhagen, Germany, 6 April 1945

Captured 3 POW's Lutterberg, Germany, 7 April 1945

Hedemunden, Germany, 9 April 1945

Heiligenstadt, Germany, 10 April 1945

Schlotheim, Germany, 10 April 1945

Gunstedt, Germany, 12 April 1945

Bucha, Germany, 12 April 1945

Teuchern, Germany, 14 April 1945

Krossuln, Germany, 15 April 1945

Borna, Germany, 17 April 1945

Tarena, Germany, 18 April 1945

Battle of Leipzig — 3 members of forward party temporarily captured

Liebertwolkwitz, Germany, 18 April 1945

Leipzig taken 19 April 1945

Polenz, Germany, 20 April 1945

Alteham, Germany, 21 April 1945

Link-up with Russians at Torgau, 25 April 1945

Grethen, Germany, 1 May 1945

Hitler reported dead 1 May 1945

German Army in Italy surrendered 2 May 1945

German Army in Northwest surrendered 5 May 1945

German Army unconditionally surrenders 7 May 1945

Leuna, Germany, 11 May 1945. Start of Occupation at

I.G. Farbin Plant

Part of 69th Division broken up and transferred to the 29th infantry Division at the Bremen enclave 30 June 1945

This information furnished by Walter Haag former 1st Sergeant of B-881st.



John Tounger and Russian soldier at Torgau on the Elbe River.

John Tounger joined the 69th Infantry Division in 1944, at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He was assigned to the 271st Infantry Regiment, Company-D, Second Platoon, Second Squad. As a first machine gunner, he also recalls the Link-Up with the Russians at the Elbe River. "We arrived shortly after the First Platoon made contact with the Russians.

The picture of the flag was taken by our jeep driver, Chuck Knebel, who recently passed away.

On our return from Torgau we encountered a German unit and brought back hundreds of prisoners."

37th Annual Reunion - Holiday Inn - Orlando, Florida



EIGHT PAST PRESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE

(Left to Right - Front Row): Cliff Ewing, Bill Matlach, Sam Woolf, Bob Myers. (Back Row): George Phillips, John Moriarty, Murry Galuten, Cy Baron.



Alex Zubrowski and Bill Beswick.



Adam Manz, A-G Section Div. Hq.



Frank Nemeth and Family, 269th Engineers.



Jim Moody and Wife, 69th MP.



Bob and Jean Maxwell, and Stanley Auk - "The Friendly Bartenders."

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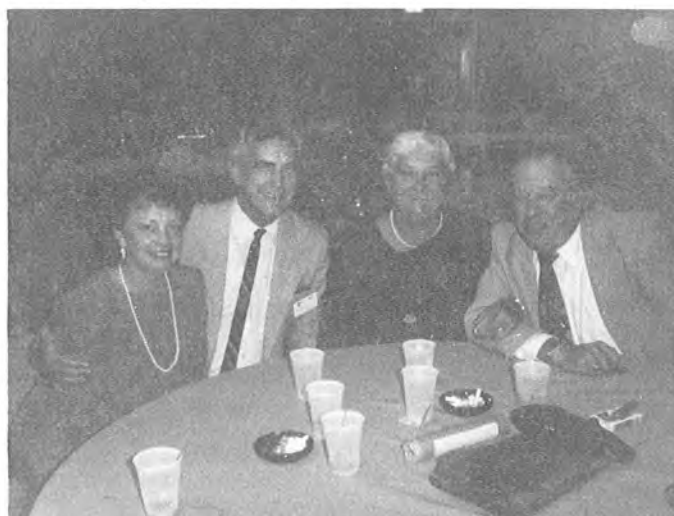
Ray Fahrner and Vic Woo at Saturday Night Banquet.



Joe Wright with David Bolte and his wife, at Head Table at the Saturday Night Banquet.



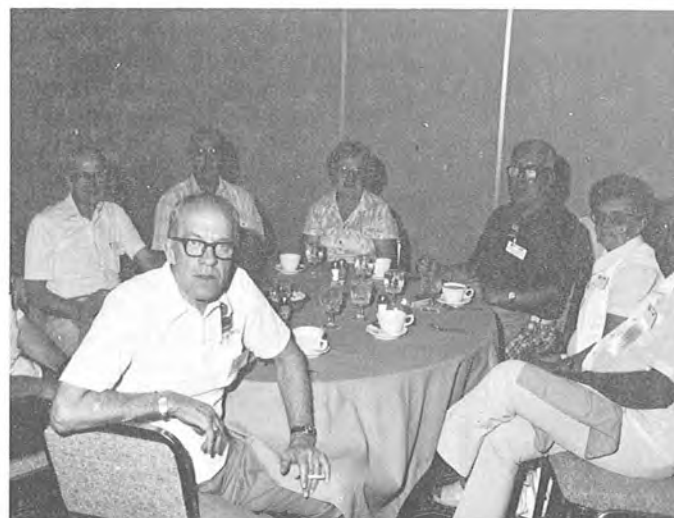
Karol Kreutzman and wife, Margaret.



George and Mrs. Weston on right. Couple on left not identified.



No identification for the fine ladies and one gentleman in this photo.



(Left to Right): Robert Kremin, unidentified, Buss and Elizabeth Harmon, Clarence Marshall, Mary Jane and Bill Cline.

WW II Vets Hold D-day Reunion



About 50 persons - including 25 members of the 777th Tank Battalion - gathered at Ray Silbaugh's home last Sunday. Shown from left to right are front row: Harold Dillingham, Silbaugh, Neil Corcoran, Vernon Wirth, Donald Nockerts, Stanley Freeman and John Vasos. Don Slimmer, Scott Kannenberg, Milton "Curley" Myers and Sil Sabol are shown in the back.

Twenty-five World War II veterans from across the midwest gathered last Sunday afternoon at the home of Ray Silbaugh, 560 Farewell Drive for a D-Day memorial reunion.

The veterans belonged to the 777th Tank Battalion, which was attached to the 69th Infantry Division in combat in the European Theatre of operations. About half had not seen each other since the war.

On March 27, 1945, troops from the 69th Division stormed and captured Fort Ehrenbreitstein, which symbolized a victorious re-entry by American troops into Germany. On April 6, 1945, a special Army Day ceremony, attended by General Omar Bradley, during which the American flag was raised over the fort. It was the same flag that had been lowered from the fort in January, 1923, when the last troops from World War I departed. The flag was flown in from Wahington, for the special occasion.

On across Germany the 69th swept until the final link-up at three separate points on the Elbe, with the Soviets. In May of 1945, on the second anniversary of the 69th Division, congratulatory letters were received from several of the Army's leading generals, including General Dwight Eisenhower and General Omar Bradley.

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.

JANUARY 31, 1985

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).

MAY 18, 1985

Mid-West Group Weekend
Details In Next Bulletin

Committee:

Fran and Zita Enright
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JUNE 20, 21, 22, 1985

461st AAA — Battery-B Weekend Reunion
North Shore Motor Hotel
Coeur D'Alene, Idaho

For Information Write:

Don and Gerry Castellaw
804 East E Street
Moscow, Idaho 83843
Telephone: 208/882-4092

ALL BATTERIES WELCOME

JUNE 20, 21, 22, 1985

461st AAA — Battery-D Weekend Reunion
Motel - Hotel - Unknown
Asheville, North Carolina

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Guy Stamey

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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:

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AUGUST 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 1985

69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL REUNION

Fort Magruder Inn
Williamsburg, Virginia

Committee:

William "Bill" and Jo Beswick
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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

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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)



Bob Ellis

A-Company, 271st Infantry Regiment
69th Infantry Division

Wife: Phyllis
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Since the first Western Reunion in 1977, our Association has known Bob Ellis. Perhaps there are many who did not learn his name even though his face and western hat was always familiar. At almost every Reunion, since he started in 1977, Bob has worked tirelessly, quietly, and most efficiently as the man you meet first at the start of the Registration Desk at our Annual Reunions. He made sure you paid your Dues and worked hard to ensure that you were signed up for all scheduled events to guarantee you a great time.

In April of this year (1984), Bob, who had retired, suffered a heart attack. He survived but some few days later suffered a second attack. Again, he survived and in a few weeks went home. He was recovering real well without smoking and following orders to ensure his recovery. On the afternoon of May 19th, the Western Group (meeting in Phoenix) talked to him on the telephone. He sounded great and was unhappy he could not be with us. However he expressed his hopes and plans to join us in Orlando, Florida, at our Annual Reunion.

On 24 May, 1984 . . . Bob Ellis died. All of us in the Fighting 69th Infantry Association lost a dear and dedicated friend and Buddy. Bob was a member of our Board of Directors. For a man so quiet, reserved and dedicated he made many, many friends amongst so many who knew him.

We will miss that little fellow in the western hat who contributed to our welfare and best interests so very, very much . . . WITH NO FAN-FARE.

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Back to Berlin

Rabbi to Lead High Holy Days Services In Land He Fled

By Sharon Cohen
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Nearly 50 years after Ernst Lorge fled Germany to escape Nazi persecution, he is returning as a special guest — the first American rabbi to lead High Holy Days services for East Berlin's tiny Jewish community.

"I want to tell them world Jewry hasn't forgotten them," he said, "I would like to make them proud of their Jewish identity."

Lorge, 68, will don his prayer shawl, white robe and skull cap to lead Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur services in German at an East Berlin synagogue. He leaves Sunday for 16 days in East Germany.

The American Jewish Committee, which arranged the trip with the East German government, says Lorge is the first American rabbi to officiate at such services.

"I want to offer hope for those who are depressed," Lorge said. "I may tell them stories of people in difficult situations, of people who managed to gather courage . . . things a preacher would say in that situation . . . I think they are isolated."

While about 30,000 Jews live in West Germany, the Jewish Committee estimated only about 600 Jews live in East Germany — about a third of them in East Berlin. Many are elderly.

Lorge said about 250,000 Jews lived in Berlin before World War II. Many died in the Holocaust. Others fled as Hitler rose to power, including Lorge, who left in 1936.

He has returned several times, once as a college lecturer in West Germany in the 1960's and as an Army chaplain 20 years before that.

In March 1945, Lorge and the 69th Infantry Division crossed the Rhine River, and he presided at a Passover seder for soldiers in an abandoned theater where German prisoners of war were held.

Lorge grew up in Mainz, about 20 miles west of Frankfurt. His father, an ordained rabbi, was a junior college professor until 1934 when he was fired because he was Jewish.

Soon after, Lorge dropped out. "It was a protest action of a young man who was angry, for good reason."

Lorge has lived in the Chicago area since 1947. In the 1960's, he was a guest of the West German government, lecturing future teachers. During that time, he said, he visited East Germany for five hours.

When Lorge talked about the Holocaust, he said, he was constantly asked by Germans, "Are we, the younger generation, guilty?"

He said his response was: "If you tell the people how it was, I think there can be some kind of relationship again. If you forget, then we cannot forget and we cannot be friends."

While in East Berlin, he also will visit a home for the elderly and a Jewish cemetery.

"I know what I'll find . . . very little of what was once a tremendous community," he said. "It won't be very happy but I think I'm performing a good deed. It's a mission that has to be performed."

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Cost of Bulletins and Postage Going Up!

Due to the rising cost of printing and mailing three very informative Bulletins to over 5,000 members each year, we find that the \$5.00 Annual Dues plus the \$10.00 Contributory Dues is not enough to keep up with these rising costs.

Your Officers and Directors do not wish to raise our dues, nor do they want to take the alternative of printing only two Bulletins a year instead of our normal three Bulletins a year.

Our thanks to those members who noticed a request for Postage Donations on Dues Notices and Reunion Registration Forms, your contributions were both greatly appreciated and needed.

Your Dues Notices will now contain a Bulletin Donation Request, whether you are a dues paying member or not, we hope you see fit to make what ever size donation you can, so we can continue printing and mailing three Bulletins a year.

Anyone making a \$10.00 or more donation will have their name and amount printed in the next Bulletin.

From our 5,000 plus membership only 2,000 pay dues. Most of these pay yearly but some only pay every two or three years. We would like to hear from the other 3,000 as some of these may be deceased. If this may be the case would those in the family receiving the Bulletin let us know. You may still receive the Bulletin if so requested as many wives stay on our Roster.

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"Club 18" on Christmas Eve 1945

(Left to Right - in Semi-Circle): Vera, Manfred (orphan German boy), Casmir Max, Kenneth Hahn, Gene Butterfield, Hubbard Hicks, Andrew Lucas, Lloyd Bragg, Fred Avery.

(Left to Right - Front Row): Ingrid, girlfriend of Joe De Los Rios, whom she has her arms around, Stanley Hendrix.



Bowers and Frank Beuthin the "Inseparable Duo."



Glenn Weaver in his jeep, with his ever present Zeiss Ikon.

Photos furnished by Gene Butterfield



Glenn Jefferies kneeling on the left, and Glenn Weaver standing on the right with 57 mm in background.



Gene Butterfield walking on what appears to be a peaceful street in Pegau. Later on his yellow neckerchief almost got him killed.

New Men Relocated Since Last Bulletin

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Service Battery, 879th Field Artillery Battery
Schottery, Germany 1945



Group photo of A-Battery, 724th Field Artillery Battalion,
taken by Mike Makuh at Bad Durrenburg, in June of 1945.

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).

Mid-West Group

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The Mid-West Chapter of the 69th Infantry Division Association held a meeting at the Karakahl Inn, Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin, over the week end of August 4, 1984. Activities included golf, swimming, sightseeing and socializing.

Attending were: **Fran and Zita Enright**, **Phil and Harriet Sparacino**, **John Barrette**, **Gene and Ethel Pierron**, **Dale and Bonnie Scott**, **Gaylord and Ruth Thomas**, **Francis and Lila Spangler**, **Chalmer and Reita Pearson**, and **Curt and Evie Peterson**.

Our next meeting will be the week end of May 18, 1985. Check the next Bulletin for additional information of the 1985 meeting.

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Western 69'ers

George and Betty Hinant, Chairpersons
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The Western 69'ers met in Phoenix on Saturday, May 19th at the Holiday Inn at Metro Center. We had lunch together, reminisced all afternoon, had dinner together, and again visited until about 10:00 P.M.

We sent out 133 announcement to every 69'er on the list within 700 miles. The following attended (listed alphabetically):

David and Alice DeLory — 273rd AT
Gene and Gretchen Edminster — D-271st
Len and Corkey Halpenny — H&S 269th

John and Janet Havey — Hq. 1st Battalion 272nd
George and Betty Hinant — C-271st
Bob Kremin and Guest — K-271st
Bob Myers — Div. Hq.
B. J. and Marie Rimler — H&S 272nd
Ralph and Norma Sample — A-269th
Don Smith — D-777th TK

Vic Woo wanted to attend but could not because of a conflicting commitment.

George Hinant generously agreed to take over from **Corkey Halpenny** the work of keeping up the mailing list, and **John Havey** agreed to provide assistance when needed. Henceforth, George will be the leader of the Western 69'ers. Those present also agreed that the group should remain as informal as it has been — no dues, spontaneous contributions for postage and reproduction, and no fixed agenda for meetings.

We are looking forward to the Reunion in Orlando.

Later: It is sad to report that **Bob Ellis** died from a third heart attack on Thursday night, May 25. The viewing was held on Memorial Day, May 28. The funeral was on May 29. DAV held graveside services. We will all miss Bob. He was a kind and generous person and he worked hard for the Association.

Sincerely yours,

Leonard C. Halpenny

269th Engineers

Frank and Ted Nemeth, Representatives
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Hi Y'all:

Everything has been pretty quiet since our last Bulletin, so I haven't too much to report.

I sure was happy to see so many Engineers sign-up for the Reunion in Orlando. It'll be good to see so many "First Timers" and all our other friends.

We did attend the Tri-State Weekend in Bedford, Pennsylvania, and had a lovely time. It was so well run and the tours and sights were worth seeing. It was a little too cold to swim for this 'old codger', but some of the other younger people did. Those committees go all out and see that everything goes well and if you don't have a good time it's because of your own doing.

I am enclosing a photo of **Milt and Esta Halainen**, taken in Bedford, Pennsylvania, when we went for the boat ride, who hail from Troy, New Hampshire, and make most of the Reunions. This lovely couple has been adopted by the Engineers, but now some of Milt's Buddies from the Ordinance come and everything works out A-OK. He has the best of both, Engineers and Ordinance.

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DIVISION CHAPTER GROUP MEETINGS
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Milt and Esta Halainen

Pictured below are **Midge and John Buller** from Company-A. We want them to know they are really missed and we hope that they will start packing up again and join us for good fellowship.



Midge and John Buller

On the way to Bedford, I looked up **Robert Cornell** and family. He lives in Everett, Pennsylvania, and right near the Pennsylvania Turnpike. I must have gone within a stones throw of his house a hundred times or better. It was good to see him again after 40 years. He would like to make a Reunion and I told him Pittsburgh in 1986 will be real close and he'll be retired then, me too I hope.

Regretted to see a real good friend died from Company-B. I went and visited him not too long ago. I'm sure he'll be missed by all. I know I'll miss **James "Bill" Sears** from Maysville, Kentucky.

So — the best to everyone and let me hear from you — OK!

Your Ole Pal,
Frank Nemeth

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Dear Sirs:

I'm a constant reader of the Bulletin when it comes out, and always read everything in it. I was with the 69th Company-A 269th Engineers from beginning to end, and then on to the 29th Division and finally back home to the USA. Have been to several of the Reunions and always spend a couple days with the Old Gang who show up.

I am enclosing a photo of some of us taken at Camp Scissone, France (always that damn mud).

Sure would appreciate you putting the picture in your next Bulletin and maybe we can find out how many of us are still around and perhaps we can get together at the next Reunion. We haven't seen some of these guys since we got seperated after the War was all over.

I found this photo among my "loot" and thought it would be nice if we could get together again. I have had several copies made of the picture.

Thanks a lot,

Bob Kamping
11 Rolfe Avenue
Trenton, New Jersey 08648



Diefenbach, Koznosky, Kamping (that's me), Berg, Burton, Glockner, Pharr.

Tri-State Group

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Our June 6 to 10, 1984 Weekend was well attended with every one having a good time. The theatre play "Harvey" went over big as did the boat ride on Raystown Lake on the Raystown Belle. Half of our group took the ride on Friday and the other half on Saturday, both days being very nice and warm. Other Bedford attractions were visited with the Kick-off Dinner at Ed's Steak House Thursday evening, followed by visiting Old Bedford Village, Fort Bedford, Coral Caverns and a Fish Hatchery the following two days. After Saturday's Banquet Cowboy **Bill Pugh**, son of **Fern** and **Lou Pugh** of the 880th Field Artillery entertained the group for the evening.

Those attending were:

Dell and Mary Balzano
Eugene and Norma Butterfield
William and Freda Clayton
Cecil and Alene Cottle
Enrico and Ann D'Angelo
Leon and Sara Ebert
Ted and Rosemarie Edstrom
Dan and Helen Evers
Bill and Betty Foster

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DIVISION CHAPTER GROUP MEETINGS

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George and Vickie Gallagher
 Joe and Zola George, Jr.
 Sam Grubbs
 Buss and Elizabeth Harmon
 Milton and Esta Halainen
 William and Mary Harr
 John and Elizabeth Hawley
 John and Gladys Heliseva
 George and Betty Hess
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Vickie Gallagher, Betty Foster, George Gallagher, Bill Foster, Earl Witzleb, Jr., Ann D'Angelo, Enrico D'Angelo.

TRI-STATE REUNION LAST WEEK OF JUNE 1985 Cleveland, Ohio, at Holiday Inn (Rockside)

Sign in on Wednesday, Thursday — Go by bus to Crawford Auto Museum, then on to U.S. Submarine (Cod WW II) for a personal and guided tour. Next to NASA for a tour of the museum, seeing rockets, space ships, astronaut gear,

a real moon rock, and a personal talk by a NASA Official on military space technology. Back on the bus to Akron, only a short distance away to the nationally famous Tangier Restaurant, a \$7,000,000 "Messhall", for a great Buffet. This place will, we are sure, really please you (in our own reserved dining room). Back to the Holiday Inn at about 6:00 P.M. and a pleasant evening at our large Hospitality Room.

Friday on the bus to Sea World, which is nearby, for the day. Cleveland was chosen for the opportunity to see this recreational area, spend the day, leaving at about 4:00 P.M., on to Solon (nearby), to a large VFW Post — to our own dining room for a great Fish Fry. This Post is noted for their food, and for all you Thirsty Vets our own Cash Bar — drinks at about half the usual price. Back to the motel at about 6:00 P.M., for a pleasant PX Party and Raffle.

Saturday a meeting in the morning, and a Buffet here instead of the usual Banquet — saving about \$10 a plate — we assume no objections to that — and entertainment to follow.

Sunday morning, a Buffet here, and sad goodbys, and kisses.

This is a lovely large motel. Our Hospitality Room is very large. We feel sure you will like the facilities. Two years ago we drew over 100 members at New Philadelphia, Ohio, and the same at Bedford, Pennsylvania, this year. We want a record turnout. The Tri-State is now outdrawing any other Regional Reunion by far, and we of your committee want to top, by far, all of our previous Reunions — Get ahold of a Buddy — a "First Timer" — and bring him in, we need and want them.

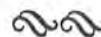
The Hospitality Room will be open from 8:00 A.M. to Midnight.

We're ready and waiting for you. Complete details and prices will be published in the next Bulletin — watch for it again.

We're waiting for you.

Signed — Tri-State Committee — Cleveland, Ohio
 Al Kormas, Dell Balzano, and "Fraus."

Look for the Tri-State to meet in Toledo, Ohio, in '86 — thanks to our good Buddy, Ray Szkudlarek.



At ceremonies installing Chester Yastrzemski to the rank of Lieutenant on the Southampton Village Police Force at the Village Hall on Wednesday, June 15, were, from the left, Village Trustee Paul Parish, Mayor Roy L. Wines, Jr., Police Chief Donald Finlay, Lt. Yastrzemski and Village Clerk George Andrews.

—IRF Photo

Al Faison Orlando Reunion Chairman Writes . . .

The Committee for the 1984 Reunion in Orlando wants to thank all of you who attended and participated, and we sincerely hope that each of you had a good time. All of us on the Committee are most grateful for the many, many comments to us indicating what a nice Reunion you were having.

Our goal was to make this Reunion a memorable one for all of you. We hope we succeeded. We made some mistakes, mostly from lack of experience, but certainly not from the lack of trying. We expected a fairly large turnout, around five-hundred. Six-hundred-thirty-four of you checked in to the Registration Room. More than two-hundred had not made any advance reservations for Reunion Activities and this resulted in some of you being excluded from some of the activities. We mention this only because we don't want this to happen to any of you attending future Reunions. So please, when attending future Reunions, make your reservations with the committee well in advance; several weeks in advance, not several days! Just one example — we had 367 advance reservations for the Banquet. Five-hundred and twenty-nine attended the Banquet and 75-80 of these asked to attend THE LAST TWO DAYS, after we had been forced to give the hotel a guaranteed figure. Only after a lot of pleading, plus a heroic effort on the part of the Hotel's Catering Manager and his Staff were all of the 529 accommodated.

We especially want to extend our warmest welcome to the one-hundred and forty-four "FIRST TIMERS" and hope you will continue to attend our Reunions!

YOUR COMMITTEE

Stanley and Ruth Auk	Jack Fain
Al and Anne Faison	Vickie Gallagher
Jim and Mary Harvey	Jack and Helen Hayes
Vernon and Susan Holloway	Jack and Jackie Hubbard
Jim and Elsie Irvine	Al and Cathy Long
Bob and Jean Maxwell	George and Agnes Phillips
Ken Sawyer	Ray and Alice Walthoff

States	Persons	"First Timers"
Alabama	4	0
Arizona	7	0
Arkansas	0	0
California	12	2
Colorado	4	0
Connecticut	6	0
Delaware	6	0
Florida	121	49
Georgia	21	4
Idaho	2	0
Illinois	17	2
Indiana	14	6
Iowa	8	2
Kansas	4	0
Kentucky	4	2
Louisiana	6	2
Maine	16	9
Maryland	21	6
Massachusetts	8	2
Michigan	11	0
Minnesota	6	0
Mississippi	2	0
Missouri	2	0
Montana	0	0
Nebraska	0	0
Nevada	0	0
New Hampshire	2	0

New Jersey	23	2
New Mexico	4	0
New York	66	4
North Carolina	7	3
North Dakota	0	0
Ohio	35	12
Oklahoma	3	0
Oregon	7	0
Pennsylvania	89	9
Rhode Island	2	0
South Carolina	2	0
South Dakota	0	0
Tennessee	10	8
Texas	13	2
Utah	2	2
Vermont	3	2
Virginia	41	9
Washington	2	0
West Virginia	2	0
Wisconsin	22	5
Wyoming	0	0
	634	144

Total number of people registered for Orlando, 69th Infantry Division Association Reunion, October 1984. In that total are 144 people who attended a Reunion for the first time.

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Grace and Kenneth Cope of 110 Pecan Road, Walterboro, South Carolina 29488. Mr. Cope served in Company F-271st and was wounded February 27, 1945. He was awarded the Purple Heart.



Elmer and Erma Broneske, 8941 Clay Street, Denver, Colorado 80221. Mr. Broneske served in Company E-271st.



Frank Huff, left, of Flint Hill was one of the first four Americans to meet the Russians at the Elbe River at the end of World War II. The inscription stamped on the back of this U.S. Army photograph reads "Historical meeting on 25 April 1945, between elements of the 69th Division, 1st Army and Russian men of the 58th Gardiv Division." The caption identifies Huff and the Russian soldier, Sergeant Nicolai Andrsjev.



AMONG FIRST AMERICANS TO CONTACT RUSSIANS

— These Yanks of the First Battalion, 273rd Infantry of the Sixty-ninth Division, United States First Army were among the first to meet the Russians as the two Allied armies linked-up in Germany. (Left to Right): Private First Class Frank B. Huff, Washington, Va.; Corporal James J. McDonnell, Peabody, Mass.; Lieutenant William D. Robertson, Los Angeles, Calif., and Private First Class Paul Staub, Bronx, N.Y.

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Tentative Program For 1985 69th Infantry Division Association 38th Annual Reunion

661st Tank Destroyer Battalion — 777th Tank Battalion
461st Anti-Aircraft Battalion

FORT MAGRUDER INN, WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA
AUGUST 18 to 25, 1985

REGISTRATIONS — MONDAY, AUGUST 19th THRU SATURDAY, AUGUST 24th

Monday,	Aug. 19th	On your own — Good day to visit the Pottery and the New Outlet Mall near the Pottery at Lightfoot, Virginia.
Tuesday,	Aug. 20th	On Your Own — Good day to visit Colonial Williamsburg.
Wednesday,	Aug. 21st	Tour of Berkey Plantation and Carter's Grove.
Thursday,	Aug. 22nd	Visit NASA at Langley Field and the Transportation Museum at Ft. Eustis. Return by 4:30 P.M.
Thursday,	Aug. 22nd	Early Bird Dinner — 6:30 P.M.
Friday,	Aug. 23rd	Bush Gardens — On your own.
Friday,	Aug. 23rd	Board Meeting — 8:30 A.M.
Friday,	Aug. 23rd	PX Beer Party — 8:00 P.M.
Saturday,	Aug. 24th	Membership Meeting — 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.
Saturday,	Aug. 24th	Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting — 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.
Saturday,	Aug. 24th	Golf or visit area Museums after the Membership Meeting and Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting.
Saturday,	Aug. 24th	Banquet — 7:00 P.M.

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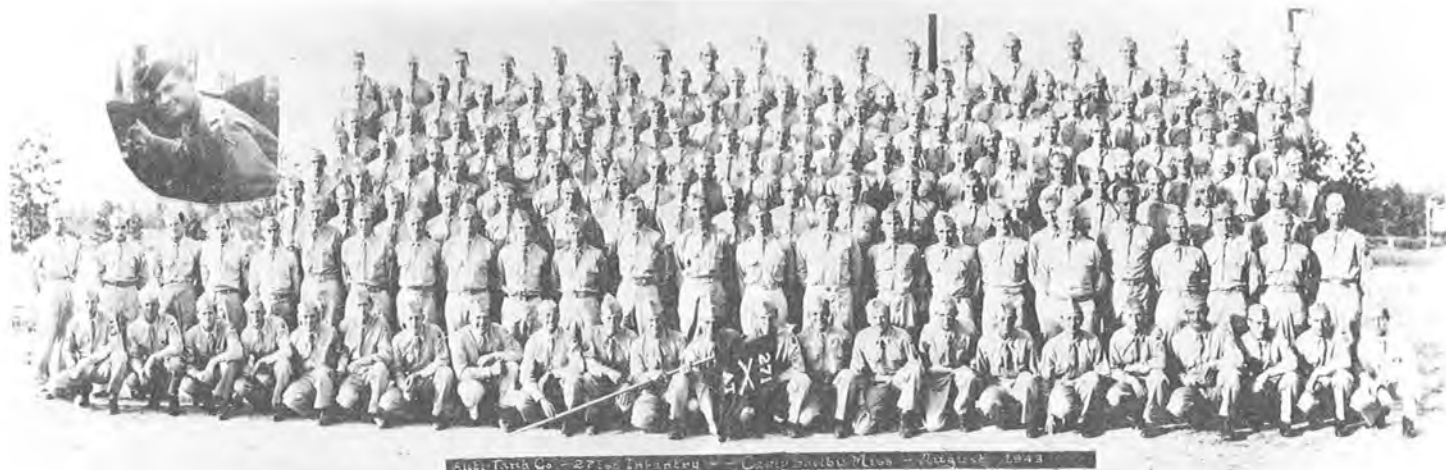
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*Company "D", 271st Infantry
Camp Shelby, Mississippi — July 1943*



*69th Infantry Division Band
Camp Shelby, Mississippi — June 28, 1944*

"Taps"



"TAPS"

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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The Williamsburg Pottery at Lightfoot, Virginia. It is easy to spend several days there and not see it all. Every conceivable item can be purchased.

The Outlet Discount Mall also at Lighfoot, located about a mile and a half east of the Pottery.

The Wax Museum about five miles east of the Pottery, all these are located on Route 60.

There are several old "Plantations" on Historical Route 5 — open to the public.

Bush Gardens, just two miles east of the Motel has the Old Country Theme. It has something for the young, the Senior Citizens and the "young at heart," in fact, something for everyone.

Water Country, which I understand, is exciting.

Jamestown which has replicas of the Three Ships that brought the Pilgrims to the New World — way back when it all started. The Old Forts have been reconstructed.

Jamestown Island with it's Glass Blowing Display and Exhibits of Early America — some artifacts that have been discovered on the island. Senior Citizens — Free.

Yorktown has a Visitor Center and a Movie House depicting the Revolutionary War, etc. The Old Battlefields are still maintained in excellent condition. You might want to walk around them as you daydream. It overlooks the majestic York River and off to the right is the Chesapeake Bay.

There are three Museums that you should see — The Transportation Museum at Ft. Eustis on Route 60, east about ten miles from the Motel — go right out of the Motel. The Mariners Museum, on Route 60, east about fifteen miles from the Motel — go right out of the Motel. The War Memorial Museum, on Route 60, east in Newport News, about twenty or twenty-five miles — go right out of the Motel. It has

Memorabilia of Past Wars and has a section of the fence from Dachau Prison in Germany. It has a 69th Patch - proudly displayed - upside down — and they have been told about it. Now you tell them — You should know.

Virginia Beach and Buckroe Beach. Go out to Interstate 64, go right - east — Buckroe is about thirty-five miles. Virginia Beach is about sixty-five miles.

Merchants Square is downtown old Williamsburg and has many quaint shops to browse in. You definitely don't want to miss this.

Go out of the Motel to your right, about one and a half miles to Kingsmill Shop, it has almost everything.

The area you should see and is by far not the last nor least is: The Resort Area of Colonial Williamsburg. It has the Governor's Palace, the early Capitol of Virginia, many, many, places too numerous to mention.

NASA at Langley Field is about a thirty minute drive away.

There is just so much to see and do in this area, it is almost impractical to set up a group of tours. I personally think it would be easier and more convenient for people to double-up and go see most of it on their own. Of course we will try to arrange a couple of tours for those of you that prefer it.

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Bring You Happiness
Prosperity and Good Health*