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News From The Editor's Desk

by — Clarence Marshall

Fred O. Metzger, 1645 Ala Wai Blvd., #1408, Honolulu, Hawaii 98615 — American Red Cross: I am not sure what address you have been using for the **Bulletin**, but I have now retired to my home in Hawaii. Since I won't arrive there till November 8th, I have voted by absentee ballot. Hopefully I was with the winner. I still do some traveling but expect to be home most of the time. If you or any of the members get to Honolulu, give me a call and maybe we can get together for a meal or a snack.

I am sorry I have not been able to attend the **Reunions** as I would like, but my travels and other interests have not allowed it. Also my illnesses have prevented me from coming as I have had 15 operations in my lifetime. I have no complaints and feel that I have had a most interesting life. I have been very lucky and God was with me.

I still miss my wife who passed away in April of 1978. She was a retired Major from the U.S. Army and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. She was with me when I attended the **Reunion** in Connecticut. hope to see you in Hawaii. Aloha

William H. Nebhut, 5400 Hermit Terrace, Apt. A, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19128 — M-273rd: (The following from Mrs. Elizabeth B. Nebhut) We plan to attend the coming **Reunion** in Williamsburg, Virginia. Due to the fact that my husband had a stroke in April of 1984, we have been rather housebound, but our prayers are that we will be with our 69th friends. All good wishes to you and your family and God's blessings always.

Clement Hudacek, 3701 Sunset Drive, St. Louis Missouri 63125 — G-272nd: I have enclosed the name and address of a former member of the 69th whom I came across and met back in October. He is **Jack Giffin** of Fremont, California, and he served in Headquarters Battery of the 881st F.A.

A former buddy, **Anees Barakat** and his wife visited us last November. He is now retired and enjoys touring the states.

I hope to attend the **Reunion** in Williamsburg, Virginia. I am employed at VAMC Jefferson Barracks Division as a registered pharmacist right here in St. Louis.

Norman Kent, P.O. Box 56, Taneyville, Missouri 65759 — Hq. 3rd Battalion 273rd: I thought a short note might be appropriate since you don't know me from Adam. I enlisted at Fort Logan, Colorado in 1939 and was stationed at Schofield Barracks with the 91st Chemical Company as a motor pool dispatcher. I was there on December 7, 1941 and shortly afterwards put in for OCS at Fort Knox. I graduated the usual 90 days later and was in the original cadre of the 16th Armored Division at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. I didn't care too much for tank warfare, so I transferred to the 69th Infantry Division at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. I was the A&P Officer with Hq. 3rd Battalion-273rd. I stayed with this outfit throughout the war and came home in October, 1945.

I attended the University of Denver and graduated in 1949. I screwed up and became a Greyhound Bus driver for 4 years and then became an over-the-road driver for the Time D.C. Trucking Company. I did this for 33 years, traveling all over the U.S. hauling freight. The last 2½ years I drove for the Coors Transportation Company hauling beer on their long

hauls. I accumulated over 6 million miles, but that is over now since I have retired.

I am 63 now and plan on a lot of fishing and honey-do jobs. This is a beautiful country here in Southwestern Missouri and Northern Arkansas. I was raised on a homestead in the Colorado Rockies but this country has it beat.

I think I was the only soldier from Colorado who was at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 and also with the 69th Division at Torgau on the Elbe River. That fact and 50c will buy a cup of coffee anytime. Keep me posted on events of the future.

Clarence W. Tarr, 10916 Sombra Verde, El Paso, Texas 79935 — B-271st: I just recently became aware of your Division Association from a friend of mine who is a member. I am very interested in joining and attending your **Reunion** in Virginia in 1985. Please forward me all information available. I served in Company B of the 271st Infantry Regiment.

Wayne E. McGourty, 1485 S. Belford Court, Merritt Island, Florida 32952 — Div. Hq. G-3: Please forgive my poor correspondence as I have been in the hospital nearly all year. There have been two amputations from my right leg. They have considered fitting me with prosthesis because of my heart's weakened condition, so I should be home by the time you read this. I will write more upon my return home where I can type a letter. Mae is home now preparing for my return. Many of our friends visited me while I was in the Houston V.A. Hospital and the hospital at Keesler AFB.

Samuel L. Martin, P.O. Box 884, Homosassa Springs, Florida 32647 — A-724th: My wife and I made the **Reunion** on Friday night. We had a great time and enjoyed meeting you and seeing all of the fellows from Battery A of the 724th F.A. We have started making plans for the next **Reunion**.

I am sending you the names and addresses of two new members that I promised. Please send me a list of all the addresses that you have for Battery A-724th F.A.

Guy Moore, P.O. Box 87, Shelbyana, Kentucky 41562 — C-272nd: I served with Company C of the 272nd Infantry Regiment. Sometime last year, I learned the whereabouts of my former Company Commander, **Captain James Carter**, after 39 years. I found this information in the 69th Infantry Division Association **Bulletin**. Also in the **Bulletin** there was information about former 1st Lieutenant **Bert Lewis** who also took command of C-Company when **Captain Carter** was wounded. I have talked to both of them by phone and it was a thrill to reestablish contact with them. **Captain Carter** advised me that he had stayed in the service and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. He was a farm boy from Indiana, but now resides in Biloxi, Mississippi, he was a real trooper; a leader, not a follower. **Lieutenant Lewis** was also a good C.O. and a man you could be proud to follow in combat. I left the 69th Division in 1945 and returned to the States for discharge.

Dr. Enrico P. Mercanti, 1584 Keswick Place, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 — F-272nd: Even though World War II and the 69th Division seem like a hundred years ago, the **Bulletin** keeps it alive in my mind. It's good to keep reading about **Sammy Woolf's** activities with the Association. He and I grew up together in Mount Vernon, New York and attended the same public schools.

One of my 69th Division (Co. E-272nd) buddies, **Rino Godino**, was with me at N.Y.U. after the War, and we have been in touch ever since. We both have two grown children. He is with Foster Wheeler in New Jersey, and I am with the Space Agency in Washington, D.C., and have been for 25 years.

I was sorry to learn of **Sergeant Szymczyk's** death in the last **Bulletin**. I have lost contact with **Captain Herb Callaway**. Perhaps it is because of our move to Annapolis. We had seen him at the Washington **Reunion**, as well as several others from F-272nd. I hope more will come to Williamsburg this year.

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I was also curious about a whole gang of 69er's who had previously been in the ASTP stationed at the Newark College of Engineering in 1943. Because of the demand for combat soldiers, the program there closed, and we were all assigned to the 69th at Camp Shelby as Privates. It's ironic to note that only those students who maintained passing grades became Privates in the 69th and those who had flunked out had been sent to Officers Candidate School at Fort Monmouth and became 2nd Lieutenants. Something Art Buchwald would like to print in his newspaper column. My best wishes for the year for you, for the **Bulletin**, and for the Association.

George B. Mackey, 9636 Oakland Drive, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49002 — B-661st: Enclosed is a donation for one of the greatest Divisions of World War II, to which my Battalion, the best Tank Destroyer Battalion in the Army was attached. The one and only 661st, under the leadership of **Colonel Donald B. Miller**. He was tops, and one we will never forget. My Company Commander, **Captain William King**, of B-Company (the best Company in the Battalion) was also outstanding. No one ever doubted their leadership. I hope they are both doing well.

William H. Jackson, 5821 Dearborn Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46220 — I-271st: Thanks for sending the 69th **Bulletin**. I read it with a lot of interest. The story of **General Bolte** is excellent. It also reminds me about **1st Sergeant Wendt** (I-271st), who claimed he was the General's bat man when he was a Lieutenant. **Sergeant Wendt** was one of these "character" Sergeants who taught "green louies" what the Army was all about. Also since I ended up in the 15th Regiment, I would like to write to **General Bolte**.

I imagine **Sergeant Wendt** is dead now, as he appeared to be in his sixties at Shelby. He had 30 years plus then. His left sleeve was chevrons from shoulder to wrist. He also had 3 years bad time for being AWOL in Germany during World War I. Sometimes I think he was prouder of those 3 years than the rest. He always said you could not be a good 1st Sergeant without being busted at least twice. He had a permanent Warrent when we were in Shelby.

When I reported to the Company in April of '43, **Wendt** was the only one in the orderly room, so I had to wait for the Company Commander. To put me at ease, I think, he kept up a line of chit-chat. He finally asked how long I had been in the Army. I answered seven months, and he picked up a book and threw it across the room, and stated it took him 7 years to make Pfc. So much for being at ease.

In spite of this, he was one of the best 1st Sergeants in the Army. I could almost write a book about his methods for helping the new recruits adjust. Some of them were rough, but the men liked and respected him by the end of basic cycle.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Jackson is interested in a 271st Crest or a picture of one. If you can help, either contact him or National Headquarters).

Abner B. Moore, 6077 Charing Drive, Columbus, Georgia 31909 — H & Can 272nd: My wife and I plan to attend the Reunion in August. We will make our own reservations as we may bring our camper to stay in part of the time. Enclosed are my annual dues, along with an additional \$15.00 donation.

Ray Strick, 1604 10th Avenue, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54304 — G-273rd: Enclosed is a \$10.00 donation towards the cost of the **Bulletin**. We enjoy it very much and hope we can continue getting it three times a year. Keep up the good work, and the best to all of you in 1985.

Robert L. Kremin, 3604 Howlett Hill Road, Camillus, New York 13031 — K-271st: I received the **Bulletin** and will contact **Bill Beswick** regarding the trip to Europe. **Alex Zubrowski** and I failed to get our permanent name badges to date. We were both partying rather heavily on Friday and Saturday at the Reunion, and may have missed the instructions on what to do to get them. We want to be in "full uniform" at Williamsburg.

I read with regret the information on the Association's fiscal situation. I put an idea forward before without any reaction, pro or con. My suggestion is to create a "Life Membership" fee of \$100.00 and issue a special gold membership card. It has worked very well for several organizations that I belong to. The Sante Fe Trail Gun Club has 378 Life Members in its 4,000 membership and the Disable American Veterans enrolled 1,500 new Life Members in 1983. I feel it could be as effective in our Association.

(Editor's Note: As co-editor of the Bulletin, I agree with Mr. Kremin on the Life Membership Issue).

Mrs. Ruth G. Van Horn 8417 Loch Raven Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21204: I am writing to inform you of the death of my husband, former **Platoon Sergeant Robert L. Van Horn** of Company K-272nd Infantry. Bob suffered a massive heart attack on August 25, 1984 and died in route to the hospital.

We both enjoyed reading the 69th **Bulletin** from cover to cover. Thank you for the many enjoyable and interesting articles it always contains. Bob especially enjoyed the pictures.

Robert G. Fjellman, 1316 4th Street S.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414 — A-461st AAA: I always look forward to receiving your **Bulletin**, as it is the best piece of mail that I get.

I hope that you had a very good Reunion, and am sorry I could not make it. Maybe I can get to one in the future.

I keep in touch with a few of the fellows in this area. There seems to be quite a few living around here.

Norman Luquette, 605 Herr's Ridge Road, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325 — H&S 881st: I noted in the November issue of the D.A.V. Magazine that a **James Wells** who had served in C-Battery of the 724th Field Artillery wanted to hear from men that he served with in order to verify a knee injury that he had received in Belgium. I wrote to him about the 69th Infantry Division Association and gave him the National Headquarters address. I felt that the Association might be able to help him.

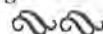
I am still active with the local D.A.V. My eight children, who are all young adults now, along with my grandchildren and Church work, keep me busy. Keep up the good work.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Wells was contacted and given addresses for men that he thought might be able to help him).

Frank E. Rieger, P.O. Box 123, Helena, Georgia 31037 — F-273rd: I have been informed that your annual dues are \$5.00, which will entitle me to receive the Newsletter of the 69th Division Association. I was among the ones that formed the 69th Division at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. I was in Company F of the 273rd Infantry and went overseas with them in November of 1944.

I will be looking forward to receiving the **Bulletin** and by chance maybe find the names of some of the men that I served with. I am in contact with **Chaplain Nolan Howington** and he advised me about your Association.

Editor's Note: I wish to thank all of you who responded to our request for identification of the men in the picture on Page 12 of our Bulletin Vol. 38, No. 1. The men were all members of the 69th Recon Unit. Left to Right: James Fike, Frank Veazey, Elmer McClain, John Veres, Ed Sivas, and Robert Schueler. We have been advised that John Veres is Deceased and the other five men are members of our Association. Charles C. Rice, Jr., who was also a member of the 69th Recon, advised your Editor that this picture was originally published in the August 19, 1945 issue of Yank Magazine. He stated that the Recon Troop, because of its extreme mobility and armor-protected firepower, was selected to escort various General Officers to meet with their Russian counterparts. This list of Officers consisted of: General Reinhardt, General Hodges, General J. L. Collins, General Omar Bradley, and General Hoyt Vandenberg.



Annual Meeting of General Membership

69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

October 13, 1984, Orlando, Florida

President Gallagher called the meeting to order AT 10:05 a.m. Invocation was given by Co-Chaplain William Snidow. Pledge of Allegiance by the membership led by Joe Wright. **General Bolte** was welcomed by the members and spoke on the 69th Infantry Division. The membership rose and gave him a hardy ovation.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the meeting held in Scottsdale, Arizona on May 28, 1983, were read. Motion by William Sheavly, seconded by Charles Chapman to accept and so carried.

Treasurer's Report: Earl Witzleb gave his report on our financial status and passed out sheets for the members to follow the report. No questions. Motion by Phil Colombo, seconded by Joe Gibbons and so carried.

Auditor's Report: Auditor Tony Keller stated he went over the books and as usual, all was in excellent order. Spoke on the working of the Ginnie Mae Fund. Motion by Bob Scally, seconded by Joe Wright and so carried.

First Timers were called upon to stand and be recognized. Had a very large turnout.

Membership Committee: Chairman Clarence Marshall reported we now have 5,480 on the roster. We had a 220 increase and 85 members expired. Increase due largely to the addition of the 461st AAA. Motion by Jack Stark and seconded by William Snidow.

Past Presidents were asked to stand and be recognized and there were eight in attendance. A fine ovation was given by the membership.

Scholarship Report: Chairman Sam Woolf received 20 applications and 4 awards were given out. The recipients were Nancy Sue Stambaugh, Marie Dostart, GERALYN Sanchez and Michele Tukis. The committee felt that since four awards were given, they would not, at this time, raise the amount given to the recipients. Chairman Woolf stated it was a great honor and pleasure to serve on this committee but he finds that, due to his other obligations, he must resign. Motion by Jim Harvey, seconded by George Hepp and so carried.

Future Scholarship Report: Nothing to report at this time.

Overseas Flower Fund: Report by secretary on the amount in the fund and explained to the new members the working of the fund and asked if anyone would like a photograph of any gravesite, to please ask. Motion by Paul Shadle, seconded by W. P. Sample.

Bulletin Report: Co-Chairmen Clarence Marshall and Earl Witzleb stated that due to the financial cost of the Bulletin, they will have to cut down on the number of pages but still put out three Bulletins per year.

Resolutions Committee: Chairman Joe Wright stated there were no resolutions submitted during the year. We are considering language to cover the resignation or passing of officers and will have suggestions for consideration in an early Bulletin for the next Reunion. Motion by Norm Allen, seconded by Jay Rollman and so carried.

Future Reunion Sites: Chairman Bill Beswick spoke on Williamsburg in 1985. Gave a fine rundown on the cost and activities in the area of Williamsburg. Motion by Joe Wright, seconded by Jay Rollman and so carried.

Secretary read letter of resignation from Treasurer Earl Witzleb, Jr. due to health reasons. Motion by Al Kormas, seconded by George Phillips and so carried.

Nominating Committee: Chairman Ray Lottie stated that Bob Kurtzman will be nominated for the position of Treasurer. Motion by Paul Shadle, motion by Phil Colombo to close nominations, seconded by Chet Yastrzemski and so carried. Ed McDonnell, 272nd to fill the unexpired term of Andrew Rebick who passed away and Robert Anderson, 661st, to fill the unexpired term of Donald Miller, who resigned. Chairman Ray Lottie reported that his committee recommends the following members to the Board of Directors and membership for a three (3) year term: 271st - John Hayes, 272nd - Jim Henry, 273rd - Jake Stark, 879th - Phil Colombo, 269th - Sharpie Jones, 661st - Eugene Pierron, 777th - Vernon Wirth, Div. Hq. - Eugene Butterfield. Motion by Herb Callaway, seconded by Joe Wright and so carried.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Motion to include placing flowers on the graves of the men from 777th Tank, 661st TD and 461st AAA each year. Motion by Dan Evers, seconded by J. Hawley and so carried.

Souvenir Report: Chairman Bill Sheavly spoke on the name badges, problems and cost and asked membership to assist on both items. Motion by Phil Colombo, seconded by Joe Wright.

Golf Tournament: Chairman Chalmers Pearson reported that 42 players competed and each year it is getting bigger and bigger. Fine prizes were awarded to the winners and towels, tees and tapes were given out to the players who participated.

Benediction by Joe Wright.

Motion to adjourn by Joe Wright - seconded and carried at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully yours,
Frank C. Nemeth
Executive Secretary

Meeting of Officers and Board of Directors

69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

October 11, 1984, Orlando, Florida

President George Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with 40 Board members present. Prayer was presented by Joe Wright and a moment of silence was observed for Board member Andy Rebick who passed away. Pledge of Allegiance was said by the members and was led by Joe Wright.

Treasurer's Report: Earl Witzleb, Jr. gave a fine report on the Association's financial status. All members were given a written financial report to follow Earl's report. Motion by William Sheavly, seconded by John Hawley and so carried.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held in Scottsdale, Arizona, were read. Motion made by Paul Shadle, seconded by Dan Evers and so carried.

Communications: Secretary read the following letters:

Resignation of Earl Witzleb, Jr. from the office of Treasurer.

John Suprano unable to attend the Reunion due to his health.

Ted Edstrom unable to attend the Reunion due to an injury to his wife.

Joe Monteleone unable to attend the Reunion due to illness to his wife.

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Auditor's Report: Tony Keller stated he audited the books and all was in excellent order and stated we were very lucky to have Earl Witzleb for the past seven years. Standing ovation for Earl's fine job. Motion by Bill Sheavly, seconded by Raul Nava and so carried.

Membership Chairman: Clarence Marshall reported we now have 5,480 members, an increase of 220. We also had 85 members expire. Motion by Paul Shadle, seconded by Raul Nava to accept and so carried.

Future Scholarship Committee: Chairman Bob Kurtzman praised the Scholarship Committee for its fine recommendations at their meeting in Princeton, New Jersey, on June 3, 1984, for the upcoming scholarships. Was disappointed that the Directors didn't see fit to raise the amount of the awards at this time. Read communications that he received from some of our lawyers on the funds of the Scholarship Program. Motion by Al Kormas, seconded by John Hawley.

Scholarship Committee: Chairman Sam Woolf reported four awards were presented this year. They are Nancy Sue Stambaugh, Marie Dostart, GERALYN Sanchez and Michele Tukis. Considered raising the awards, but since four were awarded, the committee decided to wait until next year. Chairman Woolf stated it was a great pleasure to have served on this committee but due to other obligations, he would no longer be able to do the job. Motion by Gaylord Thomas, seconded by Dan Evers and so carried.

Souvenir Report: Chairman Bill Sheavly gave report on new name tags and said all errors would be corrected. Asked permission to collect funds to help pay for balance owed. Motion by John Gradomski, seconded by Al Kormas.

Reunion Chairman: Al Fasson gave a fine report on the Orlando Reunion and stated 273 were present so far. Gave reasons for some of the minor problems and what caused them. Motion by Dan Evers, seconded by John Hawley.

Reunion in 1985: Chairman Bill Beswick gave a thorough report on Williamsburg and what was planned for the membership. Motion by Charles Chapman, seconded by Dan Evers.

Future Reunion Sites: Chairman Bill Beswick spoke on Greentree for 1986 and stated it was left up to Earl Witzleb whether or not it would be there. Also said a Leo Martel would like it to be in Niagara Falls in the near future. Motion John Hawley, seconded by Paul Shadle.

Nominating Committee: Acting Chairman Ray Lottie stated at this time he still needs a few more names to fill the Directors spots. Will have it for General Membership Meeting.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Long discussion on having a 69th Division book printed for the members. Motion to turn the book down by Al Kormas, seconded by Dan Evers and so carried. Overseas Flowers Fund Chairman Frank Nemeth asked the board members to also include the 661st T.D., 777th Tank and 461st AAA in our placing of roses on 69th Division graves. Motion Paul Shadle, seconded by William Sheavly. Nomination of Bob Kurtzman for Treasurer to fill out the rest of Earl Witzleb's term. Motion Chalmer Pearson, seconded by John Hawley. Discussion on lifetime memberships to members of outstanding work over the years.

Benediction by Joe Wright. Motion to adjourn by Charles Chapman, seconded by Al Kormas at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank C. Nemeth
Executive Secretary

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Mini-Reunion of Hqs. 3rd Bn.-271st held at Jack Boot's home in Des Moines, Iowa. Left to Right: Merrill Werts, Robert Gordier, Merv Wilson, Jack Boots, and Raymond Barnett.



40th Anniversary Cake baked for the occasion.

A Letter of Thanks

First, our sincere appreciation to our own Jack Fain of Orlando, who made all the arrangements for the Mass Saturday afternoon, and for the High School Musicians and Color Guard.

The mass was attended by about sixty people, and we are most grateful to Father Joe Hart, Holy Family Catholic Church, 5125 South Apopka Vineland Road, Windermere, Florida 32786, for his assistance.

The young men and ladies from Maynard Evans High School Band who played such delightful music for us were outstanding examples of the younger generation that is replacing ours. We commend them for their interest, deportment, and musical skills. The members of the Color Guard not only were most attractive, their execution was as good as any "G.I." Color Guard. And the young man who played "Taps" was just perfect.

The Fighting 69th Infantry Division Association members salute all of you young people. We wish for you success in the future, and a sincere hope that you will never have to go to war, as we did.

Special thanks to Mr. Dennis West, Band Director, and LCDR Joe Peters, ROTC Commander, Maynard Evans High School, 4949 Silver Star Road, Orlando, Florida 32808. You both have to be proud of the performance of these fine young people.

Treasurer's Message



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My thanks to all of you at the Orlando Reunion for electing me to the position of Treasurer of our great Association.

I realize that following Earl Witzleb's foot steps will be a tough act to follow, but I will do my best.

Once again, for those of you who keep forgetting, our Dues year runs from August 1st to July 31st. Please don't take the time to tell me that you have already paid your Dues, if they're paid, I already know.

The first Dues notice was late being sent out due to the October Reunion. Hopefully, things will get back to normal now that our next two Reunion's have been scheduled for August.

As of February 8th, including those who sent their Dues to Earl, and those who paid their Dues at Orlando, there is now 1,479 on the Dues paying roster out of the over 5,400 who are on the mailing list, so you can see a few are carrying many.

By the time you read this, you should have received the second notice, and as I mentioned in each letter when I mailed your membership cards, please disregard the notice if you have paid your Dues unless you wish to make other contributions.

My special thanks to those who made donations from \$20.00 to \$50.00 and to the 187 who made donations of \$1.00 to \$20.00 to the Bulletin fund and to the 187 who made donations of \$1.00 to \$23.00 to the postage fund.

There is no need to mention your names, as you know who you are and with the cost of postage and printing going up, it is people like you who make it possible for Clarence and Earl to keep putting out those great Bulletins.

I hope that the second Dues notice response will be as large as the first and that my mail box will be overflowing when Vivian and I return from our trip to Florida in February and March where we will be staying at our daughter Linda's home in Tampa, where her husband, LTC John E. Doyle, is serving with the Joint Deployment Agency at MacDill Air Force Base.

We also plan to visit our President, George (and Vickie) Gallagher and also stop at some of our other 69er friends.

We'll be looking forward to seeing you at the Tri-State Weekend, June 26th thru 30th, and at our Annual Association Reunion at Williamsburg, August 18th thru 25th.

Robert J. Kurtzman, Sr.
Treasurer

John Suprano Passed Away



Photo taken by Chet Yastrzemski — August 1983.
Battery A-881st Field Artillery

John was very proud to be a 69er, being on the Board of Directors. He worked long and hard with Chuck Herring when appointed to the new rules committee to change and make new rules to help all of the members of the 69th Division.

I am looking forward to receiving the Bulletin and keeping in touch with our many friends. It meant so much to see so many of you come from near and far to the Funeral Home.

*Perhaps you gave a mass,
Or monetary gift;
Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair;
Perhaps you sent a floral piece,
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much, whatever the part.*

Marie R. Suprano
1006 Edgewood Road
New Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068

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Amendment to the By-Laws

The following amendment has been suggested for consideration at the 1985 Reunion.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1, SECTION 7

In the event that the Secretary or Treasurer is not able to serve due to mid-term resignation or other cause, the President is empowered to appoint a successor to serve until the election at the next Reunion. The interim officer is entitled to all of the rights and privileges described in the By-Laws. In the event that the office of Vice President is vacated for any reason, the position shall be filled without right of succession by the immediate Past Chairman of the Nominating Committee, to serve until the next Reunion.

Comment: It has been suggested that the last sentence pertaining to the office of Vice President would probably not be necessary if we were to elect a second Vice President. However, that should be considered separately and not as a part of the Amendment.

Joe Wright

Open Letter to the 69th Recon Troop

January 16, 1985

The Recon Troop Reunion held in the Yorktown Hotel, York, Pennsylvania, on September 14, 15, 16, 1984, in now past history. **Harold Stambaugh** and his lovely wife **Maxine** did a tremendous job as host and hostess.

Allow me to start from the beginning. **Mary** and I arrived in York at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, September 14, 1984. **Cowboy Vaughan** and **Joe and Zola George** arrived the night before. We registered and then went to the hospitality room where the men and their wives started coming in one after another. Needless to say, as usual, we greet each other like long lost brothers. We have developed a comradery that is hard to explain.

Each year the host would purchase all the goodies for the hospitality room and the cost would be divided by the number of troopers present. Some troopers are complete teetotalers and the rest of us are drinking less and less. So last year **Hap** proposed that whoever wishes to drink should bring his favorite beverage. And in my opinion, it worked out swell.

Hap and **Maxine** invited us all to be their guests at their lovely home on Friday for a cook-out. At 6:30 P.M. we "mounted up" in our armour cars, jeeps and half-tracks. We could not have asked for a lovelier evening although it threatened to rain in the afternoon.

Besides having fried chicken and swedish meatballs and a lovely fruit salad, **Hap** was the chef for the evening cooking hot dogs and hamburgers. We also had **Maxine's** great tasting homemade baked beans, potato salad, pickled eggs, cheese, olives, etc. Also a keg of beer was on tap and soda was also available.

When we thought that that was it for the evening, out came pie, ice cream, coffee and tea. It was really a very enjoyable evening. One to be remembered for a long time. **Hap** said he enjoyed this evening more than any of us, so **Nick Zins** made a motion that we have a picnic at **Hap** and **Maxine's** every other year. **Hap** himself seconded the motion. So **Hap**, we'll see you in York in 1986. (Just kidding of course).

A business meeting was held at 10:00 A.M. Saturday morning to discuss where next year's Reunion will be held. **Joe George** volunteered to hold the Reunion at the Quality Inn Motel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on September 13, 14, and 15, 1985. Please write these dates down now. You will receive a letter from **Joe** giving you all the details. Our C.O., **Lewis "Boyd" Ellsworth**, has agreed to be co-chairman and give **Joe** a helping hand. We hope that the Reunion in Pittsburgh will draw troopers from Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, and West Virginia, Oklahoma, and points west.

Wallace "Bud" Pepper and his wife **Caroline** drove up from Florida. He is anxious to set up a Reunion for Florida in 1986 or 1987. Speaking for myself, there are many things to see and do in Florida and it would make it a real nice vacation. **Doc** and **Margaret Schlotter** also drove up from Florida to attend the Reunion. (We all missed **Gordon** and **Fern Ewing** and **Paul** and **Mildred Fowler**).

While the men were attending our business meeting, **Maxine Stambaugh** took the ladies on a walking tour of Historic York. The ladies enjoyed this tour very much. Of course they all did some shopping along the way.

A few of the troopers and their wives also took a short ride to visit the Gettysburg battlefields. This is history and very interesting and if you have never seen Gettysburg, you should see it in the near future.

Between 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M., we assembled in the hospitality room for some refreshments. We then went to the banquet room for a very nice prime rib dinner. There were 40 of us present for dinner. Present were: **Hap** and **Maxine Stambaugh**, Pennsylvania; **Harold** and **Jeanne Gardner**, Missouri; **Wally** and **Caroline Pepper**, Florida; **Doc** and **Margaret Schlotter**, Florida; **Bill Saville**, West Virginia; **Jim Logue**, Pennsylvania; **Robert "Bones"** and **Mabel Schuller**, Ohio; **Charlie** and **Bobbie Fox**, Maryland; **D. B.** and **Betty George**, Maryland; **Joe** and **Zola George**, Pennsylvania; **Evelyn Karavedas**, Maryland, widow of **Gus**; her friend **Mary**, **Murray Schneider**, **Floyd** and **Irene Opdyke**, New Jersey; **Lewis "Cowboy" Vaughan**, Virginia; **Nick** and **Katherine Zins**, Maryland; **Frank** and **Jo Morris**, **George Makris** and his new lovely bride, **Nancy**, Connecticut; and **Mike** and **Mary Moscaritolo**, New Jersey. I hope I did not miss anyone.

Many of our regulars were unable to attend, some due to illness and some having moved to the sunny climate of Florida.

Our C.O., **Boyd Ellsworth**, acted as Master of Ceremonies. **D.B. George** gave his usual touching invocation. A beautiful floral center piece and a live corsage were presented to **Maxine Stambaugh** from all of the troop. **Joe George** also presented **Maxine** with a lovely ceramic piece that he himself made. We also had a moment of silence for our departed comrades. After dinner **Ellsworth** asked all the troopers to rise one by one and relate what has happened to each of us in the past year or two. This was a new inovation and it was enjoyed by everyone. Perhaps this will continue to be an annual feature.

In the opinion of this writer, the trooper with the most interesting experience was our **George Makris** from Connecticut. First he announced that he had remarried. His beautiful bride's name is **Nancy**. We wish them many years of happiness. He also told us that his faithful dog had a litter of eight pups and that finding good homes for the eight pups took up most of the past year. He also took up most of the evening to tell us about it. We all had some big laughs.

Dorothy, a friend of **Hank** and **Lillian Weiman's**, played the piano for us and played some songs from the 40's and 50's. **Doc Schlotter** sang a few renditions. It brought back fond memories for all of us. In all, it was a very enjoyable evening. We then returned to our hospitality room and refought World War II all over again.

Sunday was time for departing. Arrangements were made that we would fall out at 9:30 A.M. for breakfast. We talked about our children and grandchildren and about how much these Reunions mean to us and the anticipation of seeing each other again next year. Farewells are always a little sad.

The Recon Troop has been meeting annually since 1952 when 5 or 6 troopers met in Philadelphia or Washington, D.C. in **Charlie Fox's** apartment. This year was the 33rd consecutive Reunion. Since that first Reunion, one or two new troopers were located and added to the list. Today we have a list of 115 active members, most of us having attended a Reunion at one time or another. How many of you have never made a Reunion? Isn't it about time you attended a Reunion?

Each year we hear of 3 or 4 troopers who are starting to enjoy retirement and each year, with saddened hearts, we learn of the demise of one of our buddies. The sands of the hour glass are slowly starting to disappear. So you trooper who keep promising us and yourselves that next year you will attend the Reunion, may find that this year was the last year.

Jim Logue, at 76 years of age, was the oldest trooper in attendance. **Jim** looks great. He said he keeps himself busy all year. He also said that he is getting over "a slight stroke." Hope to see you around many more years, **Jim**.

In closing, how about if we all mark down the date now and attend the Pittsburgh Reunion on September 13, 14, and 15, 1985.

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(Open Letter to the 69th Recon Troop continued from Page 7)

For more information write or call: Joe George, 3751 Willet Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222, Phone No.: 1-412-882-8649, or contact Lewis Ellsworth, R.R. #1, Knoxville Road, Steubenville, Ohio 43952, Phone No.: 1-614-282-2327.

Until next time, my best wishes to all my buddies. Take care.

Michael P. Moscaritolo
575 Sherman Avenue
Roselle, New Jersey 07203
Phone: 1-201-245-8159

Veteran Gets Medal . . . 39 Years Later

By Joe Ferrare

January 10, 1985

CAC & Fort Leavenworth Public Affairs Office

The act of bravery that earned **Raymond Fitzgerald** the bronze star wasn't especially unusual for the times. The ceremony at which **Major General Dave Palmer** awarded him the medal wasn't unusual either. The 39 year gap between the two events was unusual.

Fitzgerald, whose son is an Army major attending the Command and General Staff College Regular Course here, received the medal December 28, some months after his wife, **Evelyn**, had finally talked him into seeking recognition for his actions. The couple had learned about the process for putting in for awards from **Fitzgerald's** former Army buddies during a Reunion of their war-time unit.

Shortened Basic

Fitzgerald's saga began in August, 1944, when he was drafted just before he was to start his senior year of high school. His basic training, supposedly a 16-week affair, coincided with the Battle of the Bulge, so **Fitzgerald** left Camp Wheeler, Georgia about 12 weeks through. There was just enough time to wed his wife, **Evelyn**, take as much of a honeymoon as they could fit into three days, then leave for Europe.

He arrived in Europe and was assigned to the 69th Infantry Division. He arrived after the heaviest fighting was over, but casualties were still so high he was only in his unit three days before being made a squad leader.

The following 16 months were a spawning ground for the flood of memories the award ceremony brought forth.

"We got there right at the tail end of the Bulge and relieved the 99th Infantry Division which had taken the brunt of the fighting. We were right on the German border and our next move was into Germany proper.

"I didn't know it at the time, but that was a big move when we first broke ground into Germany," he said.

Other high points in **Fitzgerald's** tour included a one-in-a-million meeting with his brother while pulling back from the Russian zone in Germany. He also came within a leaky boat of being in the first group of American G.I.'s to greet the Russians advancing from the other side of Germany.

Belated Promotion

Ironically, **Fitzgerald** stayed a squad leader, and a PFC, through some of the most famous battle of WW II. Once the Germans had surrendered, he was selected to work in the division's adjutant general's office. Three days later he was promoted to technician third grade, the equal of a modern-day E-6.

The bronze star was added to **Fitzgerald's** European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon, his World War II Victory Ribbon, Army of Occupational Medal, a Good Conduct Medal, and Combat and Infantry Badge.



Co. I-271st Infantry Regiment. Standing Left to Right: Sergeant McMillan, Wesley Smith, Abe Waldman. Kneeling: Ken Barkett. Picture taken in Kleinboten, Germany in 1945. Picture furnished by Ken Barkett.



Paul Trimmer writes that the Hq. Battalion 881st F.A. picture which appeared in our News Bulletin brought back a lot of memories. In this picture, Paul is shown with Chief Little Hoop, both men being members of this Unit.

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*Thanks to our
Veterans
America is Number 1*

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'661st Tank Destroyer Battalion Annual Reunion

The Annual Reunion of the "661st" Tank Destroyer Battalion will be held in conjunction with the "Fighting 69th" Infantry Division Association, at the Fort Magruder Inn, Route #60 East, P.O. Box KE, Williamsburg, Virginia 23187, from August 19th thru August 25th, 1985.

Come and let's join all the fun and festivities. I am sure that you will enjoy being with some of your old friends. There is an abundance to see and do. See the schedule of events elsewhere in the **Bulletin**. Those listed are just a few of the many interesting places to go and events to see.

Ya'll come and I'm sure you'll enjoy yourselves. Come here and meet your friends.

Regards,
Bill Beswick

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American-Russian Link-Up to be Featured on ABC Television 20-20 Program April 18, 1985

On April 18th, ABC's Television Program 20-20 will present a program on the 40th Anniversary of the American-Russian link-up at Torgau.

We believe it will be on at 10:00 P.M., EST, but best you check your local listings to make sure. Sometimes the different time zones have other arrangements for certain shows. We feel that it will originate from New York.

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Bill Sells and Enrico D'Angelo. Bill Sells and wife, Inez of Mount Tahoe Village, Orlando, Florida, visited with Enrico and Ann D'Angelo at National Reunion.

This photo appeared in our last Bulletin, Volume 38, No. 1, and at that time we were unable to identify the people pictured in this photo.

Identifications furnished by Al Blackmar — D-273rd.



Front Row Left to Right: P.L. Clower, Mrs. Dan (Cathy) McHugh, Mrs. Roland (Janice) Hendrickson, Mrs. John (Helen) Oplt, Mrs. Charles (Bertha) Hoefer.

Second Row Left to Right: Mrs. Allan (Mary) Blackmar, Barbara Pilkanis (Sister-in-law of Al Blackmar), Mrs. Seth (Joan) Mohr, and Mrs. George (Barbara) Johnson.



Dining Room of the Tangier's Restaurant in Akron, Ohio where the Thursday afternoon buffet will be held for Tri-State meeting in June.



This dedicated group capably handled the Registration Desk for our Annual Reunion in Orlando, Florida in 1984.

Colonial Williamsburg And It's Many Attractions

THERE ARE MANY PLACES OF INTEREST IN THE HISTORICAL AREA OF VIRGINIA. THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO SATISFY THE APPETITE AND DESIRE OF MANY OF US. IT WILL BE EXTREMELY HARD FOR YOU TO SEE ALL OF THEM IN THE FEW DAYS THAT YOU WILL BE IN THE AREA.

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 LIGHTFOOT — LOCATED ABOUT A MILE AND A HALF EAST OF THE POTTERY.

OLD PLANTATIONS — THERE ARE SEVERAL OLD PLANTATIONS ON HISTORICAL ROUTE #5, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. AMONG THEM ARE BERKLEY PLANTATION AND THE PRESIDENTIAL HOME OF JOHN TYLER. THESE ARE A COUPLE OF BEAUTIFUL HOMES.

BUSCH GARDENS IS LOCATED JUST TWO MILES EAST OF THE MOTEL AND HAS THE OLD COUNTRY THEME. IT HAS SOMETHING FOR THE YOUNG, THE SENIOR CITIZEN AND THE YOUNG AT HEART. IN FACT, SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.

WATER COUNTRY, WHICH I UNDERSTAND IS EXCITING. BUT, I BELIEVE YOU HAVE TO REALLY BE YOUNG AT HEART TO GO ON THIS.

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 RE-CONSTRUCTED AND YOU CAN SEE HOW THE PILGRIMS LIVED AND FOUGHT THE INDIANS.

JAMESTOWN ISLAND WITH IT'S GLASS BLOWING DISPLAY AND EXHIBITS OF EARLY AMERICA — SOME OF THE ARTIFACTS THAT HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED ON THE ISLAND AND THE ORIGINAL RUINS OF THE "OLD CHURCH AT JAMESTOWN."

YORKTOWN HAS A VISTOR'S 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 THAT A REDCOAT IS STILL AROUND THE CULVERT. IT OVERLOOKS THE MAJESTIC YORK RIVER AND OFF TO THE RIGHT IS THE CHESAPEAKE BAY.

THERE ARE THREE MUSEUMS THAT YOU SHOULD SEE . . .

THE TRANSPORATION MUSEUM AT FORT EUSTIS — ON ROUTE #60 EAST, ABOUT TEN MILES FROM FORT MAGRUDER — GO OUT OF THE MOTEL TO YOUR RIGHT.

THE MARINERS MUSEUM — ON ROUTE #60 EAST ABOUT FIFTEEN MILES FROM THE MOTEL - GO RIGHT OUT OF THE MOTEL.

THE WAR MEMORIAL — ON ROUTE #60 EAST, IN NEWPORT NEWS, ABOUT 25 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. THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD ABOUT IT. NOW YOU TELL, THEM. YOU SHOULD KNOW.

VIRGINIA BEACH — GO OUT TO INTERSTATE #64, GO EAST ABOUT 65 MILES.

BUCKROE BEACH — GO OUT TO INTERSTATE #64, EAST ABOUT 35 MILES, FOLLOW THE SIGNS.

MERCHANT'S SQUARE IS IN DOWNTOWN OLD WILLIAMSBURG AND HAS MANY QUAIN'T SHOPS TO BROWSE IN. YOU DEFINITELY DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS.

KINGSMILL SHOPS — GO OUT OF THE MOTEL TO YOUR RIGHT. IT'S ABOUT 1½ MILES ON YOUR LEFT.

THE AREA THAT YOU SHOULD SEE AND IS BY FAR NOT THE LEAST:

THE RESTORED 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 — IT'S ABOUT A THIRTY MINUTE DRIVE FROM HERE.

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.

CARTER'S GROVE PLANTATION HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN A TOUR. IT SHOWS SOME OF THE LIFE OF EARLY AMERICA. IT IS ONE OF THE MOST MAGNIFICENT OF ALL THE PLANTATIONS. A LEISURELY WALK THROUGH THE HOUSE AND IT'S ATTRACTIVE GROUNDS WILL HELP YOU VISUALIZE A WAY OF LIFE THAT IS A CHERISHED PART OF OUR HERITAGE.

ANN MICHELE ORIGINALS
BANISTER
BURLINGTON BAG & BAGGAGE
ESSENTIALS
KITCHEN COLLECTION
MANHATTAN MEN'S & LADIES'
REVERE WARE FACTORY STORE
ROLANE
THE SWEATER OUTLET
VIP MILL STORE

★ WILLIAMSBURG
KOA CAMPGROUND

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★ ★ THE WILLIAMSBURG
POTTERY FACTORY
& KING NEPTUNE'S TREASURES

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LEADING LABELS
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OLD MILL
THE RIGHT STEP
TALBOTT
TOTES
TOYS & GIFTS

CAROLINA
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Richmond Road

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Ironbound Rd

Monticello Ave

Hospital

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Scotland St

Boundary St

N. Henry St

Lafayette St

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Williamsburg
Information
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Colonial Pkwy

To Yorktown
& Gloucester
via Parkway

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To Hampton
& Norfolk

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To Berkley
Sherwood Forest
& Shirley Plantations

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To Jamestown
& Ferry

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To Newport News

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To Carter's Grove
Plantation

Busch Gardens

WILLIAMSBURG AREA MAP



Airport Service for Williamsburg Reunion

We have new airline service at Newport News. Patrick Henry Airport is only fifteen or twenty minutes from the motel. Just notify the motel of your flight arrival and you will be picked up. It's jet service by U.S. Air.

37th Annual Reunion — Orlando, Florida — October, 1984

Pictures furnished by Victor Woo.



Early Arrivals signing up in the registration room.



Al Long and Bob Maxwell take over the "Soft Drink" department.



Vic Woo, Earl and Dottie Witzleb, and George and Vickie Gallagher at Danby's Restaurant.



Rushing to board the bus for one of the tours.



Jo and Bill Beswick.



Vic Woo surrounded by two good looking young ladies.

37th Annual Reunion — Orlando, Florida — October, 1984



A view of part of beautiful Cypress Gardens.



This group of 69er's met a Happy Friend at Cypress Gardens.



*"Just like the Army,"
Waiting in line for tour of Kennedy Space Center.*



Boat Cruise at Cypress Gardens.



*George & Vickie Gallagher and Al Faison at Head Table,
Saturday Night Banquet.*



R.O.T.C. Color Guard for Memorial Service.

Make Reservations Now For 1985 69th Division Association Reunion

REGISTRATION FORM TO BE MAILED TO:

William R. Beswick
P.O. Box 576
West Point, Virginia 23181
Telephone: 804/843-2696

I/We will attend the 69th Infantry Division Association Reunion at Fort Magruder from August 19th to August 25th, 1985, and will attend the following activities.

Name: _____

Street: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone/Area Code: _____ ☐ First Timers ☐ Second Timers ☐ O'd Timers

Unit: _____ Wife's Name: _____

Guests: _____

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WEEKLY EVENTS

	Per Person	Number Persons	Amount
Registrations — Mon., Aug. 19th — August 24th, 1985			
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. & 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.	\$ 6.00	_____	\$ _____
Sun., Aug. 18th — Early Arrivals — On Your Own			
Mon., Aug. 19th — On Your Own — Good Day to Visit Colonial Williamsburg			
Tues., Aug. 20th — On Your Own — Visit the Williamsburg Pottery and the			
New Outlet Mall — Both Located at Lightfoot, Virginia			
Wed., Aug. 21st — Tour of Carters Grove Plantation, Mariners Museum			
and the Transportation Museum at Fort Eustis, Virginia			
Bus Leaves Motel at 9:30 A.M.	\$16.50	_____	\$ _____
Wed., Aug. 21st — Board of Directors Meeting — 7:30 P.M.			
Thurs., Aug. 22nd — Tour of Jamestown Festival Park, Jamestown Island,			
Yorktown Victory Center, Yorktown Visitor Center and the			
Yorktown Battle Fields. Bus Leaves Motel at 9:30 A.M.	\$13.00	_____	\$ _____
Thurs. Night, August 22nd — 7:00 P.M. Early Bird Dinner (At the Motel)	\$20.00	_____	_____
Fri., Aug. 23rd — On Your Own — Visit Busch Gardens with the Old			
Country Theme. Tickets Available at the Motel.	\$14.95	_____	\$ _____
Fri., Aug. 23rd — Golf Tournament-Leave Inn at 8:00 a.m.			
Fri. Night, Aug. 23rd — 8:30 P.M. PX Night	\$ 3.00	_____	\$ _____
Sat. Morning, Aug. 24th — 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon-Membership Meeting			
Sat., Morning, Aug. 24th — 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon-Ladies Auxiliary Meeting			
Sat., Afternoon, Aug. 24th — Memorial Services — 3:00 P.M.			
Sat. Afternoon, Aug. 24th — Visiting with Friends and Party Time			
Sat. Night, Aug. 24th — Cocktail Hour — 6:00-7:30 P.M. Followed by "Banquet" ..	\$24.00	_____	\$ _____
Sunday Brunch — 10:00 A.M.			
Sunday, August 25th — Check Out Time by 1:00 P.M. Depart for Home.			
Be Careful. Have a Nice Trip and We'll See You Next Year.			

DUES Reunion Sub Total \$ _____

New Dues Year — August 1, 1985 to July 31, 1986

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

Dues Sub Total \$ _____

Total Amount Paid \$ _____

Make Check or Money Order Payable To: 69th Infantry Division Association. (DO NOT Make Checks Payable TO W. R. Beswick.)

We are bringing a Camper and _____ (Several campgrounds in the area).

If you do not have a plastic name tag from the Orlando Reunion, Please Check This Box. ☐

Golf is available. Please signify your intentions if interested in golfing when mailing in this form ☐ YES ☐ NO

PLEASE FILL OUT THESE FORMS AND MAIL THEM IN WITH YOUR CHECK 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE REUNION. IF YOU DO THIS, IT WILL MAKE OUR JOB A LOT EASIER AND WILL SAVE YOU TIME AT THE REGISTRATION DESK.

THOSE OF YOU THAT HAVE YOUR NEW PLASTIC NAME TAGS FROM ORLANDO, PLEASE WEAR THEM.

DIRECTIONS TO FORT MAGRUDER INN — When traveling East (from Richmond, Va.) on Interstate 64, Go to Exit 57-A (that is Va. Rt. 199), turn right, go to the second exit off Rt. 199, (go over both highways, do not go off Rt. 143) turn right and immediately turn left. Fort Magruder Inn is about two miles on your left.

**Make Reservations Now For 1985
69th Division Association's 38th Annual Reunion
661st Tank Destroyer Battalion — 777th Tank Battalion
Ft. Magruder, Williamsburg, Virginia**

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

**Ft. Magruder Inn
Ms. Holly Cromis — Reservations Manager
Route 60 East
P.O. Box KE
Williamsburg, Virginia 23187
Telephone: 1-804-220-2250**

I/We Plan to Arrive (Day) _____, August _____, 1985. Check In Time 2:00 P.M.

I/We Plan to Depart (Day) _____, August _____, 1985. Check Out Time is 1:00 P.M.

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

_____ Single \$55.00 _____ Double \$55.00 _____ \$200.00 One Bedroom Suite _____ \$258.00 Two Bedroom Suite

Rates to Apply Three Days Before and After.

Remarks:

Send Confirmation to:

Name: _____

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

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone/Area Code: _____

Unit: _____ Wife's Name: _____

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

Name: _____ Unit: _____

(Cut Here and Mail)

CUT-OFF DATE FOR MAKING RESERVATIONS — JULY 19, 1985

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

THE FT. MAGRUDER INN WILL GRANT US THE \$55.00 RATE FOR THREE DAYS BEFORE AND AFTER THE REUNION DATES FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO EXTEND THEIR STAY IN THE AREA.

IF YOU DRIVE, THERE IS AMPLE PARKING AT THE INN. NOTIFY US OF FLIGHT NUMBER, AND TIME OF ARRIVAL IF YOU WANT TO BE PICKED UP.

SPECIAL NOTICE

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY SO YOU WILL NOT BE SHUT-OUT. WE HAVE BEEN GUARANTEED THREE HUNDRED ROOMS AND WE ANTICIPATE USING THAT MANY AND POSSIBLY A FEW MORE. OVERFLOW CROWD TO BE AT QUARTER PATH INN NEXT DOOR.

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

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



569th Signal Company Message Center. The Hut #2 boys
at Camp Shelby. Picture furnished by Jim Combs.



SOFT DRINK DAY

12:00 to 3:00

Beer is gone, Booze is too
Soft drinks only, don't
be blue!

Thanks to you,
Now we're through

Bob & Stan



Remember this sign when it appeared on the door of the Hospitality Room in Orlando in 1984??? Seems like the supply room neglected their duties so all of the merry makers had to settle for the soft stuff.

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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From the "Beer, Cheese and Sausage Bunch:

The Midwest Group is planning to meet on the weekend of May 18th, 1985 at the Red Carpet Country Inn, Pewaukee, Wisconsin. The rate per couple for the three days, two night package, including two dinners, two breakfasts and two cocktails each, is \$115.00.

Those of you who attended the Milwaukee Reunion remember the good times we all had. This will be a mini Reunion just 10 miles west of Milwaukee on I-94.

Any members of the 69th and attached units who are in the area are cordially invited to come and spend the weekend, a day, or even just have lunch with us.

Besides sightseeing and shopping, there is a golf course within walking distance that should be open by that time.

Please make your own reservations at:

Red Carpet Country Inn
2810 Golf Road
Pewaukee, Wisconsin 53072
Telephone: 414/547-0201

For further information contact **Dale or Bonny Scott** at 927 Edgewood Place, Jefferson, Wisconsin 53549.

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Co. "I", 272nd Will Miss "ANDY."

The 24 men and women from Co. I-272nd who attended the Orlando Reunion were saddened to learn of the death of **Andy Rebick**.

Andy had not missed a Reunion in over 25 years and was a member of the Board of Directors. He and his wife **Mary** had made their reservations and had their plane tickets, but the General of All called for **Andy** to report on October 3rd.

Most of us first met **Andy** at Camp Shelby and it was to Hattiesburg that he brought his bride and upon reporting back to camp, he spent the next two weeks of his honeymoon on one of **General Bolte's** famous Bivouac's sharing his pup tent with **Pat Lushbaugh**, and I imagine bitching all the time, while **Mary** spent hers with **Jan Lushbaugh** back in Hattiesburg.

Andy was our leader and nothing seemed to get going in our hospitality room until **Andy** arrived. **Andy**, we miss you.

Bob Kurtzman

69th Recon Troop

Joseph and Zola George, Jr.
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Dear Recon,

The 1985 Reunion will be in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on September 13th, 14th, and 15th at the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge in Monroeville, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Pittsburgh, Routes 22 and 48 — Turnpike Exit 6.

This is just a Reminder — Please mark these dates on your calendar. It will be the same as York, Pennsylvania — Bring your own booze.

For the Ladies — there is a lot of shopping area within walking distance from the motel, and ladies, bring your bathing suits since there is a nice indoor swimming pool.

I will mail you more information, along with a card to make reservations around Easter. (Make Sure You Make Your Reservation Early).

Contact your closest Recon Friends and make this an event to be Remembered.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. George, Jr.

Company H 273rd Infantry Regiment

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Steelton, Pennsylvania 17113
Telephone: 717/939-4802

My Annual Letter about Company H-273rd Infantry at the Florida Reunion.

We had 7 Company H-273rd Men at the Reunion. **William Hawthorne** of Texas — He was in my squad and we were together about 27 months. It is the first time I saw him since 1945. It was worth a million bucks. Also for the first time, **Earl Guthrie** of North Carolina. I recognized both of them. Also **Murray Schulman** from New York, who I last saw at the Atlantic City Reunion about 20 years ago. **William Thomas** of Pennsylvania who I saw last year for the first time. I went to his home and we met again in Lancaster at a central Pennsylvania get together. **Sam Grubbs** of Pennsylvania, (78 years old) who I also saw in Arizona last year. Also **Ray Szkudlarek** of Ohio. We have been going to the Reunions together with our wives.

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Please Note: **Helen, Arylene, and John Mowrey** had to cancel because **Arylene's** sister became very ill. **Jacklyn** and **Eli Sams** could not make it due to **Sam's** wife being in the hospital for an operation and recuperating. Sure hope **Sam's** wife, **Jacklyn** is O.K. and **Arylene's** sister the same. May God be with them.

Will close hoping this letter finds you **Earl and Dottie** in the very best of health. May God bless you two till we meet again. (Soon I hope).

Sincerely,
Your 69th Friend
Jack Stark, Jr.

269th Engineers

Frank and Ted Nemeth, Representatives
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Hi:

Having returned from a very fine Reunion in Orlando, Florida, I thought it was about time to get back to 269th Engineer duties. We had a fine turnout of about 17 Engineers plus their wives and children. It was nice to see a few first timers and hope they plan on coming again, such as, to Williamsburg, Virginia, in August.

Sorry to see so many Engineers had to cancel out at the last moment, but these things do happen. Just hope everything worked out very well for them.

We really enjoyed Orlando and saw everything we wanted to see, plus some. Would like to thank the Committee for the tremendous job they did in making us feel at home.

It was nice to see and talk to **Sam Pharr** from Company A, who hails from Tennessee and was a first timer. **George** and **Helen Endrai**, also first timers from Company A. Expect to see them in Cleveland, Ohio at the Tri-State in June. **Jim McEnamey** and wife came as first timers and enjoyed themselves and it made **Ray** and **Ruth Lottie** very happy and could hardly wait until the **McEnamey's** got there. Sorry I missed **Cecil Robinson** and **George Allen** when they dropped in looking for me. I can't recall whether I was on tour or out playing golf somewhere.

From H&S Company, **Leon** and **Rose Swedlow** attended and they now live near Ocala. **John** and **Elizabeth Hawley** drove down with a few enjoyable stops along the way. **Len** and **Corky Halpenny** flew in from Tucson and it's always nice to see them. **Sharpie, Helen,** and **Helene Jones** attended. Can't call **Helene** the 'squirt' anymore. She is a lovely young lady! She kept **Sharpie** and **Helen** on the go pretty much. Glad to see **Mack** and **Vi McConahy** getting around once again and hope all goes well for them and will see them in Cleveland in June.

Company B had **Stan** and **Ruth Auk**, who now live in Tampa. They served on that fine Committee and were kept pretty busy all the time. **Dan** and **Helen Evers** had a lovely time and really enjoyed walking all day in Disney World and Epcot. **W. P.** and **Ann Sample** drove in from Texas with their guests. Hope they had a nice trip home and missed that storm in Texas. **Ray Strick** and **Ed Stagg**, the two Engineers we sent to reinforce the infantry and make them a better unit, were kept pretty busy by their wives.

From Company C we had **Larry Roeder** and **Gerry Rodelli** and their wives who I didn't see enough of. Like everyone else, there was so much to see and do, they were always on the go. It was nice to see **Loretta Goeben** and her lovely daughters

with their families enjoying Orlando and the Reunion. Time really moves along. I can remember **Joyce** being in our teenage room at past Reunions. **Walt** and **Eby Howland**, guests of the **Hawley's** (also daughter and son-in-law), usually try and make it to all our Reunions and they do a good job at it. Thanks **Eby** and **Walt** for showing us a lovely time while we were passing through Myrtle Beach although we didn't see much of **Walt** due to his work duties and cooking breakfast.

Hope I haven't forgotten anyone. If I did, just remember, this Old Codger can't recall too well anymore.

Well, that's about it for now and hope to see all you guys and gals in the Tri-State area make it to Cleveland in June for a few days. At least drop in to say 'hello'. So . . . the best to y'all and don't forget to think Williamsburg in August for the 69th Reunion. Lots to see and do and the prices are good!

Your Ole Buddy,
Frank

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*Helen and George Endrai
Company "A" — 269th Engineers*



*Sam Pharr
Company "A" — 269th Engineers*

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.

MAY 18, 1985-Weekend

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
Mid-West Group

Red Carpet Country Inn
2810 Golf Road
Pewaukee, Wisconsin 53072

Committee:

Dale and Bonny Scott
927 Edgewood Place
Jefferson, Wisconsin 53549
Telephone: 414/674-2972

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

For Information Write:

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Riverside, California 92501
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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:

Dell and Mary Balzano
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Alex and Margaret Kormas
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Lakewood, Ohio 44107
Telephone: 216/651-2084

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
Post Office Box 576
420 21st Street
West Point, Virginia 23181
Telephone: 804/843-2696

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

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

69th Infantry Division Association Annual Reunion

William Penn Hotel
530 William Penn Place
Mellon Square
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15230
Telephone: 412/281-7100

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

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

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

Committee:

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

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Williamsburg: Capital of Virginia

From 1699 to 1780

Williamsburg, the capital city of colonial Virginia, 1699-1780, stands today much as it did in the eighteenth century. The Historic Area of Colonial Williamsburg, centered on the mile-long Duke of Gloucester Street, encompasses 173 acres.

The late Reverend Dr. W.A.R. Goodwin and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., in 1926 determined to preserve the beauty and charm of the old buildings and gardens of the colonial town. They gave their personal attention and leadership to this project. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., contributed the necessary funds to return the city to its eighteenth-century appearance. Mr. Rockefeller believed that the greatest value of the restoration was "the lesson it teaches of the patriotism, high purpose, and unselfish devotion of our forefathers to the common good."

During the restoration program begun in 1926, almost 90 colonial buildings have been restored and preserved. Additional buildings, residences, shops, and dependencies have been reconstructed on their original sites. Costumed interpreters relate the colorful histories of the exhibition buildings and their inhabitants. Skilled craftspeople work at their trades daily in the most comprehensive program of ancient handcrafts in America.

As you stroll from building to building in the Historic Area, notice the beauty and variety of the gardens. You will also find it possible to concentrate on specific interests, including:

Furniture and Furnishings: There are more than 200 furnished rooms in authentic buildings, shops, and dependencies to create the springboard for your rendezvous with eighteenth-century Virginia.

Working Crafts: Watch master craftsmen, journeymen, and apprentices — more than 100 men and women in all — earn their living at two-score handcrafts as their predecessors did 200 years ago in Williamsburg. Visit the shops of the *Apothecary, Baker, Blacksmith, Bootmaker, Cabinetmaker, Carpenter, Cooper, Domestic Crafts, Gunsmith, Harness and Saddlemaker, Milliner, Musical Instrument Maker, Music Teacher, Printer-Bookbinder and Post Office, Silversmith, Foundry, Wheelwright, Wigmaker, and Windmill.*

History and Heritage: Restored Williamsburg recalls the important political principles and concepts of freedom born here. At the stately Capitol building, you can almost hear the patriots speaking out for the integrity of the individual, the concepts of responsible leadership, self-government, and individual liberty.

THE VISITOR CENTER

Begin your visit at the Visitor Center located in the Motor House Cafeteria Building. Here you may purchase admission tickets and publications, as well as make dining reservations for Colonial Williamsburg's restaurants. Open daily from 9 A.M. — 5 P.M.



PLACES OF INTEREST



Bassett Hall



Raleigh Tavern



James Geddy House



Carter's Grove Plantation

Willard Goodheim Writes:

Reference to your Bulletin Vol. 38, No. 1, page 20, "Back to Berlin." Most of us have tried hard to forget the difficulties, struggles, and death we were a part of 40 years ago. This article I refer to about Division Chaplain Lorge, written by Sharon Cohen, brought back to memory an incident that I recall frequently. Especially in February when we Jews commemorate the Festival of Purim. The years have blurred much of my memory, but the important elements will remain with me till I die.

Our Regiment received a call that the Chaplain would be through to hold services for the Jewish boys. We were bivouaced in a forest in Belgium waiting to move further East to contact the enemy. Our small congregation met in the woods not far from where my buddy, (Pfc. Eldred Tubbs) and I had our fox hole and pine bough shelter. We only had 6 or 7 men, not enough to form a minya (mandatory 10 men), but I guess God thought it would be all right.

The Chaplain's assistant was Isaac Zaleon from my home town of Gloversville, New York, so meeting him was an unexpected welcome. Chaplain Lorge offered our prayers to God and spoke of the coming holiday of Purim and its analogy to the oppression of Hitler and the Nazi's. It was a simple but moving sermon, and we were inspired and warmed by his words, and proud, very proud. Before he left he told us that he had just returned from a leave in London, and wanted to share his white scotch whiskey with us. The sharing of this gift was very touching, but so much like him. Can you just imagine how many meetings like that he must have held? I have thought about the Chaplain often, especially when Purim returns.

If you know where he is located today, I would appreciate it if you would pass this letter along. Perhaps he will remember this event. I will never forget his compassion, thoughtfulness, and courage; with deep gratitude and appreciation. Shortly after that religious gathering, an American fighter plane (unmarked) flew over and its enemy pilot strafed our bivouac area. We were still at War.

Thank you for your continued good work on the 69th Division Bulletin. I have some old pictures of our link-up at Torgau if anyone would like them.

This Poem is Dedicated to All of the Veterans of the Fighting 69th Infantry Division on the Fortieth Anniversary of V-E Day

What Happened To The Boys?

by
Thomas L. Scott

What happened to the boys?

*Only yesterday, it seems, I saw them
Dressing right in khakied squads on Shelby's sultry fields
And standing straight as new fletched arrows
Pointing at a sunlit, harmless sky
And not a mortal enemy.*

What happened to the boys?

*Just yesterday, it seems, I saw some
Lying still in wakeless sleep on foreign fields,
Their journey into manhood shortened suddenly
By shrapnel shard or sniper's round;
But those that stood kept faith with those that fell
And fought each battle with resolve
Til victory's day was seized.*

What happened to the boys?

*Who found the fields of home again
Where life's engagement yet awaited them?
Today, now looking almost like their fathers used to look,
They sit in peace, their weapons long laid down,
And share a memory that reaffirms a solemn bond
Known only to the combat veteran,
The lasting legacy of war's profound experience.*

What happened to the boys?

They live undaunted in the men who won't forget.



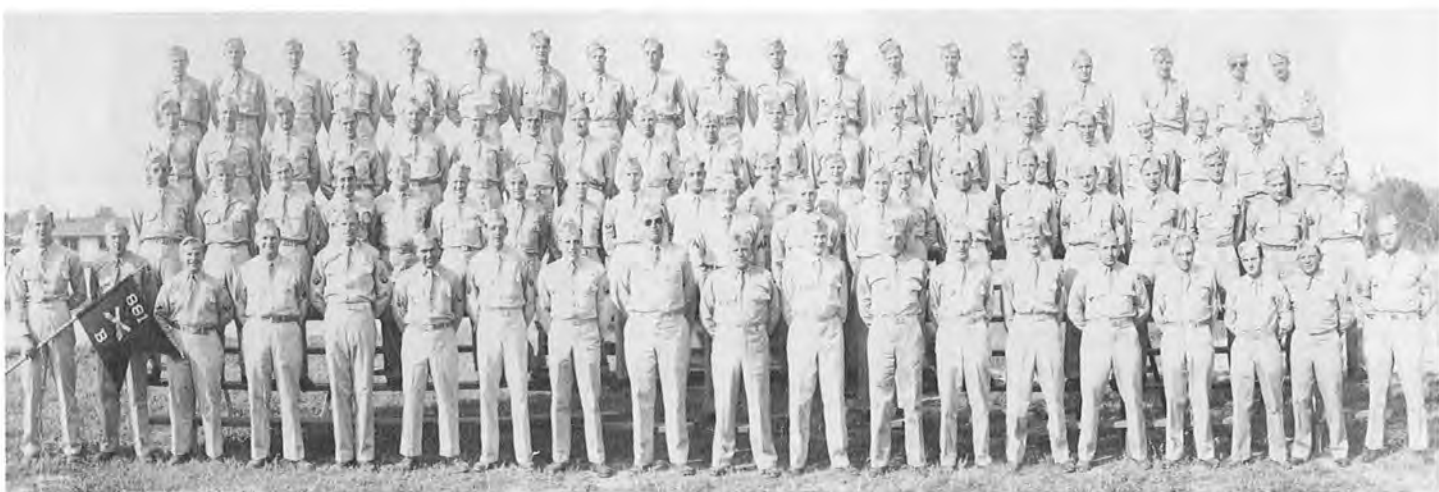
*Private First Class Dennis C. Kelly who served in
Company-K, 271st Infantry passed away July 11, 1984.*



*Company "H", 273rd Infantry
Camp Shelby, Mississippi — October 1944*



*Headquarters Company, 273rd Infantry
Camp Shelby, Mississippi — October 1944*



*Battery "B", 881st Field Artillery
Camp Shelby, Mississippi — May 1944*

“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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NEEDED FOR THE BULLETIN.

The success of the Bulletin depends on you
— the members — and the information you forward to the Editors.

We would especially appreciate whatever
news you have for the three articles:

"CALENDAR OF EVENTS
AND COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE"

DOTTIE AND ME

"THE AUXILIARY PAGE"

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