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Former members of the 69th Infantry Division standing in front of the Memorial at Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten, Holland.



Part of the 69th Tour Group in front of the Opera House in Paris, France.

*See you in Colonial Williamsburg at the
38th Reunion. August 18th to 25th, 1985*



News From The Editor's Desk

by — Clarence Marshall

Sidney Salfie, 23 Farnsworth Avenue, Maple Shade, New Jersey 08052 — Hq. 879th: Will not be able to attend the next Reunion in Williamsburg, but I am sending congratulations and success to all of my friends. I would surely like to hear from any of the boys who formerly served in Hq. Battery of the 879th Field Artillery.

Carl Fritch, Route #1, Mertztown, Pennsylvania 19539 — 569th Sig.: Sorry I'm late with my dues. I just received my Spring Bulletin and read the thing all the way. Great to receive the News from the Division. Had a little Reunion with **Dan Rubenstein** and **Tom Briody** at the Holiday Inn in Allentown. It was just a few hours, but we had a great time. I also have heard from **Jim Kelly**, **Julius Tivald**, **John Wilson**, and **George Hepp** at Christmas time. We were all in the Radio Section. I was with the 69th from activation until after the link-up, and then I was transferred to the 29th Division. I was called up for a year during the Korean War.

What a great job you people are doing, and I hope that we can keep hearing from you. I hope to make a Reunion someday as I have never been to one.

Al DiLoreto, 4207 Millport Avenue S.W., Canton, Ohio 44706 — C-724th: I am one of the new men that you have just relocated. I was in Battery C-724th Field Artillery under **Captain Foose**. I would really like to hear from some of the men who served in that outfit. I was known as the "Extra Man" in the Battery, so maybe some can remember that.

I would like to get a copy of the 69th Division History Book. Does your Reunion in Williamsburg include C-Battery 724th F.A.?

(Editor's Note: All Units in the 69th Division and all other attached Units are included in our annual Reunions. Division History Books are available through National Headquarters at \$5.00 each).

Stanley Crouch, 4650 Rumpke Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45245 — HS-880th: On a recent business trip I looked up an old buddy. If you do not already have his name, please add it to your mailing list. He is: **Edward Kvach**, 670 Center Road, Avon Lake, Ohio 44012. He is now retired from his business of building houses. He never married and lives alone, and is in good health.

Frank Morris, 405 Oak Lane, Wayne, Pennsylvania 19087 — 69th Recon: I have my 1984-85 card from the Association. While I was in Florida, and wearing one of my 69th golf shirts, I was approached by a former 69er. He requested that I relay his name and address to the Association so that he could be put on the mailing list. He is: **Louis Iauco**, 1012 Timberlane Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana 46260. He served in the 273rd Infantry Regiment.

Godfrey Slimmer, Jr., P.O. Box 49, Seminary, Mississippi 39479 — B-881st: It was printed in the 69th Division Bulletin that we should not waste these Dues envelopes, so I am using this one. I am already paid up for 1984-85. I am including a dollar to help with postage.

My wife **Edith** and I are living in the town of Seminary, Mississippi, which is about 20 miles north of Hattiesburg on U.S. 49. We live in the only yellow tri-level house in town. We acted as our own contractors and are doing a lot of the work ourselves. If and when we get our house completed, I hope

to be able to invite former members of the 69th Division to visit with us, and then visit Camp Shelby where the Division was formed. My wife is not very enthusiastic about entertaining, but we will work it out O.K. If you have not visited this area since you were here during World War II, it will be hard for you to recognize anything. Downtown Hattiesburg has a few of the old buildings left, but there are many many changes in the area.

Give my best regards to everyone and I would like to hear from my former service buddies.

(Editor's Note: At our annual Reunion in New Orleans in 1980, we made a trip back to Camp Shelby and Hattiesburg, and the only thing your Editor recognized was the train and bus station).

Vernon L. Hanlin, P.O. Box 118, Mt. Storm, West Virginia 26739 — Hq. 1st Bn-271st: I am sending my Dues and will write a few lines which may give you some information. I really did enjoy the letter which **Don Say** wrote in the Bulletin. We were in the same Platoon but different squads. He asked if anyone had heard from **Burrell Bowles**. I hear from him once in a while. He is Superintendent for a logging firm in Kooskia, Idaho. Some of the fellows which **Don** did not mention were **Sergeant Shelton** of Boonesville, Indiana, **Fuches** from New York, **Shewster** and **Shepler** from Pennsylvania, **Sergeant Meader**, **Lieutenant Friedman**, **Elmer Haker** of White Plains, New York, and also **Al Carbonari**. Two of our men who never belonged to the Association, **Eschol Gibson** of Milton, West Virginia, who died in January of 1985, and **Harry Grubb** of Vanburen, Missouri, who died in January of 1984. Both were good friends of mine. **Gibson** had been to visit with me and deer hunted with me many years. I believe they both served in C-271st.

I came out of the service in May of 1946, but later went back into the Army Reserves for nine years, where I had heavy weapons Platoon.

I was in the timber and sawmill business until 1977 when I had a heart attack. My wife and I now own and operate a motel, restaurant, and trailer park. We have one son and one daughter, both married and we have three grandchildren.

Would like to hear from anyone who was in our Platoon. I attended the Reunion in Pittsburgh, and hope to attend this year in Williamsburg. I am enclosing a picture for use in your Bulletin.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Hanlin's picture appears at another position in this issue).

Charles Griffin, 3880 Croydon Drive N.W., Canton, Ohio 44718 — B-461st AAA: Enclosed is my check for \$20.00 This covers my 84-85 Dues as well as Dues for **Edward M. Moore** of Abingdon, Virginia. He expressed his desire to join the 69th Infantry Division Association, and gave me his Dues. He was a Staff Sergeant in Supply Headquarters of the 461st, and is an Engineer with the Virginia Highway Department.

Sorry we won't be able to attend your Williamsburg Reunion. Have a great get-together. We plan to have our second bi-annual Reunion of Hq. Battery 461st AAA in Roanoke, Virginia, October 11th to the 13th. We are looking forward to a good attendance and a great time. I certainly enjoy your publication. Great memories of the Elbe River and Torgau during this anniversary.

(Editor's Note: In your letter Mr. Griffin, you ask me to add Mr. Moore to our roster, but according to my card file, he has been on our roster for some time and should be receiving all of our mail).

Thomas G. Carson, 2095 Glendale Drive, Decatur, Georgia 30032 — L-271st: In your Bulletin there was a letter from a **Mr. Edward L. Fitch** concerning how he became familiar with the 69th Infantry Division Association. Several years ago, I secured a roster of Co. L-271st Infantry, and I wrote a letter

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to everyone, including Mr. Fitch. Later on I had breakfast with Mr. Fitch at Shoney's Restaurant on Highway 153 in Hixson, Tennessee, and invited him to the Reunion at Harrisburg. I had heard nothing from him since, till I read his letter in the Bulletin. There is a **Ralph Fitzgerald** on the roster that I have, but none of the other names that he lists are on it.

We have been getting some good publicity on television lately in connection with the anniversary of the link-up with the Russians at Torgau. Maybe some non-members saw the broadcasts and will write in. I expect to see you at the Reunion in Williamsburg.

Charles Attara, 89 Mahar Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey 07011 — H-273rd: I am writing to you in hope of locating a copy of a book we had printed in 1945 titled: "Fighting 69th Meet Russians." I was the heavy machine gunner on **Major Craig's** Patrol that linked up with the Russians at Reisa at midday of April 23, 1945. The only members of our Company that I have been in contact with in recent years are **Jake Stark** and **Richard Parent**. I hope to make the Reunion at Williamsburg.

(Editor's Note: Anyone knowing anything about the book he is seeking, please contact him or National Headquarters).

Mrs. Marge C. Van Iseghem, 3505 Middle Cheshire Road, Canandaigua, New York 14424 — Wid. 69 MP: This letter is so difficult to write. Your recent note was gratefully received because it was so nice of you to remember **Larry** and want to include us in on the "greeting to Gen. Bolte."

Sad to advise you that our **Larry** passed away on January 21st. It doesn't seem possible, but it is true. **Larry** had heart surgery last August 23rd, on our 40th wedding anniversary. He had grafts to take care of the five blockages. He came along beautifully. He had to go into an experimental medicine program and that was the final problem. He has a violent reaction to the drug. His lungs gave out and after 65 days in a hospital out in Duluth, Minnesota, **Larry's** terrific fight ended.

He was so proud of his World War II participation and his affiliation with the 69th. We hold the photo (which the Army sent to me) depicting him shaking hands with a Russian soldier at the link-up, very dear. I shall send a card along to the General. Imagine 90 years old. Please pass this news along to the others.

We had considered on going with the tour to Europe, but it began right at the busy end of a tax season, so we had to forego it. Good thing though, because I would have been heartbroken if we had the reservations and then I would have had to cancel them. Keep in touch, and take care of yourself. Come visit us if you ever get this way.

(Editor's Note: This letter was directed to John Moriarty, as both he and Larry Van Iseghem served in the 69th M.P.'s).

Philip Colombo, 156-20 65th Avenue, Flushing, New York 11367 — H&S 879th: Just a few lines to give a little input as to what is going on in reference to some of the Veterans. While I was in Washington, D.C. attending a seminar on V.A.V.S., I was honored to be one of the many Veterans with A.M.V.E.T.S. entourage to address the Committee on Veterans Affairs of the Congress of the United States.

We appeared before the Senate at a hearing at which we asked that the benefits not be taken away from the Veterans, which many people in the Administration would like to do. I urge all of our members to write to their representatives in the House and Senate, and also the President, because he is in back of this taxing and taking away from the Veteran what he has earned in the Service for his Country. We are all in this together, two fold, as we are the Senior Citizens whom they are trying to tax our Social Security Benefits, etc.

I am enclosing the name and address of another former member of the 69th: **Andrew Walsh**, 105 William Street,

Nutley, New Jersey 07110. Please send a copy of the Bulletin with the Division Band picture in it to **Marion Sabio**, widow of **Vince Sabio**, who was a member of the band. In the picture he is in the top row in the center. He played the glockenspiel.

K. Earl Abel, 18 Sheffield Court, Lincolnshire, Illinois 60015 — A-724th: The Chicago Tribune carried an article telling of the U.S./Soviet Reunion by your tour group. In the Spring of 1944, I joined Battery A of the 724th Field Artillery Battalion at Camp Shelby, and stayed with the Division as an enlisted forward observer attached to the 272nd Infantry Regiment. I served in this capacity till the end of the War. The article mentions the 69th Infantry Division Association, and I am interested in learning more about this and becoming a member. Please advise me how I may accomplish this.

(Editor's Note: This letter was directed to William Beswick).

John M. McDonough, 15434 Minerva, Dolton, Illinois 60419 — AT-3rd Bn 273rd: As a former member of the 69th Division, having joined it in Camp Shelby, Mississippi, I am interested in joining the Association and would appreciate any information you can furnish me in this regard. Until seeing a recent article in the Chicago Tribune, referring to the 40th anniversary meeting at Torgau, I was totally unaware of the existence of the Association. I do recall receiving literature regarding the Division right after the War, perhaps in 1948 or so, but that is the last contact that I can recall.

For your information, I was a member of the Anti-Tank Platoon, 3rd Battalion, 273rd Regiment, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel **W. H. Leo Shaughnessey**. I have the address of another Division member in California named **Robert Karl**. He was a jeep driver for M-273rd. If he is not a member of the Association, I can furnish his address. Any information you can furnish me regarding membership would be appreciated.

(Editor's Note: This letter was also directed to William Beswick).

Rabbi Ernst M. Lorge, 2637 West Catalpa Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60625 — Div. Hq.: Just a short note to let you know that I appreciated your kindness in forwarding the letter which **W. Goodheim** asked you to forward to me.

I was truly moved by the sentiment of the writer. It is quite a thing to hear from one of the men after 40 years and to find that this person still remembers an incident from that dramatic time. It is especially surprising that he recalled even the content of my short talk at the special service of this minor holiday of Purim.

I am spending 6 months as interim Rabbi in San Diego, after which I will return to Chicago. Again, many thanks and all good wishes.

Frank B. Huff, P.O. Box 134, Flint Hill, Virginia 22627 — B & Hqs. 1st Bn 273rd: What a good day the 20th of March was when all four of us from Lieutenant **Robertson's** patrol got together in Washington, D.C. It had been almost 40 years, and the whole bunch of us still don't look too bad.

We met at the Phoenix Park Hotel just at the foot of Capitol Hill. The get-together was set up by **Nick Lord**, researcher for Yorkshire Television London (WCIR). The whole crew was really a nice bunch of people. They done a lot of camera work, and a lot of writing from all four of us.

In regards to your question about **James McDonnell**, I think he was with the 69th all of the way. I was not, as I joined the 69th at "dragon's teeth" between Belgium and Germany. **Jim** is assistant fire chief in Peabody, Massachusetts. He is a fine gentleman with a nice wife and children. You always find people who think they are above others, but all of our blood flows the same way.

I don't think those "outlaw groups" being formed will

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make it to Torgau. The 20—20 show and Nick Lord had a hard time getting permission to do their thing for the 40th anniversary.

Lieutenant Colonel R.C. Trimble, 123 Baywood Drive, Biloxi, Mississippi 39532 — Div. Hq.: I just don't know how to begin. Truthfully, I typed the salutation and have been sitting in front of this dumb machine for the better part of half an hour trying my damnest to express my jubilation at having made contact with the Association after these past forty years.

I came as Cadre from Camp Adair in March 1943, made Warrent Officer on Activation Day, and was the last Officer of the AG Section to leave Kilmer after signing what was to have been the final Division Headquarters Special Orders just prior to deactivation. The last four lines span a period of 2½ years of my life which to this day, have been the most important and memorable years of my life. For it was through this crucial period that my life took direction.

I learned a trade which in later years, I would polish into a profession. I learned to respect, obey, and where appropriate, command. I learned the value of our social institutions where high school and college had failed to awake me. I grew up suddenly, like a bursting sky rocket, and married a wonderful girl whom I love and cherish to this day. I learned the essence of unity of purpose, whether it be to achieve individual goals, or those of our Nation.

Forsaking family and all other things dear to me, I went half way around the world with a brave bunch of men and returned 10 months later. My prompt return can only be credited to that historic first link-up with the Russians on April 25, 1945 at Torgau on the Elbe River.

I wish to thank you for sending me the Bulletin. I wrote to Pulliam, and I have received a letter from him. I also received my membership card from Bob Kurtzman. I have enclosed a copy of Ned Landon's article which appeared in The Retired Officers Magazine. I have highlighted that part about the link-up. About a year ago, I wrote to the Editor of The Retired Officers Magazine and asked if they could search for any articles which may tell the true story about the link-up. The response was negative. I would like to explore this with Association members later. Thanks again and I will keep in touch.

Richard J. Shershenovich, 1232 Main Street, Honesdale, Pennsylvania 18431: Please send any information that you have on the 69th Infantry Division Association. I served with the 69th in Mississippi in 1944, and went overseas with them via Camp Kilmer, New Jersey and England. I was transferred out on Christmas Day 1944 with many others to go to the Battle of the Bulge. I do not remember what outfit I was in. Send any information and or Dues notice.

(Editor's Note: If anyone remembers Mr. Shershenovich and can give us his Unit, please do so).

Edward L. Fitch, 1924 Hidden Harbor Road, Hixson, Tennessee 37343 — L-271st: I thought you might be interested in this article which appeared in our newspaper. I don't remember all of the account about the link-up, and I didn't know Lieutenant William Robertson. Since you published my previous letter in the Bulletin, I have received several letters from old comrades. It is such a pleasure to hear from these people. I only had one buddy from our outfit whom I communicated with prior to my joining the Association. Now I communicate with six. It's good to know that so many are still kicking around.

(Editor's Note: Note elsewhere in this column the write-up from Thomas G. Carson).

Robert C. Fjellman, 1316 4th Street S.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414 — A-461st AAA: Enclosed is a copy of the 9th Armored gathering at Remagen March 7, 1985. Perhaps

in future years an Association might be organized consisting of the Divisions and Units that were in the V Corps from Normandy to the Elbe. According to various newspaper articles and reports, the medical people and the census bureau say that we are living longer, especially those who get to be 65 or 70. A lot of us might be around for another 20, 30 or 40 years longer.

Richard Himes, Route #2, Box 88-B, Kersey, Pennsylvania 15846 — C-881st: I am sending in my Dues for 1985. I served with C-Battery of the 881st Field Artillery. I don't see this Unit included in your Reunion. Do the different Units have their own Reunions at other specified times?

(Editor's Note: Mr. Himes was advised that all Units which were a part of the 69th Division are included in our annual Reunion each year).

Vernon Waugh, Route #6, Box 168, Statesville, North Carolina 28677 — C-461st AAA: Just wanted you to know that I really appreciate your Bulletin. You fellows are doing a great job. I hope to see you in August at Williamsburg, Virginia.

Stanley Karas, 6328 Alderwood Street, Spring Hill, Florida 33526 — E-272nd: Sorry that I couldn't make the Florida Reunion even though it was only a little more than 90 miles from my home in Spring Hill. I suffered a severe stroke 3 years ago, and I tire very easily, so I have curtailed my activities.

My wife and I had gone out to dinner a couple of months ago, and when we returned home, I found a note on my door that Bob Knowlton had paid a surprise visit. Since then we have corresponded, and we will be getting together soon.

My wife was looking through our Sub-division Newsletter and saw the name of Troy L. Bowen. We called him to see if he had served in the 69th and he stated that he had. We got together a few days later and had a very pleasant visit. He only lives 5 minutes away from me and we hadn't seen each other in 40 years. I gave him some of the old Bulletins that I had to read. I am sure he would be interested in receiving the Bulletin. His address is: Troy L. Bowen, 6464 Putters Court, Timber Pines, Spring Hill, Florida 33526.

Keep up the good work with the Bulletins as we read them over and over again.

Arthur K. Knudsen, Jr., 1383 Plumosa Drive, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 — H-273rd: Enclosed is my personal check for membership in the 69th Division Association. During World War II, I was a member of Co. H-273rd Infantry Regiment.

Will Cavanagh, 10-C Hedomont 4891, Malmedy, Belgium: I am writing to inform you that a group of veterans from the 69th Division passed through my home town today. I showed them your letter, and was very pleased to see them. Quite soon we will be opening a Bulge Museum here in Malmedy, (no admission charge to U.S. Veterans and their wives). It's a shame it wasn't ready yet, as I am sure your members would have enjoyed seeing it. The hospital in Malmedy was there prior to the War, but after the War it was torn down, and a new modern hospital was built. I don't live far from Montenaui, and know the area well.

(Editor's Note: I had inquired of Mr. Cavanagh about the hospital in Malmedy, as it was the first hospital I was in after I was wounded near Montenaui).

George Mentzer, 616 Renova Avenue, Lebanon, Pennsylvania 17042 — AT-271st: I would like to know the whereabouts of a good buddy who joined the First Baptist Church of Hattiesburg with me. We lost track of each other when we were shipped out of the 69th at different times. I was a driver in the Hq. Platoon and enjoyed my job very much. If you can locate him I would appreciate it. His name is Robert (Bob) Longenberger. I enjoy your Bulletin very much so keep up the good work. Please let me know how to obtain a 69th patch.

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(Editor's Note: If any of our readers know the whereabouts of Robert Longenberger, please contact Mr. Mentzer or National Headquarters. Mr. Mentzer was advised that 69th patches are available at National Headquarters).

Mrs. Grove C. Weed, 12821 Darlington Avenue, Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125 — Wid. K-272nd: I appreciate you sending me the History Book for the 69th Division. Your response was very prompt to my letter. I looked it up on the map and found that Petal, Mississippi is east of Hattiesburg. It was just a "crossroads" town then with a tiny post office. I liked my address then: "Rose Weed — Petal, Mississippi."

The house in which I lived had four bedrooms, each housing one couple when the men were there from camp. We cooked on a three burner gas plate in the hallway, and washed our clothes in the bathtub. With all the inconveniences, those days were worth it just to have that time with our husbands. We even had the fellows for guests for a home cooked meal. They would eat, nap, play with our daughters, and then go back to camp. I sewed many a patch on sleeves for the young fellows. My best wishes to you and your fellow 69ers.

Paul C. Glasgow, 5400 Graces Run Road, Peebles, Ohio 45660 — B-273rd: In Vol. 34, No. 1 of your 69th Division Association Bulletin, there was a picture of T/Sergeant Stewart and some Russian soldiers in Germany. I would like to have Sergeant Stewart's address. If you don't have it, perhaps you can tell me how to go about getting it.

(Editor's Note: If anyone can help in relocating T/Sergeant Stewart, please contact Mr. Glasgow or National Headquarters).

K. Earl Abel, 18 Sheffield Court, Lincolnshire, Illinois 60015 — A-724th: I recently became a member of the 69th Infantry Division Association. In a conversation with Chalmers Pearson of Bloomington, Illinois, he suggested that I write to you for information on procuring any printed History Books. I am also interested in a listing of members from A-Battery of the 724th Field Artillery Battalion who are members of the Association.



Left to Right: Gerald Hughes, Elmer Hakes, Harry Grubb and Vernon Hanlin.

Photo furnished by Mr. Hanlin

Communication From Newly Relocated Member John "Jack" McDonough

After seeing an article in the Chicago Tribune about the Reunion at Torgau, I corresponded with Bill Beswick.

Until that time, believe it or not, after all these years, I was unaware of the existence of the Association.

I joined the Division in Camp Shelby about May or June, 1944, and remained with it until it broke up about a year later in Germany. I was assigned to the Anti-Tank Platoon, 3rd Battalion 273rd. LTC Leo W. H. Shaughnessy was Battalion Commander and Colonel Adams the Regimental Commander.

Bill informed me that the annual Dues are \$5.00 and \$10.00, hence, enclosed find a personal check for \$15.00 for current Dues.

I returned to college after discharge and shortly after graduation, joined the FBI, from which I was forced, by statute, to retire in 1979. I am now a Licensed Private Detective in Illinois operating my business from my home.

I would be interested in any information regarding the Hq. Co., 3rd Bn 273rd, if such is available.

I will be unable to attend this year's Reunion in August at Williamsburg, but hope to be able to make future Reunions.

Bill asked me to send him the article regarding the Reunion at Torgau, but unfortunately, I have discarded it.

Over the years I have had sporadic contact with Robert H. Karl, 4812-B Seashore Drive, Newport Beach, California 92663, who was a member of M-273rd, and who if not is already a member, you may wish to contact regarding membership. Please place me on your mailing list.

With Kindest Personal Regards,

John M. (Jack) McDonough

15434 Minerva Avenue

Dolton, Illinois 60419

AT-273rd

NOTICE

In our last Bulletin, Vol. 38, No.2, we used a picture of Hqs. 273rd on Page 22. I would appreciate it if the owner of this picture would notify National Headquarters so that I can return it.

Help Needed to Relocate Former Members of 69th Infantry Division Band

Dan Bolton, 2256 Philippine, #48, Clearwater, Florida 33575, would like to relocate more former members of the Band. The compliment of the Band was about 60 men and we only have addresses for around half of them. If you can help, either contact Mr. Bolton or National Headquarters.

Treasurer's Message



Robert J. Kurtzman, Sr.
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Wilmot, Ohio 44689
Telephone: 216/359-5487

ATTENTION, ACHTUNG or whatever it takes for you to read this column.

Most of the past year as your Treasurer has been an enjoyable and pleasant experience, but it also had its bad moments which I hope will be cleared up after you read the following.

First off, as has been told many times before, our Dues year runs from August 1st to July 31st of each year or from August Reunion to August Reunion.

Our mailing roster is on a computer disc and all our Bulletins and Dues notices mailing is handled by a separate private firm. It costs us approximately 50 cents to put your name on the mailing roster and 50 cents to make a correction, change of address or removal from the roster. All Reunion attendees who pay their Dues automatically receive a first and second Dues notice and after the first Dues notice mailing, all who have paid their Dues will still receive a second notice.

As you can see, it would be impractical to remove 1,000 names from the roster at a cost of \$500.00 so you would not receive the second notice and then pay an additional \$500.00 to have your name put back on the mailing roster, so you will receive the Bulletins.

To all of you who make your annual trip to a warmer winter climate, we hope that you have a pleasant and enjoyable stay, but please have your mail either held for you or pay to have it forwarded, as on occasions, it has cost Clarence over \$2.00 just to see that you receive a Bulletin. So you can see we're going in the hole pretty fast with a \$5.00 contribution. It also costs 30 cents just to get back your Dues notice to you not having your mail forwarded.

To the 80 plus, who sent a letter telling me that their Dues were paid and to check my records, my records are correct and had you read the note that I enclosed when I sent your membership card, or if you had taken time to read the Dues notice where in big bold letters it says, (IF PAYMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE, PLEASE DISREGARD THIS NOTICE), you could have saved a 22 cent stamp.

To the 250 plus who sent in a second donation, all I can do is say thanks and send along another membership card and accept your contribution.

To the few who did acknowledge that their Dues had been paid and sent an extra contribution, **YOU MAKE MY DAY WHEN I RECEIVE YOUR LETTERS.**

The 1984-85 Dues year has been the largest participating year so far as over 2,000 have made some kind of contribution. This is 37% of the 5,400 on our roster and is a nice increase over the 25% to 30% that we had been receiving in the past and hopefully we can pick up some of the 63% who do not contribute in the coming years.

We do ask of this 63%, if you do not wish to receive the Bulletin, or if a member has passed away and a spouse or children have failed to report it, please let us know.

I also wish to thank the over 325 who contributed to the postage fund and to the over 300 who made a donation to the Bulletin fund. Keep your contributions and letters coming in and I'm sure you'll be rewarded by the wonderful Bulletins that Clarence and Earl will continue to put out.

You might also drop a line to our Sunshine Lady and thank her for the Birthday and Anniversary cards she sends you. Her address is: Margie McCombs, 1184 Thorndale Road, West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380.

Your Treasurer,

Robert J. Kurtzman, Jr.

1st Platoon of Company C-271st Infantry Regiment Holds Mini-Reunion

Dr. Henry Madoff of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania hosted a mini-Reunion of the 1st Platoon of Co. C-271st Infantry Regiment at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association. It commemorated the 40th Anniversary of V-E Day.

Members from the Unit present were: John Hare, Mike Hlad, Bob Rankin, Dave Prion, Sylven Cutler, and Dr. Madoff. They all enjoyed reliving their experiences from Shelby to Eilenburg.

John Hare, Mike Hlad, and Dave Prion are enjoying retirement. Bob Rankin is in banking, and Sylven Cutler in theoretical physics. Dr. Madoff, the host, is a Surgeon in Pittsburgh.



Left to Right Standing: John Hare, Mike Hlad, Sylven Cutler, Dr. Madoff, and Bob Rankin.
Kneeling: Dave Prion



"Fighting 69th"

Tour of Europe

April 13th to April 27th, 1985

By — **BILL BESWICK**

On Saturday, April 13th, our group of 114 left JFK Airport in New York for Paris, France.

We arrived on Sunday Morning for a two week tour of Europe. We visited many places of interest in Paris, among them, the West Bank, Notre Dame Cathedral, Opera House, Moulin Rouge and Fontainebleau.

On April 15th, we traveled to Brussels for a tour of that city visiting the Market Square and all the small shops in the alleys and a lovely Cathedral (I can't remember the name), and the famous little "Boy" standing in the corner.

We left Brussels for Henri-Chapelle Cemetery. A wreath was placed by **George Wallis** of A-879th, **Lewis Shaw** of H-272nd, and **Tom Heath** of B-724th. **Bill Snidow** of B-661st, Co-Chaplain of the 69th, gave a prayer. We traveled the short distance to Netherlands American Cemetery at Margraten, Holland, where a wreath was placed by **Al Faison** of Divarty, **Wilson Wright** of A-777th, and **Dan O'Shea** of M-273rd. **Bill Snidow** gave the prayer.

We spent the next night in Cologne, where we visited the Cologne Cathedral among other points of interest.

After leaving Cologne, we stopped at Malmedy, where we went into a small store and saw a letter lying on the man's desk with a 69th letterhead. It was from **Clarence Marshall** in response to a letter from the store. We continued to Bullingen, Belgium, where many of our people first went into combat, then on to Bastogne, to a magnificent Memorial and Museum.

Through the Ardennes to visit Ettlebruck Cemetery where **General Patton** is buried. All these Cemeteries are immaculately maintained.

After spending the next night in Koblenz, we took a short walking tour of the streets and picked up a few snacks to nibble on. From here we traveled to Fort Ehrenbreitstein, overlooking German Corner, where the Rhine and Mosel Rivers join.

At this point, we had been asked while in Brussels, if we would come by the American Embassy in Bonn, Germany. We did, all 114 of us. I was quite disappointed. They never even offered us a drink of water.

We then visited the Remagen Bridge ruins. From here on to Bopard for our Rhine River cruise, to Bacharach, past all the vineyards and castles, also past Loreley. The trip lasted about 2½ hours.

Frankfort was our next stop for two nights. We had a very colorful guide for our tour of Frankfort. We went to Gothe House, St. Pauls Church, Well of Justice and the beautiful Botanical Gardens.

We stopped in Fulda after leaving Frankfort, for a walking tour of the town and a coffee break. I'm sure many of the guys remember this place, passing by Bad Hersefeld on our way to Kassel.

The after dinner talk by **Bill Robertson** and the Patrol that he led in 1945 was enjoyed by everyone.

Monday morning, April 22nd, we left Kassel by way of Witzenhausen. Some places were recognized by some of us. We crossed over the Werra River on our way to the "Iron Curtain." It's just like you read in the papers.

We crossed into East Germany with a little trouble. We were met here by the East German Police and Assistant Director of Tourism of East Germany. We were escorted into Eisenach, where we were to be greeted by **Mr. Heinz Schan-**

dau, Director of Tourism of East Germany, and our ever present "Police Escort," who we had on the balance of our tour.

We were escorted to Wartburg Castle and were greeted by **Mayor Kohlschmidt** of Eisenach and the Director of Wartburg Castle, who conducted us on a tour of the castle.

We visited Buchenwald Concentration Camp, where we received a personal tour. It's normally closed on Monday, but after Jo and I had breakfast in Williamsburg, Virginia, with the First Secretary of the East German Embassy in Washington, D.C., they opened it for us. We were given flowers to place on the Russian and British Memorials.

After arriving in Leipsig and a short rest, we went to dinner in the hotel. We were received by the mayor of Leipsig, **Lord Mayor Karl Heinz Muller**, and his guest, **Mr. Grutzner**, a Freedom Fighter against Hitler.

Tuesday, April 23rd, we retraced our route to Weissenfels and had a reception and were welcomed by **Mayor Ken Stephans** and Town Councilman, **Mr. Muller**. It was a wonderful reception. **Mayor Stephans** and **Mr. Muller** took us on a walking tour of the town, showing us the new construction and the old places as well.

We re-boarded our buses and returned to Lutzen. First we went to the Museum. A school was next door and all the windows were decorated with the numerals "40" and the Dove of Peace on all their classroom windows. Some of us walked over to take pictures of the windows. The children came over to the fence to try their English on us. It was a very pleasant encounter. On our departure from the Museum, the children were waiting on the corner for us. Many of our people gave them souvenirs of some type. Some only wanted autographs, and I might say here that all of the "69ers" enjoyed it as much as the children.

We went to the "Civic Center" to be welcomed by **Mayor Dritz Kohler** of Lutzen, and also by **Mayor Horst Strahle** of Torgau, because **Mayor Strahle** knew that he could not receive us in the manner that he wanted, on account of the expected crowd on April 25th. **Mayor Kohler** was a most gracious Host.

We returned to Leipsig for a banquet in the Merkur Hotel banquet room, where we were entertained by the "Children's Choir" of Leipsig, conducted by **Mrs. Edith Hennig**, also of Leipsig. What a beautiful performance and evening.

Wednesday, April 24th, we took a tour of Leipsig, visiting St. Thomas' Church, famous for the St. Thomas' Boys Choir, the Monument of Nations and the Church where **Johann Sebastian Bach** studied and so many other places.

Dillard Powell of Cary, North Carolina, **Edgar "Bud" Parsons** of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, **Bill Robertson** of Culver City, California, and I, **Bill Beswick** of West Point, Virginia, went to the Russian Embassy in Leipsig to draft an "Oath of the Elbe," which was magnificently executed. This was to be a dinner meeting. The dinner was served but never eaten.

Before leaving this meeting at 11:45 p.m., I was told that they wanted me to give a speech at the ceremonies in Torgau. Jo and I got up early to prepare it. It wasn't too bad if I must say so, because I've never talked in front of a crowd that large. I was almost petrified.

Arriving at the city limits of Torgau, children from about 1½ years of age to about 16 years of age were lining the sides of the street for about two miles, four to six deep. They were all waving American and East German flags. As we arrived at our destination, people were everywhere. We could hardly get off the buses. But as we stepped off the bus, the children were giving all of us flowers. Can you imagine 25,000 additional people in a town with a population of 25,000?

We had a "69th" Banner and a U.S. Flag that was to be placed in the Museum in Torgau. The Banner was carried down the street by **Ellen Snidow** and **Barbara Yastrzemski**, during our entrance to the crowd.

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When we approached the "Soviet Monument," the wreath was placed in Memory of our People that lost their lives. It was placed by **Bill Robertson**, Leader of the Patrol that met the Russians, along with **Chuck Otto** and **Tom Graves**, who were both wounded near Leipsig and never got to Torgau, finally completing the journey after 40 years.

After the speeches were given, I was asked if I would read the "Oath of the Elbe," which I did. Then a Russian and a German were asked to read it, to save time.

Then we heard several renditions by a "Junior Choir" who was thoroughly soaked. They refused to go in out of the rain. All they had on were white blouses. They did a beautiful job. After they finished singing, thousands of pigeons were released, representing "Doves as birds of Peace."

The Russian National Anthem was played, followed by the Star Spangled Banner, then the East German Anthem, all beautifully played.

We then proceeded to an afternoon reception, by invitation only. With several speeches by some East German Officials, among them was the Russian Ambassador to East Germany. After the completion of the speeches, we all visited with some of the Russian Veterans that some of us knew. We had all been presented with some very attractive 40th Anniversary medals by the Russians.

After the reception, we went to place a Memorial at the Russian Memorial in Torgau. Again the children lined the streets.

We then went to **Joe Polowsky's** grave sight to place a wreath. It was placed by **Bob Haag** of Indianapolis, Indiana, **Eddie Januski** of Kankakee, Illinois, and **E. R. Sams** of Pinnacle, North Carolina, who were friends of **Joe**. **Bill Snidow** of Pembroke, Virginia, Association Co-Chaplain, gave a prayer.

We then went to "Memorial Hall" to have our afternoon coffee break. At this time, we had a drawing for two free tours in Europe. These were won by **John Havey** of Phoenix, Arizona, and **Charles Chapman** of Springfield, Virginia. It was at this point that we presented the "69th" Banner and U.S. Flag to the Vice Mayor of Torgau.

It was now time for our departure from Torgau, German Democratic Republic, so we started our farewells to our friends of World War II in 1945.

We had obtained special permission to take our three buses across the Elbe River Bridge at Torgau. Permission was necessary because each bus weighed in excess of forty tons fully loaded with passengers and luggage.

We arrived in West Berlin for two nights and went over to East Berlin. We were invited to the Russian Embassy in East Berlin, where we were shown movies of when we met the Russians on the Elbe in 1945. We were all given 8x10 photos of some of the events that took place in Torgau, along with a couple from World War II.

I would be remiss if I didn't say something about everyone on the tour catching a cold or some type of virus, after someone picked it up somewhere. I believe it went through all three buses.

I would also be wrong if I didn't say that everyone on the tour wasn't sorry to see **LeRoy** and **Maria Keller** have to return home from Paris, due to **LeRoy's** illness.

I just wish that everyone in the Association could have gone with us. It was a wonderful and pleasant experience. I have done my best to condense this from what I have written for Jo and me. It was hard indeed. I just felt like I wanted to write it all, but it would have filled the whole Bulletin. Many of the people on the tour can also add their own ideas and experiences, which are equally as interesting to them as mine is to me, and probably, more so. There is much more, such

as **Bob Bement** at the Monument of Nations. He made a comment about the last time that he was there, they greeted him with gunfire and this time, they greeted him with song. There was a choir in the Monument of Nations of about 100 persons. They sang beautifully. They in turn, sang a song just for him. I don't remember the name of the song.

Mine and Jo's best regards to everyone and we hope to see as many of you in Williamsburg as possible. It's a great place.

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Speech by Bill Beswick at Torgau, Germany April 25th, 1985

Greetings to Everyone,

I am **William R. Beswick** of West Point, Virginia, Vice President of the "Fighting 69th" Infantry Division Association.

There are sixty of us former members of the "Fighting 69th" here today. It gives all of us an extreme amount of pleasure to be with you today. Gentlemen, please raise your hand, also fifty-four women, two are widows of former members, to commemorate our famous "Link-Up" of "East meets West," when we met units of the "58th Guard" Division of the Ukrainian Army of the First Soviet Army here on the bank of the "Elbe River," Torgau, Germany, on April 25th, 1945. That's forty short years ago today.

One of the primary purposes that we have returned here today is to place a wreath at this historic monument erected by the Soviet Union in 1962, in memory of our deceased American comrades, the deceased Soviet soldiers, the German soldiers and the German civilians that lost their lives in the Torgau and Elbe River campaigns.

The other primary purpose is to renew old friendships with some of our Soviet friends that we met forty years ago today, and to make new friends with you German people, and to make it an everlasting peace.

You, the citizens of the German Democratic Republic, have made the members of the "Fighting 69th" Infantry Division Association welcome in a most courteous and excellent manner.

You have shown us the interesting sights of your country and given us an excellent history lesson of your country. We have enjoyed our travels and stay here.

We will return home with many memories of our visit with you and of our "Return to the Elbe River." Also our visit with the Soviet Veterans once again.

On behalf of all the people of the "Fighting 69th" Infantry Division Association, I want to Thank You.

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"Oath of the Elbe"

Statement:

by Soviet and American participants of the Elbe River link-up, 1985

We, Soviet and American War Veterans, assembled here today, Forty Years after the historic Link-Up of the allied Soviet and American troops on the Elbe River, once again reaffirm our allegiance to the pledge made by our comrades in arms on April 25, 1945, to dedicate our lives to furthering friendship between the peoples of the USSR and USA so that Wars never happen again.

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The attempt of the Nazis to ensure their world domination cost mankind during World War II, fifty million lives. Reminding the world about this grim lesson of history today, when world tensions have reached a dangerous level, we once again resolutely come out for securing the first and foremost human right of all nations — to live in peace, for a cessation of the arms race and the prevention of war which can destroy human civilization.

True to the spirit of the Elbe, we firmly believe in the following:

- That we honour our dead.
- That we renew and reaffirm our friendship.
- That the friendship of the Elbe shall be ever-lasting.
- That we work toward a better understanding and reduction of tension between our two nations.
- That we strive toward a reduction of both conventional and nuclear arms.
- That we diligently dedicate ourselves toward mutual respect between our nations.
- That we must work diligently toward maintaining peace between our two nations and all other nations of the world.

Today there is no alternative but to live in peace!

Therefore we, American and Soviet War Veterans, in memory of those perished in the battlefields of the War, and those who are no more, and on behalf of their descendants, urge today all honest people to spare no effort to avert war!

Yes — to friendly meetings and talks to solve all disputable issues,

No — to war!

April 25, 1985

Torgau, the GDR

Agreed to by both American and Soviets. Proposal made by American Committee in Torgau, Germany on April 25th, 1985.

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Your Editor Receives Another Letter from Kurt Nolke of Bebra-Weiterode, Germany

In our Bulletin, Vol. 35, No. 3, May-June-July-August 1982, we published three pictures of former 69er's whom Mr. Nolke thought had stayed in his parents' home in 1945. The three men were: Corporal Arthur J. Weidel (Hq. 2nd Bn 272nd), Sergeant Fleming, and Private Douglas L. Mason (E-272nd). At the time none of these three men were on our Association roster, but we relocated Sergeant Fleming and Private Mason. Neither of them remembered the incident that Mr. Nolke referred to.

Apparently the article aroused some other memories as Mr. Nolke relates in his current letter that he has had correspondence from: James Schubert, James McGlynn, Jerry Ivan, Robert Greek, Gustav Wiemann, Mitchell Porter, and Eldred Tubbs. He appreciates all of the help that he has received so far, but would like to hear from some others who might be familiar with the 69th being in or near his home town. He specifically states that Company E-272nd was in or around Bebra-Weiterode June 2, 1945. He is a member of a local History Club of that area.

With his current correspondence, he sent along the two pictures above. If you recognize any of the scenes or people in these pictures, please advise me at National Headquarters.

This Group of Former 69er's Are the Men Who Saw That You Received That Precious Mail From Home.



Front Row Left to Right:

Adler, William Lutz, Unknown, Andrew Both, Thomas Barnett, F. H. Degges, P. K. Vinson, Orval Brooks

Back Row Left to Right:

R. E. Perrin, John Harris, Unknown, Willis Anderson, Unknown, Unknown, Rupert Aaron, Charles Barchi. Harold Ruehle is believed to be one of the Unknown.

Bob Kurtzman Writes:

No, your Treasurer did not abscond with your funds, but Vivian and I did manage to spend a month in Florida this winter and visit some of our 69th friends.

Our first stop was in Jacksonville where we spent a night with **Dennie and Elsie Haltiwanger** from my own unit I-272nd. They are gracious hosts and our stay with them was not long enough.

Our next stop was in Zephyrhills for a visit with our **President George Gallagher** and his lovely wife **Vickie**. Our stay was not too long as we were in a hurry to get to Tampa where we stayed at our daughter and son-in-laws home, **LTC John and Linda Doyles**. We used their place as our CP and did manage to get back to the **Gallagher's** and enjoy one of **Vickie's** delicious meals.

While in Tampa, we did try to look up **Nick Moskos**, but he was not home when we arrived. Stay at home once in a while **Nick**.

We also spent a week at **Vivian's** sister's, **Lyle and Lillian Tope** in Cape Coral and looked up **Bill and Marjorie Taylor** from E-271st as I had noticed **Bill's** address was only a couple blocks away from the **Topes** when I received **Bill's** Dues and while talking to **Bill**, we learned that his next door neighbor was a 69er, so we now have **Joe and Rosa Sharpe** on our roster. **Joe** was in AT-272nd.

Going through Sarasota we looked up **Donald Baker** from I-272nd, second platoon and had a nice visit with him. **Don** is a little under the weather with a bout with diabetes and would love to hear from all you I-272nd guys.

After another week in Tampa and getting cleaned out at the Dog Track, we headed for home and made one last stop in Lawrenceville, Georgia with our good friends **Wendell and Sally Freeman**.

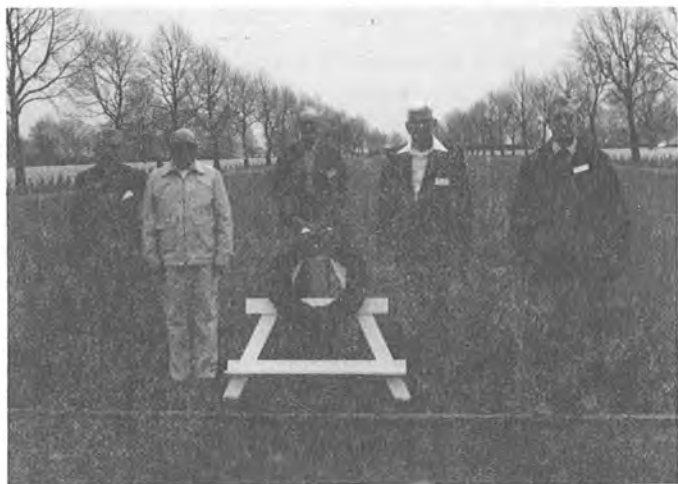
We arrived back home on March 8th and found a big stack of dues letters that we had to answer, so we had our work cut out for a few days before we got them all taken care of.

The first few months as your Treasurer has been a pleasant experience as having traveled throughout the States for my Employer the last sixteen years before I retired, I have been able to relate to most of the towns that I receive letters from and it brings back a lot of memories.

Now that I have expressed my pleasant experiences of being your Treasurer, please look for another letter from me in another section of this Bulletin where I mention the unpleasant side of the job.

Your Treasurer,
Bob Kurtzman, Sr.

40th Anniversary Tour Group of 69th Infantry Division



Dan O'Shea, Wilson Wright, Bill Snidow, Al Faison and Bill Beswick placing a wreath at Henri-Chapelle Cemetery.



Gene Butterfield standing beside wreath at Henri-Chapelle Memorial. Wreath was placed there by George Wallis, Lewis Shaw and Tom Heath.



Bill Snidow, Bill Beswick and Warren Mitchell behind memorial marker of Owen W. Moore, a Corporal and Gunner from Cripple Creek, Virginia. Owen Moore was a gunner on the same crew as Bill Beswick. Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten.



Members of the 661st T.D. Battalion on tour. Bob Doupe, "Doc" Wooley, Arthur Athey, Warren Mitchell, Guy Nowels, Bill Snidow, Bill Beswick, Joe Slopek, Bob Anderson.



Members of tour group at Wartburg Castle, Eisenach, East Germany.

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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.

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

Al Bukovec Writes

The last 69th Division Bulletin stated that you are looking for news to be printed in the Bulletin. Well, I just might have something here that you could use that would be of interest to some of the readers and also help me out too.

"Baker" Battery, 724th Field Artillery Battalion, is having another Reunion in October, 1985. I am sending you a copy of the last notice that I sent out in February. Another will follow around Labor Day. All the information you might need for your Bulletin notice is in that letter. Hope you can use it, and at the same time help me out, as I stated before.

We have had several Reunions in the past forty years, with excellent attendance. I have a current mailing list of about fifty "alumni" of Baker Battery. Every year we gain a few, and of course, lose a few, unfortunately. That's why these Reunions are so important. Our Battery was a close organization during the War, and I think we are even closer today. We certainly enjoy getting together.

Al Bukovec
146 East 272nd Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44132
Phone: 1/216/732-7130 (anytime)

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B Battery — 724th Field Artillery Weekend

The Reunion of Baker Battery is all set. By an overwhelming majority of those that I heard from, it will be held on the first weekend in October. The dates are October 4th, 5th, and 6th, or longer if you wish to stay. We can find plenty to do. A few said any weekend would be fine; they would attend regardless of when it would be held. (Must be the retirees).

The location is at the intersection of Interstate I-90 and State Route 306. It's Exit #193. This is Willoughby, Ohio. Twenty-five miles East of downtown Cleveland.

I'm gambling on a good attendance. I have a room reserved at an excellent restaurant (East Side Mo's) for two nights (Friday and Saturday, October 4th and 5th). You will select your meal from the menu. You will be billed for what you and you only eat and drink. If you require special food, or are on a special diet, the food you need will be prepared the way you want it prepared. The prices are reasonable. Also it has a nice lounge bar. I made arrangements with Mo herself and she will personally oversee this affair. We have dined at this restaurant many times and have always been pleased. In fact, we were there last New Year's Eve. Also, it's across the street from the motel that I would like to use as our "Headquarters."

Now for the motels. There are three of them at this intersection. They are listed in order of what would be my preference. First choice, Red Roof Inn, Cleveland (Willoughby), 109 rooms, 2 stories. Toll free reservation Phone: 1-800-848-7878. Single room, 1 person \$23.95, 2 persons \$28.95. Double room, 1 person \$25.95, 2 persons \$30.95. Double room 4 persons \$32.95. (Rates might increase a dollar by October, 1985. If ten or more rooms are reserved for our group, the hospitality room will be free — not large, but comfortable. We set up our own refreshment bar, no problem there. T.V., ESPN, in-house movies, smoking and non-smoking rooms, free coffee and newspapers (while they last). When making reservations at any of the three motels let them know you are attending the "B" Battery Reunion and we will be assigned rooms that are close to each other.

Second choice, Knights Inn, Cleveland-East, 104 rooms, 1 floor only. Phone 1-216-953-8835 (a long-distance call). Single

room, 1 person \$27.13, 2 persons \$33.09. Double room, 4 persons \$46.69. If 15 rooms are reserved for our group, there is a 10% discount. T.V. satellite with Showtime, free coffee, smoking and non-smoking rooms. This motel is only two years old. Hospitality room is very small.

Third choice, Lakeland Inn, 116 rooms, 2 stories. Single room, 1 person \$23.95, 2 persons \$28.00. Double room, 1 person \$31.00, 2 persons \$35.00. No discount, free hospitality room. Reservation phone 1-216-946-0500.

I would say that the Red Roof is our best deal and the manager is being very cooperative. All three motels are in very short walking distance from each other, if someone should have to stay at Knights or Lakeland.

To start the merrymaking, bring your own bottle of booze, if you drink the stuff. A liquor store is one mile away. I will have beer, wine, the mixes and ice at the Red Roof. There are two shopping malls a mile away and plenty of other places to spend money near-by. Many places to eat, also.

If you are flying into Cleveland Hopkins Airport, let me know what airline, flight number and time of arrival. I'll meet you. You will be 40 miles from the Reunion site. If I can't meet you, one of my sons will be there with your name on a placard or the 69th Division insignia. Your cab fare would cost more than your flight fare.

In August, you will be sent this letter again, plus a map of the Reunion location. You now have the information and plenty of time to plan a trip to Ohio in October. Hope to see you. Maybe we will have some surprises. Some new faces that we haven't seen in 40 years!

Any questions, write or call me. It's all up to you now!

Best Regards,
Gladys and Al Bukovac
146 East 272nd Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44132
Phone: 1/216/732-7130 (anytime)

P.S. Make an effort to get here on Friday and have a nice long weekend with your friends. Can you tell me when we will get together again????

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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.

Banquet Speech by Donald Cole to Soviet/U.S. War Veterans in Volgograd May 1, 1985

My name is Donald Cole. In Europe my name is Dr. Professor Donald Cole, and I have written a book titled **Conflict Resolution Technology**. During World War II, I was a Squad Leader with the 69th Infantry Division. And, I fought with the 69th Division across Germany from the Ardennes Forest in Belgium and the Battle of the Bulge to the Elbe River.

I am here in your beautiful city of Volgograd with:

1. A letter of congratulations and support for this 40th Anniversary Journey for Peace from Governor Richard Celeste, Governor of the State of Ohio where I live.
2. I bring a resolution passed by the City Council of Cleveland in support of this 40th Anniversary Journey for Peace and asking me to serve as their Ambassador on this journey.
3. I bring another resolution passed by the City Council of Cleveland asking me to begin negotiations on the establishment of a paired city relationship between the City of Cleveland and a city in the Soviet Union. And, I would like to discuss tomorrow the possibility of forming such a relationship between Cleveland and Volgograd if this would be of interest to you.
4. At this meeting I also represent the Hillcrest Club of Rotary International who contributed \$500.00 towards the expenses of this trip. Rotary International is an organization of about one million businessmen who are interested in World Peace.
5. I am at this meeting representing Cleveland Veterans of World War II who also contributed \$500.00 towards the expenses of this trip and I bring to Soviet War Veterans a scroll from them.
6. I also represent Psychologists for Social Responsibility on this 40th Anniversary Journey for Peace. I have so far not yet met any Psychologists in your country. But, when I do I have pins to present to them. I bring greetings to you from all these organization!

I have been deeply moved by the terrible suffering of your people in the last war. As veterans, we know that the next war would be even more terrible than the last. There would be little opportunity for small children and mothers to escape the battle zone.

I want to express my appreciation to you for your very warm welcome. But, World Peace requires more of us than drinking vodka and speeches. Together we must find specific ways of reducing the tremendous sums being spent on missiles and bombs. And, we must find ways to avoid the terrible destruction that they represent. Together we must find better ways of living together in Peace!

I would like to propose:

1. A Peace Conference of Soviet and U.S. Social Scientists to be held in Moscow in October of 1987.
2. Yesterday we learned that the Soviet Peace Committee is interested in Peace Research. I would like to make contact with Soviet Social Scientists doing Peace research to collaborate in researching this important subject and to begin planning for a 1987 World Peace Conference of Social Scientists in Moscow.
3. I would like to donate one all expense paid trip for an English speaking Soviet Social Scientist or War Veteran to attend the 5th World Congress being held June 18-22, 1985 in Zeist, The Netherlands as my guest. There we would begin discussing the 1987 meeting.

4. And, I would like to donate one all expense paid trip for an English speaking Soviet Social Scientist to attend the 7th World Congress being held the last week of September, 1987 in Warsaw, Poland.

5. I have written a book titled **Conflict Resolution Technology**. Last Monday afternoon, I gave away the last copy I brought with me to the Soviet Peace Committee in Moscow. However, I would like to send a copy from the U.S. to a leading English speaking Soviet Social Scientist so that we might begin discussions with one another and so that a chapter by a Soviet scientist might appear in the next volume on this subject.

6. I have also been given funds by the Hillcrest Club of Rotary International to pay for bringing a Soviet citizen to Cleveland, Ohio as one small step in helping our two peoples to become better acquainted with one another. I would like to arrange this for May of 1986 so that person could also attend our annual meeting of Social Scientists.

I have greatly enjoyed my visit to your beautiful country. And, I look forward to bringing a delegation of scientists to Moscow in 1987 to discuss Peace. Mir e Druzhba! (Peace and Friendship)

New Men Relocated Since Last Bulletin

- James J. McDonnell** —
66 Forest Street, Peabody, Massachusetts 01960
- Louis Iauco** — 273rd
1012 Timberlane Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana 46260
- Edward Kvach** —
670 Center Road, Avon Lake, Ohio 44012
- Andrew Walsh** —
105 William Street, Nutley, New Jersey 07110
- E. Thomas Deering** — M-273rd
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Akron, Ohio 44308
- Leo Pelletier** — 69th Div. Band
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- Edward L. Campbell** — 69th Div. Band
317 Hamilton Avenue, Duquesne, Pennsylvania 15110
- Clarence McChesney** — 69th Div. Band
5108 Farnhurst Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44124
- Roger LaBelle** — 69th Div. Band
27 Dudley Street, Manchester, New Hampshire 03103
- Gordon Gailey** — 69th Div. Band
9030 Markville Drive, #2511, Dallas, Texas 75243
- Joe Dolny** — 69th Div. Band
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- George O'Bryan** — A-273rd
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- Avery A. Shaffer** — 724th
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Florida 33526
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- George Harvey** — Ser. 273rd
212 Kenmar Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146
- Crandon F. Clark** — B-272nd
395 Albin Court, Ridgewood, New Jersey 07450
- Melville P. Liverance** — Hq. 271st
7085 South Uinta Street, Englewood, Colorado 80112
- Sylvan Cutler** — C-271st
Riverside Research Institute
330 West 42nd Street, New York, New York 10036

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 TRANSPORTATION 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:

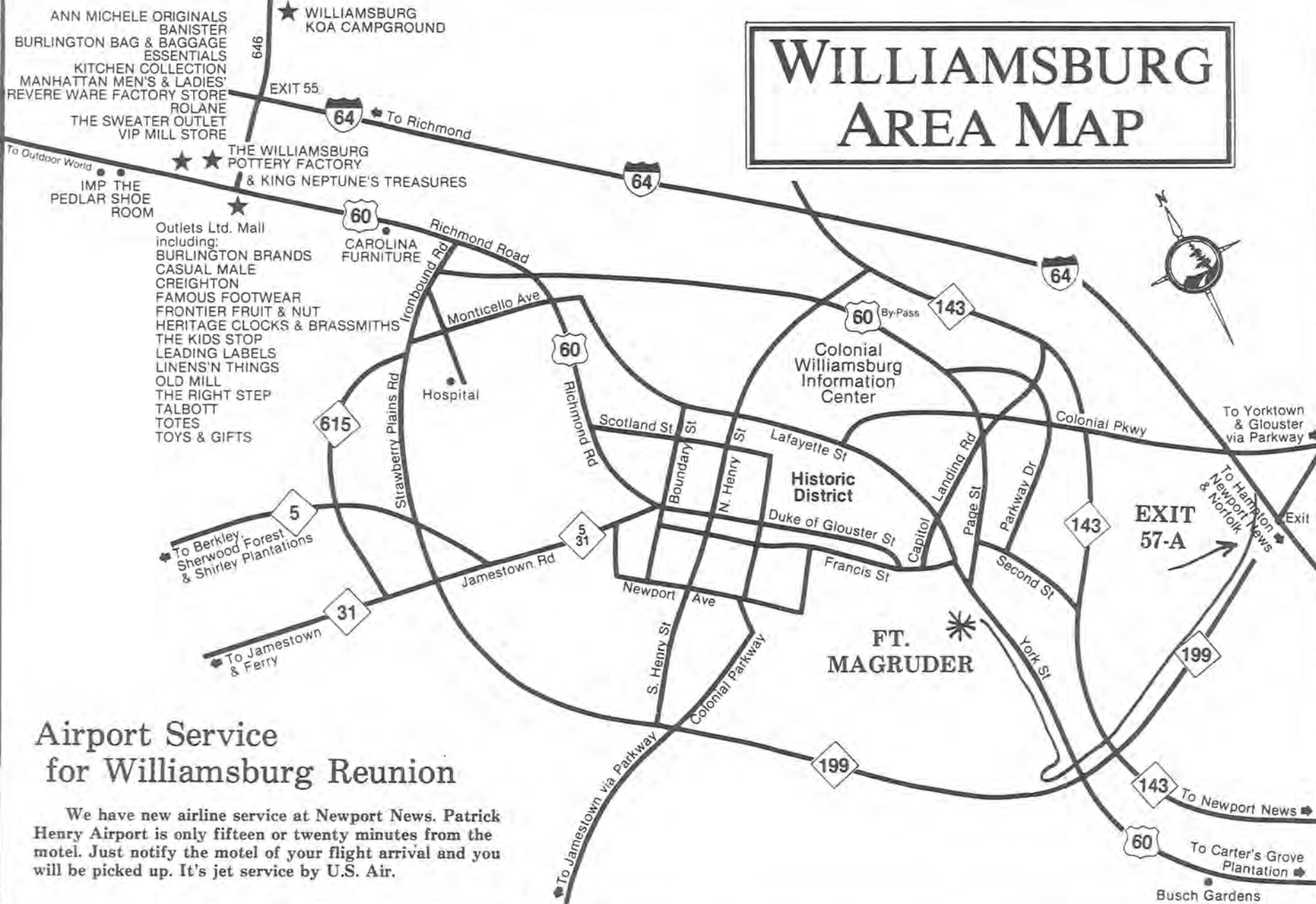
THE RESTORED AREA OF COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG — IT HAS THE GOVERNOR'S PALACE, THE EARLY CAPITOL OF VIRGINIA. MANY, MANY PLACES TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION.

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.

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.

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.

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:

John English
3455 Poplar Street
Riverside, California 92501
Telephone: 714/686-3335

Guy Stamey

Route 5, Box 73
Candler, North Carolina 28715
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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:

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Alex and Margaret Kormas
12500 Edgewater Drive, #503
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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

69th Recon Troop

Joseph and Zola George, Jr.
3751 Willett Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15227
Telephone: 412/882-8649

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 information, along with a card to make reservations. (Make Sure You Make Your Reservations Early). Reservation Early).

OCTOBER 4, 5, 6, 1985

B-Battery 724th Field Artillery

Red Roof Inn, Headquarters
Interstate I-90 and State Route 306
Exit 193
Willoughby, Ohio

Committee:

Al & Gladys Bukovec
146 East 272nd Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44132
Telephone: 216/732-7130

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)

General Bolte's 90th Birthday Celebration



General Bolte's daughter presenting him his Birthday Cake.



General and Mrs. Bolte unwrapping sterling silver picture frame given as a gift from Div. Hq. Co. and the 69th Recon.



General's wife and son David admiring his gift.



General Bolte's picture inserted in the sterling silver picture frame.

PICTURES FURNISHED BY ANN AND WALT DOERNBACH

Late Communications from Members of Our Association

Larry Smith, 55 Park Lane, DeBary, Florida 32713 — K-273rd: I would like to hear from, or correspond, with anyone from Company K-273rd. I am also interested in obtaining a copy of the 69th Infantry Division History Book which was published shortly after the end of the War. My wife and I enjoyed the comradeship at the Orlando Reunion, which is in our back yard, and we hope to attend the Reunion in 1985.

Melville P. Liverance, 7085 South Uinta Street, Englewood, Colorado 80112 — Hq. 271st: This inquiry is with respect to the 69th Division Veterans Association. Can you provide me with information on Dues, membership, etc.? I am particularly interested in getting in touch with old buddies, if any are members. I have been totally out of touch with everybody for at least 25 years. I retired from the U.S. Army in March of 1946; as soon as my point total came up. I retired from the Manville Corporation in Denver much more recently. Thanks for your interest.

John Oplt, 1617 Schobert Drive, Swansea, Illinois 62221 — D-273rd: I am writing to inform you that even old age and retirees are still on the ball. I noted on the T.V. show **Private Benjamin**, that they have the 69th patch displayed upside down at Fort Bradley's office. Just wonder if any of our other members spotted this. Maybe they know who to contact to get it righted.

Dear **Mr. Kurtzman**:

I recently loaned some personal films of the 69th Infantry Division to Yorkshire Television in England.

As the films were loaned for a historical documentary, I expected no payment. However, when payment was offered, I requested any remuneration be made payable to the 69th Division Scholarship Fund.

Please find a check for \$100.00 payable to the 69th Infantry Division Scholarship Fund.

Sincerely,

Major Thomas C. Damron
527 Watson Street
Ripon, Wisconsin 54971



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69th Div. Band

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Thompson Avenue
Leonard, New Jersey
A-273rd

"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 roaring.
They are marching in the sky!

John McCoy
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Thurman Allison
Paradise, Texas
A-273rd

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