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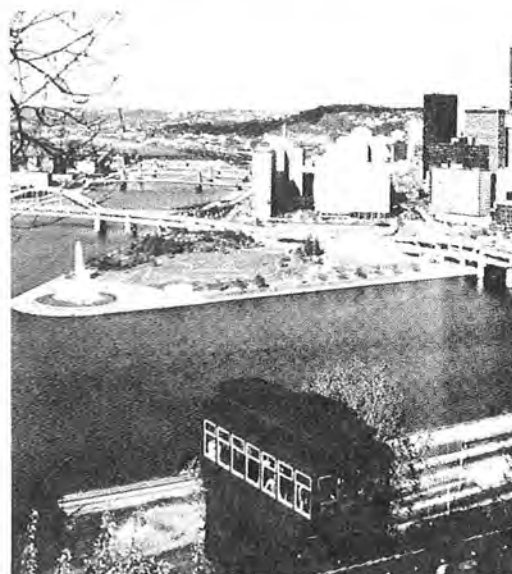
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News From The Editor's Desk

by — Clarence Marshall

Edward B. Young, Jr., 557 Ellison Lane, Waynesboro, Virginia 22980 — I-271st: I trained with the 69th in Shelby. Was sent overseas to Italy in March of 1944 and served with the 91st Division in Rome-Arno and North Appenines. But I still feel the 69th was my outfit.

Philip H. Walden, 7650 Idlewyld Road, Richmond, Virginia 23225 — Hq. 1st Bn.-273rd: From the formation of the 69th Division, I was a member of Headquarters Company 1st Bn., 273rd Regiment, and served with them until after the War. All contact had been lost with the Fighting 69th until the Richmond Times Dispatch published a picture of Dr. **Robertson**, and had a write up of the link-up with the Russians.

Please send me information about the Fighting 69th Infantry Division Association. If you are in or near Richmond, please give me a call. (320-2098)

Stephen E. Brion, 63 Ontario Street, Corning, New York 14830 — D-273rd: I noticed in the last issue of the Fighting 69th Infantry Division Bulletin that a man had been awarded the Bronze Star Medal 40 years late. I was a squad leader in D-Company, 273rd Infantry all through the war, and was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge also. I never realized the medal was being issued to all who received the Combat Infantry Badge. I certainly would be appreciative of anything you could do to take care of this matter for me.

(Editor's Note: I do not know the process that you go through, but I am sure that someone who reads this will know and will contact you.)

G. H. Carpenter, 5106 Longleaf Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27712 — 69th Recon.: I saw the notice of the 69th Division Reunion in a Winston-Salem, North Carolina paper. I have never been to one. I was a member of the 69th Cavalry Recon Troop, and wonder if they will be represented at the Reunion. Please send me any information that you have.

(Editor's Note: You have been entered on our Association Roster and will receive all of our literature in the future which will keep you up to date on all of our functions.)

George E. O'Bryan, 5643 Cypress Point Drive, Citrus Heights, California 95610 — A-273rd: After discharge I came home to Dayton, Ohio and terminated my furlough with the U.S. Civil Service, which is now Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio. I have been married to my wife, **Nanette**, for 38 years, and we have no children. After 30 years with Civil Service, I retired in 1972. Moved to California in 1979 for my Wife's health.

After phoning local Federal Information Center they informed me about **Clarence Marshall** and the Association. I would appreciate hearing from former members of Second Squad, Second Platoon, Company A-273rd identified in the picture on Page 25 of Bulletin Vol. 39, No. 1.

Owen G. Clanton, Route 2, Box 189, Stony Point, North Carolina 28678 — A-273rd: I just finished reading the last 69th Bulletin, and it brings back memories of fellows I met and worked with. I have been married 35 years, and have 4 children and 3 granddaughters. I am retiring in February 1986 from working as a T.V. technician. My Wife works for a Medical Group as a switchboard operator. My hobbies are gardening and Blue Grass Music. My Church has always been very special in my life. I would appreciate letters from former members of my Unit.

Fred Bidwell, Route 3, Box 332, Danielsville, Georgia 30633 — I-273rd: I would like the following two names added

to the Association Roster. **Robert Rabbit**, 49 North Fordham Road, Hicksville, New York 11801 and **Gordon Schaefer**, 3038 Parkridge Lane, Hunting, Indiana 46750. Both were in Company I, 273rd Infantry. I came from the 56th Infantry Division in Camp Walters, Texas to help activate the 69th at Camp Shelby. I want to thank **General Bolte** and all of the men of the 69th for my family, and also for the freedom they helped give me.

W. R. Johnson, HCR Box 115, Pearce, Arizona 85625 — A-880th: While reading my copy of the 69th Bulletin, I noticed that **James** and **Geneva Bilbrey** (A-880th), were in attendance at the 1985 Reunion. Would you please send me **Jim's** home address. As his former 1st Sergeant, I would like to get in contact with him.

L. A. Thompson, 9398 12 Mile Road, Mecosta, Michigan 49332 — K-271st: I am interested in joining the 69th Infantry Division Association. I joined the Division in France before it went into the line, and was a member of K-Company, 271st Regiment. I would also like a copy of the 69th Division History Book and of the 271st if possible.

Truman Merritt, P.O. Box 13, Tobaccoville, North Carolina 27050: I am a former member of the 69th Division, having taken basic training at Camp Shelby, and additional training at Camp Shelby with a Cannon Company in the 69th. I went overseas with them in November of 1944, and participated in the crossing of the Rhine into Germany. In late summer, because of the point system, I was assigned to the 175th Infantry until I was honorably discharged at Fort Bragg in 1945.

I have lost all contact with former Buddies that served with me, and I would like to hear from any of them. Please send me a copy of the Division History Book.

(Editor's Note: In your letter you listed your unit as Cannon Company 276th Infantry and there was no such Unit in the 69th. It had to be either the 271st, 272nd, or 273rd Infantry Regiment.)

Fred O. Metzger, 1645 Ala Wai Boulevard, #1408, Honolulu, Hawaii 96815 — Red Cross: I apologize for being so late in answering your letter. I have been traveling in Canada and the U.S.A. for three months, and when I returned to Honolulu, I found a mountain of mail, mostly junk mail. I am gradually catching up with my bills and personal letters.

I can understand the feelings of the Board of Directors, but was hoping they might approve a Life Membership, and maybe use the income from same for more Scholarships or for needy Veterans. Please use the \$90 balance for next years Dues and postage.

Richard E. Sorenson, 45 Ridgecrest Drive, Westfield, Massachusetts 01085 — Hq.-271st: **Sergeant Lou Sarube** is doing a good job of keeping in touch. We would like to hear from others from the Wire Section.

Charles O. Funk, R.R. 2, Box 593, Mullica Hill, New Jersey 08062 — F-271st: This letter was meant to be written shortly after the Reunion in Williamsburg, but due to circumstances at home, I'm just getting around to it. I always have difficulty making the affairs, and this was no exception. Without going into details, we have had the care of my Wife's Mother for most of 3 years, as she suffered many health complications and required constant care. It was just for a few days that we got a break to come to the Reunion for the Friday and Saturday affairs.

I had my 34 year old retarded Son with me, who likes to travel and meet people. I attended the Business Meeting and the PX Party, and it sure was great that they arranged to have you there by phone. You came through loud and clear. We all know how dear the 69th Association is to you, and how much you missed being with us. Which leads me to wish that this writing finds you well on the way to recovery, and I wish you the very best. Hopefully we will see you at the next Reunion in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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NEWS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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In October, my Wife's Mother passed away, and now with that responsibility off our shoulders, we can plan to attend the next two Reunions. My Wife has relations in both locations which will facilitate the trip.

The trip to Williamsburg was well worth it, since it was the first time I had met anyone from my Unit. I met **Frank Carey** of Fox Company 271st, and although he was not in my Platoon, (the 4th) he seemed to remember me. It was also a pleasure to see **General Bolte** again. Although he spent much time in a wheelchair, he looked healthier than when I last saw him in Harrisburg. My Son was also thrilled to have his picture taken with the General.

I have enclosed a check, small as it is, to help defray some postage costs. I wish it could be more. I want to let you and **Earl** both know how much the Bulletin is appreciated. You do a great job and it is the most favorite publication that I receive. I lost my May, June, July issue at Williamsburg, and since I save them all, I would appreciate it if you could send me another one. In closing I wish both you and **Earl** good health in the future.

Will Frazee, 5400 Silbury Lane, Kettering, Ohio 45429 — G-272nd: KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. I am both glad and sad about discovering the 69th Infantry Division Association after all these years. Glad I found you but sad I missed 38 or so years of association with you. The grim reaper who missed my Buddies in Europe, caught up with some of them since. At any rate, I will be in Pittsburgh, and have already marked it off on my office calendar.

Edgar Ross stopped in to see me. I remember the very night he came to G-Company from a Repo Depo. He looked around at our disheveled selves and said: "This is no place for a married man." We couldn't attack his logic. **Ed** is retired, and I should be.

Ray Turner, Lot 28, Greenfield Estates, Forest City Iowa 50436 — A-724th: I didn't realize till I read the Bulletin, that you were one of the Cadets that came from Keesler Field. I was also one of them, and believe that perhaps you and I were the only ones to be assigned to outfits other than the Infantry Regiments.

Before I was at Keesler Field, I served with the 335th Field Artillery in the 87th (Acorn) Division at Camp McCain, Mississippi. I was a Supply Sergeant, and when we were transferred back to the ground forces, there happened to be an opening in the 724th for a Supply Sergeant. While I was a Cadet, I made a lot of good friends, and they all went back to the Infantry (most of them not happily). I lost contact with all of them. Is it possible to find out what happened to these ex-Cadets?

I really enjoy the News from the Editor's Desk. This really makes for a good Bulletin. It is a shame that all of the men were not contacted when the Association was started back in the forties. The only way I found out about it was a notice of a Reunion in the American Legion Magazine, around 1977. I have often wondered how they decided to use the 69th Division Patch on the old **Phil Silvers** show. I had often thought of writing the show, but never got around to it. Keep the letters coming in the Bulletin.

(Editor's Note: We would ask that anyone reading the above who came into the 69th in April of 1944 from the defunct Air Cadet Program at Keesler Field, to either contact Mr. Turner or National Headquarters).

Frank S. Stevenson, 128 Newton, Box 13409, Edwardsville, Kansas 66113 — F-272nd: I would like to know how to get the 69th Infantry Division History Book. My Son, who is in the Service, would like information on the 69th Infantry. He is beginning a research project, and wants all of the information that he can get. I thank you for whatever information you can give.

Ann Walters, Box 304, Landisville, Pennsylvania 17538:

I thought I would write a little note telling you about the Central Pennsylvania Branch's good turnout for our Fall Banquet. It was held at the Sherwood Knoll Quality Inn, Centerville, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Saturday, October 19th.

We had 32 in attendance, with a hot buffet and plenty of food. **Dan Evers** is our new President, and we are looking to great things from him. He was going home and get started on the Spring Banquet right away, and as soon as he has things arranged, he or I will give you full details.

The following people were in attendance on October 19th: **George and Virginia Weston**, **Enrico and Ann D'Angelo**, **Marie Suprano**, **Frank and Ted Nemeth**, **Dan and Helen Evers**, **John and Elizabeth Hawley**, **Bill and Betty Foster**, **Jake and Vi Stark**, **Carl and Mildred Stetler**, **Paul and Marge McCombs**, **Charles and Lorraine Goodhart**, **Frank and Arlene Carey**, **Mel and Ruth Mellinger**, **Carl and Bernice McKnair**, **Doris Ober**, **Bill and Jo Beswick**, and **Earl and Ann Walters**. **Bill Beswick** entertained us with an interesting account of the 69er's trip to Europe in April. **Ray** and **Helen Szkudlarek** were unable to attend because of an unfortunate automobile accident that **Helen** was involved in. Our best wishes to **Helen**, and they were greatly missed.

Richard A. Hiller, 435 Sycamore Road, West Reading, Pennsylvania 19611 — AT-272nd: I enjoyed reading your letter, and it brought back many memories of Camp Shelby. I have been in contact with the following persons since the Service. **Nolan Gann**, Mena, Arkansas, AT-272nd. Was transferred to the 28th Division in July of 1944 and was awarded the Bronze Star during the Battle of the Bulge. He passed away on December 1, 1984. **Carl Kempf** of Shelby, Ohio and **Frederick Cook** of Evansville, Indiana, both of whom served in AT-272nd. They shipped out from Shelby as replacements in April of 1944.

Do you have any knowledge of **Captain Ross**, **Lieutenant DeVere**, or **Lieutenant Cluettus**? Please send me the addresses for the following: **Urno Gustafson**, **J. Kramer Lerch**, **Walter Poore**, **John Warda**, **Stanley Jarecki**, and **Robert Dantio** who was the Company Clerk.

Thanks for placing my name on the mailing list, and for sending the latest Bulletin to me. Advise me as to where to send Dues and the amount.

Raymond S. Twardy, 722 Walbridge Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15220 — M & D-273rd: Thank you for sending me the 69th Bulletin. It sure brought back memories. I am glad that we finally made contact. The reason for the two Units is that I was transferred from M-273rd to D-273rd on the Mulde River. I was the Russian interpreter at the Bridge, and never went back to M-273rd.

I haven't heard from any of my old Buddies, but I did find a lot of familiar names in the Bulletin. I work for St. Mary of Mercy Church at the Point in downtown Pittsburgh. I coordinate activities and am Director of the St. Mary's Senior Citizen program. We have over 1,600 members from all over town and the suburbs. It is an independent non-subsidized center located at 109-111 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. If you are in town, stop in for a visit. I'll buy you a Senior Citizen lunch, which is cooked by my Wife. We are open 5 days a week, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Lynn G. Blaylock, Rafeen Cottage, The Garrison Christ Church, Barbados, West Indies — D-271st: Please change my address from the U.S. Peace Corp, Barbados, to the above. My Wife and I have completed our Peace Corp tour of duty and I have returned here as a consultant for the Ministry of Agriculture to continue the work I started when in the Peace Corp. I highly recommend the Peace Corp to older people who have retired and want to share their experiences with others. Due to the help of a lot of people, I was so successful that I was chosen as the outstanding agricultural volunteer for this region, and received a plaque from President Reagan personally. It's a great experience.

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James R. Kidd, 222 Al-Fan Court, Winchester, Kentucky 40391 — F-271st: While at Williamsburg, I talked with **Bill Beswick** about the possibility of having the Division Reunion in Lexington, Kentucky in some future year. He provided me with a form to fill out for use by the Site Selection Committee. He also advised me that I be sure that there would be other members in the area who would help with putting on the Reunion. The last item is why I am writing you. Can you give me the names and addresses of Association members in the central part of Kentucky? I shall need to know who is in this area to determine if we can hope to put it on at Lexington.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Kidd was provided a regional list for Kentucky, which was a little outdated, but we hope that it was sufficient for his needs).

Rene L. Boudreau, 611 Centre Street, Haddonfield, New Jersey 08033 — C-273rd: Returned to college after discharge, and graduated in 1948. Held several jobs till 1963 when I started working in Medical Book publishing. Have been in this field since 1963. Hope to retire in 1987.

Ernst Heller, 2477 East Livingston Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43209 — B-879th: I was Battery Commander of B-Battery, 879th Field Artillery Battalion. I am happy to find that the 69th Infantry Division Association is in existence. Glad to be able to join and find where some of the men are now. I was one of the originals of the 69th, just out of O.C.S. I was there before the men came in. Didn't make the Reunion this year, but maybe next year.

Irvin Hunsberger, 529 Lemon Street, Warminster, Pennsylvania 18974 — A & D-271st: A member of our Association could use some cheering up at this time by receiving some get well cards, or whatever. He was an A.S.T.P. student who served in Regt. Hdqs., 273rd, and later in the 29th Division. We work together at Fischer & Porter Company in Warminster, Pennsylvania. Like all of us, he speaks with pride of having served with the 69th. I am sure he would like to hear from his comrades. He is: **Lester Muhler**, 607 Beechwood Road, Willow Grove, Pennsylvania 19090.

Robert C. Matthews, P.O. Box 97, Lackey, Virginia 23694 — K-271st: Just a few lines to say hello. I am well as can be expected, and I hope that when these few lines are received that you will be in the best of health, and enjoying the best of everything. I would like to say that I enjoyed myself while I was down in Williamsburg with the fellows, and sorry that I had to leave so early when my ride came to pick me up. I sure would like to get some of the pictures that were taken if they came out O.K.

Thomas T. Welsh, 39 Emerick Lane, Loudonville, New York 12211 — L-273rd: I am enclosing Dues for membership in the 69th Infantry Division Association. If what I have sent isn't sufficient, advise me, and I will forward more to you. I was a member of Company L, 273rd Infantry from 1944 till V.E. Day. Please send me any Bulletins or Newsletters about the Reunions.

Gilbert Albrow, 2007 "I" Avenue, Scottsbluff, Nebraska 69361 — C-724th: I received the 69th Bulletin and was very happy to get it. I am enclosing a check for a 69th Division History Book, and a little extra for whatever you might need it for. It is nice to find the addresses of some of the men that you served with.

Do you have any record of a **Charles Martin** who served in Battery C? The last I knew he was in Evanston, Illinois. I saw him in 1948 on my way to the V.F.W. National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio.

I would like to contact a man by the name of **Saverio** who was from the state of New Jersey.

I am going to write to **John Turner** and tell him I will not be able to attend the C-724th get-together. I intend to go to the next one regardless of where they hold it, and I also will be in Pittsburgh.

I lost my wife in July, so I will be detained here for a while, till I dispose of some property. I have had a bad time without her. We had 3 great daughters, all married with nice families, two of them living here and the other in Dallas, Texas.

John Turner advised me that you had some ill health, and I hope everything is under control now. I hope to meet you someday.

Rolland J. Correll, 1329 Nevada Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania 18103 — L-271st: I became aware of your organization last summer from a member by the name of **E. B. "Tom" Abbott** and his Wife **Marion**. Enclosed are my Dues for membership. I had basic training with the 69th at Camp Shelby, Mississippi 1943 to 1944, and then was shipped out. I served with Company L of the 271st Infantry. Any information about your organization would be appreciated.

George Ross, 71 Jefferson Street, Belleville, New Jersey 07109 — Can. 273rd: Recently while in the lobby of a local bank selling raffle tickets for the annual Handicapped Children's Christmas Party conducted by VFW Post 493, Nutley, New Jersey, I was wearing my VFW hat on which I have the 69th patch. A gentleman stops to purchase a ticket, points to the patch, and states that he served with the 69th. He is **Edward Brandt**, 20 Forest Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey 07110, and he was in the 69th M.P.'s. He stated that he had heard about the Association, and that he knew **George Gallagher**. Also **Andy Walsh** stopped to chat. **Andy** took his basic with the 69th and was transferred out and joined Merrill's Marauders in the CBI Theatre.

In Bulletin Vol. 39, No. 1 under the list of attendees at the Williamsburg Reunion, For Can. 273rd you have **Coble's** and **Newell's**. These names are not familiar to me, nor did I meet these nice people. If they are from my Unit, please send me their addresses.

When my Wife and I picked up our permanent badges, both of them were incorrect. Can new and correct badges be provided, as I will pay costs for same.

The Reunion at Williamsburg was great. **Tom Poole** was there, and the last time I saw him was in July of 1945. Enclosed is a photo taken in late April 1945 near Trebsen, Germany, T/Sgt. **Tom Poole** on the left and myself, T/Sgt. **George Ross** on the right. We tried to recreate this with the enclosed 1985 Reunion photo. We met many, many nice people at Williamsburg including **Ida Poole**, **Al** and **Lottie Shires**, **Art** and **Nancy Holgate**, **Walt** and **Ann Doernbach**, **Ed McDonnell**, **Bill** and **Jo Beswick**, **Earl** and **Jean Abel**, **Alex** and **Margaret Kormas**, **Jake** and **Violet Stark**, **Ray** and **Helen Szkudlarek**, **Enrico** and **Ann D'Angelo**, **Frederick** and **Ann Collet** and all the other 69er's.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Newell was incorrectly listed under Can. 273rd, but according to Association records, Mr. Coble was a member of that Unit. Mr. Ross's photos appear elsewhere in this issue).

Mrs. Lois Rieger, P.O. Box 123, Helena, Georgia 31037: I have intended to write you a note before now, but the information I have to give you is very hard to do. My husband, **Frank E. Rieger**, was killed in a car-truck accident May 13, 1985. We think he had a fatal heart attack before the accident happened.

He served with Company G of the 273rd Infantry from the latter part of May in 1943 until the 5th of May of 1945. He was hospitalized in Verdun, France, and on his release, he was assigned to Company F of the 116th Infantry. He returned to the states on October 22nd, 1945. Prior to his assignment with the 69th, he served in the Military Police at Camp Wheeler, Georgia. My husband served as a Cook in the 69th, and his Mess Sergeant was **Frank Butterio** whom I have kept in contact with. If there are any men who remember **Frank**, I would like to hear from them.

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Clifford E. Brenner, 45 7th Street, Mt. Wolf, Pennsylvania 17347 — Hq. 881st: Recently I received a letter from my former Captain of Hq. Battery, 881st Field Artillery. I told him about the 69th Division Association publication, and he said that he had heard about it, but never saw or received one. Would you be so kind to send him a copy to this address: **Melvin P. Miller**, P.O. Box 118, Hoehne, Colorado 81046. This will be very much appreciated.

P. L. Kennedy, 20040 Sea Gull Way, Saratoga, California 95070 — Hq., 1st. Bn., 272nd: I received a copy of your News Bulletin Vol. 39, No. 1, from my old friend **William "Bill" Farrell**. I had called him up last April on the 40th Anniversary of V.E. Day. He lives in Honeoye Falls, New York and has been a member of your Association for some time. Bill and I were members of Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 272nd from Camp Shelby to when the Division was disbanded about August of 1945. We were both transferred to the 905th H.A.M. Company in Kassell Germany, where he introduced me to my Wife, **Sonia**, a displaced Ukrainian girl. It will be good to receive the news of our old Buddies, and the upcoming Reunions. I am sure there are a lot of former 69th Division men living in California.

Melvin P. Miller, P.O. Box 118, Hoehne, Colorado 81046 — Hq. 881st: I received a copy of the 69th Bulletin, and I was most interested in the items about the fellows that were in it. I would like to become a member, and what are the Dues and where should they be sent.

I joined the 69th at Camp Shelby in 1944. I was with it through the fighting, and until we were stationed at Leuna, Germany. This was when the low point men were sent home for training and service in the South Pacific. At that time I was sent to Brake, Germany, and then to Butzbah where I was sent home with the 401 F.A. Bn. My Unit was Hq. of the 881st F.A. Bn. where I was a Line Officer. Due to this, I spent most of my time with the 273rd Infantry Regiment. I was there when **Lieutenant Robertson** came back with the Russian soldiers from the link-up at the Elbe.

I am retired and most interested in coming to some of the Reunions. At Christmas, I received the addresses of two of the members of the Line Group which served in Germany. They are: **G. E. Burchfield** and **Donald Meidam**. **Cliff Brenner** was also a member of my group, and he is the one who sent my name in for the Bulletin. The other members of my section were: **Ned Riggs** and **Yackey**. Do you have a late address for either of them?

(Editor's Note: We do not have addresses for the latter two men, so if anyone can help, please contact National Headquarters).

Richard W. Bell, R.R. #2, Box 44, Watertown, South Dakota 57201 — D-272nd: I have enclosed a list of fellows from the 69th whom I correspond with. I think they all belong to the Association. My memory was playing tricks with me when I mentioned that we came to Camp Shelby from Keesler Field by train. Being such a short distance, I'm sure we came by truck. My most memorable train ride was in September of 1945 when we arrived in New York from Europe. They put us on a troop train to Chicago and Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. I don't think the train stopped once between New York and Chicago. In all of the towns, people were waving at us as the train passed. I got a 45 day Terminal Leave from Camp McCoy, and then reported to Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri for discharge.

I have lived here all of my life, but lately, it seems like the winters are getting worse every year. When my Wife retires, we hope to get away from here, at least in the winter. I would like to get a small travel home and take some trips. Read in the American Legion Magazine about a Veterans Village near Homestead, Florida. I am not sure if I would desire to be in such a place. Hope you had a nice Holiday Season.

John W. Merrill, 500 Clifton Avenue, #413 Lakewood, New Jersey 08701 — Hq. 272nd & Hq. 1st Bn., 272nd: Please excuse my belated reply to your letter. "Belated" is an understatement as my excuse is I underwent heart surgery which didn't turn out too well, and up until now, I haven't felt much like doing anything.

You had asked about **Pete Labinsky's** address; what you have, Pine Beach, is correct. I met Pete at a party, and was surprised when I learned that we were both in the same Regiment. In fact, he is the one and only 69er I have run into since October 1945. As for my Unit, till February 1945, I spent my time with Hq. 1st Bn. 272nd, and then I went to Hq. 272nd. I was one of the guys trying to get to the head of the column in a cloud of dust with "Message Center" emblazoned on the front. It was high adventure for a 19 year old kid.

I would appreciate you checking your roster for a friend of mine, that I not only served with, but also grew up with out in Idaho. He is **Edward A. Wilkinson, Jr.**, Hq. 272nd. He is a Lawyer and was living in California. I am also interested in: **Sergeant Yelverton**, Hq. 1st Bn. 272nd, **Corporal Connolly**, Hq. 272nd, **Pfc. Inge**, Hq. 272nd, and **Pfc. Jilka**, Hq. 3rd Bn. 272nd. I received a letter from **Jefferson Keith, Jr.**, a buddy of mine from Union, South Carolina.

You do a real fine job with the publication. I know how frustrating it can be. I am enclosing one that I did before I retired. Hope to meet up with you one day.

(Editor's Note: Of the men that Mr. Merrill mentioned, we only had addresses for Inge and Jilka. If you can help with the others, please contact National Headquarters).

Philip Colombo, 156-20 65th Avenue, Flushing, New York 11367 — Hq. 879th: I hope you are feeling up to par now, and that the New Year brings the best for you. I hear you had a visit from **Al (the Greek) Kormas**. He surely gets around.

I was over to St. Albans V.A. Extended Medical Care Center, and met the Widow of former 69er, **Pete Goldstein**. She spotted my 69th patch, and called me over. She said to say Hello to all of her old friends. She belongs to the Jewish War Vets Volunteer Service as we all do. We are never too old to help out. I understand that **Al Kormas** did his good deed last Thanksgiving as a volunteer in Cleveland serving meals to the Homeless and Unfortunate. He is one of a kind, and has always had a heart as big as himself. I hope to see you in Toledo this Spring, but if not, in Pittsburgh in August.

Adam Rossochacy, Box 31, Tuscarora, Pennsylvania 17982 — AT-271st: I just finished reading the latest Bulletin, and it sure is nice to hear what is going on. You have been doing a good job, and it brings back a lot of old memories. I was with the 69th from its activation at Camp Shelby, and until it was broken up after the War. I sure would like to hear from former members of the Mine Platoon. I am enclosing a few photos from the Mine Platoon. Hope these can be used in one of your Bulletins.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Rossochacy's pictures appear elsewhere in this issue).

Richard J. Brown, 99 West Champlost Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19120 — A-661st: I am enclosing some pictures which I thought you might like to see, and possibly could use in your Bulletin. I am retired from Western Electric after 32 years, and am pursuing my hobbies of fishing and using a metal detector looking for coins and artifacts.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Brown's pictures appear elsewhere in this issue).

William J. McCall, 743 Purdue Avenue, Wenonah, New Jersey 08090 — E-271st: I would appreciate you sending me a copy of the 69th Division History Book. Since my name appeared in the 69th Bulletin, I have heard from two men from the 271st Regiment. They were **Walter Keane**, Company E, now a retired Major from Rancho Cordova, California and **Charles Funk**, F-271st from Mullica Hill, New Jersey. Mr.

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NEWS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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Funk only lives a few miles from me, and he and his Wife are going to stop and visit and bring along some pictures.

I intend to make the Reunion this year in Pittsburgh, and am looking forward to it. I hope your health has improved and I wish you all the best in the coming year.

Delbert P. Wright, 3137 West 32nd Street, Anderson, Indiana 46011 — M-271st: I am sorry you could not make it to the Reunion in Williamsburg, but I hope this finds you feeling better. It was our first Reunion, and we both had a good time.

I received a letter from **Marcel Cloutier**, and he has had a siege of illness. He has moved and asked me to get his new address to the proper place, so that he does not miss any of the News Bulletins. His new address is: **Marcel Cloutier**, 1646 Neff Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45414.

(Editor's Note: Elsewhere in this Bulletin you will find an "Open Letter" from William Sheavly trying to get interest stirred up among the M-271st men so that they have a good turnout in Pittsburgh).

John G. Barnett, 6374 Brandywine Trail, Norcross, Georgia 30092 — A-880th: During the War, I was Battery Commander of Battery A-880th Field Artillery Battalion. One of my comrades from Tennessee, **Jim Bilbrey**, called me about trying to arouse interest in a Battery A Reunion. I told him I would work with him towards such a goal. I am retired and willing to help. Perhaps a good way to start would be to publicize this in the next Association Bulletin, and request that all former members of this fine Unit send me their current address and telephone number, along with the names and addresses of any who might not be a member of the 69th Division Association. I would appreciate you sending me a roster for Battery A, 880th F.A.

I know that Battery C of the 880th has been having Reunions for the past several years, and from all reports, they have been quite successful. If all this works out, who knows, we may eventually get around to an 880th F.A. Battalion Reunion. Thank you for the good job you are doing for our Association.

Joseph W. Sexton, 245 North 4th Street, Grover City, California 93433 — Hq. 2nd Bn. 273rd & 69th M.P.: In a previous letter which was printed, I stated that I knew of two 69er's whom I would encourage to contact you. It is now indeed with heavy heart that I inform you of the demise of one. He is **Frank C. Luiz, Sr.** of Papaikon, Hawaii. He was a S/Sgt. in the Anti-Tank platoon of Hqs. Company 2nd Bn. 273rd. I served with him in that Unit for a number of months. Those of us who knew him will mourn the loss of a true friend, a magnificent soldier and leader, and a tremendous credit to the American Armies and our great Fighting 69th. I was informed of his passing shortly before Christmas by his lovely Wife, **Cecelia**. He is also survived by several children and grandchildren. My Wife and I paid a brief visit with them in 1979. I feel it would be a fine gesture if the Association would put his Widow on the mailing roster, so that she would receive copies of the Bulletin. Join with me in saying "Go with God" **Sergeant Frank**.

John B. (Jack) Duffy, 28 Cypress Street, Rochester, New York 14620 — Div. Hq.: After 40 years, memories begin to fade, and most of the guys you mentioned in your last letter didn't ring any bells. If our plans for Myrtle Beach work out, we will stop by and visit you a bit. I will bring some of my photos, and you can help me get re-oriented.

My Wife and I are definitely planning on the Reunions in Pittsburgh in '86, and Niagara Falls in '87. Perhaps sometime in the near future the Division Association might come to Rochester and utilize our brand new, very beautiful Convention Center. By that time I will be retired, and can really participate.

I have enclosed a picture of our Convention Center, and also a picture from Camp Shelby which was taken while we were getting ready to leave for embarkation. At that time, I was assigned to Div. Hq. E.M. Mess Hall as a Cook. Thanks to your publication of my name and address in your Bulletin, I have heard from **Dave Anderson** who was our E.M. Mess Sergeant. **Dave** is one of the fellows in the picture that I sent you. I expect to be in communication with **Buzz Silvernale** shortly, and I'll keep you informed.

I hope to collect a file on as many former 69ers as I can from the Western New York area. Perhaps if there is enough interest, we can get a group or chapter together for a Reunion in Rochester down the road. If you could send me addresses from your files for this area, an old acquaintance of mine is a columnist for one of the local papers, and I am sure that I can enlist his support if necessary.

Larry W. Brown, 538 Burns, Clarkston, Washington 99403 — B-461st AAA: Our Battery does not put out a Newsletter. Information is sent out though on the upcoming Reunion for our Battery. This years Reunion will be in Leesburg, Virginia with **Dean Ludeman** in charge. The 461st was not a Reserve Unit. Most of the men who served in it were draftees or enlisted men from Pennsylvania, North Carolina, South Carolina, and a few other states. The Cadre came from the Minnesota National Guard, and we trained in California.

I have received the information that **Mack Beard** from Pink Hill, North Carolina has had heart surgery for the second time, and is doing fine. He was on my half-track in Germany, and is a real nice guy. We visited with **Mack** and his Wife, **Bea**, before the Erie Reunion in 1984. They have been married 40 years, and have 2 Sons and 1 Daughter, and a grandson and granddaughter.

The **Detwilers** from Nazareth, Pennsylvania are going on a tour to Alaska in June, and they will fly from Fairbanks to Spokane, Washington, June 25th. We will pick them up and do some exploring of this state and Montana. **Audrey Detwiler** is from England, and **Don** married her there in 1945. They have a Son and Daughter, and 2 grandsons and 1 granddaughter. They are nice people and **Don** likes to fish. I gave up fishing a few years ago.

Grant D. Brown Writes:

In November 1985, my wife and I stopped at Camp Shelby to visit the training camp of the 69th. The only building left standing from the WW II encampment is the post commander's house, **Brig. General G. M. Halloran**. A military museum, covering WW I, WW II, Korea and Vietnam, is being developed in one of the Mississippi National Guard warehouses near the south camp gate.

The museum is seeking, either through loan or donation, items and artifacts from those conflicts that would be displayed in this museum. I've sent editions of the camp newspapers, **The Reveille** and the **Army Times** that I saved while at Shelby.

Perhaps a note to help the museum could be printed in an upcoming edition of our Association's publication. The museum curator's address is:

T. D. White
Building 6634
Camp Shelby, Mississippi 39407-5500

Sincerely,
Grant D. Brown, 69th QM Co.

President's Message



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

Following the trip of some of us to Europe last April — Here is a follow-up for all of us.

While we were in Weissenfels, we encountered many young people from about six to fifteen years of age. Many of us gave them coins, until we ran out and then some of our people gave one dollar bills as souvenirs. Of course we all enjoyed talking to them.

One young fellow about eleven wanted my 69th hat. I would not give it to him, because I wanted it for identification purposes on April 25th. If this had happened later, I would have given it to him. Anyhow I took his address to send him a hat and some more items from the States.

It took a while to get the hat, but when I did, I sent him a hat, a one dollar bill, a silver dollar, fifty cent piece, quarter, dime, nickel, and several pennies for swapping with his friends. Also two 69th window decals, two 69th bumper stickers, two Tank Destroyer window decals, two Tank Destroyer bumper stickers and a couple more items. It cost me \$6.20 to mail this, which was fine with me, he being a young fellow and would appreciate receiving this from the States.

NOW HEAR THIS:

Everything was returned - except the money - with a sticker written in German, "Contents listed on prohibited listing - RETURN."

Imagine - our "69th" Emblem being on the restricted list. It was sent about September 1st and returned just before Christmas 1985. It has provoked me because it was going to a young person. I have some paraphernalia ready to send him now. Only this time it's a "Ford" hat and a "Virginia is for Lovers" hat. So we'll see.

In other words — WHAT WE SAW IS NOT WHAT IT IS????

How about it? AREN'T YOU GLAD THAT YOU LIVE IN THE GOOD OLD U.S.A.????

One more thing - Aren't we going to see you in Pittsburgh?? This is a nice place to have a Reunion and I know you will have a grand old time. **Paul Shadle** and his committee are planning something different for those of you that have never been there before.

Bill Beswick
President

Wisconsin 69er's Make Trip to Williamsburg by Railroad Car

As many of you know, for the trip to the 69th Reunion last August we leased a private railroad car from some friends of ours in Jefferson.

Our schedule for moving the car was set with Amtrak two weeks before our departure from Wisconsin. En route we spent two days each in Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and Chicago. When moving we were always the last car on the train and we had a great view of the country from our living room windows and the observation platform.

In Virginia, we had to park in Newport News because Williamsburg did not have the electric and water connections that we needed for our car. We were only a short 20 miles away though, with a good highway to travel.

We arrived in Williamsburg (Newport News) on Wednesday and stayed the rest of the week. The Wisconsin group came to our car for a cocktail party on Thursday, after which we went to a shoreside seafood place for dinner.

We are looking forward to another great 69th Division Reunion this year.

Dale and Bonny Scott
272nd Service Company
Jefferson, Wisconsin



Cocktail Party at Newport News



Dale Scott, Fran Enright, Phil and Harriet Sparacino.

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Treasurer's Message

Robert J. Kurtzman, Sr.
Post Office Drawer 178
Wilmot, Ohio 44689
Telephone: 216/359-5487



Some of you may have noticed by the postmark on your letters that you received around the first of the year, that the Treasurer's office had been temporarily moved to Tampa, Florida.

In December, Vivian and I loaded up the car with all the 69th material and headed south, where we spent about two months with our daughter Linda and her husband LTC John E. Doyle. We were fortunate to have our son Bob Jr., his wife and children fly down from Kansas City and spend Christmas with us. This was the first time our family was all together for Christmas since 1967.

Clarence and I have spent January and February going over the entire roster and making corrections, so you will receive your Bulletins without delay and we'll be turning our mailing roster over to a new mailing service in hopes that we can continue to serve you better. This has been a record year for the 69th - as of February 11th, I have received Dues from 1,877 members. This is 400 more than we had received at this time last year. My special thanks to the 81 who sent in Dues twice and did not make one complaint. My special extra thanks to the 642 who sent in postage and Bulletin donations. Your contributions show Clarence and Earl that the effort they put into the Bulletin is appreciated. We also received Dues from 280 that did not pay last year. We attribute this partly to Clarence's constant recruiting of new members and to the old age nostalgia we seem to be having for our old buddies. Now if the second Dues notice will bring in a few more, we will set a new record with more than the 2,000 we had pay Dues last year. Don't forget, the Dues year runs from August 1st to July 31st.

With Spring and Summer just around the corner, we are looking forward to the Tri-State weekend in Toledo, Ohio on June 18th to 22nd that Ray Szkudlarek and Jake Stark are hosting. This will be a good time for those in Northwestern Ohio, Northeastern Indiana and Southern Michigan who have never attended a 69th Reunion to get their feet wet and experience the comradery of the 69th once again.

Now is the time to start making plans to attend the Annual Reunion in Pittsburgh, August 10th to 17th at the Greentree Marriott. Paul Shadle and his committee have been working hard to assure that you will have a grand time, so please pay attention to their request to get your reservations in early before the deadline and please include advance payment to assure your reservations for all activities. There will be a deadline for all the activities and the deadline will be strictly adhered to according to Paul and his committee.

I still have a lot of permanent type badges left from the list that was published in the last Bulletin and they can still be obtained by dropping me a line. Badges will again be made for those that do not have them, but only if you send in an advance paid reservation and failure to attend will result in the cost of the badges being deducted from your refund.

Vivian and I will be looking forward to seeing all of you at either the Tri-State or in Pittsburgh in August.

Robert J. Kurtzman, Sr.
Treasurer and Scholarship Chairman

William Matlach Writes:

On July 6, Ed Lucci and I and our wives, Jane and Hanna, took a ride down to Denver, Pennsylvania and visited an old buddy we had not seen since June 1945, Sam Fichthorn. Although Ed and I were in different companies, we both knew Sam who had been a Platoon Sergeant in E Company, where I knew him, received a Battlefield Commission, and was transferred to A-273rd which was Ed's company. We had a great Mini-Reunion, and Sam showed us around his horse farm (3 horses) and his hat factory (15,237 hats, by my count).

With Sam's beautiful wife Hazel completing our set of three handsome couples, we visited a local restaurant, had a fine dinner, and a very memorable evening. The enclosed photo shows left to right: Ed Lucci, (A-273rd), Sam Fichthorn, (E-273rd, A-273rd), and Bill Matlach, (E-273rd).

William Matlach
19 Barberry Road
West Islip, New York 11795
E-273rd



Left to Right: Ed Lucci, (A-273rd), Sam Fichthorn, (E-273rd, A-273rd), and Bill Matlach, (E-273rd).

Message to All Former Members of B-881st Field Artillery

The annual 69th Infantry Division Association Reunion is coming up August 10th to the 17th, 1986 at the Marriott Inn in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I would like to see as many in attendance as possible with your wives.

There are so many of you who live in or about Pennsylvania, and have little excuse to not make an effort to attend. Forty years have passed and it would be a pleasure and a privilege to once again meet with you as old buddies of Battery B. Time is passing by, and before you know it, it is gone. So again I say, plan on being there.

From your former 1st Sergeant,
Walter Haag

Dr. Donald W. Cole's Letter to Adolf Feidorov

Adolf L. Feidorov, Deputy Chief
Soviet War Veterans Committee
4 Gogolevsky Boulevard
Moscow, USSR

Dear Mr. Feidorov,

Bob Swan, who organized the 40th Anniversary Journey for Peace to the Soviet Union last April, tells me that you and a delegation of Soviet War Veterans would welcome an invitation to come to Cleveland in April of 1986.

The Governor of the State of Ohio, Richard Celeste, has declared Wednesday, April 16th, through Sunday, April 20th as UNIFYING OHIO FOR PEACE WEEK. During this week communities throughout the State of Ohio will participate by sponsoring creative arts festivals and performing arts activities on the theme of World Peace. It would be just excellent if you could visit Cleveland and the State of Ohio at that time. But, other times are also possible.

I am a member of the Task Force of UNIFYING OHIO FOR PEACE, a member of CLEVELAND VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II, on the Advisory Board of the Cleveland Partner Cities Project (which is looking for a partner city relationship between Cleveland and a city in the Soviet Union), a member of VETERANS FOR PEACE and the organizer of a WORLD PEACE CONGRESS being planned for Moscow

in October of 1987. I would like to invite you and a delegation of Soviet War Veterans to come to Cleveland, Ohio during UNIFYING OHIO FOR PEACE WEEK to express your interest in World Peace. And, if you will tell me which of the organizations above (or what other organizations) you would also like to have send you formal invitations, please let me know and I will proceed with those arrangements.

However, most of my letters to the Soviet Union go unanswered. I think it would be a wonderful idea if a delegation could come to Ohio during UNIFYING OHIO FOR PEACE WEEK. Please write to me and let me know what arrangements you would like me to make for your visit.

Enclosed is a picture of me taken with Yarii Naumenko of the Soviet War Veterans Committee in the public square at Torgau, East Germany on the Elbe during the 40th Anniversary for Peace. Would you be so kind as to give it to him in memory of the meeting on the Elbe River and our dinner together on April 25th. Enclosed is a second picture taken at Torgau at the statue to the Soviet-American link-up of the 40th Anniversary Journal for Peace people and the Soviet War Veterans Committee people. Would you be so kind as to deliver these to Yarii Naumenko for me.

Thank you for your response to this letter. I look forward to hearing from you and to the possibility of our meeting next April in Cleveland.

Sincerely,
Dr. Donald W. Cole

*"For those who fought for it,
freedom has a flavor the
protected will never know."*

Found on a bunker wall in Khe Sanh,
scrawled by an anonymous Marine.



We ran this picture in the last issue of our Bulletin, Vol. 39, No. 1, and only had identification for the man on the left. Now we have received the information for all three.

Left to Right: Carl Wood, Leo Trinko and Ira Gruchow.

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WEEKLY EVENTS

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Sunday, August 10th — Early Arrivals — On Your Own			
Monday, August 11th — Early Arrivals — On Your Own			
Tuesday, August 12th — On Your Own - <i>Note: Shopping Mall within 1½ Miles</i> Registration 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. (No Registration Fee)			
Wednesday, August 13th — On Your Own or Possible City Tour — if good response. We can go on Thursday, as well. COST TO BE DETERMINED BY GOOD RESPONSE. Registration 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.			
Thursday, August 14th — Registration 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Early Bird Dinner — Three Rivers Cruise and Dinner Bus Shuttle — 6:00 P.M. — Buses Leave	\$26.00	_____	\$ _____
Friday, August 15th — Registration 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. On Your Own — Including Dinner and Supper Friday Morning Golf Board of Directors Meeting — 2:00 P.M. to ? PX Beer Party — TICKETS NEEDED	\$ 5.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday, August 16th — Men's General Meeting — 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon Ladies' General Meeting — 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon Memorial Service — 2:00 P.M. - Marriott Flag Pole Cocktail Party — 6:00 P.M. to 6:45 P.M. Banquet and Dinner Dance — 7:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. Registration Open for Prepaid Reservations For Ticket Pick-Up Only.	\$25.00	_____	\$ _____
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Monday, August 18th — Farewells and Departures			

Reunion Sub-Total \$ _____

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The Second Entry of the Americans Into Weiterode

On July 1, 1945, exactly forty years ago, many Weiterode townspeople became closely acquainted with American Soldiers for the second time. This time, however, was not accompanied by the fear of life and destruction of property. This time the returning troops came back from Saxony and Thuringen seeking only temporary quarters until the time they could return to their own homes in the U.S.A. From the time of the original entry of the Americans in Weiterode on April 2, 1945, a small contingent remained quartered here, but in the days of July many troops were brought here and in the neighboring areas.

At the Yalta Conference the Allies divided Germany into four zones of Occupation. Large areas of Saxony and Thuringen, which were captured by the Americans and British had to be vacated and delivered up to the Russian Army by the 30th of June. The troops in the west were drawn back mainly to the line of today's border. Due to this agreement the 69th American Division was quartered in our area. This Division became world famous because they were the first to meet the Russians on April 25th, 1945 at Strehla (and later Torgau) on the Elbe. The world press, even today, is full of pictures and articles of this event. The writer of this article has now ascertained that the "E" Company of the 272nd Regiment of the above Division had taken up quarters in Weiterode.

On this beautiful summer day in the early noon, a few Jeeps carrying quartermasters appeared in Weiterode, Bebra-Hohe. One of them ordered the occupants of the houses on the left side of the Hochstrasse (Main Road) to vacate the premises in 2 hours and to take with them only the absolute necessities. The evacuees were told to go to live with friends, neighbors and relatives. Shortly after the Americans moved in, the inhabitants quickly made contact with them. In this manner, they discovered that they could utilize the cellars, barns and sheds of their own houses as places to sleep, and thus had the opportunity to look after the possessions that they were compelled to leave behind. This situation lasted about eight weeks.

Relations between the front line American Soldiers and the civilian townspeople of Weiterode were friendly, actually, in many cases, humane. There were exceptions, of course, but this was understandable because only a short three months earlier, they were hard at war and sought to kill or destroy each other. For the most part, both the Americans and the German fellow citizens had had enough of war and wanted only peace with each other. The Americans had before them the anxiety and the threat of being sent to the war zone in East Asia to fight against the Japanese. The dances of rejoicing of the war weary G.I.s, when Japan surrendered after the dropping of the Atom-Bomb on August 14, 1945, would almost seem macabre today.

Among the soldiers there were many of German descent. Names like Schubert, Fischer, Bickel, Wieman, Weigel and others. Even the division commander, **Emil Reinhardt**, was of German extraction. The majority of the men were from the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and the Midwest.

The highest American Commanders issued orders that no one was to contact or have relations with the German people. This order was, however, largely ignored. In the house of **George Koch** on the Hochstrasse there was evidence of military conquerors. It was the orderly room of **Captain Fischer** and it was guarded night and day. In a few days the family **Doring** "softened up" the Captain himself, and there after they were again allowed to cook daily, clean their house and perform small services for the land occupiers. The Americans paid with "genuine" coffee, cocoa, chocolate, lemons and tropical fruits, all things that were in short supply

and great demand in those times. The **Bebrahoers** registered astonishment and wonder over the rich nourishing food, regular clothing and the abundance of the special living implements of the American Soldier. Here, suddenly, were all the things at hand, that the people, in the long years of war, had to give up and that were completely strange to we youngsters.

The Company Kitchen was in the **Ruppel and Iffland** house. The food was dished out in the garden across the way. The American Kitchen had fresh food, modern dishes and different ways of preparing them. Not only the pleasant aroma, but also an "empty stomach" drew many Weiterode beggars to the chow line. The left over food, as one GI in the picture claimed, was thankfully going in the opposite direction. Often times, one could see an American Soldier sharing the harvest. **Master-Sgt. Fleming** one afternoon laid two carts full of hay in a barn in **Friedenstrasse**. On the "Keppel" (Crossing of **Hochstrasse** and **Alleestrasse**) were found daily, practice drill places, that were not comparable with those of the German Soldiers of I.R. 15 in the year 1941.

A few soldiers became interested in local football and came to see the first friendly game after the war between Weiterode and Breitenbach. The great majority of the Americans opted for the American National pastime, namely baseball. For this purpose a small baseball stadium was built in the **Fulda meadows**, which was on **Eisenacher Strasse** between Weiterode and Bebra. The sports director was quartered in the **Karl Gerlach** house on **Hochstrasse**. He lived in Chicago.

They put up a sign on the **Peter Reinhardt** house for the company first-aid station. The then five-year old, **Erich Reinhardt**, received a painful head wound. He was given medical treatment and fresh dressings daily. Naturally, there were negative occurrences to report. A very valuable stamp collection was found by someone who was fond of it and it wandered off to America.

At the end of August, most of the American "Occupiers" left the residences. Although there were damages to the residences here and there, one could not hold prejudices against the ordinary soldiers from the "New World."

The above report, like all such similar treatises, is incomplete and perhaps over simplified but the, sorry to say, lately started research is still in a state of flux and anyone who has more to report on this theme is free to do so.

Kurt Nolke

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Former members of Div. Hq. Co. at the 1985 Williamsburg Reunion.

Left to Right standing: "Dutch" Hawn, Ted Edstrom, Walt Doernbach, Keith Curtis, Fred Avery, Karol Kreutzman. Seated is Eugene Butterfield.

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Scholarship Award Winners

We are pleased to announce the 1985 Scholarship Award recipients: **John J. Mowad, Jr.**, **Joel S. Nash**, **Robert R. Proctor** and **Dana L. Slimmer** which were selected by the Scholarship Committee at our 1985 Reunion in Williamsburg, Virginia this past August.



JOHN J. MOWAD, JR. is the son of **John** and **Mildred Mowad**, 230 Columbia Drive, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, H-271st.

A 1985 graduate of Center High School, he was a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, German and Photography Clubs, serving the latter as President. For Academic Excellence he received letters of commendation from the State of Pennsylvania and the National Merit Scholarship Foundation. In addition, he was named in WHO'S WHO Among High School Students. Currently **John** is enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh studying Engineering.



JOEL S. NASH is the son of **Seymour** and **Doris Nash**, P.O. Box 461, Lakewood, New Jersey, 569th Sig.

A 1985 graduate of Lakewood High School, he was a member of the Baseball team and Spanish Honor Society.

He was selected for induction into the National Honor Society during his Junior year.

Joel is attending the University of Delaware where he is majoring in Accounting.



ROBERT R. PROCTOR is the son of **Robert** and **Dorothy Proctor**, 16776 Cannons Mills Road, East Liverpool, Ohio.

The 1985 graduate of East Liverpool High School was a member of the Golf team, Latin and Key Clubs. A member of the National Honor Society, he served as it's Vice President.

He was also a Delegate to the American Legion Buckeye's Boy's State. **Robert** has enrolled at Ohio State University to study Chemical Engineering.



DANA L. SLIMMER, a graduate of Little Falls Community High School, is the daughter of **Donald** and **Dorothy Slimmer**, 114 S.W. Fourth Street, Little Falls, Minnesota.

An active student, she was a member of the Drama, Math and French Clubs, serving the latter as Vice President.

She was also a member of the Newspaper and Yearbook staffs.

A two year member of the National Honor Society, she received a letter of commendation from the National Merit Program.

She was also chosen as a Delegate to Minnesota's Girl's State. **Dana** is now attending Concordia College.

Applications are now being accepted for the 1986 Scholarship Awards and so far we have only received one request for an application. If you are interested or you desire additional information, contact:

Robert J. Kurtzman, Sr.
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Wilmot, Ohio 44689

Memories . . .



Back Row, Left to Right: Caylor, Wolfe, Leva, Gavin, Myers. Front Row: Brown and Bailey



Front Row, Left to Right: Goldberg, unknown, Menkins
Back Row, Left to Right: McDevitt, Cavanaugh, Shockley, Blake



Left to Right: Knick, Bailey, Goldberg, Cavanaugh, unknown, Miguel.

Pictures furnished by Richard J. Brown



Sgt. Wolfe,
Lt. Nowels, Lt. Molin



German Prisoners being questioned. R. J. Brown looking out of the window.



Bomb Shelter in Leige, Belgium.
Back Row, Left to Right:
Brown, Bailey, Pollock, Wolfe.
Front Row, Left to Right:
Burman, Jamison, unknown.



Viviers, Belgium: R. J. Brown, Belgium Boy, G. Bailey



R. J. Brown in Mulheim, Germany. Destroyer in background.

Memories . . .



Longwood Castle in England where AT-271st and the Mine Platoon were quartered.



Ralph Bradford left front and Adam Rossochacy holding the sword. Only other person identified is Sal Graziano in center rear.

Pictures furnished by
Adam Rossochacy



Cpl. Bob Carson, Div. Hq. Co. Motor Pool Dispatcher.



Coke burning vehicle in Winchester, England.



Winchester Cathedral



English Taxi in London

Open Letter to Former Company M-271st

1985 saw our Reunion in Williamsburg and with that came the very fine opportunity to welcome the newest attendee to the Reunion, **Paul (Delbert) Wright** and his wife, **Maxine**, from Company M.

With the 1986 Reunion being in Pittsburgh, **Paul** and I are extending an open invitation to all those former Company M members to set aside time to attend the Reunion from August 10th to the 17th.

We both hope you will take time to attend, time grows shorter for all of us, and it would be an ideal time to see your old friends from 40 years ago. The Reunions are not run in a military fashion in any sense of the word, but as a big social gathering of old friends.

Also, an additional point in passing. The mailing of the Bulletin costs a lot of money for the Association — if you send your Dues on an annual basis . . . thanks. If you do not send your Dues, please take a few minutes and send it to the Treasurer (address in other part of the Bulletin). The Association grows and thrives on attendance at the Reunions and the financial support you give.

DO IT NOW . . . set aside the dates for Pittsburgh in 1986.

Bill and Reba Sheavly
M-271st

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**MAIL REUNION RESERVATIONS
EARLY TO
PAUL and MARIAN SHADLE.**

**ROOM RESERVATIONS TO THE
MARRIOTT GREENTREE.**

Message To Our Treasurer From Lewis Tenney

Dear Robert,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 27, 1985, and Mary and my name tags, and membership cards for 1985-86.

I want to thank you again for the name tags.

I will be looking forward to our Reunion in Pittsburgh in 1986. Please send me all the information you have available in regard to the Reunion.

Please be advised effective September, 1985 I received the rank of Captain in the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 4th Brigade, INDIANA GUARD RESERVE.

I am updating my records, and medals and awards I am authorized to wear. If you have access to address of our old Divisional Records, I would appreciate it.

Hope to see you in Pittsburgh . . .

Thanks Again,
L. M. Tenney
2770 18th Street
Columbus, Indiana 47201

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Then and Now



T/Sgt. Tom Poole on left and T/Sgt. George Ross on the right. Picture taken near Trebsen, Germany in late April, 1945.



The same two gentlemen pose in the same position at the Williamsburg, Virginia Reunion in August of 1985.

PICTURES FURNISHED BY GEORGE ROSS

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 Earl E. Witzleb, Jr., Box 69, Champion, Pennsylvania 15622, as early as possible. Then follow through with a write-up immediately after the event(s).

269th Engineers

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The Williamsburg Reunion was a good one for all. So much to see and do, so everyone was kept pretty busy. We had a nice turn-out of Engineers once again, led by Company A who had a first timer in **Roger Drake** and his wife, **Juanita**. **Harold Ferguson** and **Bob Kamping** finally got on the same track but it was hectic for a while. **Ray** and **Leona Hull** came in from Ohio and it was good to see them again. **Joe** and **Chris Monteleone** are back on the Reunion circuit again now that they are feeling better. We missed them. **Sam Pharr** attended and he's so quiet you don't know he is around, just kidding. **Guy Winfrey** brought his wife, **Elizabeth**, around to meet the boys.

Don't know what happened to Company B, since just **Dan** and I were the only ones carrying the Company Colors. Our wives enjoyed themselves shopping in the area. **Lottie Herring** and Son "**Beamer**" drove up from North Carolina and since **Chuck** was also in H & S Company we had to share them with them. It was nice to see them both once again. That **Beamer** is getting to be quite a man now. **Charlie Ellis** did stop in to see the boys. He really looks like he is getting younger. The golf tips he gave me didn't work for me, but I always was a bad student.

Company C had three men, with their wives at the Reunion. **Howard** and **Virginia Denbo** were present. They and the **Rodelli's** spent time at the Pottery. **Jerry** and **Red** spent all day trying to find **Virginia** and **Eleanor**. That place sure is huge. **Larry** and **Jean Roeder** were on the go most of the time. Never saw two people put on so many miles. We did get **Larry** on the Board of Directors for the next three years.

Company H & S was led by a first timer in **Colonel Warren Everett** who I haven't seen in over 40 years. The Colonel and his wife had a nice time since he was always smiling no matter where I saw him. He also gave a presentation on his work, "**Star Wars**." **Bill** and **Betty Foster** and family were on the go most of the time. Those grandsons are full of energy.

Well, the 269th Engineers will soon have a President of the 69th Infantry Division since **Bill** was elected to be Vice President and our next President. **John Kurey** came down and it was good to see him again. I'm sure he'll be in Pittsburgh next Reunion since it is right in his backyard. **John** and **Elizabeth Hawley** had a good time and I hope **John's** arm is good as new again after his accident. **Walt** and **Eby Howland**, part of the family of **John** and **Elizabeth Hawley**, drove up from Myrtle Beach and plans are in gear to make **Walt** an Associate Member of the 69th Infantry Division.

Sorry to report the passing of a real good friend to all the Engineers when **Sharpie Jones** of H & S Company passed away. **Sharpie** always had a smile or laugh for everyone. We will surely miss him since he made a lot of the Reunions. To **Helen** and **Helaine** our deepest sorrow and hope the best for you and you'll not be forgotten.

Enclosed are a few photos, some old and some new of the 269th Engineers. Hope you all have a good 1986 and hope to see you in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in August, if not sooner.

Your "Ole" Buddie,
Frank



*H & S 269th Engineers
Colonel Warren Everett*



*Company A, 269th Engineers
Left to Right: Bob Kamping, Joe Monteleone and Ray Hull
Williamsburg, Virginia*



*Company B, 269th Engineers
Charles Ellis and Frank Nemeth
Williamsburg, Virginia*

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69th Cavalry Recon Troop

Michael P. Moscaritolo, *Chairman*

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To all the troopers who were going to attend the Recon Troop Reunion in Monroeville, Pennsylvania, just outside of Pittsburgh, on September 13, 14, and 15, 1985, — well, it's all past history now.

Joe and Zola, Co-Chairmen, did an outstanding job in getting outstanding accommodations and the food was excellent. Again thank you Joe and Zola from the whole troop.

Many of the troopers who attend every year were unable to attend. Cowboy Vaughn, Nick Zias, and Rodney Paradine were all convalescing at home. Charles Fox had death in the family. If you read the Division Bulletin you are aware that we lost Bill Dingey and George Mager. A card was sent to Mary Jane Dingey with all our signatures on it. Cowboy and Nick phoned and spoke to all of us. Speedy recovery men. We missed you all.

Twenty troopers attended the Reunion with our wives. Bill Foster and Mrs. Foster, 69th Division Vice President, attended our Reunion for 3 days. Also in attendance were our C.O. Boyd Ellsworth, Hank Weiman, D. B. George, Joe George, Hap Stambaugh, Robert "Bones" Schuller, Mike Gugliemetti, Harold Vance, Murry Schmieder, Frank Morris, Lloyd Walker, Lloyd Abbott, Bob West, Hugh "Bob" Fuller, Jim Logue, Bill Saville, Bob Seward, Al Gold and yours truly.

Yes, Al Gold and his wife Esther attended for the very first time. I saw Al and Esther in January, 1985 and with a little coaxing Al came. It was the first time Al saw any other trooper since 1946. Al was really thrilled getting acquainted with his old buddies. Al said he will come again next year. Al still lives in Massachusetts. For attending for the first time, Joe and Zola George presented them with a gorgeous hand made ceramic table lamp. It was just great having you with us Al.

Al and Esther drove to New Jersey to my home and we drove to Pittsburgh together. It was great spending four days with Al and Es. Mary and I enjoyed it tremendously. And Al looks great, darn it. He has all his black hair and he is very trim. He said that's due to playing golf and tennis. See you next year Al.

Murry Schneider flew in from New York and Bob Fuller flew in from Texas. We finally realized that rank doesn't mean anything anymore. Just the comradeship of being together. You have to believe that when our C.O. drove to the airport to pick up P.F.C. Schneider. I told Murry I would mention this fact.

The first day of the Reunion is mostly spent in the hospitality room where we anxiously greet one another. Many of us were there until 1:00 A.M.

Saturday, we all met at breakfast. At 10:00 A.M., the troopers convened to the hospitality room for our business meeting and the ladies went sightseeing and shopping. After much discussion, it was voted to hold the 1986 Reunion at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, with Charlie and Bobbie Fox as our hosts. Surprised Charlie? Lloyd Abbott tried hard to take us to Oklahoma. Maybe next year Lloyd.

Abbott and Ellsworth returned to Europe with the 69th Division and retraced some of the old route we took during the war. They eventually wound up in Torgau on the Elbe River and met our Russian counterpart. Lloyd took many slide pictures of the trip so it was as if we were there with them. It was very interesting. Thanks Abbott.

At 6:00 P.M. we had our banquet consisting of a prime rib dinner. Again, as last year, Boyd Ellsworth asked all the troopers to give a short resume of what had happened to each

one during the past year. Each trooper had a few remarks to add to everyone's enjoyment. D. B. George and I reported that we both retired. Mary and I purchased a new home in Florida, so now we'll spend our winters in the sun.

Our hosts, Joe George and his beautiful wife Zola, kept the hospitality room constantly supplied with all sorts of cheeses, salami, pepperoni, potato chips, pretzels, cookies, peanuts and candies. When one tray of food was finished, it was replaced with another tray. Joe and Zola were just perfect hosts. Joe, stay well. We need you. Again, many thanks to both of you.

On Sunday morning we all fell out for breakfast at 9:00 A.M. and again we said our goodbyes until next year.

If you permit me, I would just like to add that in March, 1985, we had a Mini Recon Troop Reunion at my home in Kissimmee, Florida. Mary and I came down for a couple of months. Hank Weiman came down on a vacation. I phoned Gordie Ewing and Paul Fowler and believe it or not, Ralph Stafura drove up from Vero Beach. He was a sight for sore eyes. I tried reaching Doc Schlotter and Barry Sheldon, who live close by. We all had a very pleasant day to remember. I am in the phone book if any troopers come down.

Well, that's it until next time.

Michael Moscaritolo
69th Recon Troop

Company H 273rd Infantry

Jacob "Jake" Stark, Jr.

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Enhaut
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This is Company H, 273rd Infantry report from the Williamsburg Reunion. We again had a good showing. The following were there:

Charles and Barbara Attara, Clifton, New Jersey (First Time)
Robert and Maxine Haag, Indianapolis, Indiana (First Time)
Anthony and Elizabeth Mruk, Elmira Heights, New York (First Time)

John and Arylene Mowery, Charleston, West Virginia
Elijah and Jacqueline Sams, Pinnacle, North Carolina
Murray and Helene Schulman, Queens Village, New York
Raymond and Helen Szkudlarek, Toledo, Ohio (Tri-State Reunion Chairman)

Sam Grubbs, Allison Park, Pennsylvania
Jake and Violet Stark, Enhaut Steelton, Pennsylvania

I did not find out until this Reunion that Haag, Sams and Schulman were three of nine GI's that were in Russia in 1955, 10 years after the link-up. I had seen Schulman for the first time at a Reunion in Atlantic City about 25 years ago and met Sams at the Reunion in Harrisburg 5 years ago; and Haag, Attara and Mruk for the first time. I wish some of our former Buddies would read this and make it their business to get to the Reunions. They do not know what they are missing. They will say next time but their is no next time for some of us. The list gets smaller every year and they do not know what they are missing just to see one Buddy after 40 years.

I received a letter from Bill Hawthorne, Co. H, 273rd, from Marshall, Texas. He was in my squad and I met him for the first time in Florida. He had his hips operated on and had a massive stroke and hasn't walked since last September. May God bless you Bill and pray that God helps you to make a speedy recovery and that you will walk again. We will pray for you.

Sincerely,
Jake Stark, Jr.

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461st AAA Battery B

Larry W. Brown
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The West Coast 461st Battery-B Reunion was held at Coeur D'Alene, Idaho in June, 1985.

Don and Gerry Castellaw were the hosts and did a wonderful job.

One day was spent cruising the lake, sightseeing - and those that wanted to fish did so.

We had a lovely dinner on a floating restaurant one evening.

At the banquet **Don** showed movies of their trip to China and also other interesting trips.

Thank you **Gerry and Don** for a super job and taking the time to show us all the sights.

See you in San Francisco in 1987.

Richard and Helen Essacson, Chairmen 1987
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Editor's Note: Larry, what about 1986 Reunion which should be in the east?

724th Field Artillery B-Battery

Al Bukovec, Chairperson
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Thank you for the publicity in the 69th Division Bulletin in regards to the Reunion of Baker Battery, 724th Field Artillery Battalion, that was held in Ohio, during the first weekend in October, 1985. It was a never to be forgotten three days. My only regret is that we did not have more time to spend together. I have a mailing list of forty-eight past Battery members. Before the Reunion I heard from thirty-eight fellows. Thirty-three attended the Reunion. Eleven were at a Battery Reunion for the first time in forty years. Boy, did we have a lot to talk about. Everyone looked just great.

Those who attended our get-together for the first time were:

Louis and Paul Adams, Weirton, West Virginia
Berry Bookout, Brea, California
Betty and David Coons, Lowell, Michigan
Alma and Claude Dundore, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania
Phillip O. Hawkins, Marina Del Ray, California
Ralph Nuckolls, Ridgecrest, California
Con D. Retherford, Salem Oregon
Jo Ellen and Donald Riddle, Orange City, Florida
Robert Smithson, Oak Harbor, Washington
Dick Paumier, North Canton, Ohio
Mike Sikish, Mansfield, Ohio

Phil Hawkins came from Finland, where he had a second home.

The others that attended, and we do see a little more often:

Ida and Jack Adams, Lorain, Ohio
Carole and Sidney Apfelbaum, Sunbury, Pennsylvania
Edith and Charles Becker, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Maureen and George Bosnich, Hammond, Indiana

Millie and Al Cagno, Tampa, Florida
Jo and Rick Cagno, Tampa, Florida
Marie and Ed Camp, Lakewood, New Jersey
Norma and Victor Ferrone, Brooklyn, Ohio
Margaret and Kenneth Fredrehsen, Walnut, Iowa
Margaret and Lewis Green, West Chester, Pennsylvania
Helen and Thomas Heath, Brockport, New York
"Squeak" and Jack Houston, Cincinnati, Ohio
Chris and Edward Kaasmann, Staten Island, New York
Shirley and Paul Koeninger, Cincinnati, Ohio
Evelyn and Mike Losh, Lorain, Ohio
Priscilla and John Oesch, Salineville, Ohio
Donna and Nels Parson, Washington, Virginia
Dolly and John Pierce, Reading, Pennsylvania
Helen and Roy Thompson, Roanoke, Virginia
Jo and Larry Whelan, Covington, Kentucky
Ruth and Henry Wietmarschen, Cincinnati, Ohio
Gladys and Al Bukovec, Euclid, Ohio

As you can see, we had a terrific attendance for this Reunion and it was well worth the effort to make it possible. I can't explain the great feeling everyone had renewing old acquaintances. Maybe I will be able to locate a few more "lost" Battery members before our next Reunion. I certainly hope so. Once again **Clarence**, thanks for your help and the excellent article in the Division Bulletin. I'm sure it was a factor in our successful Reunion.

Have A Great Year,
Al Bukovec

724th Field Artillery C-Battery

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We had a great Reunion this time at the Holiday Inn in St. Clairsville, Ohio, September 27-29, with some early arrivals on September 26. Comradery, fellowship and joviality prevailed throughout the Reunion.

There were ten Battery C men and eight wives plus **Earl Witzleb** of Company E, 273rd Infantry and his wife, **Dottie**. **Earl and Dottie** were welcome additions to Battery C. Some were first-timers whom we had not seen since about June, 1945. Some "regulars" could not attend because of illness and prior commitment.

Our hospitality room was busy for hours on Friday and Saturday with much chatting, talking over old times, looking through albums and other photographs, and other memorabilia. Several visited the nearby mall.

On Friday evening we went as a group to the local Red Bull Inn for dinner. On Saturday afternoon we went as a group to nearby, Wheeling, West Virginia for the public excursion the paddlewheel boat "Valley Voyager" on the Ohio River, then to the Fostoria Glass clearance store in Moundsville. When we returned to the Holiday Inn we enjoyed a cocktail party hosted by **John and Gladys Heliseva** in their room.

We assembled at 7:00 P.M. in the Holiday Inn Old Trail Room for our banquet, enjoying delicious food and drinks. **Earl Witzleb** spoke to us regarding the 69th Division Reunion in Pittsburgh in August 1986. We decided to have our next Battery C, 724th F.A. Reunion together with the Division Reunion

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DIVISION ASSOC. CHAPTER GROUP MEETINGS

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in Pittsburgh. **Irving Eder** spoke briefly and passed out copies of the History of the 724th F.A. Bn. to all of us. With **Phillip Maines** as operator, we enjoyed a VCR tape showing 69th Infantry Division action during the ending days of World War II in Europe. This tape was obtained by **Robert Hollister** of our Battery C and passed on to **Vernon Tritch** for our viewing. **Robert** had to cancel reservations for this Reunion because his wife, **Margaret**, was in the hospital. We hope she is all well and at home again now.

On Sunday morning we "assembled" in the Holiday Inn dining room for a leisurely breakfast, said our good-byes, and departed looking forward to Pittsburgh in 1986.

Attending this Battery C, 724th F.A. Bn. Reunion were:
Irving Eder, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

S. John and Gladys Heliseva, Newfield, New York
Coy and Erline Horton, Burlington, North Carolina
Robert and Libby Inyart, Charleston, Illinois
Eugene and Mary Kissell, Shadyside, Ohio
Phillip and Gertrude Maines, Clarendon, Pennsylvania
E. John ("Rosie") Rosenbrock, North Hollywood, California
Vernon and Mary Tritch, Middletown, Pennsylvania
John and Neta Turner, Atlanta (Decatur), Georgia
Anthony and Grace Visconti, Brooklyn, New York
Earl and Dottie Witzleb, Acme, Pennsylvania



St. Clairsville, Ohio, September 28, 1985

Far Side, Left to Right: Earl and Dottie Witzleb, Gertrude and Phillip Maines, Robert and Libby Inyart

Near Side, Left to Right: S. John and Gladys Heliseva

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For you history buffs, there is reconstructed Fort Miegs, which has a small charge, or you can visit **Fallen Timbers** or **Turkey Foot Rock**.

The Toledo Zoo is one of the finest in the country and is only a short distance from the motel.

Please bring a beverage of your choice to stock the hospitality room.

Should there be enough interested, I could arrange a visit to **FORDS GRENFIELD VILLAGE**. That would be Friday with scheduled leaving at 8:00 A.M., returning at 3:00 P.M. The cost would be about \$20.00 per person.

COMING FROM THE EAST OR WEST on the OHIO TURNPIKE:

Use **EXIT 4**, turn right. **MOTEL** is on your right after passing traffic signal at **HEATHER DOWNS BOULEVARD**.

COMING FROM THE NORTH:

On **I-75**, exit right at the **MAUMEE**, **TOLEDO ZOO** exit, to **GLENDALE AVENUE**, right on **GLENDALE** to **REYNOLDS ROAD** which is also **U.S. 20**, left on **REYNOLDS** to the **MOTEL** which is on your left.

On **U.S. 24** or **OHIO 25**, enter **I-75 SOUTH** at **PHILLIPS AVENUE**, to **MAUMEE TOLEDO ZOO** exit, right to **GLENDALE AVENUE**, turn right on **GLENDALE AVENUE** to **REYNOLDS ROAD** which is also **U.S. 20**, turn left on **REYNOLDS ROAD** to the **MOTEL** which will be on your left.

On **U.S. 23** or **U.S. 223** Becomes **I-475** to **AIRPORT HIGHWAY EXIT 8 EAST**, right on **AIRPORT HIGHWAY** to **REYNOLDS ROAD** which is also **U.S. 20**, turn right on **REYNOLDS ROAD** to the **MOTEL** which will be on your left.

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On OHIO 2 to U.S. 24, turn left on U.S. 24 which is also the ANTHONY WAYNE TRAIL, to GLENDALE AVENUE, turn right on GLENDALE AVENUE to REYNOLDS ROAD which is also U.S. 20, turn left on REYNOLDS ROAD to the MOTEL which will be on your left.

COMING FROM THE SOUTH:

On U.S. 23, which will become U.S. 20, stay on U.S. 20, the MOTEL will be on your right after passing under OHIO TURNPIKE OVERPASS and traffic signal at HEATHER DOWNS BOULEVARD.

COMING FROM THE WEST:

On U.S. 20 or OHIO 120 take I-475 SOUTH to AIRPORT HIGHWAY EXIT 8 EAST, turn right on AIRPORT HIGHWAY to REYNOLDS ROAD which is also U.S. 20. Turn right on REYNOLDS ROAD to the MOTEL which will be on your left after passing SOUTHWYCK MALL.



Sgt./Major George Hinant: Morton's Battery-Bedford Forrest Cavalry, Department of Tennessee, Confederate States Army



I started doing this about ten years ago. The uniform is an authentic copy of the Civil War artillery uniform. I am a Sgt./Major, and Confederate Artillery Commander for the State of Arizona. We have several cannons around the State. I have 4 cannons, and built the one in this picture. My back yard looks like an Artillery Park, and my neighbors think I am a terrorist.

These guns will fire live rounds and are accurate to about 400 yards. Normally we fire blanks containing 2 ounces of black powder.

There are Civil War Units all over the country. We go to California, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado for battles. Some events we will have as many as 400 troops and 6 guns to a side.

My Battery is Morton's Battery. **John Morton** was Chief of Artillery for Nathan Bedford Forrest Cavalry, operating in Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia. He is considered the greatest military genius the country ever had. **Rommell** came to the United States before World War II and studied **Forrest's** tactics, and used them against the British in North Africa. **Patton** read the same book, God bless him.

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Richard W. Bell Writes:

Richard Bell
Rural Route 2, Box 44
Watertown, South Dakota 57201
Co. D-272nd

It was of extreme interest that I noted you, the Editor, came to the 69th Division from Keesler Field like I did. I came to the Division in a round about way. In 1942 I was a Number 1 Gunner on an 81mm Mortar with the 89th Division at Camp Carson, Colorado. In those days, a gunner had no rank. I was put into the ASTP College program at the University of Chicago, and spent nearly a year there. When I graduated I was accepted into the Aviation Cadet program at Keesler Field, Mississippi. That program folded, and I was sent to the 69th at Camp Shelby, where I drove a mortar jeep. I have stayed in contact with several Company D men, and we have met several times for Mini-Reunions. Our last meeting was at Berwick, Pennsylvania where we had 15 in attendance including Wives. I am retiring from the printing business, and have 4 children and 3 grandchildren.

I well remember the day our train pulled into Camp Shelby, and we got off and assembled to be welcomed by **General Bolte**. I had never seen a General so young, and we thought "who is this young guy?" I was in **Colonel "Buck" Lanham's** 272nd Regiment and there was much discontent in the ranks about being transferred back to the Infantry. **Colonel Lanham** assembled all of us in the theatre one day and read the "riot act" to us. He told the troops they had better shape up and start soldiering and quit the bitching. Believe me, it worked.

I was one of four boys from our family who served in World War II. Two were in the Navy, one was in the Air Corp, and myself. I was the only one who survived the War. I have a picture of the pontoon bridge that you used in the last Bulletin. It was named the Victor Bridge, was 1,370 feet long, and called the "Longest Tactical Bridge in the World." It was a joint Army-Navy venture. It was constructed by the Army 254th Combat Engineers, and the Navy 994th and 998th Treadway Bridge Companies. Navy personnel also transported troops across the Rhine in landing crafts.

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World War II Buddies, first time together in 40 years. Sam Burton and Wilbur Brownlee both of whom served in Service Battery 879th F.A.

Picture furnished by Wilbur Brownlee

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 to Earl E. Witzleb Jr., Box 69, 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 members to know. This may also bring a few new faces, or two, to your group.

APRIL 24, 25, 26, 1986

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Quality Inn — Kennedy Space Center
I-95 and State Road 50
South of
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Editor's Note: It would be nice if other units would do as the 724th F.A. Battery C has done.

MAY 1, 2, 3, 1986

661st T.D. Battalion Weekend
Holiday Inn
516 Baltimore Street
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325

Rates:

\$43.00 Single
\$49.00 Double

Banquet: Saturday, May 3rd at 7:00 P.M.

Committee:

William and Jo Beswick
Post Office Box 576
West Point, Virginia 23181

AUGUST 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 1986

69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNION

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MAIL RESERVATIONS EARLY

JUNE 18, 19, 20, 21, 1986

Tri-State Spring and Fall Combined Weekend
The Family Group invites one and all to:
Toledo Turnpike Motel
Exit 4, Ohio Turnpike
2325 South Reynolds Road
Toledo, Ohio 43614

Featuring Portside Festival Market Place, Dinner and River Boat Cruise, Dinner Theatre.

Committee:

Raymond and Helen Szkudlarek
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Jacob and Violet Stark, Jr.
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Steelton, Pennsylvania 17113
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SEPTEMBER 11, 12, 13, 14, 1986

The above dates have been set and preparations are in progress for C-Battery 880th Reunion to be held at the Sheraton of Greensburg, Pennsylvania. We will try to make it a good one. God Bless you all.

For Information Write:

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SEPTEMBER 19th and 20th, 1986

461st AAA Battery B Weekend Reunion
Leesburg, Virginia

For Information Write:

Dean Ludeman
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Gainesville, Florida 32606

ALL BATTERIES WELCOME

1987 Reunion will be in San Francisco

AUGUST 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 1986

724th Field Artillery, C-Battery

NOTE: To be held in conjunction with the 69th Infantry Division Association Reunion.

Battery C, 724th F.A. Dinner will be on Friday Evening, August 15, 1986.



THE AUXILIARY'S PAGE

by — Dottie Witzleb

P.O. Box 69
Champion, Pennsylvania 15622
412/455-2901 (Evenings after 7:00 P.M. and Weekends)

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT WRITES

Greetings to all the Faithful, Intelligent, Gracious, Humble, Tenacious, Intriguing, Nostalgic, Gallant men and gals of the 69th Infantry Division. A HAPPY AND HEALTHY 1986.

Memories still linger from the Williamsburg Reunion and I am ready for some more when some of us will be attending the Tri-State weekend in June in Toledo and the August Reunion in Pittsburgh.

The doors will be wide open to ALL ladies for the Aux-

iliary meeting Saturday A.M. We always have a good fun time planned. Please don't forget to bring a \$1 or \$2 gift along for exchanging.

Thanks for the memories.

Love to All,
Anna K. Walters
President
Ladies Auxiliary

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Attention Friends of Robert Kremlin

Major Robert Kremlin, formerly of K-Company, 271st Regiment, is confined to the Veteran's Hospital in Syracuse, New York. We are sure he would appreciate communications from former members of his Unit and anyone who knew him through our Association.

His address: **Robert Kremlin**
V.A. Medical Center
800 Irving Avenue, 4th Floor
Syracuse, New York 13210

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Resolution

The following resolution has been proposed and accepted for **CLARENCE MARSHALL**

There has been inscribed on our records, and will be published in our Bulletin, that the entire population of our 1985 General Meeting has resolved that we sincerely appreciate everything you are doing, especially your continued efforts in building the Fighting 69th Infantry Association Personnel to a most impressive number that may well challenge any similar ex-military group.

"THANKS CLARENCE."

Bill Beswick
President Elect



Lieutenant William Robertson pictured with the Russians after link-up on the Elbe. Others in picture not identified.



69er's Mayo, Connely, and Rich pictured with Russians. PICTURES FURNISHED BY MELVIN P. MILLER.

The Following Three Letters Were Received by Ed Lucci from Former Members of His Unit

Dear Eddie,

First of all I will apologize for not answering your letter earlier, and thank you for enclosing **Paul Gornbien's** report.

I read **Paul's** report first and then your letter to me and the memories came flooding back. I had not thought of this for so long that I was "shook" for several hours after reading and then re-reading your letter. I will agree with **Paul** on one point - in that this was the most single horrifying memory of the war.

Your letter is so vivid and so correct, as I remember, that I can add very little to the details.

I know that I was sitting right in the doorway of the barn, leaning back against the door frame watching for your return from the CP. As soon as I saw you, I told **Bill Hoilman**, "here comes Eddie" and then I followed you away from the barn doorway. I moved a few steps to your right and also started to take a "leak." The blast lit and the force lifted and slammed me away and face down. By the time that my head cleared and I could see and think again, the roof of the barn was already down and the fires from the flamethrowers were going and the rounds were cooking off from the heat. I could hear men screaming from inside the barn. I could see a hole in the wall under the edge of the roof and could see someone moving. I crawled in under the edge of the roof and helped two men out thru the hole. I do not know who they were. I started to go back but someone pulled me away from the hole.

These two were the only ones that I could see that were still alive, but I could hear others back under the roof still calling and screaming.

I remember seeing two men on the roof of the barn trying to get back in. That must have been you and **Major Saladin**.

I was not injured in the blast but was in shock so do not remember anything more of that night, but next remember being given a three day pass for R & R to Paris by **Captain Notgrass**. By the time that the pass was over and I returned to the Platoon, replacements had been assigned to replace those who we had lost.

Eddie, I have never seen or heard of a published history of the 69th. Do you know if one has been published, and if so, where or how to get a copy. After so many years, memories are so blurred that I would like to know where all we went and what we did.

Still hoping that someday we can make contact with you. Hope you are well and enjoying life.

Your Buddie,
Charlie Altzman

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Dear Ed,

I plan to come to a Reunion and am foiled each time. This one came at a time when my good wife decided to have a gall attack. She is recovering nicely, but we will remain at home for a time. I hope you had an enjoyable time at the Reunion. **Pierce Rice** said you stopped to visit a moment.

Ed, I have written a manuscript about chasing wild mustangs during the 1930's when you and I were both young. It describes how we captured several different horses under a variety of situations. The Utah State University at Logan, Utah is going to print it for me. I would hope the 69th Associa-

tion would put an item in the Bulletin about it. With this in mind I have asked the Press to send you some advertisement when it comes out that you may see if something could be printed of interest. I would greatly appreciate your consideration of this.

I have enclosed a letter from **Linda Speth** who is in charge of the printing and two reviews of the manuscript. You do not need to return these items.

It is my wish that you and your lovely wife may enjoy each day and the new challenge it brings plus good health which is the main ingredient to happiness.

All the best,
Parley J. Paskett
493 East 100 South
Provo, Utah 84601

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Dear Ed,

When with you in Grimma, Germany, I was on furlough from U.S. Civil Service. After leaving Grimma, I went to Bremen, was assigned with an Intelligence Detachment. Departed from Bremerhaven and was discharged in April '46. Terminated my furlough and went to work at presently known as Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio.

In 1951 working with Mutual Defense Area was sent to Port of Newark, New Jersey to close ETO accounts, worked at an outfit on 5th Avenue in New York City and also saw Macy's parade.

In 1953 was controlling all aircrafts coming off assembly lines, by serial Number Models and Command Bases of assignments. Last part of this year was assigned as a Federal Supply Cataloguer.

In 1960 was selected for the "Medal Program" which means microfilming of Engineering Data for U.S. Air Force Logistic Command. This data was used by the Air Force for procurement, re-manufacturing and etc., plus interchanging with the Army and Navy.

Retired January 7, 1972 with 30 years Service.

Married a former storehelper with W.A.V.E.S. on the same base but under Research & Development Command. She retired in July 1970.

In 1978 her doctor suggested that she move to a drier area. So in May 1979, moved to Citrus Heights, California, just outside Sacramento.

December 1981 she had a stroke that impaired her entire right side, plus speech. We are both doing best for each other. Have no children, but a lot of friends, nieces, nephews and all that.

Hoping that this up-dates you on my past and present.

Yours,
George E. O'Bryan
5643 Cypress Point Drive
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MAIL REUNION RESERVATIONS
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*Company C — 272nd Infantry
Camp Shelby Mississippi — August 1943*



"Taps"

"TAPS"

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

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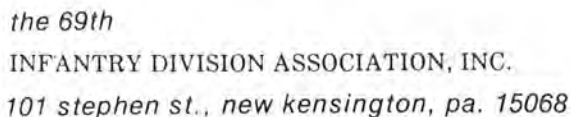
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Message by Donald Cole
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Peace conference

Dear Editor:

On May 1, I was invited to give a speech in Volgograd (formerly Stalingrad), U.S.S.R., at a banquet honoring Soviet and American War Veterans following the big May Day parade. I was in the Soviet Union as part of the 40th Anniversary Journey for Peace, celebrating the link-up of Soviet and American forces on the Elbe River, April 25, 1945, at the end of World War II. I was a squad leader with the 69th Division.

On this spring's journey, I carried letters, resolutions and monetary expressions of support from **Governor Richard Celeste** of Ohio, the Cleveland City Council, Psychologists for Social Responsibility, Rotary International and Cleveland World War II Veterans.

In my speech, I told the gathering veterans: "I have been deeply moved by the terrific suffering of your people in the last war. As veterans, we know that the next war would be even more terrible than the last. And 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 making speeches. Together, we must find specific ways of reducing the tremendous sums being spent on missiles and bombs."

I proposed to them a World Peace conference of Soviet and American social and behavioral scientists to be held in Moscow in October 1987. I asked that Soviets doing peace research contact me so we could begin doing some joint peace projects, and preparing for the 1987 meeting.

Muzafer and Carolyn Wood Sherif found in their famous study on a Connecticut farm that the best way of reducing tensions was to get people working together on projects which neither group could accomplish alone. Perhaps we could begin

to implement this research. I think marching for peace and public demonstrations are fine, and the terrible medical statistics of what would happen in a nuclear war help raise people's consciousness. But the time has come for constructive action.

Those who are conducting related research and would be interested in such a joint conference can contact me at 6501 Wilson Mills Road, Suite K, Cleveland, Ohio 44143.

Donald W. Cole
Cleveland, Ohio

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Donald W. Cole, Company H-273rd Infantry, and the plaque from Rotary International that he presented to the Burgomeister of Torgau Horst Strahle at a reception following the 40th Anniversary celebration of the link-up on the Elbe River.

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