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WELCOME SOUTH

Make "You Alls" plans now to bring the family to the "Gate City of the South" for your vacation this August. Arrangements can be made for baby sitters, so children will be no problem and also the wives will want to attend the activities of the ladies auxiliary so give them a break and bring them along.

Transportation will not be a problem as Atlanta was founded as a transportation center. Today it is served by eight railroads, over fifteen main lines with 92 passenger trains daily. You can fly into and out of Atlanta over ten major air routes. Bus lines provide 320 scheduled arrivals and departures daily. There is no excuse that you can't get to Atlanta.

As for the weather, Atlanta is the second highest large city in the U. S. The altitude is 1,050 and the climate is one of the finest in the country (After all, that is what Jack Randall promised at the last convention). Seldom does the Summer temperature exceed 90° (The Ansley Hotel is Air Conditioned). "YOU ALL" know we only have the best down here in the Rebel country.

Don't be afraid of being out of touch with the rest of the country, as Atlanta is the 10th in Airmail volume, 19th in postal receipts and is the third largest telephone and telegraph center in the World. There are ten radio stations and three television stations, so you can keep up with what is happening in Washington, and if you can read, there are two daily papers."

As to "Where to Go," "What to Do," and "What to See," just leave that to the boys here in the Atlanta Chapter, we will make the arrangements.

Come on down to the Rebel Country and have a whooping, hollering, good time, where you can always brag that you attended the "Biggest" and "Best" 69th Infantry Division Association Convention.

Make your plans now to spend your vacation next year in the "Empire State of the South" and you will know what "Welcome South Brother" really means.

THE BIG FIFTH

Shorter and shorter grows the time 'til we're all due in Atlanta for the great event of the year, on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of August. It is hard to believe, but record confirms it, that this is actually the fifth reunion, an anniversary of sorts, as well as a mark of the swiftness of time's flight. But the further and faster the old days recede into the past, the more heart-warming it becomes to see our friends from those days. There is no magic way for the old company to be drawn up before us, or rather alongside us, for a momentary recreation of the past, and perhaps that is just as well, for that view would lack the golden glow that sentiment at this late date imparts. But the re-union brings us pretty close, and if only the next best thing to reality, without the disillusioning effect of reality. Those of us who attended the previous four know how much this is the case. The new setting for this year's gathering should turn up any number who found the meetings in the north and middle west just out of reach. These newcomers will find out how true what we write here happens to be, if it has not been taken for granted by them with the first stirrings of the feelings that the very prospect of this chance to see old comrades arouses in most of us.

Chief as the fore-going must be in the minds of all of us, the Atlanta Chapter is nevertheless moving might and main to provide us with as much entertainment as we can manage while we're in their city. And the city itself is supporting them in this. The site of a great battle, in the closing years of the War Between the States, Atlanta is eminently suited to be the back-ground for an assembly for us, Atlanta as a goal of sight-seers, the banquet, and all in the company of our companions of seven years ago, is the prospect laid before us.

What you can do in this to make the job of the boys in the Atlanta Chapter a little easier is to get your application in as soon

FIRST VETERAN

The nature of the Republic is such that whoever occupies its highest post remains always and invariably a figure of controversy. Of none more than the present holder of the office could this more truly be said. And such are the ups and downs of the struggle for that lofty and exposed position that even for the little time between the preparation of these lines and their appearance all possibilities of his relation to that struggle must be allowed for. But whatever the scene as you read these lines, and whatever your own view of their subject, there is one side of the President's character and activities that should provoke no disagreement, and is peculiarly suited to discussion in these pages. Often spoken of as perfectly typical of the average man, he is beyond all question the ideal veteran. Each year we are heartened to read of his journey to his division's reunion, an event he apparently never misses. Visitors to the White House year after year tell us, and always to our pleasure, of the decorations on the walls of his office of which he is most fond, the maps of the sector of the Western Front in 1918 where his artillery battalion was in action. Nor does he ever omit mention of the time he spent in his country's forces, when reminiscing on his past, as the high point of that past. Cynics may have their own explanation of this; the writer of these lines, little biased in the President's favour, is absolutely convinced of the fineness of his feelings in this connection. Here we all see eye to eye.

as possible. Processing your letters, that is, making sure we are all seated with our own outfits at the banquet, is one of the real chores of convention running; it can be made easier by not having them all arrive in the last few days, on the very eve of the reunion. The enclosed envelope is pretty clear, we think, so fill it out and get it on its way the minute you can, and you'll be helping a lot.

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THANKS—The response to our request for past dues has been most gratifying to date. We wish to thank you as one who answered our urgent appeal and for your prompt and sincere reply.

REUNION—Are you planning to go to the Convention in Atlanta this year? Dates are August 22, 23 and 24. You can make your reservations at \$6.00 per person for the banquet by sending your check to:

Reunion Committee
69th Infantry Division
Association, Inc.
100 Hunter St., S. W.,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Make plans now to come—to help make this the BIGGEST REUNION yet.

Hq. 2nd Bn. 9th Inf.
APO 248, Care P. M.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear 69ers:

It is my hopes to be leaving Korea in July and if at all possible I'll be there with my favorite outfit Aug. 22, 23 and 24th. July 1st I'll have enough points to Rotate, so I should make it.

Colonel John Lynch (formerly commanding officer 2nd. Bn. of the 273rd) was my Regimental C.O. during the first few months of my tour here in Korea and since Rotated to the States.

You know fellows if my present Regimental C.O. were an ex-69'er, I know I'd be there on time, but nevertheless, I'll try to make it.

In April of '50 I visited Gen. Reinhardt down in San Antonio and then attended the Division Re-union at Washington, D. C., but I was called away before the festivities really began. I hope that this time I can really dig in!!

Buddy,
VERNON BULOT,
(Formerly in Cannon Co.,
273rd Inf.)

P. S.:—I'm not in a spot to make money order now, but I'll take care of that when I see you.

DUES

A great many of you doubtless received the dunning note that was sent out a few weeks ago. At the time it was being prepared some concern was expressed at the likelihood of its reaching paid-up members, who, full of self-righteous indignation, would feel they were being set upon. We want any members, so offended, to know that they are fully credited for their early and prompt response. They haven't really been asked to pay twice; such members, who unreminded, sent their money in when it fell due, are regarded as saints, and the last thing the directors would dream of doing, would be to consciously seem neglectful of these stalwarts, on whom the Association now depends. It happens that these worthies are so outnumbered by those who have yet to get around to this matter that it proved more economical to send these notices to the whole membership, than to screen the roster to eliminate the modest number of those to whom the reminder was not intended to apply.

O. K. The above is to soothe justifiably ruffled feelings.

Now we are concerned about the many not in the innocent position of those here apologized to, all the members of the second group, the unpaid, to whom the letter was by all means intended, but whom the letter failed to reach. This is your reminder. Get your money in as soon as you can, will you? The Association has plenty of difficulty managing, and the difficulty is chiefly due to the fact that an effort is made to accommodate the entire membership on the dues of the few that pay on time. It is as much fairness to them as anything that occasions this reminder. The foregoing stems from the best of intentions. So, everybody forgive us, and everybody (that should) send in his two dollars.

The New York Chapter, which busies itself with an active program apart from its meetings, attended a night baseball game between the St. Louis Cardinals and the New York Giants, a success in that the home team won, and in that fifty dollars was collected for the chapter's welfare fund, by selling that number of tickets at a dollar more than the regular charge.

**DON'T FORGET
FIFTH ANNUAL
REUNION
ANSLEY HOTEL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
August 22, 23 & 24**

Send Us A Post Card

The papers tell us that this summer will see a larger number of Americans going abroad than was ever before the case. This isn't true, of course; the year we all went abroad remains the record year. (We trust for an indefinite period). Anyway, we know what they mean, and that isn't the point we have in mind here. What we're interested in is the members of this second bunch who were members of that first bunch, in particular the Sixty-Ninth Division. Those of you who are planning such a trip doubtless will give some thought to taking a look at some of the sites made memorable on the previous trip. If you do succeed in reaching any of them, in England, in Belgium, or in Germany, how about letting the rest of us know? Drop a line to the Association telling us what you saw, and how you found it; you'll provide a real treat to the stay-at-homes.

GEORGIA CHAPTER

The Atlanta Chapter of the 69th Division Association is working with National President Cliff Ewing to complete plans for fun for all and the biggest reunion convention yet held.

Some fifty former 69'ers live in or around Atlanta with many additional members expected to be picked up as convention time gets underway. A large part of this group is taking active part in the many arrangements necessary for such a convention as will be held this year.

The Atlanta Chapter has met on a monthly basis throughout the past year with the exception of one meeting night. Meetings are held usually at one of the members' restaurant at which time the business matters of the Chapter are discussed and then the ex-infantry men go into discussions of the "Division Days" or current happenings among their jobs, business or families.

The Chapter is looking forward to seeing many of its former buddies at the convention and urges every former member of the 69th Division whether with it in the States or overseas to pack up in August and come on down to Atlanta, Ga.

"Welcome South Brother!"

Members of K. Co., 273d will be pleased to learn of a wedding recently brought to our notice: Bob Maloney, of that company, was married on May 4th to Mary Keenan. The bride comes from the groom's home town, Jackson Heights, Queens, N. Y. And members of Co. E, 273d will be happy to know that Bill Matlach very recently was married to Jane Poser, both from Westchester and now residing at 213-17 73rd Ave., Bayside Long Island, N. Y. Best wishes to both these couples.

HI-LIGHTS

By Hy Goldstein

Another issue of our Bulletin is about due and this time I have waited before preparing this column. You who read my last column probably wondered about some of the things I alluded to . . . the world series in January, etc. All who knew of it were sorry to learn of the illness of our President. Cliff, I'm happy you're feeling better and sincerely hope that you have no more of the same . . . In our daily encounter with life's trials and tribulations we are all prone to feel somewhat depressed and think that we are getting the worst of it. It could be worse!!! Take the case of Jacob S. McLain, formerly of Co. G, 172, now a P. O. W. in North Korea. As a replacement assigned to Co. C, 38 Inf., 2nd Division he was captured in the vicinity of Chowon-ni, South Korea, on January 5, 1951. Georgia (Mrs. Jake) received her fourth letter from him on March 2, 1952, in which he described the straw thatched mud hut in which he is living while wearing patted cotton clothing. His meals—one just rice and the other either turnips or rice. And Jake asked his wife to be sure to send in his dues to our Association. It was the unanimous opinion of the Board of Directors to return this check. It was done. Any objections? . . . Some of the wives in or out of our Ladies Auxiliary might write a note to Georgia McLain, 3b S. Van Buren, Batavia, Illinois . . . Does anyone know where Lt. Col. Walter B. Nichols can be reached. Mail addressed to him has been returned by the Post Office. . . . John R. Fain, Co. F, 273, now residing at Shady Acres Park, Rt. 1, Aiken, South Carolina, thrilled about the 1952 Convention in Atlanta is driving from his home and wants to have the company of two others who want a ride. Thanks John for the offer and especially for taking time out to write us so we can pass it on . . . Ray Fahrner, Co. A, 273, 301 Evans Ave., Willow Grove, Pa., is planning on seeing you all in Atlanta. How about you other guys from his company? . . . Ted Shelly, Co. E, 272 was all alone last year and I know how disappointed he must have felt. How about some representation this year in Atlanta from you who remember Ted. Write him a note that you're coming and want to see him there. His address, 706 S. McDonel St., Lima, Ohio. A sad note: Daniel D. Cunningham, Co. I, 273, was KIA in Korea. He now lies buried in Baxter, West Virginia. His buddy throughout the campaign in Europe, Berlin V. Conrad, 4028 Grover Ave., Hammond, Indiana, learned of Dan's death when he visited Dan's home . . . Bob Silberg and John Harris are working to get a large contingent from Washington Down South. They can be reached at 922 14th St., N. W., Wash., D. C. . . . Bill W. Crain, Attorney at Law, WeWaka, Oklahoma, will be in Atlanta if it is at all possible. He sends his regards to General Reinhardt and

all former members of the Division. . . . A note from Anton J. Grimm, Co. H, 271, now residing at 3138 N. Kolmar, Chicago, Ill. He went down to Biloxi, Miss. Heard rumors that Camp Shelby was to be reopened. He asked for another Division History. We have them and I'll send one on to him. Does anyone else want a Division History? Send in your 50 cents and I'll get it off . . . Ken Ross, President of 24th Infantry (Victory) Division Association has kindly put our name on the mailing list of his Association's Bulletin, "Taro Leaf". He asks for a copy of our Bulletin so that it may be displayed at the next convention of the 24th. . . . Some fellows are still writing to us Care P. O. Box 68, Bowling Green Station, New York City. Please note that many letters so addressed probably never will reach us. Our correct and permanent address is 135 Broadway, New York 6, N. Y. . . . Another fine gesture worth reporting—from a really swell guy, John A. Dragan, Co. G, 272, 319 Roselle St., Linden, N. J. John didn't attend our convention in Cleveland and can't come to Atlanta because of business commitments. But, he sent in a check for a plate at the Banquet for J. W. Smith. Thanks, John. . . . Rowland J. Moore, Cn Co, 272, now residing at 7074 Navy Street (An Army Man?) Detroit 9, Mich. kindly sent in the names and addresses of Kenneth Johnson, Joseph Johnston, David A. Jones, Clifton Peters, Jr., Frank Sniadecki, Charles K. Vonhew and Grahame W. White, all formerly Cn Co. Your old CO, Maj. Joe Lipsius, is now president of the Atlanta Chapter, our hosts for the coming Convention. Let's see you there . . . Thanks, John Simanton for sending in NEXT year's dues. Larry Kolarik's letter sure touched the hearts of the 69ers for many have sent in money that would probably have let the time slip by without realizing that they are in arrears. . . . John J. Mockler, I'll see that you get ALL the Bulletins from now on. We are overhauling the mailing lists. T'aint apathy but just a real BIG JOB. How about your getting to work on arrangements to bring a large contingent from Cleveland to our next convention in Atlanta. If you need the lists for that area I'll be glad to send them on to you. . . . John M. Hicklike, 148 Park Terrace, Statesville, N. C. is presently occupied as a musician. Anyone in that area needing a musician for some festive occasion, you've got John's address. . . . Chas. E. Locke moved to 212 E. Clinton Ave., Oaklyn 6, N. J. Good luck in your new home . . . Good luck to Earl Thews in his new home, 415 Collins Court, Elkhart, Indiana. Earl, I wish I could help you with the address of your buddy, Mac from Sv Co, 273. Mac, if you read this get in touch with Earl . . . Bill Sheavly, Co. M, 271, wrote a short note but a nice one. It means so much when a fellow adds a few words in friendly fashion when sending in his dues or writing us for any reason whatsoever. We're always glad to hear from you.

Thanks, Bill. . . . Former buddies of Robert E. Coichetti will be saddened to know that Bob (Co. H, 272) died of pneumonia last November 29th. His sister, Mary, asked us to notify his friends. She lives at 198 Saratoga Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. . . . Another man from Co. H, 272, Donald McGee just returned from service and is living at Wheatland, Cal. . . . Johnny Mulroy, does your invitation to Larry Kolarik to call you at your office, Regent 9-800 or at your home Conshohocken 6-1132 if he gets to Philadelphia, apply to the rest of us? . . . Johnny Vaughn, in Korea this time last year, is looking forward to August in Atlanta . . . Thomas J. Ellis, 6955 East End Ave., Chicago, Ill., sent in something extra "For the Good of the Organization." Orchids to you Tommy. . . . Some more bad news, Mrs. E. Mattingley wrote simply that Victor L. Mattingley, late of 2635 E. William, Decatur, Illinois, is now deceased . . . John C. McCabe, Co. K, 273, will be at Atlanta . . . William D. Schaaf, Box 547, Ronkonkoma, N. Y. (Btry B, 39 FA Bn) works for the Long Island Railroad. His wife, too, enjoys reading our Bulletin. Most wives do . . . Lou Sarube, thanks, thanks again. . . . Charles P. Shimp, your wife, Winnie, has a very beautiful handwriting. . . . And from all the way out in the Pacific, 2103 Nuuanu Ave., Honolulu 17, T. Hawaii, Bill F. Eng sent in his dues. . . . Carlos A. Terreforte, 527 W. 157 St., New York 32, N. Y. is doing well with a travelling dance band. His work has kept him from attending any of our previous conventions but he is not unmindful of the work we are doing and he has sent in something extra for our welfare fund. Muchos gracias amigo, Carlos. . . . Peggy Thompson, Donald is paid up. You're another with a beautiful handwriting. Maybe we can get you and Winnie Shimp to write some letters for us someday. Do I hear from any other volunteers? . . . It was good to see Mike Farco at a meeting of the New York Chapter recently. But why didn't you come to the New York Chapter picnic? That was a real success. The children got together like a bunch of old buddies. They remembered last year and the wonderful time they had. And they remembered "Uncle" Sherm Lawrence. Sherm put on his Indian regalia and the kids really whooped it up. . . . Any buddy driving through Fitchburg, Mass. should fill up on gasoline and oil at Roland's Servicenter, owned by our own Roland Trainque. . . . Edson N. Stagg, 8 Herman St., East Patterson, New Jersey, why don't you tell us more about your family? How many children do you have? Good luck to you, too. . . . Mr. Chris P. Fox, an honorary member, and father of the late Chris Jr. (Co. G, 273) insists upon our accepting his "Dues." That gentleman can really write a column!!! . . . We haven't heard a word from General Reinhardt in too long. Sincerely hope that all is well. . . . See you in Atlanta. HY.

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