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News From The Editor's Desk

by — Clarence Marshall

Robert Wallworth, 2448 Raleigh Drive, San Jose, California 95124 — C-272nd: I went over the list of the Association members that were in C-Company, 271st and unfortunately, did not recognize any of the names. It is so many years since I was in the 69th that I may have been wrong in my assumption that I was in C-271st. If you are going to put something regarding my search for 69th men who went to the 34th Division, maybe you could mention that I am not sure about my Unit. The only names that I can remember are: Company Commander Captain Carter, Weapons Platoon Leader Lieutenant Apple, Private Williams, Private Lephew, and Private Savarese. If anyone remembers any of these men, maybe I can find out what Company and Regiment I was with. These men were all original members of the 69th. The only one that I am sure went to the 34th is Williams, and I don't know if he made it back.

I must congratulate you and the rest of the Association leadership for having such an active and organized Association. I only wish that the 34th Division Association was as interested in helping find missing buddies. I suppose that it is because the Division was a National Guard Unit, and most of the original members came from Iowa and Minnesota.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: You don't say whether you are in contact with the 34th Infantry Division Association, but if you aren't, the contact person is Mr. James L. Huyck, R.R. #1, Camp Dodge, Grimes, Iowa 50111.)

DO YOU REMEMBER THIS SOLDIER?????

As most of you know that pay your dues by mail, I do send along a little note with your membership card and occasionally a small letter. I recently received dues from a member and noted that his Unit was listed as Chaplain 273rd, so I took the liberty to invite this person to our Reunion in Niagara Falls and honor us with a prayer at the Banquet. The following is his reply:

Bob Kurtzman

Dear Bob,

I am deeply honored by your invitation to take an active part in the Niagara Falls Reunion of the 69th Infantry Division Association. Regretably, I am not physically able to take any extended leaves, even for a few days. I was with the 273rd Regiment at Camp Shelby and left for the ETO before the 69th Division left for overseas. I spent my combat time with the 79th Infantry Division-Cross of Lorraine. I spent 26 years in the Army, and retired in 1969 as a Brigadier General. Then spent 15 years as a Pastor in a Parish. I had my second retirement in 1985 which was more due to cancer operation. I am now living in a retired Priest's home in the Bridgeport Diocese.

You have no idea how pleased I would be to be able to be with the lads at Niagara Falls, if my health permitted me. Please give my regards to the Comrades at Arms. Maybe some will remember me. I always admired General Charles Bolte, our Commanding General, on my first assignment, and to me, always a symbol of a U.S. Army General. I'm enclosing a check

for \$100.00 to be used for the needs of the Association. Say a prayer for me.

Yours in Christ,

Msgr. Alphonse J. V. Fiedorczyk
Queen of Clergy Home
128 Strawberry Hill Avenue
Stamford, Connecticut 06904-1222

Msgr. Fiedorczyk was born in 1910 in New Britain, Connecticut, and was ordained as a Priest in 1935, and entered the Service in 1943. His first assignment was with the 69th at Camp Shelby. In World War II, he served with the 79th Infantry Division. Later he served two tours in Korea, once as Division Chaplain of the 24th Infantry Division, and served two post War tours in Germany, one as Division Chaplain 3rd Armored Division under General Creighton Abrams (who was later Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army). Stateside assignments were Student Chaplain School Harvard University, Camp Shelby, Mississippi, Camp Pickett, Virginia, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, Hq. Sixth U.S. Army Presidio San Francisco, California, and Post Chaplain Ft. McClellan, Alabama.

Decorations: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, French Croix de Guerre (with Fouragere), World War II Campaign Medal (with four battle stars), World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, and Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

Parish Assignments: Sacred Heart, New Britain, Connecticut, St. Thomas, Thomaston, Connecticut, St. Mary's, Middleton, Connecticut, and Holy Name, Stamford, Connecticut, from which he retired in 1985.

I hope that some of you will remember Msgr. Fiedorczyk and drop him a line, and if you happen to live in the Stamford area, drop in and visit with him. The \$100.00 donation from Monsignor or should I say Brigadier General Fiedorczyk, has been designated for use in the Overseas Flower Fund.

Bob Kurtzman
Treasurer

William T. McCague, 1327 35th Avenue, San Francisco, California 94122 — G-271st: Had a Reunion here with Dave Allen in San Francisco, after 40 years of keeping it touch with Christmas Cards. Thus I learned of the Association. If you have a roster of names of members, I would enjoy having it to look for ones that were familiar to me. I was in G-271st, and I'd particularly like to know if you have the address for Robert Freeland.

R. Keith Mann, 12507 Indian Wells Drive, Houston, Texas 77066 — Hq. 3rd Bn., 271st: Enclosed is a copy of a letter I sent William Graham about one of his former 69th buddies. I thought you might want to put this in the Bulletin for other readers who may have known Bernard Wilson. Also, I would appreciate receiving information about the 69th Division Rings. We have not been able to attend any of the Reunions since New Orleans, and it looks as though other travel plans are going to preclude our being at Niagara Falls. However, there's Lexington next year, and maybe San Antonio or Colorado Springs in '89. Whenever a news Bulletin arrives, I drop everything and read every word. Keep up the good work.

Letter to William Graham:

This letter is in response to your request for information as to the whereabouts of four former members of Cannon Company, 272nd, whose pictures were published in the 69th Division Bulletin for January-April, 1987. One of these men, Bernard Wilson, is known to me. I regret to inform you and his other former Comrades, that Barney lost his life in a helicopter crash in Alaska during the summer of 1976. I did not know

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Barney when we were in the 69th, because we were in different Regiments. We met many years later as fellow employees of Shell Oil Company; however, we did not realize that we had both served in the 69th until 1974, when we began working in the same Division Office.

After his discharge from the Army, **Barney** resumed his studies at the University of Miami, graduating in 1946 with a degree in Geology. He joined Shell in 1954 beginning a 22 year career of research and exploration for new oil and gas reserves which continued to the day he was killed. **Barney** and two other Shell geologists were conducting a field reconnaissance program when their helicopter crashed into a mountainside. There were no survivors. Shell Oil Company lost three valued employees that day, but to those of us who knew them, the loss was personal and painful. **Barney's** family had his ashes scattered from the air over the rugged Alaskan landscape, where he had spent many personally rewarding days in the pursuit of his chosen profession.

Willard G. Hager, 103 South Ridge Road, Perkasio, Pennsylvania 18944 — A-271st: I saw in the Legion Magazine that the 69th Infantry Division is having a Reunion in September of 1987. I took basic training with the 69th at Camp Shelby, Mississippi from May of '43 till March of '44. I left for overseas as an Infantry Replacement and was assigned to the 83rd Infantry Division. I would like to know if you have the names of any men from A-271st that I would recognize. I would like to attend the Reunion if others that I knew would come. I am 62 years old, and would like to see some of those Army buddies from the 69th again.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Company A-271st normally has representation at our Reunions, but whether the ones that come served with it during your time period, we can't make a promise on that).

Kenneth D. Hull, 8623 Starcrest Drive, Apt. X-10, San Antonio, Texas 78217 — I-272nd: For years I wondered if the Fighting 69th was ever going to hold a Reunion, then, only yesterday in our Sunday paper, I noted under the Military Reunions that there would be one this coming September. I was a member of I-272nd, and since coming home from Europe in the spring of 1946, I have only run into one man that served in the Division. This was back years ago. I would very much appreciate having any and all information on this coming event, so please give me what dope you can as soon as you can. If at all possible, I will make every attempt to be there, at least for some of the days. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Frank Gurrieri, 333 DeWitt Avenue, Belleville, New Jersey 07109 — C-881st: I was a member of the 3 B's from April 1943 to April 1946. I am proud to shout that I was with the Fighting 69th Infantry Division. I hope some day to spend a Reunion with you fellows, but because of stomach problems, I just can't get around too much.

I enjoy the 69th Bulletin very much. I am looking for some buddies, and I'll give you as much information as I can. I was in C-Battery of the 881st, in the Signal portion. I was under the command of a **Captain Calvert**, 1st Sergeant was **Price**, and the Lieutenants were **Reid** and **Shipkey**. I was mostly in the Forward Observer group with these fellows. I am enclosing a picture of myself and some of my buddies, hoping some reader might help me with identifications. Tentative identification for 3 in the picture are **Sergeant Meldorf** (Mess Sergeant), **Sergeant Paul Molinari**, and a fellow named **Jones**. I hope that someone from C-881st can pick this up. I sure would like to get in touch with some of these men.

I enjoy the Bulletin very much, and am always looking

forward to receiving it. Please send me some names and addresses of men from C-881st, and I will gladly correspond with them. Again thank you for the great Bulletin, and keep up the good work. If I am able soon, my wife and I would like to spend a Reunion with you. Thank you for the great memories.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Gurrieri's picture appears elsewhere in this issue. He has been sent addresses for Arthur Shipkey and an Albert Jones who served in C-881st).

John E. Burt, Box 1202, Bayamon, Puerto Rico 00619 — M-271st: After a quick look through the Bulletin, I believe it was Company M-271st that I served with. I remember **Captain John W. Rooney**, 1st Lieutenant **Williams**, and 1st Sergeant **Ross** from Camp Shelby. I left the 69th and was sent overseas just before the invasion. I was then assigned to the 29th Infantry Division (Blue & Gray).

Robert Sipe, 401 Park Village, Shelby, Ohio 44825 — G-273rd: Read in your last Bulletin a letter from **Arthur Shinder**. I knew a man by that name in Germany. I would like to hear from **Al Aronson** and **Joe Pagamibon**. I am single, and retired. I would like to hear from any other members in my area.

William A. Lawrence, 420 North Chestnut, Apt. 307, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15202 — Hq. 1st Bn.-273rd: I just finished reading the Bulletin, and you ask if the 69er I knew was a member of the Association. The answer is No. I met him last fall when I went fishing with my brother. I hadn't seen him for many years. I gave him one of the old copies of the Bulletin that I had, and asked him to join at that time. I assumed that he had and looked for his name in the "New Men Relocated" column. I think he was in the Medics in either the 271st or 272nd Regiment. He is **David J. Wharrey** of Sewickley, Pennsylvania. Hope you can get him to join.

Walter W. Haag, 420 Paramount Drive, Millbrae, California 94030 — B-881st: Just received the 1st quarter 69th Bulletin, and it is great. At last year's Reunion in Pittsburgh one of my ex-buddies mentioned that **Emil H. Matys** formerly of Chester, Pennsylvania was in Reno, Nevada. While in Reno for a few days, I phoned the only **Matys** listed, and a woman answered and turned out to be his ex-wife. She gave me his address in Elko, Nevada. Maybe you can get him to sign up and send him the latest Bulletin. Would like to get him to Niagara Falls in September.

William L. Lambert, Route 1, Box 162-A, Bogalusa, Louisiana 70427 — B-369th: Thank you for sending the information about the 69th Infantry Division. After being out of contact for so long, it was indeed a great pleasure to read about what is going on in the Association. A special thanks for the list of men in Co. B, 369th Medical Bn. Sorry about the wrong information I have you about the Collecting Company. I realized this shortly after our phone conversation, and planned to advise you of this. Companies "A", "B", and "C" were Collecting Companies representing the "271st," "272nd," and "273rd" Infantry Regiments respectively.

After you gave me some names on the phone of Company B men, I have talked to **James Hopkins** of Fayetteville, Tennessee and **Hollis Landrum** of Philadelphia, Mississippi. It brought back good memories. I am sending my membership application for the Association to **Mr. Robert J. Kurtzman** today.

Paul G. Green, 25 Oakhurst Drive, Natchez, Mississippi 39120 — Div. Hq.: I read the Bulletin from the Fighting 69th Infantry Division with interest with each issue. I have always wondered about friends that I had in the Division; and I

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have never run across any of their names. I joined the 69th in Camp Shelby after leaving ASTP at Manhattan College in New York City. I entered the Tank Company in the 273rd Regiment, and after being in that Unit for several months, I was transferred to Division Headquarters in the Chemical Section. I was with Sergeant Ed Heller and Sergeant Bradford Dodd. I have tried on several occasions to renew acquaintances with them and other friends, and to date, have never made any contact. If you would run this letter in the Bulletin, maybe some of them would recognize it and write to me.

I would love to attend some of the annual Reunions, but I would like to have some idea if any of my former friends were going to be there. I remained with the 69th until they came back from overseas, and was discharged at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. During my time with the 273rd Regiment, I remember Francis Holje from Hartford, Connecticut and Edward Cann from Chicago, Illinois. Also a man by the name of Kiker, whom I think was from the Carolina's. If anyone remembers me, I would love to hear from them, and I would assure them of a return letter.

Hugh M. Colvin, 3403-B Avenida Madera, Bradenton, Florida 33507 — L-273rd: This past December on a cool 55 degree morning, I had a golf cart passenger and I mentioned the stinging sensation in my fingers was the result of a cold February spent in Germany in innumerable fox holes and bunkers. My rider asked: "What Division?" I said the 69th, and this to both of our amazements, meant we had each found our 1st 69th Division member since leaving the Army. When I asked if he was on the mailing list, he said yes. He said he served in Division Headquarters Special Services. Thus, did I meet Merl V. Downing. I asked him if he knew Clarence Marshall, and he said yes. In fact, I'm the guy who pulled him out of the truck when he ran over a mine. I doubt that he ever knew it though. I meant to write you of this three months ago. This morning Merl and I finished our 6th golf lesson and I confirmed that he had received the latest Bulletin, Vol. 40, No. 2. It's a small world, after all. Keep up the good work. You are appreciated.

Clifford E. Ewing, 6092 Prestige Valley Drive, Morrow, Georgia 30260 — 769th Ord.: I have missed getting to see you at the latest two Reunions, but I am looking forward to being present at Niagara Falls this year. Last year after looking forward to getting to Pittsburgh, I fell on April 28th and broke my ankle in 3 places. I was grounded for the next few months, and am still having to walk with a decided limp. The bone doctor says I will probably have trouble for at least another year. Please note my new address in Morrow, Georgia, which is a few miles south of the Atlanta Airport. I will be on level ground at my new address, and not on a steep hill like the past. I hope all has been going better for you.

George J. Wolff, 1132 Forest Drive North, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29582 — A-271st: I am a former member of the 69th Infantry Division, Company A-271st. I went overseas with the Division, and was wounded during our advance on Leipzig, Germany. I noticed in the Legion that the 69th is having a Reunion, and your name was noted. I would be interested in joining the 69th Infantry Division Association, and I would like to receive information on all of your activities.

Jerry Fine, 10960 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1900, Los Angeles, California 90024 — E-271st: Recently, while acting in my capacity as an Attorney, I met with the President of a San Francisco based Insurance Agency. While others in attendance thought I might have been out in the heat too long, I asked him if he had been in the 69th Division? I asked him if he was in the 2nd Platoon of E-Company, 2nd Battalion,

271st Infantry. To each of the questions he answered "Yes." It turned out that although he was somewhat older, as was I, he, Richard Gregerson, and I had served together in the 69th Division at Hattiesburg and in Europe, and then had gone our separate ways over 40 years ago. It was a fun meeting, and proves that it's a small world.

Roy B. Neal, 7920 S.W. 69th Terrace, Miami, Florida 33143: I noticed in the ROA "The Officer" of the 69th Infantry Division Reunion. Having just returned from the small village of Longstock near Stockbridge, England, where I met a Mr. Ken Bookum. Mr. Bookum is 81 years old with a very good mind, and he was relating to me about the 69th Division and two Officers that he had met during the period of time that the Division was stationed in that area. I was very much impressed with what he related to me. I was wondering if the 69th has a Unit History and a list of Officers that were stationed in the Longstock area. I know that Mr. Bookum would be very pleased to receive this information. Should anyone be able to help, please forward the information to me.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Neal was advised that the Association could not assist him, but if anyone reading the above was in the Longstock area and can assist, please contact him.)

W. Bradley Morehouse, 1735 Post Road, P.O. Box 745, Fairfield, Connecticut 06430 — Can. 273rd: I served in Cannon Company of the 273rd Regiment during the War, and am a long-time member of the 69th Infantry Division Association. If you have a list of Cannon Company members, I shall appreciate you sending it to me. My "fox-hole" buddy was Dick Knudsen. If he is not a member of the Association, you might wish to send him a membership application at 11 Bishop Square, Lincoln, Nebraska 68502. After serving together and being discharged, we both went back to college and then to law school. I have a ten men firm in Fairfield, Connecticut and Dick has a much larger firm in Lincoln. Our paths have run parallel from Camp Shelby to date.

Lawrence Terpstra, 4451 Forest Park Drive, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49509 — E-272nd: I have recently read that the 69th Infantry Division will have a Reunion in Niagara Falls in September. As a former member of Company E, 272nd Infantry Regiment, I would appreciate any information that you can give me.

Victor Ostrow, 1612 Lemontree Lane, Silver Springs, Maryland 20904 — Hq. 2nd Bn., 273rd: During World War II, I was a member of the Fighting 69th Division, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 273rd Infantry Regiment. I have heard that the Division issued each of its members a paperback copy of our exploits in Germany. This book consists of photographs and battle scenes along with written descriptions of the towns and cities in Germany where we fought. If it is still possible, I would like to receive a copy of this book. Any help in this matter would be appreciated. Please include me on your mailing list, so that I can receive the news about your activities.

Edward P. Griffin, 1051 Quinton Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08629: I am writing concerning the 69th Bulletin. We have been through quite an ordeal of sickness, and I just realized that I had not yet received a Bulletin in 1987. Please check this out, as I am home from the hospital now, and enjoy reading the Bulletin. If I am behind in dues, I will send them in immediately.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Your inquiry was sent prior to the first mailing of the Bulletin in 1987, so you should have received Vol. 40, No 1 by now, and this issue is Vol. 40, No. 2.

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Jack Ritchie, 920 Mannering Road, Eastlake, Ohio 44094: I am trying to retrace my Father's footsteps during World War II. He was attached to the 881st Field Artillery Battalion toward the end of the War. During the first three years of the War, I believe he was with the 433 CA anti-aircraft Unit. I am hoping that you can provide me with some history of the 881st and 69th Division, and perhaps tell me what Division the 433rd was attached to before coming into the 881st. I am not sure if he was just a replacement, or his entire Unit was transferred. His cousins, who were in an infantry regiment, were transferred into the 272nd Regiment, the same time that he went into the 881st. Anything that you can provide me will be greatly appreciated. I am also trying to locate anyone who might have know him or his Captain, **J. C. Herstad** in the 433rd. Also from anyone in the 881st or 272nd.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: National Headquarters was not able to help this gentleman too much, but if anyone reading this who served in C-Battery, 881st F.A. remembers a Cpl. J. C. Ritchie, contact his Son at the above address).

Karl F. Koch, Jr., 14140 Braun Road, Golden, Colorado 80401 — D-271st: Recently an old friend of mine sent me Vol. 40, No. 1 of the 69th Division Bulletin. During World War II, I served in D-Company of the 271st Infantry Regiment, and would like to join the Association. Please send me the necessary application.

John W. Mowrey, Jr., 126 Woodbridge Drive, Charleston, West Virginia 25311: Here is the name and address of another 69er that I have only recently come across. **Mr. Marion Spelock**, 221 95th Street, Marmet, West Virginia 25315, C-879th FA. He is ready to join the Association, and would like to have the papers and information, and receive the Bulletin. Hope this finds you well and in good spirits. Looking forward to seeing you and the Tri-State gang in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Robert J. Mauney, P.O. Box 280 or 501 South Main Street, Stanley, North Carolina 28164 — B & D 273rd: I am trying to substantiate my claim for Veterans Benefits a result of diseases and injuries I sustained while in the Army during World War II. It would be very helpful if you would publish my request in the 69th Infantry publication. I particularly need to hear from former members that were in Company B & D of the 273rd Regiment while stationed at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. It would be very helpful if I could have a roster of the members of the 273rd Medical Detachment and the two companies listed above. Also any information from any person with knowledge of the jeep accident that I was involved in.

Merton S. Brandes, D.M.D., Burlington Medical Center, 281 Cambridge Street, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803 — E-271st: I'm sorry I haven't addressed this with a name, but another 69th Division Vet gave this to me. I am also a 69th Vet, but have never received any of your mail. Please enter me on your mailing roster so that I receive all of your literature. I served in Company E of the 271st Infantry Regiment from Camp Shelby till the end of the War.

Calvin Bryant, 2405 East Cornwallis Road, Durham, North Carolina 27713 — D-273rd: I am trying to locate a good buddy of mine by the name of **Hess**. He and I were together in Bremenhaven, and if you have him on your rolls, or if anyone in the organization knows him, I'd appreciate his address. I can't think of his first name, but any help that you can give me will be greatly appreciated.

Isadore E. Bombardier, 610 East 7th, Box 4, Concordia, Kansas 66901 — A-880th: Enclosed is my check for \$10.00

for dues for 1987. I was in A-Battery of the 880th Field Artillery Battalion. I am hoping to hear from you.

Katheryn B. Johnson, 819 Ridge Road, Ashland, Ohio 44805: I am sending you this notice about the death of my husband, **Frederick V. (Jack) Johnson**. He enlisted in the service in May of 1943, and served in England, France, Belgium and Germany. He was taken prisoner in September of 1943 for a period of eight months at Camp Stalhg 7-A. Several members of the Ohio Chapter of Ex-POW's attended his services, which were conducted by the V.F.W.

John M. Fleming, R.D. #1, Box 404, Rock Hollow Road, Birdsboro, Pennsylvania 19508: I called **Russell Doaty** and he is anxious to be registered in the 69th Division Association. You have no idea how glad I am to contact **Leo Henrichs**. Leo and I were the two mechanics for D-Company during our stay in Camp Shelby, and until the time when we met the Russians. We sent cards for years, then it stopped and we lost contact. Please send me addresses for **Al Haag**, **Oscar Mohlo**, and **Bernard Pokrass**. What is your membership fee, and to whom do I send it? I have enclosed a picture which I believe is that of **Keiser Wilhelm's Monument**. It has been so long that I am not positive. If anyone can give me the location of this monument, I might visit it again.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Fleming's picture appears elsewhere in this issue).

Edward A. Stephens, 15 Thru Way Drive, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807 — A-369th: Approximately one year ago a letter appeared in the Bulletin from **Joe Juskowiak** who in 1943, was a Lieutenant in the 369th Medical Battalion. I recall that he was living in Florida at the time the letter was written, but I failed to retain his complete address. I would appreciate it if you would send it to me. My Wife and I travel often to Florida to see our daughter and grandchildren, and I would hope that on one of our trips, I could contact Joe and perhaps arrange a meeting.

S. G. Thompson, 2712 South 17th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19145: On January 8th of this year, my Father, **Stanley G. Thompson**, passed away. We have been receiving your Bulletin regularly. I have noticed that you have a section called "Taps." My Father and my family would be honored to have his name listed there. He had served with Company E of the 273rd Infantry Regiment in World War II.

Albert J. Francavilla, 650 Luther Road, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17111 — M-273rd: I have enclosed a picture which was taken of me April 25, 1985 at Torgau by **Mr. Jan De Groot** of the Netherlands. He has been trying to locate me, and finally got the picture to me through a friend of his who lives in Scarsdale, New York. I hope that you can use the picture and letter of explanation in the Bulletin.

Letter of explanation from **George P. Raymond**, of Scarsdale, New York.

Further to our telephone conversatoin of today, I am enclosing the photo of yourself taken on April 25, 1985 by **Mr. Jan De Groot** of the Netherlands. He has been trying unsuccessfully to contact you. I am sending a copy of this letter to **Mr. De Groot** so that he can contact you. As I told you on the phone, I was in the European sector during World War II with the "4th Mobile Broadcasting Company," a propaganda outfit. **Mr. De Groot** worked at the parent company **Hoogovens Ijmuiden**, Postbuc 10,000 1970 CA, Ijmuiden, Holland, which is a steel producing company. We are a subsidiary of this company in Scarsdale, New York.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Picture appears elsewhere in this issue).

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Tom Berlin, 275 Ball Park Road, Casselberry, Florida 32707 — A-271st: About this time last year, I contacted you by phone in regard to the 69th Infantry Division. I would like to know the particulars of the 69th, and get a Bulletin if possible, and any other information. Since that time, I have received your letter and I appreciate being back with my old Division. I also appreciate the two names that you sent, as one **Ed Houlahan**, I am sure was my old squad leader. I will send for that list of A-271st, and thank you.

Carl B. Kempf, 527 Bendle Avenue, Shelby, Ohio 44875: Received your card about the address of **Donald Laymon**, and it is as follows: 413 Gaskin, Box 303, Gambier, Ohio. I just returned from a vacation in Biloxi, Mississippi. While there one evening, I visited a restaurant, and the first thing I noticed was a big picture on the wall. It was a Company picture of the 69th. I don't know which one it was, but some of the faces looked familiar. It was a pleasant surprise, and I wish I could have remembered some of the names.

Dr. S. Raymond Strauss, 335 Fearrington Post, Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 — Med. 272nd: I am enclosing a picture taken in Ebelou, France, January, 1945, just before taking the 40 & 8's to Belgium. It is the Medical Officers of the 272nd Medical Detachment.

We bought a small villa in Boca Raton, Florida for the winters. Winter in North Carolina is a bit rough. It occurred to me, while speaking with **Murry Galuten**, that we should start a Florida Chapter. I am sure all of the displaced New Yorkers would be interested. See you in Niagara Falls. **Charlotte** and I will first attend the National Convention of the Jewish War Veterans at the Concord Hotel at Kiamesha Lake, New York, visit relatives and friends in Vermont, and then cross over to Canada, stopping off at Fort Drum, and then on to Niagara.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Strauss was advised that there is already a 69th Chapter in Florida. His picture appears elsewhere in this issue).

Kurt Nolke, 11 6440 Bebra-Weiterode, West Germany: I would like to thank you for your kind and friendly reception at your 39th Reunion in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; also in the name of my two Sons, **Stefan** and **Claudius**. It was an extraordinary experience for us, and we thank all of the members, especially the former soldiers of E-Company, who helped us so intensively. It was also a great honor that we were introduced to **General Bolte** and his Wife.

After leaving Pittsburgh, we went to Gettysburg, and then we drove the Blue Ridge Parkway to South Carolina. We took part in the annual "Schuetzenfest" of Ehrhardt Town, South Carolina. Ehrhardt Town is near Bamber, South Carolina, and was founded by **Conrad Ehrhardt** who was born in Weiterode. He left our village in 1851 and settled down there. Later we visited Charleston, and then drove north to Norfolk, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia, where we visited Mr. and Mrs. **James Schubert**. Mr. Schubert was a member of E-Company. We had a nice time together in Philadelphia.

I talked with the Mayor of Rotenburg at the river Fulda, and gave him the addresses of **Walter Doernbach**, New Jersey and **Robert Myers**, Arizona, who were both stationed there. There is a photograph in your Division History Book showing baseball playing soldiers. This was certainly taken in Rotenburg. There is a photograph in your latest Bulletin which shows Mr. **James Carroll** at a place which is called Heinebach, which is located only 10 miles from Weiterode. In case Mr. **Carroll** is interested in more information, let me know.

In addition, I want to express that I am at anybody's disposal concerning any questions about the time the 69th

spent in our area. I want to also repeat my invitation for the soldiers of E-Company for a visit the next time they come to Germany. It was a pity that we could not meet in 1985 when former 69th members were in Germany. As a member of our local History Club and a supporter of the German-American Friendship, I hope that we can conserve or even intensify our contact and friendship with the 69th Infantry Division.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Two pictures that Mr. Nolke passed along appear elsewhere in this issue).

Leonard Braverman, 28104 Espinoza Mission, Viejo, California 92692 — A-724th: As of this moment, I am not sure that I can make the Reunion in Niagara Falls. I would like to mention that my son-in-law, **Jay Ohrberg**, has a show car museum on the Canadian side of the Falls called the Skylon. Such cars as **Za Za Gabor's** Rolls Royce, **Bonnie and Clyde's** bullet punctured car from the movie, **Liberace's** Cadillac and many others used on television and in the movies, will be shown. Jay is also the owner-builder of a 60 foot limousine with swimming pool and hot tub, which is credited as being the longest limousine in the world by the Guinness Book of World Records. It was featured on the **Johnny Carson** show. If **Alma** and I can't make the Reunion, please give our regards to our buddies of Battery A, 274th Field Artillery.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: A picture of the limousine appears elsewhere in this issue).

John G. Barnett, 6374 Brandwine Trail, Norcross, Georgia 30092 — A-880th: "A" Battery, 880th Field Artillery Battalion, is holding its second Reunion in Florence, Kentucky on October 8, 9, 10, 1987. If you would like further information, contact me at the above address, or by phone (404) 448-6513.

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Clarence Marshall
101 Stephen Street
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President's Message



William R. Beswick, President
P.O. Box 576
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Dear Fellow 69ers:

In the last Bulletin, I asked about you supporting the Return the Veterans' Holidays to the Veterans. As of this writing, I have not received any responses.

My purpose for this was to contact all the Veterans Organizations. I have a list of all these addresses, which are on file with the Department of the Army, plus the V.F.W. and American Legion.

Let's see if we can get a little more honor for our deceased friends. Let's return to the days of years ago for Memorial Services and a day of prayer. Not a day of "Veterans' Days" sales.

I will not purchase anything on "Memorial Day" nor "Veterans' Day."

Contact your U.S. Senator and Congressmen; also your State Senator and Congressmen. Check for support from your local newspapers.

How about it? Are you interested? Are you, as Veterans of the "Fighting 69th", interested? Write me today. Let's start something.

See you in Niagara Falls.

Bill Beswick

To All Company E 271st Members Coming To The Niagara Falls Reunion

Please contact Paul Shadle at the following address or phone number:

Mr. Paul Shadle
1504 Greensburg Road
New Kensington, PA 15068
Telephone: 412/335-9980



**OFFICERS OF THE MEDICAL DETACHMENT
OF THE 272nd REGIMENT:**

Front Row Left to Right: Lieutenant Lane Fry, Lieutenant Joseph Ginsberg, Major Vernon Hutton (detachment Commander), Captain John Lilliendahl, Lieutenant Charles Brown.

Back Row Left to Right: Captain Frank Hill, Captain Robert Tinkham, Captain O'Connell, Captain Charles Dahlberg, Captain S. Ray Strauss.

Picture taken at Ebelou, France, January 1945.

Furnished by S. Ray Strauss

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Former members of C-Battery, 881st Field Artillery

Front Left to Right: Sergeant Meldorf (Mess Sgt.), Unknown, Sergeant Molinari

Rear Left to Right: Unknown, Yours Truly

Picture furnished by Frank Gurrieri

(If anyone can identify those that are Unknown, please advise National Headquarters.)

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There's one thing you men can say when it's all over and you're home once more. You can thank God that twenty years from now when you're sitting by the fireside with your grandson on your knee, and he asks you what you did in the war, you won't have to shift him on to the other knee, cough and say, 'I shoveled crap in Louisiana.'

GENERAL PATTON, 1944

Treasurer and Scholarship Report



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

I am writing this on the 2nd of June as Earl and Clarence are chomping at the bit to get the Bulletin out before the Niagara Falls Reunion, plus Vivian and I are getting ready to leave on the 5th for a two week fishing trip to Canada.

The dues response for 1986-1987 has been excellent and we did set a new record, but only by 39 as we now have 2,239 on the dues paying roster which is still at the 40% mark. 658 have shown Clarence and Earl their thanks for the Bulletin by sending in extra contributions to the postage and Bulletin fund and 367 have either been First Timers or re-instated themselves.

The reservations for the Niagara Falls Reunion started coming in April 25th and as of this date, we have 65 reservations and a total of 117 signed up for the Banquet, so this early indicaton should mean a record turn-out for the 40th Anniversary of the 69th Association. Eight out of the 65 who have registered are First Timers, so it also looks like we may have a new record for them also. 83 have already signed up for the Niagara Falls, tour, so it may be necessary to carry over to Thursday in order to get everyone taken care of. We will have to have the final count before this decision is made and you will be notified when you register if this will happen. It's still not too late to make you decision to attend the Reunion, send in your reservations, pack your bags and head for Niagara Falls in September and reminisce with old friends.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT:

It now looks like the Scholarship Program will come to an end next year. So far, I have sent out two applications and have received one back, but I have already had requests for four applications for next year and if they are all awarded scholarships, it will mean that the Scholarship Fund will be depleted and a goodly amount will have to come from the General Fund. But since the Board of Directors voted last year to accept this responsibility, there will be no problem. However, if this comes to pass, the General Membership will have to decide if the program will continue and whether we will continue to accept applications in 1989.

Vivian and I did make the trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania and enjoyed the hospitality of the Central Pennsylvania Branch in April, and later attended the Tri-State weekend in

Greensburg, Pennsylvania and the wonderful hospitality of Anne and Enrico D'Angelo. Most of us went away from the Race Track with our pockets a little emptier, but everyone still had their shirt. We also had the presence of Jim and Barbara Kidd, who gave a nice report on the plans for the 1988 Reunion in Lexington. Jim will give his report at Niagara Falls.

We'll be looking forward to seeing all of you in Nigara Falls in September.

Robert J. Kurtzman, Sr.
Treasurer/Scholarship Chairman



Al Francavilla at Torgau, April, 25th 1985.
Picture taken by Mr. Jan de Groot of the Netherlands.



Former members of Anti-Tank Co., 273rd. Left to Right: Thompkins, Tholle, Hiles, Glenn Vanderlaan, Smillie, and Henderson.

Picture furnished by Joe Lehman

Dottie and Me



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"THE FAMILY WITH TWO ADDRESSES — BUT ONE HOME — WELCOME ALL 69'ers — STOP IN, CALL, OR WRITE." Exit 9 — Pennsylvania Turnpike

Dear Earl,

I know the policy of the BULLETIN. If you were elected Governor of Pennsylvania, that would go unmentioned in the paper, unless perhaps you retired from office, the only circumstance where reference is ever made to a Member's employment. The idea seems to be a disregard of distinction achieved on principle. That is, our equality is what is laid emphasis on.

Well, fair enough. No bosses or officers among ourselves, so to speak. The only thing is, this defeats the principle of news. If a Member leaves the village water works after forty years, let's face it, that's an item of no earthly interest to the BULLETIN'S readers, even the guy's buddies. What we want to learn is where a long-ago friend is. Anything further, he can tell us. I wonder about everybody I knew in the Service, but very little about their actual jobs.

Accordingly, when I put out the BULLETIN, if a Member did the least thing to make himself conspicuous, I took that to be actual news. There were few enough cases of this, but I kept my eye out just in case.

What I'm working my way toward is this: a Member has just had a book published, and my notion is that this should not go unnoticed. You can hardly believe what a struggle it is for a book actually to reach the stage of being set in type, never mind the labor of having written it to begin with. That is, we have a wonderful accomplishment here, that should please everyone to hear about.

Parley Paskett, A Company, 273rd, has written a book called **WILD MUSTANGS**, published the past Fall, by the UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY PRESS. What it deals with is Parley's pre-war life on the range. He was the genuine article, an American cowboy, so the subject is a romantic one in the first place.

You are the judge of what is appropriate for the BULLETIN'S pages, but I send this suggestion along for what it's worth.

All the best to you and Dot,
Pierce Rice
 2106 South 5th Street
 Arlington, Virginia 22204

Note: Any news of your liking will be published, so do send it on to me. Sure would like some of your fine art work scattered throughout our future Bulletins.

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Dear Earl . . . and Dottie too,

We're back from the semi-sunny South and shivering in the damp, cool "north" of Kentucky. But the weather man promises sunny weather starting tomorrow. We shall see.

Since getting back here I have been busy getting as much done toward setting up the 1988 Reunion at Lexington as is possible this early. **Bob Kurtzman** gave me a list of approximately 160 men from this end of Kentucky and nearly parts of West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Tennessee. Letters went out to them to see if any could give us a hand in the 1988 Reunion. So far, the response is not great: Seven to date.

I like the "ads" you've been putting at the bottom of pages about the 1987 and 1988 Reunions. Those should keep the dates in the minds of members.

From th 160 letters I sent out to the lists provided by **Bob Kurtzman**, a number of address changes came back. I sent him the changes, not knowing who has the master mailing list. I'm sure he will pass the changes along if his is not the master.

Thanks again. We'll see you at Greensburg.

Sincerely,

James R. and Barbara Kidd
 222 AL-FAN Court
 Winchester, Kentucky 40391
 1988 Lexington Reunion Chairpersons

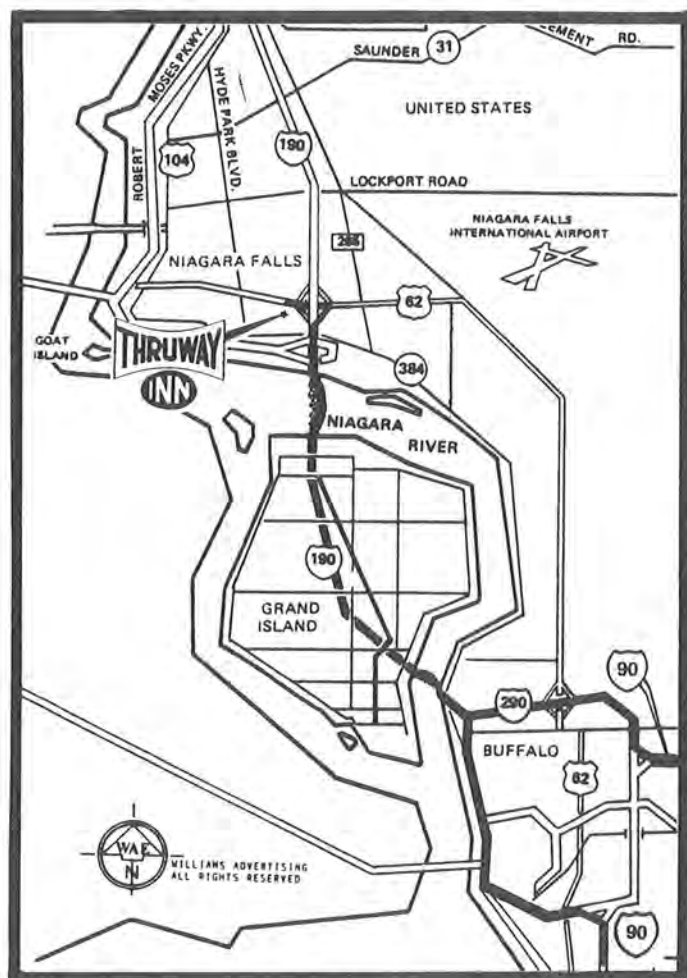
Note: **Jim**, I really don't want to use the Florida 813/543-4487 telephone number. Will you please let me know your Kentucky 606/_____ number.

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Dottie and I will stay at the Thruway Inn on Niagara Falls Boulevard Thursday thru Sunday. School will prevent us from staying the entire week. We plan to make our room headquarters for Company E, 273rd Infantry and the Tri-State Group these days. If you have any spare time come over and take a dip with us. See you all in Niagara. Illumination hours for the Falls in September are 8:00 to 11:00 P.M. You do want to see this site if you haven't seen it before.



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Sorry, the other two motels, Sunrise Inn and Holiday Motel did not send me information concerning there properties. The three hotels were in the last Bulletin.

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Dear Earl,

It is indeed a happy day when the mailman delivers the Bulletin and I eagerly scan the contents for names of old compatriots. Unfortunately, success is minimal in that department, but I certainly enjoy reading each and every article and letter that is included. Keep up the excellent work!

When they decided they had enough pilots/aircrew in the pipeline, I was in Biloxi just getting ready to start Air Corps basic training, so up to the 69th I went, along with many, many others. Assigned to L Company, 273rd, I was soon transferred to the AT platoon of the Hq. Co., 3rd Bn. We had 37mm guns at the time, but soon replaced them with the 57mm six pounder. In England we were issued the 57mm AT rifle, same as the six pounder but with a longer barrel. I was fortunate to stay with the same group up until August '45, when they broke up the division and we low pointers were sent to Kassel to an ordinance outfit.

Enclosed are some photos which you may or may not find useful. Feel free to use them any way you wish. Just return them when you have finished with them. They were taken in Altenhein, the camp not too far from Leipzig. We were there when the war ended, which might explain the happy faces.

Ressler and I kept in touch and visited up until he passed on. Unfortunately, I only found out that Shadburn lived relatively close by (same state) shortly before he passed on.

I did talk with him on the phone a couple of times. He certainly was proud of the 69th, and rightly so.

Pat and I are planning on being in Niagara for the Reunion, having been elsewhere the last one. While I only know one buddy from our outfit who attends the Reunions, and it is worth the trip just to visit with him, we made some really good friends at Williamsburg and are looking forward to being with them again. In addition, Norm Kent has said he plans to attend, and McDonough from Chicago might make it. It is surprising how many times people write in and say they have just heard of the association, but then it was a few years before I was aware of it. I've had a 69th sticker on my rear windshield since the Reunion in Hershey and have driven many a mile throughout the East and South, yet not once has anyone come up and identified themselves as an ex-member! Just hope that more of Hq. Co., 3rd Bn., 273rd Infantry find out and attend.

I suspect I am a bit late in sending in my dues, so will do that forthwith. The best of health and happiness to you, and please pass on our thanks for the birthday and anniversary cards we receive each year. Hope to get many, many more.

While it's true that I joined the USAF after graduating from Engineering School in '52 and retired in '69 as a Major, I'd just as soon have my membership card leave that rank off. I am just as proud of having served with the 69th as a Pfc. as having served with the USAF as a Major.

All of the fellows in the pictures were Anti-Tankers, 3rd Battalion.

Fraternally,
C. R. Hoffman, Jr.
613 Golf Course Drive
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548



Top Row, Left to Right: McCauley, Steve Komes, McDonough - Second Row: Claude Shadburn, Earl Walters, Postell - Front Row: Martin, Barry, Marvin Friedman



Phillip S. Ressler, Cincinnati, Ohio

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Jack Shadburn, Daytona Beach, Florida



Alton P. Lonsway, Tiffany, Ohio - January '46

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Dear Earl,

I really enjoyed the Tri-State Reunion. May has been a very busy month for me, as I attended a four day session of the Company of Military Historians in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Then a four day Reunion of the Tri-State group, and finally a Memorial Day weekend with my niece and family in Mineral, Virginia.

My niece, Carole, is married to a baptist minister so on Sunday, morning worship was in order. After the service a gentleman came up to me, and told me that he had been in

Service Company, 273rd Infantry Regiment. He knew nothing of our association, but was quite anxious to join and receive the Bulletins. His name is as follows:

Richard L. Arnette
Route 2, Box 512
Mineral, Virginia 23117

We rapped for about a half an hour, reliving old memories of Camp Shelby and our European experience. He was one happy man. We parted promising to see each other again, so a trip to Mineral in the future is in order.

I will send him a regimental history and some decals. Be sure he gets on the mailing list, as he is anxious to receive the Bulletin.

Small world isn't it! Best regards to Dottie - tell her to keep smiling.

Best wishes, so long for now.

Your Buddy,
H. Raymond Fahrner
Forge Gate Apts. 33E1
Lansdale, Pennsylvania 19446

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Dear Earl,

Reservations are slowly coming in and so far 98 have signed up for the Banquet, 80 for PX nite, 69 for the Early Bird and 69 for the tour which to me looks very good at this early date.

I have nothing more to report on the transportation from the airport, but Rita assured me their was cheap transportation and those who are flying in will find this out when they get there.

The news releases are out and should be bringing in some more responses and this time we do have the correct address on them, hope we will learn who was responsible for the one that had your address and Kormas's phone number on it.

Kinda taking it easy today and resting up for the two hikes that I'll have to make on Memorial Day, must admit that it is a chore anymore, but it has to be done as the younger people just do not want to get involved in anything like that.

Robert J. Kurtzman, Sr.
Office of the Treasurer
P.O. Drawer 178
Wilmot, Ohio 44689
Telephone: 216/359-5487

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Earl:

Response on 777th books has been very good, so I will get them printed soon and will have them before Reunion.

Looks like we may have to cut time short, but will be there at least Thursday and Friday. Take care.

Gaylord and Ruth Thomas
432 Doty Street
Waupun, Wisconsin
Telephone: 414/324-4065

Note: In case you missed the 777th Tank Battalion History Book Gaylord mentioned which was in the last Bulletin, here it is again. Seems like a good one to have in your library, so do write to Gaylord immediately.

ATTENTION: All Members of the 69th and Attached Units:

I am having the 777th Tank Battalion Official History Book reproduced. The book covers the time period from September 20, 1943 when the battalion was formed at Camp Gordon, Georgia, through July 6, 1945 when we entrained

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DOTTIE AND ME
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from Camp Miles Standish on our journey home and reassembled at Camp San Luis Obispo, California.

References are made of many companies of the three Infantry Regiments of the 69th — 271st, 272nd, 273rd, the 661st Tank Destroyer, the 880th Field Artillery with day by day accounts of each unit during our trip across Europe.

The approximate cost will be \$3.00 plus postage. Anyone interested please contact me immediately to insure getting enough printed.

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Earl:

Karl Peterson missed listing the 1983 Reunion weekend in Portland and the one in 1985 held at Couer D'Alene, Idaho. Also the 1979 Battery B, 461st AAA weekend was held in Sacramento, California.

After this year's weekend, June 18 to 21 in San Francisco, we will visit Lake Tahoe, Reno, and Crater Lake before returning home July 1st.

Larry W. Brown
538 Burns Avenue
Clarkston, Washington 99403

Note: I hope some year Battery B, 461st AAA, as well as the other 461st members, will plan their weekend in conjunction with the 69th Infantry Division Association's Annual Reunion as does C Battery, 724th Field Artillery. It would be nice to have some 461st AAA members be with us at Niagara Falls this year. I had also hoped that one member plus his wife would have showed up at our Tri-State weekend in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Maybe next year at Canaan Valley Resort in West Virginia.

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I just finished looking through our September to December 1986 Bulletin once again on Pittsburgh Reunion attendees and find that some units had a nice turn out such as Division Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 69th Division Band, 269th Engineers, 569th Signal Company, 661st T.D. Battalion, 777th Tank Battalion, Headquarters Divarty, 724th Field Artillery, 879th Field Artillery, 881st Field Artillery, 271st Infantry Regiment's E Company, G Company, 272nd Infantry Regiment's E Company, G Company, I Company, 273rd Infantry Regiment's D Company, H Company, I Company, and M Company. Sure would be nice if all the other units could match them. Even my own Company E 273rd was sure a let down for me in Pittsburgh.

Fellows, what I want to say is besides writing letters to members of your unit, also use your Bulletin. Take advantage of it by sending me a letter asking for a turn out at our Reunions by your unit members. The Bulletin is sent out three times a year for your use in sending news and pictures to all your unit members as well as the Division members. I use the Bulletin for Company E, 273rd Infantry and Tri-State Group, **Frank Nemeth** uses it for 269th Engineers, **Bill Beswick** for the 661st T.D.'s, **Jake Stark** for H Company, 273rd Infantry, and **Larry Brown** for Battery B, 461st AAA, so you see, we all can use our Bulletin. Our attendance at recent Reunions has been around the 600 mark and I am sure within the next three or four years, we could reach 1,000 plus attendees if we all would make a little effort in bringing out our buddies regularly. It sure is nice seeing someone after 40 plus years and then to see them come back regularly. Most everyone's family is grown up now, so what is holding you back. In fact, bring the family along or try to arrange with a buddy to travel together to save a few bucks. So do use your Bulletin and do come to the annual Reunions, this year at Niagara Falls and next year in Lexington, Kentucky.

I have had several letters on this Bulletin that a lot of our members didn't go overseas on the LeJeune. I know this but **Frank Nemeth** went to a lot of trouble and expense to get this cover photo and I used it. If you would like your ship and write up in a Bulletin, you'll have to do some research on it and then get it to me for a Bulletin. I am sure if you write **Frank Nemeth**, our secretary, (his address is on the front cover) he can give you the information needed. It would be nice to know how many ships our 69th Division used to go overseas on. We all met in England, France, Belgium, and Germany; now we meet at Division Association Annual Reunions.

If you have noticed, there are only three sections of our United States not covered by a group gathering. They are the Pacific Northwest - Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, and Alaska; the Mid-South - Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana; the New England States - Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and eastern New York. It would be nice if some interest would be started in those areas.

I hope some Reunion will start bringing in 461st AAA members like we get 661st T.D.'s and 777th Tank Battalion. You are all welcome. In fact, I would like to see better turn outs from the three Infantry Regiments. If you should write me a letter, please type it if possible or write plain and a little large. Make sure you include your name (wife's too), address, city, state, zip, Unit, and telephone number too. Some one might live close by and surprisingly give you a call.

So let's meet in Niagara, take care, stay healthy, and have a safe trip to the Falls as well as a good summer.

Earl

**NEWS MATERIAL AND
PICTURES FOR THE BULLETIN
SHOULD BE MAILED TO:**

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CLARENCE MARSHALL
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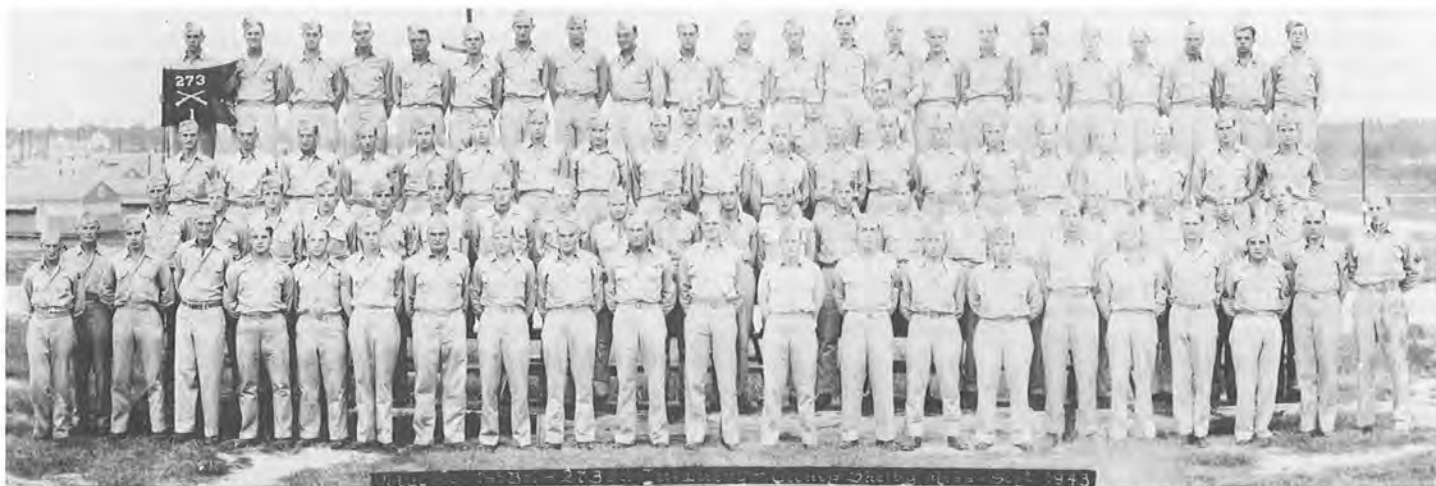


Mr. John Fleming furnished this picture, and believes this was called the Kaiser Wilhelm Monument. Can anyone verify this, and it's location?

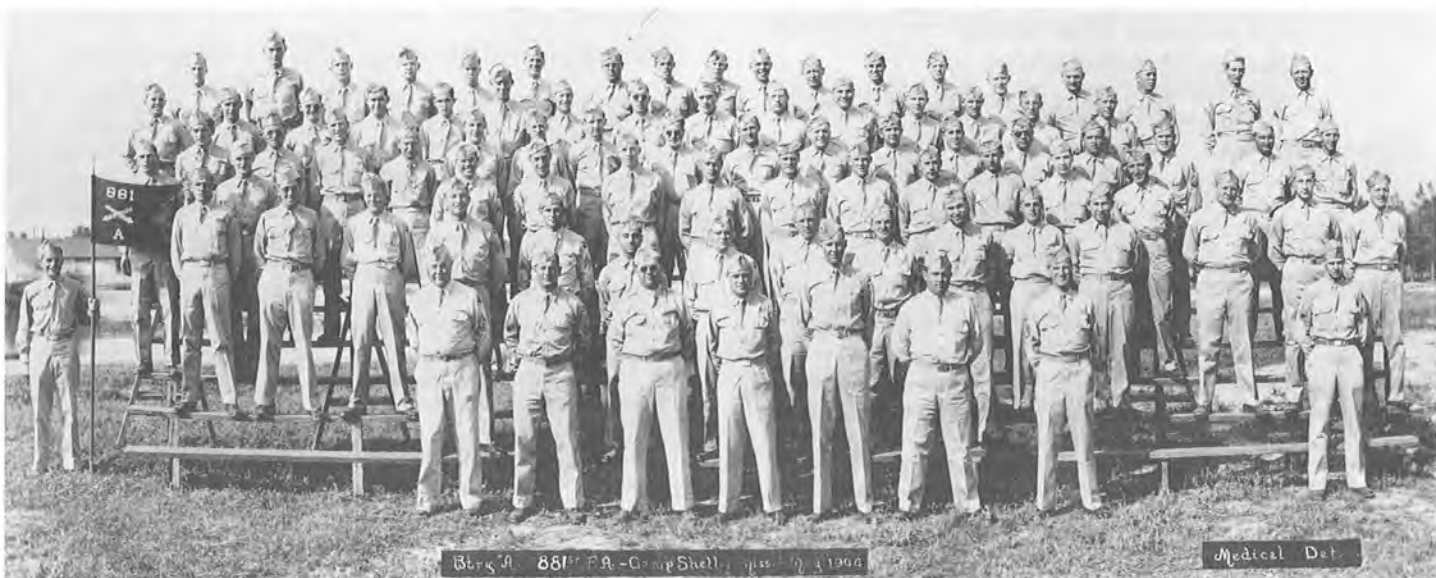
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Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 273rd Infantry — Camp Shelby, Mississippi - Sept. 1943



Battery "A", 881st Field Artillery — Camp Shelby, Mississippi - May 1944



THE AUXILIARY'S PAGE



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Ladies of the Sixty-Niners:

Do you have spring fever? I'm sure most of you do and are looking forward to all the good happenings that go along with the coming of budding trees, blooming flowers, lawn mowing, gardening, fishing, etc.

September seems a long way until we shall meet again — just the thought of Niagara Falls will help us through the hot summer days.

Keep in mind to bring a \$1.00 or \$2.00 gift to the meeting, but if you forget, please come to the meeting - we always have extras. Also, ladies making lap robes should make them 36 x 45. This is a nice size. Another item is a tie-on or snap-on bag for wheelchairs and bibs. Any of these will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Dorothy Starry for sending the Auxiliary information listing some of the names of Past Presidents. It covers the 1st through 12th president. More information will be greatly appreciated.

See you at Niagara!!
Anna K. Walters
President, Ladies Auxiliary

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Dear Earl and Dottie,

Just a note to say that Madeline Kiefer has had major surgery in January and needs another one in May or June. She has always been the life of the party at our Reunions and we will miss her jolly personality this June. If anyone would like to send her a card, here is her address.

Mrs. Ed (Madeline) Kiefer
1865 Bayard Street
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18017

Thanks again.

Yours Sincerely,
Larry W. Brown
538 Burns Street
Clarkston, Washington 99403

Note: Come on all you Battery-B, 461st AAA and other 69ers, send Madeline a card. I am sure she would appreciate it.

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Dear Earl and Dottie,

Thanks for sending us the Tri-State Group information. It seems now that we will not be able to meet with the Tri-State Group in May, but we plan to see you at the 69th Division Reunion in Niagara Falls.

Neta has had a long bout with bronchitis, flu or severe cold, and by recently taking medicines for it, she has finally shaken it. Now she must regain her strength, etc. Otherwise,

we are getting along well.

I have joined the Atlanta Men's Garden Club and will enjoy the monthly meetings, catered picnic in August, and the Christmas Banquet and party in December. We had 90 in attendance at the February meeting.

Anthony Visconti has recently been hospitalized, and the check-ups seem to indicate he has no serious problem. His wife, Grace, had surgery in 1986 and has recovered and is doing well.

Vernon Tritch has a problem with one eye. He was found to have a tumor behind the eyeball. A more recent examination at John Hopkins in Baltimore revealed the tumor is not growing, and no surgery is recommended. He is still up and around and doing his volunteer work as usual.

Best wishes always,
John and Neta Turner
2148 East Lake Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30307
or
P.O. Box 1645
Decatur, Georgia 30031

Any of you C-Battery, 724th F.A. or other 69ers wishing to send Neta a card or note, her address is listed above at the end of their letter. **Vernon Tritch's** address is 3259 Foxianna Road, Middletown, Pennsylvania 17057. **Anthony and Grace Visconti's** address is 1161 71st Street, Brooklyn, New York 11228. I hope all your sick and injured will be 100% healed and I'll see them at Nigara Falls.

Dottie

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I'm still looking for more news for our Ladies page(s), so ladies, if your husbands don't write Earl, you write me. This year will be election year for officers so I want each elected member to write me a note and send a picture of yourself. You can even have your husband and family included if you wish.

Don't forget the lap robes, bibs, and snap-on bags. Our veterans sure appreciate receiving them in the hospitals.

See you all at the Falls soon. Take care and stay healthy.

Dottie

**LADIES AUXILIARY BULLETIN
MATERIAL AND PICTURES
SHOULD BE MAILED TO:**

DOROTHY A WITZLEB
P.O. Box 69, Champion, Pennsylvania 15622-0069

New Men Relocated Since Last Bulletin

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Tom Berlin — A-271st
275 Ball Park Road, Casselberry, Florida 32707

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413 Gaskin, Box 303, Gambier, Ohio 43022

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MEMOIRS FOR FORMER MEMBERS OF C-BATTERY, 879th FIELD ARTILLERY



November 1944, Wire and Radio Section just a few days before we left for Camp Kilmer, New Jersey



*Gun Sergeant Bob Stern
of Cleveland, Ohio*



*C-Battery 105 in recoil,
just a few weeks before the end of the War*



John Melanson and Jim Root at Benkendorf Schloss.



*Schoneback Germany: This is where the War ended for
our Battery. Pictured are Curtiss Estep and Jim Root who
helped shoot down a Jerry plane just minutes after this was
taken.*

PICTURES FURNISHED BY JIM (ROOT) JONES

MEMOIRS FOR FORMER MEMBERS OF C-BATTERY, 879th FIELD ARTILLERY



Occupation duty in Benkendorf. Battery-C stayed here for a while.



Corporal Bill Harr of our Wire Service after V.E. Day



This is the beginning of the 29th Division Dance Band after V.E. Day in and around Bremen. I played the drums.

Old Admiral Benhow Inn in Bremen, on the Weser River. The Red Cross had taken this over. I had been transferred to the 29th Division and was stationed here in a Dance Band.

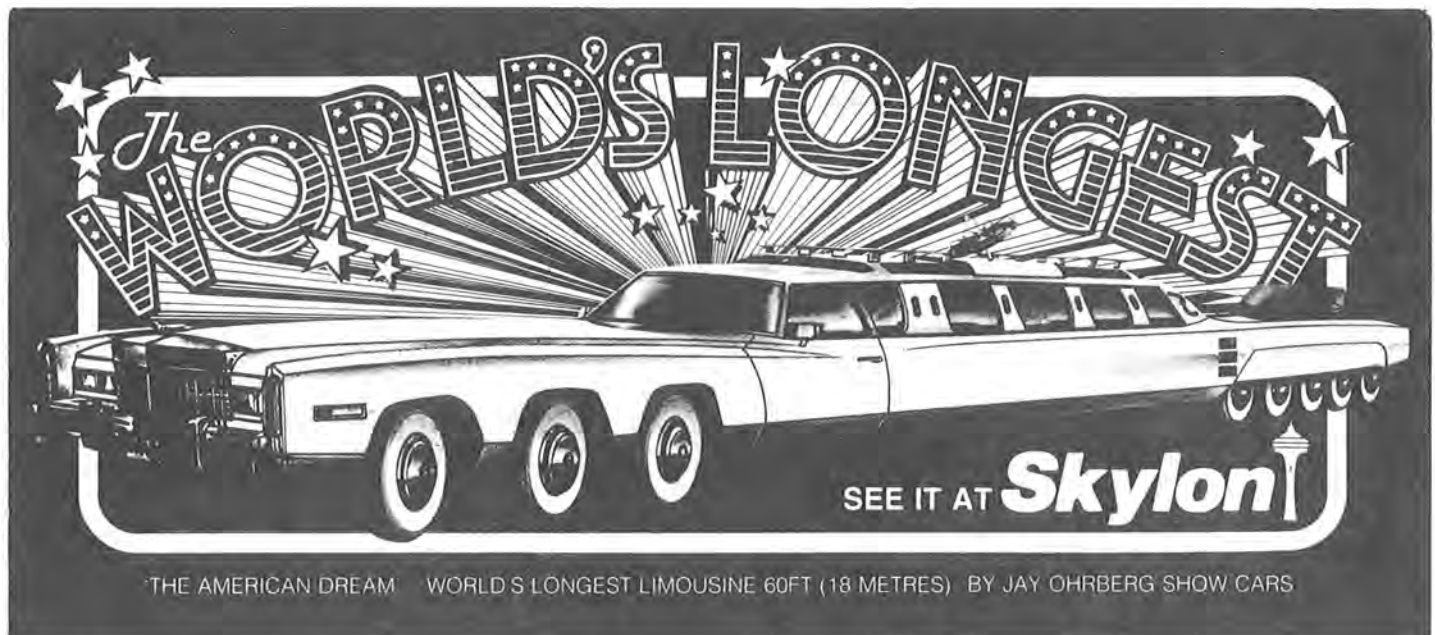


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At 60 Feet, it's the Longest Limousine in the World

Recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records

SEE IT ON THE CANADIAN SIDE OF THE FALLS



Vital Statistics:

Power: Two Turbo-Charged 500 cu. in. Cadillac Engines

Drive: 8 Axles (16 wheels) all steerable

Weight: 10 tons

Value: \$2,000,000

Features:

Swimming Pool with Diving Board
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Aircraft Band Radio - Stereo - 10 speakers
All systems controlled by
Onboard Computer

Can be viewed at Skylon on the Canadian Side of the Falls

This show car is in a museum featuring many other famous cars, and run by Jay Ohrberg, son-in-law of Len Braverman of A-Battery, 724th Field Artillery.

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69th Infantry Division Association 1987 Reunion

Hotel Niagara, Niagara Falls, New York

Registration form to be mailed to:

Robert J. Kurtzman Sr.
P.O. Box 178, Wilmot, Ohio 44689
Phone: 216/359-5487

I/we will attend the 69th Infantry Division Association Reunion at Hotel Niagara from September 13th to September 20th, 1987 and will attend the following activities.

Name: _____

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

City / State / Zip: _____

Telephone / Area Code: _____ First Timer ☐ Second Timer ☐ Old Timer ☐

Unit: _____ Wife's Name: _____

Guests: _____

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Weekly Events	Per Person	Number Persons	Amount
Registrations: Monday, September 14th - September 18th, 1987 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. Check Bulletin Board for Saturday times	\$ NC	_____	\$ NC
Sunday, September 13th — Early Arrivals - On Your Own			
Monday, September 14th — Fire Department Demonstration, Refreshments. Transportation leaves Hotel @ 1:00 P.M.	\$ NC	_____	\$ NC
Tuesday, September 15th — Special Tour New York Power Authority. 4:00 P.M.	\$ NC	_____	\$ NC
Wednesday, September 16th — Special Tour of Niagara Falls & Canada, Maid of the Mist and Lunch. Leave 10:00 A.M.	\$23.00	_____	\$ _____
Thursday, September 17th — Rainbow Center Fashion Show 1:00 P.M. Board of Directors Meeting 1:30 P.M. Early Bird Dinner - Hotel Niagara - 7:00 P.M.	\$22.00	_____	\$ _____
Friday, September 18th — Golf Tournament. Leave Hotel 8:00 A.M. Green Fees	\$ 9.50	_____	\$ _____
Cart Rental	\$15.00	_____	\$ _____
Memorial Service, Brink of Falls 2:00 P.M. PX Beer Party, Buses leave @ 7:30 P.M.	\$ 4.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday, September 19th — Men's General Meeting 9:00 A.M. to Noon - Hotel Niagara Ladies' Meeting 9:00 A.M. to Noon - Niagara Royale Hotel Military Parade Honoring all Veterans 2:00 P.M. If you wish to participate, check box. <input type="checkbox"/> Banquet and Dinner Dance - Convention and Civic Center Cocktail Hour 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. Banquet 7:00 to 1:00 A.M.	\$25.00	_____	\$ _____
Sunday, September 20th — Farewells and Departures - See you in Lexington, Kentucky next year.			
		Reunion Sub-Total	\$ _____

DUES

New Dues Year - August 1, 1987 to July 31, 1988

Regular Membership	\$ 5.00	\$ _____
Contributory Dues	\$10.00	\$ _____
Ladies Auxiliary	\$ 2.00	\$ _____
Postage and Bulletin Donation (up to you)		\$ _____
	Dues Sub-Total	\$ _____
	Total Amount Paid	\$ _____

Make Check or Money Order Payable to: 69th Infantry Division Association

If you do not have a plastic badge from earlier Reunions, please check box. ☐

Permanent badges will only be made if your request is accompanied by an advance prepaid Reservation. Failure to attend Reunion will result in a \$3.00 charge for each badge and will be deducted from your refund. Please fill out this form and mail them in with your check 30 days prior to the Reunion. If you do this, it will make our job much easier and save you time at the Registration Desk.

MEMORIES OF THE 1986 PITTSBURGH REUNION

— Waiting for the Bus After the Boat Ride —



— Around the Marriott —



1987 69th ANNUAL REUNION
NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK
SEPTEMBER 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 1987

MEMORIES OF THE 1986 PITTSBURGH REUNION

— PX Beer Party Night —



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MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW FOR 1987
69th Infantry Division Association 40th Annual Reunion
Niagara Falls, New York
September 13-20, 1987

Complete this form or send legible copy to:

Niagara Royale Hotel
Attn.: Robert Mackie
240 Rainbow Boulevard
Niagara Falls, New York 14303
Phone: 716/282-1212

Please reserve the following:

Single (1 person) @ \$55.00 _____ Double (2 persons) @ \$55.00 _____

I / We plan to arrive (day) _____, September _____, 1987. (Check in time - 3:00 P.M.)

I / We plan to depart (day) _____, September _____, 1987. (Check out time - 12:00 P.M.)

Send Confirmation to: *(Please Type or Print)*

Name: _____

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

City / State / Zip: _____

Telephone / Area Code: _____

In order to confirm reservation, one of the following must accompany this form:

Check or money order (one night's lodging) payable to the Niagara Royale Hotel, or Major Credit Card Number and date of expiration.

I wish to confirm my reservation by:

Credit Card Name _____ Number _____ Expires _____

PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ADVANCE DEPOSIT ONLY.

Room block held until 30 days Prior to scheduled arrival. Therefore, you must send in your reservation and advance deposit so it can be received no later than August 13, 1987. Any forms received after that date are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Special Note: Some rooms have one (1) King size bed.

Only the following Credit Cards will be accepted. American Express, Master Card, Visa Card, Diner's Club and Carte Blanche.

MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW FOR 1987
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Complete this form or send legible copy to:

Hotel Niagara/Quality Inn Intown
Ms. Myrt Hannam
Box 300, Falls Station
Niagara Falls, New York 14303
Phone: 716/285-9321

Please reserve the following at: _____ Hotel Niagara _____ Quality Inn Intown

Single (1 person in room) _____ Double (2 persons in room) _____

I / We plan to arrive (day) _____, September _____, 1987. (Check in time - 2:00 P.M.)

I / We plan to depart (day) _____, September _____, 1987. (Check out time - 12:00 P.M.)

Single and double rate at both Hotels is \$55.00 per night.

Send Confirmation to: (Please Type or Print)

Name: _____

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

City / State / Zip: _____

Telephone / Area Code: _____

In order to confirm reservation, one of the following must accompany this form:

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I wish to confirm my reservation by:

Credit Card Name _____ Number _____ Expires _____

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Only the following Credit Cards will be accepted. American Express, Master Card, Visa Card, Diner's Club and Carte Blanche.

The following Motels are reserved for those wishing a more modest rate.

All have the same rate and are about three or four miles east of the Falls.

To confirm reservations, one night's lodging fee must accompany your reservation thirty days prior to the event.

Holiday Motel

6650 Niagara Falls Blvd.
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Mr. Shalala

Phone: 716/283-8974

69th Infantry Division
Association

I / We plan to arrive (day) _____, September _____, 1987. Check in time is 2:00 P.M.

I / We plan to depart (day) _____, September _____, 1987. Check out time is 12:00 P.M.

Please reserve the following:

_____ One double bed @ \$29.50 _____ Two double beds @ \$37.50 _____ Three double beds @ \$46.50

Send Confirmation to: (Please Type or Print)

Name: _____

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

City / State / Zip: _____

Thruway Inn

6115 Niagara Falls Blvd.
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Mr. Tony Basile

Phone: 716/283-3444

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Send Confirmation to: (Please Type or Print)

Name: _____

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

City / State / Zip: _____

Sunrise Inn

6225 Niagara Falls Blvd.
Niagara Falls, NY 14303

Mr. Latif

Phone: 716/283-9952

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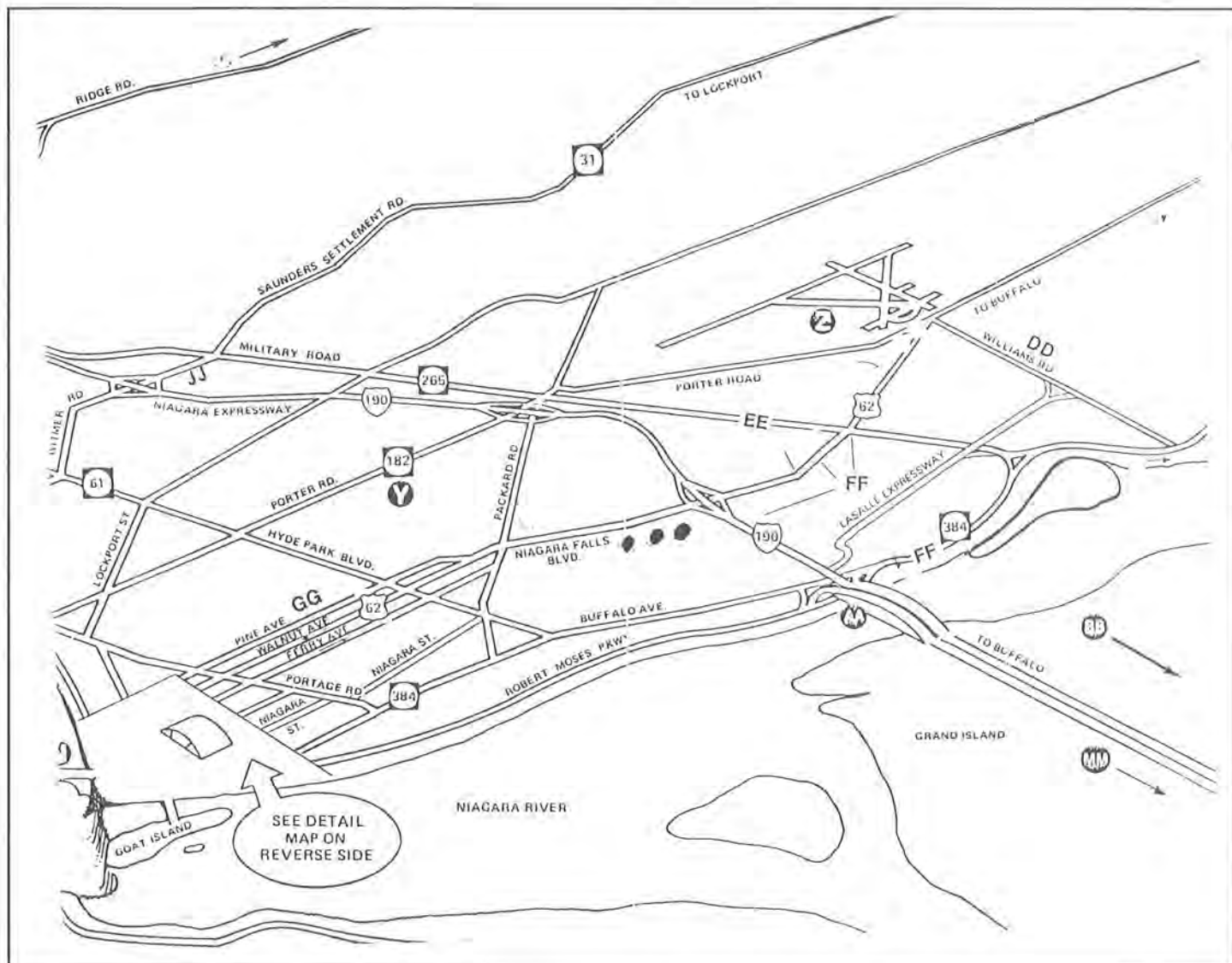
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GREATER NIAGARA FALLS AREA

Coming from the East on the New York Thruway (I-90) get off at Exit #50 which is the first exit after coming thru the toll gate. This is I-290, continue until you reach I-190 and bear right onto I-190, after you cross the second bridge, make a loop to the right which will put you on the Robert Moses Parkway, continue for about three miles and get off at the first exit to your right, make a left at the second light, which is Rainbow Boulevard which will take you to the Hotel area.

Coming from the West on the New York Thruway (I-90) get off at Exit #53 which is I-190, continue on I-190 until you cross the second bridge and follow the instructions listed above.

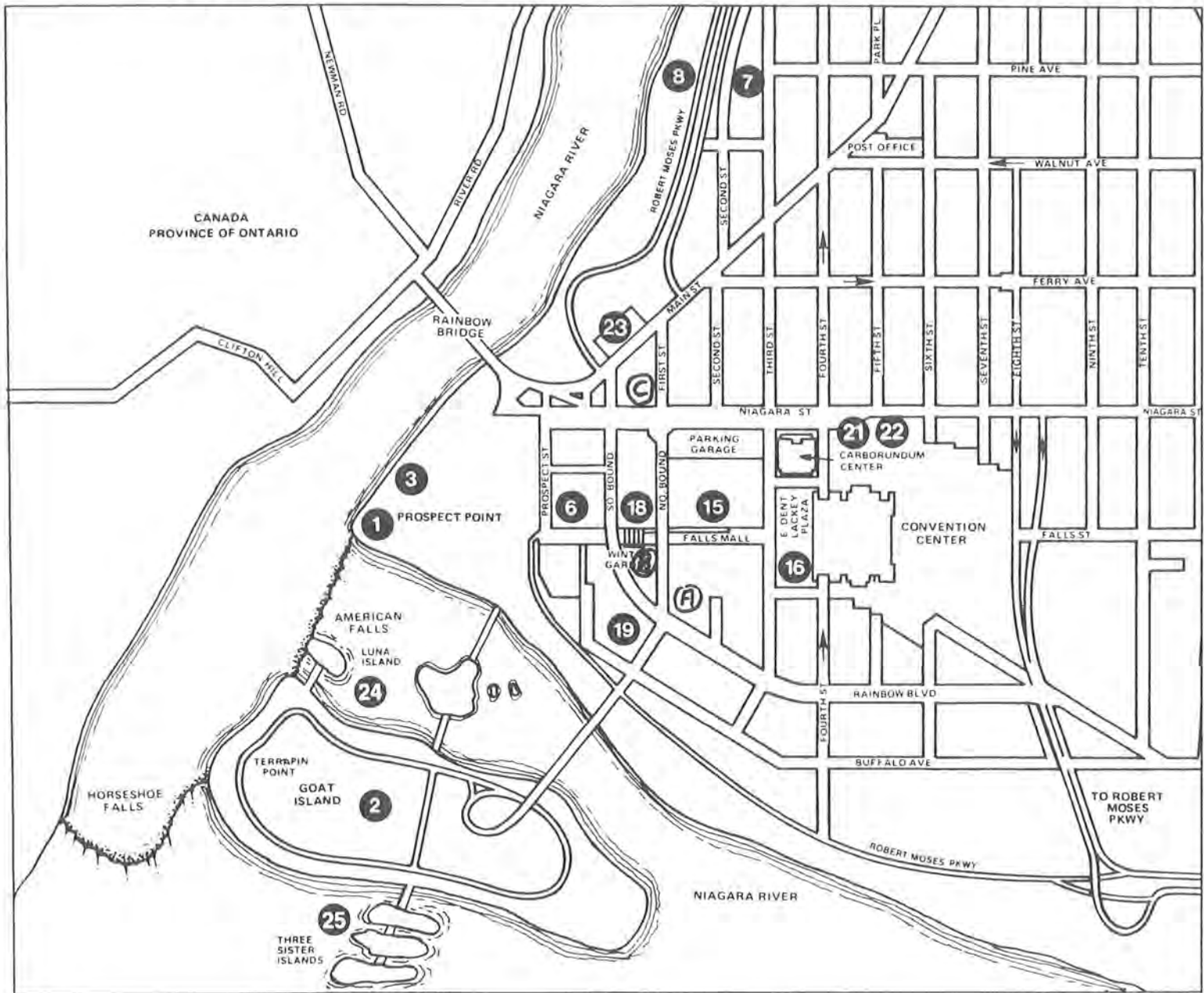
If you will be staying at the out of town Motels, they are listed by the three dots on Niagara Falls Boulevard.

AIR TRANSPORTATION TO NIAGARA FALLS

Both the Greater Buffalo International Airport and the Niagara Falls International Airport are serviced by Major Airlines.

Free shuttle service is not furnished by the Niagara Falls Hotels, however Limousine and Taxi service are available for your convenience as well as Rental Cars if you wish to travel into Canada.

DOWNTOWN CONVENTION COMPLEX



Legend

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|---|---|--|-------------------|
| 1. Prospect Point/
New York State
Observation Tower | 8. Schoellkopf
Geological Museum | 21. Official Visitor
Welcome Center | A. Hotel Niagara |
| 2. Goat Island | 15. Festival of Lights | 22. Full Service Bus
Terminal | B. Niagara Royale |
| 3. Maid of the Mist Boat
Tour | 16. Niagara Summer
Experience | 23. Rainbow Helicopter | C. Quality Inn |
| 6. Niagara Wax Museum | 18. Wintergarden | 24. Luna Island | |
| 7. Aquarium of Niagara
Falls | 19. Native American
Center for the Living
Arts, Inc. "The Turtle" | 25. Three Sisters
Islands | |

This issue of our Bulletin is 44 pages long. Pages 1 thru 18 and pages 27 thru 44 is the actual Bulletin. The pages in between, 19 thru 26, concern the Niagara Falls Reunion. All you have to do is turn to the middle of the Bulletin, open the staples, take out the necessary pages you need for Niagara, push the staples together again, and your Bulletin is still in tack. Otherwise, if you want the complete Bulletin, you must get photo copies of the pages you need for Niagara. One page goes to Bob Kurtzman, page 19. One of the other pages goes to your desired hotel/motel. They are either page 22 or 23 or a part of page 24. Note three motels are on page 24 and you only need one of them so this page can be cut in thirds. Thanks, I hope you understand correctly.

Medical Detachment - 273rd Infantry - Camp Shelby, Miss - April 1944

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Division Association Chapter (Group) Meetings Across the United States

We are interested in all news from Chapters, Groups, Branches, Companies, Battalions, 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 15622-0069 or R.D. #1, Box 477, Acme, Pennsylvania 15610-9606, as early as possible. Then follow through with a write-up immediately after the event(s).

Mid-West Group

Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri,
 North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas

Gaylord and Ruth Thomas, Coordinators
 432 Doty Street
 Waupun, Wisconsin
 Telephone: 412/324-4065

Fran and Zita Enright, Chairpersons
 7304 West Georgia Avenue
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53220
 Telephone:

The Spring Fling for the Midwest Group was held at the Lake Lawn Lodge in Delavan, Wisconsin on April 24, 25, and 26. Arrangements for the weekend were made by Curt and Evelyn Peterson and Gaylord and Ruth Thomas.

Those present were:

Fred and Mavis Butenhoff — E-272nd
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 Fran and Zita Enright — A-881st
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 Al Haag — D-271st
 Janesville, Wisconsin
 Ray Lehman — G-272nd
 Cedar Rapids, Iowa
 Chalmer and Reita Pearson — I-272nd
 Vandalia, Michigan
 Curt and Evelyn Peterson — 569th Sig.
 Madison, Wisconsin
 Gene and Ethel Pierron — 661st Recon.
 Belgium, Wisconsin
 with guest Mary Jane Rigazzi, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 Dale and Bonnie Scott — Sv-272nd
 Jefferson, Wisconsin
 Lew and Rosemary Shaw — H-272nd
 Rosedale, Indiana, with son and daughter-in-law
 Phil Sparacino — B-881st
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 Gaylord and Ruth Thomas — Hq. 777th
 Waupun, Wisconsin

Most of the Group arrived in time for several hours of good conversation before dinner in the Frontier Dining Room of the lodge on Friday evening.

The golfers in the group got up early on Saturday morning to be among the first to tee off on the beautiful golf course at the resort. The day was perfect for golf, and most played eighteen holes. Non-golfers enjoyed a late breakfast and then visited some of the craft and antique shops in the area.

The swimming pools, whirlpools, and saunas helped to loosen up some muscles in the afternoon, but the most popular place was the hospitality room with the constant flow of good conversation and laughter.

A delicious dinner at the resort was enjoyed by all on Saturday evening. It was hoped that a long walk back to the hospitality room for more conversation would burn off a few calories — no such luck.

The congenial atmosphere of the hospitality room beckoned again on Sunday morning. The group decided that it had been such a pleasant weekend that it should be repeated in 1988 at the same place and at about the same time.

Come on all you Midwesterners, let's all turn out next year! Watch the Bulletin for plans!

Note: May I have your telephone number Fran and Zita. How many golfers do you have? It would be nice to see ya all at Canaan Valley next June 1988 for the Tri-State weekend. Make sure we see you all at Niagara Falls in September 1987. Dottie and I will be there.



Left Side, Front to Rear:
 Gene Pierron, Mary Jane Rigazzi, Ray Lehman
Right Side, Front to Rear:
 Ethel Pierron, Al Haag, Phil Sparacino



Left to Right: Chalmer Pearson, Ethel Pierron, Curt Peterson, Dale Scott

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**DIVISION ASSOCIATION CHAPTER (GROUP)
MEETINGS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES**
(Continued from Page 28)



Left to Right: Gaylord Thomas, Lew Shaw, Rosemary Shaw, Fred Butenhoff

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Central Pennsylvania Branch

Daniel and Helen Evers
4950 Grant Drive
Brookhaven, Pennsylvania 19015
Telephone: 215/874-1197

Central & Eastern Pennsylvania, Eastern Maryland,
Delaware, New Jersey, and Washington, D.C.

On April 11, 1987, at the Continental Inn in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, the Central Branch of Pennsylvania held a dinner get-together with 32 members in attendance. The dinner was hosted by Dan and Helen Evers and everyone really enjoyed themselves. The meal was really good and the rooms were large and very clean. Dan and Helen had plenty of door prizes and put a lot of work into running a fun time with no long speeches.

Those in attendance in alphabetical order were:

Beswick, Bill & Jo 661st TD
Carey, Frank & Arlene 271st Inf. "Co. F"
Evers, Dan & Helen 269th Engrs. "Co. B"
Foster, Bill & Betty 269th Engrs. "Co. H&S"
Goodhart, Charles & Lorraine .. 273rd Inf. "Hqs. 1st Bn."
Hawley, John & Elizabeth 269th Engrs. "Co. H&S"
Howland, Walt & Eby Associate Members
Kurtzman, Bob & Vivian 272nd Inf. "Co. I"
McCombs, Paul & Margie 271st Inf. "Co. D"
Nemeth, Frank & Ted 269th Engrs. "Co. B"
Peterson, Ward & Marian 269th Engrs. "Co. B"
Stark, Jake & Violet 273rd Inf. "Co. H"
Stetler, Carl & Mildred 569th Signal
Szkudlarek, Ray & Helen 273rd Inf. "Co. H"
Walters, Earl & Anna 273rd Inf. "Co. H"
Lathbury, John & Debbie

Guests of Dan & Helen Evers, Daughter and Son-in-Law

Dan and Helen asked the guests if they wanted a weekend or a one-day affair, the consensus was they all lived rather close and felt a one-day affair was best with the option to stay overnight if so desired. So, I'm sure now that they got their feet wet, so to speak, the next one will be bigger and better and I'm sure with the new mailing list we will see a lot of new faces and many more regulars attending.

That's all for now and hope to see you all at the 'FALLS' in September.

Sincerely,

Secret Reporter of the CENTRAL PA BRANCH

Note: Secret Reporter, next time how about the home town of your attendees. Since most of your members live close there is a possibility of sharing a ride which could make for a larger attendance and also get each other to know each other better which could get those couples to share a ride to our 69th National Reunions wherever they may be. This year, as we all know, it is Niagara Falls.

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661st Tank Destroyer Bn.

William "Bill" Beswick and Jo Beswick, Chairpersons
P.O. Box 576
West Point, Virginia 23181
Telephone: 804/843-2696

Territory: All 50 of Our States

The Annual Get-To-Gether of the 661st Tank Destroyer was held in Charlottesville, Virginia, April 30th to May 3rd, 1987.

There was 52 for dinner on Saturday night. It was a treat and something different for all of us. Our meal was held in a banquet room at a cafeteria. We had twenty-four couples, two singles and Pat and Polly Patterson's daughters, Judy and Nancy. We want to thank Pat, Polly and girls for an excellent time and for having all of us in their home for cocktails.

I believe the majority visited Monticello and Ash Lawn, two of Charlottesville's famous landmarks.

Dr. LeGrand and Sally Woolley of Pebble Beach, California and Warren and Dottie Mitchell of Redwood City, California took the honors for coming the farthest. All of us had an excellent time.

Washington, D.C. and Virginia Beach, Virginia were discussed as our Get-To-Gether site in 1988. Washington won out, if everything works out. The Turn Bridges Marriott has put in a bid with room rates of \$49.00 per night, not bad. More on this later.

Those attending were:

Hq. 661st

Warren and Dottie Mitchell Redwood City, California
Doctor LeGrand and Sally Woolley .. Pebble Beach, California
Bill and Mary Wahl Chagrin Falls, Ohio
Bill and Audrey Coen Parkersburg, West Virginia
Millard and Ruth Mellinger..... Wrightsville, Pennsylvania

Rcn. Co.

Paul and Louise Cole Lutherville, Maryland
Sols and Barbara Howlett .. Matthews, Virginia (1st Timers)

A Co.

Michael and Dottie Kotnick Elyria, Ohio
John and Leora Sherlock Pawtucket, Rhode Island
Elwin "Pat" Patterson Apollo, Pennsylvania
Thomas S. Knick Clifton Forge, Virginia
Sam and Gertrude Goldberg Lakewood, New Jersey
Bill and Margaret Dawson Nathalie, Virginia
Walter and Edna Johnson Lynchburg, Virginia

B Co.

Bill and Jo Beswick West Point, Virginia
Bill and Ellen Snidow Pembroke, Virginia
Ralph and Chris Bragg Chase City, Virginia
Earl and Ruth Repman York, Pennsylvania
Leo and Ellen Levie Baltimore, Maryland
Nelson and Betty Leaman Mountville, Pennsylvania
Frances O'Roark Hintor, Virginia

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Co. C

Joe and Pat Slopek Munroe Falls, Ohio
Stanley and Gertrude Green Battle Creek, Michigan
Chuck Yannul Bellmawr, New Jersey
Steve and Anne Forgas Seven Hills, Ohio
M. E. "Dick" and Betty Davis ... Greencastle, Pennsylvania
Marcel and Carol Pugsley Yoder, Indiana

Note: Looks like a lot of 661st T.D.ers could be Tri-Staters too coming from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, and Michigan. Try us some time, you are always welcome.

I want to issue a special invitation to all 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion members and urge them to attend the Reunion of the "Fighting 69th" Infantry Division Association to be held at Niagara Falls, New York, September 13th to 20th.

Don't forget, this is your association to attend and enjoy the fun and festivities. Also to visit with old friends.

Come and join us. You won't be sorry you did. Try to bring a friend.

Sincerely,
Bill Beswick

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"Turner's have two addresses in the Peach State"

Our Reunion will once again be held in conjunction with the 69th Infantry Division Association's Annual Reunion, this year at Niagara Falls, New York, September 13 thru 20, 1987. John and Neta regret that we cannot be at the 69th Infantry Division (and Battery-C, 724th Field Artillery Bn.) Reunion at Niagara Falls, New York. We will look forward and plan to be at our Reunion along with the 69th Infantry Division Association's in Lexington, Kentucky, August 14 to 21, 1988. Vernon E. Tritch will be in charge this year at Niagara Falls. John and Vernon will be sending out letters encouraging C-Battery members and wives to attend the falls Reunion in "The Honeymoon Capital."

Our meeting and luncheon will be at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, September 18, 1987.

Note: May I suggest you take in the Memorial Service at the Brink of Falls at 2:00 P.M. Friday and on Saturday get in the Military Parade honoring all veterans at 2:00 P.M. Sign up on the registration form when sending in your planned activities.

Company-H, 273rd Infantry

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It's getting later than you think since we are all over 60 years of age. How many more Reunions will we have? Only the Lord above knows this. Remember our biggest turn out yet last year in Pittsburgh where we had 11 men present and their wives. Well, let's beat that record in Niagara Falls, "The Honeymoon Capital" this year. The Reunion is September 13 to 20, 1987 but you don't have to come for the entire week. Come for as many days as you can afford and remember this year there are three motels three miles away giving good prices that shouldn't keep any H Company members away. I have sent out 40 letters to our members so let's have 40 members present with their wives.

Violet and I had a real nice time at the Tri-State weekend in Greensburg last May. One of our H Company members who is also a Tri-State member had either a heart attack or stroke, so I would like you to send him a cheery up card. He is Sam Grubbs, 3999 Old Route 8, Allison Park, Pennsylvania 15101. We do hope you are improving Sam. You know all H Company members living in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, New York, North Carolina, and Indiana can be members of the Tri-State too. Write Earl Witzleb and tell him to put you on his roster.

Also hope by now you have sent William Hawthorne a card. His address was in the last Bulletin.

Well I'll save a little talk for when I see you in Niagara Falls in September. Do get your activities reservation to Bob Kurtzman and send for a room at one of the motels or three hotels in town. Hotel Niagara will be the 69th headquarters.

See you in Niagara Falls in September so think Niagara Falls and do come for fellowship with your H Company buddies.

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We are not issuing any challenge to other rifle companys, but if the rest of them come up with the 11 that we already have registered, we'll have the biggest Reunion ever.

There's still a few of you "I" 272nd regulars out there that have not signed up, so come on and get your reservations in as we will again have a nice turn out and our usual good time.

Just recently received word from our old Executive Officer Kenneth Hull and although he can't make it this year, he assured me that he will be in Lexington next year.

We look for this to be the biggest Reunion ever, so come on and be a part of it and with all that good "I" Company hospitality you know you won't be disappointed.

Bob Kurtzman and Pat Lushbaugh

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Company E, 273rd Infantry

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or

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"When in Florida or the Orlando Area - Visit the Dunlaps"

Dear Earl:

I plan to be in Niagara Falls at the Reunion in September. I will probably come in either Wednesday or Thursday and leave on Sunday. I will be unable to make the Tri-State Weekend and the Mini "E" Company Reunion. Please give all of the fellows my best wishes and regards. Tell them if they come to Florida or near the Orlando area to contact me. I have moved and now live a 795 McIntyre Avenue, Winter Park, Florida 32789, and my telephone number is (305) 645-0154. However, I can best be reached at my office number (305) 849-0300.

Please send me a list of all the Company "E" members so I can contact them prior to the Niagara Falls Convention. I would like to have a dinner for all the Company "E" members at the Convention and will be in touch with you about it.

Jack Snyder, who lives in Joplin, Missouri, came through about a month ago and we have a great evening together. If you do not have his address let me know so I can send it to you.

I sent Frank Reemsnyder a card and hope that he makes some improvement in the future.

Give my best regards to Dottie and I look forward to seeing you in Niagara Falls.

Sincerely,
Davisson F. Dunlap

There you have it E Company members. Davisson will have a dinner for us on Friday evening, September 18th at roughly 7:00 P.M. Be there all 65 of us plus wives. By now you should have had a letter from me and also I am sure a letter from Davisson. Don't let him down by not attending. You all have a roster of each of us, so write one and other inviting them to Niagara Falls, New York 69th Infantry Division Association Reunion September 13 thru 20, 1987. If someone lives close to you double up on driving to save a few bucks. After 40 plus years it's time to see each other once again and once you attend a Reunion, you'll not want to miss any of the coming ones. Bring the wife and family too.

If you want to save on room rates, reserve your room at one of the three motels on Niagara Falls Boulevard. Dottie and I are staying at the Thruway Inn, Niagara Falls Boulevard, Thursday to Sunday so we can make our room headquarters, Company E, 273rd Infantry. Please send me a card if you plan on attending the Reunion and do be there. Since Friday evening is the best night for groups to go out on their own to eat and we will be a group, check carefully when signing up for the PX beer party. Buses leave at 7:30 P.M. and we'll not be back in time for that since they are going to another location for the beer party. If you plan on going to it, find out where it will be held and you'll have to drive on your own to it after our dinner get together. This can be discussed at the registration desk when arriving at the Reunion site. Hotel Niagara will be headquarters for the 69th Association Reunion. You will find the registration room there plus the hospitality room where good 69ers gather to have a quick one with another buddy. Make yourself at home, mix with the gang, introduce yourself to others who will be from other units, socialize, and do have fun, enjoy yourselves. I am sure your wife will want to come back after attending the ladies meeting on Saturday at 9:00 A.M. So E Company members, get on the ball and send your reservation for the activities to Robert J. Kurtzman, Sr., Post Office Box 178, Wilmet, Ohio 44689 and your room reservation to one of the three hotels or three motels.

Might just say if you haven't sent Frank Reemsnyder a card, do so now. The Tri-State group had our weekend at the Sheraton Inn, Greensburg, Pennsylvania in May and two E Company Members attended. Art and Marian Hume from Jackson, Michigan plus Dottie and me from Acme, Pennsylvania. After losing at the Meadows race track Friday night the four of us toured the mountains of Pennsylvania Saturday visiting Seven Springs Ski Resort and Ohiopyle Park Falls in the Laurel Mountains. We returned to enjoy a delicious dinner at the Saturday banquet plus some good entertainment which included sing-a-longs of some of the oldies. May I at this time invite E Company members to our 1988 Tri-State weekend in the Canaan Valley of West Virginia. Write ups will be in future bulletins. But right now let's think 69th INFANTRY DIVISION REUNION AT NIGARA FALLS, NEW YORK and BE THERE will you. Dottie and I will be glad to see each of you.

**1987 69th ANNUAL REUNION
NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK
SEPTEMBER 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 1987**

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269th Engineers

Frank Nemeth
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Territory: All 50 of Our States

Hi Ya'll:

Just returned from the Tri-State Reunion in Greensburg, Pennsylvania and really had a terrific time. It was good to see everyone again.

We did pretty good at the race track, we bet real scientific on the rider because he had the same last name as a guy I used to work with. He won two out of the three races, so that's not too bad.

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Had a great time playing GOLF on a mountain course and saw a once in a life time sight. A fellow golfer driving his cart backwards from the seat of his pants, outside the cart on the ground. I know it's hard to believe but I didn't have my camera with me, did I ever lie to you?? The Tri-State was a real fun time and plenty of laughs and good food.

Also attended the Central Pennsylvania Chapter get together in Lancaster and had a good time, and not only because I won a door prize. Enjoyed the indoor heated pool and being with the group from the 69th Division again.

Glad to report all the 269th Engineers are all doing well again. Bill Foster is up and around and acting like his old self. B.V. Blackburn is out playing golf again and shooting real low scores. I can't wait to see him and get some FREE tips to help my game. We are getting things all set for the trip to the Falls in September and hope to see everyone there. I understand some of the old regulars are attending and hope we can get some new faces from that area also.

Don't forget to send me photos for the 269th Engineer page. Really need pictures of "H&S", "A Co." and "C Co." with the names on the back if you know them. So — drop me a note now and then so I can update the news in the Bulletin.

The best to all of you and remember, it's later than you

See photo page of 269th Engineers elsewhere in this Bulletin.

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Tri-State Group

THE FAMILY GROUP

Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Western Maryland, Western New York, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee

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(Evenings after 7:00 P.M. and Weekends)

Dear Dottie and Earl,

Earl and I hate to miss the Greensburg weekend. Our hearts will be with you. My Unit decided to pay our way to the American Legion's Department Commanders' Dinner on that Saturday. I'm not enthused about that but being President of the Unit, I have to sometimes give up pleasure.

We missed you two at Central Pennsylvania's banquet - very nice and good food.

I suggested to Dan that we set a date for next April at the same place and the rest of the gang agreed so I hope he follows through.

Hope your Easter was happy - your health good. Until later take care.

Love,

Ann and Earl

Note: Ann is the Ladies Auxiliary President of the 69th Infantry Division Association. Sorry Vivian Kurtzman, our Ladies Auxiliary Vice President who was at Greensburg. I forgot to introduce her at the banquet but she did stand with Bob when I introduced him as the 69th Treasurer. We had all four 69th officers at the Tri-State weekend. Along with

think, so try and make a Reunion soon. Best wishes and get well soon to Ruth and Stanley Auk, we all miss you both.

Your Ole Buddie,

Frank



Left to Right: Jim McEnaney, Ray Lottie and Mrs. McEnaney
In Rear: Stan Auk and Walt Howland

Bob and Vivian Kurtzman was President William "Bill" and Jo Beswick, William "Bill" and Betty Foster, Vice President, and Frank and Ted Nemeth, Secretary.

Clarence Marshall our Membership Chairman, was present and received our 1987 Tri-State plaque award along with Paul and Marian Shadle getting the other plaque. A few of the 69th directors were in attendance also which included Jacob and Violet Stark, Jr., Dan and Helen Evers and John and Arylene Mowrey, Jr. Naturally all three Bulletin editors were at the weekend, Clarence Marshall and Dottie and Earl Witzleb, Jr. Our thanks to Pat and Jan Lushbaugh who do the printing of our flyers and to Dottie for the government job of having our rosters made up. Paul Shadle is our Chaplain and we really don't have any kind of a meeting at our weekend, just fun, fellowship, and a good time by all in our "Family Group." And the weekend couldn't have been any better with nice warm sunny days, a good Friday night at the Meadows race track, and a delicious banquet with entertainment, if it hadn't been for Anne and Enrico D'Angelo, our hosts. Thanks, thanks, and many thanks to you two. Our golfers had fun too on the hilly 9 hole course and our 69th snap, snap, snap photographer Chet and his lovely wife Barbara Yastrzemski were snapping most of the time.

Now we think Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls and all Tri-State members will be in Niagara Falls. Dottie and I will stay at the Thruway Inn on Niagara Boulevard, Thursday to Sunday and when we aren't taking in the activities we will be at our room which we'll make headquarters for the Tri-State group. Tri-Staters, read through your roster and find some other member who lives close to you and double up on driving to Niagara Falls. Even call several members of our group reminding them of the annual 69th Reunion in Niagara Falls. Remember, the division Reunions should have first priority over other events and we Tri-Staters take them all in. So now think and think Niagara Falls and be there for at least part of the week. If you don't know it, I'll tell you now, Niagara Falls is in our Tri-State area and we should have a

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good representation there. Now when the cold winter comes we can dream of Canaan Valley and the wonderful weekend we'll have there in June 1988. The golfers will enjoy the championship golf course playing along side of deer and it will be nice to see Dottie walk up to within 10 feet of a skunk. I hope they shot them all by then.

Dear Earl,

Jo and I really enjoyed ourselves last weekend. That was a great group of people. Everyone is so nice and friendly.

We enjoyed talking with you in our room. I'm going to cut this short so I can get it in the mail. Do take care.

Regards,
Bill Beswick

Thank you Mr. President, it was nice having Jo and you with us along with Elwin "Pat" Patterson. You three are now Tri-Staters and on our roster for several years. Hope you all are already thinking Canaan Valley in June of 1988 with others from the 661st T.D.'s since many of them are living in our Tri-State area so WELCOME ABOARD.

Tri-Staters at the Pittsburgh 1986 Reunion



General and Mrs. Charles L. Bolte
(Back, Vivian Kurtzman, President - Ladies Auxiliary)



President Bill and Jo Beswick
Treasurer, Bob Kurtman



Earl Walters, Ray Szkudlarek, Helen Szkudlarek, Violet Stark, Anna K. Walters, President - Ladies Auxiliary

On May 14th, 1987 the troops arrived at the Sheraton Inn, Greensburg, Pennsylvania — a great barracks atop a mountain, checked in and quickly found the hospitality room.

Beautiful weather prevailed the "4 day problem" (army talk), kisses, hugs and deep handshakes prevailed thru the day and comradery was much in evidence.

All brought their favorite beverage for a "Division Bar" and the "War Departments" came bearing gifts, homemade goodies, pastries, cheeses, meat and even meatballs in beer sauce, plus decorated 69th Tri-State Cakes - more than enough goodies.

Thursday evening we enjoyed the indoor pool party, which had snacks and pizza - (D. Witzleb, M. Kormas and F. Carey even went swimming). The surprise entertainment was a belly dancer, who was wildly received by the troops. After she kissed John Mawrey's head, he vowed not to wash it for 6 months. Bill Foster got a few kisses and did he smile. Ward Peterson had been nodding, but a warm hand on his brow snapped him to attention. She tried to get Enrico D'Angelo out to dance with her, but he chickened out (coward). Jake Stark loved her caressing also, but shy Al Kormas was talking to her mother in the background, plus the two musicians.

We closed the hospitality room at 0100 - what a first night, and as usual throughout the 4 days, our official photographer, Chet Wastrzemski kept snapping photos. Any for blackmail, Chet?

Friday at 0800 the golfers teed off. Dan Evers, Al Hornyak, Frank Nemeth, Buss Harmon (guest) and Al Kormas. A great and fun game. Evers got a birdie. Kormas, on a cart with no brakes, like a coward bailed out at 90 m.p.h. and slid on his rear down the mountain next to the cart - neither hurt. Frank won naturally, as he was the scorekeeper, he could not lose. At 1230 hours we boarded the buses to a glass factory and the Fraus spent our money. A ride through the lovely countryside on to the Meadows Racetrack for a V.I.P. treatment - trotters, for a lot of fun, catered chow and betting. We would have liked to have court martialed the "Head K.P" pusher. Back to the barracks at 2400. The hospitality room closed at 0200. Again what a great day.

Saturday, golfers again minus Hornyak (I just could not get up), replaced by "Ted" Nemeth (Frank's war department) and a 100% improvement over Hornyak. Just a nice round, no incidents. Of course Frank won - why not, he kept score. The hospitality room was busy all day with smiling and laughing 69ers. Cocktail hour at 1800, dinner at 1900.

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No complaints. "Short Speeches" by our President Bill Beswick, Enrico D'Angelo and Earl Witzleb. Two Tri-State plaques were awarded - one to Clarence Marshall and one to Marian and Paul Shadle. Both were well deserving. The banquets are always great as then the "War Departments" get their men all dressed up even to a tie and all looked great. Entertainment by a duo and a sing-along of "Old Favorites." Hospitality closed at 0200.

Sunday - a final breaking of bread together at a gourmet buffet and kisses and hugs and goodbyes until the National and next Tri-State.

In conclusion, they get better every year for those who wanted to make it but illness precluded. Our hearts are with you buddies and as usual, Vivian Kurtzman had 6 cards to be signed. It was a great gathering of buddies and their wives. 'Tis true we are probably not 1A anymore, but the smiles, and comraderie took 25 years of each of our lives and a finer medicine can not be found.

To those who put it on, our beloved D'Angelo's - who have put on 4, who got the hotel, the tours, and the "belly dancer," and Anne herself baked so many goodies, - how can you put into words to convey "Thanks." And now the Witzleb's putting on 1988 at Canaan Valley, West Virginia - our next Tri-State Reunion.

Come one and all and join us. Have a great time. We need you - we want you there.

Written by Alex Kormas

Thanks again!!!

Two words, so very often used, are again repeated and most sincerely sent to all those who attended and helped make our Tri-State Reunion in Greensburg such a success.

We hope you had a great time so that you will keep attending these wonderful gatherings. Friendships are so very precious, we value them so very much!

Thanks too, to the people who responded but for some reason or other could not come this year. Let's hope we can meet in the near future. Those of you who are ill, please get well soon and then, "Take Care."

We enjoyed every minute of the preparation, (even though some went "off course," and for that we are sorry), the Reunion and most of all the personal contacts.

God Bless You All - We Love You!

Enrico and Anne D'Angelo



Left to Right:

Marie Suprano, Margaret Kormas, Anne D'Angelo



Left to Right:

Arylene Mowrey, Bill Beswick, Jo Beswick, Bill Foster

Tri-Staters who were at the Sheraton Inn Greensburg are:

- Dell and Mary Balzano — Service Battery 879th F.A.
Highland Heights, Ohio
- John and Arylene Mowrey — H Company, 273rd Infantry
Charleston, West Virginia
- Jacob and Violet Stark — H Company, 273rd Infantry
Enhaut - Steelton, Pennsylvania
- Raymond and Helen Szkudlarek — H Company, 273rd Infantry
Toledo, Ohio
- Earl and Dorothy Witzleb, Jr. — E Company, 273rd Infantry
Acme, Pennsylvania
- Arthur and Marian Hume — E Company, 273rd Infantry
Jackson, Michigan
- Robert and Vivian Kurtzman — I Company, 272nd Infantry
Wilmot, Ohio
- L. A. and Janice Lushbaugh — I Company, 272nd Infantry
Funkstown, Maryland
- Ward and Marian Peterson — B Company, 269th Engineers
Glen Mills, Pennsylvania
- Dan and Helen Evers — B Company, 269th Engineers
Brookhaven, Pennsylvania
- Frank and Stefania Nemeth — B Company, 269th Engineers
Levittown, Pennsylvania
- W. R. and Betty Foster — 269th Engineers
New Cumberland, Pennsylvania
- Carl and Mildred Stetler — 569th Signal
Reading, Pennsylvania
- H. Ray Fahrner — A Company, 273rd Infantry
Lansdale, Pennsylvania
- Guest George Wright, Lansdale, Pennsylvania
- John and Anne Mikacinich — F Company, 271st Infantry
Girard, Ohio
- Cecil and Alene Cottle — F Company, 271st Infantry
Portsmouth, Ohio
- Adam Manz — A/G Service, 69th Division Headquarters
Ellwood City, Pennsylvania
- Guest - Sister, Ellwood City, Pennsylvania
- Clarence Marshall — 69th Division Headquarters
New Kensington, Pennsylvania
- Guests Mr. and Mrs. Harmon, Oil City Pennsylvania
- Frank and Arlene Carey — F Company, 271st Infantry
Reinholds, Pennsylvania
- Leroy and Dolores Pastore — AT Company, 271st Infantry
Grand Island, New York

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B. A. and Irene Humphreys — 769th Ordinance
Greenfield, Ohio

Robert and Jean Shaffer — C Company, 272nd Infantry
Massillon, Ohio

R. James and Jane Lynch — Cannon Company, 271st Infantry
North Warren, Pennsylvania

Jim and Barbara Kidd — F Company, 271st Infantry
Winchester, Kentucky

Chester and Barbara Yastrzemski — E Company,
272nd Infantry, Southampton, New York

Paul and Marian Shadle — E Company, 271st Infantry
New Kensington, Pennsylvania

Albert and Rebecca Hornyak — K Company, 271st Infantry
Cleveland, Ohio

James and Emily Jones — C Battery, 879th F.A.
Solon, Ohio

William and Freda Clayton — 269th Engineers
North Bend, Ohio

Ted and Rosemarie Edstrom — 69th Division Headquarters
Fairview Park, Ohio

James and Tillie Boris — Headquarters Battery 881st F.A.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Marie Suprano — A Battery, 881st F.A.
New Kensington, Pennsylvania

Lewis and Stella Ellsworth — 69th Recon
Steubenville, Ohio

Alex and Margaret Kormas — Headquarters, 879th F.A.
Lakewood, Ohio

Andrew Lapatka — 777th Tank Battalion
New Castle, Pennsylvania

Enrico and Anne D'Angelo — 880th F.A.
Saltsburg, Pennsylvania

Pete and Helen Garstecki — Cannon Company, 272nd Infantry
Uniontown, Pennsylvania

John Mihm — Headquarters Company, 273rd Infantry
Scottsdale, Pennsylvania

Herman Walker — L Company, 273rd Infantry
Greenwood, Indiana
Guest — Greenwood, Indiana

Elwin Patterson — 661st T.D.
Apollo, Pennsylvania

Bill and Jo Beswick — 661st T.D.
West Point, Virginia

Cancelled

William and Mary Harr — C Battery, 879th F.A.
Bainbridge, Ohio

— 79 Total Attended —

269th Engineers had 10 present

H Company, 273rd Infantry had 6 present

F Company, 271st Infantry had 6 present

879th F.A. had 6 present

Division Headquarters had 4 present with 3 guests

Let's have some unit beat the Engineers next year. See
you all at Canaan Valley Resort, State Route 32, Davis, West
Virginia.

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Headquarters for the 880th Field Artillery C-Battery
Weekend, August 20 thru 23 will be the Royal Motel,
Ridgeway, Pennsylvania. Plans for the group will be a tour
of a Glass factory, a brewery, and a trip to Kinzua Dam on
Friday. More information will be mailed to members or write
Lee and Betty Meyers.

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Company E 271st Infantry

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We enjoyed our first 69th Reunion in Pittsburgh last year.
We have plans to attend the Niagara Falls Reunion in
September. We hope that all those who attended in Pittsburgh
will be at the Falls with others from the Company who haven't
been to a Reunion in years or never. Once you come fellows,
most likely you won't miss another. Do bring your wife along
since it is the "Honeymoon Capital."

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Company E 272nd Infantry

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I served my basic training in the field artillery at Fort
Bragg, North Carolina and arrived in Camp Shelby and stayed
one week in B Battery, 880th Field Artillery. I was transferred
to E Company 272nd Regiment and was placed in the 1st
squad, 3rd platoon. Our company commander at this time was
Albert Davies from New Jersey. He and two other officers
were assaulted in England and Davies went to S-3, 2nd Bat-
talion, 272nd Regiment. He was replaced by Captain Harold
Drury. The officers in my company were: Lieutenant Troy
Bowens, Lieutenant Donald Blair, Lieutenant Will Kinard,
Lieutenant Joe Smith and Lieutenant Robert Heilman. The
1st Sergeant was John Carney.

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DIVISION ASSOCIATION CHAPTER (GROUP) MEETINGS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES

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Lieutenant Troy Bowens, originally from Tocca, Georgia, and now living in Springfield, Florida, was my platoon leader. The platoon Sergeant was Ted Shelly, Lima, Ohio. My squad leader was Sergeant Harry Giduck from Chester, Pennsylvania. We used to call him G. I. Duck, his last name. The assistant squad leader was Sergeant John Westlake originally from Patchogue, New York. His family moved to Connecticut and after the war, John moved to Dalla, Texas. When we were in Arizona for our first Reunion West, I was talking with him about five in the morning and we had an enjoyable chat about the 69th. I understand he has moved backed to Connecticut.

My best buddy in my squad was, and still remains, Fred Butenhoff, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Others in my squad: Joe Amaral, Al Powell, Ben Sellers, Lamar Millet, Merle Stallman, Lyn Turner, Bob Goetz and Tom Dunleavy. One other was a Silvio G. Formosa from Pennsylvania who was accidentally killed when we were traveling by truck through Leipzig, Germany. The standing order at the time was no shell in the chamber of the M1 rifle. We used to stack the M1 under the seats. I was sitting next to Formosa when a member of my squad reached down to retrieve his rifle and it went off and the round went through the steel helmet killing Formosa instantly. We took his body and layed it onto the street and continued on our way. But for the grace of God it could have readily been me to receive the shot. When I have visited Magratten Cemetery, I make sure to visit his grave site. In our '85 tour I took a photo of his stone marker, as to me at the time of his death was a traumatic experience as we were both 19 years of age at that time. I only mention it at this time because it's still deeply etched in my mind.

A few years ago, at our Reunion in Harrisburg, we had 17 members from E Company, which was the largest group from our company and the second largest of any other group at the Reunion. This is a list of the men from E Company that have, at one time or another, attended our Reunions. Jay K. Shayne, Thomas Smith, Walter Bickel, Edward Gallagher, Will Goodheim, Harold Starry, Stanley Karas, Tony Keller, Fred Butenhoff, Roger West, Arthur Caola, Sam DiGirolamo, Joseph Greco, Allen Histan, James Howard, Milton Lutes, William Russell, Eldred Tubbs, William Russell and Jerry Ivan. I must apologize if I have missed any one name. Stanley Karas was a Medic in our company and Troy Bowens was our platoon leader and they both now live five minutes from each other in Springfield, Florida.

I would encourage others from E Company that receive the Bulletin to seriously come to Niagara Falls for our Reunion in September and meet your buddies you haven't seen in over forty years and have an enjoyable experience, one you will long cherish and remember for the remainder of your days on earth.



— SOUVENIRS —

To all 69ers: We have souvenirs to sell for your wear and pleasure. Jackets, Shirts, Caps, Blazers, Emblems, Jewelry, and Tote Bags. A tremendous selection to choose from. Those who are handling these items are working for you, and have spent a lot of time and effort to select them at the lowest possible price. The profit from these items is nil, so please patronize the sales people. Be proud of your Association, and advertise it. Put a decal on your car and you might relocate an ex-69er who was never aware of our organization.

Salesperson,
Al Kormas and
Bill and Reba Sheavly



Mr. and Mrs. James Schubert and Kurt Nolke at the Schubert home in Philadelphia, August 1986.



This is the home of Kurt Nolke in Bebra-Weiterode, Germany

269th ENGINEERS



*Company "C" in the Field
Fred Hunt, A. D. King, Steve Puchan, Tom Hunt, Ray Weekly, Can you name the others?*



*Camp Shelby - Summer of 1944 - 269th H/S Water Point
Joe Alocny (top), Lou Klein and Max Weinzerl (rear)*



*Blackburn Brothers
Bill and Harold in Sinzig, Germany*

I need photos of "Co. A", "Co. C." and "H&S Co."
I have lots of photos of "Co. B".

F. C. Nemeth



Company "A", Sergeant Joe Vioral

QUIZ TIME — 39th Annual Reunion

Greentree Marriott, Pittsburgh, PA — August 10th to 17th, 1986

QUIZ TIME

The following pictures have names missing. If you find your photo fill in the blank or write it on a separate piece of paper and send it to Earl at Post Office Box 69, Champion, Pennsylvania 15622-0069. Make sure you give the Photo Number and your name so that the answers can be put in the next Bulletin. We want to know who you are and see you once again in Niagara Falls.

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_____ — *Elijah R. Sams, Jr.*

1987 69th ANNUAL REUNION

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

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QUIZ TIME ANSWERS FROM LAST BULLETIN

It looks like a lot of members or even wives or even friends don't read our Bulletin. Response to our Quiz was very light. I thought I would have had a ton of mail, or maybe you don't know my address is Post Office Box 69, Champion, Pennsylvania 15622-0069. You still have time since I will have the answers again in the next Bulletin plus those from this Bulletin's quiz. Following are those who did have the envelope, 22¢ postage stamp, a pencil or pen, and a piece of writing paper to answer the last quiz.

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Anthony W. Plasic - Alex Zubrowski - Grace & Frank Packard

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CLARENCE MARSHALL, 101 Stephen Street, New Kensington, PA 15068

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Chester Yastrzemski, Our Photographer-Barbara Yastrzemski

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Earl E. Witzleb, Jr.-Sam Grubbs-Adam Manz-Enrico D'Angelo

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Bob Kremin — Bob Sabaroff

O.K. fellow 69ers, we are still missing a lot of names from those 31 photographs that appeared in our last Quiz in Bulletin Volume 40, Number 2, - January, February, March, April 1987.

How about digging that Bulletin out and see if you can identify some of the 69ers in those photographs and mail it to me at Post Office Box 69, Champion, Pennsylvania 15622-0069.

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DOROTHY A. WITZLEB,
P.O. Box 69, Champion, Pennsylvania 15622-0069

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS AND COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE

May I just make note to all Leaders of Chapters, Groups, Branches, Companies, Battalions, 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.

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 summer from your editors,
 Dottie, Clarence, and Earl. To end the
 beautiful three months that just passed,
 see you at the Falls in September.*

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AUGUST 20, 21, 22, 23, 1987
880th FIELD ARTILLERY — C-BATTERY

Headquarters:
 Royal Motel
 Ridgeway, Pennsylvania
 Visit a glass factory, brewery and Kinzua Dam.

Committee:

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 Enrico and Anne D'Angelo
 516 Chestnut Street
 Saltsburg, Pennsylvania 15681
 Telephone: 412/639-3037

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SEPTEMBER 11, 12, 13, 1987
69th RECON TROOPS

Radisson Inn of Cincinnati
 Cincinnati, Ohio
 36th Annual Weekend

For Further Information Write:

Robert and Mable Schueler
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 Hamilton, Ohio 45013
 Telephone: 513/869-6970

SEPTEMBER 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 1987

724th FIELD ARTILLERY, C-BATTERY

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

Battery C, 724th F.A. Dinner will be on Friday, September 18 at 11:00 A.M.

For Information Write:

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**OUR 40th REUNION - Let's make it a big one. Come
 one, come all; bring the family and friends. Guests
 are welcome.**

OCTOBER 17, 1987

Deadline for material and pictures
 Bulletin Volume 41, Number 1
 September - October - November - December
 Bulletin due out to members in late November

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JANUARY 2, 1988

Deadline for material and pictures
 Bulletin Volume 41, Number 2
 January - February - March - April
 Bulletin due out in late February or early March
 Members can schedule their vacations accordingly for the
 Lexington Reunion. Holiday deadline extension due to
 New Year's is January 11, 1988.

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**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS
AND COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE**
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**APRIL 1988
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH**

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Daniel and Helen Evers
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Waupun, Wisconsin 53963
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661st TANK DESTROYER BATTALION WEEKEND
— TENTATIVE —**

Twin Bridge Marriott
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Cambell House Inn
1375 Harrodsburg Road
Lexington, Kentucky

**IT WILL BE OUR 41st REUNION - How many do we
have left? Come visit an old buddy or make new friends.
Bring wife and family - Guests are welcome too.**

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Seems like nothing is being planned for the Southeastern
Chapter and the Western 69ers at the present.

All groups and units, get your dates in early for mini
Reunions and weekends. We would like this information at
least one year in advance.

See you all at Niagara Falls in September.



"Taps"

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"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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Communications from Association Members and Families

Mrs. Frances H. Daniel, Route 1, Box 382, Providence, North Carolina 27315: This is truly the most difficult letter I've ever had to write, because it is to advise you of the sad news that my beloved husband, **Robert H. Daniel**, (G-271st), died January 19, 1987, after a six month battle with lung cancer. I apologize for being so late in getting this news to you. My husband loved all of the 69ers, and was so proud to have served his country with them. The last Reunion he attended was in Williamsburg, Virginia. I am enclosing a contribution to the Association in memory of my husband, and would appreciate receiving each issue of the Bulletin in order to keep in touch. I hereby extend my very best wishes to the 69ers for the continued success of the Association.

Delbert Paul Wright, 3137 West 32nd Street, Anderson, Indiana 46011 — M-271st: Enclosed is a copy of the 69th Reunion announcement that appeared in the Anderson Herald Bulletin. It is a very nice write-up. Maxine and myself will not be able to come to the Reunion this year, but we both know that you will have a large turn-out, since it is being held in Niagara Falls. We are looking forward to seeing all of you in Lexington, Kentucky in 1988. I am enclosing my membership dues and my Wife's for the Ladies Auxiliary, and also some postage and Bulletin donation for 1987-1988. We are sorry that we can't make it this year.

M. E. Dittman, R.D. 2, Box 246, Karns City, Pennsylvania 16041 — Hq. 272nd: I was a member of the 69th Division from its activation in May 1943 at Camp Shelby until they removed the first shipment for overseas in October. I have the book: "The Men of the 69th Pass in Review," which one of the men who remained with the Division sent to my home address. I realize this is a little late in the game to ask if there are any books about the 69th which can still be obtained.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Dittman was advised of the 69th Division History Book which is still available.)

Fred Stewart, 50 Riceville Road, C-403, Asheville, North Carolina 28805: I noticed in the American Legion Magazine that in September of this year the 69th Division will be holding a Reunion. I was assigned to the 69th Division just before the link-up with the Russians. I believe it was C-Company as a mortar ammo carrier. I am interested in attending the Reunion and would appreciate any further information that you can furnish.

John Giordano, 125 Elm Street, 1st Floor, West Orange, New Jersey 07052 — Reactivated 69th: In the May issue of the Legion Magazine, I read that the 69th Infantry Division is having a Reunion. I served with the 69th for a brief period in 1956, when it was a training Division at Fort Dix, New Jersey. I would like to know if I am eligible to join the Association. I still have my original 69th patch, and am very proud of it. I served with the 364th Infantry Regiment.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Giordano was advised that former members of the Reactivated 69th training period at Fort Dix are eligible to belong.)

Ira Hawkins, Route 1, Box 320, South Boston, Virginia 24592 — Hq. 271st: I joined the 69th Division in May of 1943. I was in the Wire Section of Hq. 271st and stayed there till May of 1944. I left the Division in the first big shipment of replacements that were sent out. I was shipped to England, and participated in the Omaha Beach invasion. I was assigned to the 8th Infantry Division. I have received a letter from **Melville Liverance**, whom I served with in the 69th, and he advised me that **Sergeant Willis Cairo** had been K.I.A. If anyone knows the whereabouts of **Stanley Rose**, I would like to hear from them. I have a picture of the men of the 271st Regiment, and I can remember the names of about one-third of them. I would like to join the Association, and would appreciate information on how to do so. I would also like to get a 69th Division History Book. The 69th was well represented with men from my area here in Virginia.