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Another election year is over and, you can see ladies, we do have new officers. May I have your telephone number Maria. I would also like pictures of you ladies with a write up. This also includes notes and pictures from the other officers of Assistant Secretary, Chaplain, and Assistant Chaplain who is also our Sunshine Lady.

We're having Indian Summer now in Acme/Champion, Pennsylvania but it's not too early to start on lap robes, bibs, and wheel chair holders for our veterans. Let's have a record year in Lexington for those items. I hope those Veterans in Niagara Falls area are enjoying their robes and other items received.

I'm already looking forward to Lexington and all the many tours and things to do. In the mean time, any of you who are looking to do something before Lexington, come join me and Earl along with other Tri-Staters at Canaan Valley Resort in June of 1988. It's a good stepping off place for Lexington.

You'll see the fun and friendship we have here which shows you how much more of a good time you'll have at the national reunion. We're just a weekend - Lexington is a week, so see you at both places.

Dottie

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Dear Dottie:

I read about the 69th Division jackets in the 69th Bulletin. The salespersons being Al Kormas and Bill and Reba Sheavly. No address was enclosed nor a price list. Do you have any more information concerning 69th Division souvenirs? Thank you.

I am: George S. Mentzer
616 Renova Avenue
Lebanon, Pennsylvania 17042

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To George and all 69th members: I do believe the Jackets, Shirts, Caps, and Blazers come from Al Kormas, 12500 Edgewater, Apartment #503, Lakewood, Ohio 44107. The Emblems, Jewelry, Tote Bags, and other small articles are handled by Bill and Reba Sheavly, 218 Sacred Heart Lane, Reistertown, Maryland 21136. Emblems and the few remaining History Books come from Clarence Marshall, 101 Stephen Street, New Kensington, PA 15068. I do not know the prices of these articles but you can write them and I am sure they will take care of you with prices and articles for sale. Many of them can and will be mailed for the cost plus postage.

Bill and Reba Sheavly will have a listing of souvenirs in another section of this Bulletin. By the next Bulletin, I hope to have a letter from Al Kormas on what he has for sale during the off months between Reunions that can be purchased from him by mail.

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Johanna Lucci Passes Away

Our sympathy was expressed to Ed Lucci, Company A, 273rd Infantry, at the Niagara Falls Reunion in the sudden passing of his wife Johanna a few months earlier. Johanna was a German war bride and was well known by 69ers who attended Reunions.



*Johanna and Edward Lucci
Company A, 273rd Infantry
Picture taken in December 1945 - Bremen, Germany*



Johanna Lucci

Two German Brides Find New Yorkers Are Friendly

BY MARGARET ELLIOTT

Two blond German girls, brides of New Yorkers, today told how they have not found the slightest trace of unfriendliness here and described New York as "a paradise."

Both pretty and blue-eyed, the young wives still are hesitant in their use of English but are overwhelmingly eager to become "real Americans."

Mrs. Maria Stransky, wife of Samuel Stransky, 590 E. 138th St., and Mrs. Johanna Lucci, wife of E. L. Lucci, 30 Carroll St., Brooklyn, declared they were very happy to leave Germany and start their lives anew.

Maria Stransky's brother was a prisoner of war in Texas for several years.

"My brother learned to love America," Maria said, trying hard to express herself in English. "He told me about the tall buildings and the wonderful people. He wants to come here to live, too."

Mrs. Stransky arrived in New York just two weeks ago, having married Sam Stransky last June in Germany. She comes from a small farm near Frankfurt.

No resentment was expressed by Mrs. Stransky's neighbors.

"We are all nice to her," said a young woman living in the same building. "She married such a fine boy we have to be nice to his wife. Anyway the war is over, isn't it?"

When she first began to be seen with Sam Stransky in Germany "people talked," Maria admitted. However, she said that soon died down and when she left for America her friends were happy for her because "I am getting such a fine husband."

About Germany, she shook her head sadly. "Everything is, how you call it, kaput," she said. She met Sam first several years ago when he was a corporal in the Army. When he came to the United States he wrote regularly and then returned to Germany a few months ago as a civilian worker and they got married.

Both German girls said they could speak no English when they first met their husbands-to-be. But the boys used language books and the girls tried hard to learn English.

Maria was breathless in her admiration of American women's clothes.

Out in Brooklyn, Johanna Lucci, who came here from Bremen after she married Edward Lucci in 1946 in Germany, hugged her blond little son, Salvatore, and said she is proud to have him raised in America "where everyone is so nice to us."

She wore a bright print dress and had her hair fashionably atop her head, as taught her by Edward's sister.

When she first saw Edward she said her heart stood still "he was so like my brother." She explained that her young brother was killed early in the war.

The non-fraternization ban was off during both couples' courtships, they reported.

Once she was a member of a Nazi youth group, Johanna said, but declared she soon withdrew.

Asked if that were possible, she shrugged her shoulders.

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Ladies' Auxiliary Minutes - Radisson Inn, Niagara Falls, New York, September 19, 1987

Following a continental breakfast from 8 to 9, and registration, the Fighting 69th Division Ladies Auxiliary was called to order by President Anna K. Walters at 9:10 A.M. She extended warm greetings to the 138 ladies present, 17 of those being "first timers." They were given a hearty welcome. Chaplain Virginia Weston opened with prayer, followed by a meaningful Memorial Service for HANNA LUCI and JEAN ABEL and other ladies who died in 1986-1987.

Secretary Maria Keller read minutes of the 1986 meeting, which were approved. She explained she was in the middle of reconstructing and locating lost minutes. Past Presidents and Secretaries are asked to send any available information. Minutes are on hand for 1971, 1979, 1980 through 1986. The auxiliary was organized in Cleveland, Ohio in 1951 following a very successful cocktail party, with Iris Galuten as the first president. 1971 minutes, with 69 ladies attending, stated that no minutes were passed on to the officers for the period 1951-1970.

Greeting cards were signed and mailed to Mrs. Adelaide Bolte, Dorothy Eibling, Helen Szkudlarek and Emily Fletcher, a past president. We are interested in knowing of other illnesses.

Officers were introduced by President Anna K. Walters:

Vivian Kurtzman, Vice President
Maria Keller, Secretary
Ellen McCann, Assistant Secretary
Virginia Weston, Chaplain
Ellen Snidow, Assistant Chaplain
Margie McCombs, Sunshine Lady

Margie McCombs reported sending 2125 cards, with 225 sent in June. She expressed appreciation for Christmas and Anniversary cards received. A gift of appreciation was given to Margie. Anna thanked her for her important work as Sunshine Lady.

Reba Sheavly reported that the souvenir table would be open two hours this afternoon in Hotel Niagara and that souvenirs will be available by mail. The Cross pen and pencil set in both silver and gold tone at \$25 is a very nice item. There are stick pins, drop earrings, bracelets, lockets, tote bags, bells, spoons and many other items for sale. She was thanked for working on this committee with her husband. It provides needed revenue for the operation of our organizations.

41 lap robes (36x45), 11 bibs made from towels and 2 pair of slippers were displayed. The names of the donors will be published. Rita Martel and her committee will be responsible for their delivery to a Veterans Hospital in the Buffalo, New York area.

\$200 was sent to V.A. Hospitals last year for comfort items and \$500 is available for this year. It was voted to send the \$500.

Election of officers was next on the agenda. The following were elected to serve two years:

President Vivian Kurtzman
Vice President Ellen Snidow
Secretary Maria Keller
Assistant Secretary Ellen McCann
Chaplain Virginia Weston
Assistant Chaplain Margie McCombs
Sunshine Lady Margie McCombs

General Bolte brought greetings from Mrs. Bolte who is confined at her home in Burke, Virginia with poor health, and partial blindness. A nice package of gifts was sent to Mrs. Bolte with our love and best wishes. She was very much missed at our meeting.

Barbara Kidd from Kentucky briefed us on the 1988 meeting in Lexington, Kentucky August 14-21. There will be a visit to a horse farm, a tobacco farm, to the Seagrams Plant, and possibly an historical tour and a tour may be arranged to Fort Knox if there is enough interest. The 65th Division Association will be meeting in Louisville Kentucky, August 1988.

Appreciation was expressed to Rita Martel and her husband for hostessing the Reunion, as well as to the ladies who served on her committee, listed below:

Helen Heath Delores Pastore Rose Maj
Marie LaDue Mary Dahoda Delores Sarcione
Betty Everson Elaine Gornbein Myna Tubb

Those assisting at the registration desk were thanked for their work: Jo Beswick, Marge McCombs, Teddy Nemeth, Vivian Kurtzman, Helen Heath and Rita Martel. This is an important and very necessary part of our work.

Margie McCombs was thanked for handling the registration for this meeting.

Vivian Kurtzman thanked Anna for her service as president for two years and presented her with a little gift of appreciation. Red and white corsages will be given to the incoming and outgoing presidents before the banquet this evening.

Virginia Weston, Chaplain, closed with prayer, followed by a gift exchange, which was ably handled by the New York ladies. Colorful necklaces were also presented by our friends from Louisiana.

The program for the morning was presented by Shella A. Trimeloni, Marketing Director of Rainbow Center Mall and the Rainbow Mall Association, with Jacqueline's Beauty Bar and Modern Enterprise. A lovely young lady inspired us with her talk on color, make up, beauty tips, etc. "Dynamic Image," a program of color and fashion tips and lovely clothing was enjoyed by the ladies. Letters of appreciation will be sent by the secretary.

The programs for the week were enjoyed a lot. There was a tour on Tuesday to "The New York State Power Authority"; a tour of Niagara Falls and Canada with lunch in the form of a picnic on the grounds at the Falls, a Fashion Show at the Factory Outlet Mall on Thursday, followed by an Early Bird Dinner at Hotel Niagara. Friday there was the Memorial Service in Hotel Niagara, followed by the Beer Party at the Armory. There will be a Parade this afternoon if weather permits, followed by the Banquet and Dance at the Convention Center.

Maria G. Keller
Secretary

Anna K. Walters
President

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From the Newest Ladies Past President

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At the same time you feel the void that the passing and illness of dear friends casts a sadness over the joys of activities. I especially think of all the widows — ladies please come — I truly can realize how difficult it is to come, but on the other hand, I think you would enjoy each others companionship and it has been suggested that you could sit as a group at the banquets. Why not consider attending the next Reunion?

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Our Auxiliary meeting was well attended and the 'Before and After' demonstration was very informative and I know it still takes a miracle to whip me into shape.

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NEWS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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Robert P. Peason, 57 Emerson Road, Clark, New Jersey 07066 — B-273rd: I have been trying to call the number listed in our local newspaper regarding the Reunion of the 69th Infantry Division. On June 15th, 1944, I was sent to Camp Shelby, Mississippi after undergoing basic training at Camp Wheeler, Georgia. I served until the War ended in Germany, and shortly thereafter I was transferred to the 29th Division in Bremerhaven. Until now I have not attended any of the Reunions, but I would like to know all about the one being planned for September. I would appreciate it if you would send me the details as soon as possible.

Julian Roberts (formerly **Rosenthal**), 12 Royal Crest Drive, #12, North Andover, Massachusetts 01845 — A-273rd: Quite by chance I saw an item in our local paper regarding the 40th Reunion of the 69th Division, September 13th to the 20th. I am a former member of Company A-273rd Infantry Regiment, and would appreciate more information regarding the Reunion. I would also like to be put on your mailing list for future notices. After separation from the service, my name changed from **Rosenthal** to **Roberts**.

John H. Eckels, 4430 Post Road, D-56, Warwick, Rhode Island 02818 — B-879th: Unfortunately, I missed the announcement of the Reunion of the 69th Division in my copy of the D.A.V. Magazine, and finally caught it in the copy at the V.A. Hospital. I was a Corporal in B-Battery, 879th F.A. from February 1944 until being transferred to C-Battery, 224th in the 29th Division, due to the lack of 5 points when the 69th was deployed. I would appreciate it if you can send me anything about my old outfit, and the men.

Victor Ostrow, 1612 Lemontree Lane, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904 — Hq. 2nd Bn.-273rd: It was quite a happy time for both my wife and I, especially meeting you for the first time. Words cannot express how wonderful our Niagara Falls Reunion was. It was a time for renewing and making new friends. **Leo Martel** did a terrific job planning and making sure we enjoyed ourselves, despite some misgivings. The Falls were a sight to behold, and the surrounding parks beautifully landscaped. The Maid of the Mist and the Cave of the Winds were quite exciting. Also noteworthy was the bus trip to Canada. The Banquet was an opportunity to meet with **Ted Schiffner**, a member of my Unit, and his wife **Ursula**; and also **General Bolte** who received a rousing welcome.

I have enclosed several photos with information on the back. I hope that entering these in the Bulletin might make it possible to come up with the location of some of the men pictured.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: *Mr. Ostrow's pictures appear elsewhere in this issue.*)

Harry L. Miller, Jr., 1609 Brenda Drive, Bellvue, Nebraska 68001 — Ser.-273rd: Enclosed is a check for my next year's dues. Use the extra for postage and Bulletin. I contacted **Lester Rumbaugh** in Lincoln, Nebraska last spring. He was Company Clerk for Ser. 273rd, and later was transferred to Regimental Headquarters. We had a nice visit, and mentioned several names, some that we could remember, and others we could not. I enjoy the Bulletin very much, and read every article in it. Continued success for the Association.

Lloyd Roth, 108 Muskingum Drive, Marietta, Ohio 45750 — A and H&S-269th: Would like more information on the 69th Division Reunion. I was in the Division from May 1943 to April 1944, leaving it for Fort Belvoir, Virginia and O.C.S. Have always had a great respect for the old Unit, and its 269th Combat Engineers Battalion.

Samuel W. Geddes, 586 Poplar, Clio, Michigan 48420 — L-273rd: As a former member of the 69th Division, I am interested in the upcoming activities for your Reunion in September. Please forward to me any information relative to this event. I served in the 1st squad of the 1st Platoon in Company L of the 273rd Infantry Regiment.

Norm Borkowski, 8110 Menge Center, Line, Michigan 48015 — H-271st: I was with the 69th Division, in Company H of the 271st Infantry Regiment. We trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and then went overseas to Winchester, England, Belgium, and Germany. If this is the Unit that is having the Reunion in Niagara Falls in September, please send me information regarding the event.

In another communication, **Mr. Borkowski** sent a photo copy of the picture of H-271st while it was at Camp Kilmer, but unfortunately, it is too light to be picked up for use in the Bulletin.

Francis Seymour, 1 Merrill Street, Saranac Lake, New York 12983 — K-273rd: I received the Bulletin, and enjoyed it very much. It brought back a lot of memories. I am sending you some pictures of K-273rd for use in the Bulletin. Perhaps some of the former members of my Unit will see them. The list that you sent me has three former members of the first squad. I am going to try and make the Reunion in September.

Charles Hammond, 2615 Crestview Road, Norfolk, Nebraska 68701 — A-273rd: I am a former member of the 69th Division. I was assigned to Company A-273rd, I saw action in Europe, and was wounded. I may not be able to make this year's Reunion, but would be interested in future years. I am retired from the USDA Soil Conservation Service, and would like to hear from my former comrades. Please add me to your mailing list so that I receive information on future Reunions.

Russell E. Koch, 210 North Grand, Houston, Missouri 65483 — AT-272nd: I was not aware of the Association till an old buddy, **Melvin Keller**, sent me a copy of a Bulletin in the Spring of '85. We were both in the Second Platoon of Anti-Tank Company, 272nd, as replacements. **Donald C. Calhoun**, was our Platoon Sergeant. He saw my name listed in the Bulletin as a new member, and wrote me this Spring. I had not heard from him or anyone except **Mel** since leaving the Service. Needless to say, I was thrilled.

It is with a little apprehension that I plan for the Reunion, (I'm afraid I won't know anyone) but the January Bulletin makes it sound so interesting, and just as it is the 40th Anniversary of the Association, **Betty** and I will be celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary August 10th. We are looking forward to our second honeymoon. I have enclosed a snapshot that **Mel** sent me.

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

James P. Parks, Jr., 1640 Alderbrook Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30345 — H & Cannon-273rd: I saw your notice in the August '87 issue of the D.A.V. about the forthcoming 69th Division Reunion in Niagara Falls, New York. I wish I could attend, but as my wife suffered a paralytic stroke earlier this year, it will probably take quite a while before I can come to any Reunion. However, I am interested in joining the 69th Infantry Division Association.

I was an original member of the 69th Division. I was in the first cycle of basic training with H and Cannon Company of the 273rd Regiment in the early summer of 1943. In fact, I was about the eighth member to report to H-Company, except of course for the 96th Division Cadre members who were already in the Company area. They came from Camp Adair, Oregon. To use a trite expression, "Those were the days."

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I remained in H-Company Mortar Platoon until I was assigned to Cannon Company as it was being formed down the road. In H-Company we were right across the road from old PX number 29. I regret not keeping up with the 69th following World War 2. Although I was only in the Division for a short time, I am extremely proud to have served in such a great organization. Parenthetically, I was in the first group to be shipped overseas (from Ft. Meade and Camp Patrick Henry) after basic.

I subsequently joined the 45th Division in Italy in late 1943. Your making contact with the Russian troops must have been quite an event. You fellows have a great deal to be proud of. I wish I could have served in combat with the 69th, but as I did not have that opportunity, I hope I am still welcome to join your Association.

Accordingly, will you please have some relevant membership information sent to me. Perhaps a sample Newsletter, and details of Regiment or Division Histories that are available. Please quote both Annual and Life Membership rates for dues. Have a great time at the Reunion. My family and I were stationed at Olmsted Air Force Base (Middletown, Pennsylvania) from 1962 until it closed in 1965. We love Pennsylvania. It was beautiful, and the people were swell.

Henry Ingraham, R.F.D. #1, Box 241, Raymond, Maine 04071 — E-271st: Read about the Reunion in the Portland, Maine paper, and decided to inquire about it. I was in Easy Company of the 271st Infantry Regiment from just prior to the Division being committed in Belgium, and stayed with it until V-E Day. Do you think I was in the Division long enough to get anything out of a Reunion? Doubt if I would remember anybody from my Company.

David Butvinik, 155 West 27th, Bayonne, New Jersey 07002 — A-272nd: I would like to attend the Reunion of the 69th Infantry Division. I was a member of A-Company, 272nd Infantry Regiment. Please send me all of the information necessary.

Carl A. Florio, 307 Joslen Boulevard, Hudson, New York 12534 — F-272nd: I read the notice in the V.F.W. Magazine about a Reunion of the 69th Division. I served with them in World War 2. Is this Reunion for the World War 2 Vets? The magazine did not state this like some of the others. Thanks for your help.

George W. Ehli, 201 West Pearce Boulevard, Wentzville, Missouri 63385 — A-881st: I would appreciate any information, including dates, on the upcoming 69th Division Reunion. I served in Battery A of the 881st Field Artillery, and my wife and I would like to attend. If there is anything that we could do to help, please let me know.

Paul E. Bois, 35 Derryfield Court, Manchester, New Hampshire 03104 — B-273rd: I was a member of B-Company, 273rd Infantry from March 1944 to December of 1944, when I went over to the Battle of the Bulge. Another member, **John T. O'Neill**, who was with me then will accompany me to Niagara Falls. I was advised to write to you for a roster of B-Company, so that I might convince some others to attend. I shall await your reply.

David F. Himebaugh, 961 Chuckanut Drive, Bellingham, Washington 98225 — Hq. 1st Bn.-273rd: I have just become aware of the Bulletin, and the 69th Division Association. I became very interested in the latter, and would like to join. My outfit was Hq. 1st Bn.-273rd. I joined the 69th in France in 1945 from a Repo-Depot.

I regret to report that a long time friend of mine who also served in the 69th named **Rolfe Stromme** has recently passed away. It was while I was visiting his widow that I saw your publication. He had been in the 69th Division in the States, and it was rare that the two of us from a small town ended up in the same Unit together.

Floyd M. McKerrow, 301 Llanfair House, 17 Llanfair Road, Ardmore, Pennsylvania 19003 — Hq.-271st: Thanks for sending the Bulletin. I served with Hq.-271st from mid-May 1943 till April 1944, and then was shipped to Fort Meade and Camp Shank, New York, split up in small groups and sent to England. I was assigned to the 30th Division in France. I saw service in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany. I was wounded in October 1944 and also in February 1945. The latter was when we ran over a mine with a jeep. I spent 26 months in the hospital, and received a Disability Discharge from Valley Forge General Hospital in May of 1947. Wish I would have known about your Reunion sooner. Maybe I can make it next year.

Robert P. Glaum, 327 Mohawk Park, Forest, Illinois 60466 — E-271st: Please send me information about the Reunion of the 69th Infantry Division to be held in September at Niagara Falls. I read your notice in the Legion Magazine. Will you also send information to the other name listed, **William Roche**. I believe he was in the 272nd, and I was in E-Company of the 271st Regiment.

Richard Bevier, 12082 East Maple Avenue, Aurora, Colorado 80012 — C-724th: I am a former member of Battery C-724th Field Artillery. I am interested in obtaining information concerning the 69th Division Reunion in September of this year. I would be most interested to learn if any other members of Battery C-724th F.A. will be in attendance.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: At the time we could not answer Mr. Bevier's last request, but I assume that there were others from that Battery in attendance.)

Sam L. Rodriguez, 4206 Alamo Street, Simi Valley, California 93063: Would like more information on the Reunion of the 69th Infantry Division. I was one of the original at Camp Shelby, coming in with the Cadre from the 96th Division and Camp Adair, Oregon.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: How about sending us your Unit, Sam.)

James T. Atkins, 801 North McKinley Avenue, Clarksville, Indiana 47130 — Ser.-273rd: This is in regard to the 69th Division Reunion. I was in the Fighting 69th Infantry, Service Company, 273rd Regiment, and would appreciate information on the Reunion.

Jake Stark, 691 Dunkle Street, Steelton, Pennsylvania 17113 — H-273rd: Enclosed is a picture that **Rudy Leyrer** sent me, and asked me to pass it on to you for use in the Bulletin. We have 12 H-273rd men coming to the Reunion in Niagara Falls. **Ray Szkudlarek** will not be there, as his wife is very ill. **Sam Grubbs** will also be absent, as he has had some health problems. Hope this finds you in good health, and I will be looking forward to seeing you at the Falls.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Rudy Leyrer's picture appears elsewhere in this issue.)

George Nelson, 4731 Glenrose Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40229 — Hq. 2nd Bn.-273rd: I am a vet of the 69th Infantry Division, and my Unit was Hq. 2nd Bn.-273rd. I would like very much to have a copy of the 273rd Regimental History Book.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Nelson was advised that there were no original copies of the 273rd Regimental History Book available, but he was sent photo copies of its pages.)

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John W. Turner, 2148 East Lake Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30307 — C-724th: Neta and I regret we will not be with you at the Reunion in Niagara Falls. We plan to go to Lexington next year. We hope that your health is good now, and that all is going well for you. We have located another member of C-Battery, 724th F.A. He is **Richard Bevier** from Aurora, Colorado. Please mail him a copy of the last Bulletin. They will probably go to Niagara Falls. One of our former members, **Henry Waters**, passed away in 1986.

Irving Bailer, 445 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11224 — H-272nd: As a new member, I wonder if anyone from my outfit, H-272nd, would have the Company picture taken at Camp Shelby in 1944.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Bailer asked us to run this picture in the Bulletin, if it was available. He was advised that it had just been run a couple copies ago, and he was furnished a copy of it.)

Eugene Orlowski, 221 East Bingham Street, Alpena, Michigan 49707 — E-273rd: I received your note and list of fellow 69ers, but didn't get on it till **Bill Gleason** called me. My wife and I will try and get to the Reunion this year. I have not received a Bulletin in a couple of years, and just realized this yesterday. I tried to reach **Roland Horn** in Parma, Ohio, but he is not listed in the phone book. The operator even checked Cleveland and suburbs, but no luck. I retired last year, and now have time to get away.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: We are very sorry Mr. Orlowski, that when we moved to a new addressograph company, your name was left off. We hope you receive our mail O.K. in the future.)

Godfrey Slimmer, Jr., P.O. Box 49, Seminary, Mississippi 39479 — B-881st: Please send me two copies of the 69th Infantry Division History Book. **Edith** and I have two grandsons, and would like to give each a copy. We will not be able to attend the Reunion at Niagara Falls. We hope to attend the reactivation ceremony for the 29th Infantry Regiment at Ft. Benning, Georgia in October. We can only afford one trip. Hope to see you in Lexington, Kentucky in 1988.

Raymond Dansereau, 46 Peyster Street, Albany, New York 12208 — 272nd: I read in the Albany Times Union of the 40th Reunion of the 69th Infantry Division. I served in the 272nd Regiment. Would you please send me information about the activities, accommodations, etc., as my wife and I would like to attend. Thank you for your efforts in making the Reunion possible, and for taking care of this request.

T. J. Bowen, Route 1, Box 15, Milan, Georgia 31060 — F-273rd: Enclosed is a check for a 69th Division History Book. I was in Company F-273rd from January 1945 till I was wounded in April. I am looking forward to receiving the book and reading it.

Phil Colombo, 156-20 65th Street, Flushing, New York 11367 — Hq.879th: We just got back from the New York State AMVET Convention, which was held up in Granite, New York (Catskill Mountains). At the business meeting, of which I am a delegate, as I put my briefcase on a chair in the front row, I noted a new face on the dias, and he was beckoning me to come up. It was a big surprise when he told me that his father had served in the 69th Division. After the meeting, we talked at length, and what a magnetic personality he had. He gave you the feeling that you had known each other for a long time.

I was so proud to have had the privilege to meet him. He is the National District Commander of AMVETS District #1. He is 53 years old, and has been awarded such medals as the Purple Heart and Clusters. He was our after dinner speaker at the Convention Banquet.

His father, who served with our Division, is **Marcel Hebert** of Union Village, Rhode Island. His Unit was Hq.-271st.

He may attend the Niagara Falls Reunion, as he just retired.

C. B. Vickers, 1140 River North Boulevard, Macon, Georgia 31211 — A-879th: I appreciate receiving the Bulletin, and have sent in my dues to the Treasurer. I was with the 69th Division from May 1943 till January 1946, in A-Battery of the 879th Field Artillery. I was a Staff Sergeant. I would appreciate some names and addresses of men who served in my outfit.

Sumner Russman, 2512 Lynn Lane, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73120 — Div. Hq.: While on a cruise ship in the Mediterranean, I met this couple and in our discussion on many topics, the subject of World War 2 came up. He asked me what outfit I had been in. I told him I served in two Divisions, the Second and the 69th. When I mentioned the 69th, he said that at the invitation of **Hy Goldstein**, that he had entertained at both a New York and Washington Reunion. He was a singer. His name was **Robert Norman**. Perhaps some of you who attended the early Reunions remember him.

M. E. Dittman, R.D. #2, Box 246, Karns City, Pennsylvania 16041 — Regt. Hq.-272nd: I am sending you the originals of the photos that I had previously sent you photo copies of. These should make a better job. We were all in Hq. Co.-272nd from about the 15th of May 1943 to about the middle of October 1943. Our Regimental Commander was **Colonel Charles Lanham**, and our Company Commander was **Captain Gormley**. We had two Platoon Lieutenants, with the first one shipping out half way through basic training. We finished basic under a Lieutenant named **Pearl**.

The first big overseas draft came in October of 1943, and about half of us were on it. That shipment went to Italy, and we were portioned out among the combat divisions there. I went to the 36th Infantry Division. Sometime in 1944 we got some more replacements from the 69th, because that is how I learned about "The March to the Sea." Apparently **Messer** and **Susco** are the only ones who stuck with the outfit.

I have found another old 69er, namely **Guy Stewart** of Parker, Pennsylvania. He was in the 69th from activation day until he went overseas to join the 29th Division.

The photograph of the guys bailing out of the jeep was sold to Sunoco Refining Company by **Dave Royter**, and was used by Sunoco in their World War II advertisements for gasoline. In the book, "Pass in Review," men from our Unit appear on many of the pages. The full face GI in the photo on page 13 entitled "Making Plans" is **Charles Dunn**. On page 21 the middle and bottom photos are from the I&R Platoon. The recognizable guy is **Joseph Manni** from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The other guy may be me, because **Joe** and I worked together most of the time. On page 29 the top left photo is **Mathias Schultz**. **Schultz** had been transferred from I&R to Food Service. On page 40 the guy with the press camera is **David Royter**. On page 41 that is our I&R in action.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Dittman's pictures appear elsewhere in this issue.)

Linwood D. Williams, P.O. Box 537, Swansboro, North Carolina 28584 — F-271st: Please send me more information on the Reunion. I served in the 69th Infantry Division in Company F-271st Regiment at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

Irving Gotkin, 2800 North Pine Island Road, #203, Sunrise, Florida 33322 — E-271st: Enclosed is my new address. I have been up to my ears furnishing a new home from scratch. We took nothing with us, leaving our complete furnished apartment to our son. We have been shopping, decorating, waiting for furniture deliveries, and eating our hearts out because we are going to miss the Reunion. At this time in our life we could use a second honeymoon. We can also use the sympathy and understanding of our buddies who have gone through a similar experience. Extend our best wishes to all of our friends for a great successful Reunion, with hopes that we may all be together again in 1988.

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Sandy Firsichbaum, 9 Oxford Drive, Livingston, New Jersey 07039 — A-272nd: I regret that I cannot give you much information about myself. I was transferred to the 69th Division in Camp Shelby from the ASTP program in Newark, New Jersey. I went overseas with the 69th to Salisbury Plains in England. I was one of the group sent to the front in the Battle of the Bulge, and ended up with the 83rd Division. My service with the 69th included most of the year of 1944. **Allen Whitehead** was our Squad Sergeant and I believe I was in the 272nd Regiment. I do not recall the Company.

I thank you for the information about the Reunion, but I can not make it this year. Maybe next year in Lexington, Kentucky. I would like to join the 69th Association, but don't know if I am eligible because of my faulty memory. Please advise me.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Firsichbaum was advised that he certainly could be a member of our Association, and we pinpointed his Company as being A-272nd since the Regimental History Book for the 272nd lists a Sergeant Allen Whitehead for that Unit.)

Leo B. Moore, 845 West Spring Street, St. Marys, Ohio 45885 — B-272nd: I read in the VFW Magazine about the Reunion that is being held in September at Niagara Falls, New York. I would like some information about this. Is it for all who served in the Unit? We would like to know about the places to stay for the Reunion, and how soon we would have to take care of this if we do attend. Would appreciate this information as soon as possible.

Ernest M. Salvatore, 2475 West 16th Street, #7-D, Brooklyn, New York 11214 — K-271st: I would like to have a 69th Division History Book. The only book that I have is the one for K-Company, 271st Infantry. I value my membership in the Association in that I can maintain a link with the past that played an interesting part in my life. I appreciate your and **Bob Kurtzman's** efforts, along with the other Officers in keeping the Association active and together. I am not much into traveling, but I surely would like to make one of the Reunions. The Bulletins are most welcome, and I salute all those who make it possible. With sincere thanks, and wishing you success in your future endeavors.

John H. Melton, 4 Pelham Street, Selma, Alabama 36701 — Med.-271st: I am a veteran of the 69th Infantry Division, having been assigned to 2nd Battalion Medics of the 271st Infantry Regiment. I am enclosing a few clippings that I have, and also a copy of (Dueces Wild) the history of an Infantry Battalion. It is the Second Battalion, 271st Regiment that covers the time from Camp Shelby, Mississippi until May 8, 1945. It is written by Lieutenant J. F. Higgins, Communications Officer for the 271st Regiment. Please send me information regarding the Reunion.

J. M. Ezell, Route 2, Box 95, Weiner, Arkansas 72479 — A-273rd: Please send me information regarding the 69th Division Reunion. I served in A-Company of the 273rd Infantry Regiment during World War 2.

Joseph Giglietta, 217-19 56th Avenue, Bayside, New York 11364 — G-271st: It is with regret that we have not been to a Reunion in the last 6 years. However, I always feel that I have been there when I read the Bulletin. I have been in and out of the hospital for the last 6 years. It is now difficult for me to travel, because I am on oxygen twenty-four hours a day. I am enclosing 2 pictures: one of G-271st at the beginning of the training period, and one of the Company just before we left for overseas. I sure do miss seeing the boys. I hope that all is well with you, and may I say that you have really devoted your post-army days fruitfully for the last 40 years or more.

My best to all, and I will be thinking of you.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Giglietta's pictures appear elsewhere in this issue.)

William J. Graham, 1811 Golfview Drive, Apt. 9, Essexville, Michigan 48732 — Can.-272nd: I was reading in one of our Bulletins about some of the experiences on their trip home after the War. I am sending along a copy of the Seaweed Gazette which I have saved from my trip back to the States. I, and quite a number of men had the luck to come home on the same ship that I or we went over on. The ship was the M.S. John Ericsson, which was the old superliner "Kungsholm." I feel quite honored having made the round trip on the same ship. My wife and I would like to thank you and everyone for a real nice time at the Falls Reunion. We can say for sure that it was really a highlight in our lifetime. We are looking forward to future Reunions with everyone.

Alex Kormas, 12500 Edgewater, #503, Lakewood, Ohio 44107 — Hq.-879th: At the Niagara Falls Reunion, on Saturday afternoon, many of our 69th group attended Church at St. Mary's. 69th jackets were very evident, and the Pastor asked us all to stand up. Over one half of the church body was our group, and he dedicated the Service to the 69th living, dead, and ill. After the Service, he greeted us all at the door. It really made us all "Glow."

Mrs. George West, 2526 Green Acres Drive, Allentown, Pennsylvania 18103: George underwent by-pass surgery on September 12th, and he is improving nicely. He had four by-passes and a cleaning out of other arteries. I hope that this will take care of his illness for many years to come. I hope that the 69th Reunion was great. I still have not heard from the Hotel Niagara with our refund. If you can, will you check on this for me. Thank you for the activities refund.

Kenneth D. Carner, P.O. Box 5128, Pasadena, California 91107 — A-273rd: I have received the Registration Refund, and I want to thank you, and to say that it was a pleasant surprise, because I had expected to forfeit the amount. An unexpected business emergency came up at the last minute and I was very disappointed that I could not make the Reunion. I am looking forward to participating next year, however, and want to tell you that I am enjoying the Bulletin tremendously.

George S. Cole, Route 1, Box 368, South Boston, Virginia 24592 — Div. Hq.: Thanks for writing to me, and also for remembering me. At first I wasn't sure that I remembered you, but now I know that I do from the Mail Calls. In my old snapshots, I have found ones of **Dastra, Crisp, Hallock Carson, Burkett, Doernbach, Juettner, and Harwood**. I have one of **Jim Harwood** and myself standing in front of the monument at Leipzig. I was a mechanic in the Motor Pool. Do you remember **Archie Brooke**? He lives near Richmond and visited me about three years ago. I enjoyed reading the old Bulletins that you sent to me. My wife and I are in good health and enjoying our retirement.

Rev. Carus L. Campbell, 6 Lost Avenue, Buckhannon, West Virginia 26201 — Hq.-879th: Enclosed is my check for a 69th Infantry Division History Book. I loaned my first one and it was never returned. I really appreciate being back in circulation with some of the men that I served with in Hq. Battery of the 879th Field Artillery.

Charles O. Funk, R.R. #2, Box 593, Mullica Hill, New Jersey 08062 — F-271st: I have been so consumed with medical treatments, doctors appointments, tests, etc., that I have left letter writing slip by. I would appreciate having the address of **Horace Rogers**, if you have it. I have **Cecil Cottle's** address from the recent Bulletin. I always look forward to the Bulletin and read it cover to cover. I have sent my dues to **Bob Kurtzman**, and the enclosed check is for a Division History Book.

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George P. McCallum, Rafael Calvo 30, 6-D, Madrid 28010 Spain D-271st: Please note an address change for me on the enclosed form. I am sorry I cannot send the label with the old address, as for some unknown reason (no fault of yours) I have not received my last couple of News Bulletins. I suspect that it, along with other mail, is not being forwarded any longer. I stopped work at the U.S. Air Base at Torrejon, Spain, where I had an APO address last April. I look forward to each issue of the Bulletin, so please keep them coming. Be sure to let me know when it is time to pay dues again. I don't want to let my membership lapse.

Ira Hawkins, Route 1, Box 320, South Boston, Virginia 24592 — Hq.271st: I received a letter from **Harold Bengston** in which he stated that **Sergeant Willis Cairo** was not KIA as the Division History Book shows. He had been injured very severely but recovered. If anyone knows his whereabouts, please send it in to National Headquarters. I did not know **Harold** until I received his letter. It was nice of him to write and let me know about **Sergeant Cairo**. Keep up the good work.

Clarence Marshall
101 Stephen Street
New Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068

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**Former Members of HQ. & HQ. Battery
69th Division Artillery at Schkopau Uber
Merseburg - May 1945**



Left to Right: Peter Dechert (clarinet), Joe Wronouski, John Madigan (piano), Jim Yedinak (violin), Al D'Alessandro, Phil Korner (cello), Guy Rogers, Dan Finn (guitar), Jerry Gold, George Katsonis, and John Caruana (tambourine).

Extreme Rear: Tom Joseph and Bill Woods.

Unidentified - Soldier in white undershirt and one next to him.

Picture furnished by Jim Yedinak



Buddies from Company H-273rd
Left to Right: Tom Hoffman, Rudy Leyrer, Art Knudsen



Anti-Tank Company, 272nd
Left to Right: Claude Maddox, Russell, Koch, Unknown



John Moore (Unit Unknown) takes a dip in Shelby Lake with friends - 1944. Party who sent photo in believes one of the men might be Tony Bianchi.

President's Message



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Dear Fellow 69ers,

It is very hard for me to search for words to tell you how proud I am to have been elected President and the honor that goes with it, and also to be the first President to come from the 269th Engineers' Battalion. I will do my best, God willing, to do the job you expect.

I have added a few duties to other people; first I have created a Sergeant-At-Arms job. I think this was needed. He will also be chairman of the Nominating Committee. This is a job that will change yearly. Also, I am assigning the job of looking after **General Bolte** to the Vice President, this with chairman of the Sites Committee, should keep him out of trouble.

Getting back to the past. I think the people in Niagara Falls did an excellent job with the Reunion and surely deserve a big note of "thanks" for a job well done.

Looking to the future at Lexington, I think we should have an excellent time. **Bob Kurtzman** and I have been there and worked with the Hotel and Tour Agency, and everything seems to be "GO."

Get your reservations in early. This saves the treasurer a lot of last minute details.

Enough for now.

Bill Foster

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Treasurer's Message



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Another Reunion has passed and to those of you who failed to attend, you missed being a part of the Biggest Reunion ever. I do not have the final count on attendees or First Timers as I turned the reservation sheets over to Clarence Marshall at the Reunion and he passed them on to Earl Witzleb for the tally to be put in the Bulletin, but I know there were over 700 who attended or just dropped by and the First Timer figure with wives should have come close to 200.

My personal thanks to Leo and Rita Martel and their committee for a job well done, for all their efforts, and who could find fault with the job that Tom Heath did on the Banquet seating. The few who took in the free trips on Monday and Tuesday claimed their time was well spent and enjoyed by all. The 323 who took the Falls tour may have got a little damp, but all had a good time. Many compliments were also heard from the 348 who attended the Early Bird Dinner and enjoyed the excellent steaks. It was unfortunate that we were rained out of the Golf Match and the Memorial Service at the Falls as it would have been very impressive with all the arrangements that Leo and Rita had planned for you. The Parade was also reduced in size by the threat of more rain on Saturday, but was enjoyed by all who watched it. I'm sure that all of the 674 who attended the Banquet went back to their rooms well satisfied. I have not heard from the people who took all the pictures, but I'm sure all of you will be getting a letter from them as soon as they get them all developed and into booklet form which they hope you will purchase.

My thanks also to Alex Kormas and Bill and Reba Sheavly for work in supplying you with the Jackets, Shirts and Souvenirs. Once again Alex ran out of jackets and Bill is still trying to get rid of the souvenir trays and coasters, so look for reduced prices on those items.

Bernie and Marie LaDue, Len Campbell, Paul Gornbein, Bret Everson, Jo Beswick, Betty Foster and my wife Vivian, for all their help in making this the biggest Reunion ever.

To those of you who asked for the permanent badges, the order has been placed and as soon as I receive them, I'll pass them on to you.

To those who paid their dues, you should not be receiving a dues notice this year unless I failed to remove your name from the list. Dues notices went out the 19th of October and should be in your hands before you received this Bulletin. Last year we received contributions from over 2300, which is a new record. We hope this year will be even bigger.

Jim and Barbara Kidd are finalizing plans for next year at Lexington and a full report will be in the next Bulletin. The Campbell House is a beautiful place and I'm sure a good time

will be had by all, especially the Golfers as the golf course is located about a hundred yards from the back of the hotel.

We'll be looking forward to seeing all of you at Lexington next year, from August 14th to 21st.

Robert J. Kurtzman, Sr.
Treasurer

Scholarship Report

Although we had hoped to give three Scholarship Awards this year and bring an end to the Scholarship Program, only two applications were received and awards were made to both students listed below and I'm sure they will do well in their pursuit of higher learning.

Please read the end of this report for the future of the Scholarship Program.



Danette M. Slimmer, is the daughter of Donald and Dorothy Slimmer, A-777th Tank Battalion, who resides in Little Falls, Minnesota.

Danette attended Little Falls Community High School where she ranked eighteenth in a class of 257 and graduated cum laude.

Danette is presently enrolled at North Dakota State University where she hopes to further her education and obtain her Ph.D. in Psychology.

David J. Zaffern is the son of Bernard and Edith Zaffern, L-272nd and reside in Southfield, Michigan.

David attended Southfield Lathrup High School where he ranked in the top 20% of his graduating class.

David is presently attending Eastern Michigan University. At this time he is undecided as to his career, but is leaning toward following his father's footsteps and practicing law.



Scholarship Program Future

With the selection of the above two students, the Scholarship Fund has \$821.08 left in it at this time. Since I have had eight requests for scholarships for 1988, I had hopes of asking the Board of Directors to furnish funds for four or five scholarships for next year, but no action was taken on this matter at the Niagara Falls Reunion. I was informed that the Trustees of the Scholarship Program were to have a meeting at Niagara Falls to decide the future of the program, but the results of this meeting were not passed on to me. I was, however, informed that I should accept all requests for applications for 1988 and that a decision would be made at our Reunion in Lexington next August to decide how many scholarships will be given out.

I hope this does not deter any student from requesting an application. Please address your request to me at:

P.O. Box 178, Wilmot, Ohio 44689.

Robert J. Kurtzman, Sr.
Scholarship Chairman

Anti-Tank Company, 273rd Infantry Regiment



Captain Desmul



*Sergeant Callahan
Lahrenhagen, Germany*



Lieutenant George Peters



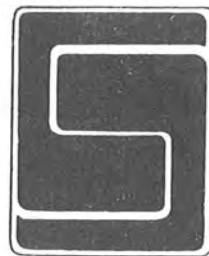
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Lieutenant Bulot



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Clarence and myself are starting our eleventh year as Bulletin Editors. Started way back in 1977-1978 and now we are in the 1987-1988 year. How do you like the Bulletins? Do you want them bigger or do you want them smaller or do you want them about the same size as they are now? We have been going around forty-four pages in the late issues. The last two years we have given you 216 pages of reading. Hope it is good and what you want. Can we make any improvements or corrections to your liking, members? Here is the breakdown for the two years.

1985-1986

Volume 39, No. 1

September, October, November, December 1985 32 pages

Volume 39, No. 2

January, February, March, April 1986 28 pages

Volume 39, No. 3

May, June, July August 1986 20 pages

Total Pages 1985-1986 80 pages

1986-1987

Volume 40, No. 1

September, October, November, December 1986 48 pages

Volume 40, No. 2

January, February, March, April 1987 44 pages

Volume 40, No. 3

May, June, July, August 1987 44 pages

Total Pages 1986-1987 136 pages

Total Pages Last Two Years 216 pages

Our first year as Editors we gave you a total of 44 pages for 1977-1978. We have come a long way, haven't we. You know your dues make this possible so those of you who can pay ten do so and we others pay five plus two for our wife.

I can report now that the consensus of the members at the General Meeting in Niagara Falls wants bigger Bulletins.

So get the news in and we'll publish it. We will put a limit of no more than 60 pages. If we get that kind of news and pictures, some will have to wait until the next Bulletin.

Quiz Time answers from the last two Bulletins will not be published in this Bulletin since we both have a lot of pictures for this Bulletin. It will appear in the next Bulletin, so any of you who haven't sent in your answers still have time to do so. When I say we both, I mean Clarence and myself, Earl.

One of the best responses we have received was from the picture of the monument on Page 12 of the last Bulletin. I cannot publish all the letters received since they are all saying about the same thing. It was called different names such as Battle of Nations Monument, Monument of the People, Wilhelm Monument and Napoleon's Monument. Letters received by me were from the following members:

Richard W. Bell — Watertown, South Dakota
George Roup — Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Richard Israel — Charlottesville, Virginia
Ben F. Hart — Sunbury, Ohio
J. W. Lehmann — Elmont, New York
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Walter Mueller — Rutherford, New Jersey, who says he has transferred to Post 69 American Legion in Carlstadt, New Jersey. Any of you other New Jersey 69ers near Carlstadt should do the same with the possibility of getting a Mini Weekend going with the final destination being a Division Association Reunion. Following is one monument letter from Ben F. Hart that I'll publish this time.

Dear Earl,

I noticed the picture in the last Division News showing the "Wilhelm Monument." The monument was the Napoleon Monument and is located near the outskirts of Leipzig.

As the war drew to a close, the city of Leipzig was probably the last major effort of the Division. Certainly Leipzig was the last major city to fall to the onslaught of the 69th.

As the city came under attack the S.S. officers that were directing the defense selected the monument as a fire direction center and occupied the monument with selected enlisted troops for several days. The monument seemed to be the key to the final capture of Leipzig. Infantry had been unable to subdue the monument as it lies atop a hill or mound and the approach offered no protection to advancing troops. Every attempt to storm the hill resulted in killing fire from the monument. The artillery was called into play and direct fire from several batteries was initially ineffective. Howitzer shells scored numerous direct hits and simply bounced off leaving chips knocked from the surface. I have photographs showing these potmarks. After several days of constant barrage, the enlisted personnel revolted and tried to surrender. We were told that most of the S.S. officers committed suicide after shooting most of the enlisted men who revolted.

I am enclosing a xerox copy of a photo and news clipping I have mounted in my "memory book." I have a couple of other news articles about Leipzig if you are interested. One concerns a prominent citizen of Leipzig who held a dinner party for a hundred guests then blew up the table killing all present.

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I hope this information is of interest to you. If you would like a copy of the other news articles, let me know.

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The article that Ben provided is as follows:

LEIPZIG FALLS IN STORM

The final German stands were made near a statue of Napoleon in the southeast part of the city, at the railroad station and in the City Hall. The final hours of battle were illuminated by a violent electrical storm, blending like a Wagnerian scene with the flashes of gunfire.

Leipzig and its ruins swarmed with a war-swollen population of a million Germans. It fell at 7 o'clock last night. It was the fifth city of Germany, Duesseldorf was the tenth largest.

Infantry of the "Fighting 69th" and the Indian Head (2nd) Divisions met in the center of Leipzig and then wheeled guns up to blast the City Hall where the Nazi commander had holed up after refusing to surrender.

German refugees tumbled from cellars and shelters and some cheered the Americans advancing into the center of the city from the West, South and East. It was estimated that three-fourths of Leipzig, whose normal population was 701,606, was in ruins. The real resistance had been broken outside the big Saxony center of art, medicine, publishing and industry when the troops of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges crushed a thick ring of leveled anti-aircraft batteries. White flags fluttered everywhere.

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Although it rained most of the time, the Niagara Falls Reunion turned out to be a good Reunion. I am sure everyone had a good time. Not only did you have the activities of the Reunion, you could also go into Canada where much was to be seen. Considering one hotel had a few small rooms, everything else went off fine. The Early Bird was good as was the PX Beer Party and Banquet Dinner Dance. The Convention Hall was just perfect for our Reunion. It might be a suggestion to future Reunion committees to keep the Convention Center in mind when planning for a Reunion since I expect to see our turnout reach 1,000 shortly and hoping for 2,000. We can do it with each member writing a buddy or so during the in between time.

I hope you men are taking advantage of the roster books located in the registration area at Reunions to locate old buddies of your unit. Several letters should bring more faces to Lexington, Denver, and Valley Forge Area where I hope to see a record attendance made. You can also take advantage of your Bulletin by having letters put in asking buddies to attend Reunions with their wife and even family. Niagara Falls now holds the record for attendance. Now, let's break that each of the next few years.

Although I didn't hear the band at the Beer Party, I am told and can say, Niagara Falls had three good bands on each of the three evenings. The parade was something different and knowing those who participated got kicks out of it. That's what it's all about at Reunions - have fun, socialize with your buddies, and make new friendships with other members of the division. After all, it took all of us to win the battle of Leipzig and bring the war to a close.

My thanks, as well as that of all the members who attended the Niagara Falls Reunion, goes to Leo and Rita Martel, L-Company, 271st Infantry, Niagara Falls, New York, chairpersons for the 1987 Niagara Falls, New York (Not Canada) Reunion. Those on your committee who did a bang up job were:

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You see it takes someone from every unit and many different cities to make a Reunion Committee. Lexington needs help and so will Denver and Valley Forge Area so let's get on the ball, 69th members and wives who are nearby, and give the chairpersons your help and support.

I would like to put a pitch in for Parley J. Paskett, Company A, 273rd Infantry, 493 East 100 South, Provo, Utah 84601, for a fine book that he has written called "Wild Mustangs." Our members are really skilled persons. It shows with the many Doctors, Attorneys, and Business Men we have in the Association. I'm just a poor old pensioner along with many others. We're getting older so let's make a Reunion next year. O.K.

I have decided to put a few letters of "The Monument of Nations" on Page 12 of the last Bulletin in for your reading pleasure. Several are scattered throughout the Bulletin. You can pick pieces from each one and come up with your own conclusions. I thought all the letters had different versions of the 69th battle for Leipzig and the Monument which finally fell to we 69ers.

At this time I would like to thank you members at the Niagara Falls Reunion who attended the general membership meeting for your support in seeing to it that I became Vice President of the 69th Infantry Division Association. I'll do my best in seeing that the next two years will be good years and will support **President Bill Foster** in his endeavors as we move ahead in bettering the Association with Good Reunions and Better Bulletins. Let us know who is sick so that a cheery up card can be mailed.

So until the next Bulletin, I'll say so long and looking forward to seeing each of you with wife at Lexington, Kentucky next August. Let's make it a big Reunion. If in the mean time, you are looking for something to do, come join us at Canaan Valley Resort, West Virginia. I've gotten to know most of you and you're all dear to our hearts, Dottie and me.

Earl

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James W. May, Jr. Writes of the Two Peters Brothers, Tommy & George

An Article from the Spring, 1987 Davidson Journal (Davidson College, North Carolina) by James W. May, Jr., Class of 1970, tells of the two Peters brothers, Tommy and George.

They lived in Kingsport, Tennessee. Twins Tommy and George and their older brother Bobby (who would become an All-American single-wing tailback at Princeton) played "sandlot everything." Their father encouraged their play but insisted they also work in the family business.

Neither George nor Tommy had any interest in attending a large state university so they headed to Davidson in the Fall of 1941. Despite the national tragedy of Pearl Harbor just three months into the school year, the war did not dramatically alter student life in the Spring of 1942. Against W & L the Peters twins combined to score the winning touchdown. George had shown himself to be a skillful single wing tailback.

During the Spring both competed for the undefeated track team. Co-captain George Peters ran the hurdles, pole-vaulted and competed in the high and broad jumps.

The twin brothers attended summer school in 1942, knowing that three years of ROTC would result in a commission. In December of 1942 they also joined the Enlisted Reserve Corps, receiving a guarantee that they could at least finish out the academic year. Inevitably the press of the Allied offensives further escalated the call ups on college campuses across the country, resulting in June, 1943 reporting dates for the Peters brothers and many of their classmates.

Tommy and George volunteered for the tank destroyer corps, but Rommel's defeat in North Africa led to their reassignment to the infantry. After basic training at Camp Hood, Texas, they reported to an Army Student Training Program unit at Mississippi State College, to await assignment to Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

In February, 1944, the Peters twins and several others from Davidson began Infantry OCS at Benning. Four months later the allies landed on the beaches of Normandy. On the Fourth of July, the Davidson contingent received commissions as Infantry Second Lieutenants, fully anticipating that they would join the assault on Germany. That fall, as they trained with units that would ship out in November, Tommy and George reunited on a weekend furlough in Birmingham, Alabama. Sadly, as events would dictate, the brothers would not see each other again.

On November 15, 1944, they shoved off in the same convoy from Staten Island, zig-zagging across the dangerous North Atlantic for 14 days. George and the 69th Infantry Division sailed to Southampton; Tommy and the 63rd broke off for the Straits of Gibraltar and a landing on the southern coast of France. Although the 69th would remain in England until it replaced units decimated in the Battle of the Bulge, January, 1945, the 63rd went on line immediately.

By mid-March, Tommy had earned a second Silver Star, this time a unit citation for service in action. Before the end of the month, the 253rd had crossed the Rhine into Germany. George's 69th Division rushed toward the Elbe, where it would meet up with the Russian army in April.

On April 8, 1945, as his Company fought to capture the village of Lamphausen, Tommy Peters was killed. Three days later, he was buried in the American Cemetery near Bensheim.

His parents, all three of whose sons were fighting in Germany, learned of his death on April 24.

George, whose 273rd Infantry Regiment had occupied a German chemical warfare base near the Elbe River, was notified on the 27th. News of his brother's death led him to Bob Currie and Dick Fort, also of the 273rd, men with whom he had shared so much of Davidson and the war. For George and his friends so far from home Tommy's death seemed particularly cruel, coming only weeks before V-E Day.

With the end of the war, George Peters, Bob Currie and Dick Fort returned to Davidson to graduate with the Class of 1947. Predictably, many of their classmates and friends did not — Tommy's was only one of the 158 gold stars on the college's Service flag. Fittingly, three-letterman George Peters would become the first recipient of the award that was established in his brother's honor.

On April 24, when the Class of '47 returned for its 40th Reunion, George Peters presented the 1987 award to Christopher G. Heineman, a four-year basketball player from Indiana.

James W. May, Jr., '70 is Director of Alumni Relations and the Annual Fund. He earned an A.B. degree from Davidson College and an M.A. degree from Georgia State University.

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Harold Lemke, Frank Perschbacher, and Del Philpott, former members of Company A, 271st, pictured at their mini-reunion in Las Vegas.

Picture furnished by Harold Lemke

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Former Member of C-Battery, 880th Field Artillery, Inducted Into Football Hall of Fame

Ray Mills, who coached football at Lincoln High School for 13 years, will be inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame on September 19.

The state Hall of Fame is located in Richmond, but Mills will be formally inducted during a ceremony at the Vincennes Executive Inn. A reception is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00. The induction ceremony is set for 8:00 p.m.

Current Lincoln football coach Joe Purichia, one of the organizers for the event, said Mills is the first person with local ties to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Mills coached Lincoln from 1956 to 1959 and again from 1965 to 1975.

His composite record with the Alices was 77-65-4. He

compiled a 23-15-2 record during his first stint and had a 54-50-4 mark during his second tour of duty.

Mills' best season came in 1971, when the Alices went 9-1. His 1959 team went 8-2.

Mills graduated from Western Kentucky University in 1947, and a year later became the school's first-ever graduate assistant football coach.

He was an assistant coach for Harland (Kentucky) High School in 1949 before accepting an assistant coaching position at Mayfield (Kentucky) High School in 1950.

He was promoted to head coach at Mayfield in 1951 and served in that capacity until 1955.

After his initial four-year stay at Lincoln, Mills moved to Alexandria, Louisiana, where he served as head coach at Bolton High School from 1960 to 1964.

Mills currently teaches physical education as well as health and safety at Lincoln. He also coaches the Alices' golf team.

The Indiana Football Hall of Fame has enshrined 150 former players, coaches and administrators. Those inducted include Knute Rockne, Ara Parseghian, Hank Stram, Weeb Eubank, Alex Karras, and Bob Griese.

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Former Members of Company E - 271st Infantry



Henry Ingraham leaning out the window.

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Q U O T E S

*It is only the complete absence of an enemy
 that makes a soldier feel heroic.*

CAPTAIN P. COCHRANE

*I went where I was told to go, and did what I was
 told to do, but no more. I was scared shitless just
 about all the time.*

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES JONES

Former Members of Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., 273rd



Victor Ostrow



Walsh



Vic Ostrow and two of the shower crew.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of Walsh or the other two beside Ostrow in picture three, contact Mr. Ostrow or National Headquarters.

Pictures furnished by Mr. Ostrow

Former Members of Regimental Headquarters 272nd



Most of the men in this picture formerly served in the I & R Platoon of Regimental Headquarters Company - 272nd

In the picture are: Frank Marcello, Philip Farone, Sergeant Furhman, Charles Dunn, Robert Stockslager, Mathias Schultz, Joe Susco, Corporal Bergan, Dave Royter, Corvino, Olson, Jack Schneider, Jack Blickenderfer, Dale Blickenderfer, Jim Sarris, and Corporal Messer.



M. E. Dittman, Blair Hott, Jack Blickenderfer and Joe Susco

Former Members of Regimental Headquarters - 272nd



Anthony Marcinkus



Gerbrandt



Jack Blickenderfer and Charles Buck

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**1989 69th ANNUAL REUNION
DENVER, COLORADO**

**1990 69th ANNUAL REUNION
VALLEY FORGE AREA, PENNA.**

Tri-State Blues - "Family Group" at Greensburg, Pennsylvania Fighting 69th 1987 Spring Reunion



*Janice Lushbaugh and
69th Ladies Auxiliary President Vivian Kurtzman*



Arlene and Frank Carey



James "Jim" and Jane Lynch



Robert "Bob" Shaffer and John Mowrey



Arthur "Art" Hume and Andrew Lapatka



Marian Shadle and Marie Suprano



Rebecca and Albert "Al" Hornyak



Enrico and Anne D'Angelo



Barbara Yastrzemski and Ray Fahrner

The Following by Poet-Laureate Bill Pugh of C-Battery, 880th Field Artillery

ODE TO AN ARTILLERYMAN'S CHILD
OR
DADDY, PLEASE DON'T TELL ME ANYMORE
WHAT IT WAS YOU DID
WHEN YOU WERE IN THE WAR



Those present of my generation,
Be you a daughter, or even a son,
Will have to admit childhood is bizarre
When your father's an artilleryman.

But when I look back on my childhood
And remember those good old days,
I guess back then I must have assumed
That's how every child is raised.

For I noticed nothing abnormal
About it being a general rule
To have calisthenics and ten mile hikes with full pack
Every morning before nursery school.

Or even earlier, when I was a baby
And had to take those afternoon naps,
Instead of singing a lullaby,
Dad tooted me to sleep with "Taps."

And of course each and every morning
O! Dad would awaken me
By pulling out his bugle again
And blowing Reveille.

As with all good children when Christmas came,
I'd get most anything I pleased,
With just one restriction, no mechanical toys
That didn't use C Batteries.

Now that I have become an adult
It's plain for me to see,
That my childhood was somewhat
Different from most,
And it left it's mark on me.

I first noticed it when I started elementary school
And suspected that something was wrong,
When I learned that the National Anthem
Is not the Casson Song.

When I first studied mathematics
My teacher stared like I'd lost my mind,
When I suggested using red chalk
when she wrote a six
And blue chalk when she wrote a nine.

And then later when I stood at attention
And said, "Sir 2 + 2 = 4,"
My poor teacher fainted,
she was eighty years old
And had never been called "sir" before.

So they sent me away for analysis
Where I'd lay on a couch and I'd talk,
The head doctor said I was the first six-year old,
That he'd ever seen with shell shock.

Well certainly it is no wonder,
For as an infant I'd never be seen
Without my little helmet and combat booties,
And my diapers were all O.D. Green.

And most babies after soiling their diapers,
Usually cry or even scream and kick their feet,
I had to stand at attention, snap a salute,
And proudly proclaim "Rounds Complete."

I won't say as a child I was perfect,
I got spanked now and then, all kids must,
But instead of saying, "Son, this hurts me more than you,"
All Dad said was "Battery Adjust."

Though my childhood was odd, I'm not sorry,
And for me you need not shed one tear,
Were my dad not an artilleryman,
I'd miss these reunions,
And there's no place I'd rather be
Than right here.

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Bob Myers, Frank See and John Gradomski

MERRY CHRISTMAS 1987

From Your Editors - Dottie, Clarence & Earl



Award winner Frank Nemeth and Rita Martel who along with her husband Leo, were the 1987 Reunion Chairpersons.



General Charles
flanked by Phillip B.



Award winners John & Elizabeth Hawley



Award winners Paul & Marian Shadle



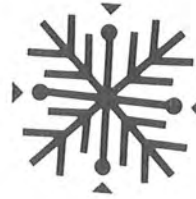
Award winners Bill & Reba Sheavly



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From Your Officers - See You in Lexington



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Award winner Phillip Colombo



Award winners Alex & Margaret Kormas



Award winner Vernon Wirth



*L. Bolte, center,
Bolte and Jo Beswick*



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***** Division Association Chapters, Units, and Group Mini-Weekends 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).

461st AAA Battery D

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"D" Battery 461st AAA Weekend was held June 18th, 19th and 20th, 1987 at the Hominy Valley VFW Post Building on Highway #151 at the foot of Mt. Pisgah.

There were 38 members, their wives, and family members for a total of 97 attending.

Members started meeting at 9:00 a.m. June 18th. By noon most had arrived. We held our business meeting and discussed Battery problems and other business. A vote was unanimous to have the next Reunion back in Asheville June, 1989 and at the invitation of the First Baptist Church, back at the church. The picnic lunch was served and everyone reminisced and had a good time until we adjourned for supper. Then we were entertained by Charles Sprouce (piano), Jim Revis (guitar), and Johnny Rhymer (fiddle).

June 19th our memorial service was conducted by Reverend Jim Revis, Gene Hotz, and Steve Mattox. After the picnic lunch was served, most of us visited places of interest, until 6:00 p.m. at which time we all met for supper and entertainment by Johnny Rhymer and The Bear Creek Ramblers. There were a lot of tall tales told, and then, farewells and good-byes for the ones who had to leave early the next morning.

The 20th those few who could meet, met to say goodbye until June 1989.

This was the fifth Reunion of "D" Battery held in the Asheville area. Whether it be the beauty of the area, the fresh mountain air or the hospitality that makes them keep wanting to come back, I'll let our members answer.

I would like to urge all members who have attended and who have not to try and make our next Reunion, because time is fast running out for most of us to meet and reacquaint with those we each depended so much on when we were fighting for our lives and freedom.

I will promise some members from the Asheville area will make your West Virginia and Kentucky Reunion next year.

Those who attended the weekend are:

John and Grace Gulasa — Dayton, Ohio
Robert D. Hunt — Fayetteville, North Carolina
Chester and Hazel Redmond — Raytown, Missouri
Floyd and Margaret Locklear — Maxton, North Carolina
Ernest and Louise Brown — Williamston, North Carolina
Bill and Rose Remminger — Chicago, Illinois
Carl and Vivian Fitchett, Jr. — Dunn, North Carolina
James and Pearl Jones — Maxton, North Carolina
John and Jean Wagner — Springfield, Illinois
Tom and Irene Geary — Warwick, Rhode Island
Henry and Berna Dean Holland — Salisbury, Maryland
Don and Ruth Tindall — New Castle, Pennsylvania
Aaron and Barbara Mills — Rockville, Maryland
Gene and Merle Hotz — St. Cloud, Minnesota

A.C. and Mattie Smith — Canton, North Carolina
Fred Williams — Nashville, Tennessee
Charles and Jean Smith — Rowland, North Carolina
Laddie and Mary Louise Manning — Bethel, North Carolina
Leon and Vivian Morris — Greenville, North Carolina
Stephen A. Mattox — Council Bluffs, Iowa
Allen and Jane Tyler — Williamsburg, Virginia
Alden and Maby Angline — Asheville, North Carolina
Asa and Margaret Hadden — Hendersonville, North Carolina
Henry and Mary Bryant — Maxton, North Carolina
R. B. and Agnes Moody — Asheville, North Carolina
Haywood and Lois Lassiter — High Point, North Carolina
Johnny and Hazel Rhymer — Alexander, North Carolina
Bill and Lois Vanderwerp — Grand Rapids, Michigan
Roy Hutchins — High Point, North Carolina
Thomas and Annie Jacobs — Greensboro, North Carolina
James and Jessie Oxley — Princeton, West Virginia
C. B. and Delnora Wilde — Weaverville, North Carolina
Arthur and Billie McNeil — Radford, Virginia
Guy and Ruth Stamey — Chandler, North Carolina
James and Millie Revis — Bessemer City, North Carolina
Edwin and Mary Whitaker — Asheville, North Carolina
Lonnie Israel — Asheville, North Carolina
Mark and Clara Herron — Candler, North Carolina

The following were guests of members of D Battery:

Diane, Dee, Susan and Adam Belcher
Ronald, Melissa and Oliva Bryant
Clyde and Barbara Colbert
Nathan, Brett and Meredith Colbert
Tommy and Darlene Gurgarus
Kecia and Libby Gurgarus
Jeff and Shelly Diggers
Charles Sprouce
Elberta Maples
Myrtle and Kaye Tipton
Arnold and Grace Flint
Erica Locklear

Thank you Guy for the write up of your battery. I am most pleased with your last paragraph or might I say last sentence. Very happy to know that some of your members will be at our Tri-State weekend at Canaan Valley Resort, Davis, West Virginia and our Division Association Reunion at Lexington, Kentucky. Your group may be the first of the AAA members to attend a Tri-State weekend and a Division Association Reunion. We may have had an AAA member attend the Niagara Falls Reunion. Thanks all AAA members for thinking of the Division Association Reunions. You are all welcome at any weekend or Division Reunion since you are part of us. The Infantry, the Field Artillery, the Tank Destroyers, the Engineers, the AAA, and others made one big 69th Division and now we meet once a year as a Division Reunion where fun, fellowship, socializing, touring, meeting, and in particular, have a Memorial Service to honor our buddies who are now in heaven watching over us. Then our dinner banquet dance

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closed out a week or part of a week (whatever you can make) with everyone saying goodbye and see you next year or at a mini weekend.

Our Canaan Valley weekend will feature a train ride and golfing. Hope you AAA's have some golfers as I would like at this weekend Tri-State golfers against AAA members, T.D. members, Mid West Group, and others to see who is king and queen of the 69th. Yes men and women can golf together at our weekend as well as the Division's Friday outings. I would like to know who of your group is interested in Canaan Valley so that I can send them a notice letter. Read the Bulletin for what's going on in the division and mini's. Put Dottie and me on your mailing list as we both like the mountains and feel pretty sure we will visit with you AAA members of Battery D in Asheville in June of 1989. I see you must only meet every two years so next year is an off year which will be good to visit with the Tri-State at Canaan Valley resort and Division Association in Lexington, Kentucky.

Earl

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Dear Earl,

This is in response to the request made by John M. Fleming in the last issue of the 69th Bulletin about the monument.

I have a copy of the Fighting 69th Sentinel (special anniversary edition) dated May 15, 1945. In this is a picture of the monument named "Battle of Nations."

The article reads "In the early morning hours of April 19, the ring was tightened about the monument. Night came and the enemy was still returning the 69th's withering gunfire with small arms fire. While plans were being made for an all out night attack, the enemy suddenly decided to give up. And at 2:00 o'clock in the morning of April 20, 1945, the Battle of Leipzig was over." Done by the 1st Battalion of the 271st Infantry.

Hope this will help John in remembering.

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461st AAA Battery B

Larry W. and Milly Brown, Coordinators

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Telephone: _____ Please, this telephone number is important.

Our 461st AAA Battery B Reunion is over and everyone had a great time. Helen and Dick Esacson went out of their way to show everyone a good time in San Francisco.

We picked up the Gengerich's and Russell's from Pittsburgh at Sacramento on the 17th of June and had a late lunch at Dick and Helen's at 9:00 p.m. The plane was 6 hours late but the food was good anyway.

On the 18th we took off for San Francisco by car and checked in and met at the Hospitality Room at Marine's Memorial Club. Had snacks, drinks and a gab fest.

On the 19th, several toured Alcatraz while some shopped in Chinatown and Ghiradelli Square.

The 20th was a tour of the Presidio, Fort Scott, and Fort Point and more shopping. The banquet was on the 20th.

On the 21st was departure day for everyone.

We want to mention also that Ed and Madeline Keefer were greatly missed at the San Francisco Reunion.

Madeline is getting along fine after her major surgery and looking forward to seeing her and Ed in Canton, Ohio in 1988.

Those who attended B Battery, 461st AAA 1987 Weekend were:

Dick, Helen, and Allen Esacson — Fair Oaks, California
Don and Genny Castellaw — Moscow, Idaho
Don and Audrey Detwiler — Nazareth, Pennsylvania
Ed and Jo Gengerich — Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Vern and Evelyn Dickhoff — Rialto, California
Sam and Viv Russell — Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
George and Hazel Stein — Vancouver, Washington
Stan Marchlik — East Chicago, Indiana
Tony Salvnick — Dickinson, North Dakota
Karl and Barbara Peterson — Saugus, California
Lydia Francioni — Soledad, California
Ethel Poteet — Los Angeles, California
Mary Frances Potance — Hatfield, Pennsylvania
Arlene Horne — Hatfield, Pennsylvania
Dot Wilkinson — Santa Rosa, California
Larry and Milly Brown — Clarkston, Washington

Note: Dottie and I plan on attending your September 1988 Weekend in Canton, Ohio. Lord willing we'll see all you good AAA members and wives. Remember, we're looking for AAA members and wives at a National Reunion so some of you please try to be in Lexington, Kentucky in August of 1988. Until we meet.

Earl and Dottie

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The 36th Annual Reunion of the 69th Recon Troop was held in Cincinnati, Ohio on September 11, 12, and 13. Our host and hostess was Bob "Bones" and Mabel Schueler who did a bang-up job of arranging our accommodations, food, etc.

The Schueler's had arranged for us to be billeted at the Hampshire House and after a few adjustments in room assignments, our accommodations were very good. Our separate Hospitality Room was amply supplied with snacks and liquids. Our ladies were up to their usual excellence in furnishing snacks of various kinds and in sufficient quantities and most of the fellows brought in a supply of their desired beverage. Soft drinks were also available and the increased consumption of those non-alcoholic beverages was noted.

For those of us who arrived on Friday, bringing each other up to date on the happenings of the last year and longer, was the order of the day. It was great to be there early and greet the troopers and their ladies as they arrived and to renew old friendships. Friday evening dinner was on our own. We talked about our families, our times together at Camp Shelby and in Europe, and looked at pictures brought in by several of the boys until late in the evening. Those of us who were the last to leave the hospitality room noted that apparently old age is beginning to catch up with us. Most of us were retiring earlier than we had at previous Reunions.

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Saturday morning we held our business meeting. The major topic of discussion centered on deciding the location of our 1988 Reunion. After much discussion on the various attributes of the state of Florida, of which there are many, and particularly of the Orlando area, a vote was taken and it was decided to hold the 1988 Reunion in the Richmond, Virginia area. **Cowboy Vaughan** "volunteered" to run the show and he indicated that he would enlist the aid of **Lewis Pickett**, by force if necessary, to be his co-host.

On Saturday a little after the noon hour, a contingent of our troopers and their ladies left the bivouac area, embarked upon a motor bus, and sallied forth on a tour of various points of interest in the Cincinnati area. This tour was arranged by **Maxine Stambaugh**, and from all reports was enjoyed immensely by those participating. Thanks very much for your efforts **Maxine**.

Our Saturday evening dinner was held at the Hampshire House. We had a delightful and tasteful buffet in a private dining room. **Charlie Fox** arrived with his G.I. mess kit but he was persuaded to use the house china.

After our dinner, we had a brief memorial remembrance for our fallen Troopers. This was followed by a few words from our leader, **Boyd Ellsworth**, which included a short letter from **Harold Vance** who was unable to attend this reunion. As has been done on occasion in past years, each trooper was invited to give a brief review of their current and past activities. This is always quite interesting and informative. It would seem that those of us who are not "unemployed" are enjoying the activities that go along with being retired. Of course some of our troopers and/or spouses are still actively employed.

Mike Moscaritolo related an interesting item. Back in 1945 while stationed in **Breitau, Germany** he befriended a little 7-year old girl. As this girl grew up, **Mike** and his wife **Mary** maintained contact with her and even visited her during a couple trips to Europe. This year her daughter came to the U.S. for an extended visit with the **Moscaritolos**. **Mike** and **Mary** took her on a tour of the East Coast and many of its historical locations including the Statue of Liberty and the New York area. They also spent several weeks in Florida. **Mike** expressed the hope that the girl's mother and father will be able to visit them within the next year. Thanks **Mary** and **Mike** for being such good ambassadors for our country. Your PR is tops.

At one point during the evening in the hospitality room, singing of some of the "older" melodies could be heard emanating from the corner of the room. It was **Hap Stambaugh** and **Murray Schneider** doing a little harmonizing and reminiscing. Maybe we could persuade **Hap** and **Cowboy** to bring their guitars and **Hugh Bob Fuller** his horn to the next Reunion and we could work up a little songfest. Remember back in the days of the DeSoto National Forest when we would sit around the bivouac area bonfire and harmonize?

In addition to our host and hostess, **Bob** and **Mable Schueler**, those attending the Reunion were: **Boyd** and **Stella Ellsworth** (Ohio); **Paul Fowler** (Florida); **Charlie** and **Bobbie Fox** (Maryland); **Hugh Bob Fuller, Sr.** without horn (Texas); **Harold** and **Jeanne Gardner** (Missouri); **D. B.** and **Betty George** (Maryland); **Eddie** and **Mary Lou Glenz** (Pennsylvania); **Getty** and **Lucy Glotfelty** (Washington State); **Morris** and **Gert Kaiserman** (Illinois); **Mike** and **Mary Moscaritolo** (New Jersey and Florida); **Herb** and **Eileen Norman** (Colorado);

Ralph "Ole Buddy" Riggs (Ohio); **Murray Schneider** (The Bronx); **Hap** and **Maxine Stambaugh** (Pennsylvania); **Cowboy Vaughan** and **Co-Rider** (Virginia); **Freddy** and **Ginny Vaughn** (Maryland); **Frank** and **Loretta Veazey** (Ohio); **Lloyd** and **Ruth Walker** (Ohio); **Hank** and **Lillian Weiman** (New Jersey); and **Bob** and **Jean West** (Ohio).

This was **Freddy Vaughn's** first Reunion. We were all very pleased to see **Freddy** and his wife **Ginny**. It is always great to see one of our troopers show up for the first time. It was also good to see several of the others boys who have not attended for a number of years.

Recon lost another of its illustrious troopers since the 1986 Reunion. **Tony Spazziano**, a former Armored Car driver in the third team of the first platoon, fell victim to lung cancer on July 3, 1987. **Tony** had been in the Los Angeles, California area for a period of 33 years. We had lost contact with him and apparently he was unaware that **Recon** was holding Annual Reunions. He had also never been on the roster of the Division Association. Sometime back he contacted **Getty Glotfelty**, who brought him up to date on the happenings of the troop and division associations. **Getty** furnished us with **Tony's** address and phone number and we sent it to a few of our regular Reunion attendees. Several of our troopers promptly contacted **Tony** by telephone and letter and in his replies, **Tony** indicated that he would be present in Cincinnati. However, it was not in the cards for **Tony** to attend his first Reunion. His son contacted **Bob Schueler** and **Getty** and advised them of **Tony's** untimely passing. He will be sadly missed by his family and fondly remembered by his **Recon** buddies.

Since **Charlie Fox** furnished us with 1988 wallet size calendars, let's make sure that these and other calendars in our home are so noted to remind us of our next Reunion in Richmond on September 9, 10, and 11, 1988. No doubt **Cowboy** and **Pickett** will do their usual "sterling" job of arranging a Reunion that will be enjoyed by all of us. **Cowboy**, when you and **Pickett** get around to making your arrangements, please send the particulars to **Earl Witzleb** so the information can be published in the 69th Bulletin as soon as possible.

Our thanks again to **Bob** and **Maria Schueler** for a swell time in Cincinnati. As we advance in age, these Reunions seem to become a more important phase in most of our lives. We have a comradery that will remain with most of us for the rest of our lives. LET'S NOT BREAK THE CONTACT!!

One final comment. We will mail out some of the latest rosters to those fellows who did not make the Reunion. Please remember, if any of you fellows have changes, additions or deletions that should be made on these rosters, send the information to:

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Telephone: 816-254-4816

Note from Earl: September is a long way off so if any of you troopers are looking for another place to go in '88, why not Canaan Valley, West Virginia with the Tri-State group. All you troopers from Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Ohio keep June 8th thru 12 open. **Boyd** and **Stella** will be there. Lexington, Kentucky is also nearby for you troopers in Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Illinois, and Colorado so do come to the 69th Annual Reunion, August 14th thru 21st, 1988 at the Campbell House Inn. You need not come for the entire week. How about some pictures for the Bulletin.

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269th Engineers

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Territory: All 50 of Our States

Hail the 269th,

Just got back from the Reunion at Niagara Falls, New York and we had a lovely time in spite of the weather. Really enjoyed the "Maid of the Mist" and seeing the falls once again after 35 years or so. Most of all it was nice to see so many of the 269th in attendance and also their wives. We had 16 Engineers there, all of them didn't go over seas with the 269th, but we remembered each other. It took a little time since 40 years is a long time. We had "H&S" with 3, Co. "A" with 3, Co. "B" with 8, and Co. "C" with 2 men, plus our latest association members, Eby and Bonnie with their families. It was nice to see Gene "Hug" Huggins after all those years and finally get him out of Texas. I don't know who was guarding the state since W. P. "Sarge" Sample also attended. Sorry to say Pete's wife couldn't attend this year. Hope you guys had a nice flight home. John and Louise Pontieri were finally able to make it. Every year something came up — it was good to be with them again.

Well, we finally made it. An Engineer was elected President of the 69th Infantry Division Association and I'm sure Bill Foster will be a real good one. Betty will see to that (just kidding).

It took a few years but Darrell Orn and his wife Evelyn made it again and I was really surprised to see them. They haven't changed at all. Ray Hall and Leona got there late and Ray wanted to know where all Co. "A" was and said they better make Lexington, so start writing those letters!

Co. "C" had Jerry Rodelli and Eleanor who now live in the Sunshine State of Florida and also Larry Roeder and Jean who live down in Kentucky, so I'm sure they'll make it to Lexington since it's only a hoot and holler away. Frank (Kim) Packard and Grace brought the jeep down for the parade and it was a big hit, let me tell you!!

Col. Holmlin sure was disappointed when the rain washed out the Golf Tournament. The 269th were out to win it this year. We had Jim Eibling, Col. Holmlin, Darrell Orn and Evelyn, Dan Evers and me all set to go. I wanted to find out if those golf balls were as "hot" as the guys told me when I bought them!!

John and Elizabeth Hawley had a good time and John rode in the parade as Kim Packard's body guard, with his "sub-machine gun," a real one too! Jim Eibling and Dotty drove in from Ohio and it was nice to see them again, since it's been a few years since I saw them at New Philly, Ohio. Dotty is coming along fine and got her way to go to New Orleans to see the OSU/LSU football game.

Then we had two first timers attend since they were in the area. Both were in "B" Co.. Francis "Sully" Sullivan, who was overseas with us and Bob Winslow who shipped out early in our training at Shelby. Bob now resides in Jacksonville, Florida. It was great seeing and talking to both of them.

Of course we had Dan and Helen Evers, Ted and Frank Nemeth, Walt and Eby, their daughter and the newest 269ther "Rebecca." Bonnie and Joe with William and Big Joey. We used to call him Little Joey, but no more.

Ya' all take care and drop me a line and I'll be more than happy to answer!

Your Ole Buddy,
Frank

Those in attendance were:

Frank and Ted Nemeth, Dan and Helen Evers, Darrell and Evelyn Orn, John and Louise Pontieri, Robert Winslow, Francis Sullivan, W. P. Sample, Gene Huggins, Ray and Leona Hull, Frank and Grace Packard, Jim and Dottie Eibling, Walter Holmlin, John and Elizabeth Hawley, Bill and Betty Foster, Jerry and Eleanor Rodelli, Larry and Jean Roeder, Walt, Eby and Rebecca Howland, Joe, Bonnie, Joseph and William Wachs

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Headquarters Battery 880th F.A. Battalion

Leonard Nathan, Reporter
3906 North Ashland Avenue
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Dear Mr. Witzleb,

The picture on Page 12 of the current 69th Division Bulletin is The Volkerschlachtdenkmal - The Battle of Nations monument - in Leipzig. It was dedicated in 1913 to commemorate the centenary of Napoleon's defeat by the allied armies of that time.

It has a tragic historical association with the 69th Division. Prior to the battle for the city in 1945, a radio relay team of four or five members of Headquarters Battery, 880th FA, was sent into Leipzig. At the request of an Infantryman, they had gone to help a French photographer who had attempted to photograph the last stand of the Germans. He was wounded in his efforts.

The 880th men were pinned down behind a tank by machine-gun fire from the monument and one of the group was killed. The photographer also died. The other members of the team were taken as prisoners into the monument and held in the crypt until the city surrendered.

At the dedication of the Monument in 1913, Lord Pirbright, representing the British government, and Albert Ballin, the German shipping magnate and a confidante of the Kaiser, drew up a memorandum appealing to both governments to halt the arms race which they felt would inevitably lead to war - as, of course, it did in 1914. The Kaiser, as anti-Semitic as his Nazi successors, derided the memorandum as being the work of two Jews.

At the beginning of World War II, the priceless book collection of The Deutsche Buacherei, the German counterpart of our Library of Congress, was moved into the monument's crypt. Included was a Gutenberg Bible. Immediately after the surrender of Leipzig, a Belgian guard was thrown around the Monument to prevent looting by the U.S. Army troops. The Gutenberg Bible disappeared and was later put up for sale in Brussels. The Russians, who later occupied Leipzig, were blamed for the loss of the Bible, but that hardly explains how it turned up for sale in Belgium.

Always enjoy the publication.

Leonard Nathan
(Hq. Battery - 800th FA Bn.)

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Battery C 881st Field Artillery

Mrs. Ilse Gordon
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Whenever I receive the 69th Bulletin, I very much enjoy it. Both of my husbands, Nat Suckerman and Ike Gordon, (they were friends from Camp Shelby) were very proud to have been a part of the 69th.

Nat died in 1967, Ike died in 1984. Your Bulletin gave Ike contact with one of his army buddies, Eugene Schollenberger from Emmaus, Pennsylvania. While Ike was suffering from cancer, Gene Schollenberger came to visit Ike and gave him some pleasant hours of talking about their time together in the Army. For this I am grateful to Gene.

Today's Bulletin has a picture furnished by John Fleming of a monument. It is not the Kaiser Wilhelm - It is the Monument of Nations in Leipzig, known in Germany as the Voelkerschlachtdenkmal, a memorial to the Battle of 1813 when Napoleon was defeated.

I also read the letter from Frank Guerrieri from Belleville, New Jersey, a member of C-881st. He lives only a few miles from here. Too bad Ike did not know about him. The name of Sergeant Price, Meldorf, Lieutenant Reid and Captain Calvert brought a smile to my face, as I remember how often I heard stories about them.

I'm enclosing some pictures. One shows Captain Calvert - anyone from C Battery will recognize him by his scarf around the neck. One shows Nat Suckerman with a friend, one shows Ike Gordon with friends, also unknown to me. I'm including a few other pictures. Perhaps someone will recognize himself.

Nat's hobby was photography. I have many pictures from his days in the army. Keep up the good work. I'm enclosing my dues for the coming year.

Sincerely,
Ilse Suckerman-Gordon
Widow of Nat Suckerman
Also Widow of Ike Gordon
both of C-881st FA - 69th



*I believe this is in Frankleben near Leipzig.
On the right side is Nat Suckerman, C-881st FA.*



With scarf around neck, Captain Calvert.



Meeting the Russians!



Front Row on right is Ike Gordon - C-881st FA



Stepping Out in Style



Getting Dinner Prepared

If someone can identify some of the people in these pictures, please let us know.

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A.T. 271st Infantry Mine Platoon

Adam Rossochacy
Box 31
Tuscarora, Pennsylvania 17982

Hi Earl,

I was just going through the Bulletin, and noticed the picture Mr. John Fleming furnished asking if anyone could verify it and its location. Well, I'm sending another picture of the same monument, and it's Napoleon's Monument in Leipzig, taken in April of 1945.

I also am sending the Fighting 69th Sentinel, which I kept and hope you can have some use for it in your Bulletin.

I'm also sending two other photos of some of the guys in the field in Camp Shelby.



Camp Shelby - Basic Training - Life Out in the Woods
On the left in hammock is Leroy Pastore,
center is Sergeant Shepherd, and sitting against the tree is
Mr. Tores, all from A.T., 271st Mine Platoon.



Camp Shelby - Basic Training - The Shell for the S7 M.M.
Sergeant Shepherd is on the right
and on the left is Corporal Farnham.

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Company D, 272nd Infantry

Jack E. and Lucile Burrus, Coordinators

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Arenzville, Illinois 62611

Telephone: _____ Please send to me.

Harry and Louis Hagan, 1989 Weekend Chairpersons

403 North Third Street

Bardstown, Kentucky 40004

Telephone: _____ Please send to me.

The Bi-Annual Reunion of Company D, 272nd Infantry Regiment was held in Jacksonville-Arenzville, Illinois on June 19th, 20th and 21st. The hosts were Jack "Doc" Burrus, one of the company "medics," and his wife Lucile.

The "CP" was established at the Holiday Inn in Jacksonville on Friday afternoon to welcome the members as they checked in. That evening the group traveled to nearby Naples for a dinner at the Boatel on the bank of the Illinois river. A luncheon and style show was offered to the ladies on Saturday noon, with a tour of the historic Governor Duncan's mansion being scheduled for late afternoon. The banquet was held Saturday night "poolside" under the Holidome at the Holiday Inn.

On Sunday, they journeyed to the Burrus home at rural Arenzville for a catered dinner with "leftovers" for the evening meal. The afternoon was topped off with a firetruck ride through the nearby village of Arenzville for all of the men and their wives. This little village of 450 has not forgotten World War II since eight men from the community gave their lives during the conflict.

There were 24 former members of the company present representing 14 states. Four of those present, Gene Roberts, J. P. Geoffroy, Leroy Nelson and John Stotler were attending their very first Reunion and had a lot of catching up to do with buddies that they hadn't seen for over 40 years.

Also present were three special guests from D Company, 273rd who are very anxious to organize a company Reunion of their own. Those attending were: Charles L. Atteberry, R#3, Box 13-A, Cisne, Illinois 62823; Lewis M. Tenney, 2770 18th Street, Columbus, Indiana 47201 and John Oplt, 1617 Schubert (Swansea) Bellville, Illinois 62221. Anyone interested in attending a Company D, 273rd Reunion should contact one of them as soon as possible.

Company D, of the 272nd will hold their next Reunion in 1989. We hold it on a bi-annual basis. Harry and Louis Hagan will host it at Bardstown, Kentucky. I will be writing today to Harry with some of the "quartermaster" details of the Reunion this year and I will pass along your advise to let you know just as soon as he has a definite schedule in mind. Traditionally we have it over the Father's Day weekend in June.

Following is a list of those that attended this year's 1987 Weekend at Jacksonville, Illinois in June, from Company D, 272nd Infantry:

Art and Alice Burkman — McHenry, Illinois

Richard and Lucille Bell — Watertown, South Dakota

Jack and Lucile Burrus — Arenzville, Illinois

George and Marge Estell — Hazlet, New Jersey

Nick Etze and Catherine Grobelski — Mt. Pleasant,
Pennsylvania

Herb and Kate Frye — Dundalk, Maryland

J. P. and Mildred Geoffroy — Erath, Louisiana

Byron Gutshall — Covington, Virginia

Harry and Louis Hagan — Bardstown, Kentucky

Jim and Mildred Headland — Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania

Ed and Friedl Heckle — Louisville, Kentucky

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Lowell and Billie Jackson — Fort Wayne, Indiana
Cecil and Lucy Loudermilch — Anniston, Alabama
John Mason — Berkley, California
Blake and Eula Mae Morrison — Greensboro, North Carolina
Leroy and Janet Nelson — Mountain Rest, South Carolina
Ralph Pearson — St. Paul, Minnesota
Gene and Ruth Roberts — Dallas, Texas
Henry and Louise Schenk — Berwick, Pennsylvania
Ralph and Grace Schollenberger — Boyertown, Pennsylvania
John Stotler — Edgewood, Maryland
Bill and Esther Tritt — Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Dick and Helen Wright — Cibolo, Texas
Gene and Phyllis Lloyd — Naperville, Illinois

Attending from D Company, 273rd:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Atteberry — Cisne, Illinois
Mr. and Mrs. John Oplt — Swansea, Illinois
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Tenny — Columbus, Indiana

Corresponding but unable to attend from D Company, 272nd:

Bob and Evelyn Trate — Wilmington, Delaware
Ed and Emma Duthill — Port St. Lucie, Florida
Carl and Marge Swindlehurst — Ferndale, Michigan
Gene and Bea Schmalzreid — Huntingdon, Indiana
James and Wilma Waugh — Ponca City, Oklahoma

Earl, your cooperation is very much appreciated. Curiosity prompts me to ask, "has any company ever had this many attend from this many states?"

Thanks Jack for you above question of curiosity. For a

company, D Company, 272nd did real well. I count 44 of your members and wives plus six guests for a total of 50. I looked back to Bulletin Volume 40, Number 1, September, October, November, and December 1986, at the Reunion in Pittsburgh. Division Headquarters and Headquarters Company had 25 and E Company, 271st Infantry had 29 present. Also in that Bulletin, Battery C, 880th Field Artillery had 51 present at their Greensburg, Pennsylvania Weekend. Then going to Volume 40, Number 3, May, June, July, and August 1987, I find that the 661st Tank Destroyers had 52 at their Weekend in Charlottesville, Virginia and that the Tri-State Group had 79 at it's Greensburg, Pennsylvania Weekend.

Wouldn't it be nice if all those attending weekends would also attend the Division Association Reunions? At the 1986 Pittsburgh Reunion your D Company, 272nd Infantry only had two present while your rival, Company D, 273rd Infantry had 12 present. Even D Company, 271st Infantry had 5 present in Pittsburgh. It's nice to have mini-weekends if this brings out your membership but we also must encourage your members to attend the Division Association Reunion when and if possible. Once you come to a Division Association Reunion, you'll say, "Gee, I didn't know I missed so much. I'm sure I'll be back to more Division Reunions."

We do have fun and good fellowship at the division level and you do meet members from all the other units of the division. Since your company doesn't have a weekend in 1988, why don't you all plan on attending the Division Association Reunion at Lexington, Kentucky in August 1988. You do have a lot of members from Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky, so Lexington isn't all that far away. In fact, I would like to invite you all to attend the Tri-State Weekend at Canaan Valley Resort in West Virginia in 1988 since that isn't too many miles away either. So I hope to see a lot of D Company, 272nd Infantry at Lexington and Canaan Valley too.



COMPANY "D", 272nd INFANTRY REGIMENT, 69th DIVISION — June 21, 1987, Azenzville, Illinois Weekend Reunion

Kneeling Left to Right: Gene Roberts, Dallas Texas; John Mason, Berkley, California; Herb Frye, Dundalk, Maryland; George Estell, Hazlet, New Jersey

Standing Left to Right: Jack Burrus, Azenzville, Illinois; Blake Morrison, Greensboro, North Carolina; Harry Hagan, Bardstown, Kentucky; Dick Bell, Watertown, South Dakota; Barney Gutshall, Covington, Virginia; Dick Wright, Cibolo, Texas; J. P. Geoffroy, Erath, Louisiana; Bill Tritt, Carlisle, Pennsylvania; Lowell Jackson, Ft. Wayne, Indiana; Henry Schenk, Berwick, Pennsylvania; Art Burkman, McHenry, Illinois; Cecil Loudermilch, Anniston, Alabama; John Stotler, Edgewood, Maryland; Ralph Schollenberger, Boyertown, Pennsylvania; Ed Heckel, Louisville, Kentucky; Jim Headland, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania; Ralph Pearson, St. Paul, Minnesota; Nick Etze, Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania.

Also attending but not in picture: Leroy Nelson, Mountain Rest, South Carolina; Eugene Lloyd, Naperville, Illinois

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Company F, 273rd Infantry

Dick Israel, *New Reporter*
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Dear Earl,

I remain continually amazed at the size of the 69 Division Association after all these years and the items of interest in your excellent Bulletin.

On Page 12 of the last Bulletin, you asked about the location of a pictured monument that brought back many memories. This was a huge structure in Leipzig, Germany that was commonly known as Napoleon's Monument but was also called the Battle of Nations Monument. It was the last strong-point to fall in Leipzig and marked the final surrender of the city to units of the 69th Division.

Company F, 273rd Regiment, was vitally involved in the capture of the city. In the attack, our infantrymen were placed on tanks and raced in a column to the center of Leipzig under withering enemy fire. Two-thirds of our company was lost during the battle.

The railroad terminal, the largest in Germany, required considerable shelling before being captured, but was among the first major points to fall. Company F moved on to the City Hall and, upon its surrender, entered to find the burgermeister had committed suicide in his office.

Storm troopers in the monument, however, held out fanatically for more than a day while artillery encircled the monument and pounded it relentlessly from point blank range. Finally, in the early morning hours of April 20, they surrendered and the way was cleared to advance to the east. Less than a week later, elements of the 273rd linked up with the Russians at the Elbe River.

I'm wondering how many others will recall the Battle of Leipzig and write to you. (Enclosed is another picture of the Monument after its surrender).

I finally went to my first reunion a couple of years ago in Williamsburg and followed that up last year at the one in Pittsburgh. It was surprising to remember buddies that I hadn't seen or heard from in forty years. I'm enclosing a picture of five of us from Company F that got together at the Reunion in Williamsburg. They are (from left to right) seated: Gilbert (Mark) Clark, Jack Fain, Sam Woolf. Standing: Tom Graves (wounded at Leipzig), Dick Israel.

Incidentally, my next door neighbor in Charlottesville, Tom Maupin, was a member of the 69th Division throughout the war and has attended many of the Reunions.

I look forward to getting each issue of the Bulletin. Keep up the good work.

Dick Israel



Company G, 273rd Infantry

Homer D. Rager, *Reporter*
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Hi Earl,

Over 4 July 1987, two 69ers met accidentally after 41 years. Don McKee, Company G, 273rd, Company Sharpshooter, and Homer Rager. He was in S/Sgt. Gutman's squad. The baby in the Company, liked by all, he kept us laughing with his jokes and stories. We both were in camp over the 4th. He remembered the town of Milroy and my name where he stopped for gas. We made contact and had quite a discussion. He didn't know the 69th held Reunions. I gave him the latest Bulletin. I travel through Dunkensville where he has a business on #22 and we are planning a big 2 meeting the next time through. He is still active in gunning in deer season in Potter and Clearfield counties. I took some pictures and am sending them along to you. I am sure some of the Company G men will remember and respond. We discussed a lot of them, even Lieutenant Kotzebue who I noticed was in Taps. If Sergeant Fred Johnston reads this I would like to hear from him. I still have his Zippo lighter he gave me in Mississippi. They were made in Bradford where he lived then.



Don McKee & Homer Rager camping in New Lancaster Valley



McKee, Gutman, Stockie, DeRosier, Mother West
Wesslie in Window — 1945, Grima, Germany

Homer, when you find a new man and give him your Bulletin, I'll be happy to send you another one if you request it. Just let me know the Volume Number and whether it is 1, 2, or 3. This goes for any member of the Association who passes his Bulletin on to a new man. Why don't you get McKee and yourself to come to Canaan Valley in June. I believe Ed Stagg and Robert Ainley of your Company will be there, so at least four of you will meet and be together. Then you four can plan on Lexington for the big Association Reunion. Many years have gone by and we only have a few left so let's get together and meet once again. Once you attend a Division Reunion, you'll be back every year after. Hope the names of the men on your picture from Grima, Germany are O.K.

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1988 69th ANNUAL REUNION LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY August 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 1988 *Let's All Make A Special Effort to be There!*

Company G, 272nd Infantry

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Earl,

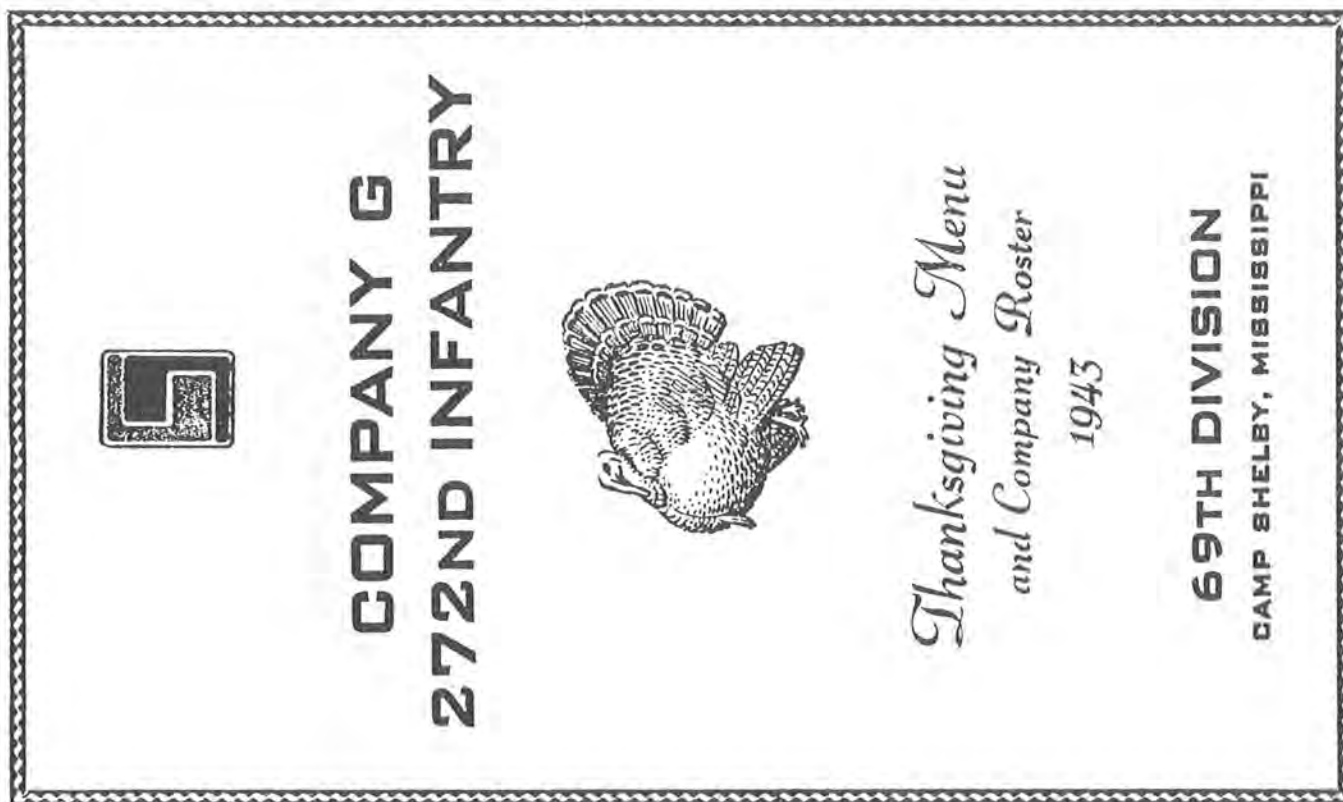
Mike Kertis - "G" 272nd reporting enclosed is a copy of "G" 272nd Roster and Menu of Thanksgiving Dinner, 1943. It brings back a lot of memories. It seems so long ago, in fact it is. Most of us are in our 60's.

I imagine, I, like others, often look back and wonder where the others are, how they are doing, and what they are doing.

Perhaps we will get some of the answers when we meet and have a chance to discuss this when we meet in Lexington, Kentucky next August.

Niagara Falls was our first Reunion and hopefully more to follow.

Michael Kertis



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MENU

FRUIT CUP

ROAST TURKEY w DRESSING AND GRAVY

MASHED POTATOES

CRANBERRY SAUCE

BUTTERED PEAS

CORN

CRISP CELERY

PICKLES

TOMATO AND LETTUCE SALAD

HOT ROLLS

BUTTER

PUMPKIN PIE

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GRAPES

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*Tri-Staters are on the move to the final one weeker —
Campbell House Inn, Lexington, Kentucky.*

Since Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania's 1986 Division Association Reunion, we have traveled to Greensburg, Pennsylvania at the Sheraton Inn where 79 members, wives, and guests enjoyed a night at the races, much fun and fellowship at our Hospitality Room, shopping at two malls, and then relaxing at the Saturday night banquet followed by entertainment.

We then moved on to Clarion, Pennsylvania where we ran into some trouble on a very warm 90 degree July 12th Sunday afternoon attacking the cottage of Clarence Marshall, Strattanville, at 13:00 hours. We gained a good foothold shortly after and by 16:00 hours, the battle of the fine foods and desserts was over. We then rested on the outer lawn to give our stomachs a rest.

Those in attendance were:

Dell and Mary Balzano — 879th F.A.

Highland Heights, Ohio

Eugene and Norma Butterfield — 69th Division Headquarters

Rocky River, Ohio

Enrico and Anne D'Angelo — 880th F.A.

Saltsburg, Pennsylvania

Lewis and Stella Ellsworth — 69th Recon

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Albert and Rebecca Hornyak — Co. K, 271st

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Alex and Margaret Kormas — 879th F.A.

Lakewood, Ohio

Robert and Vivian Kurtzman — Co. I, 272nd

Wilmot, Ohio

James and Jane Lynch — Cannon Co., 271st

North Warren, Pennsylvania

Paul and Marian Shadle — Co. E, 271st

New Kensington, Pennsylvania

Robert and Jean Shaffer — Co. C, 272nd

Massillon, Ohio

Earl and Dorothy Witzleb, Jr. — Co. E, 273rd

Acme and Champion, Pennsylvania

Russell and Elizabeth Harmon — Clarence's Body Guard

Oil City, Pennsylvania

Clarence Burke — Co. G, 272nd

Pitcairn, Pennsylvania

Andrew Lapatka — 77th Tank Bn.

New Castle, Pennsylvania

William and Mary Jane Cline — Buhl Brothers Printing
New Kensington, Pennsylvania

Luke and Gladys Buhl — "The Bosses"

Mira Marziale "Bulletin Whiz", and God Son, Joshua White
Creighton, Pennsylvania

George Buhl — "Second In Line"

Co-Host: Clarence Marshall — 69th Division Headquarters
Strattanville and New Kensington, Pennsylvania

Co-Hosts: Gladys and Robert Braun — Sister and
Brother-in-Law to Clarence Marshall

Clarion, Pennsylvania

Co-Host: William Harmon — "Chief and Cater"

Clarion, Pennsylvania

We all had a good time. Thank You Clarence, for the wonderful mid-summer picnic. We then moved on to Ridgway and Saint Marys, Pennsylvania, August 22 and 23 when three Tri-State Couples namely:

James and Jane Lynch — Cannon Co., 271st

North Warren, Pennsylvania

Paul and Marian Shadle — Co. E, 271st

New Kensington, Pennsylvania

Earl and Dorothy Witzleb, Jr. — Co. E, 273rd

Acme and Champion, Pennsylvania

rested in the area of C Battery, 880th F.A. Weekend enjoying one of the best ever dinner banquets of Prime Rib or Breast of Chicken served. Lee and Betty Meyer knew what they were doing when they chose the Royal Motel for that meal.

THE FOLLOWING PICTURES were taken by
Al Hornyak at Clarence Marshall's picnic.



*Al Kormas, Clarence Marshall, Enrico D'Angelo
Clarence showing his army medals.*



Jim Jones and Earl Witzleb

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Eugene Butterfield, Dell Balzano, Jim Jones



Ladies Attending the Picnic



Men Attending the Picnic

On to Niagara Falls, New York for the 1987 Association Reunion where we had to battle the rain. We never captured the Falls - they're still running. We enjoyed the banquet, parade, early bird, and beer party night even though we never got to the Armory. Our members will be listed with the rest of the Association members in another part of the Bulletin.

We now look forward to Canaan Valley Resort in June 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1988. It will all be spelled out in the next

Bulletin. Then on the final one weeker, our final goal, Lexington, Kentucky in August 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 1988. See you there. Plans are underway for the Tri-Staters to be in Erie, Pennsylvania in 1989 and somewhere in Ohio in 1990.

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And Now Division Assn. News & Pictures from Niagara Falls, New York

What, no letters on the Reunion or pictures yet from the Reunion? You fellows all spoke up at the meeting and wanted more news and bigger Bulletins so let's have it from here on out. Someone from each unit be your news reporter and get it in along with pictures. I see everyone snapping but never a shot comes this way. I do believe Clarence has a few and the centerfold will have some courtesy of Al Faison. Thanks, Al. I'm sure news photographer Chet will have many here for the next two Bulletins.

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We all had a wonderful time at the Niagara Falls Reunion sharing two and a half tables at the banquet which was just great at the Convention Center. The food was excellent and there was plenty of room to move about. We were thirteen couples strong looking for Davisson to treat on Friday night but he never showed. He is excused though, since his telegram stated he was tied up in court. Let's be forty-five couples strong at Lexington for Davisson to treat since he has already stated, he'll be there. Those who attended will be listed under the attendees at the Reunion. How about some pictures for the Bulletin whoever took them. I'm sure Davisson would be pleased to see our smiling facings. The gang did go out and eat Friday night but I didn't get back from Canada in time to join them. Sorry, fellows, I would have liked to have been with you.

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269th ENGINEERS



*Robert Ritchey, Company "B"
receives the Bronze Star from Colonel Holmlin*



*Roger Shearer
receiving the Bronze Star from Colonel Holmlin*



*Rocco DeLorenzo - PFC - H & S Company
orderly for Colonel Holmlin*



*T/4 George J. Roup - 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon
Company A — April 18, 1945, Rotha, Germany*

**1988 69th ANNUAL REUNION
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY
AUGUST 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 1988**

269th ENGINEERS



Left to Right: Lieutenant Ray Twork, Lieutenant John Lane, Lieutenant Jim McEnaney



Left to Right: Jim Eibling, Dan Evers, Darrell Orn



*Francis "Sully" Sullivan
"Company B" 29th Engineers*

Pictures furnished by Frank C. Nemeth

**1989 69th ANNUAL REUNION
DENVER, COLORADO**

**1990 69th ANNUAL REUNION
VALLEY FORGE AREA, PENNA.**

Attendance by States at The 1987 Niagara Falls, New York Reunion

Pennsylvania was tied this year by New York for the state having the most representation. The total is just the members so it can be doubled for wives and guests making this Reunion our largest. All you members who attended Niagara, please write a buddy or two over the winter begging or insisting they come to Lexington. I am sure you all took a name or two from the directory that was in the registration area. Only 11 states weren't represented making this total a record also. Thanks for attending. I am sure the Niagara Falls committee was pleased with your attendance.

Total number of First Timers was a record also. Thanks for coming, First Timers.

State representation is as follows:

New York	63
Pennsylvania	63
New Jersey	30
Ohio	30
Florida	25
California	13
Michigan	13
Virginia	12
Illinois	10
Indiana	8
Maryland	8
Massachusetts	8
Wisconsin	7
Arizona	6
Georgia	6
North Carolina	6
Missouri	5
Colorado	4
Connecticut	4
Iowa	4
New Hampshire	4
Oregon	4
Texas	4
Louisiana	3
West Virginia	3
Delaware	2
Kentucky	2
Minnesota	2
Washington	2
Arkansas	1
Washington, D.C.	1
Idaho	1
Maine	1
Mississippi	1
Montana	1
Nebraska	1
New Mexico	1
Oklahoma	1
Rhode Island	1
South Carolina	1
Total	362

39 States and D.C.

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Niagara Falls, New York Reunion Attendees

Asterisk (*) Indicates First Timers

DIVISION HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

GENERAL CHARLES BOLTE Virginia

Guests: Brig. General Philip Bolte
Col. David Bolte

Fred and Lois Avery Virginia

John Bernero New Jersey

Andrew and Joan Both Florida

Eugene and Norma Butterfield Ohio

Albert and Henrietta Crisp New Jersey

Guests: Richard and Marjorie Boettcher

Walter and Ann Doernbach, Sr. New Jersey

Jack and Mary Duffy New York

Ted and Rosemarie Edstrom Ohio

W. O. and Jeanne Hawn Colorado

George Loikow Virginia

*Ferdinand and Anne Macaluso New York

Adam Manz Pennsylvania

Clarence Marshall Pennsylvania

Guests: Russell and Elizabeth Harmon

*Willard and Nyna Tubb New York

Joseph and Eleanor Wright Missouri

Robert E. Myers Arizona

HEADQUARTERS DIVARTY

Robert and Thelma Bement Colorado

Charles and Edith Chapman Virginia

Alfred Faison Florida

Douglas and Nyda Hall Louisiana

Tom and Jeanette Joseph, Jr. Florida

Charles and Lois Kaercher Pennsylvania

George Moberg Massachusetts

Anthony and Agnes Scally Florida

Paul and Mozelle Thomas Oklahoma

Brantley and Ruth Anne Watkins Maryland

69th M.P.

George and Vickie Gallagher Florida

Joseph and Audrey Kennedy New York

Carl and Ruth Miller Ohio

James and Faye Moody North Carolina

John Moriarty Massachusetts

69th DIVISION BAND

Francis and Ruthie Curit New Hampshire

69th RECON

L. Boyd and Stella Ellsworth Ohio

H.Q. SPECIAL TROOPS

Karol and Margaret Kreutzman Washington

69th ORDINANCE

Fred and Catherine Scheller Illinois

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NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK REUNION ATTENDEES
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269th ENGINEERS

HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICES

James and Dorothy Eibling Ohio
William and Betty Foster, Jr. Pennsylvania
Guests: Joseph and Bonnie Wachs
Joseph and William Wachs
Leonard and Corky Halpenny Arizona
John and Elizabeth Hawley Pennsylvania
Guests: Walter, Elizabeth and Becky Howland
H. Walter Holmlin New Jersey

A COMPANY

Ray and Leona Hull Ohio
Frank and Grace Packard Massachusetts
Guests: Frank and Kay Kazon

B COMPANY

Daniel and Helen Evers Pennsylvania
*Willard Huggins Texas
Frank and Stefania Nemeth Pennsylvania
Darrell and Evelyn Orn Indiana
John and Louise Pontieri New York
W. P. Sample, Jr. Texas
*Francis Sullivan Massachusetts
*Robert and Faye Winslow Florida

C COMPANY

Gerald and Eleanor Rodelli Florida
Lawrence and Jean Roeder Kentucky

569th SIGNAL

James and Ruth Combs Georgia
George and Dorothy Hepp New York
Kenneth and Hester Manning West Virginia
Curt and Evelyn Peterson Wisconsin
Carl and Mildred Stetler Pennsylvania

661st T.D. BATTALION

A COMPANY

Jacob and Betty Inch Pennsylvania
E. P. Patterson Pennsylvania
Guest: Karl Moorehead

B COMPANY

William and Jo Beswick Virginia
William and Ellen Snidow Virginia

C COMPANY

Dr. Edward and Rosemarie Cibik, Jr. Pennsylvania
Joseph and Marian Jenei Ohio
Charles and Frances Yannul New Jersey

T.D. RECON

Eugene and Ethel Pierron Iowa

724th FIELD ARTILLERY

A BATTERY

Karl and Jean Abel Michigan
Guests: Penny and Jim
Paul and Mayreta Kitner Pennsylvania

724th FIELD ARTILLERY (Continued)

B BATTERY

George and Maureen Bosnich Indiana
Tom and Helen Heath New York
John and Sophie Pierce Pennsylvania

C BATTERY

Robert Hollister New York
*Phillip and Gertrude Maines Pennsylvania

MEDICS

Daniel O'Shea Connecticut

769th ORDINANCE COMPANY

Clifford and Estelle Ewing Georgia
Guests: Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Chapman
Milton and Esta Halainen New Hampshire
Irving and Shirley Sarafan New York
Joseph Selb New Jersey
Guest: Vilma MacKouse

777th TANK BATTALION

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

George and Jane Dendle Pennsylvania
John Gradomski Ohio
Alfred and Linda Liane Oregon
*Edward and Elizabeth Racicot, Sr. California
Franklin and Gloria See Arizona

A COMPANY

Harry and Lorraine Keeney Pennsylvania
Vernon Wirth Wisconsin

B COMPANY

Alex Zubrowski New York

C COMPANY

John and Ellen McCann Massachusetts
Henry and Jean Putala Connecticut

D COMPANY

James and Thurlo Bristol Pennsylvania
Donald and Eva Knaus Pennsylvania
Andrew LaPatka Pennsylvania
Alex and Florence Lasseigne, Sr. Louisiana
Joseph Loudon Ohio
Victor and Florence Tedesco Minnesota
Earl and Dollie Weaver Pennsylvania

SERVICE COMPANY

Robert Weise New York

COMPANY UNKNOWN

*Joseph Ziminski Pennsylvania

879th FIELD ARTILLERY

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY

Philip and Elizabeth Colombo New York
Alex and Margaret Kormas Ohio

C BATTERY

William and Mary Harr Ohio
James and Emily Jones Ohio
Ralph and Margaret LaGreco New Jersey
Robert and Alice Stern Ohio
Guests: Kathleen Stern and Kathy Hartman

SERVICE BATTERY

Bruce and Mary Young South Carolina

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NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK REUNION ATTENDEES
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880th FIELD ARTILLERY

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

*Laurence and Rose Adler Florida
*Howard and Barbara Carlton Connecticut
Warren and Betty Kunkel Indiana
Stuart and Elinor McGowan New York
Robert and Marilyn McKee Maryland
*John and Peggy O'Connor Illinois
*Emil and Peggy Paoletta Ohio

B BATTERY

Frank and Joan Alfiero New Jersey

C BATTERY

Enrico and Anne D'Angelo Pennsylvania

SERVICE BATTERY

Joseph and Iona DiFilippi Oregon

881st FIELD ARTILLERY

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY

Jim and Tillie Boris Pennsylvania

A BATTERY

Jim and Irene Liguori New York
Guest: Raymond Liguori
*Edward and Mary Otto New Jersey
Ralph and Madeline Reeves, Sr. Arizona
James Stankovich Pennsylvania
Guests: 2

B BATTERY

Joseph and Jeannette Brady New Jersey
*George and Sylvia Custis New York
Walter and Alice Haag California
*Bruno and Rose Maj New York
*George Newman Ohio
Guest: Howard Collins
Gilbert and Susan Rocco, Sr. Pennsylvania
Phillip and Harriet Sparacino Wisconsin
Daniel and Margie Sparks Pennsylvania
Richard and Gail Stoddard Colorado
Gene and Jacqueline Tabacchi Pennsylvania

C BATTERY

Harold and Mary Ann Early Ohio
*George and Ruth Ehll Missouri
Lester Hart Ohio

271st INFANTRY

ANTI-TANK

*Edgar Biles Arkansas
Guest: Paula Johnson
*Morris and Virginia DeGeyter, Sr. Indiana
Arthur and Nancy Holgate New Jersey
Dillard and Anita Powell North Carolina
*Terry and Lorraine Washburn New York
George and Virginia Weston New Jersey

CANNON COMPANY

Alfred and Rita Blain Massachusetts
Peter and Myrle Kagels New York
R. Jim and Jane Lynch Pennsylvania

271st INFANTRY (Continued)

HEADQUARTERS

John Barrette Wisconsin
Albert and Edith Carbonari Florida
H. Ward and Sally Chorpenning, Jr. Ohio
John and Barbara Davis Pennsylvania
Leonard and June Deering New York
Walter and Julia Mueller New Jersey
James and Betty Yackle New Jersey

MEDICAL DETACHMENT

*David and Virginia Wharrey Pennsylvania

SERVICE COMPANY

Leroy and Maria Keller Virginia

A COMPANY

Emil and Elena Zerenga New York

B COMPANY

Philander and Ruth Delphey California
Charles and Patricia Nicely Pennsylvania
Charles and Patricia Walsh Wisconsin

C COMPANY

John and Virginia Hale Pennsylvania
Guests: Judy Kay and Tim Bell
Donald and Mildred Kimmel

D COMPANY

Frederick and Anne Collet Michigan
Eugene and Gretchen Edminister Arizona
Paul and Margie McCombs Pennsylvania

E COMPANY

Elmer and Erma Broneske Colorado
*Robert and Betty Dimmick Georgia
Mario and Freda Fattore New Jersey
*Robert and Grace Glaum Illinois
Don and Ila Hall Illinois
Harold and Eldonna Hendrix Maryland
*Henry and Teresa Ingraham Maine
Charles and Kathy Moore Ohio
William and Catherine McCall, Sr. New Jersey
John and Edna Mae McNamara New York
Bing T. Poon Washington, D.C.
Paul and Marian Shadle Pennsylvania
William and Marjorie Taylor, Sr. Florida
Alex and Nina Waichulis Indiana

F COMPANY

C. Frank and Arlene Carey Pennsylvania
James and Barbara Kidd Kentucky

G COMPANY

Clarence and Lena Goon Ohio
Nathan and Rhoda Green New York
G. Scott and Ann Gresham Virginia
*Glenn and Nadine Hunnicutt Nebraska
John and Virginia Kuli Pennsylvania
Ralph and Josephine Plugge Illinois
David and Mary Scatena Pennsylvania

H COMPANY

John and Helen Hayes Florida
Charles and Louise Kooles Florida
Albert and Eleanor Panara New Jersey
James and Margaret Zawitoski Maryland
*Alfred and Leona Zorn Arizona

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NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK REUNION ATTENDEES
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271st INFANTRY (Continued)

I COMPANY

William and Mary Dahoda New York
*Richard and Jane Haines Massachusetts
Paul and Aldona Mickiewicz New Jersey

K COMPANY

Albert and Rebecca Hornyak Ohio
Robert and Claire Kremin New York
Norbert "Cy" Simon Michigan
Guest: Dale Wheeler

L COMPANY

*Robert and Wanda Grimm Ohio
Leo and Rita Martel New York

M COMPANY

Joseph and Irma Hansel Illinois
William and Reba Sheavly Maryland

272nd INFANTRY

ANTI-TANK

*Russell and Betty Koch Missouri
*Edward and Dolores Sarcione New York

CANNON COMPANY

*Peter and Helen Garstecki Pennsylvania
*William and Elva Graham Michigan

HEADQUARTERS

Bretsell and Betty Everson New York
David and June Wittman Montana

MEDICS

Raymond and Charlotte Strauss North Carolina

SERVICE COMPANY

Dale and Bonny Scott Wisconsin

A COMPANY

David and Roslyn Butvinik New Jersey
John and Patricia Palermo New York
Edgar and Frances Parsons North Carolina

B COMPANY

Robert and Mildred Blackmore Missouri
Bernard and Marie LaDue New York
Leo and Margaret Moore Ohio

E COMPANY

Fred and Mavis Butenhoff Wisconsin
Guests: Richard and Deeann Penoske
Santo and Rosemarie DiGirolanio Pennsylvania
Allen Histan Pennsylvania
Guest: Muriel Lepperd
Anthony and Florence Keller New York
Guest: Brian Keller
Milton and Dorothy Lutes Pennsylvania
*Laurence and Lois Terpstra Michigan
Roger and Ruth West Michigan
John and Pat Westlake California
Chester and Barbara Yastrzemski New York

COMPANY F

Norman and Dorothy Allen Illinois
*Earl and Mary Bacher New York

272nd INFANTRY (Continued)

F COMPANY (Continued)

Herb and Kathryn Callaway Texas
James and Peach Henry Pennsylvania
William Herron New Jersey
Joseph and Anne Nunes Rhode Island
Guests: Anthony and Loretta Tavarozzi
Joseph and Sally Schaffer Oregon
Neil Shields Pennsylvania
Guest: Lillian Jones
*Melvin and Louise Wardin Michigan

G COMPANY

Anees and Barbara Barakat Pennsylvania
*R. W. and Janet Baxter Georgia
Clarence Burke Pennsylvania
Millard and Fredda Carter Texas
Lowell Claxton New York
*Valentine and Edna Frauenhofer New York
Will and Barbara Frazee Ohio
*Robert Gipple and *Guest* Iowa
*Lloyd and Jo Granquist Washington
*Arthur and Teresa Held New York
Clement Hudacek Missouri
*Michael and Mary Kertis Delaware
Edward Kiley Massachusetts
*Gregory and Madeline Lampasona New York
Ray Lehman New York
William and Miriam Lilien New York
William and Joyce Phillips Florida
*John and Leanna Shumaker Illinois
James and Helen Vogel California
*Frank and Stella Weber New York
*Merrill and Donna Wysong Indiana
Paul and Anne Ziats Ohio
William and Grace Matthews New York
*Jacob McLain Florida

H COMPANY

*John and Audrey Murphy Connecticut

I COMPANY

Frank and Clare Aplan Pennsylvania
Andrew and Betty Blishak Pennsylvania
Wendell and Sally Freeman Georgia
Dennie and Elsie Haltiwanger Florida
James and Marie Herbison New York
Guests: William and Jessie Lukacik
Robert and Vivian Kurtzman Ohio
L. A. "Pat" and Janice Lushbaugh Maryland
Chalmer and Reita Pearson Michigan
Thomas and Jeanne Reardon Pennsylvania
*Willard and Corelene White West Virginia

K COMPANY

*Joseph and Marilyn Tukis New Jersey

L COMPANY

John and Elizabeth Nelson New Jersey
*Bernard and Edith Zaffern Michigan

M COMPANY

Joseph and Kathryn Makosky Pennsylvania
Floyd and Catherine McCalip, Jr. Mississippi
*Carl and Dorothy Rapp California
Bralyn and Verda Snyder Florida
Richard and Claire Sodoroff Idaho
Raymond and Alice Wolthoff Florida

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273rd INFANTRY

ANTI-TANK

Burton and Annette Kennedy Pennsylvania

CANNON COMPANY

Henry R. and Aneeta Coble Virginia

*Dominic and Lucy Ottaviani New York

Thomas and Ida Poole Iowa

Mary N. Ross New Jersey

HEADQUARTERS

Rocco and Rosalie Campagna Pennsylvania

*Roy and Sara Gilstrap Georgia

John and Janet Havey Arizona

C. R. and Patricia Hoffman, Jr. Florida

*Tod and Pauline Morgan Ohio

*Victor and Olga Ostrow Maryland

Ted and Ursula Schiffner New Jersey

John Sneary Ohio

Guest: Judy Nichols

Earl and Anna Walters Pennsylvania

MEDICS

*Russell and Edna Falls New Jersey

A COMPANY

H. Ray Fahrner Pennsylvania

Jack and Jackie Hubbard Florida

Edward Lucci New York

Guests: Harold and Catherine Guinn

B COMPANY

*Paul Bois New Hampshire

Guest: John T. O'Neill

C COMPANY

*Leonard and Jo Campbell New York

Stanley and Gloria Czyzyk New York

D COMPANY

Arthur and Katie Ayres, Sr. New Jersey

Allan and Mary Blackman New York

*Paul and Elaine Gornbein New York

Roland and Janice Hendrickson Oregon

Charles and Bertha Hoefer New York

George and Barbara Johnson Virginia

Henry and Julia Kaminski Pennsylvania

Arthur and Eloise Lohrbach Ohio

Guests: Wilson and Bernice Wicker

Gordon and Joan Mohr New York

Robert and Betty Jo McCarty, Jr. Louisiana

Kenneth A. Sawyer Florida

*Joseph and Phyllis Spurney, Jr. Illinois

E COMPANY

Joseph and Virginia Aiello New York

Frederick and Cornelia (Kitty) Dicke Ohio

William and Ann Gleason Minnesota

Frank Goodring Illinois

Guest: Fred Munz

Arthur and Marian Hume Michigan

William and Jane Matlach New York

Eugene and Jean Orlowski Michigan

Al and Lotti Shires Florida

*Granger and Kathleen Tripp New York

*Joseph and E. Marge Winnicki New York

Earl and Dorothy Witzleb, Jr. Pennsylvania

F COMPANY

Gilbert and Marion Clark Pennsylvania

Tom and Jean Graves North Carolina

*Walter and Shirley Harpain California

F COMPANY (Continued)

Robert Mottaz California

Sam and Anne Woolf New York

G COMPANY

Robert and June Ainley Indiana

Alfred and Betty Aronson New Jersey

Willard and Doris Beecher Illinois

Fred and Ruth Johnston Pennsylvania

*Bill and Cathy MacLaughlin Florida

Edson and Tory Stagg New Jersey

Guests: Jessica and Byron Morgan

H COMPANY

*Bert and Rhoda Eckert New York

*Charles and Ruth Green Michigan

*Thomas Hoffman Michigan

*Arthur and Christie Knudsen, Jr. Florida

Charles and Agnes Leskus Pennsylvania

Rudy and Dorothy Leyrer California

Charles and Doris Locke New Jersey

John and Arylene Mowrey, Jr. West Virginia

Anthony and Elizabeth Mruk New York

Richard Parent New Jersey

Guest: Bertha Mount

Elijah and Jacqueline Sams, Jr. North Carolina

Murry and Helene Schulman New York

Jacob and Violet Stark, Jr. Pennsylvania

Guests: Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Brown

I COMPANY

William and Beverly Armstrong Iowa

*Justin and Roslyn Bloom Maryland

George and Edna Harper New Mexico

George and Janet Houseal Pennsylvania

*William and Helen Johnson California

Richard and Wanda Lincoln Pennsylvania

Allen and Catherine Long Florida

Carl and Berniece MacKnair Pennsylvania

Robert and Theresa Pierce California

George and Frances Pursey Ohio

Chester and Olive Ritchey Virginia

Earnest and Elizabeth Rowe Delaware

Erwin and Carmen Sanborn New Hampshire

John and Annette Sullivan, Jr. Virginia

*Nicholas and Ann Villacci New York

K COMPANY

Mark and Celestine Guho California

Earl and Gertrude Richardson New York

L COMPANY

Herman Walker Indiana

Guests: Linda and Janet Walker

*Thomas and Helen Welsh New York

M COMPANY

*Edward and Rosemary Radlowski New York

Albert and Elvira Francavilla Pennsylvania

*Fred and Annette Johnson New York

Raul and Lilly Nava California

COMPANY UNKNOWN

Robert and Eleanor Peason New Jersey

UNIT UNKNOWN

*Charles Quagliana New York

**Mrs. Adelaide Bolte, the boss, was unable to attend this year's Reunion due to illness. We hope you have mended and will be with us in Lexington next year. So do take care. I am sure Adelaide would appreciate a card or note from each of us, so do get the pens writing ladies. The address is: Mrs. Adelaide Bolte, 6631 Wakefield Drive, Apt. 903, Alexandria, Virginia 22307

News Item for Former Members of A-Battery 880th Field Artillery

A-Battery, 880th Field Artillery Battalion, held its second annual Reunion October 8-11, 1987 at the Holiday Inn in Florence, Kentucky. Eighteen former members, and seventeen guests and visitors were present. Mr. and Mrs. Turner Northern represented B-Battery; and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell McFarlin of Jeromesville, Ohio paid us a visit representing C-Battery. A downtown tour of Cincinnati was the groups organized activity on Friday. A combined Banquet and Business Meeting was held at the Motel on Saturday night.

ATTENDING REUNION II WERE:

Mr. and Mrs. Turner Northern
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ellis
Mr. John Barnett

Mr. Bill Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gerth
Mr. and Mrs. Bob McCarthy
Mr. Jim Harrington
Mr. and Mrs. James Bilbrey
Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Jeffries
Mr. and Mrs. Rex Sausaman
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cavlovic
Mr. and Mrs. Izzy Bombardier
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dunn
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wright
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tipperreiter
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zidian (son & daughter-in-law)
Mr. Harold Brull
Mr. Frank Rabe
Mr. and Mrs. Lowell McFarlin

Plans are being made to hold Reunion III at Florence, Kentucky about the same time in 1988. As soon as dates are confirmed, the 69th Bulletin will be notified.

John Barnett

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Company K - 273rd Infantry Regiment



Company K - 273rd Infantry Regiment



1st Squad of K-273rd



Harden, Phillips, Yount, and Evans

Pictures furnished by Francis Seymour

***** CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS AND COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE *****

May I just make note to all Leaders of Chapters, Groups, Branches, Companies, Battalions, Regiments, Recon, Artillery, AAA, and T.D.'s to get your Activities Schedules 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. 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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Holiday Season from your
Editors, Clarence and Earl.**

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NOVEMBER 27, 28, 29, 1987

TRI-STATE FALL WEEKEND

Tri-State Blue is the Family Group

It's the end of the year.

It's the biggest shopping day for the Christmas Season.

It's our fall weekend banquet.

No or yes, it's our Christmas party.

It's a surprise weekend banquet starting at 2:00 P.M., Saturday, 28th.

Sheraton Hills South

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Committee:

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D-COMPANY - 273rd INFANTRY

Let's get together soon.



Members of Company D, 273rd Infantry Regiment, 69th Division, attending Company D, 272nd Infantry Regiment Reunion, June 19, 20, 21, 1987 at Jacksonville-Arenzville, Illinois. Left to Right: Lewis M. Tenney, Charles L. Atteberry, John Oplt

For more information write:

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R.D. #3, Box 13A

Cisne, Illinois 62823

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John Oplt, *Co-Chairman*

1617 Schubert Drive (Swansea)

Belleville, Illinois 62221

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Note from Earl: Since this is your first get-together, why not have it in conjunction with the 69th Infantry Division Association Reunion at Campbell Inn, Lexington, Kentucky in 1988.

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JANUARY 2, 1988

Deadline for material and pictures

Bulletin Volume 41, Number 2

January - February - March - April, 1988

Bulletin due out in late February or early March, 1988.

Members can schedule their vacations accordingly for the Lexington Reunion. Holiday deadline extension due to New Year's, is January 11, 1988. All final Lexington material should be received by this issue. Earl

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AND COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE
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APRIL 1988

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH

Committee:

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

I should have heard from you by now Dan. You only have one more Bulletin to get your Weekend listed in the Bulletin.

Earl

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APRIL 27, 28, 29, 30, - May, 1, 1988

661st TANK DESTROYER REUNION

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More details in next Bulletin

Committee:

William "Bill" and Jo Beswick, *Chairpersons*
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Only one more Bulletin before your weekend.

Earl

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APRIL 29, 30, May 1, 1988

MIDWEST GROUP WEEKEND

At Lake Lawn Resort
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Gaylord and Ruth Thomas, *Coordinators*
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Waupun, Wisconsin 53963
Telephone: 414/324-4065

I'm waiting on information since you only have one more Bulletin before your Weekend.

Earl

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APRIL 30, 1988

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Last Bulletin before the Lexington, Kentucky Reunion.

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JUNE 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1988

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later if need be.

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Complete details will be in the next issue which could be
the last Bulletin before our Weekend.

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JULY, 1988

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Food, Food, Food, and More Food.
Get Ready for Lexington.

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AUGUST 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 1988
69th INFANTRY DIVISION
ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNION
661st TD. BN.
777th TK. BN. - 461st AAA

Campbell 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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SEPTEMBER 10, 1988

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SEPTEMBER, 1988

461st AAA BATTERY B WEEKEND
Canton, Ohio
More information needed

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SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11, 1988 WEEKEND

69th CAVALRY RECON TROOP
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Committee:

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More information needed since only two Bulletins remain before your weekend.

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NOVEMBER 1988

TRI-STATE FALL WEEKEND
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— TENTATIVE —

Bob and Margie Grimm's Camp
Bob and Margie Grimm, Chairpersons
Tideoute, Pennsylvania
Telephone: 814/484-7410 or 412/568-1782
or Ohio - West Virginia (probably will be 1989)
Visit Olgeby Christmas Lights
Hospitality Room — Banquet

Committee:

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JANUARY 7, 1989

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MAY 6, 1989

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May - June - July - August, 1989
Bulletin due out in late June or early July, 1989

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MAY, 1989

461st AAA BATTERY B WEEKEND
— TENTATIVE —
Lakeside Inn at Lake Tahoe
(All members are hoping, Larry Brown)

Committee:

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS
AND COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE
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MAY - JUNE, 1989
TRI-STATE SPRING WEEKEND
Tri-State Blue is the Family Group
Erie, Pennsylvania

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JUNE, 1989
461st AAA Battery D
First Baptist Church
Asheville, North Carolina

Committee:
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More information needed.

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JUNE, 1989
COMPANY D, 272nd INFANTRY

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More information needed on this Weekend.

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★ AUGUST 1989 ★
★ 69th INFANTRY DIVISION ★
★ ASSOCIATION ★
★ 42nd ANNUAL REUNION ★
★ Denver, Colorado ★
★ Committee: ★
★ Welkos "Dutch" Hawn, *Chairperson* ★
★ 2445 South Cody Court ★
★ Lakewood Colorado 80227 ★
★ Telephone: _____ Please send in. ★
★ Information needed ★
★ on this Reunion immediately. ★
★ Send to: Earl E. Witzleb, Jr. ★
★ Vice President ★
★ *****

MAY - JUNE, 1990
TRI-STATE SPRING WEEKEND
Tri-State Blue is the Family Group
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Another couple will be named later.

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+ AUGUST 1990 +
+ 69th INFANTRY DIVISION +
+ ASSOCIATION +
+ 43rd ANNUAL REUNION +
+ Valley Forge Area of Pennsylvania +
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NO REPORT

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WESTERN 69ers
Arizona, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico,
Nevada, California, and Hawaii

NO REPORT AND NO COMMITTEE

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Please Note: See you all at the Lexington Reunion the entire week and some of you at the Mini-Weekends of other groups and units. Earl and Dottie

It may be Reunions for groups, units, companies, and so on but these will all be called Weekends in the Bulletin. We only have one Reunion each year and that is the 69th Infantry Division Association Reunion usually held in August of each year but can vary a month or two one way or the other governed by location, room prices, and room availability. Mini-Weekends should, if at all possible, arrange their dates so that they do not interfere with the Division Reunion by three weeks before or three weeks after. Thank you good 69th members, as we do try to cooperate.

Earl



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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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