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The people at Campbell House Inn in Lexington, Kentucky, site of the 1988 Reunion, are already excited about our coming to Lexington. Jerry Morse of the Inn had this to say:

"It is a great pleasure to learn of the Fighting 69th Infantry Division's decision to allow the Campbell House Inn to be host to the 1988 Reunion. I consider it a privilege to be able to help present Kentucky and our Hotel to the many visitors who will be sharing time with us."

The 1988 Reunion isn't far away, and some of you may wish to plan a little early. You can get a free package of Maps, Brochures, and other travel information about Kentucky by calling this toll free number: 1-800-225-8747.

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THE AUXILIARY'S PAGE



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Hello to all 69ers:

By the time you read this, the rush of Christmas will be over and we will be well into the New Year of 1988. Oh where did 1987 go? I guess time goes by fast when you are having fun. Huh.

Bob and I have had a busy fall and winter so far - the 69th Reunion at Niagara Falls, our fall fishing trip to Canada the week after the Reunion, and then in late October we drove to Burke, Virginia to visit with and see the new home of our daughter **Linda** and husband **John**. **John** is working in the Pentagon. Then off to Kansas City for Thanksgiving with our son **Bob Jr.**, wife **Pat** and three grandchildren, home for a couple of weeks and then back to Virginia for Christmas.

While in Virginia we had the pleasure of visiting in Alexandria with the **Boltes**. **General Bolte** is well, but **Mrs. Bolte** is still not feeling up to par. **David** was visiting his parents also and we had a real gab session. **General Bolte** is planning and looking forward to the Reunion in Lexington.

Had a surprise visit from **Dottie** and **Earl Witzleb**

shortly before Christmas as they were in our area to pick up their Christmas gifts of cheese that they like so much. Had time for visiting, coffee and cookies before they started back home.

Received so many cards and messages from our Fighting 69th friends during the holidays. So pleased to get all of them but saddened to hear many are not feeling their best. Could it be we are all getting older?

Now that the holidays are over, remember gals, to start on the lap robes (36 X 45) for our hospitalized veterans in the Lexington area. Received a nice holiday greeting and thank you card from Volunteer Services of the VA Medical Center in Buffalo for the 39 lap robes and 13 bibs given them from our Fighting 69th Auxiliary.

Also received letters of thanks from all of the VA Medical Centers Volunteer Services for our monetary gifts to them, to be used in buying comfort items for the veterans.

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Bob and I hope to attend the Central Pennsylvania gathering in April and the Tri-State weekend in West Virginia in early June. Somewhere in between we'll be going to Kansas City for the graduation from high school of our oldest grandson Bob III.

As always we'll be looking toward the Reunion in Lexington. During your winter and spring traveling, as you pass through Ohio, stop by to see us. We always have a bed waiting for our friends.

Hoping this finds all of you enjoying this New Year with good health, peace and happiness.

God Love You,
Vivian M. Kurtzman
Auxiliary President

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A Note to Maria Keller, Secretary From Niagara Falls



September 29, 1987

Ms. Maria G. Keller
8221 Galway Lane
Richmond, Virginia 23228

Dear Ms. Keller:

Thank you for your kind thank you note! We really enjoyed hosting your group and hope you enjoyed the Fashion Show. All of the Fighting 69th ladies in attendance have been appearing on TV for the past week. (we have broadcasted on cable TV)

Since I couldn't help noticing your address, I thought I would send you a discount book for our Virginia Beach Mall in case you were in the neighborhood.

I am certainly glad that Mrs. Eibling is feeling much better. We were all very concerned.

Once again, it was our pleasure to host the Fighting 69th and hope that you all visit Niagara again.

Sincerely,
Susan Metro
Director, Tourism Marketing

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Bill and Betty Foster write that sickness is now in their family. Betty has been ill for several weeks with arthritis of the neck which is causing blood not to flow into her head. Hope you are now better Betty. Bill has been going back and forth to the hospital daily causing him not to be able to do too much. I think a card should be sent to Bill and Betty Foster, 803 Elkwood Drive, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania 17070.

Bill and Betty talked to the Eibling's on the telephone and received a good report on Dottie who is doing pretty good after having a slight relapse. Jim and Dottie, we want to see you both in Lexington this coming August. If you want to send a card, mail it to Dottie Eibling, 1380 Camelot Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43220.

I would like all the new officers for the years 1987 to 1989, to send me a picture of yourself, your address, and your telephone number along with the area code. You may also send a picture with your husband and family since I am sure we all would like to see the auxiliary officers as well as their families. Clarence says we now have 5,569 sixty-ninth members at present so we should have close to that many ladies that we consider auxiliary members.

Remember to have your husband include with his dues \$2.00 for your dues in the auxiliary. If he hasn't sent in his dues have him do so now or you send them in for him to:

Robert Kurtzman, Treasurer
69th Infantry Division Association
Post Office Drawer 178
Wilmot, Ohio 44689

A big part of our dues (at least \$500.00) goes to a Veterans Hospital in the area of our Reunion. Our last amount went to five Veterans Hospitals in the Niagara Falls area. This purchases, by the volunteer group of that hospital, needed articles for the veterans such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, writing pads and envelopes, and other small things that the government doesn't supply our disabled veterans. So you see your \$2.00 dues could make the \$500.00 go higher one of these years and it really is a worthy cause.

Remember, it's now time to start making lap robes, bibs, and snap-on bags for wheelchair patients to be brought to the Lexington, Kentucky Reunion in August of 1988. Earl says we will be in Lexington for the entire week so I hope to see you ladies there. Oh yes, make sure your husband comes too. Earl says he would like to see at least 1,000 for our banquet at a Reunion within the next few years.

May you all have a good year until Lexington. We may see some of you at one of the mini-weekends leading up to Lexington.

Dottie

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**The Ladies Auxiliary
wishes everyone a
Happy Easter.**



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News From The Editor's Desk



by — Clarence Marshall

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John W. Turner, 2148 East Lake Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30307 — C-724th: We plan to see you at the Reunion in Lexington next August. I have contacted another former member of C-Battery, 724th F.A. He is **Joseph Ramboldt** of Goodman, Missouri. He was our First Sergeant. He said he will make a big effort to be at the Reunion in Lexington, and requested particulars. Please send him a Bulletin, membership information, etc., and enter him on the mailing list.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The address for Mr. Ramboldt is in the column, New Men Relocated.)

Herbert Callaway, 610 East Houston Avenue, Crockett, Texas 75835 — F-272nd: Enjoyed visiting with you in Niagara Falls. Want to take this opportunity to say what a great job you are doing with the 69th Bulletin. I am enclosing a picture of Company F-272 men who attended the 1987 Reunion in Niagara Falls. I hope that by running this picture in the Bulletin that it will encourage others to make the 1988 Reunion in Lexington.

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

Joseph Giglietta, 544-A Shadypine Way, West Palm Beach, Florida 33415 — G-271st: Thank you for returning my group pictures for G-271st. I received some calls from long lost buddies. I never received the last Bulletin in which the pictures appeared. I am spending my winter in Florida, and it must have got fouled up in the mail somewhere. I would appreciate it if you would send me a copy to my Florida address.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: You have to keep us advised when you make a move. If you don't let us know, and the Post Office doesn't provide us with an Address Correction, we have no knowledge as to where you are.)

Ralph Plugge, 520 Luella Avenue, Calumet City, Illinois 60409 — G-271st: During the early years of the Association we weren't able to make too many of the Reunions on account of my work and small children. We did manage to visit with my buddies in their homes such as **Cecil Fernandez**, **Joe Giglietta**, **Loar Quickle**, **George Phillips**, and "**Shorty**" **Reynolds**. We had some good times, and our kids grew up together.

During the last six years or so, we have been to the Reunions but G-271st attendance has fallen off quite a bit. If we can relocate some new men, perhaps it will pick up again.

My point is fellows: "It's later than you think" so try to make one of these great Reunions. I have enclosed a couple of pictures of our get-togethers in the past years.

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

Nicholas Giannone, 102-00 Short Front Parkway, #10J, Rockaway Park, New York 11694 — B-272nd: I greatly appreciated receiving the Bulletin. I reviewed the names of the members that attended the annual Reunion but none are familiar.

I joined the 69th at Camp Shelby in 1944 as part of the group that was transferred from the Air Cadets from nearby Keesler Field. I was assigned to Company B of the 272nd Regiment during our training period. When we arrived in England I volunteered for the 272nd First Battalion Battle Patrol that was established by our Regimental Commander. Our job was to reconnoiter enemy territory ahead of our advancing troops.

Some of the men in the Platoon were: **Lieutenant DeLoach**, a Staff Sergeant from Fort Smith, Arkansas, **Sergeant George Wood**, **Sergeant Mazza**, and a Sergeant from Montana. Others that I recall were **George Wilson**, **Bob Tarr**, **Dave Butvinik**, **Holcroft**, **Gregg**, and a fellow we called "Pin Head" from Mingo County, West Virginia.

After the War ended, I was selected along with **Lou Katz** to attend **Bairritz American University** in **Bairritz, France**. The only person I still exchange Christmas Cards with is **Dick Hadley** of **Denver, Colorado**. I would appreciate hearing from some of the others.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: We did not have Dick Hadley on our Association Roster, so Mr. Giannone furnished it for us. One name in your letter, Dave Butvinik was just relocated in August of last year.)

Delbert P. Wright, 3137 West 32nd Street, St. Anderson, Indiana 46011 — M-271st: Sorry we could not make it to the Reunion last year but we are planning to see you in Lexington. Recently I was coming out of a True Value Hardware Store with my 69th jacket on and a man stopped me and said he was with the 69th Division at Camp Shelby. We had a good talk and he said he would like to get on the 69th Association mailing list. His name was **Floyd McKelvey**. He served with the 880th Field Artillery Battalion. I told him I would write you to put his name on the list.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. McKelvey's address appears under "New Men Relocated.")

Anthony Billingham, 154 Blaisdon Yate, Bristol BS 17 4 TR, Avon, England: It was very pleasant talking to you last night. You will recall I am seeking **HAROLD LEE BUCKLEY** who was a World War II veteran. He was a Staff Sergeant in the Infantry. His unit left the United Kingdom via Southampton for Le Havre, France sometime after D-Day, but he was known to have been stationed in or very near to Bournemouth Hampshire, England. Was any of the 69th's Regiments, the 271st, 272nd, or 273rd, stationed in or near Bournemouth before leaving for France? Thank you for any information that you will be able to give me.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: If any of our members were stationed in this area of England, or remember Harold Lee Buckley, please contact National Headquarters.)

Richard Arnette, Route 2, Box 512, Mineral, Virginia 23117 — Ser. 273rd: I am a new member in the 69th Division Association, and I would like to take the opportunity to thank comrade **Raymond Fahrner** for having my name placed on the mailing list. Three of my old Army friends have called or written me after seeing my name in the Bulletin. I also enjoy reading it myself. I hope to hear from more of my friends in this way.

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NEWS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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I was discharged at Fort Jackson, South Carolina November 11, 1945. After the War I went back to heavy construction as an operating engineer on heavy equipment. I retired with heart trouble and a stroke in 1978. I am very happy to be a member of your Association. I would like to know the address of **Captain Robert E. Bottoms** whom I think was formerly from Redwood, California.

Joseph I. Ramboldt, P.O. Box 365, Goodman, Missouri 64843 — C-724th: Yes, I too was unaware of the 69th Reunions. Course I've never sat still long enough to catch up on many things. I'm happy that you sent me the Bulletin, as it is very impressive. My old C.O. **Captain Sam Foose** of Mississippi found me a couple years ago. I would like to hear from any or all former members of C-Battery, 724th Field Artillery. I think most of them were from the Bronx. We are in another year and I hope you all have a good one. I received a Christmas Card from **John Turner** of Georgia and he asked me to be sure to come to the Reunion in Kentucky this summer.

Ed Schalk, 609 West Water Street, P.O. Box 446, Teutopolis, Illinois — C-272nd: It seems that I am something like **Robert Wallworth** in your August Bulletin. I cannot remember what outfit I was in when I arrived from Fort Benning, but I do remember being there when the cadre began arriving. The name that **Wallworth** gave, **Captain Carter**, rings a bell with me also. It seems to me that he was also my Company Commander. Course that is a long time ago. I do remember going out to try and find a place for swimming that possibly could be available for the troops. That happened to be my civilian occupation when I was drafted. It seems that I probably was a member of C-Company, 272nd. I was only at Camp Shelby till about the first of September, when I was shipped out to the South Pacific where I joined the 43rd Division in combat. Ironically, I was assigned to C-Company of the 172nd. That is what kept me confused until I read the last Bulletin when several things came back to my memory.

I am still on the retired side, waiting for my wife to finish another year and a half, so she can join me there. She is the supervising nurse of the midnight shift at our local hospital. She wants to hold on until she reaches that certain age.

We hope to make this year's Reunion down there in Lexington, as that isn't too far away, and **Norma** thinks she may be able to get a couple days off then. We will see as time passes. By some of the local dates, the Midwest Group Weekend hits me at a time when I must be in session in Peoria, Illinois. I am the Grand Correspondent (State Secretary) for the Illinois 40/8, and we have an executive committee meeting that weekend.

I'll close for now and get back to work on my monthly bulletin that I have to put out — from start to finish. I will keep trying to find some records of what, where, and when. I have some of it but will keep on looking for the rest. One thing is for sure, I was a 2nd Lieutenant just out of Benning when I was assigned to the 69th at Camp Shelby, and I arrived in May of 1943.

Mitchell (Doc) Turner, 1218 Cupid Avenue, Christmas, Florida 32709 — 69th MP: Thanks to the Bulletin, more former 69th members are getting in touch. Since I found out about the Bulletin, I have been able to contact numerous former buddies, and have been able to actually meet two of them. **George Gallagher** and his wife, **Vickie** came from Zephyrhills, Florida to visit us. We had a lovely visit, and old times were rehashed. The second time that they came after the Reunion at Niagara Falls, **George** brought me some things from his trip. Thanks to someone in the organization he was able to bring me a box

of old issues of the Bulletin which I really enjoyed. He also brought me the hard back History Book of the 69th Division. This is a book that all 69th men should have. It is like going all over the War days again. He also brought me a cigarette lighter, decals and a 69th cap. I am proud of being a part of the 69th and want everyone to know it.

On January 22nd my wife and I made a visit to St. Petersburg, Florida to meet **Marty Skrovina** who is from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, but spend their winters in Florida. After 43 years there was a lot of catching up to do. **Marty** has many snapshots from the War days, and a lot of memories. We had a nice day and are looking forward to the next visit. **Marty** hasn't changed that much, and is still the great guy he was 43 years ago.

Richard F. Hadley, 3784 South Depew Street, Denver, Colorado 80235 — B-272nd: I received a copy of the 69th Infantry Division Bulletin in the mail and it was a pleasant surprise. I have always wanted to join the Association but never got around to it. I have sent my application and dues to **Robert Kurtzman**. I will look forward to the Reunion here in Denver in 1989.

I joined the 69th Division in April 1944 at Camp Shelby after the ASTP was shut down. I remained in Company-B, 272nd Regiment (Weapons Platoon) until August 1945. I have many fond memories of my friends and our experiences in the Division. I have continued to correspond with my good friend **Nick Giannone** from New York for the 42 years since we went our separate ways. Is it still possible to obtain copies of the 272nd Regimental History or the Division History? I will be looking forward to the Bulletin now that I have finally rejoined my old friends in the Association.

James O. Hibbits, 4555 Crestview Drive, Sylvania, Ohio 43560 — B-269th & F-273rd: Just a short note to let you know that I am now President of Monarch Analytical Laboratories. I served in F-273rd, and B-Company of the 269th Engineers. I went overseas with the Engineers. Is there any way that I can receive a roster of the Division?

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Hibbits was advised negative to his last question.)

Walter Haag, 120 Paramount Drive, Millbrae, California 94030 — B-881st: I would like to say how great the September, October, November, December Bulletin turned out. I just found out that **Louis Saly** passed away from cancer. His wife **Helen** was at the Pittsburgh Reunion to meet us for a couple days. **Lou** was a driver, but left the Division for the 28th while we were still at Shelby. In Bulletin Vol. 41, No. 1, Page 34 the top photo showing **Captain Calvert** — I believe his last name was **Colbert**. The man to his right might be **Captain Louis Mills**.

Frank Buddenbaum, 7948 Stonebridge Court South, Apt. 210, Indianapolis, Indiana 46260 — B-273rd: I obtained your name and address from the American Legion here in Indianapolis. They told me you were in charge of a 69th Division Newsletter. I was a member of that Division in World War II, and would like to receive news of any activities such as Reunions, etc. How may I go about this? Please write me the details.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Buddenbaum was added to our Association Roster, and sent the necessary material to join our Organization.)

Al Kormas, 12500 Edgewater, #503, Lakewood, Ohio 44107 — Hq.-879th: This is directed to all of you B-B-B's who came to Niagara Falls and created a record turnout of close to 800. Thank you, it was wonderful, and hard to put into words.

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NEWS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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For those who couldn't make it for various reasons, thanks for trying. To those who keep putting it off, time is running out. This is a cold hard fact. These are your Reunions, and we had between 80 and 100 First Timers at the Falls. All of them enjoyed it very much. The Bulletin lists numerous Company and Battery Reunions which have good attendance. Why not come to the National Reunion and have your own Unit suite? We all went through the crap at Shelby together, so why not stick together now. We were all named: "Bolte's Bitching Bivouacing Bastards," and that carries a lot of deep emotional feelings.

M. E. Dittman, Box 246, R.F.D. 2, Karns City, Pennsylvania 16041 — Hq.-272nd: I talked to Guy Stewart of Parker, Pennsylvania, and he said that I had made a mistake on his Unit. He was in Company E-272nd at Camp Shelby and not Company G. Do you have James Van Alstyne on your roster? He was in Hq. Company 272nd at Shelby. Due to physical problems he couldn't keep up with the training program, so when they were looking for an orderly for Colonel Charles Lanham, they gave the job to Jim. He stayed with Colonel Lanham for the duration. Enclosed are the last of the pictures that I had from Shelby.

Charles E. Moyer, P.O. Box 487, Wood River, Nebraska 68883 — 273rd: I was a member of the 273rd Infantry Regiment of the 69th Infantry Division when our Regiment met the Russians at the Elbe River. I remember that the Division had a Reunion of this meeting a few years ago. Is there a similar Reunion planned for sometime in the future? If so, I would appreciate receiving the information as I would like to make plans to attend. Also if there is any information being printed about Division Reunions, I would be pleased to be placed on the mailing list.

Sorry, I cannot remember what Company I served with in the 273rd. I was in the Central Europe and Rhineland Campaigns through the close of the War. I would appreciate knowing the Company I served with, if anyone can help me.

I will definitely make plans to attend the Reunion in Denver in 1989. I am most interested in joining the group in 1990 for the 45th Anniversary at the Elbe River. I came to the University of Nebraska to attend school after the War, and have been a resident of the state and in business here since. I have not been in touch with any of my friends from the 69th.

Irving Smith, 4079 Army Street, San Francisco, California 94131 — Hq.-271st: I was a member of the 69th Infantry Division from March 1944 till around June 1945. At the latter time some of us were transferred to the 29th Division in Bremen, Germany. At one time after the War, I had a Regimental History Book of the 271st, but somehow it got lost. Are there any copies available now, either original or xeroxed? I have been a member of the Association for at least 10 years, but have never attended a National Reunion.

John L. Franklin, 1532 Miltate Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia 23502 — Assoc. Mem.: This is to inform you of the passing of our father, Ernest Ray Franklin on January 28, 1987. Some of my best memories are of his accounts of his military experience. He always looked forward to receiving his Bulletin, and hearing about his friends, and was saddened that he couldn't attend the Reunions due to his health. Please continue to send the Bulletin, and accept this donation.

John H. Eckels, 4430 Post Road, D56, Warwick, Rhode Island 02818 — B-879th: Thanks for your reply to my letter regarding my old outfit. After I was switched to the 29th after the War, I was in "C" Battery, so I forgot if it were "B" or "C" with the 69th.

If it is not too much trouble, I would appreciate the addresses of Ragsdale W. "Duckey" Lane, Edward Haddigan, and Salvatore Massare. Having been an F.O. with the outfit, I got to know these men rather well, and have wondered what became of them. There is no hurry for this information, but I would appreciate it before Christmas. Yes, I still send cards, but being retired, time has little meaning now. Thanks in advance for your help.

David R. Hanrahan, Sr., 8097 C.R. 84, Findlay, Ohio 45840 — C-271st: I am writing to inquire if the dues notices have been sent out for 1988. Last year I paid my dues in October and this year I haven't received anything yet. Please advise me, as I want to keep my membership up to date. I enjoy the Bulletin as it brings back many fond memories.

Harold Gonsalves, 22841 7th Street, Hayward, California 94541 — M-272nd: I would like my name on your mailing list. I served with the 69th in Company-M, 272nd, and helped form the Division at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. I was in Lexington recently and looked up Woodford Portwood. We had served together and had a very nice visit. The last time that I had seen him was July 1945 in Germany.

Francis Blais, 603 Church Road, Reistertown, Maryland 21136 — Hq., 3rd Bn.-273rd: Please forgive the poor excuse for stationery, but if I delay writing until our stock is replenished, the urge to write will be gone. Sorry we missed the Reunion at Niagara Falls. We had the best intentions, but just couldn't make it. We are eagerly awaiting the Bulletin to catch up on who was there, and what went on. We are planning another extended trip to the West Coast this coming summer, and will try to arrange our itinerary so as to be in Lexington for the 1988 Reunion. Stay healthy, you all, see you in August, God willing.

E. Paul Lewis, R.D. #1, Box 259, Knox, Pennsylvania 16232 — H&S-269th: I read in one of the 69th Bulletins that they had 69th History Books for sale. I was going to send for one, but couldn't find it later on. When I sent in my membership dues to Mr. Robert Kurtzman, he advised me that they were \$5.00 each and to send the request to you.

Sorry I couldn't make it to any of the Reunions in the past, especially the ones in the Pittsburgh area. My wife passed away when you had your first one in Pittsburgh, and I had a heart attack while one of the recent ones was in progress. I missed the one in Niagara Falls due to a bladder operation. I hope that I will be able to make it to one of the Reunions soon, or perhaps a Tri-State Group weekend that is close in Pennsylvania, or Ohio, or maybe the one that is in West Virginia this summer. I would like to see some of my old buddies again.

Ralph Goebel, 5417 Halifax Lane, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55424 — Can. 272nd: I was a member of the Cannon Company of the 272nd Infantry Regiment in the 69th Infantry Division in World War II. I would appreciate it if you would put me on your mailing list so that I could get the info about your Reunions.

John J. O'Connor, 4804 South LeClaire Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60638 — Hq.-880th: Attending the 40th Reunion was the highlight of my life in 1987, as my wife and I thoroughly enjoyed the four days we spent in Niagara Falls. It wasn't the surroundings, but the comradery of the fellows that I served with in Hq. Battery of the 880th Field Artillery Battalion. It was really an emotional meeting for me after 42 years, as I believe it was for the others. Those days were memories that we can't forget. It was great seeing not only the fellows from our Battery, but meeting others such as Enrico D'Angelo, Frank Alfiero, Joe DiFilippi, Ralph LaGreco, Vernon Wirth and others.

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NEWS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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I also had the opportunity at the Radisson to have a nice conversation with **General Bolte** and his two sons. The General looked great, and it was a real pleasure to meet him once again. My last personal meeting with him was in the Battery at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. I wish I had attended some of the previous Reunions, as I am sure others will enjoy the future ones as much as I did the 40th. I tried to see you up at your table at the Banquet, but I was always distracted by something else and never got there. I did get to **Vernon Wirth's** table to talk with him.

I am enclosing a picture for you of some of the 880th boys. I would like to know if I can get a Division History Book. I thought of this at the Reunion, but with everything else going on, I forgot about it. I had the pleasure of sitting with **Bill Foster** and his wife at the Early Bird Dinner, and enjoyed their company very much. Congratulations to him for being elected President and the very best in the future.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. O'Connor's photo appears elsewhere in this issue.)

Carl Arfa, 10395 Stonebridge Boulevard, Boca Raton, Florida 33498 — AT-271st: In the Bulletin Vol. 41, No. 1, I saw the name of **Terry Washburn** appear. I have been trying to locate him for years, as we were close friends during the War. Would you please send his address to me.

Charles G. Henderson, R.R. #3, Box 118, Franklin, Indiana 46131 — Med. 2nd Bn.-271st: I recently learned that the Division Association is active and well. Please find enclosed my personal check for membership. I was in the Medical Detachment of the 2nd Battalion of the 271st Regiment. If you have others who served in this same Unit, I would appreciate hearing from you.

I want to compliment you personally for taking an interest and informing members of the 69th Division. The work you are doing is great. I retired from my work in December of 1987. I have lost my Division History Book, and would like to get another.

New Men Relocated Since Last Bulletin

Frank Buddenbaum — B-273rd

7948 Stonehinge Court S., Apt. 210
Indianapolis, Indiana 46269

Charles Henderson — Medics, 2nd Bn., 271st

R.R. #3, Box 118, Franklin, Indiana 46131

Edmus H. Hoskins — 569th Sig. Co.

6200 West Bellfort Street, #309, Houston, Texas 77035

Joseph I. Ramboldt — C-724th

Box 365, Goodman, Missouri 34843

Donald P. Connelly, Sr. — Hq. 2nd Bn., 271st

4861 East Calle Chueca, Tucson, Arizona 85718

Jerry Herman — D-272nd

71-50 Parsons Boulevard, Flushing, New York 11365

Richard Hadley — B-272nd

3784 South Depew Street, Denver, Colorado 80235

Ralph Goebel — Can.-272nd

5417 Halifax Lane, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55424

Floyd E. McKelvey — 880th F.A.

915 Hattie Drive, Anderson, Indiana 46013

Charles E. Moyer — 273rd

P.O. Box 487, Wood River, Nebraska 68883

Leo Trinca — 69th QM

3067 State Street, San Diego, California 92103



*Colors of the 272nd Infantry Regiment pass in review.
Camp Shelby, Mississippi early 1944*



Not far behind marches the entire 272nd Infantry Regiment, believed to be led by Colonel Walter D. Buie

Pictures furnished by **Earl Kendle**



Company F-272nd Members in attendance at the 1987 Reunion in Niagara Falls.

From left to right: Herb Callaway, James Henry, Bill Heron, Joe Nunes, Joe Schaffer, Neil Shields, Norman Allen, Melvin Warden, (Not Pictured - Alfred Paprocki).

Picture furnished by **Herb Callaway**

President's Message



W. R. Foster, President
803 Elkwood Drive
New Cumberland, PA 17070
Telephone: 717/774-2396

Happy New Year to all 69ers and a very Good New Year. It has come to my attention that the 65th Division outdid the 69th in as much as they have already erected a memorial monument at Camp Shelby. Some of the members have contacted me concerning when or what are we going to do?

Bob Kurtzman had stopped by General Bolte's home the other day and he is all for it and "hopes he will be around to see it."

This is about all I have to say, except read the article in this Bulletin and see the pictures of the 65th Memorial. I think we will want the exact duplicate.

Don't forget to get your Reservations in early for Lexington,

Bill Foster
President

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Monument Memorial

This picture is the memorial monument that belongs to the 65th Infantry Division Association and is erected on a site at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Our General Charles L. Bolte and our President William R. Foster would like to see a similar memorial Monument for the 69th Infantry Division Association erected on a site next to the one of the 65th. They would like to see this be done as soon as possible since both named members would like to be at the dedication ceremony.

Walter Doernbach, a past President of the 69th, has seen the 65th monument and highly recommends that the 69th do the same. It can be purchased, inscribed, and erected for a Reunion as early as August 1989. The cost would be in the neighborhood of \$4,000.00 if agreed upon at the present time.

President Foster expects to contact his board members for comments and if agreeable get the project off the ground floor even before the Lexington Reunion.

If this be the case we would want to have a Reunion near Camp Shelby whatever year it may be decided on. We may just have to move back both the Denver (1989 to 1990) and the Valley Forge Area (1990 to 1991) Reunion one year.

I would like to hear from members in the south who would be willing to Chairman a Reunion whether it be 1989, 1990, or later so that we will be ready for the occasion. Send your resume of site, committee, hotel/motel rates and a tentative week long program schedule to: Earl E. Witzleb, Jr., Reunion Activities/Site Screening Chairman, Post Office Box 69, Champion, Pennsylvania 15622-0069. President Bill may make a trip to the Shelby Area in the very near future to check out what we need.

Any comments on the proposed project from members can be directed to President Bill Foster, 803 Elkwood Drive, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania 17070 or Earl E. Witzleb, Jr., Vice President and Chairman of Reunion Activities/Site Screening Committee at either of two addresses — Post Office Box 69, Champion, Pennsylvania 15622-0069 or R.D. #1, Box 477, Acme, Pennsylvania 15610-9606.

May we hear from you, our membership.



1989 69th ANNUAL REUNION DENVER, COLORADO

Treasurer's Message



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

1987 is in the past and we're two months into 1988 and looking forward to the 41st Annual Reunion at Lexington. Look for the "Blue Grass" report in another section of this Bulletin which will give you a complete run down on the 1988 Reunion.

The dues response has been about the same as last year, 1,860 have sent in contributions so far, so we have a good chance of surpassing the 2,300 figure that we had last year.

My special thanks to the 560 who included a postage and Bulletin donation, as you show that you enjoy the fine work that Clarence and Earl are doing on the Bulletins and since you asked that the Bulletins be made with more pages, it is costing a lot more to have them printed and mailed. I have also received dues from 220 that are either "First Timers" or just neglected to send in dues.

Please get your reservations for the 1988 Lexington Reunion in early as again we will be in two different Hotels with the Campbell House Inn being our headquarters, and the Kentucky Inn which is a block away, taking care of the overflow.

The activities reservation forms will again be sent to me, so please get them in early also and save yourself time at the registration desk and make our job much easier by PAYING IN ADVANCE. We will again be making permanent type badges for those who do not already have them, and again, I must have your reservation at least thirty days in advance in order to get them made in time for the Reunion, and again, they will not be made unless your request is accompanied by a PRE-PAID reservation.

Save your money, pack your bags, and we'll also see all you Tri-Staters at Canaan Valley in June.

Scholarship Report

There is nothing to report on the Scholarship Program, other than what was in the last Bulletin. I have filled two requests for applications so far, so if there are any more out there desiring to apply, please drop me a line. The deadline for applications will be cut off on May 15th, 1988 as they must be returned to me by June 15th, 1988.

Vivian and I did have the pleasure of meeting one of our

recent award winners in Kansas City last November. Dean Slimmer from Little Falls, Minnesota is attending Devry's Technical School in Kansas City, and since it was a ten hour drive for Dean to get home for Thanksgiving, we invited him to have dinner at our son Bob's home. Dean accepted and he went away with a full belly and a large doggie bag. It was truly great to have him as he is a fine young man.

Robert J. Kurtzman, Sr.
Treasurer and Scholarship Chairman

Bill Beswick Speaks Out On Veterans Day and Memorial Day

Dear Friends:

As Veterans or Friends of Veterans, of World War I, World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam War (Police Action, be damned), or whatever military action in which you participated

Are you interested in returning Veterans Day to the Veterans? November 11th is to be dedicated as a DAY OF PRAYER and HONOR FOR ALL of our deceased Comrads and Friends, that lost their lives in ALL WARS. NOT a day of VETERANS DAY SALES.

MEMORIAL DAY should be recognized exactly as it is stated . . . A DAY OF MEMORY AND PRAYER FOR ALL THOSE that lost their LIVES in these conflicts.

I, quite frankly, am tired and disgusted with ALL the VETERANS and MEMORIAL DAY sales, that are held on these days. This does not show any respect for our deceased friends.

Let's return these days as a DAY OF PRAYER to the VETERANS. Let's give them the respect and PRAYERS that are deserved. NOT by purchasing merchandise from those stores having those sales.

I, PERSONALLY WILL NOT PURCHASE anything on "MEMORIAL DAY" nor "VETERANS DAY." If we all do this, maybe the HONOR will be returned to where it is deserved.

TODAY — write your U.S. Senators and Congressmen, as well as your State Senators and Congressmen, in support of this HONORABLE cause. Write your local and MAJOR NEWSPAPERS for their support in letters to the Editor. DON'T PUT IT OFF — DO IT TODAY.

One more item of interest to all of us.

What happened to a day of RESPECT that should have been declared by the LEADERS of our NATION long ago for our World War II COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF and one of history's greatest PRESIDENTS — FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT.

As the immediate Past-President of the "Fighting 69th" Infantry Division Association — with the support of the members (5500 strong), I urge all of you to think about this THEN DO IT — TODAY. Thanks for your support.

Sincerely,
William R. Beswick
P.O. Box 576
West Point, Virginia 23181

P.S. I will appreciate hearing from you on this.

VP SPEAKS OUT



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Acme, Pennsylvania 15610-9606
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(Evenings after 7:00 P.M. and Weekends)
(If Driving thru Pennsylvania - Stop By Exit 9
— Pennsylvania Turnpike)

I'm sitting by the telephone awaiting your call or do write a note, postcard, or letter with some good input for the Bulletin of our Division Association. This picture was taken at a Washington, D.C. Reunion many years ago. Do you remember those years and Reunions?

This column is for the Membership to read and especially the Directors to keep you well informed on some of the happenings going on between Reunions. The Directors may have to act on some of it at Lexington.

First off, we usually don't hear of the death of a member until way after his burial so consequently, no flowers from the Association are sent. Many times it is years before a member's death reaches the desk of **Clarence Marshall** for his Taps column. If you do hear of a death in time for flowers to be sent, the following procedure should be followed. Call **Clarence** and tell him of the death so that he can make the decision on what should be done. He may tell you to order the flowers and send the bill to him, especially if you live in the same city or nearby. We do not want everybody taking it upon themselves to send flowers. **Clarence** is the official person with this duty. It was done this way while I was Treasurer and still should be carried out this way unless the Directors have a better way of handling it.

Secondly, if you attend a Division Association Reunion, and are asked to be a Director by the Nominating Committee: Do consider when you accept this duty that you should be willing to attend at least the next four Reunions. When you take a Director's job, you are it for the next three years. Then when you leave the Director's job, you automatically become the Nominating Committee for one year. This means you would have attended five straight Reunions. There are 24 Directors and I'm sure the Presidents like to see them all at a Directors Meeting. **President Bill Foster** is no exception, he wants all Directors present.

Thirdly, our Nominating Committee hasn't functioned as the By-Laws so state from year one. If you have Bulletin

Volume 37, Number 2, January - February - March - April 1984, you can read on Pages 3 and 4 what is stated. The Resolution/By-Laws Committee knows of the situation and should make a decision for the Directors to act on.

I have received from **Frank Nemeth**, our Secretary, parts of back minutes pertaining to the Nominating Committee and will list it as given.

1980 New Orleans Reunion

Nominating Committee Chairman - **Bill Matlach**

Motion to have 8 Board of Directors, one each to be selected from their own units. Seconded and carried.

1981 Hershey-Harrisburg Reunion

Nominating Committee Chairman - **Chet Yastrzemeski**

1982 Milwaukee Reunion

Nominating Committee Chairman - **Chet Yastrzemeski**

Motion by **Chet Yastrzemeski** that the Board of Directors upon completion of their 3 year term of office, shall become the Nominating Committee for a term of one year terminating at the conclusion of the Annual General Membership Meeting of the 69th Infantry Division Association. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall commence with the following Units and shall follow in chronological order - 271st, 272nd, 273rd, Division Artillery, Special Troops, 269th Engineers, 777th Tank Battalion, and 661st T.D.'s. Seconded and carried.

1983 Scottsdale Reunion

Nominating Committee Chairman - **Chet Yastrzemeski**

This is where the new Nominating Committee should start as per above motion.

1984 Orlando Reunion

Nominating Committee Chairman - **Ray Lottie**
269th Engineers

1985 Williamsburg Reunion

Nominating Committee Chairman - **Chalmer Pearson**
272nd Infantry

1986 Pittsburgh Reunion

Nominating Committee Chairman - **Raul Nava**
273rd Infantry

1987 Niagara Falls Reunion

Nominating Committee Chairman - **Phil Colombo**
879th Field Artillery, (Special Troops)

1988 Lexington Reunion

President Bill Foster has so stated that the Nominating Committee Chairman will be **Larry Roeder**, Chairman 269th Engineers - 943 Palatka Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40214. The rest of the committee is **Curt Peterson**, 569th Signal (Special Troops) — 4900 Wallace Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53716; **William Sheavly**, 271st Infantry - 218 Sacred Heart Lane, Reistertown, Maryland 21136; **Wendell Freeman**, 272nd Infantry - 1978 Prospect Road, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30245; **John Mowrey**, 273rd Infantry - 126 Woodbridge Drive, Charleston, West Virginia 25311; **Jay Rollman**, Divarty - Post Office Box 359, Monterey Park, California 91754; **Jules Slopek**, 661st T.D.'s - 140 Fox Run Drive, Munroe Falls, Ohio 44262; and **Don Knaus**, 777th Tank Battalion - 66 East Avenue, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania 16901.

My way of reading the By-Laws, **Phil Colombo** and his group were just leaving their third year as Directors and should just be in their year as a Nominating group meaning they should be the Nominating Committee at Lexington in 1988. **Larry Roeder** and his group are now in their third year as Directors and will be leaving that office in Lexington meaning they should become the Nominating Committee and have the nominations at Denver. You are a Director for three years, then become the Nominating Committee for one year. Read your By-Laws.

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Another thing that should be defined is Divarty and Division Artillery. Phil Colombo isn't Divarty but is Division Artillery. Division Artillery comes under Special Troops. Read your last Bulletin, Volume 41, Number 1, September - October - November - December 1987, Page 45 Divarty is included with Division Headquarters and Headquarters Company. Phil is in 879th Field Artillery and comes under Special Troops. I'm not picking on anyone, but I want things corrected which means the Resolution/By-Laws Committee under the Chairmanship of Len Lushbaugh has their work cut out for them to come up with some correct answers. I hope I'm not thinking wrong, but stand to be corrected.

Look at the front cover - Division Headquarters and Divarty should be together. Division Artillery is left out. Look at the year 1987-1988 we have Special Troops (569th Signal) and Divarty. The year 1988-1989 we have Division Headquarters and Divarty. The year 1989-1990 we have Division Headquarters. Divarty and Special Troops. Divarty and Division Artillery should be spelled out. Going to the 1984 Bulletin which has the published By-Laws Page 3, 2nd column, Section 5 - Board of Directors has Headquarters - Special Troops together with Division Artillery as a separate unit. Now go to Page 4, 1st column, Section 2, Nominations Committee - Division Artillery and Special Troops are their own Units but Division Headquarters aren't listed. Is Division Headquarters part of Special Troops? I think Division Headquarters, Divarty, Division Artillery, and Special Troops need to be spelled out.

So once again I say we need a ruling from the Resolution/By-Law Committee for Lexington so that the Directors can act on the problem if we do have a problem. I'm not reading all things as being the same. Sure would like to know how others read what I have been trying to say.

So until our next Bulletin, I better close. Enough wood is probably on the fire.

Message from Past President Bill Beswick

I want to take this opportunity to THANK the Officers and Board Members of the Association for the excellent support that I received during my term as President.

Frank Nemeth for his very excellent manner in recording and sending the minutes.

Vice-President Bill Foster for fulfilling the duties of Reunion Site Chairman. Bill traveled many miles inspecting various possible Reunion sites.

I especially want to thank Bob Kurtzman for his support and his most excellent assistance in various duties that I requested. He was a tremendous asset to me in Niagara Falls. He was never too busy to carry out various tasks, always eager and courteous. THANKS BOB.

Of course, we can never THANK Clarence Marshall enough for all the work he does for the Association.

Having served as President of the Association was an HONOR for me and one that I will never forget. I want to thank all of you for having the faith to give me the opportunity and privilege.

I also want to THANK the ladies that worked so hard at the registration desk in Niagara Falls and for giving up all their time, instead of going out sightseeing.

We all want to thank the Reunion Site Committee for the many trials and tribulations that they endured. THANKS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

William "Bill" R. Beswick, Past President

Former Major & Executive Officer Allen G. McMahan of the 777th Tank Battalion Passed Away

Word has been received from Mrs. Jean McMahan that her husband, Reverend Allen G. McMahan, passed away in July of 1987, of complications from a coronary artery by-pass operation, from which he did not make it out of the Coronary Extensive Care Unit. He is known by former members of the 777th Tank Battalion as a Major and Executive Officer of their Unit under Colonel Zweibel, and was with the Unit all through training and overseas all the way to Liepzig, Germany and the Elbe River Link-Up. In his position in the Unit, he was instrumental in the success that we had.

After the War, he went to Phoenix, Arizona with Equitable Life Insurance Society. In 1948 he went to Church Divinity School of Pacific, under the G.I. Bill and became a Priest. It wasn't until May of 1982 that he made his first 69th Reunion at Mountain Shadows. After being ordained as a Priest, he came back to Florence, Arizona, then in 1954 he was transferred to Oakland, California and served in Fair Oaks and Seaside Episcopal Church. He retired from the Army Reserve Corp in 1960.

Frank See, a former member of the 777th Unit, had this to say about Major McMahan. He was a fine Officer, and served his country well. He also was a real nice gentleman to know, and to have been associated with.

His Widow's address is:

Mrs. Jean McMahan
9302 Darcy Court
Santee, California 92071

Some Army Vets May Receive Bronze Star

According to Jose Villarreal, Department service officer at the Houston VA Regional Office, some Army veterans may be entitled to receive a Bronze Star Medal for service during WWII.

Army veterans whose service was during the period from December 7, 1941, through September 2, 1945, may be eligible for the Bronze Star Medal if they meet one of the following criteria:

- (a) Awarded Combat Infantry Badge or Combat Medical Badge.
- (b) Cited in orders for heroism.
- (c) Awarded a certificate of exemplary conduct in ground combat against enemy forces.
- (d) Given awards for meritorious achievement issued after December 6, 1941, and before July 1, 1947, for actions between December 7, 1941 and September 2, 1945.

Veterans with WWII Army service who believe they might be eligible for the Bronze Star under these criteria, are invited to apply. Application may be made by writing to the following address:

Headquarters RCPERCEN
Attn.: DARC-PSE-AW
9700 Page Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63132

Veterans who apply should enclose a copy of their discharge and evidence showing receipt of at least one of the awards shown above.

Former Members of Company H, 272nd Infantry in Mochrena, Germany



Emanuel Pazienza living it up.



Russian Major dancing with accordion.



Staff Sergeant James Reading



Two men seated to the right are S/Sgt. Eugene Bernardi and T/Sgt. William Clarke.



Alvin McFee



John Murphy on right. Other man unknown.

Pictures furnished by John Murphy

SOUVENIRS 69th JACKETS and SHIRTS

In the last two years we have sold hundreds of jackets and shirts, with no returns and no "bitching." This is especially for those of you who do not attend our Annual Reunion, but patronize your own separate Unit Mini-Reunions.

The jackets come in red or blue nylon, and the shirts are white. Both have our insignia screen printed on them. We went right to the mills and wholesale screen printers, so as to get the lowest possible prices. The jackets were all sold out at the Niagara Falls Reunion last year, but we will have more in the Spring. Shirts are still available, in all sizes.

Jackets \$16.00
Shirts \$10.00

Our prices have risen some, but we are still maintaining the same prices for you. Either one of these items have a shipping charge of \$3.00. Be proud of being a 69er. Show it. Get your check in now made out to: 69th Infantry Division Association. **Bill Sheavly** and myself, **Al Kormas**, are your Souvenir Chairpersons. We haven't received the "Good Conduct" medal for doing this all for you.

Al Kormas
12500 Edgewater Drive, #503
Lakewood, Ohio 44107

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69th DIVISION ASSOCIATION to:
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Reistertown, Maryland 21136

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LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY
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Dottie and Me



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

I'm still thinking of the Banquet night at the Convention Center in Niagara Falls. This was one of the best set-ups I've seen for Banquet Night in most of our Reunions. I want to say that Dottie and I stayed at the Thruway Inn and enjoyed ourselves there very much with 21 other couples. I'm saying this as I want to see all of them back at the Campbell House Inn at Lexington, Kentucky, August 14th thru 21st of this year, 1988. Do look me up and stop by our room. Those who stayed at the Thruway Inn were:

The Witzleb's — Acme, Pennsylvania
The Gallagher's — Zephyrhills, Florida
The Ziminski's — West Hazleton, Pennsylvania
The Jenei's — Greentown, Ohio
The Aiello's — Bronxville, New York
The Winnicki's — Cheektowaga, New York
The Sam's Jr. — Pinnacle, North Carolina
Neil Shields — Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
The Hare's — Somerset, Pennsylvania
The Jensen's — Penn Yan, New York
The Fattore's — West Collingswood, New Jersey
The Shadle's — New Kensington, Pennsylvania
The Stern's — Cleveland, Ohio
The Goon's — Ashland, Ohio
The Lincoln's — Connellsville, Pennsylvania
The Tripp's — Mt. Kisco, New York
The Fall's — Marmora, New Jersey
The Kennedy's — Bethel Park, Pennsylvania
The Hoffman's — Ft. Walton Beach, Florida
The Hart's — Williamsfield, Ohio
The Morgan's — Youngstown, Ohio
The Ingraham's — Raymond, Maine

So let's have 100% participation of Thruway Inn 69th members at Lexington. You might also note that many names on this list are Tri-Staters so we didn't take over Niagara Falls. We left plenty of rooms at Headquarters for others. There are

many on this list I would like to see become Tri-Staters, so drop me a postcard and tell me to put you on our roster. We go to Canaan Valley Resort this June and it makes for a good stepping off mini-weekend for Lexington.

Had a call from Vickie and George Gallagher who told me of their mini-weekend at Busch Gardens February 19, 20, 21, 1988, but it is too late for Bulletin publication since this Bulletin will only be at press in February. Allen and Cathy Long will be part of that committee. It would be nice for all members in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, and Mississippi to get behind this Southeastern group.

By-Laws of the 69th were sent to members of the Resolution/By-Laws Committee the week of January 10th so that each of those members have a copy of our rules. At the same time a copy went to each of the Officers. If a Director would want a copy, he should write Earl Witzleb and a copy will be mailed to him, otherwise, copies will be available at the Lexington Reunion.

When you send a change of address to Clarence Marshall, our Membership Chairman, make sure you send him the other four numbers of the Zip since the post office will be using them very shortly. It should look like this — 11122-3344.

Another thing I would like all newcomers of the 69th from the last three years to do is look through your address book for members you have, copy them on a piece of paper, and send them to Clarence. He is still looking for new members, and you might have a new member in your book. I am sure you all send Christmas cards to some of your old buddies. Better still, send him your list and he'll send it back to you. Thanks.

Did you read Pages 45, 46, 47, 48, and 49 of the last Bulletin? Wasn't that a nice group attending Niagara Falls. Let's double that for Lexington this year and we can do it by you writing a buddy from your Company. A roster is usually in the area of the registration desk for you to check through finding new names of your Unit members. Did you notice that almost every unit attending had two or more at Niagara? How about Cannon Company, 272nd, both couples were first timers. Looks like G Company, 272nd, had the largest number present and how about all their first timers.

I was pleased with Division Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Headquarters Divarty, 269th Engineers, 777th Tank Battalion, 881st Field Artillery; under 271st Infantry, E Company; under 272nd, E Company, G Company, I Company; and under 273rd Infantry, D Company, E Company, H Company, and I Company. 272nd and 273rd look like they are about neck to neck in attendance.

I thought the 661st T.D. Battalion would have had more attending as well as some of the Special Troops and other Units of the Infantries. The E Companies, I Companies, and G Companies seem to be doing the best. Now we are hopeful in getting some 461st AAA members to our Reunions and I do believe we will have some in Lexington. Let's give the Reunion Chairman and his committee fits by a record attendance.

I am looking for 1,000 by 1990, 2,000 by 1995, and 2,500 by the year 2000. That's only 1250 members out of a membership of over 5,000 since half attending are wives or guests. Better mention too that Anti-Tank 272nd had two couples present at Niagara and they too were first timers. Nice to have you all and ya all come back again.

Do you see how the 461st AAA Units are using the Bulletin? We now have three Units in this Bulletin with nice write-ups. You all can do the same thing by sending in letters of news and pictures. I'm using it for Tri-State Blues Family Group but not getting too far with Company E-273rd Infantry news and pictures.

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DOTTIE AND ME
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This is your Bulletin members, use it. Don't tilt the kitty though, send in your dues either \$5.00 regular plus \$2.00 for your wife or \$10.00 contributory (if you can afford it) plus \$2.00 for your wife. Bulletin and postage donations are greatly appreciated since this keeps three a year coming to you and they are getting bigger and better. Anyway we can improve, please let us know about it immediately if not sooner.

We seem to have been a gifted Division since we have many doctors, lawyers, dentists, and business members owning their own businesses so they could keep the barrel filled with an extra fifty, hundred, or more at times. Yes too, there are a lot of us retired pensioners who do our share along with knowing we are older than we think so do come to Lexington this year. The rooms are cheap, \$54.02 a night, plus there will be a tip-top hospitality room for your pleasure of fellowship and socializing. Did you see the attractions starting on Tuesday and going through Saturday? You got to come for the entire week since Sunday is arrival day and Monday being your only free time day.

Remember Friday evening is going out night for Units to other restaurants of the area for your own little gathering and returning around 9:00 p.m. or later to take in the PX Beer Party which will be at poolside.

The golf tournament should be great for both men and women under the direction of **Chalmer Pearson**. Our tournament is now known as the "Chuck Herring Memorial Golf Tournament." **Chuck** started our Friday morning golf tournament years ago being a pro himself for several years. He is now with our Lord and Savior in Heaven. (If you want to get some practice in before Lexington, come to Canaan Valley Resort in June and try the championship course there. **Chalmer Pearson** and **John Mowrey** will arrange this two day event.)

Now that you are and will be a part of us at the Campbell House Inn, Lexington, Kentucky, August 14 to 20, you'll go home saying goodbyes to us and we'll see you at Denver, Valley Forge, and all the other remaining Reunions. How many are left - 15 (I'll be 75) or more or less.

Notice to all 461st AAA members and all first timers who will be going to the 69th Division Association Reunion in Lexington, Kentucky. Make sure you X the box at the bottom of the page that goes to **Robert Kurtzman** so that you get a badge. That is the page stating what you plan to do in Lexington. At the same time to all those planning on going to Canaan Valley Resort Tri-State group weekend. Use your 69th badge that you have since we will be eliminating the old ones we have. This gives useage of your badge twice in one year and they can also be used if you plan on going to other mini-weekends such as Central Pennsylvania, 661st T.D.'s, Mid-West Group, any of the 461st AAA, or other weekend events. Please don't lose them since it will cost you \$2.50 to have a new one made up through **Bob Kurtzman**, Treasurer.

Somewhere in this Bulletin is another write-up on the LeJeune. Very interesting. Some of you members have said I didn't go overseas on the LeJeune but I was on _____. Very good. If you want your boat published with a write-up, get the history of it. How to go about it? Well, my suggestion would be to get in touch with our secretary, **Frank Nemeth**, address found on the cover of this Bulletin, and I am sure **Frank** will put you in the right direction of getting a picture of your boat (ship-whatever) and whatever write-up information they have.

Note to **Eby**: We'll see what happens when the picture is published. **Walt** and **Eby** are the adopted son and daughter of the 269th Engineers and I suppose now **Rebecca** is the adopted granddaughter of the Engineers. Remember the early

years of the Reunions when members would not only bring their wife but also their children and we had a children's nursery for them during Reunions which in those years, was only weekends (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.) Wouldn't it be nice now if you members would bring your grandchildren along with their parents so we could see what they look like now after 25 or 30 years. I believe the **Fosters** (**Bill** and **Betty**) bring theirs to some Reunions. I know they come to Tri-State weekends. **Walt** and **Eby** have been coming to 69th Reunions for years.

Dottie's column has already gone to press so I'll mention a few who are on the sick list. **Jan Lushbaugh**, 204 North Antietam Street, Post Office Box 93, Funkstown, Maryland 21735, was in and out of the hospital for an operation and mending slowly. Her husband **Pat**, is a member of I Company, 272nd Infantry.

Bill Foster is mending fairly well and hopes to get a clean bill next time he goes to the doctors so that he can travel again. But **Betty** has been ill with a neck problem that stops the blood from going to her head. **Bill** is our President and a 269th Engineer. Their address is 803 Elkwood Drive, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania 17070.

Clarence Marshall was in the hospital for six days for a leg problem and a week later, fell on the ice near his home and broke a bone in his left shoulder. He will be a long time healing so drop him a card to 101 Stephen Street, New Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068. **Clarence** is a member of 69th Division Headquarters.

My own **Dottie Witzleb** had to give me a scare when they called and said they took her to the hospital from work. Now what, fell again? No, this time she had a kidney stone. She lives at R.D. #1, Box 477, Acme, Pennsylvania 15610-9606.

Elizabeth Hawley was sick over hunting season last November and I do hope you are well now so **John** (269th Engineers) can get back to his guns and take to the fields. They live in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania 17257 at 330 East Fort Street. Any more on the sick list, please send the information to **Dottie** for her column.

I thought **John Turner**, C Battery, 724th Field Artillery, would have written me a letter for the Bulletin on his group. They usually, like the Engineers and I Company 272nd Infantry, have their mini Reunion in conjunction with the 69th Infantry Division Association at the Reunion site. In fact, I didn't hear how they made out at Niagara Falls last September. Do write **John**.

Just heard from **George** and **Vickie Gallagher** about their disappointing mini weekend that had to be cancelled at Busch Gardens, Tampa, Florida. Only seven replies out of 250 letters mailed out and a couple of those were northerners. The **Shadle's**, **Beswick's**, and possibly **Foster's** had plans made to go down south. Tri-State would have been well represented. **Bill Beswick** is also a 661st T.D.er and **Bill Foster** also belongs to Central Pennsylvania. **George**, your Florida members are about as bad as my Pittsburgh members in attending Tri-State. Thank goodness they all come to the Association Reunion which is in Lexington this year and that should have first priority.

To Chairpersons of all mini-weekends, when you mail out your flyers or notices, please put **Dottie** and me on your mailing list. In fact, I should have known about it a year or two earlier so get hopping and send in your news early.

To **Jim Kidd**, Lexington Reunion Chairman, at this late date, can you get us (members) any kind of a fair price on suites? I don't think this was negotiated with the Inns. Future Reunion Chairmen remember to get a Reunion price on suites like you do for room rates.

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When mailing news to the Editors (Clarence and Earl), please, if possible, type it on an 8½ x 11 paper and double space it. If you write, do write big and plain. When mailing pictures, do mark the back of your pictures with name and address unless you don't want them back. Do tell us who is in the pictures and a little write-up if possible.

That's about all for this Bulletin, as it will be quite lengthy. I hope it makes for good reading and do send in your room reservations to Campbell House Inn and The Kentucky Inn early for we expect our largest turnout yet. I expect 900 or better. At the same time, send your sheet to Bob Kurtzman, our Treasurer, on what you plan to do for the week. All tours look good and they are reasonable. Any 461st AAA member needing help, do write me. See you all in Lexington — Lexington, Kentucky that is.

FLASH, FLASH, FLASH, EXTRA, EXTRA, EXTRA: Some of you may have seen on television or read it in the paper about an explosion and fire at the Canaan Valley Ski Resort that killed three workers. It was their maintenance building that blew up for making snow and other repairs. This will not hurt our Tri-State weekend since the ski area is some miles away from the main lodge. So still plan on coming to Canaan Valley for a delightful weekend that will kick off our travels to Lexington. See you at Canaan Valley, June 8 thru 12th.

How To Tell You Are Growing Old

Everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work.
You feel like the morning after, when you haven't been anywhere.
You get winded playing chess,
Your children begin to look middle-aged.
You know all the answers, but nobody asks you any questions.
You turn out the light for economic rather than romantic reasons.
You sit in a rocking chair, but you can't get it going!
Your knees buckle, but your belt won't.
You're 17 around the neck, 42 around the waist,
and 96 around the 9 hole: golf course.
You cannot stand people who are intolerant.
You burn the midnight oil until 9:00 p.m.
Your back goes out more often than you do.
Your pacemaker raises the garage door when a pretty girl goes by.
The little gray-haired lady you help across the street is your wife.
You get exercise acting as pallbearer for friends who exercise.
You have too much room in the house,
and not enough in the medicine cabinet.
But YOU are not growing old:
YOU are a civic volunteer who is always young at heart!

MOVING

Please print your new address below:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please send this form and your old address label to:
National Headquarters, 101 Stephen Street,
New Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068

Please allow six weeks advance notice.

From Past President Walter Doernbach

The first week in October we went on a mission to Texas to find a place to spend the winter months. On the way down, we stopped in Gretna, Louisiana to visit an old friend from the 69th, Warren Alford. We had a nice visit with him. From there we went to Baton Rouge, and then into Texas. The temperature was in the high 80's, and the sun really warmed our bodies. We continued our journey to Corpus Christi, which is 150 miles from the Mexican Border, and we spent four to five days there. On our return trip home, we decided to travel North through Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. We stayed overnight at the Days Inn in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, arriving there at 4:30 in the afternoon. The following day we visited Camp Shelby, which I hadn't been back to since we left for overseas in 1944.

We stopped at the Main Gate for information and directions. I visited where we were in training with the "Fighting 69th" during World War II. Enclosed are pictures that I took at the Camp. I was informed that they now have 100,000 men in training there during the year. One of the enclosed pictures is the Memorial that the 65th Division erected there in September 1984; when they held their Annual Reunion in Hattiesburg. They received \$2,900 in donations from their members for the Memorial, and the balance was taken care of by the Association.

We then proceeded North to Birmingham, Alabama, and the route we had planned to take through the other States. We traveled the Blue Ridge Parkway, which is 1,000 miles of the most beautiful country in the world. Each scene that we came to seemed more beautiful than the ones that we had just seen. It was the Fall foliage time of the year, and the colors were something to behold.

In Virginia, we turned to visit another former 69er whom I hadn't seen in 43 years. In the Spring, he had written to me, and I had called him on the phone. We called ahead to make sure that he would be home. He was George Cole, a former mechanic in our Motor Pool. We were very close friends in the Service, and what a delightful Reunion we had after so many years. We talked till midnight and the whole forenoon of the next day. At noontime we had to leave for the balance of our trip home, as I had a monthly medical check-up appointment. The report that I received was wonderful and I thank the Good Lord for that. Ann and I wish that everyone had a good Christmas Holiday Season, and that the New Year 1988 is a prosperous one for them.



George Stover Cole, wife Josephine, Ann Doernbach and Walt Doernbach taken at Cole's House in South Boston, Virginia in October 1987.

(See photos of Camp Shelby on the following page)

Camp Shelby As It Looks Today



Main Gate at Camp Shelby as it appears today.



Camp Shelby Headquarters Building



*Present barracks at Camp Shelby.
Quite a difference from the tar paper huts we stayed in.*



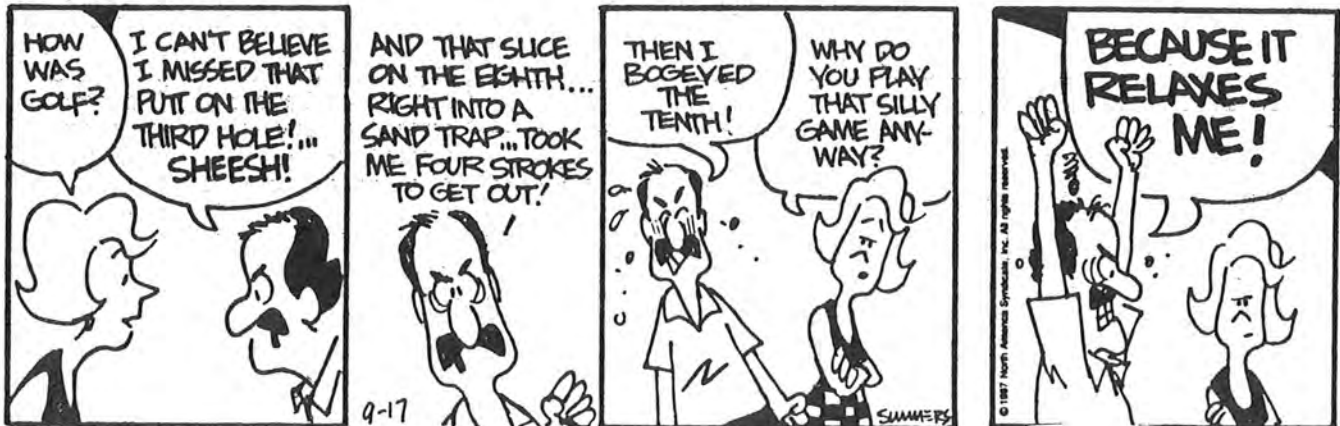
Camp Shelby Visitors Center Building

See Page 8 of this Bulletin for photo of the Memorial Monument erected by the 65th Infantry Division in September of 1984.

Pictures furnished by Walt Doernbach

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THE MIDDLETONS



Annual Meeting of Officers and Board of Directors 69th Infantry Division Assn. September 17, 1987 Niagara Falls, New York

President Beswick called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.
Invocation by Co-Chaplain William Snidow.
Pledge of Allegiance by the Board Members.

President Beswick conducted a roll call of all Officers and Board Members, with 30 members present.

TREASURER'S REPORT — Bob Kurtzman passed out financial reports to all members so they could follow along his report on all monies. Motion by John Mowrey, seconded, Dan Evers.

AUDITOR'S REPORT — Tony Keller stated that after auditing the books that everything was in fine order. All monies are accountable.

President Beswick read a Proclamation from President Ronald Reagan dedicating September 18, 1987, as National P.O.W./M.I.A. Recognition Day.

SECRETARY'S REPORT — Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, were read and approved. Motion by Bill Foster, seconded, John Hayes.

OVERSEAS FLOWER FUND — Secretary reported on the floral decorations on the 69er graves overseas and the financial status of the fund.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE — No Report

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE — Chairman Bob Kurtzman sent out letters to 17 past Presidents, received 15 replies and the vote was 9 to 6 to award two scholarships. The recipients were David Zaffern, son of Bernard Zaffern, "L" Company, 272nd Infantry, and Danette Slimmer, daughter of Donald Slimmer, Company "A", 777th Tank Battalion. Received 8 for next year and the past Presidents will hold a meeting to decide how many scholarships will be given out. Motion by Jake Stark, seconded Bill Sheavly and so carried.

REUNION REPORT — No Report

FUTURE REUNION SITE REPORT — Bill Foster reported the Site Committee met and went over the proposals received and recommended that we go to King of Prussia, Pennsylvania in 1989, and Denver, Colorado in 1990. Dutch Hawn reported on the Denver area and hotels. Will work to put package together as far as prices and tours.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE — Chairman Clarence Marshall reported that we had 5,516 on the rolls and this year we have 5,569. We gained 53, removed 118 under Taps and removed 30 from sustaining memberships. We located over 200 new people this past year.

BULLETIN REPORT — Editor Clarence Marshall and Co-Editor Earl Witzleb spoke on the cost and number of pages in the last Bulletins. Board voted to keep up the good work and report all interesting news. Motion by Bill Sheavly to give a vote of thanks for the work and hard knocks they received on the work on the Bulletin. Board members responded with a nice round of applause.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE — Chairman Phil Colombo reported that they recommend the following slate: President, Bill Foster; Vice-President, Chalmer Pearson; Treasurer, Bob Kurtzman; Secretary, Frank Nemeth. The Directors will be presented at the General Membership Meeting on Saturday.

OLD BUSINESS — Phil Colombo asked if we are taking in new members from the 69th Division, Fort Dix, New Jersey from the 1950 years. We now have 6 or 8 members on our rolls. After a long discussion on the matter, action was taken. President Beswick made a motion that we do not accept anyone except former members of World War II Fighting 69th Infantry Division and attached units, seconded and so carried.

NEW BUSINESS — Motion by John Hawley to pay room rent during Reunion dates for the following people:

Sunshine Lady — Full Paid Room
Souvenir Chairman — Half Paid Room
Jacket Salesman — Half Paid Room
Editor of Bulletin — Half Paid Room
Co-Editor of Bulletin — Half Paid Room

They will make their own reservations and pay their hotel bill and then turn the receipt in to the Treasurer to be reimbursed, to take effect in 1988. Seconded, Phil Colombo. Gene Butterfield spoke out against giving out our roster to other people or organizations. This practice should not and shall not happen as this matter was brought up in the past.

Motion to adjourn by Vernon Wirth, seconded, George Gallagher, at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Nemeth
Executive Secretary

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Annual Meeting of General Membership 69th Infantry Division Assn. September 19, 1987 Niagara Falls, New York

President Beswick called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Invocation was given by Co-Chaplain William Snidow. Pledge of Allegiance by the membership, led by President Beswick.

SECRETARY'S REPORT — Minutes of the meeting held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania were read. Motion by Walt Doernbach, seconded Joe Wright.

TREASURER'S REPORT — Bob Kurtzman passed out financial reports and went over all monies with the membership. Motion to accept Phil Colombo, seconded Alex Kormas and so carried.

AUDITOR'S REPORT — Tony Keller stated that all monies are in the right place and accountable. Stated that the Treasurer is doing an excellent job and that makes his job easier. Motion to accept Al Hornyak, seconded Frank Gooding.

President Beswick asked all past Presidents to please stand and be recognized. Seven were in attendance and were given a nice ovation. President Beswick asked all First Timers to please rise and be recognized. There were between 80 and 100 present. They were also awarded a nice ovation.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE — Chairman Clarence Marshall stated that last year we had 5,516 on our roster and this year we now have 5,569. We gained 53, removed 118 under "Taps" and also removed 30 from sustaining memberships. We have located over 200 new people this year and many are at this Reunion.

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SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE — Chairman Bob Kurtzman stated that they had hoped to get 3 scholarship applications, but he only received two. He sent out 17 letters to the past Presidents and received 15 back. The vote was 9-6 in favor of giving two scholarships. The recipients were David Zaffern, son of Bernard Zaffern, 272nd Infantry, Company "L", and Danette Slimmer, daughter of Donald Slimmer, 777th Tank Battalion, Company "A". Received 8 applications for next year and the past Presidents will report how they wish to handle the scholarship awards and we will try to have it in the Bulletin.

President Bill Beswick asked each unit to stand and be recognized and every unit had a nice turnout.

OVERSEAS FLOWER FUND — Secretary reported on the monies in the fund and the floral decorations placed on the graves of all 69ers buried overseas.

BULLETIN REPORT — Editor Clarence Marshall and Co-Editor Earl Witzleb reported that they put out 3 Bulletins last year and rather large ones and hope the membership is enjoying them. They had 216 pages of reading this year compared to 16 pages 11 years ago. They requested more news and photos so everyone will enjoy reading it. Motion by Frank Aplan, seconded Walt Doernbach, that we express our thanks to Clarence and Earl for the tremendous job that they have done, not only this year but for all the past years and so carried by a nice ovation.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE — Chairman Joe Wright reported no amendments have been offered.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE — Chairman Phil Colombo stated his committee recommends for consideration the following members for the Board of Directors for 1990: Division Headquarters, Jim Duffy; Special Troops, Boyd Ellsworth; 271st Infantry, Frederick Collet; 272nd Infantry, Joe Nunes; 273rd Infantry, E. R. Sams; Divarty, Al Kormas; 269th Engineers, Jerry Rodelli; 661st Tank Destroyers, William Snidow; 777th Tank Battalion, James Bristol. Motion to close nominations for the Board of Directors, seconded and so carried. Nominating Committee recommended the following slate for Officers: President, Bill Foster; Vice-President, Chalmer Pearson; Treasurer, Bob Kurtzman; Secretary, Frank Nemeth. Nominations from the floor for the office of Vice-President were Dutch Hawn, and Earl Witzleb. Motion to close all nominations, seconded and so carried.

A secret ballot vote for Vice-President with Chalmer Pearson, Dutch Hawn and Earl Witzleb was won by Earl Witzleb.

FUTURE REUNION SITES — Jim Kidd gave a fine report on Lexington, Kentucky for 1988 at the Campbell House. Everything is set and everyone should enjoy themselves. Any help will be greatly appreciated since not many 69ers live in the Lexington area. Site Chairman Bill Foster spoke on King of Prussia, Pennsylvania and, Dutch Hawn spoke on Denver, Colorado. The membership voted for the Reunion in 1989 to be held in Denver, Colorado, with Dutch Hawn as Chairman, and 1990 to be held in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

General Bolte entered escorted by his two sons and was given a standing ovation by the large membership. General Bolte stated he planned to attend the Lexington Reunion next year.

OLD BUSINESS — None

NEW BUSINESS — Motion by Walt Doernbach to pay room rent during Reunion dates for the following people: Sunshine Lady, full room rent; 2 Souvenir Chairmen, half room rent; Editor of Bulletin, half room rent. Comp rooms to go to President, Treasurer, Membership Chairman and if there

is a fourth comp room available, it will go to the Reunion Site Committee Chairman. This will go into effect this year, 1987, seconded Gene Butterfield and so carried.

Motion by Al Faison to call the 69th Division Golf Tournament officially "The Chuck Herring Memorial Golf Tournament," seconded by Bob Myers and so carried.

SOUVENIR COMMITTEE — Chairman Bill Sheavly gave a fine report on the souvenir items and asked everyone to tell him what items they would like.

Al Kormas gave a firey speech about the jacket sales and said he'll be back again next year.

President Bill Beswick wants letters sent to the right people to change holidays back to their regular days and Veterans Day not just be a sales day. Motion Fred Collet, seconded Al Faison and so carried.

Motion to adjourn Joe Wright, seconded Walt Doernbach at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Nemeth
Executive Secretary

Former Members of G-271st Held Mini-Meetings in the Past to Reminisce about Their Service Days



Rear: Cecil Fernandez and Ralph Plugge
Front: Dudley "Shorty" Reynolds and Loar Quickle.
Picture taken at "Shorty" Reynolds home in August of 1966.



Joe Giglietta and Ralph Plugge at Joe's home in New York.

Former Members of Regimental Headquarters 272nd Infantry Regiment

Pictures furnished by M. E. Dittman



Neven Schrock



*Front Left to Right: Joe Dutko, Charles Buck
Man in rear unknown.*



*Front Left to Right: Joe Susko, Mathias Schultz
Rear Left to Right: Charles Mander, Joe Manni*



*Front Left to Right: Sergeant Mauer, Anthony Marcinkus
Rear Left to Right: Unknown - M. E. Dittman*



Mathias Schultz

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EXTRA, EXTRA, EXTRA — Let me not hear a member complain that he hadn't a chance to be a Reunion Chairman and have a Reunion in his own back yard. I say this to those of you living on the west coast, in Texas, in the south, in the plains, in the mid-west, in the east, or in New England. Now is your chance to see just what you can do for the 69th Infantry Division Association. Like it has been said before, we need a Reunion Chairman and at least six to seven other couples to work with the Chairman.

Go seek out the best deal you can get on room rates from a motel or hotel and what kind of a week you can provide for the members with tours, hospitality, and our main attractions of Early Bird, PX Beer Party, Memorial Service, and a Dinner Banquet Dance.

The dates will hopefully be in August and sites picked situated on the outskirts of a city near good highways (interstates) and airport. Note the program that Lexington has set up for us on the page that gets returned to **Bob Kurtzman, Sr.**, Treasurer. This is a good model week for any Reunion Committee to work with. We like the best we can get for our money and you must realize many of our members are now retired.

So members see what you can do and present it to my committee in Lexington for consideration in future years. We now have Denver in 1989 and Valley Forge in 1990 so beyond that it is all open to you, our members.

I plan on meeting with my committee in Lexington at the Campbell House Inn on Tuesday evening and anyone that is interested in seeking a Reunion in your area make an appointment for either Wednesday or Thursday evening in my room with my committee. I would like to hear from the west coast (many locations), Wisconsin, Nashville, St. Louis, the south (Carolinas), Texas, Toledo, and New England. If you think you got it, let us have it for we need Reunion locations for at least the next fifteen years.

We will present our best findings to the Board of Directors at their meeting on Friday at 1:30 p.m. If one of my above committee members is close to you, give them a call or write a letter for I am sure they will be able to answer your questions.

Some changes may have to be made in the next year or two. I feel our 69th Division Association will go along with

the proposed monument **Bill Foster**, our President, will submit to be erected at Camp Shelby. If this be the case, we will have another Reunion in the south near Camp Shelby. Is there anyone interested in running a Reunion in the south within 100 miles of Camp Shelby? Cities I would recommend someone to look into for a Reunion site very soon would be Mobile, Pensacola, Baton Rouge, and Jackson (Vicksburg). Do write me a letter or even give a call as this could be an emergency situation.

Our **General Charles L. Bolte** would like to see this monument built and dedicated at Camp Shelby so it may even mean the moving back of Denver and Valley Forge Reunions one year. More on this as the situation develops.

Feel free to write me or call as well as any other member of my committee concerning Reunion sites. Remember, again I feel the Lexington week is a good guideline to go with for a Reunion week. See you all in Lexington.

Earl E. Witzleb, Jr., Chairman

Vice President

69th Infantry Division Association

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Members of the 880th Field Artillery Battalion that attended the Reunion in Niagara Falls.

Front Row, Left to Right: Howard Carlton, Frank Alfiero, Joe DiFilippi, John O'Connor

Rear Row, Left to Right: Enrico D'Angelo, Warren Kunzel, Bob McKee, Stu McGowan, Larry Adler, Emil Paoletta.

Picture furnished by John O'Connor

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How ya gonna find out if they're fresh troops if ya don't wake them up and ask them?

69th Monument at Camp Shelby?

Is a 69th Monument at Camp Shelby a reality or will it be something that is discussed and nothing done about it?

I recently received the following letter from one of our members who visited Camp Shelby. I believe it is something we should give serious thought to and get started on it as soon as possible.

I mentioned this to **General Bolte** during our visit and he was all for it and would like nothing better than to be present when it is dedicated, so let's get moving on it.

I understand that Past President **Walt Doernbach** also visited Camp Shelby and is also gung-ho on the idea.

The 65th Division already erected a monument in 1984 and here we are dragging our feet.

What could be better than dedicating a monument and having a Reunion at Hattiesburg, Biloxi or Gulfport?

Robert Kurtzman, Sr.
Treasurer

(EDITOR'S NOTE: A photo of the monument erected by the 65th Division appears on Page 8 of this Bulletin.)

November 12, 1987

Fighting 69th Infantry Division Assoc., Inc.

Robert J. Kurtzman, Sr.

P.O. Drawer 178

Wilmot, Ohio 44689

Dear Mr. Kurtzman:

We just returned from a trip to Hattiesburg, Mississippi to visit friends we had made when I was stationed at Camp Shelby in the 40's.

When we were there many years ago we went out to the Camp and were surprised that it had been completely torn down. But this year it has been rebuilt with barracks and is used by the National Guard.

The reason for this letter is to advise the 69th Division members that a museum has been started at the base. If anyone has any items that will help this museum, either loaning or donating, they can contact either **Donald Evans**, or **T.D. White**, Building 6634, Camp Shelby, Mississippi 39407. These two men are responsible for getting this museum started and have spent much time and I believe, even their own money to get it going.

Also enclosed is a booklet on the camp. Notice the monument on the back that was erected by the 65th Infantry Division. It would be nice if the 69th could do something similar.

We have never been able to attend any of the Reunions but maybe some year we will be able to make it.

Sincerely,
Richard H. Carey
Magnolia Manor
Apt. 601, Box 3
Americus, Georgia 31709

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**1989 69th
Annual Reunion
Denver, Colorado**

Scholars in Foxholes: The Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP) in World War II

Counting its reserve component, ASTP sent just over 200,000 GIs to college to take accelerated courses in engineering, foreign languages, medicine, dentistry, and personnel psychology.

Eligibility for ASTP was based on brains and previous education: basically, any high school graduate scoring at least 110 (later 115) on the Army General Classification Test (AGCT) qualified.

The days on campus were long and hard. ASTP Director, **Colonel Herman Beukema**, a long-time professor at West Point, described the work as far more rigorous than at either the Academy or at Annapolis.

Even so there was enough time for campus social activities (read girls) that the program's theme song soon became the widely-known "Take down your service flag, Mother, your son's in the ASTP."

Although the program was slow getting started, by year's end 140,000 men were on 227 campuses throughout the nation — the program's high point.

Then, on February 18, 1944, the War Department most unexpectedly announced that 110,000 ASTPers would be returned to line duty by April 1. About 35,000 remained in certain advanced courses.

Most of the ousted ASTPers went into infantry, airborne, and armored divisions still in stateside training, but slated for overseas shipment by the end of 1944. In the end, thirty-five divisions got an average of about 2,500 men each, with many others sent elsewhere.

If the ASTPers expected any special treatment in their new units, it didn't materialize. Extremely few had a chance to attend OCS, and few got noncom stripes until their units had taken casualties in combat.

That they made good soldiers, however, has been noted by such military historians as **Charles McDonald** and **Harold Leinbaugh** (*A Time For Trumpets* and *The Men of Company K*), and others who've commented favorably on the ASTPers' abilities.

Based on archival research, plus interviews with more than 200 ASTPers, **SCHOLARS IN FOXHOLES**, a new book by former ASTPer **Louis Keefer**, will be published in mid-1988.

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**NEWS MATERIAL
FOR THE BULLETIN
SHOULD BE MAILED TO:
EARL E. WITZLEB, JR.**

P.O. Box 69, Champion, Pennsylvania 15622-0069
or

R.D. 1, Box 477, Acme, Pennsylvania 15610-9606

CLARENCE MARSHALL
101 Stephen Street, New Kensington, PA 15068

Tri-Staters Who Were At The Niagara Falls Reunion



How many can you name on this page?

The following letter from James P. Parks, Jr., who served in H-Company and Cannon Company in the 273rd Regiment

Dear Clarence,

My old gray head is bowed in shame. I have intended to write to you about how much I appreciated your letter(s), The Fighting 69th Association Bulletin, and your sincerity in looking up 69th members I knew at Camp Shelby. By the way, congratulations on the superior quality of your Bulletin! It is an outstanding publication - the best of its type that I have seen. Parenthetically, I wish my 45th Division Association had a Bulletin of comparable substance. I know you put a lot of hard work and sincere effort into yours.

At least you know by now that I have joined the 69th Division Association. I intended to send you a copy of my membership application, but in my lethargy, Bob Kurtzman beat me to it and sent you a copy. Again, I appreciate your initiative in searching out members that I knew at Camp Shelby. I surely like the close-knit approach you all take in rounding up old 69ers. That is the essence of the concept of Association. Thanks for the information of the old troops you sent to me, e.g., Lieutenant Johnson, General Floyd Parks, etc.

Yes, Bob explained the various membership categories to me. I was primarily interested in becoming a lifetime member, and clearly want to if the category is adopted.

I didn't determine what unit in the 69th you were in, Clarence. Judging from all your activities in the Association, you don't have much opportunity to write personal notes. However, when you have a chance, I'd like to hear about your World War II, and beyond, experiences. (Hey, I just saw on Page 34 of the Bulletin that you were in Division Headquarters - All Right!)

Say, I'd like to have a 69th Division/273rd Regimental History, e.g., *Men of the 69th Pass in Review*. If you don't mind one more request, I would appreciate your sending me a list of such publications. Also, I saw in your Bulletin that souvenirs were advertised on Page 36 by Al Kormas and Bill Sheavly but no address was given. No big deal, but sometime when you're all caught up, I'd like to know how to order souvenirs, books, etc. with corresponding prices and postal charges. Atlanta is a pretty big place and if I wandered about with a 69th golf cap or keep pulling a 69th key ring out of my pocket enough times, I may bump into some ex-69ers. Bob Kurtzman sent me a few 69th decals which I am surely proud to display. By the way, I saw where he was in I-Company, 272nd.

I was a draftee, but, after "cutting my teeth" in the 69th I developed a real affinity for the military as I trudged through the mud and sang of Beaumont, New Augusta, Brooklyn, McLain, etc. The 69th was a real source of pride and spirit for this 18 year old. I wanted to go overseas with the Division, but when we were pulled out for the first overseas shipment in October 1943, I had to settle for a brief stay in North Africa - thence to the 45th. I joined the 45th just before the Anzio Caper and stayed with it until we got just past a little kraut real estate. I picked up six battle stars, Viz, Naples - Foggia; Rome-Arno; Anzio; Southern France; Alsace-Ardenne; and Rhineland. Lady luck seemed to smile on me, as I came out virtually unscathed except for a couple of "close ones" with shell concussion. I spent most of my 45th time in Cannon Company, 179th Infantry Regiment.

I was scheduled to return to the States in October '45, but I contracted yellow jaundice the day before I was slated to board the ship for the coveted "States." Resultantly, I didn't get my discharge until February, 1946. (At Jefferson Bks., Mo.)

I enrolled at the University of Georgia in September, 1946, but desire to return to the military kept gnawing at my vitals, so I enlisted in the Air Force in 1949 and graduated from Air OCS on June 23, 1950. I retired from the Air Force in April 1967 at Warner Robins AFB, Georgia. I had a great assignment at W.R., Chief Operations Branch, Aircraft Systems Support Management Division. Translated, that means that I had spare parts responsibility for all Air Force helicopters and several light utility aircraft systems. It was a light colonel's slot and I had a good shot at the rank but decided to take my 20 years military and run.

Straight away, as the British say, we moved to Atlanta where I began my career with the "Feds." I retired from Civil Service in February, 1987. I just barely eked out 20 years as a Fed, having to use my sick leave to stretch it to 20. I stayed in Atlanta during my entire C.S. career. I retired in U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Most of my assignments were in investigation, program analysis, and program management.

School-wise, I graduated with a B.S. in Psychology from Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida; a Master of Education from Atlanta University; plus 100 hours toward a Doctorate, i.e., Ph.D. in Educational Leadership (in Sociology). After my wife had her paralytic stroke, I've had to put my studies on a back burner as my wife is quite dependent and I have to stick pretty close to her - leaving little or no chance to proceed with my research. Oh well, "Mama" is top priority. Parenthetically, I retired in February to care for her and her 93 year-old mother.

Clarence, I hope I haven't bored you too much with my personal stuff. I'm just real pleased to be back in the 69th fold! I think of Camp Shelby once in a while; old P.X. 29 where we used to hear Al Dexter's *Pistol Packin' Mama*; Ernest Tubb's *Walking The Floor Over You*; *The Honey Song*; and *Rosalita* (My Little Rose of the Rancho). I also remember the "Chiggered" Bivouacs; the long dusty hikes, punctuated by more dust being raised by M-10's of the 661st TD's as they roared past; the humidity of the Leaf River area; the quarts of milk we drank as soon as we could get off the bus in Hattiesburg; not to forget the surges of patriotism we felt on parade as the band stirred up the National Emblem March. Most of all, I remember the comradeship of our buddies, for, in the vernacular, that's what it's all about!

Gotta' go. Thanks once more for your courteous and warm "welcome back."

All my best,
Jim

Jim P. Parks, Jr.
16040 Alderbrook Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30345

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**FOUND A NEW MEMBER?
HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS?
THIS SHOULD BE MAILED TO:**

**Clarence Marshall
101 Stephen Street
New Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068**

269th ENGINEERS



*Lieutenant Ernest Burciaga, Staff Sergeant Wheeler
Company "B," 1st Platoon*



*Herbert "Doc" Wells
Company "A," 269th Engineers*



Al Pike, Company "A," 269th Engineers



Ed Reeber Company "B," 269th Engineers

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

OH-No!

Dear Earl:

Congratulations on being elected to the office of Vice President (you are now in charge of all the vice in the 69th).

Souvenirs by Mail have gone over quite well this time and we have sent a lot of checks on to **Bob Kurtzman**. We think that this will be the last one that we do. Don't know whether **Bill Foster** told you or not, but we intend to retire from the souvenirs right after the Lexington Reunion. We have had it for eight or nine years and have in the back of our minds that we would like to do some other things to serve the organization.

Reba and I have agreed to handle the souvenirs through the Lexington Reunion, however, at the conclusion of that Reunion we want someone else to assume the responsibility. Have advised **Bill Foster** of that (he called the other evening and wanted us to keep it for two more years, but that is out of the question). The reason that I am telling you this is the fact that as Vice President you and **Bill** should be looking for a "volunteer" to handle these souvenirs.

I agreed and will order all the items for the 1988 Reunion through our local source. This will include lapel pins, etc. and maybe some new items. We will see what is available.

We have been informed that a certain individual has made some derogatory remarks about the souvenirs, which frankly, I do not appreciate. This comment was "Let's get someone that knows what they are doing." We had discussed giving up the souvenirs before we went to Niagara Falls so our mind was made up regardless of comments over heard there and the fact that we received a plaque, or that the Association decided to pay 1/2 of our room expense (which was appreciated).

We will not let anyone down, but as you know, it is impossible to get anyone to "man" the souvenirs at a Reunion and we have spent a lot of time taking care of them as well as transporting them to the Reunions. The local chairman should have several people lined up so that we can see the local sights as well as have the opportunity to do some visiting. I'm not mad at anyone, I just feel that someone else should take it over since Lexington is our ninth year.

Bill and Reba Sheavly
Souvenir Chairpersons
218 Sacred Heart Lane
Reistertown, Maryland 21136

NOTE: There you have it members. As Vice President, I say the door is still open for **Bill** and **Reba** should they decide to stay on as Souvenir Chairpersons in charge of the smaller items. After you get ten or more people together, there has to be a smart-mouth in the crowd, which is expected and you have to consider it or him or her as a source. Sorry you two hard working souvenir people want to call it quits.

Since our **President Bill Foster** will be putting his time and energy into the monument project that he is proposing to the Directors and Membership, I'll attempt to hustle a new souvenir couple or single but the single must be a member since it is the 69th Infantry Division Association. We are happy for our Auxiliary and wives but they are our support group and I can say we are thankful and appreciative of that.

My address is R.D. #1, Box 477, Acme, Pennsylvania 15610-9606 and at this time I'll ask for a volunteer or volunteers to take over the duties of the small items in the souvenir section of our Association. With this duty you must attend all Reunions bringing them to and taking them back home from a Reunion. You will do all the purchasing of souvenir items (in inventory and new items) sending the bill

or bills to our treasurer, **Robert Kurtzman**. You will display your items at Reunions and agree to handle mail orders between Reunions with a postage markup. Really, you run it as you please with the Association only asking for a small profit from your efforts. You will get your room at the Reunions for one half (1/2) its cost. Please write me your qualifications in the very near future.

Reunion Chairpersons and Reunion Chairpersons to be, it is nice and will be appreciated by the souvenir personnel that in your planning for Reunions you have two or three couples willing to handle the souvenirs for the Reunion week. Your committee is local and have seen the sites in your area while the souvenir personnel come from many miles away and would like to take in the tours and sites, so do help them out this way. I ask at this time that **Jim** and **Barbara Kidd** please have a couple or two from your committee to handle souvenirs for **Bill** and **Reba Sheavly** as well as **Alex Kormas** who handles the larger clothing items (hats, plackets, and jackets.) Many, many THANKS Lexington committee.

Earl

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Lexington's Festival Market

325 West Main Street

Open Year Round

Monday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday and Saturday 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

This upscale development is alive with trendy boutiques, old-fashioned push carts, pastry shops, casual cafes, food stalls and elegant full-service restaurants. Dancers, musicians and clowns provide year-round fun in a celebration-style atmosphere. A classic musical carousel represents the traditions and color of the horse industry.

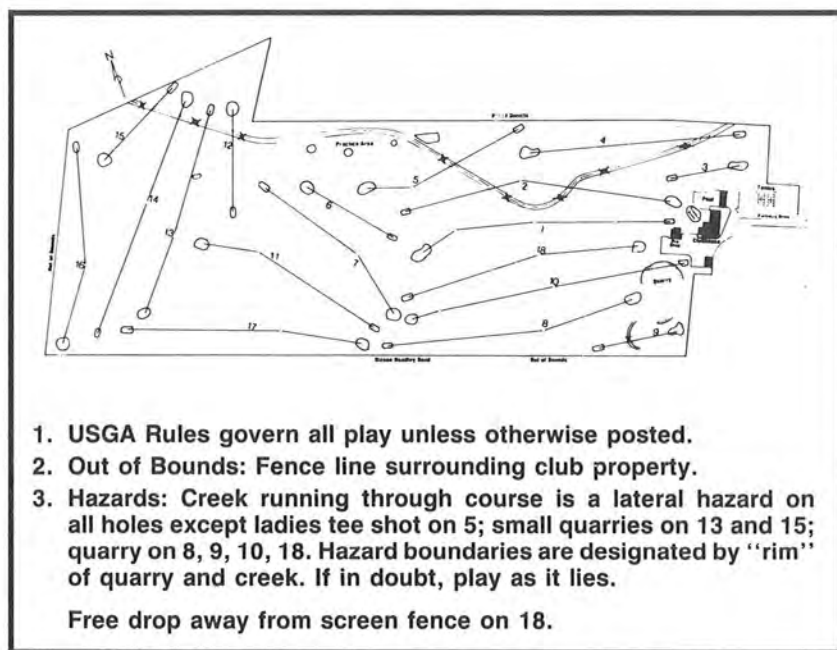
A place for all of your senses, "smack dab" in the heart of a sensational friendly city — Lexington's Festival Market is waiting for you!



Site of the 1988 Reunion — Lexington, Kentucky



AERIAL VIEW OF CAMPBELL HOUSE INN with the Big Elm Country Club Golf Course behind it.



LAYOUT OF THE BIG ELM GOLF COURSE adjacent to the Campbell House Inn, Lexington, Kentucky.

LEXINGTON Things to do in and around

Lexington is the center of the Bluegrass area of Kentucky, an area noted for raising race horses.

The Lexington area also is noted for historic events that occurred here in the settlement of the Trans-Allegheny region of the country. A few local horse farms are open to visitors. So, be sure to ask before you make a visit to the farm. Tour operators can take visitors to horse farms that are open.

Some horse attractions include:

- Kentucky Horse Park**
Exit 120 off I-75 (north of Lexington)
- American Saddle Horse Museum**
- Keeneland Race Course**
U.S. 60 West
- Red Mile Harness Track**
South Broadway (U.S. 68) and Red Mile Road
- Spendthrift Farms**
Spendthrift Tours
Paris Pike (U.S. 68) northeast of Lexington

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LEXINGTON ... THINGS TO DO IN AND AROUND

(Continued from Page 27)

PLACES OF HISTORIC INTEREST

Fort Boonesborough State Park
Southeast of Lexington on Route 627
Ashland, the Home of Henry Clay
In Lexington, Richmond Road and Sycamore Road
Mary Todd Lincoln Home
578 West Main Street
Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill
Southwest of Lexington, approximately 25 miles
Whitehall, home of Cassius Clay, abolitionist
Off I-75 south of Lexington

MISCELLANEOUS

University of Kentucky
Transylvania University
Hunt Morgan House
Waveland State Historic Site
Raven Run Nature Sanctuary

MUSEUMS

UK Art Museum
UK Museum of Anthropology
Headley-Whitney Museum
ArtsPlace

MAJOR SHOPPING CENTERS

Turfland Mall
Fayette Mall
Lexington Mall
The Mall at Lexington Green

PLACES OF INTEREST IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA

Festival Market (Parking in adjacent parking garage)
Victorian Square (Parking in adjacent parking garage)
Lexington Civic Center
Including:
Rupp Arena (UK basketball site)
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Numerous shops and restaurants
(Parking in large Civic Center Lot - across the street from Hyatt - is free if you get parking ticket validated at any Civic Center business.)

NOTE: The above is a brief and incomplete listing of things in and around Lexington that may interest members of the Fighting 69th Infantry Division Association.

Copies of the current **Lexington Visitors' Guide** will be available for you when you register for the Reunion.

Maps and brochures on Lexington will be sent to you if you write to:

Lexington Convention and Visitors' Bureau
430 West Vine Street
Lexington, Kentucky 40507

AROUND KENTUCKY

A number of places out in Kentucky may interest you. Here are a few: Louisville, Fort Knox and its Patton Museum, Berea College with its student-operated Boone Tavern (a great place to go for lunch or dinner) and the student industries with their great handicrafts, Mammoth Cave National Park, whiskey distilleries, tobacco growing, and Lincoln's birthplace.

Kentucky has many state parks providing a wide variety

of recreation for visitors. Lodges, cottages and camping facilities are available. You can make reservations by calling toll-free 1-800-255-PARK.

For a free Kentucky map and brochures on things to do and see in Kentucky, call toll-free 1-800-225-TRIP.

TOBACCO TIME

You will be visiting Kentucky during August when farmers will be harvesting tobacco. Lexington is in the middle of the famous "Burley Belt" of tobacco growing. You will see fields of large plants with yellow leaves; that is burley tobacco ready to be harvested. The plant is cut off near the ground and speared on a sharp stick with several others. When they have wilted, they are hauled to a tobacco barn (usually painted black) where they are "housed," that is, hung to dry. Later, when properly cured, the leaves are pulled from the stalks, packed in bales and taken to the tobacco warehouses for sale. There is where the famous chant of the tobacco auctioneer may be heard, starting in late November and running into the first month or so of the following year.

ROADS AND HIGHWAYS AROUND LEXINGTON

Don't let the names and numbering of roads and highways around Lexington confuse you. The names came first; in recent years the route numbers were added. A local person will tell you:

"Drive up Paris Pike." Paris Pike is U.S. 68 that leads from Lexington to Paris, about 12 miles away. Or, "It's on Versailles Road." Versailles Road is U.S. 60 west of Lexington. And "Go four miles on Winchester Road." That's U.S. 60 east of Lexington. To be sure, get a local map.

DRIVING AND DRINKING

You can be fined more than \$700, lose your driving license and wind up in jail if you are caught driving while under the influence in Kentucky. Best advice: If you drink, don't drive. If you do drink and are out in a car, let a non-drinker drive.

FREE LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

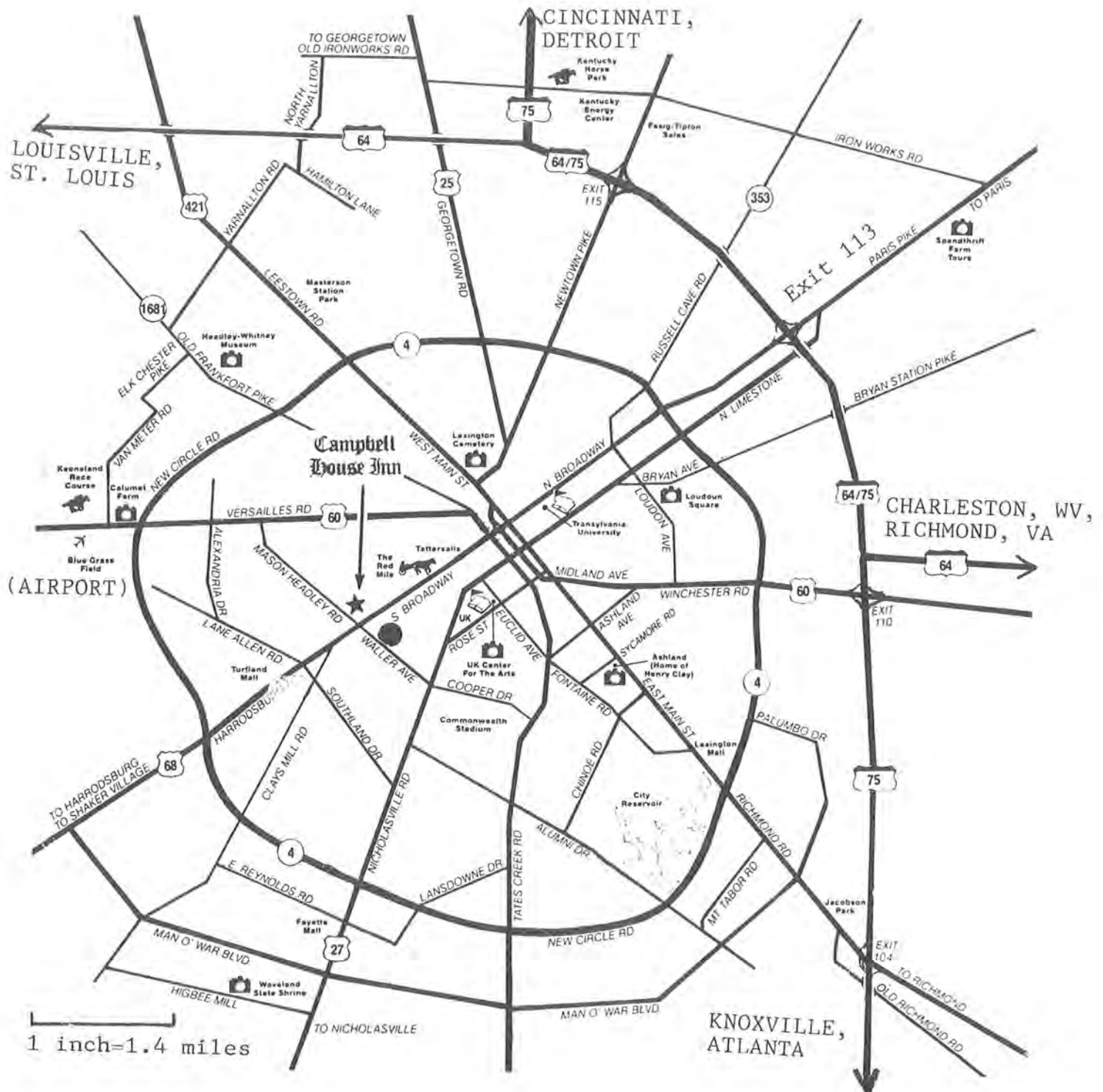
LEXTRAN, the Lexington transportation system, will let the 69th Infantry Division 1988 Reunion attendees ride free. When you board a city bus, be sure you are wearing your 69th badge (either permanent badge or your temporary badge).

Drivers have been instructed to let you ride free during the Reunion period. The normal fare is sixty cents one way.

Schedules and a map of the LEXTRAN system will be available at the Reunion Registration desk. One bus line runs along Harrodsburg Road in front of the Campbell House Inn.



Map showing principal roads and streets
in and around the city of Lexington.



- Lexington - The Blue Grass Country

Jim and Barbara Kidd have put much time and effort into making your week's stay in Lexington a pleasant and enjoyable one.

We will be staying in two different hotels. Headquarters will be in the Campbell House Inn which has guaranteed us 250 rooms and the Kentucky Inn, which is a block away, will let us have at least 65 more rooms. Take your choice, but do get your reservations in early to keep from being shut out.

Free bus service is available to anywhere in Lexington by merely boarding a bus and showing the driver your 69th identification badge, thanks to Jim and Barbara's efforts.

Monday will start off with the registration desk being opened and on Tuesday the Hospitality Room will be opened and we will have the first of four tours. Tuesday will be a step back in time with a visit to Shaker Village. Webster describes Shaker as Quaker - a member of a former religious sect observing a doctrine of celibacy, common property and community living, henceforth the celibacy part caused the group to go out of existence. This should be a very interesting tour.

Wednesday the "Kentucky Bourbon Tour" to Ancient Age Distillery, sorry no free samples, but a stop at "Rebecca Ruth's" will allow you to sample bourbon candy.

Thursday will be the tour to Fort Knox for a Memorial Ceremony with Band and Color Guard. A sit down lunch will be provided if you so desire for approximately \$4.00 at the NCO Club, payable by you at the club. Next a visit to the Patton Museum and a tour of the Fort and U.S. Gold Vault, sorry no sample there either. Thursday evening the Early Bird Buffet will be held at poolside.

Friday will be a busy day starting with the annual golf match in the morning, (golf course is directly behind the Campbell House Inn). Tickets for green fees and carts must be purchased from the hotel desk. The final tour will be of the Lexington area for a view of the Race Tracks and Beautiful Horse Farms.

The Board of Directors Meeting will be at 1:30 P.M. and then it's off to your unit dinners and later the "Beer Party" at poolside.

Saturday morning will start with the General Meeting of both the Men and Ladies' Auxiliary, Memorial Service and in the evening the annual Banquet and Dinner Dance.

Sunday morning a Breakfast Buffet has been arranged for those who wish to partake of it and then it's Farewell and Good-Byes until next year.

Get your Hotel and Activities Reservations in early and please pay in advance as it saves time for both you and the people at the registration desk. The Campbell House Inn is very easy to get to by car. Take Exit #113 off of I-75 and go through town on Route #68 which is Broadway, the Campbell House will be on your right after you get thru the main part of town. For those of you who will be arriving by air, look for the travel information in another part of the Bulletin.

Come early and stay late, we know you will have a good time.

Bob Kurtzman

DEADLINE FOR MAKING HOTEL RESERVATIONS: AUGUST 3, 1988

RESERVATION DEPOSIT: A deposit of 1 day's room rate is **REQUIRED** to secure your reservation. This may be made by check, money order or credit card (VISA, Master Charge, American Express, Carte Blanche, Discovery, Diner's Club). Deposit is refundable upon receipt of cancellation notice 72 hours (3 days) prior to planned arrival time.

\$49.00 RATE GUARANTEED: The Campbell House Inn will grant us the \$49.00 per night rate for any persons who wish to arrive before the Reunion and/or who wish to stay after the Reunion.

ARRIVAL BY AIR: If you arrive at Lexington by air, the Campbell House Inn will provide courtesy transportation from and to the Bluegrass Field (the Lexington Airport). When you arrive, call the Inn on the courtesy telephone on the wall near the luggage carousel.

ARRIVAL BY CAR: Lexington is at the intersection of Interstate 75 (north-south) and Interstate 64 (east-west). From the Interstates there are several routes to the Inn.

1. Leave the Interstate at Exit 113. Follow U.S. 68 south-westward until you come to the Campbell House Inn. This route takes you through downtown Lexington.

— or —

2. From any Interstate exit for Lexington get on Route 4 (New Circle Road) and follow Route 4 to U.S. 60 on the west side of the city. Follow U.S. 60 eastward (toward downtown) to Mason-Headly Road; turn right on Mason-Headly and follow it to the Inn.

— or —

3. Follow Route 4 to U.S. 68 on the southwest side of Lexington. Follow U.S. 68 northeastward to the Inn at the road's intersection with Mason-Headly Road.

See the map of Lexington that appears on the previous page.

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Campers, RV's, Trailers

If you wish to camp or park your recreational vehicle while at the Lexington Reunion, there are four places in the Lexington area:

1. **Clay's Ferry Campground**
(Exit 99 off I-75 to KY25 to Clay's Ferry)
2. **Kentucky Horse Park**
(Exit 120 off I-75, 7 miles north of Lexington)
3. **Bluegrass KOA**
(Exit 120 off I-75, east of US 62, ¼ mile)
4. **Fort Boonesborough State Park**
(Exit 95 off I-75 to KY 627 to KY 388.)

You may obtain a free copy of **Kentucky Outdoor Recreation Guide** (Directory of Campgrounds, Marinas and Golf Courses) by writing to: TRAVEL, Frankfort, KY 40601

Or call toll-free 1-800-225-TRIP, from anywhere in the continental U.S. and provinces of Ontario and Quebec, Canada. You also may wish to ask for maps and other travel material on Kentucky.

1988 69th ANNUAL REUNION

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

AUGUST 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 1988

Pictures from Here, There and Everywhere



*Tri-State Blues Group - Gallagher's Dinner at the Blue Angel Restaurant
Westmoreland County Airport, Latrobe, Pennsylvania*

*Left to Right: Peter and Helen Garstecki - Enrico and Anne D'Angelo - Clarence Marshall,
Dottie Witzleb and Earl Witzleb, Jr. - Paul and Marian Shadle - Robert and Margie Grimm
- George and Vickie Gallagher.*



*Marge Kormas, Anne D'Angelo
Niagara Falls*

Niagara Falls Reunion

*Can
You
Name
Them?*



69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 1988 REUNION

461st AAA BN. - 661st T.D. BN. - 777th TANK BN.

CAMPBELL HOUSE INN — LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

AUGUST 14th to 21st, 1988

Registration form to be mailed to:

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

I/we will attend the 69th Infantry Division Association Reunion at Lexington, Kentucky from August 14th to August 21st and will attend the following activities.

Name: _____

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

City / State / Zip: _____

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

Unit: _____ Wife's Name: _____

Guests: _____

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Weekly Events

	Per Person	Number Persons	Amount
Registrations: Monday, August 15th - August 19th, 1988 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon and and 1:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. Check Bulletin Board for Saturday times			NO CHARGE
Sunday, August 14th — Early Arrivals on your own.			
Monday, August 15th — On Your Own.			
Tuesday, August 16th — Shaker Village Tour, leaves 9:30 A.M.	\$ 16.00		\$
Wednesday, August 17th — Kentucky Bourbon Tour, leaves 9:30 A.M.	\$ 11.00		\$
Thursday, August 18th — Fort Knox Tour, leaves 8:30 A.M.	\$ 16.00		\$
Early Bird Buffet - Poolside - 7:00 P.M.	\$ 18.00		\$
Friday, August 18th — Golf Tournament. 8:30 A.M. Start. Tickets must be purchased from Hotel. Green Fee \$13.50, ½ Cart \$6.50.			
Check box if you plan to participate. Green Fee <input type="checkbox"/> ½ Cart <input type="checkbox"/> Do Not include cost.			
Blue Grass and Horse Farm Tour, leave 9:30 A.M.	\$ 11.00		\$
Board of Directors Meeting - 1:30 P.M.			
PX Beer Party - Poolside - 9:00 P.M.	\$ 5.00		\$
Saturday, August 19th — Men's General Meeting 9:00 A.M. to Noon			
Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting 9:00 A.M. to Noon			
Memorial Service at Flag Pole 2:30 P.M.			
Banquet and Dinner Dance - Ballroom - 6:30 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.,			
Cocktails 6:30 P.M., Dinner 7:00 P.M..	\$ 20.00		\$
Sunday, August 20th — Farewell Breakfast Buffet - 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.	\$ 8.00		\$
Farewells and Departures - See you all next year.			

Reunion Sub-Total \$ _____

DUES

New Dues Year - August 1, 1988 to July 31, 1989

Regular Membership	\$ 5.00	\$
Contributory Dues	\$10.00	\$
Ladies Auxiliary	\$ 2.00	\$
Postage and Bulletin Donation (up to you)		\$

Dues Sub-Total \$ _____

Total Amount Paid \$ _____

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

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

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

69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
41st ANNUAL REUNION
461st AAA BN. - 661st T.D. BN. - 777th TANK BN.
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY
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Registration Form to be mailed to:

Campbell House Inn
1375 Harrodsburg Road
Lexington, Kentucky 40503
Phone: 606/255-4281

HOUSING: Please reserve one of the following:

_____ 1 bed 1 person; _____ 1 bed 2 persons; _____ 2 beds 2 persons;
_____ 2 beds 3 persons; _____ 2 beds 4 persons.

All rooms are \$49.00 per night plus 10¼% local taxes = \$54.02

I / We plan to arrive (day) _____, August _____, 1988. (Check in after 2:00 P.M.)

I / We plan to depart (day) _____, August _____, 1988. (Check out time - 12:00 Noon)

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

Name: _____

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**69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
41st ANNUAL REUNION
461st AAA BN. - 661st T.D. BN. - 777th TANK BN.
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY
AUGUST 14th to 21st, 1988**

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The Kentucky Inn
Attn.: Karen French
525 Waller Avenue
Lexington, Kentucky 40504
Phone: 1-800/843-6123

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Kentucky Tax is 10¼% = \$54.02

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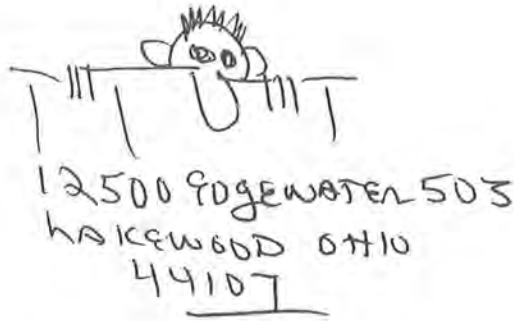
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AIR TRAVEL TO LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

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Free limousine service is furnished by the Campbell House Inn by calling 255-4281
after your arrival and ask for the limousine.

Since this is the centerfold, you can easily open the staple, take out the page you need, close the staple, and your Bulletin is still intact. Otherwise, get a xerox copy for either of the Inn's and notice to **Bob Kurtzman** of your activities.



Guess Who Sent This Article In For the Bulletin.
One Clue — "The Jacket Man"

Camp Lejeune's Historic Morning Bell

Retrieved from a German passenger liner/warship/raider, the bell was aboard the ship when it became the transport, USS *Lejeune*.



The inward inscription of *Windhuk* can still be seen on the bell. The German vessel was built in Hamburg, Germany, in 1936.

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Five minutes before eight o'clock on weekday mornings, four young, ramrod-straight Marines step outside of the double glass doors of Camp Lejeune's Marine Corps Base Headquarters Building and silently assume their positions in formation at the bottom of the concrete steps.

Once the four Marines have assembled, the leader gives the order to go forward and they silently march across the semi-circular driveway and up the brick walkway leading to the building's flagstaff and wait for the correct time to hoist the flag. The leader checks his watch approximately every 30 seconds.

When the watch has inched its way up to eight o'clock, he gives the word and the American flag is attached to the flagstaff's halyards. Eight bells is struck on the large ship's bell mounted on the flagstaff, and the flag is hoisted smartly.

Waking up to the 280-pound brass bell mounted on the pole after Morning Colors, the inscription, USS LEJEUNE 1944, may be read. The bold letters and numbers of the inscription lead one to believe that the bell came from the naval transport USS *Lejeune* that was commissioned on April 15, 1944 — that is, until the bell's inboard inscription is read.

An examination of that side of the weather-worn brass bell reveals the single faded inscription: WINDHUK.

Camp Lejeune's morning bell was first the bell of the German warship *Windhuk*. The SS *Windhuk*, (pronounced Vent Hook), was completed at the shipyards in Hamburg, Germany, in 1936. She was originally a large passenger liner that operated principally between the Hamburg shipyards and South African ports, under the ownership of the Deutsche-Afrika Linien. Her reign as a high-class passenger liner didn't last long.

Germany's need for raiders brought an end to the use of the *Windhuk* as a luxury liner. German raiders were warships modified with fake panels to resemble passenger or noncombatant vessels. The *Windhuk* was the perfect ship for the budding German navy to use as a raider.

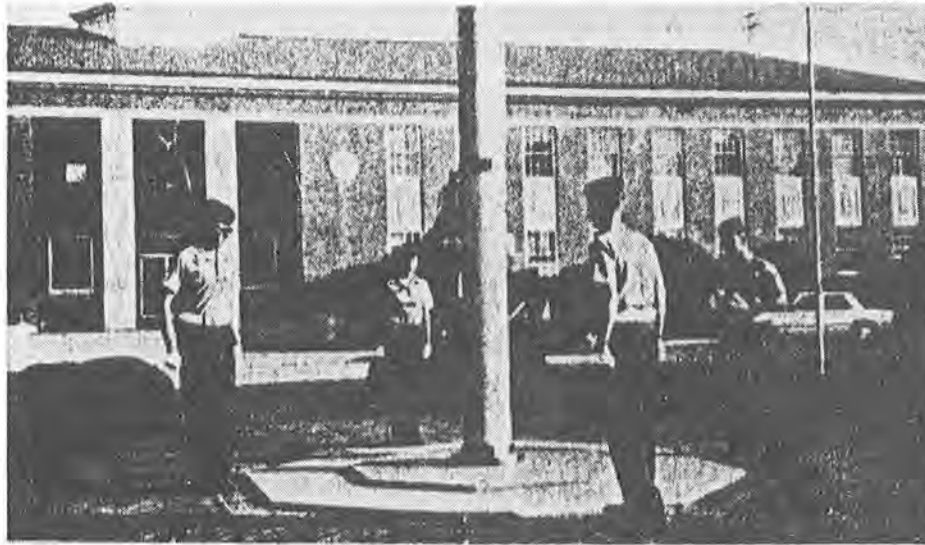
Flying the flag of a friendly nation, the converted *Windhuk* would approach an Allied ship until in range. Hidden guns were then uncovered and the tricked Allied ship was either sunk or captured. In addition to her duties as a raider, the *Windhuk* was a supply ship for Axis submarines and the German battleship, *Graf Spee*. Nothing much is known about the armament or battle record of the *Windhuk* due to the scant records kept on her by the German navy.

Information about the *Windhuk* can be found in the Lloyd's of London Register. The register lists the German raider as displacing 16,662 tons, and being 577 feet in length, 72 feet wide and 31½ feet deep. The SS *Pretoria*, the *Windhuk*'s sister ship, is also listed in the Lloyd's of London Register. The *Pretoria* was a Nazi hospital ship during the final phases of World War II.

Service under the German navy came to an end for the *Windhuk* December 1939 when she sailed into a Brazilian port with the *Graf Spee*. Both ships were interned and attempts were made by their crews to scuttle them. While the crew of the *Graf Spee* was successful in their scuttling attempt, the crew of the *Windhuk* managed only to fill the turbines of their ship with concrete before capture. She and her crew were moved to Rio de Janeiro.

For three years following its capture, the *Windhuk* remained at Rio de Janeiro until the United States purchased the ship for an undisclosed sum from Brazil in May 1942.

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Awaiting the "Call to Colors" were, left to right: Pvt. Mark Gaby, Pvt. Patricia Temple, Cpl. Jeff Reichert and Pvt. David Reid.

The United States Navy immediately went to work to make the newest ship in the U.S. Fleet ready for sea duty.

With a diesel engine and other essential equipment, 200 officers and enlisted personnel went down to Rio to make the *Windhuk* shipshape. In February 1943, their task completed, they sailed the refitted *Windhuk* from Rio through waters infested with enemy submarines to Norfolk, Virginia. The voyage took 30 days.

In Norfolk, the *Windhuk* was renamed USS *Lejeune* after former Commandant of the Marine Corps, General John A. Lejeune. The newly renamed USS *Lejeune* was given hull number (AP-74) and was commissioned as a transport of the Navy Transportation Service on April 15, 1944. The ship's bell was engraved with its new name and the year.

Wartime service began on June 15, 1944, when she left New York in a convoy for Glasgow, Scotland. She transported 4,460 Army passengers for duty in war weary Europe. Later on, *Lejeune* was equipped to carry 5,100 men, including the ship's company of 450 officers and men.

Lejeune's wartime service in the Atlantic Ocean included carrying one of the largest number of people to ever cross that body of water by transport. She sailed from New York in July 1944 for Glasgow, with 207 officers and 4,307 naval personnel as part of a program for controlling the continental seaports taken by Allied forces. In December 1944, she made another major Atlantic crossing when she carried elements of the 69th Infantry Division to Glasgow. The 69th Infantry Division later linked fronts with the Soviet armies at Torgau on the Elbe on April 25, 1945.

When she finished war duty in the Atlantic, *Lejeune* sailed for the Pacific theater. In the Pacific, she earned the Navy Occupation Medal and the China Service Medal.

Before her decommissioning in February, 1948, *Lejeune* was reported to have carried over 100,000 troops across the two oceans.

Lejeune was scrapped at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard. Only the bell remained and it was put into storage at a warehouse and was almost totally forgotten.

For 13 years, *Lejeune's* bell gathered dust.

In 1971, Camp Lejeune's Base Sgt./Maj. John Steely was looking for a way to honor and remember those who had trained at Camp Lejeune during World War II and those who had died in the war. He remembered that the bell from the USS *Lejeune* still existed in storage somewhere:

Searching through records, Steely discovered the bell's location and through months of paperwork, he was able to obtain the bell for Camp Lejeune in November 1971. Before Christmas 1971, *Lejeune's* bell was mounted on the flagstaff at Camp Lejeune's Marine Corps Base Headquarters.

Since then, Camp Lejeune's historic bell has sounded Morning Colors for 15 years and will continue to do so until the seasons totally wear down the proud bell.

NOTE: The Article says we pulled into Glasgow, our "Jacket Man" said Southampton and I (Earl) say we pulled into Bristol, England. Any other comments?





Bradenburg Gate in Berlin, Germany



Tony Bummara drinking a beer outside the Beer Hall.



Art Maddison at work on the lathe.

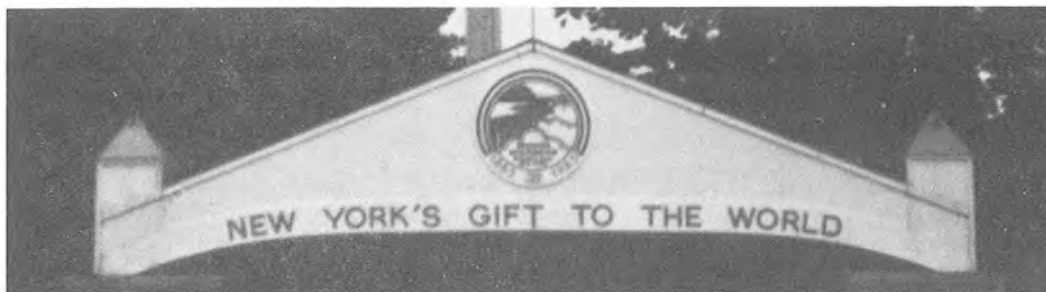


Kaiser Statue in Berlin. Soldier known only as Stone.



German Fraulein

Pictures furnished by Tony Bummara.



69th Sweetheart at Niagara Falls, Barbara Gets Around



Barb, who are all your boyfriends?



The Original Picture of Headquarters Battery, 879th Field Artillery taken at Camp Shelby, Mississippi

Picture furnished by Arnold King

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Officers of Company H, 272nd Infantry Regiment May 1945 in Hohenmolson, Germany

Left to Right:

1st Lieutenant Fred Bouldin	Machine Gun Platoon Leader
2nd Lieutenant Hubert Stewart	Mortar Section Leader
2nd Lieutenant Calvin Peacock	Mortar Platoon Leader
Captain Robert Fredrikson	Company Commander
1st Lieutenant Gaylord Pahl	Executive Officer
1st Lieutenant Leon Smith	Machine Gun Platoon Leader
2nd Lieutenant Robert Levy	Mortar Section Leader
2nd Lieutenant John Corporon	Mortar Section Leader

Picture furnished by John Corporon

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).

First I do hope and believe that at Mini-Weekends old unit buddies meet again and again year after year and strike great friendships. Secondly, unit leaders should make all efforts to get his members to attend Division Association Annual Reunions where great friendships can be made with other members of the division who were not associated with your particular unit. I urge and invite all units to make a special effort to attend the Lexington Reunion in August and let's top the 700 plus we had at Niagara Falls. We can hit 1,000 plus this year if we all give the Division Reunion a try just once. You'll be back again, I'm sure.

Vice President Earl E. Witzleb, Jr.

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Company-H 273rd Infantry

Jacob "Jake" Stark, Jr.
691 Dunkle Street
Enhaut
Steelton, Pennsylvania 17113
Telephone: 717/939-4802

Dear Earl:

A letter to let you know that Company H, 273rd Infantry had their biggest turnout yet at a National Reunion in Niagara Falls, New York. We moved up from 7 in Florida, 9 in Williamsburg, 11 in Pittsburgh, 13 in Niagara Falls last year. I sure hope it will be bigger this year at Lexington.

The following attended the Reunion this year in Niagara Falls, New York:

Rudy Leyrer, Hemet, California (*First Timer*)
Thomas Hoffman, Englewood, Florida (*First Timer*)
Arthur Knudsen, Ft. Myers, Florida (*First Timer*)
Charles Green, Bad Axe, Michigan (*First Timer*)
Bertram Eckert, Brooklyn, New York (*First Timer*)
Charles Locke, Town Bank, New Jersey
Richard Parent, Trenton, New Jersey
Murray Schulman, Queens Village, New York
Anthony Mruk, Elmira Heights, New York
E. R. Sams, Pinnacle, North Carolina
John Mowrey, Charleston, West Virginia
Charles Leskus, Bethel Park, Pennsylvania
Jake Stark, Jr., Enhaut, Steelton, Pennsylvania

We would have had a bigger turnout, but by the act of God, we sure missed Helen and Ray Szkudlarek (Helen is very sick), and also Robert Haag had a heart attack. (Please, cards to both of them.

Helen Szkudlarek, 3070 Carskaddon Avenue, Apt. 313
Toledo, Ohio 43606

Robert Haag, 2205 West 42nd Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46208

It sure was great to see 5 buddies for the first time since 1945. You Company H buddies don't know what you are missing when you miss a Reunion. So I hope I see a few more at

the Reunion in Lexington, Kentucky this year. Don't put it off as some of us will not be here next year.

Hope this finds you and Dottie in the very best of health. May God bless all of you. God willing, I'll see you in West Virginia. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Jake Stark, Jr.

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Southeastern Chapter

Florida, Georgia, South Carolina
Alabama, and Mississippi

Committee:

Allen and Cathy Long, *Chairpersons*
549 Sean Court
Apopka, Florida 32703-3560
Telephone: _____ Please send number to Earl.

George W. and Vickie Gallagher, *Reporter*
147 El Torro Street
Spanish Trails
Zephyrhills, Florida 34248
Telephone: 813/788-5924

GREETINGS FROM THE FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE 69th INFANTRY DIVISION!!!! WEEKEND GET-TOGETHER

DATE: February 19th to the 20th
PLACE: Econolodge, 9220 North 30th Street, Tampa, Florida
PRICE: \$166.00 PER COUPLE (tax and gratuity included)

THIS INCLUDES:

2 Nights Lodging (Friday and Saturday)
2 Buffet Breakfasts (Saturday and Sunday)
Banquet (Saturday Night)
Admission for 2 (two) to Busch Gardens to see the famous
China Panda (9:30 A.M. Show)
Show and Luncheon at Busch Gardens Restaurant
This show and luncheon will be on Saturday.

Meeting to follow the banquet at the Econolodge Meeting Room. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss future Chapter Reunions and Election of Officers.

RESERVATIONS: Deadline February 5th
(count needed for motel)

TELEPHONE: Area Code: 813/788-5924
(Reminder: Telephone rates are lower after 10:00 P.M.)

Please make checks payable to: George Gallagher

God bless you all and we hope to see you there!!!!

George and Vickie Gallagher

P.S. Casual Attire

NOTE: Sorry this letter came to me one Bulletin too late. I am sure the Southeastern Chapter had a nice weekend at Busch Gardens. Hopefully, Dottie and I will be at next year's.

I hope you other groups, units, and mini-weekends take note of this letter. We plan at least one, two and even three years in advance for the Bulletin. Earl

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Headquarters Battery & Medical Detachment 461st AAA Battalion

Francis H. Breyette, Reporter
1137 Orkla Drive
Golden Valley, Minnesota 55427
Telephone: 612/545-2281

The third weekend of the 461st Hq. and Hq. Battery and the Medical Detachment was held at the Holiday Inn, Salem, Virginia on October 9, 10, and 11, 1987.

There were 26 members plus 20 wives and family members for a total attendance of 46. Illness and disabilities kept a number of our members from the gathering.

Members began gathering early on the 9th and nearly everyone had arrived by evening and emotions ran high as old and dear comrades embraced each other and attempted to catch up on news.

Saturday was given to more visiting, shopping in Roanoke and visits to nearby points of interest. After supper we gathered for a business meeting with **Lewis Jones** in charge. I might add that **Lewis Jones** is a masterful Master of Ceremonies and excellent as a chairman. Two principal decisions were made at this meeting. One, rather than meet every other year as in the past, we will now meet every year from this year on. Two, we shall have our 1988 Reunion at the Holiday Inn, just off Exit 40, Salem, Virginia this coming October. Exact dates and contact people appear elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Following the business meeting we enjoyed a nature slide presentation by **Francis Breyette** whose work has been seen around the country. Next we took time out for picture taking with most everyone taking record shots of the group. The evening's finale was "mountain music" as performed by **Roy Currier** and **George "Flop" Roberts** which was a real treat.

Sunday was a day for goodbyes and as much visiting as we could cram into those last minutes and hours.

We were elated to have two new members with us for the first time. These were **Paul Kowalchek** and **Steve Muzyk**, and their wives. We look forward to seeing you people in 1988.

We sadly must report the loss of three of our former comrades who have passed away since our last Reunion — **Dave Campbell**, **Walter Glen Davis** and **Glen E. Leonard**. Our deepest sympathy goes out to their families.

I would remind all of our members that the Annual Reunion of the 69th Infantry Division takes place in Lexington, Kentucky, August 14th through the 21st, 1988. There will be a number of 461st people there. Any of you who can, I would urge to attend.

The Lord willing, may we see you all in 1988.

Those who attended the Reunion are:

J.D. and Phyllis Blackwell — Dolphin, Virginia
Francis H. and Eleanore Breyette — Golden Valley, Minnesota
Joseph and Margaret Bryson, Jr. — Elkton, Maryland
(daughter) **Linda Bryson Peterson** — Elkton, Maryland
Filmore H. Cassell — Ceres, Virginia
John and Elsie Chambliss — Victoria, Virginia
Roy and Ethel Currier — Charlottesville, Virginia
Charles R. Goodwin — Raleigh, North Carolina

Ed Hales — Zebulon, North Carolina
Louis M. Jones — Greenville, North Carolina
Paul and Bertha Kowalchek — Baltimore, Maryland
John and Connie Lane — Newport News, Virginia
Edward and Belle Moore — Abingdon, Virginia
Milford and Letha Moore — Oak Ridge, Missouri
Tom Musselwhite — Roanoke, Virginia
Mac and Madge Morris — Arlington, Virginia
Steve and Lottie Muzyk — Port Charlotte, Florida
George Roberts — Saltville, Virginia
Howard and Maxine Sandefur — Glade Spring, Virginia
George and Hazel Stein — Vancouver, Washington
Kathrine O. Trail — (widow of **John Gordon Trail**)
Marion, Virginia

Sherman C. and Erma Twigg — Cumberland, Maryland
Wallace and Betty Ullery — Cumberland, Maryland
William and Lois Vanderwerp — Grand Rapids, Michigan
James O. and Evelyn Warren — Robersonville, North Carolina
Allen H. Whitley — Marion, Virginia
Lewis L. Woodson — North Garden, Virginia
Ralph and Isabel Yingling — Frederick, Maryland

If any former members of 461st "C" Battery read this article, please get in touch with me. It is way past time "C" Battery got together.

Francis H. Breyette

NOTE: Thanks for the paragraph asking your people to go to Lexington, Kentucky for the Division Association Reunion. We need you 461st AAA's as I think you are a terrific group and will fit in very nicely with our Reunion members. Then too, we need some of you as Division Board of Directors as you see on the cover page. I am sure this will be made available and possible in our by-laws. I would like to see some of you at our Tri-State Weekend at Canaan Valley Resort since Virginia, Maryland, and North Carolina aren't that far away. **Steve and Lottie Muzyk**, I am sure, would be welcome at our Southeastern Group Weekends in Florida. They just had one in February. **Dottie** and I hope to be at your fall weekend, Lord willing.

Earl

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461st AAA Battery B

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Clarkston, Washington 99403
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Fred and Helen Fisher, 1988 Chairpersons
933 Park Avenue, S.W.
Canton, Ohio 44706
Telephone: 216/455-4465

Dear Earl,

We have a weekend planned for September 16-19, 1988 for the Battery B, 461st AAA (AW) Battalion at the:

New Market Hilton
320 Market Avenue South
Canton, Ohio 44702

For more details and information contact:
Fred and Helen Fisher
933 Park Avenue, S.W.
Canton, Ohio 44706
Telephone: 216/455-4465

We will be more than glad to send the details once we have all the plans completed. (Please do so)

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To update your records —

Carlton Avery
Route 1, Box 492
Greenville, North Carolina 27834
and
Stanley Marchlik
4940 Reading Avenue
East Chicago, Indiana 46312

are both deceased. Carlton died in 1985 and Stanley was robbed and stabbed to death, July 23rd, 1987.

NOTE: Fred, I would like to invite you and Helen to join our Tri-State group as well as any other B Battery, 461st AAA member. You are all welcome. I hope you can come to our Canaan Valley Resort Weekend in June and also the 69th Division Association Reunion at Lexington, Kentucky this coming August. So far we have not had an AAA member at our Tri-State Weekend nor at a Division Reunion. Sure would like to see you fellows start coming and get a spot as one of our directors. I feel almost positive that Guy Stamey and his wife plus another couple or two will be at our Canaan Valley Resort Weekend this June. Guy is Battery D, 461st AAA. It would be nice having you two fellows meet. I am sure Dottie and I will be in Canton in September.

Earl

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461st AAA Battery D

Guy Stamey
Route 5, Box 73
Candler, North Carolina 28715
Telephone: 704/667-9526

MEMBERS OF "D" BATTERY 461st AAA, AND FAMILIES

The holiday season is here again. We here in Asheville wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. May the new year bring you health and happiness.

Six months have passed since our weekend. It seems as if it were but yesterday. Time surely flies, and as we get older we realize more than ever how short it is. We urge you to be making plans now to attend our next Reunion in 1989 here in Asheville.

Edwin, Mary, Ruth and I visited with the Henry Bryants at Maxton the latter part of August. While there, we visited with Floyd and Margaret Locklear, James and Pearl Jones, Leslie and Dora Edwards, Roscoe and Sally Locklear, and Charles and Jean Smith. It was a great weekend. On our way down we stopped in Sea Grove and visited with Luther Needham. (Luther has never attended one of our Reunions). After forty odd years, he still remembered Edwin and myself immediately. His wife is well. He is the same Luther.

Aaron and Barbara Mills are traveling since he sold their business and retired. They have visited the Ernest Browns, the Laddie Mannings, and the Leon Morris family, as well. Leon has had a slight heart attack, but seems to be doing well.

Allen and Jane Tyler are leaving Williamsburg, Virginia and are building a new home, we understand, in Lexington, Virginia.

I have received two letters from Earl Witzleb of the 69th Infantry Division. He is anxious for some 461st guys to attend the Tri-State Weekend at Canaan Valley, West Virginia

and the 69th Reunion in 1988 at Lexington, Kentucky. I have promised to try and make both of these. He and his wife, Dottie, are planning to attend our Reunion in June, 1989.

Should any of you have photos you would like to run in the 69th Bulletin, send them to him or me. They will be returned.

Again, if you have news for all of us, please send to us in time for our next six month Newsletter. Send changes of addresses to me, Guy Stamey, and announcements of death to Edwin Whitaker. My address: Route 5, Box 73, Chandler, North Carolina 28715. Edwin's is: 534 Rose Hill Road, Asheville, North Carolina 28803.

Guy

NOTE: Guy, I'm looking forward to seeing some of your members that you mentioned at Canaan Valley Resort, Davis, West Virginia for our Tri-State Weekend. North Carolina, Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee aren't that far away in the good old summer time. Then too, we are looking forward to 461st AAA Battery D, and B, and others being at our Lexington, Kentucky 69th Division Association Reunion in August. I want to see on our Bulletin cover under Directors, some 461st names.

Earl

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STAMEY, Poet of the 461st AAA

PEOPLE APPEAR TO BE YOUNGER THAN THEY
USED TO BE:

And,

Everything is farther away than it used to be. It's twice as far to the corner and they've added a hill. I had to give up running for the bus cause it leaves faster than it used to. It seems to me that they are making steps much steeper than in the old days. Have you noticed the smaller print they are using in the newspapers nowadays?

There is no reason to ask anyone to read aloud as everyone speaks in such a low voice that I can hardly hear them.

Material in clothes is getting pretty skimpy, especially around the waist and all people seem to be changing as they are much younger than I was at their age. On the other hand, people my own age are now much older than I am. I ran into a friend of old the other day and she had aged so much she didn't even recognize me. I got to thinking about the poor thing when I was combing my hair and noticed my reflection confound it, they don't even know how to make good mirrors anymore.

So, to continue:

Just a line to say I'm still among the living
and not by any means yet, among the dead
Though I'm getting more forgetful
And sometimes more mixed up in the head.

For sometimes I can't remember
When standing at the foot of the stairs
Whether I must go up for something, or
That I just came down from there.

And, when standing before the fridge so often
My poor mind is filled with doubt
Have I just put food away, or
Have I come to take some out?

There's times when it is dark out
With my night cap on my head
I wonder if I'm just retiring
or, am I just getting out of bed?

So, if it's my time to write you
There's no need in getting sore
I just may think I have written
And, just don't want to be a bore.

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So remember I do miss you
And wish that you were near
But now it's nearly mail time
And I must say "Goodbye" here.

P.S.

Then, there I stood beside my mail box
With a face so very red
Instead of mailing you the letter
I've opened it instead.

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Company A, 273rd Infantry

Edward L. Lucci, Reporter

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Lynbrook, New York 11563

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H. Ray Fahrner, Reporter

Forge Gate Apartments

33 E 1

Lansdale, Pennsylvania 19446

Telephone: 215/855-9696

We are looking for new members from A Company to show up at the Division Reunions. Lexington, Kentucky would be a good place for new comers to get a start and be first timers. All indications show that this will be a very good Reunion with several tours and a division golf tournament that will honor for the first year, "The Chuck Herring Memorial Golf Tournament." Both men and ladies are eligible for tournament play so members of A Company bring your clubs and lady too. We (Ed and Ray) have been attending these Reunions for many years and sure would like to see several new faces after 40 plus years.



Somewhere in Germany, March 1945 — Edward L. Lucci



*John Sepanek, Squad Leader, Company A, 273rd
Grimma, Germany — May 1945*



Mess Crew, Company A, 273rd Infantry

*From Left to Right: Daily, Thornton, McCracken, Bodie,
Nettles, Raines*

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Company E, 273rd Infantry

Earl E. "Skip" and Dorothy A. "Dottie" Witzleb, Jr.

R.D. No. 1, Box 477

Acme, Pennsylvania 15610-9606

or

P.O. Box 69

Champion, Pennsylvania 15622-0069

Telephone: 412/455-2901 (Evenings after 7:00 P.M. and
Weekends)

Exit 9 on the Pennsylvania Turnpike

*"The Family With Two Addresses — But One Home —
Welcome All 69ers — Stop In, Call, or Write."*

Davisson Dunlap, I hope you read the last Bulletin and saw the smiling faces waiting to see you at Niagara Falls on page 49. We all expect to be in Lexington along with others since each of us plan to write other E Company members over the winter. It was one of our best turnouts. We hope a lot of our mid-west and western members show up at the Campbell House Inn at Lexington, Kentucky. Write me a letter for the next Bulletin with your plans since we all expect to see you by Wednesday.

A few of our comrades have departed from us over the past year so let's get together members. Those who passed on were **James Below**, Morganfield, Kentucky; **Donald J. Horkan**, Wausau, Wisconsin; and **Stanley G. Thompson**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Another comrad has passed away since I wrote the above. He was **Franklin (Frank) L. Reemsnyder** who was 79 years young. He lived in Canton, Ohio and part time in Phoenix, Arizona. Most recently at the time of his death he was at the Meadow Wind Health Care Center, Massillon, Ohio.

May I repeat we are all getting older E Company, and Lexington, Kentucky is pretty much centered in our country so let's all come from the north, south, east, and west for a gala time at the Campbell House Inn, August 14th to 21st of this 1988 year.

We were 11 members plus wives strong at Niagara Falls and I am sure we can be 40 or 50 members strong at Lexington. We are rivaling our other E Company comrades with the 271st having 14 and 272nd having 9 plus guest at Niagara. Let's really pull ahead of them in Lexington by writing letters to each other getting a commitment from them. I make this my plea and invitation to come to Lexington E Company members. Drop me a post card that you will be there and I'll get your name in the next Bulletin. So Dottie and I will see you in Lexington and sooner if you come to Canaan Valley Resort in June. Meet a great bunch of 69ers at either place but do make your first choice Lexington.

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Company G, 273rd Infantry

Homer D. Rager, Reporter

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Hi Dorothy:

I enjoy your column very much. I see you used the round tuit. Maybe you can use the pilot's license. I think it would be nice if the members would send in anything to add humor! Just a thought!

Hi Earl:

Received your letter with pictures used in last Bulletin. There has been enough sunny days in January to keep us from having cabin fever. (C.F.) Now if the groundhog cooperates spring is just around the corner.

I wrote to Strick since Christmas. Seems like he was lucky enough to harvest a trophy buck that made the Crockett Column.

It looks like Company G will have a nice turn out at Kentucky. I am planning on it. Tell them all to wear their fatigues. Some close order drill should be in order. Should be enough X-sergeants to call out a squad. So shape up Company G, the ranking sergeant gets the honor. I can furnish a couple of M-1's and 2-03's not limited to Company G only. Anyone can participate. Leave room in the tight weekly schedule.

So Long,
Company G, 273rd
Homer

Faire tourner doucement entre les mains,
la main droite se déplaçant vers l'avant — relâcher.

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NOTE: Dottie's column has already gone to press so we'll make this your column, Homer.

G Company had six members and wives plus a guest couple at Niagara Falls so I hope you fellows will be shooting for at least 12 couples if you want to do a little drilling. I'm sure there is time in the schedule - say about 5:00 A.M. each morning. When you read the Tri-State column and see the pictures, I'm sure you'll want to come to Canaan Valley with some of your members. Isn't it nicer to feed the deer rather than putting a slug in them. No hunting season at Canaan, it's off limits. Get it — it's off limits. Hope to see you at Canaan but for sure at Lexington, Kentucky.

Earl

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269th Engineers

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Territory: All 50 of Our States

Hail to the Engineers:

Hope you all have a great 1988 and it's the "Best Year Ever."

Not much news to report except that I heard from a lot of the men over the holidays and it was good to hear from everyone! Especially since so many of them plan to be at the next Reunion in Lexington, Kentucky even if it's just to drop in for the day to say "Hello." If you do drop in, make sure who ever you want to see will be in the area and not out on tour at the time. While at Orlando, George Allen and Cecil Robinson drove up for the day and in the meantime, we all went to the Space Center on tour, so I never did get to figure out who the two guys were that I missed seeing. It nearly drove me crazy trying to figure it out.

I received nice letters or notes from the following "B Company" men: Jim Riley, Ed Reeher, Inman Wheeler, Dan Evers, Stanley Milewski, Ed Davis, Bob Winslow, Frank Sullivan, Sid Poirrier, Johnnie Pontieri, John Pszekaza, Cecil Robinson, Albert Winchester, Ray Strick, Gene Huggins, Bob Ritchey, Bill Riggle, Darrell Orn, Dale Highfield, Herman Burkett, Charles Ellis, Ernie Burciaga and Harold Thomas; hope I didn't forget anyone. I heard from John Hawley, John Buller, "Mac" McConahy, Lottie Herring and Elfredia Turner and I am glad to report all are doing well!!

We did lose one of our better known 269th Engineers when "Whitey" Moore passed away on December 10, 1987. He was 75 years of age. It seems like everyone in the 269th knew "Whitey" who pitched in three World Series games and won two of them for the Cincinnati Reds in 1939 and 1940. He was traded to the St. Louis Cardinals in 1942 and once again pitched in the World Series. He played on the 269th team in Camp Shelby and also while in Germany. Enclosed is a photo of "Whitey" that I took after one of the games overseas. (See photo and article on the following page).

Sure hope you are all making plans to attend the Lexington Reunion. It's a good way to see your "ole" buddies and also see the sights around the city of Lexington.

So take care and drop me a line or photo, O.K.?

Your "OLE" Buddie,
Frank

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Article — The Times Reporter
Dover-New Philadelphia, Ohio
Thursday, December 17, 1987

Living the dream

For a few brief summers, Lloyd "Whitey" Moore lived the dream of American boyhood.

From 1939 through 1942, the native of Uhrichsville, who died last week at age 75, was a major league baseball pitcher, first with the Cincinnati Reds, then the St. Louis Cardinals. His career included hurling in three World Series games, winning two of them.

In those days, the major leagues consisted of only eight teams, before the proliferation of franchises. And baseball was the ultimate American sport, as professional football, basketball, etc., had not reached the status that they hold today.

It is safe to say that baseball drew only the very best athletes and Moore was one of the few from Tuscarawas County to reach those heights.

It would serve little cause to speculate on the might-have-beens, such as the interruption of World War II or Moore's personal difficulties which prevented him from returning to the mound.

Although considered a colorful local figure, the remainder of his life and career as a factory worker may have seemed dull compared to the excitement of professional sports.

But for a few, brief summers



"Whitey" Moore - 269th Engineers

Dear Earl and Dottie,

At last here is the 1st Timer's picture of Rebecca Elizabeth. I must apologize I had the patch upside down but since it will be black and white I think it will be O.K.

We want to thank you all for such a special visit. It was too short this year but glad we made it for 2 nights. Rebecca is growing and such a blessing to our lives. She will be eight months old the 14th of March.

We had mom in the hospital with her heart so we are watching her closely. Dad is good but not rushing off to the cabin until next month.

Again, it was great to see you all in Niagara Falls.

Love,
Walty, Eby and Rebecca

Daughter and son-in-law to Elizabeth and John Hawley



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On August 20, 1987, the men and their wives started arriving for what turned out to be another very successful Reunion. The day was spent with greetings and much visiting, catching up on the latest news of everyone present. Especially Willis Samoss who was a first timer all the way from California.

Those present were:

Willis Samoss — Granada Hills, California
Enrico and Anne D'Angelo — Saltsburg, Pennsylvania
Lew and Jean Hocking — Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania
Bob and Irene Williams — Lorain, Ohio
Lowell and Marjorie McFarlin — Jeromesville, Ohio
Bud and Millie Henson — Somerdale, New Jersey
Florence Kubacki — Reading, Pennsylvania
Ray and Patti Kubacki, Jr. — Bethel, Pennsylvania
(Ray and Florence Kubacki's son and daughter-in-law)
Warren and Betty Kunkel — Fort Wayne, Indiana
Leroy and Bev Goetz — Germantown, Wisconsin
Wayne and Jayne Murphy — Mansfield, Ohio
Nick and Ann Mancini — Marlton, New Jersey
Ray Mills — Vincennes, Indiana
Bill and Barb Pugh — Lancaster, Ohio
Lew and Fern Pugh — Cadiz, Ohio
Marvin and Mary Reber — Reading, Pennsylvania
Cliff and Katherine Eley — Columbus, Ohio
Hank and Lucille Abbe — Rome, New York
Lee and Betty Myers
and daughter Barb — St. Mary's, Pennsylvania

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Bill and Inez Sells — Miamisburg, Ohio

John and Helen Wallace — Wellfleet, Massachusetts

And our guests for our Saturday Banquet:

James "Jim" and Jane Lynch — North Warren, Pennsylvania

Earl and Dottie Witzleb — Acme, Pennsylvania

Paul and Marian Shadle — New Kensington, Pennsylvania
for a grand total of 48 wonderful people!

On Friday morning we boarded the bus for a tour of the area. First we traveled to Brockway, Pennsylvania to go through a glass plant. A very interesting place. Then on to St. Mary's to visit and tour the Straub Brewery. A family owned and operated brewery. They were indeed generous with their free samples. Then we were off to see the historic Kinzua Railroad Bridge near Mt. Jewett, Pennsylvania. Most everyone ventured out on the structure of over 2000 feet long and better than 300 feet high, to view the beautiful scenery, but a few didn't go too far.

After a buffet at DeSecio's, we returned to our Royal Motel at Ridgway for a catered outdoor picnic, followed by an evening of fun and games in the hospitality room.

Saturday was a day spent leisurely doing what ever one wanted to do - shopping, visting, etc. Then we held our Banquet in the evening followed by a fine Travelogue talk by **Captain John Wallace**. And also some musical selections by **Bill Pugh** with **Pat Kubacki** accompanying him. All in all, another very nice evening.

On Sunday morning, **Lee Meyer**, our gracious host for the weekend, arranged for the group to have breakfast at the beautiful country club in St. Mary's. Then on to his home for a lunch and the parting goodbyes. Everyone was very pleased with the quiet, restful atmosphere that was arranged for us by **Lee and Betty Meyers**.

Note: What do you say Prez **Willie** or **Mac**. Any word on your Weekend? You only have one more Bulletin before those dates arrive since January, February and March have passed already. Hope to see some of you at Lexington, Kentucky (**Ray Mills** for sure) and you Ohioians at Canaan Valley Resort in June. Bring your golf clubs.

Earl



Group at Ridgway - St. Mary's, Pennsylvania Weekend



Enrico D'Angelo behind the bus at C-880th F.A. Battalion Weekend at Ridgway, St. Mary's Pennsylvania.



Cliff Eley, Robert Williams, Lowell McFarlin, Enrico D'Angelo.

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661st Tank Destroyer Bn.

William "Bill" Beswick and Jo Beswick, Chairpersons
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Territory: All 50 of Our States

Dear 661'ers,

The Annual Reunion of the "661st" Tank Destroyer Battalion will be held from April 25th to May 1st, 1988 at the Twin Bridges Marriott Hotel. Conveniently located at I-395 and U.S. Route 1, 333 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

It is located just across the bridge from Washington, D.C., in sight of the Monument and Pentagon Building. Within five minutes of the National Airport (the Hotel has a complimentary limousine service from the Airport.) The Smithsonian Institute is only a couple of minutes away. Come and see the Cherry Blossoms in bloom.

Come see your old friends and possibly make new ones. You'll be glad you did. It's later than you think.

There is plenty to see and do the entire week, even more than you would like to think about.

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My Best to All of You,
William R. Beswick

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Note: To keep your Bulletin in tact, get a xerox copy of what you need to send to the Marriott Hotel or Bill.

Earl

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Tri-State Group

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

On the road again, on the road again, we're on the road again. Yes, we Tri-Staters are moving once again. Leaving Niagara Falls a quick stop was made at our homes and then on to the Westmoreland County Airport for a one day rest on Saturday, September 26th, 1987 for a dinner honoring our Florida Tri-State couple ex-69th President George and Vickie Gallagher. The Blue Angel Restaurant, Latrobe, Pennsylvania had it's doors wide open and fed chow to the following:

Peter E. and Helen Garstecki — Can. Co., 272nd Infantry
Uniontown, Pennsylvania

Clarence Marshall — 69th Division Headquarters
New Kensington, Pennsylvania

Earl E. and Dorothy "Dottie" A. Witzleb, Jr.
Co. E, 273rd Infantry
Acme, Pennsylvania

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

Paul N. and Marian Shadle — Co. E, 271st Infantry
New Kensington, Pennsylvania

Robert F. and Margie Grimm — Co. B, 273rd Infantry
Vandergrift, Pennsylvania

George and Vickie Gallagher — 69th M.P. and Q.M.
Zephyrhills, Florida

It took two months to battle our way to the Sheraton South, Pittsburgh for a Thanksgiving weekend from November 27 to 29, 1987. We gathered Friday in the hospitality room to relax and have fellowship after our trips to the Smokey City and it must have been smokey since it took Dell and Mary Balzano seven hours from Cleveland which is normally a three hour trip, if that. South Hills Village Shopping Center was raided by the ladies Saturday morning, then a subway trip through the downtown loop and on to Station Square, South Side Pittsburgh where both husband and wife shopped for an hour and a half. Then on to the big one for 17 of us. It was the Majestic of the Gateway Clipper Fleet for a three hour dinner-dance cruise of the Three Rivers, Monongahela, Allegheny and Ohio. Those who made the visit were:

Dell and Mary Balzano — Service Battery, 879th F.A.
Highland Heights, Ohio

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

Lewis "Boyd" and Stella Ellsworth — 69th Recon
Steubenville, Ohio

Dan and Helen Evers — Co. B, 269th Engineers
Brookhaven, Pennsylvania

John W. and Esther Roth — 661st Tank Destroyers
Bay City, Michigan

Carl R. and Mildred Stetler — 569th Signal
Reading, Pennsylvania

Paul N. and Marian Shadle — Co. E, 271st Infantry
New Kensington, Pennsylvania

Earl E. and Dorothy "Dottie" A. Witzleb, Jr.
Co. E, 273rd Infantry
Acme, Pennsylvania

Bert Ochs — Co. B, 271st Infantry
Upper St. Clair, Pennsylvania

Sorry Bill and Betty Foster, 269th Engineers, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania, had to call the trip off due to Bill's leg, John and Arylene Mowrey, Company H, 273rd Infantry, Charlestown, West Virginia, cancelled due to John's legs with a trip to the hospital due, Bill and Jo Beswick, 661st Tank Destroyers, West Point, Virginia, were moving into their new home, and Bill and Reba Sheavly, Company M, 271st Infantry, Reistertown, Maryland, didn't want to make it a one day trip due to Reba having a church meeting Friday evening.

Other old faithfuls who could not make it mostly because of Thanksgiving weekend were Earl and Ann Walters, Headquarters Company, 273rd Infantry, Landisville, Pennsylvania; Clarence Marshall, 69th Division Headquarters, New Kensington, Pennsylvania; Ted and Frank Nemeth, Company B, 269th Engineers, Levittown, Pennsylvania; Cecil and Arlene Cottle, Company F, 271st Infantry, Portsmouth, Ohio; Bob and Vivian Kurtzman, Company I, 272nd Infantry, Wilmet, Ohio; L. Vaughn and Betty Woomer, Company F, 271st Infantry, Tyrone, Pennsylvania; Paul and Mayreta Kitner, A Battery, 724th F.A., West Lawn, Pennsylvania; Warren and Betty Kunkel, Headquarters 880th F.A., Fort Wayne, Indiana; Alex and Margaret Kormas, Headquarters 879th F.A., Lakewood, Ohio; Enrico and Anne D'Angelo, C Battery, 880th F.A., Saltsburg, Pennsylvania. There were many others no shows, but they didn't even take the time to send a return card. I am sure you will see all these people and many more from various units at Canaan Valley Resort. The Woomer's can't wait to see the Cottle's and other Company F members. And I feel sure that we will see some 461st AAA members for the first time at a Tri-State Weekend.

You folks are all excused this time, but we want to see you all healthy and in Canaan Valley Resort, June 8 to 12, 1988. It's our debarking area for Lexington, Kentucky and the Campbell House Inn.

What ticked me off, and me is Earl Witzleb, is the fact that no one from Pittsburgh made the weekend or even called me to excuse off. I sent out 100 additional cards to Pittsburghers who I thought were "Some People Special" but only one, Bert Ochs, a first timer, came, and really he was from Upper St. Clair. I can't figure out why Pittsburghers don't support the Tri-State or the Division Association. Can't you afford to take your wife out for a weekend or week or few days or are the clubs and lounges better. I would like to have some feedback from Pittsburghers and vicinity members on this matter and I'll not send cards or letters any more. As you can see from the names above, they are mostly out-of-staters or over 100 miles away. Sorry for blowing my top but some people are hard to figure out.

To get on with my spill, Mary Balzano, after she arrived was in great spirits along with John Roth who made our weekend very successful. We liked the small group as we all got to know one another better but we do want you all to enjoy the fun and fellowship with us. We were sorry to hear of the fatal accident of the Roth's only daughter just a month earlier and I am sure the weekend with us helped them a lot. Our sorrows are shared with John and Esther.

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Sunday was our breakfast brunch, and goodbyes until we meet again at Canaan Valley Resort and Lexington, Kentucky.

It was time for winter to set in and the snow to fly so I thought Tri-Staters would rest a while, but Sarge Fahrner called stating he needed help to fight off the Navy Midshipmen at Veterans Stadium, Saturday, December 5, 1987, so some troops were rounded up for one more battle. Those who were called in were:

H. Ray Fahrner — Co. A, 273rd Infantry
Lansdale, Pennsylvania

John J. Moriarty — 69th M.P.'s
Brookfield, Massachusetts

Bill and Jane Matlach — Co. E, 273rd Infantry
West Islip, New York

Earl E. and Dorothy "Dottie" A. Witzleb, Jr.
Co. E, 273rd Infantry
Acme, Pennsylvania

Frank and Stefania "Ted" Nemeth — Co. B, 269th Engineers
Levittown, Pennsylvania

Friday evening the Mainland Inn of Kulpville was taken over by 69ers. Saturday the troops boarded a train for Philadelphia for the charge on Veterans Stadium where we sat in reserve as we watched the Army-Navy football game and we won. ARMY BEAT THE PANTS OFF NAVY, especially in the fourth quarter. The victory was sweet as we sat in with Navy since the tickets came from the Naval Academy. We boarded the train for the return to Lansdale for chow at the Tremont Hotel and an evening of socializing along with the fellowship since all 69ers are one happy family when we are together. Sarge Fahrner showed our little mixed group a wonderful time that went much too fast. Sunday was breakfast and goodbyes since we all had other errands to run.

Very sorry we never made Ed and Tori Staggs Greenhouse, Company G, 273rd Infantry, Flemington, New Jersey, where we would have raided the poinsettias to sell on the way home. Their greenhouse is just gorgeous in late November and early December.

Now it's time for Christmas and we hope you all had a good one as well as a Happy New Year.

No time to rest since the Bulletin must be published and here is what you have all been waiting for —

Canaan Valley Resort

In the mountains of West Virginia near Davis

June 8 - 9 - 10 - 11 - 12, 1988

P I C T U R E S



*Dottie Witzleb feeding deer at night.
Yes, that's snow.*



*Deer at Canaan Valley Resort.
How about the rack on that one.*



*Enrico D'Angelo
feeding deer at night.*



*Paul and Marian Shadle's
grandson feeding a deer.*



*Anne D'Angelo
feeding crackers to a deer.*

Our program is complete which features our golfers and a train ride to Whittaker Station for a barbeque and entertainment on Friday. It should give each of us a lot of time to do other things. There are many attractions to see or you can just lounge around in and out of the hospitality room making friends with everyone. We are "The Tri-State Blues Family Group." Blue is our color since I have plackets of blue which can be purchased for \$10.00 each. At present, I have medium, large and extra large and will be selling them in Canaan Valley in June as well as at Central Pennsylvania in April. My inventory isn't all that large so if you want one at Canaan Valley, drop me a postcard with your size ahead of time and do get one for the wife too.

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Chalmer Pearson, Mr. 69th golf tournament chairman, along with John Mowrey, will lead the field over the 18 hole Canaan Valley championship golf course fighting the deer with a two round tournament on Thursday and Saturday for those who can take it. I understand Bill and Jane Lynch will bring five other golf couples along with them as well as Frank and Ted Nemeth expecting to bring a few golfers so it should be a big weekend for the golfers. You all come and bring the clubs and guests too.

THE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Wednesday, June 8	Arrival day and welcome	Hospitality Room opens at 4:00 P.M.
Thursday, June 9	First round of golf	Others on your own to visit the many attractions, swim, miniature golf, tennis, hiking and you name it.
	In the evening	Let's all relax and play bingo.
Friday, June 10	In the A.M. if you wish	A trip to Smoke Hole Caverns
	In the P.M. our trip to	Cass for a train ride to Whittaker Station for a barbeque dinner and entertainment.
Saturday, June 11	Second round of golf	Others on your own to visit the ski lift ride, Seneca Caverns, hospitality room and many other attractions.
	In the evening	Our Banquet and Entertainment
Sunday, June 12	In the morning	Our Breakfast Brunch
	Goodbyes — See you	In Lexington, Kentucky at the Campbell House Inn for our 69th Infantry Division Association Reunion.

THE PACKAGE SET-UP:

DOUBLE/COUPLES

SINGLE

Four (4) Nights	\$350.00	\$270.00	
Three (3) Nights	\$300.00	\$220.00	
Two (2) Nights	\$180.00	\$140.00	Two nights does not include train ride. Arrangements can be worked out.
One (1) Night	\$125.00	\$ 90.00	
Banquet Only	\$ 50.00	\$ 25.00	
Breakfast Brunch Only	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00	
Optional Add			
Friday Morning Smoke Hole Caverns	\$ 10.00	\$ 5.00	
Others charges pay on your own or*			
Scenic Chairlift Ride	\$ 6.00*	\$ 3.00*	
Miniature Golf	\$ 2.00*	\$ 1.00*	
Bicycling	\$ 10.00*	\$ 5.00*	
Swimming	\$ 4.00*	\$ 2.00*	

*See Earl, Paul, John, or Enrico
at Canaan Valley

GOLFING - 18 holes	GREEN FEE	CART	TOTAL
Thursday	\$15.00	\$15.50	\$30.50
Saturday	\$16.00	\$16.50	\$32.50

NOTE: If you want to come to Canaan Valley for relaxation and fellowship and not take the train ride, arrangements can be made on a three (3) and four (4) night package. Flyers will be out early to members, others should drop a post card to Earl asking for a flyer. SEE YOU ALL AT CANAAN VALLEY RESORT IN JUNE.

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MILEAGE TO CANAAN VALLEY

Richmond, VA	210
Washington, DC	185
Baltimore, MD	210
Pittsburgh, PA	180
Harrisonburg, VA	85
Columbus, OH	230
Morgantown, WV	70
Parkersburg, WV	140
Charleston, WV	176
Huntingdon, WV	227
Cincinnati, OH	320
Raleigh, NC	320

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DIRECTIONS

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If you drive, here are a few suggested routes:

From Baltimore and Washington, D.C.: Take Rt. 70 W to 40 W at Hancock, MD. Follow Rt. 40 and 48 W (combined) to 220 E at Cumberland, MD, to Rt. 50 W at New Creek, WV, to junction of Rt. 93 W to Davis, WV, then Rt. 32 to Canaan Valley.

From Northern Virginia: Take I-66 W to Rt. 50 W. Follow 50 W until it intersects Rt. 93 W to Davis, WV, then Rt. 32 S to Canaan Valley.

From Charleston, WV: Take Rt. 79 to Rt. 33 E at Weston. Follow 33 E through Elkins to Harman. At Harman follow Rt. 32 N to Canaan.

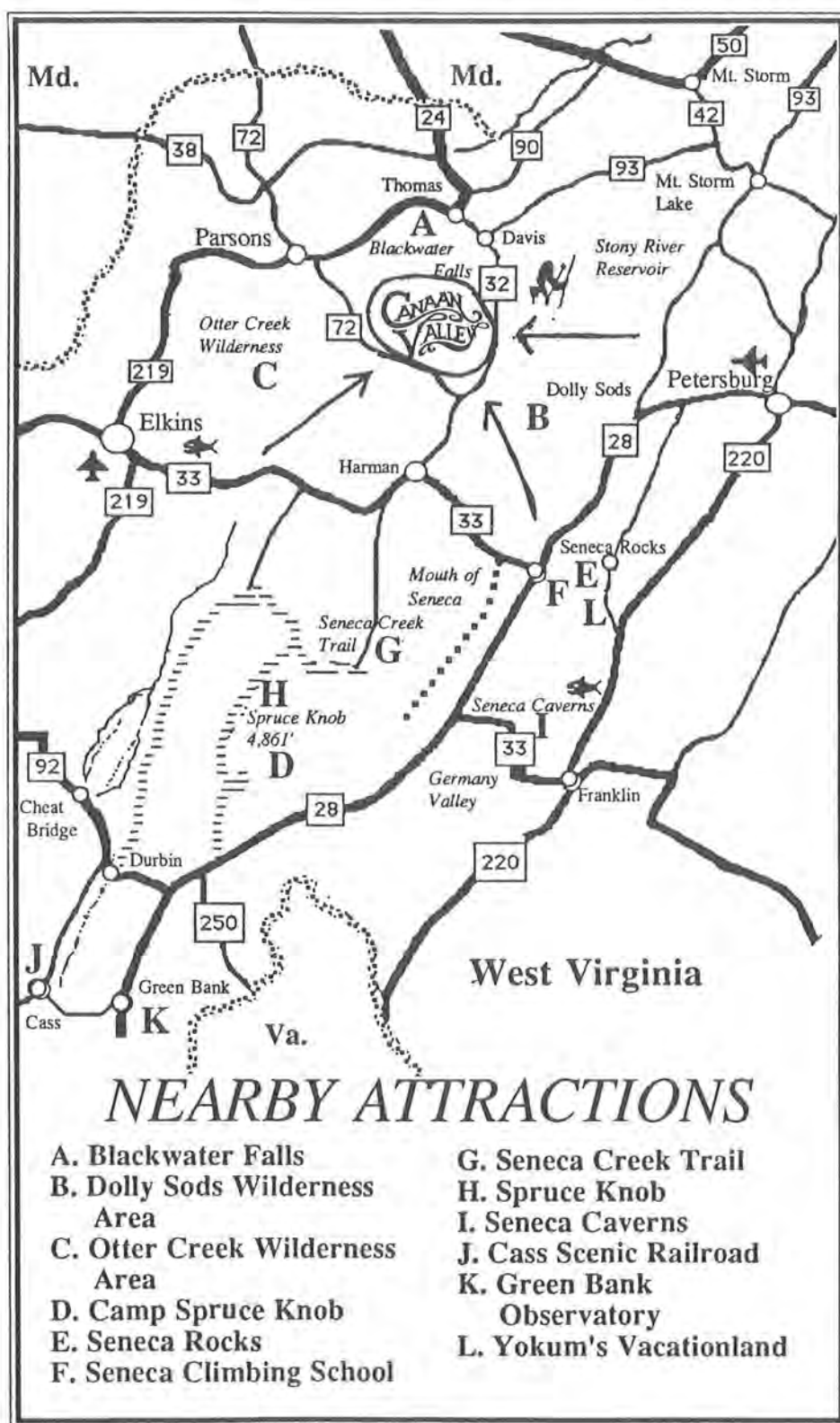
From Roanoke, VA: US Rt. 220 to Franklin, WV, then Rt. 33 W to Harman. At Harman follow Rt. 32 N to Canaan.

From Pittsburgh, PA: Take Rt. 79 S to 48 E at Morgantown to Rt. 42 S at Friendsville, MD, until it intersects Rt. 219 S at McHenry, MD, then to Thomas, WV and follow Rt. 32 S to Canaan Valley.

From Columbus, OH: Take I-70 E to I-79 S to 48 E at Morgantown, WV, to Rt. 42 S at Friendsville, MD, until it intersects Rt. 219 S at McHenry, MD, to Thomas, WV, then Rt. 32 to Canaan Valley.



CANAAN VALLEY CLOSE TO YOU



Tennessee

Illinois

The South

The Mid-West

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**DIVISION ASSOCIATION CHAPTERS,
UNITS, AND GROUP MINI-WEEKENDS
ACROSS THE UNITED STATES**

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Central Pennsylvania Branch

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

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

A return to the Continental Inn, 2285 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17602, Telephone: 717/299-0421 — is the site for the 1988 Weekend for the Central Pennsylvania Branch of the 69th Infantry Division Association. Room rates are \$48.00 for single and \$54.00 for double plus a 6 percent sales tax. The banquet will be on Saturday, April 16, 1988 at 7:00 P.M. Flyers will be mailed to listed members while others interested in attending should contact **Dan** and **Helen Evers**. Come on Friday and spend Saturday in Dutch country since you are smack dab in the middle of things.

Some attractions are Dutch Wonderland, National Wax Museum, Julius Sturgis Pretzel House, Ephrata Cloister, Pennsylvania Farm Museum, Hex Sign Artist, Strasburg Railroad, Running Pump Miniature Golf, Amish Homestead, and Rough and Tumble Engineers Museum. See the Amish doing their daily chores or just relax at the huge swimming pool.

Inn reservations should be made directly to the Continental Inn while banquet reservations should go to the Evers which is the only planned function. Banquet payment can be made upon arrival but a \$50.00 first night room deposit is required.

The dates are Friday, April 15 to Sunday, April 17, 1988. Many of the 69th Division officers will be present since it will be the eastern starting point for a summer trip to Canaan Valley in June and Campbell House Inn - The Kentucky Inn, Lexington, Kentucky, 1988 site of the 69th Infantry Division Association Reunion week of August 14 to 21, 1988.

It makes for a beautiful summer of seeing old army buddies and meeting new ones several times. Our 69th Association is a happy, friendly bunch of members and wives which also includes our attached units of 461st AAA Battalion, 661st TD Battalion, and 777th Tank Battalion. Start the season off right by attending Central's weekend. Just in hot off the line - The banquet will cost \$16.00 per person with a cash bar.

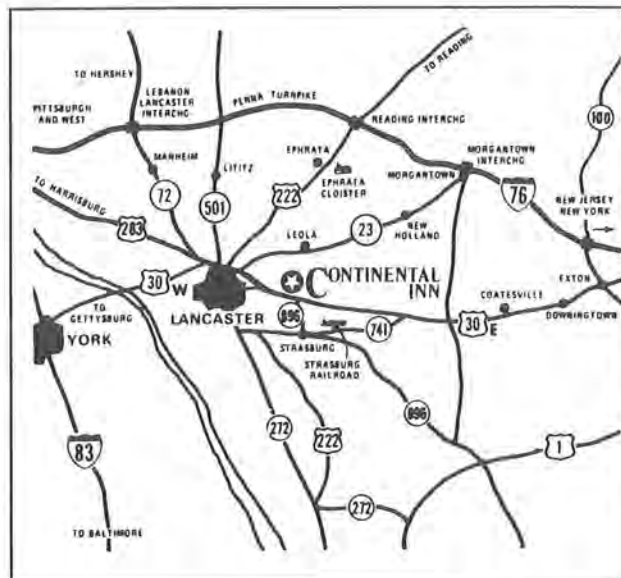
Continental Inn
Smack dab in the middle of things.

2285 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, PA 17602
Phone 717-299-0421

**WELCOME 69th DIVISION REUNION
WELCOME**

**CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH
69th DIVISION WEEKEND**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 15 to
SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 1988**



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Company I, 272nd Infantry

Kenneth D. Hull, Reporter
123 Brackenridge Drive
Apartment #225
San Antonio, Texas 78209
Telephone: _____ Please send to Earl

Dear Earl,

Enclosed is a small picture I ran across, It was taken at Krossen, Germany in the Spring of 1945. I am 1st Lieutenant Kenneth Hull on the left and the man of the right is 1st Sergeant Quintin Cain both of I Company of the 272nd Regiment.

In the last Bulletin my name was mentioned several times and now one man that belonged to the Company has written me and you can believe that I was glad to receive his letter. He was Private John McGraw, now living in Philadelphia.

I want to attend the next Reunion at Lexington, and hope we have a banner attendance there. After 40 plus years, I can't wait to see all the members of the big I-272nd.

I think you are doing a great job. Keep it up.



Lt. Kenneth Hull and Sgt. Quintin Cain - Krossen, Germany
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DIVISION ASSOCIATION CHAPTERS,
UNITS, AND GROUP MINI-WEEKENDS
ACROSS THE UNITED STATES

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

Company I - 273rd Infantry

Robert L. Pierce, Reporter

144 Nashua Court

San Jose, California 95139

Telephone: _____ Please send to Earl

Each year gets bigger and better for both the 69th Division Reunion and Company I representation. Although we did not reach our goal of 20 members at Niagara Falls, there were 16 proud members and their ladies in attendance. Now that we have the 1945 Company I roster of names and addresses furnished by Colonel James Castrale (Ret.), we can beat the bushes to round up more stray members.

Next year we have additional promises from Jim Castrale, Tony Rende, and Floyd Dunn. You can see we are on a definite

growth pattern. Maurice Meyers (Sgt.) would love to attend but is still recuperating from a health setback last year. I am positive he would love to get a card from those who remember "old man Meyers." He was the first cadre assigned to Company I and was there until it was deactivated. To send a card or note his address is: Maurice L. Meyers, 35 Willow Way, Washington, IA 52353.

I made a mistake by not getting William Johnson's address. I anticipated that we would all be together for the beer bust or banquet and would always have time. Bill, please drop me a line or call and give me your address. You are a Company I member. Several people recognized a Company I Fourth Platoon Sergeant in the picture with you. Our ole' CO, Jim Castrale, may remember the circumstances that caused you to leave Company I while we were in England. Please come to the next Reunion in Lexington and we will all try to help you.

The pictures taken at the banquet do not include Paul and Aldona Mickiewicz or Bill and Helen Johnson.

Note: Bob, William and Helen Johnson's address is:

6301 Nichols Lane

Sacramento, California 95828

if I have the right Johnson. I thought I might add this to your Company news, but in our Division roster we have him listed under Company I, 271st Infantry. Should this be corrected to 273rd Infantry? In the last Bulletin we only have 15 listed under I Company, 273rd Infantry. Who did we miss and why? Check it on on Page 49 of the last Bulletin.

Earl



Ladies from left to right: Fran Pursey, Olive Ritchie, Cathy Long, Ann Villacci, Carmen Sanborn, Theresa Pierce, Jan Houseal, Edna Harper, Wanda Lincoln, Bernice Macknair, Bev Armstrong, Betty Rowe, Annette Sullivan and Roslyn Bloom.

Men, left to right: Carl Macknair, Erwin Sanborn, Bob Pierce, Bill Armstrong, George Pursey, George Houseal, Chester Ritchie, Nick Villacci, Ernie Rowe, Al Long, Richard Lincoln, John Sullivan and Justin Bloom. (George Harper - Missing again!)



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*Company I - 273rd Infantry enjoying the festivities.
Ann and Nick Villacci, Betty and Ernest Rowe, Olive and
Chester Ritchie, Bernice and Carl Macknair.*



*Company I - 273rd Infantry enjoying the Hospitality Room
Cathy Long, Al Long, Edna Harper and George Harper.*



*Company I - 273rd Infantry enjoying the Sights
Left to Right: Olive Ritchie, Ann Villacci, Chester Ritchie,
Al Long, Bob Pierce, George Houseal*

Battery B 881st Field Artillery

Phil J. and Harriet Sparacino, *Reporter*

5760 North 80th Street

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53218

Telephone: _____ Please send to Earl

Just a note to tell you and the members how much we enjoyed the Reunion at Niagara Falls. You'll note Battery B had 17 attending the Banquet and Reunion. Leonard Sampson on the one picture has never attended a Reunion but hopefully he will be in Lexington. I urge all Field Artillery members to come out in full force at our Lexington Reunion and all others to follow.

Note: You had 10 members at Niagara plus 9 wives and one guest for a total of 20 but we only count member heads. You did have the largest turnout of the Field Artillery Batteries present with Headquarters Company, 880th Field Artillery on your heels with 7 members present and 7 wives for a total of 14. Will they beat you out in Lexington or will a sleeper Battery like B and C of the 880th beat you out.

Earl



"B" Battery, 881st Field Artillery



Banquet, Niagara Falls 1987

All Field Artillery Members

*Phil and Harriet Sparacino, Marge and Al Kormas, Phil
and Betty Colombo, Rico and Anne D'Angelo.*

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*Phil Sparacino, Leonard Sampson
"B" Battery, 881st Field Artillery
taken Lynn, Massachusetts, September, 1987
Sampson has not attended any Reunions.*



*"B" Battery, 881st Field Artillery Bn. - Niagara Falls, NY
Luncheon at Cataract Restaurant before Beer Party*

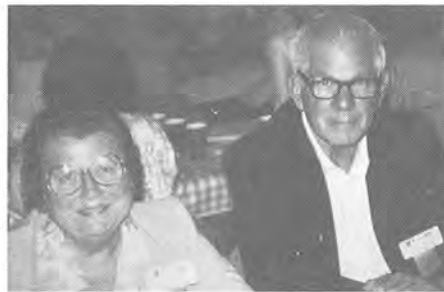


*Some of the Milwaukee Group
Beer Party - Niagara Falls, NY - Reunion 1987*

1987 NIAGARA FALLS REUNION



Henry & Jean Putala - 777th, Co. C



*George & Ruth Ehll - 881st C Battery
First Timers*



Fred & Cornelia Dicke - 273rd, Co. E



Raul & Lilly Nava - 273rd, Co. M



Roger & Ruth West - 272nd, Co. E



Gerald & Eleanor Rodelli - 269 Eng., Co. C

1987 NIAGARA FALLS REUNION



Frank & Grace Packard - 269 Eng., Co. A



*John & Pat Westlake - 272nd, Co. E
First Timers*



Nathan & Rhoda Green - 271st, Co. G



Anthony & Florence Keller - 272nd, Co. E



Charles & Louise Kooles - 271st, Co. H



Fred & Mavis Buttenhoff - 272nd, Co. E



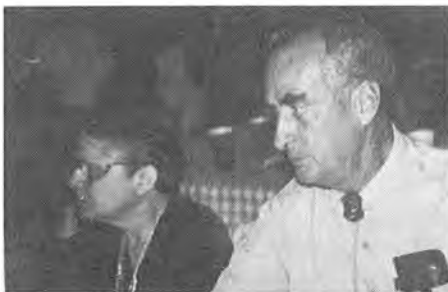
Charles & Edith Chapman - Hdq. Div.



Charles & Frances Yannul - 661 TD, Co. C



Joe Self & Vilma MacHouse - 769th Ord.



*James & Barbara Kidd - 271st, Co. F
Reunion Chairman, 1988 Lexington, KY*



Frank & Gloria See - 777th, Co. A



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EARL E. WITZLEB, JR., P.O. Box 69, Champion, Pennsylvania 15622-0069

or R.D. #1, Box 477, Acme, Pennsylvania 15610-9606

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

1987 NIAGARA FALLS REUNION



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George & Dorothy Hepp - 569th Signal



*George & Vickie Gallagher
M.P. & Quartermaster*



*Chet & Barbara Yastrzemski
272nd, Co. E*



Unknown



Unknown



View of Niagara River



Maid of the Mist

Pictures furnished by Chet Yastrzemski

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

***** 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.

1988

APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST
SEPTEMBER, and OCTOBER 1988

D-COMPANY - 273rd INFANTRY

Let's get together soon.

The sooner the better, but let's make it for the Lexington Reunion for sure. Write either of us now with your ideas. We'll even accept a telephone call but let's beat the unit that had the most in attendance at Niagara Falls last year.



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:

Charles L. Atteberry, Co-ordinator
R.D. #3, Box 13A
Cisne, Illinois 62823
Telephone: 618/673-2590

Lewis M. Tenney, Co-Chairman
2770 18th Street
Columbus, Indiana 47201
Telephone: 812/378-0190

John Oplt, Co-Chairman
1617 Schubert Drive (Swansea)
Belleville, Illinois 62221
Telephone: 618/234-9170

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 House Inn, Lexington, Kentucky. If it is O.K. with everyone involved, I'll make **Chuck Atteberry** co-ordinator in charge of reporting information to me so feed your mail to the three men and they'll get together with **Chuck**.

The unit having the most at Niagara Falls was G Company, 272nd Infantry with 24 members present. Many had their wives along with some guests. Look at the picture close enough and you'll see Lewis holding 4 fingers over the 2 instead of 3. You'll be shot at sunrise. (Just kidding, we need to have a little fun with this Bulletin.)

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APRIL 15, 16, 17, 1988

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH

Continental Inn

2285 Lincoln Highway East
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17602
Telephone: 717/299-0421

Dinner 7:00 P.M. on Saturday the 16th.

Roast Prime Rib of Beef — \$16.00 per person

Mail reservation request to:

Continental Inn with a \$50.00 deposit

Room Rates: \$48.00 single plus 6% tax

\$54.00 double plus 6% tax

Same as last year on room rates.

Committee:

Daniel and Helen Evers

4950 Grant Drive

Brookhaven, Pennsylvania 19015

Telephone: 215/874-1197

Note: Central's is only a one day stand which features the banquet. The extra two days are for those of us who travel a distance and like to sightsee through Dutch Country. The Amish are interesting people.

Earl

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

661st TANK DESTROYER WEEKEND

Twin Bridges Marriott

Intersection of I-395 and U.S. Route 1
333 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. in Virginia.

Room rates \$49.00 per day

The week of April 25th is reserved for you. Come early and stay long. Include one night deposit with your reservation, especially if you will arrive after 6:00 P.M.

Committee:

William "Bill" and Jo Beswick, Chairpersons

Post Office Box 576

West Point, Virginia 23181

Telephone: 804/843-2696

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**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS
AND COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE**
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APRIL 29, 30, May 1, 1988

MIDWEST GROUP WEEKEND

At Lake Lawn Resort

Delavan, Wisconsin

½ mile East of the junction of

Highways 15 and 50 on Highway 50.

Reservations:

Outside of Wisconsin 1/800-338-5253

In Wisconsin 1/800-338-5296

Any questions contact:

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4900 Wallace Avenue

Madison, Wisconsin 53716

Telephone: 608/222-7957

Frank and Zita Enright, News Reporter

7304 West Georgia Avenue

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53220

Telephone: _____

Gaylord and Ruth Thomas, Coordinators

432 Doty Street

Waupun, Wisconsin 53963

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APRIL 30, 1988

Deadline for material and pictures

Bulletin Volume 41, Number 3

May - June - July - August, 1988

Bulletin due out in late June or early July, 1988.

Last Bulletin before the Lexington, Kentucky Reunion.

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

TRI-STATE GROUP WEEKEND

Tri-State Blue is the Family Group

The Family Group Invites one and all to come to:

"THE MOUNTAIN STATE" - WEST VIRGINIA

We will be Family - Mountain Resort

Eat Together - Walk Together

Golf Together - Tour Together

Relax Together - Swim Together

Take a train ride together to Whittaker Station for a barbecue and entertainment.

Fellowship in the well stocked hospitality room.

Visit with 69ers from many States

Canaan Valley Resorts

Route 1, Box 39

West Virginia Route 32

Davis, West Virginia 26260

Don't be left out, only 100 rooms - 200 members, wives, and family. Guests are welcome - Sign up now, cancel later if need be.

Package Deal:

	Double	Single
4 Nights	\$350.00	\$270.00
3 Nights	\$300.00	\$220.00
2 Nights	\$180.00	\$140.00
1 Night	\$125.00	\$ 90.00
Banquet Only	\$ 50.00	\$25.00
Breakfast Only	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00

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Committee:

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R.D. #1, Box 477

Acme, Pennsylvania 15610

or

Post Office Box 69

Champion, Pennsylvania 15622

Telephone: 412/455-2901

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1504 Greensburg Road

New Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068

Telephone: 412/335-9980

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126 Woodbridge Drive

Charleston, West Virginia 25311

Telephone: 304/346-6013

Enrico and Anne D'Angelo, Chairpersons

516 Chestnut Street

Saltsburg, Pennsylvania 15681

Telephone: 412/639-3037

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JULY, 1988

CLARENCE MARSHALL'S PICNIC

A TRI-STATE GROUP FUNCTION

Tri-State Blue is the Family Group

— TENTATIVE —

Clarence Marshall

R.D. #1, Box 125

Strattanville, Pennsylvania 16258

Telephone: 412/335-3224

Food, Food, Food, and More Food.

Get Ready for Lexington.

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.

Committee:

James R. and Barbara Kidd, Chairpersons

222 Al-Fan Court

Winchester, Kentucky 40391

Telephone: 606/744-0463

Kentucky number use April thru November

Telephone: 813/543-4487

Florida number use December thru March

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SEPTEMBER 10, 1988

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SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 18, 1988

461st AAA BATTERY B WEEKEND

New Market Hilton
320 Market Avenue South
Canton, Ohio 44702
Telephone: 216/454-5000

Committee:

Fred and Helen Fisher, *Chairpersons*
933 Park Avenue, S.W.
Canton, Ohio 44706
Telephone: 216/454-4465

Larry W. and Milly Brown, *Reporter*
538 Burns Avenue
Clarkston, Washington 99403
Telephone: 509/758-2180

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SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11, 1988 WEEKEND

69th CAVALRY RECON TROOP

Richmond, Virginia

Committee:

Lewis "Cowboy" L. Vaughan, *Chairperson*
903 North 10th Avenue
Hopewell, Virginia 23860
Telephone: 804/458-4992

Lewis Pickett, *Chairperson*
Route 1, Box 773
Doswell, Virginia 23047

Telephone: _____ Please send to Earl.

Lewis "Boyd" and Stella Ellsworth, *Coordinators*
R.D. #1, Knoxville Road
Steubenville, Ohio 43952
Telephone: 614/282-2327

More information needed since only one Bulletin remains
before your weekend.

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OCTOBER 14, 15 and 16, 1988

461st AAA, HEADQUARTERS BATTERY &
MEDICAL DETACHMENT WEEKEND

Holiday Inn

Just north of I-81, Exit 40, Salem, Virginia

Room Rates: \$52.00 for double room and \$48.00 for single
room.

More information next Bulletin.

Committee:

Allen H. Whitley, *Chairman*
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Marion, Virginia 24354
Telephone: Office - (703) 783-5566
Home - (703) 783-6615

Francis H. Breyette, *News Reporter*
1137 Orkla Drive
Golden Valley, Minnesota 55427
Telephone: (612) 545-2281

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NOVEMBER 1988

TRI-STATE FALL WEEKEND

Tri-State Blue is the Family Group

— TENTATIVE —

Bob and Margie Grimm's Camp

Committee:

Bob and Margie Grimm, *Chairpersons*
Tideoute, Pennsylvania

or

114 Farragut Avenue
Vandergrift, Pennsylvania 15690
Telephone: 814/484-7410 or 412/568-1782

OR

Ohio - West Virginia (probably will be November-December
1989, January 1990)

Visit Olgeby Christmas Lights
Hospitality Room — Banquet

Committee:

Lewis "Boyd" and Stella Ellsworth
R.D. #1, Knoxville Road
Steubenville, Ohio 43952
Telephone: 614/282-2327

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JANUARY 7, 1989

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MAY 6, 1989

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May - June - July - August, 1989

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MAY 19, 20, 21, 1989

461st AAA BATTERY B WEEKEND

Lakeside Inn and Casino at Lake Tahoe

Christa Ward, *Group Co-ordinator*

Post Office Box 5640

Stateline, Nevada 89449

Telephone: 1/800-624-7980

The Inn is on Highway 50 at Kingsbury Grade

Tentative Schedule:

Rooms: \$40.00

Friday - Ski Lift/Snack

Saturday — Boat Ride/Lunch

Dinner at the Inn

Sunday — Goodbyes and will see you next year.

Committee:

Karl and Barb Petersen, *Chairpersons*
27214 Cabrera

Post Office Box 643

Saugus, California 91350

Telephone: _____ Please send to Earl.

Larry W. and Milly Brown, *Reporter*

538 Burns Avenue

Clarkston, Washington 99403

Telephone: 509/758-2180

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**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS
AND COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE**
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461st AAA BATTERY B WEEKEND (continued)

The Inn is on Highway 50 at Kingsbury Grade on Lake Tahoe. Our unit will be housed in one area by the pool. Might mention I spent a weekend with Barb at Compri Hotel near the Ontario Airport. It may be a place for a future weekend and the Chino Air Museum with 124 WWII airplanes which may be of interest to many members. I note in the 69th Bulletin that D Battery, 461st AAA had 72 plus 25 guests at their June 19th weekend. Wish we could get 38 members and guests to attend our weekends.

Karl

Note: Larry, I hope you see the change I made. I don't want to get you into any trouble either. I am sure this is going to be a very good weekend. Will see what we can do about making this trip. Don't forget you AAA members are all welcome at the Division Association Reunions and one will be in Denver, Colorado soon. You'll like the 69th members and friends to fellowship with. I hope Barb is Karl's wife. I don't want to get in trouble there.

Earl

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MAY - JUNE, 1989

TRI-STATE SPRING WEEKEND

Tri-State Blue is the Family Group

Erie, Pennsylvania

Committee:

Jim and Jane Lynch, Chairpersons
9 Timothy Avenue
North Warren, Pennsylvania 16365
Telephone: 814/723-2506

Gilbert and Susan Rocco, Chairpersons
2903 West 33rd Street
Erie, Pennsylvania 16506
Telephone: 814/833-4385

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JUNE, 1989

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

Committee:

Guy Stamey
Route 5, Box 73
Candler, North Carolina 28715
Telephone: 704/667-9526

More information needed.

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JUNE, 1989

COMPANY D, 272nd INFANTRY

Committee:

Harry and Louise Hagan, Chairpersons
403 North Third Street
Bardstown, Kentucky 40004
Telephone: _____ Please send number to Earl.

Jack E. and Lucile Burrus, Reporter
R. #1, Box 99
Arenzville, Illinois 62611
Telephone: _____ Please send number to Earl.

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** ★
★

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MAY - JUNE, 1990

TRI-STATE SPRING WEEKEND

Tri-State Blue is the Family Group

Ohio (Tentative Sandusky - Cedar Point)

Committee:

James and Emily Jones, Chairpersons
3818 Nautilus Trail
Aurora, Ohio 44202

Telephone: _____ Please send number to Earl.

Another couple will be named later.

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+ **AUGUST 1990** +
+ **69th INFANTRY DIVISION** +
+ **ASSOCIATION** +
+ **43rd ANNUAL REUNION** +
+ **Valley Forge Area of Pennsylvania** +
+ **Committee:** +
+ **Dan and Helen Evers, Chairpersons** +
+ **4950 Grant Drive** +
+ **Brookhaven, Pennsylvania 19015** +
+ **Telephone: 215/874-1197** +
+ **Frank and Stefania "Ted" Nemeth** +
+ **66 Gaping Rock Road** +
+ **Levittown, Pennsylvania 19057** +
+ **Telephone: 215/945-3809** +
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Please Note: See you all at the Lexington Reunion the entire week of August 14 to 21 and some of you at the Mini-Weekends of other groups and units. Remember, my Tri-State Blue Family Group too. We would enjoy having you all visit with us. **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



“Taps”

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

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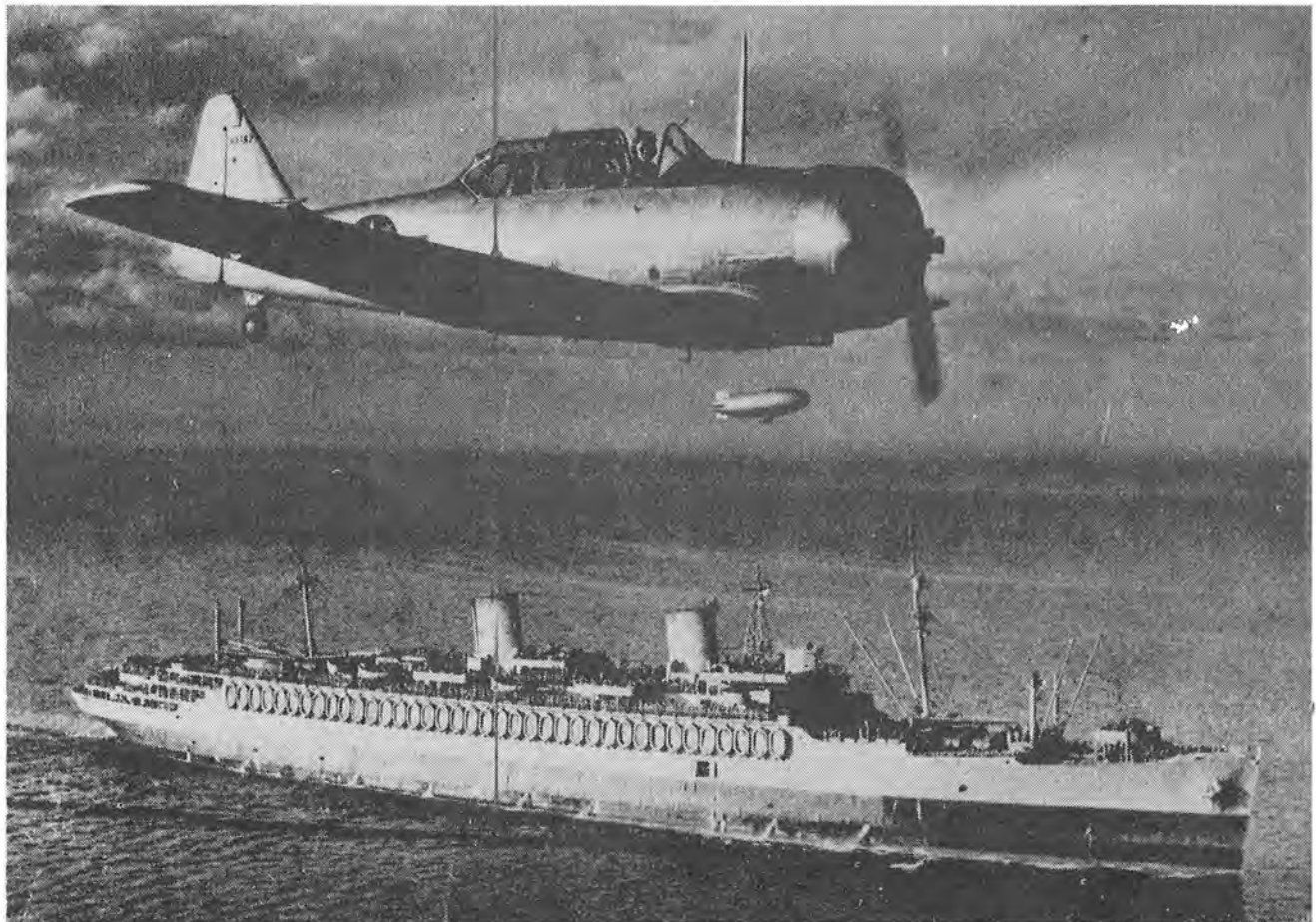
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In contrast with the solemn secrecy which necessarily shrouded their departure for the war in Europe is the happy homecoming for American fighting men, returning after their victory over the Nazis. A coastal plane and a balloon greet the transport Wakefield outside Boston Harbor. On board the ship are thousands of GI's back home again.