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Dear Earl,

We thought we had made great progress to get Dad moved from Walter Reed Army Medical Center to a nursing home only two miles from where Mom is. Instead, after we got him there last Friday, that evening he came down with a fever. The nursing home sent him to the nearest civilian hospital, where he is now. They are afraid he has a touch of pneumonia, but expect to release him soon.

Overall, although there has been some improvement, he is not completely oriented. He knows when we visit him and sometimes carries on a conversation, but at other times he talks about the past. At Walter Reed, they had started feeding him strained foods by mouth and letting him drink through a straw. Mount Vernon Hospital, where he is, has stopped that, worried about food or liquid getting in his lungs.

Mom is not in good shape either, although she is alert and interested in everything that goes on. Her problems are chiefly her back, which has her in constant discomfort and all but bedridden, and, of course, the fact that she is almost blind.

The picture here is not very bright. I think we have to simply look back on the many years they have had of good health and being together.

The many cards from members of the Association have been most welcome. We posted them on the wall of Dad's room at Walter Reed and read them to him. Mom really was overwhelmed by the card from the ladies with the signature list going on and on.

I am glad the reunion went well. David and I were sorry to miss the opportunity to be with so many of you who have welcomed us so warmly in the past.

David joins me in sending best wishes to you and to all the BBB's. Mom also asked me particularly to send her greetings and thanks to the Association ladies.

Sincerely,  
**PHILIP L. BOLTE**  
*Brigadier General, U.S. Army Retired*

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## 41st Reunion Attendees Send Telegram To General Bolte

General Charles L. Bolte was hospitalized shortly before the Fighting 69th Infantry Division Reunion at Lexington, Kentucky, in August 1988.

To let him know that he was uppermost in our thoughts, the following telegram was sent on August 15:

Western Union

TO: GENERAL CHARLES L. BOLTE  
WALTER REED ARMY HOSPITAL  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

YOUR MEN OF THE FIGHTING 69th INFANTRY DIVISION, MEETING AT ITS 41st REUNION AT LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, GREATLY REGRET THAT YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THIS REUNION. WE MISS YOU. EVERYONE OF US WISH YOU A SPEEDY RECOVERY AND MANY MORE YEARS OF GOOD LIFE.

MEN OF THE FIGHTING 69th

## President's Message



W. R. Foster, President  
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First of all, I would like to thank Jim and Barb Kidd for the job they and their committee and helpers did with the Reunion in Lexington; a tough job, well done. We had the largest turnout ever, about 793 which multiplies problems, but they did a good job. I would like to remind you of one very important thing.

### PLEASE REGISTER EARLY FOR DENVER.

Don't create the problems for the committee that we had in Lexington. They had a contingency plan for the banquet, but could not use it. 200 some odd people, with no reservations, 5 or 6 days ahead. Same went for some of the tours, Early Bird and Beer Party, trying to keep everyone happy with no reservations at the last minute. This year, I am sure we will have cut-off dates, with no exceptions. For rooms, banquet and other functions at the hotel, we must furnish counts in advance and guarantee the counts.

I have just received the preliminary information from Dutch Hawn. The Reunion dates will be August 20-27, 1989 at the "Denver Marriott Southeast" I-25 and US 285. The room rates will be a flat \$52.00 plus 11.8 tax. The rate will be good for 3 days before and 3 days after, subject to change in our favor. There will be a tour to the Air Force Academy for sure. There will probably be one other long tour and several shorter tours. So much for the upcoming Reunion. PLEASE SEND REGISTRATIONS EARLY.

I had a card from Bob Myers, thanking the members for the card that most everyone signed. He is going back in the hospital the end of September for more surgery, so don't forget to send him a card.

I guess this is enough for now. DON'T FORGET DENVER.

**1989 69th ANNUAL REUNION**  
**Denver Marriott Southeast**  
**DENVER, COLORADO**  
**AUGUST 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 1989**  
**!!REMEMBER TO REGISTER EARLY!!**

# News From The Editor's Desk



by — Clarence Marshall  
Membership Chairman

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**Richard W. Cottle**, 2750 Buchanan N.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55418 — B-880th: I would be interested in hearing from anyone who served in Battery B of the 880th Field Artillery. I was one of the original Cadre from the 96th Division in Camp Adair, Oregon. I served with the 69th till the end of the War.

**Gerhardt Roettger**, 9268 Otchipwe Avenue, Stillwater, Minnesota 55082 — G-271st: Enclosed are my annual dues for membership in the 69th Infantry Division Association. I just learned about your organization recently. I have received your latest News Bulletin, and enjoy it very much.

**Arthur Shinder**, 11 Bristol Road, Windsor Locks, Connecticut 06096 — F-273rd: Enclosed are my 1988-1989 membership dues. **Philip Jarmak** wanted me to tell you that he joined the Association over a year ago, and received only one Bulletin. We both served in the same Company.

I would like to thank you people for doing a good job. I also appreciate the address for **Robert Sipe**, who passed away recently. I had the pleasure of talking to him several times, as well as corresponding with him. I sure wish I had known and joined the Association a few years earlier. Would you please send me the address of **Don McKee**. I have a picture of him that I would like to send, along with some other items of interest.

I had planned on attending the Niagara Falls and Lexington Reunions, but health reasons made it impossible. Again, I would like to thank you folks for doing a good job, and the best of health and luck to you.

*(EDITOR'S NOTE: We hope that we have the mail situation straightened out for Mr. Jarmak. Whoever sent me his address originally gave me Windsor Locks instead of Windsor, and our mail to him was returned.)*

**Lowell E. Claxton**, 414 82nd Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304 — G-272nd: I hope this note finds you in good health. I am hanging in there. Sorry I couldn't make the Lexington Reunion. I am buying a home in New Fane, New York and I have to make sure that I have enough money for the closing cost. Enclosed are my membership dues for 1988-1989. I surely enjoy reading the 69th Bulletin, so keep up the good work.

**William P. Duncan**, 23 Invincible Court, Alameda, California 94501 — Hq.-271st: My wife and I were doing some shopping at the commissary store at the Alameda Naval Air

Station, and while walking to our car in the parking lot, a gentleman noticed my 69th emblem and stopped to talk. He said that he had served in the 69th also, in G-Company of the 273rd Regiment in Germany in 1945. His name was **Frank Barbee**. He has not been aware that the 69th Division had an Association, and was very interested in getting information about his old Unit. I told him I would forward his address along. Sorry I could not make the Lexington Reunion this year, but if all goes well, I plan to attend in 1989 wherever it is held.

**Calvin Bryant**, 2405 East Cornwallis Road, Durham, North Carolina 27713 — D-273rd: On a trip to the store recently, a gentleman waved me over when he saw the 69th emblem on my van. He told me that his name was **Charles Overby**, and that he had served in C and Service Company of the 271st Infantry Regiment. We had a lengthy conversation. I asked him if he had ever received one of our 69th Bulletins, and he answered No. Please send him a Bulletin, and information about joining the Association. He had been acquainted with my brothers, and I had known his brother previously. Take care. I appreciate the job that you are doing.

**William S. Capozzoli**, 19 West View Road, Old Saybrook, Connecticut 06475 — 569th Sig.: I recently discovered that an acquaintance of mine was in the 69th Division. He would like to join the Association, and be put on the mailing list. His name is **Robert Thurston**, and he lives here in my hometown.

**Harold Zeiger**, Box 68, Sawyer, Michigan 49125 — K-272nd: I read the notice in the June issue of the Legion Magazine that the 69th Infantry Division was having a Reunion in August in Lexington, Kentucky. During World War II, I served as a Patrol Leader in the "Battle Patrol," 3rd Battalion, 272nd Infantry. I thought that if all worked well, I could be in Lexington at Reunion time, and see if anybody I knew was still around. I have not been to any previous Reunions.

I am enclosing a list of enlisted men that I served with, and if you have any information on how I could get in touch with any of them, I would appreciate your assistance. Also, any details that you could supply me as to times, dates, and itinerary for the Reunion would be greatly appreciated.

**Frank W. Fisher**, 1418 East Bowman, South Bend, Indiana 46613 — 569th Sig.: I would appreciate details about the 69th Division Reunion to be held at Lexington, Kentucky. During World War II, I served with the 569th Signal Company in Europe. Do any members of that Unit attend these Reunions? Looking forward to any data that you can send.

**B. E. Swanson**, 323 East Stolley Park Road, Grand Island, Nebraska 68801 — M-272nd: I read in the American Legion Magazine that the 69th Infantry Division is to have a Reunion in August. If you have an information packet, I would appreciate one.

I was stationed in the 69th at Camp Shelby, Mississippi late '43 and early '44. My main interest in this announcement is that I am trying to make a display of the various patches that I wore during my time in the Service. I have not been able to get one of the 69th patches. If you have any suggestions as to where I could obtain one, please let me know.

**Cecil L. Fisk**, 17450 Northland Drive, Sand Lake, Michigan 49343: Please send me information about the 69th Infantry Division Reunion. What motels and hotels are available. Looking forward to attending.

*(EDITOR'S NOTE: Please send National Headquarters your Unit in the 69th.)*

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## NEWS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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**Walter Doernbach**, 1304 West Amaranth Street, Egg Harbor, New Jersey 08215 — Div. Hq.: On our way home from wintering in Aransas Pass, Texas we wrote and called several times to **Nolan Smith** and his wife. They had invited us to come and stay with them on our return trip home. They live in a small town near Tyler, Texas which was about 400 miles from where we were staying. It was a nice day's trip, arriving there about 6:00 P.M. There was a nice dinner waiting for us. Nolan and I hadn't seen each other in 43 years, as I went to visit him right after we came back from Europe, and I missed him as he had already started college. It was a big mistake for me to wait that long, for they are a lovely couple. They just couldn't do enough for us. We stayed with them several days, and they showed us around their area in Texas. We learned that it is a very large state, and now know why Texans are so proud of it.

I know that we have some very nice people in the 69th, but I am partial and feel that Division Headquarters and Headquarters Company have some of the best. Nolan and his wife, and **George Cole** and his wife are in that class. We had a nice trip home, and the best news of all was from my doctor, that I am completely cured.

**Jacob Stark, Jr.**, 691 Dunkle Street, Steelton, Pennsylvania 17113 — H-273rd: I am enclosing the name and address of a new 69th Division member, **John Gruber**. He was raised in Enhaut, and we knew each other when we were growing up. He later moved to Pittsburgh. He came back to Enhaut for his brother-in-law's funeral, and saw the 69th decal on our car. He served in the 1st Battalion, right next to us, and we did not know it at the time. He went overseas with the 69th, but was pulled out in England and sent into the Battle of the Bulge, as a couple thousand of our men were. He was wounded in action. Please put him on the mailing list so that he will receive our Bulletins.

**Tony Securo**, Route 2, Box 340, Fairmont, West Virginia 26554 — Medics Hq., 1st Bn., 271st: I have been married for 45 years. Have one son who is single and age 41. I returned to the mines after the War, and worked there for 28 years. Had to retire at age 46 due to disability. I do light work around the home, and have been hunting and fishing the last 19 years.

**James L. Mynes**, 1411 Regency Boulevard, S.E., Decatur, Alabama 35601 — K-273rd: I read in the June issue of the American Legion Magazine that the 69th Infantry Division is having a Reunion in Lexington, Kentucky. I was a member of Company K-273rd Infantry. Would you please send me all of the particulars regarding this Reunion. Please send them to my home address.

**Travis E. Steele**, 2090 Kingswood Avenue, Deltona, Florida 32725 — C-272nd: Please send information regarding the 69th in World War II, especially that of Company C-272nd. I remember the Division Commander as **Major General Bolte**. I hope to be able to attend the Reunion if my health permits. It isn't very good at present. Thank you for any information that you can supply.

**Carl F. Mosher**, 823 Robertson Street, Marine City, Michigan 48039 — D-461st AAA Bn.: I am interested in subscribing to the 69th Division Bulletin. I never heard of it until recently. I was a former member of D-Battery, 461st AAA Battalion, and have been "lost" for 43 years. I accidentally ran across the announcement of the B-Battery Reunion in the VFW Magazine, and contacted **Fred Fisher** in Canton, Ohio. He sent me some copies of the Bulletin concerning the 461st. Imagine the tears I shed when I read of our History and the letter of **John English** along with the list of names. I am going to contact **John**.

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

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

**Ted Snyder**, 3 Carolyn Court, Syosset, New York 11791 — D-271st: I have located another buddy, **Martin Gerstel** of New York City. He trained at Camp Shelby in 1943 and 1944, but was transferred to the 63rd Division, and served in the E.T.O. March '45 till release in March 1946. I located him through his nephew (who bears the same name) which appeared on the front page of the Wall Street Journal. He has lived just 30 miles from me for the past 15 years. Send him the latest Bulletin, and add him to the Association mailing roster. Thanks for your work to make the 69th live on to help its buddies.

**Edward P. Manion**, 335 Diane Drive, South Windsor, Connecticut 06074 — A-272nd: I learned through the local newspaper, that 41 years late I learn of the 69th Division Reunions. I was a BAR man in Company A-272nd Infantry Regiment when we left the U.S. I left the 69th near Leipzig to go to OCS near Paris. Just a few days later the 69th met the Russians. What do you hear from anyone in that Unit? The Reunion is most interesting, and I would like to know in more detail what is planned for the whole week. I would like to know the names of people that I remember. What are the rates at the Campbell House Inn?

**George McKay**, P.O. Box 231, Winchester Bay, Oregon 97467 — B-369th: I came across the information about the 69th Division Reunion in the D.A.V. Magazine. This was the first time I ever saw it in there. I will do my best to make it. If I am unable, is there a History Book available about the 69th? Please let me know where I can purchase one, and the cost.

**George Reynolds**, Route #1, Wilmore, Kentucky 40390 — E-271st: I saw in the June issue of the American Legion Magazine that the 69th Infantry Division Association was having a Reunion in August 1988 in Lexington, Kentucky. I am not a member of the Association, but did serve with Company E-271st Infantry Regiment. I was wounded March 6th, 1945. I filed a claim for Service connected Disability in September of 1986, but it was denied. They told me my Medical Records were destroyed by fire. Do you have listed in your records a former **Sergeant John Hickey** who entered the Service from Ohio, or **Alfred Le Bneque** who was from Maine? If they are members of your Association, would you send me their addresses. I need a statement from them to support my claim. I also would like some information about the Reunion.

**David C. Shaw**, P.O. Box 654, Montgomery, Louisiana 71454 — Hq. 273rd & Div. Hq.: I noticed in one of the Vets Magazines the notice of the upcoming Reunion. It is good the Association is not dead, and the 69th lives on. Since I was discharged in 1946, I have not met anyone who served in the Division. During the Service, I was in Headquarters Company, 273rd Infantry Regiment, and overseas was a part of Division Headquarters. I would appreciate information on the Reunion, and about membership in the Division Association.

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**Jim L. Nelson**, 923 5th Street, Prosser, Washington 99350 — E-271st: I see where the 69th is having a Reunion. I am interested in it, and will you please send me information about it. I served in Company E of the 271st Regiment. I was with the 69th from May 1944 in Shelby, until after the War in August 1945. I would like to have information about anyone from my Unit. I was Sergeant for the 1st Squad of the 1st Platoon Easy Company.

**E. W. Clark**, 666 North Dixie Highway, Waparoweta, Ohio 45895 — C & Hq., 272nd: In reading my 69th Bulletin, I noted where **Charles Moyer** mentioned a tour back to Europe for the 45th Anniversary of our link-up with the Russians. I missed the last one because I was unaware that it was taking place. It sounded as though it might be just in the planning stage, and I am not too late in inquiring. Any information on who is coordinating this trip will be appreciated.

**William J. Curley**, 706 East Monroe, Casey, Illinois 62420 — C-272nd: I am writing about the upcoming 69th Reunion in Lexington, Kentucky in August. We are wondering what dates of the month the Reunion is, and any other information about it. We would appreciate any information that you can give us.

**David L. Gillispie**, 7749 Infirmary Road, Ravenna, Ohio 44266 — I read in the May issue of the VFW Magazine about the Reunion of the 69th Infantry Division, which is to be held in August in Lexington, Kentucky. Having served in that Division I sure would like to attend if possible. Please send me information as to dates, etc.

**Glenn Hunnicutt**, Route 2, Box 92, Hastings, Nebraska 68901 — G-271st: Recently my wife and I made an overdue trip to Columbus, Nebraska to visit my Army friend, **Myron Johnson**. We were in basic together, went overseas on the Ile de France, and joined the 69th Division in France. We were both members of G-Company, 271st Regiment. I am sure he would appreciate receiving information on joining the Association, and getting on the mailing roster. The Reunion will be of interest to him also. He was wounded at Weissenfels, thus ending his time with the 69th.

**Ralph W. Saulters**, 1165 Rockwood Place, Columbus, Ohio 43229 — A-272nd: I am inquiring about the Reunion at Lexington, Kentucky for the 69th Infantry Division. According to the D.A.V. Magazine it is the 14th of August to the 21st. Is this the 69th Infantry Division that had their basic training at Camp Shelby near Hattiesburg, Mississippi? Are the different Companies to be there all week, or just certain days for each Company? Please advise as soon as possible.

**L. J. Bocek**, 4717 A Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68510 — Ser. 271st: I see in the June American Legion Magazine that the 69th Infantry Division is having a Reunion in Lexington, Kentucky in August. Please send me the particulars about the Reunion; dates, times, etc. I joined the Division at the time it was activated as a 2nd Lieutenant and a member of the 271st Infantry. I was in 3rd Battalion, Supply Officer, a member of Service Company. I was also Company Commander of B-Company, 271st Infantry. I went overseas with the Division, and was at a later date the Regimental Ammunition Officer. Prior to the Division coming home, I was transferred to the 29th Infantry Division, and came home with them. I would appreciate you sending me any information that you have about the Reunion.

**Arthur Mueller**, Route 3, Box 654, Fontana, Wisconsin 53125 — 271st: I saw your ad in the Legion Magazine, and was wondering about the details of the 69th Reunion. I was with the 69th from Shelby to Leipzig, with the 271st Regiment. I would appreciate hearing from you. In case I can't

get to the Reunion, I have been looking for a buddy that I lost contact with, a **James Blackwood** from Cullman, Alabama, and a **Richard Clark**. If you should run across their names any time, I sure would like to see them again.

**Cary Pollitt, Jr.**, 865 Collins Road, Covington, Kentucky 41017 — Can. 272nd: As a former member of the Fighting 69th, I would appreciate any information on the coming Reunion at the Campbell House Inn, Lexington, Kentucky, August 14th to 21st. I understand this is the 41st Reunion, but it is the first one I ever knew about. I happened to see it in a small Newspaper near where I live. I suppose it is impossible to contact each former member, so I look forward to any information.

I served with Cannon Company of the 272nd Regiment, and was at Leizig, Germany when the War ended. I was discharged in September of 1945. After serving with the 27th Division in the Pacific, I came back to the States as an Aviation Cadet at Keesler Field, Mississippi. That program was cancelled, so I took basic training over again with the 69th at Camp Shelby. I went overseas with them in November of 1944. Most of my buddies in the Cannon Company were from Michigan and New York. I haven't corresponded with them for many years, and it sure would be great to see them again.

**Roger D. West**, 1387 Marlboro, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104 — E-272nd: My wife and I recently attended the Convention held in Highland, Michigan by the National Campers and Hikers Association. While there, I was wearing my 69th cap on a tour of the G. M. Plant in Flint. It certainly does pay to advertise. I was approached by a man who was in A-Company, 273rd Regiment, who didn't know that the Association existed. We talked for a long time, and he is definitely interested in hearing more and becoming a member. His name is **Jack C. Houghton**. See you in Lexington.

**Vito J. Narducci**, 84-39 153rd Avenue, Apt. 4-A, Howard Beach, New York 11414 — K-273rd: I am interested in any information concerning the 69th Reunion. I served with Company K of the 273rd Infantry. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**Al Hornyak**, 1318 Irving Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44109 — K-271st: We met **Andrew Sovchik** and his wife recently at a function. He was a member of the 69th Division. I'm sure he would enjoy hearing from you and receiving the Association News Bulletin.

**J. D. Tomlinson**, 105 Lynn Lane, Mt. Vernon, Texas 75457 — F-272nd: Sorry I cannot make it to Lexington. I haven't been able to make a Reunion since Washington, D.C. in 1970. I keep saying I'll make it next year, but haven't as yet. I see **Captain Herb Callaway** one or two times a year, but nothing else except the Bulletin. I read every word of it, and you and **Earl** are doing a fine job. Keep it up. I would like some information about caps, jackets, shoulder patches, and bumper stickers. Maybe you can list these in the Bulletin, and whom to contact to get them. I would also like a copy of the Division History Book. Keep up the good work, and I hope to see you next year.

**Robert E. Myers**, 10453 Cumberland Drive, Sun City, Arizona 85351 — Div. Hq. & Hq. Co.: When the Medics advised I should not attend the Reunion in Lexington, I was really upset and disappointed. Particularly on such short notice. I can't find the words to tell so many members in attendance the thrill and joy they brought to me. The huge card with some 192 signatures, the multi long distance telephone calls, the many personal and other multi-cards, some letters, and a few personal calls, were all unbelievable. How can I ever thank so many enough. I am coming along well, and should complete the last of these surgeries before the end of September '88. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in Denver. Meanwhile, God Bless you all.

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**Rayburn Hughes**, 1228 45th Avenue Drive, East Ellenton, Florida 34222 — Hq.-661st: We will not attend the Lexington Reunion, as I have spent most of the last six weeks in the hospital. I had a pace maker put in, and it is doing real well. We will be staying close to home for a while. Please give our best to the members of the 661st. We would enjoy seeing **Bill and Jo Beswick**, **Bill and Ellen Snidow**, and all of the others. We haven't seen **Frances O'Roark** since she married **Chuck Yannul**. I can't name all of the pleasant memories of the Reunions.

**Sidney Friedman**, 40 West Glen Avenue, Port Chester, New York 10573 — I read with interest a notice in The Jewish War Veterans publications of the Reunion of the 69th Infantry Division, which I was a member of. Although I cannot attend this year's Reunion, I might be interested next year. Please put my name on your mailing list.

**Ronald P. Rabinovitz**, 5931 Windsor Drive, Des Moines, Iowa 50312 — Hq., 2nd Bn., 273rd: I was a member of the 69th Infantry Division for a short period, from September 1944 to December 1944. I was transferred out to the 8th Division. If you have any attendees from Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 273rd, I would like to hear from them. I would appreciate you passing this information along to the members of that Unit.

**Melvin E. Wardin**, 866 North Hemlock, Hemlock, Michigan 48626 — F-272nd: After 30 years I have located an old friend from F-272nd. He was Weapons Platoon Sergeant, was then transferred to E-272nd, and shipped out as a replacement. His name is **Archie C. Hughes**. He would like to receive the Bulletin, as his heart is still with the 69th. If possible could you send him Bulletins Vol. 41, #1 and Vol. 41, #2, as our pictures are in there. If you will bring them to Lexington, I will see that he gets them.

**Nicholas Villacci**, 111-13 13th Street South, Ozone Park, New York 11420 — I-273rd: Please cancel my Reunion reservations, as I will not be able to attend. I am up in Maine visiting a cousin, and unfortunately, I wound up in the hospital for an emergency operation. I won't be able to travel for at least a month. I was looking forward to seeing my friends again. Hope I have better luck next year.

**Richard F. Hadley**, 3784 South Depew Street, Denver, Colorado 80235 — B-272nd: Enclosed are my dues for 1988-1989. This is only my second year as a member, but I am so pleased to be aboard after so many years. I have been reunited with old buddies, and it is so great. I have heard from **Leo Moore** and **Frank Fisher**, who were with me in the 69th. Leo was in my Platoon, and Frank was in the 569th Signal Company. I am not going to make it to Lexington for the Reunion, but I am looking forward to next year's Reunion here in Denver. I have been very impressed in my short time as a member of the 69th Division Association. Thanks for all of your work in keeping the fellows together.

**D. E. Buckstad**, 28-A Trillium Court, Asheville, North Carolina 28805 — I-271st: I served with I-271st Infantry Regiment. I was sent some pages of "Reunions" from the D.A.V. Magazine by a buddy from Long Island, New York. I noticed the one for the 69th Division in Lexington in August. My schedule through the end of August is very tight, so I will not be able to attend. If possible, please keep me in mind regarding future 69th Reunions and other functions.

**Thomas Zerill**, 4924 23rd Street, Sacramento, California 95822 — 69 QM: I have enjoyed reading the 69th Bulletin for quite some time, and have decided to become a member of your Association. (Better late than never). I served with the 69th

Q.M., having come from Camp Adair, Oregon, at Camp Shelby and overseas. I ended up as a Mess Sergeant at the end of the War. I was transferred to the 29th Q.M. for a few months, and was discharged from the service at Camp Buell, California.

**Robert E. Gregory**, 602 Norris Street, Saint Marys, Georgia 31558 — 569th Sig. Co.: I met up with an old friend that I hadn't seen since World War II. We were shipped to Camp Shelby via Camp Blanding the same day. He went to Headquarters Battery, 880th Field Artillery Battalion, and I to the 569th Signal Company. After the War, he worked many years for the Postal Service in Jacksonville, Florida, until his retirement. He had never heard of our Association. I told him about our Reunions and the Bulletin. He was anxious to hear more, so I told him I would see if you could send him a Bulletin and information about joining. He was afraid that all of the fellows that he knew would be dead, but I told him he would be surprised how many are still alive and kicking. His name is **John E. (Jack) Powell**.

**Dick Swisher**, P.O. Box 611, Plymouth, Indiana 46563 — Div. Hq.: Well my friend, my address has changed again. Now a P.O. Box number. I am just getting over tough surgery at the V.A. Hospital in Indianapolis. It was for colon cancer, but they say I am now on the mend. Maybe things will pick up again. I enjoy the Bulletin, and commend you and all of your good 69th work over these many years.

**Oliver D. Coker, Jr.**, Route 3, Box 327, Russellville, Arkansas 72801 — K-273rd: I request information about the 69th Infantry Division Association, and its Reunion in 1988. Enclosed are my Membership Dues. I served with the 69th from Tent City in France January 1945 to September 1945.

**Walter K. Bernhardt**, 45 Country Squire Road, Palos Heights, Illinois 60463 — F-271st: I am surprised that **Jim Kidd** didn't include my outfit, since I was in his Company F-271st. I joined the 69th in July 1944 at Camp Shelby, and went overseas with them in November. I was hit on February 13, 1945, and found myself in an Army Hospital in England. In May, I was transported by Hospital Ship Chateau Thierry to the United States, and by train to Bruns Army Hospital in Sante Fe, New Mexico. I remained there till discharge on July 25, 1945. Fortunately, I have had no later mal-effects from my experience, and have enjoyed relatively good health over these years.

I would be very interested in getting a list of the names of members of F-271st who are members of the Association, and who have had contact with your office. I would also like to know if you have any information on **Robert F. Karlen**, who had been in Company F, but was transferred to Company H before we shipped to France. You may have someone in Company H who might know of him or his fate. I would also like to get any information that I can on **Adam A. Romanski** who was also a member of Company F.

I am sorry that things came up which prevented me from attending the Reunion in Lexington. It was an ideal situation since my son lives in Lexington, Kentucky, and my wife and I were in Lexington. We had to leave on the first day of registration to go to New York to visit our daughter. I will make every effort to attend the next National Reunion, and possibly I can make one of the regional meetings. I have some pictures of the fellows in the Weapons Platoon of Company F taken in Belgium, just before we moved into Germany. Would there be any interest in them?

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Our Association has no information on Robert F. Karlen or Adam A. Romanski. If anyone can help, please contact Mr. Bernhardt or National Headquarters.)

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# NEWS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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**Robert J. Younglas**, 3529 Three Mile Road, Traverse City, Michigan 49684 — B-271st: Enclosed is a clipping from the local paper on the death of **Preston Smith**. This is the first time I ever knew there was any ex-69ers in the area. I called his brother, but he did not know what Unit he was in. He had an old Bulletin, so I assume he was a member of the Association. I have talked to **Kenneth Upton**, and I think he has contacted you for membership.

**John L. Marini**, 80 Scofield Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut 06906 — H-273rd: A few issues ago, in the Bulletin, there was listed a Travel Agency that handles War Tours to Europe. A friend of mine asked me if I could obtain the name of the Agency, as he is interested in touring his old outfit wanderings in Europe. I would appreciate this information.

I appreciate receiving the 69th Bulletin, and learning about the activities of my old buddies from H-273rd. I hear from **Jake Stark** fairly often, and have seen **Jake** and his wife, and **Ray Szkudlarek** and his wife a few years ago as they passed through Connecticut. We had a wonderful visit, and went back a long way to conjure up memories of when the world was young and we were too. I retired in January of this year at the age of 62, and have been doing nothing but fishing and watching the world go by, for the first time in my life. I have a daughter 29 and a son 26, both of whom have their Masters, and are enjoying the business world as I never was able to. It gave me great pleasure to be able to give them the education that I really never had the opportunity to pursue. My best to all 69ers.

**Howard W. Swick**, 408 Ohio Avenue, Phillipsburg, New Jersey 08865 — E-271st: Thank you for your letter and the Association Bulletin. At this time I am not certain whether I will be able to attend the Reunion in August, but I will try. Please send me an application for membership in the Association. I trust that meanwhile, I will be on the mailing list to receive all literature that is sent out.

**Thomas N. Ellis**, 1602 Montclair, Rockwall, Texas 75087 — A-880th: I am sorry about the mix up in my address. One is my home address, and the other my business address. Please send Association mail to my home address. You probably know that we are organizing a get-to-gether of Battery A men each year. This year it will be in Florence, Kentucky.

**Robert L. Pierce**, 144 Nashua Court, San Jose, California 95139 — I-273rd: Thanks for sending me the list of the members from your register. We are still trying to locate more members, and have a lot of confidence that we will. I do not have addresses for five of the names on your list. In addition to publishing a "Call to Arms" in the Bulletin, I have been sending out a personal letter to each member once a year, in an attempt to get them to attend the Reunions. By our growth in attendance, you can see it has worked. Now is the time of year I plan to send out letters, and I would appreciate the addresses of the five that I do not have.

**Edward C. Miller**, 1503 Hauser, Helena, Montana 59601 — L-271st: Listed below are the addresses for the two new men who served in Company L-272nd. I am trying hard to find more of my buddies, and especially want to locate Lieutenant **Richard A. Geer** who served in our Company. If you have his address, I would appreciate having it. Right after the War he and **Paul Goddu** wrote a Company L History that included the names of the German towns that we traveled through. Recently I received a copy from **Goddu**, and found it very helpful when he and I traveled back through Germany. I am happy to hear that the picture I sent is suitable for publication. I wish all of you a great Reunion in Lexington.

**Frazier Davidson**, 3362 West 14th, Eugene, Oregon 97402 — M-272nd: I have the addresses of two new members for you. They are **Richard Goldbach** of Pittsburgh, and **Emerson Diehl** of Dayton, Ohio. Both of them were former members of Company M-272nd. Enclosed are some pictures, if you can use them in the Bulletin. I belong to The Emerald Council of the Blind, which is a part of The American Council.

**Robert B. Slade**, 606 Adams, Newburgh, Indiana 47630 — A-273rd: I was very surprised and pleased to see my communication and pictures in the Bulletin. I hope that my reminiscences jog some other memories, and bring back some recollections to others in those days of 1944. Maybe I will even hear from an old friend or two. In those pictures, **Pfc. Slade** was almost as slender as the carbine he had slung over his shoulder. That Camp Shelby was really a dismal spot. There is a big Shelby heritage here in the Evansville, Indiana area. Many from here went there in World War I. The 38th National Guard Division went there when called to active duty in World War II (or before), and many of us were in and out on other assignments.

I was particularly interested in the series of letters beginning on page 43. Someone had told me years ago about that tragic situation that took place. The Company in which I served, A-273rd, was obviously deeply involved. I found the name of **Julius "Jake" Black** who I had first known at Syracuse University, and who was a very good friend of **Frank Barnett's**, and also that of **Bill Douden** who I knew. **Captain Notgrass** and **Major Salladin** are mentioned. I remember them from my training Regiment in Benning. The event was much different than I had been told years ago.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In a later correspondence, Mr. Slade sent a photo copy of Camp Shelby in World War I. I wish that it was printable, because if we thought it was bad in World War II, it didn't compare to World War I.)

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Sergeant Jesse Clift served with Company A-271st Infantry Regiment.

# 881st Field Artillery C Battery at the Annual Reunion Lexington, Kentucky

Harold J. Early, *Reporter*  
6530 Hamden Road  
Parma Heights, Ohio 44130



*From left to right: George Ehll, Harold Early, Joe Conner, Lester Hart and Paul Molinari.*



*From left to right: Ruth Ehll, George Ehll, Sybil Conner, Josephine Molinari, Paul Molinari, Joe Conner, Mary Ann Early and Harold Early at the PX Beer Party.*



*From left to right: Josephine Molinari, Paul Molinari, Mary Ann Early, Harold Early, Sybil Conner and Joe Conner.*



*From left to right: Mary Ann and Harold celebrating their "42nd" Wedding Anniversary during the reunion.*



## Treasurer's Message



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

Another Reunion is over and plans are underway for Denver in 1989. The date has been set for August 20th to 27th.

For many the Lexington Reunion was a fun time and to some it was a big disappointment. There is not much the committee can do when 200 people arrive without any kind of reservation whatsoever and expect to be catered to. It has been expressed many times before that you get your reservations in early and to pay in advance to save time at the reservation desk. We cannot force you to do this, but perhaps a lesson was learned in Lexington.

By the time you read this, those of you who have not already paid your dues will have received a dues notice. Whether you make a contribution or not is up to you. Last year 2,289 did send in dues and my thanks goes out to them, as a total of over 3,300 ignored both notices. If for some reason you do not wish to receive the Bulletin and pay dues, just inform Clarence Marshall you wish to have your name removed and I'm sure he will cooperate. We feel there are many on the roster who have passed away and next of kin are still receiving our mail, but just neglect to inform Clarence. Please keep in touch.

As was mentioned before, Dutch Hawn and his committee have made plans for the 1989 Reunion in Denver, Colorado. Complete information and reservation forms will be in the next Bulletin and as an added reminder, please do get your reservations in early and please do pay in advance. If for some reason you cannot attend, a refund will be made.

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## Are You Going To Denver in 1989????

The Committee earnestly hopes that you are and that you can plan well ahead to attend and take part.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP

In order that our Reunion Committee carefully and capably support your attendance and provide a smooth and successful Reunion - please note:

- Advance and firm commitments are required to guarantee your room reservations, golf tourney participation, inclusion on tours, and seating at the Early Bird dinner, Beer (PX Party), and Saturday night dinner, and dance.
- The Reunion Chairman **MUST HAVE** advance exact commitments, in dollars, 72 hours in advance of the Early Bird dinner, Banquet night dinner and tours.

It may not be possible in some instances, to be able to accommodate late arrivals who have not made their advance reservations. Please don't permit yourself to be disappointed.

W.O. "Dutch" Hawn  
Reunion Chairman

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Left to right: Unknown, Albert Duhe A-724th F.A., Enrico D'Angelo - C-880th F.A.

Taken at Replacement Center, Camp Wallace, Texas 1944

Picture furnished by Rico D'Angelo

# VP SPEAKS OUT



**Earl E. Witzleb, Jr.**  
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 — Pennsylvania Turnpike)

Now that the Scholarship Award Fund is in its last four years (three more year payments after this year) we must find something for the Past Vice Presidents to do. It would be nice starting in Denver that all the Past Presidents have their own table or tables at the Banquet dinner dance near the head table. It would also be nice to have a table or tables near the head table for all widows that come to the Reunion. Then again too, these persons might just want to sit with their own particular unit. Are we going to see all Past Presidents at Denver? Well you active Past Presidents better get on the ball for we want 100% present at this Reunion.

Changes in the By-Laws now permit 10 Directors per year or a total of 30 over the three year term. This was approved in Lexington. We have added the 369th Medical Battalion and the 461st AAA Battalion to our previous list of 8 Unit Directors. Now, all we need is some 461st and 369th members to attend so that a Director can be chosen. This is a three year term gentlemen, and your units should have a showing of a dozen or more couples at a Reunion to have a well represented group present. I failed to get over to Canton to talk with Battery B of the 461st concerning this matter but hope to visit with Headquarters and Medical Group of the 461st AAA in Salem, Virginia in October. I also had talked to Guy Stamey concerning this at our Tri-State Weekend at Canaan Valley. Guy's outfit is Battery D. I don't think it is asking too much for 4 couples from each of Battery B, Battery D, and Headquarters - Medical Group of the 461st AAA, to come each year giving a total of 12 couples so that you can have a Director each year. You can't have one if zero couples attend. Let's start seeing some faces, AAA, in Denver. Plan your vacation around it.

Francis Breyette of Headquarters - Medical Group, in the last Bulletin, made note that many from that group lived around Lexington and should try the Division Reunion, but not a one showed. We only had Guy Stamey and his wife attend our Canaan Valley Tri-State Weekend for a first to

attend a 69th function. I am sure if you try us, you'll like us and return many, many more times.

May I make a suggestion for all first timers, don't let the first year make or break, buy or sell your thoughts of a Reunion. Come back a second year and see how much better it is and I'm sure you will be sold on a 69th Reunion. Just push your way in, introduce yourself and wife, family and guest too, and you'll be in with a good group of people who are happy all the time. Tours, Early Birds, unit night before the PX Beer Party, Memorial Service, and Banquet Dinner Dance, makes for enjoyable days and evenings. Your eyes will pop when you see one of the better hospitality rooms anywhere in the country.

May I express thanks to Barb and Jim Kidd, Reunion Chairpersons, and their Committee of Frank and Arlene Carey, Cecil and Alene Cottle, Charles and Geraldine Hunt, Vivian Kurtzman and Betty Foster, Joseph Wright and Reverend Sherriel E. Storey, Chalmer Pearson, Vernon Wirth, John Mowrey, Harry Hagan and Rabbi and Mrs. Ernst M. Lorge for a job well done at the LEXINGTON REUNION OF 1988. They also had other volunteer help at the registration table and with the buses on tours, but I don't know all the names. Any way THANKS A LOT GANG, that's what makes a REUNION, Tic, Tic, Tic, or Click, Click, Click.

I believe the Charles "Chuck" Herring Golf Tournament was a great success at Lexington. I have not received the participants yet (men and women, members and auxiliary), nor the winners but hope to have it in the next Bulletin. This yearly event is growing leaps and bounds and I'm sure it will be even bigger at Denver. For a warm up to it, come to Erie at the Tri-State's Charles "Chuck" Herring Junior Golf Tournament and win a prize. Then repeat it at Denver. Tri-State has challenged the Mid-West golfers to a round in Erie so watch out for Tri-State and Mid-West golfers, especially our Secretary Frank Nemeth who thinks he's taking minutes and cuts many strokes off his score. That's why he wins each year.

Please units, groups, or companies, when you have mini weekends, do two things in your format.

1. Pay your annual dues to the Division Association sending a check to Robert Kurtzman, Sr. You should have received a dues envelope by now. Five or ten dollars and two dollars for the wife. That's what keeps the Bulletins coming.
2. I'm pusing 1992, 1996, and 2000 as years that all units, groups, and companies using the Bulletin to support the Annual Division Association Reunion by having your weekend with the Division wherever it may be. 1991 and 1992 sites should be voted on in Denver next year. Let's give the 1992 committee fits with 1,200 plus at the Banquet.



## Are You Interested In A Proposed Tour of Europe?

**Culminating in Moscow or  
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 Send me your name, address, telephone  
 number and unit number if interested.

Please write to: **William R. Beswick**  
 P.O. Box 576  
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# Members of the 69th Division and others watching a basketball game in the gym at Camp Shelby. Does anyone recognize themselves in this picture?

Picture furnished by Sumner Russman



# Dottie and Me



*Earl and Dottie Witzleb, Jr.  
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**"THE FAMILY WITH TWO ADDRESSES — BUT  
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## 1988 SCOREBOARD OF MINI-WEEKENDS Division Associations Reunions

April 15, 16, 17, 1988	
Central Pennsylvania Branch .....	58 Attended
April 27, 28, 29, 30, - May 1, 1988	
661st Tank Destroyers .....	32 Attended
April 29, 30 - May 1, 1988	
Midwest Group .....	22 Attended
June 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1988	
Tri-State Group .....	87 Attended
July 10, 1988	
Clarence Marshall's Picnic .....	23 Attended
September 9, 10, 11, 1988	
69th Cavalry Recon Troops .....	51 Attended
September 16, 17, 18, 1988	
461st AAA Battery B .....	37 Attended
October 4, 5, 6, 7, 1988	
880th Field Artillery C Battery .....	No Report
October 14, 15, 16, 1988 — 461st AAA Headquarters	
Battery & Medical Detachment .....	48 Attended
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August 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 1988	
69th Infantry Division Association, 661st TD Battalion, 777th Tank Battalion, 461st AAA .....	793 Attended
August 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 1988	
Battery C 724th Field Artillery .....	20 Attended
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We had a visitor this year from the 69th. He was **Herbert E. Halliday** from Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013 with a street address of 545 Wilson Street. **Herb** was in A Company, 273rd Infantry for a short time at Camp Shelby before he was

shipped out. Some of you older fellows might remember **Herb** who would like to hear from you. We had an enjoyable couple hours together before I had to leave to go to Canaan Valley and he to go back to Carlisle from attending a seminar at Seven Springs Resort which is only a short distance from our home. **Herb** expects to get active with the 69th and has told me he will probably attend a Central Pennsylvania and Tri-State Weekend next year. He hopes before too long, to start coming to Division Association Reunions. As I told you, **Herb**, you'll like them once you start attending.

Dear Earl,

A belated, but none-the-less heartfelt thanks for the hospitality during my visit to Seven Springs and Champion. It was good to have a chance to visit with you - especially so since we almost missed connecting.

As I told you, I was only with the 69th for a relatively short period. However, I came down with a bunch of ASTPers from Manhattan College. I wonder if any of them are members of the Association? Would be good to get in touch with them again. Also wonder if any of them were moved over to the 1262nd Engineer Combat Battalion, which was where I finally wound up.

In any case, it was good to see you, and hopefully we will be able to get together again at one of the Reunions. Sorry I missed your lady, but maybe next time.

Kindest regards,  
**Herbert E. Halliday**  
A Company, 273rd (short time)

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Well, what a year. We had visitors on August 8th and 9th, **George and Dorothy Hepp**, 8 Brockloy Drive, Delmar, New York 12054 - stopped by on their way to the Kentucky Inn, Lexington, Kentucky for our 41st Annual Division Reunion. They wanted in the Campbell House but sent in their reservations too late. Let this be a key to all members. When the number two Bulletin arrives at your house, send in your reservation to the Reunion site immediately and follow with your activities sheet shortly thereafter. Then you will be set for a good time at the Reunion.

It was nice being with them part of the day Tuesday and all day Wednesday. I took them on about half my normal tour of our area but hit the main spot, Seven Springs Mountain Ski Resort, which they fell in love with. I also like to hit the highest part of Pennsylvania, Mt. Davis - elevation, 3,213 feet above sea level but ran out of time. **George** liked the hilly Hidden Valley Resort and Seven Springs golf courses and said it would be a good challenge to **Frank Nemeth** and the 69th golfers. Maybe I should arrange for an outing for our golfers at these two courses. They make a man out of the boy and a golfer out of the man if you can last the 18 and 18 holes.

Do you want to find something out about the boat you went overseas on or came home on. If so write:

**The Steamship Historical Society of America, Inc.**  
University of Baltimore Library  
1420 Maryland Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

It will cost you a few dollars to obtain this information but then you'll have material to send a write-up of your boat to the Bulletin for others to read about.

We are always looking for good write-ups of interest for the Bulletins as well as pictures of interest.



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1. It looks as though the lobby lounge is plenty big enough for us.

1. It looks as though the lobby lounge is plenty big enough for us.
2. Plenty of restrooms and they are big.
3. Three restaurants, The Fairfield Inn, Chaparral (piano bar), and King's Wharf (Sports Bar with two 10 foot TV screens).
4. The Grand Ballroom seating 850 persons.
5. The Rocky Mountain Ballroom seating 500 persons.

6. Indoor/Outdoor Pool as well as plenty of parking.

7. 595 guest rooms of which we have 400 at present but you should still get your reservation in promptly when the next Bulletin comes out. You can always cancel if you can't make it but you can't find a room if they are all given out, so you late comers will have to pay the penalty and don't bitch about it anymore. After 41 years, I'm getting tired of it.
8. Stapleton Airport is just up the road several miles costing \$5.00 per person for transportation.
9. Some attractions can be for you to decide upon are the Denver Art Museum having a large collection of American Indian works, The United States Mint, Larimer Square featuring unique shops and restaurants, Coors Brewery, Red Rock Park and Amphitheatre, Pike's Peak, The Air Force Academy, and Central City/Blackhawk National Historic District. You just might want to stay longer than a week but do come for a week if at all possible. More to come in the next two Bulletins.

I am a little hot under the collar. Would you believe at the dinner banquet dance at Lexington (Campbell House Inn) that one table only had 2 persons sitting at it with 6 seats open at the main ballroom. Yes, **Boyd and Stella Ellsworth** were alone at the table but didn't mind. Hey 69ers, when you see something like this happening, how about a couple or two from another table moving in to at least have conversation with each other. Oh well, some companies have adopted single

I am sure you have seen or will see on other pages in this Bulletin the results from the Lexington Reunion. I was surprised to see the nice turn out from the 777th Tank Battalion and the Field Artilleries; 724th with C Battery having their mini reunion in conjunction with the 69th Division Association. The 881st is coming along fine too. The 269th Engineers had their usual showing as did Division Headquarters and Headquarters Company. The 273rd Infantry appeared to have the most present with over 200 members and wives followed closely by the 272nd Infantry, and lagging behind was the 271st Infantry. Company A of the 273rd was the most improved with **Fahrner** and **Lucci** attending for years finally had nine members present of which 6 were first timers.

You can see what pictures do. Lucci gave me a few which were in the last couple of Bulletins and the results are showing. Headquarters Company, Company B, Company E, and Company F held up the 271st showing while in the 272nd was Company F, Company G, and Company I. Company E slipped this year. Nice showings in the 273rd were Company A, Company D, Company E, Company G, Company H, and Company I. Company H and I appear to be running neck and neck with the I Companies of the three regiments having the best showings, although I of the 271st only had one couple which were first timers.

Welcome first timers and hope to see **you all** in Denver with many, many more. The I Companies took over first place in the regiments pushing E Companies out. Let's go E Companies, at Denver Rah, rah, rah. You all travel safely to Denver next August.

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*Happy New Year*



## From Your Editors

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

# Battle of the Bulge was a failed Nazi gamble

**QUESTION:** What was the Battle of the Bulge?

**ANSWER:** The Battle of the Bulge was the greatest pitched battle between Germans and Americans during World War II. It took place in the Ardennes forest region of Belgium and Luxembourg from December 1944 to January 1945.



Germany's dictator, Adolph Hitler, gambled his last major reserves in an effort to capture Antwerp and split the British and American forces. Aided by fog and snow, the Germans began their drive on Dec. 16, 1944, under the leadership of the 70-year-old German Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt.

But U.S. troops, even though surrounded, kept up their resistance. By Dec. 18, General Eisenhower sent reinforcements. He had Field Marshal Montgomery in command in the north and Gen. Omar Bradley in the south. Lt. George S. Patton, Jr. was ordered to drive his Third Army northward to relieve the city of Bastogne, which was being attacked by the Germans. On Dec. 23, the skies cleared, allowing Allied planes to join the fight.

The German forces came to a halt on Christmas Day, after creating a triangular "bulge," or wedge, 50 miles wide at the base and 60 miles deep into the Allied lines that gave the battle its name. By Jan. 28, 1945, the U.S. troops had driven them back to their starting line.

The Battle of the Bulge cost Germany over 120,000 men. Allied losses numbered more than 81,000 men, 77,000 of whom were Americans, the heaviest battle toll in U.S. History.

## Louis E. Keefer's Book, "Scholars in Foxholes" is now available.

Anyone interested contact National Headquarters for details.

It is all about former members of the ASTP who were returned to the Infantry.

# H Company, 271st Infantry



*Sergeant Al Panara and Second Sergeant Norm Borkowski*



*Taking a break on the street, city of Weisenfels, left to right: Cherry, unknown, George Fite, Simmons, 1st Lt. Lawrence.*

*Lt. Lawrence was killed in an ambush 3 days after this picture was taken.*



*Lt. Charles Mays, our Platoon Leader*

Pictures furnished by Norm Borkowski



# THE AUXILIARY'S PAGE



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## Auxiliary President's Report

Hello again,

It's looking a bit like Fall here, weather has cooled, rain and overcast skies have prevailed for the past couple of days.

Another great Reunion is history, and do hope everyone had a fun time, met with many old friends and made some new ones. Certainly wish to add my personal thanks to **Jim and Barbara Kidd** and their committee for all the hard work in handling the Reunion.

Those going on the tours reported as having a great time, even with the weather being so hot. Of course Kentucky is a beautiful state and the City of Lexington surely rolled out the red carpet for us. Many said they used the free bus service that was offered by the city to us for merely showing our Fighting 69th name identification.

The registration room was a busy place for five days and opened up Wednesday evening until ten o'clock for late arrivals, so they could pick up their tickets for the trip to Fort Knox early on Thursday morning, that was a very popular tour.

Please, everyone planning to attend future Reunions, send reservations in for activities, such as tours, Early Bird, PX Nite, Banquet and etc. This gives the committee an idea as to how many people to count on. Even if you are unsure of attending, still send in the number who will be attending the different functions so they can be included in the final count. When the committee has a count of six hundred and eight hundred show up, the latter two hundred without reservations, it presents a big problem. You can always cancel and if you have sent in money, it will be fully refunded.

Our Ladies Auxiliary meeting was a fun time for all 190 who attended. The gals were all very attentive during our business meeting. Happiness reigned supreme during our gift exchange as everyone received a gift and all anticipated what was inside their pretty wrapped package.

An interesting program was presented on herbs and a question and answer period followed. Many were able to buy herb bouquets and potpourri bags to take home.

Sixty-seven beautiful lap robes, twenty-nine feeding bibs and wheelchair bags were made and brought to our meeting by the ladies to be given to our Veterans at the Lexington Veterans Hospital, along with a check for \$500.00 to be used for comfort items for them. The young man in charge of Volunteer Services at the V.A. Hospital came to our meeting room at twelve o'clock to pick up our donated gifts. He stated that all was so badly needed by the Veterans, as many no longer have families or anyone to provide these extra comfort

items for them. Have received a nice letter from the Lexington V.A. Hospital thanking our Auxiliary for the donation.

All have a peaceful Fall and a happy, healthy holiday season. If you travel through Ohio and drive near us, give us a call and stop by - as I have said before, we always have a bed waiting for our friends - Til next time.

God Love You,  
**Vivian M. Kurtzman**  
*President, Ladies Auxiliary*

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## A Thank You from Past President Anna K. Walters

'SURPRISED!' is the only word to express my feelings when **President Bill Foster** called me to the speakers table and he presented me with the beautiful plaque - The President's Award - in appreciation of Past President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fighting 69th Infantry Division Association.

The insignia of the Fighting 69th is outstanding and it not only has an honored spot in my living room, but in my heart too! I feel very humble to be honored in such a way and my term as President is the highlight of my life. I regret that I cannot remember the names of all the Ladies of the Auxiliary and I am amazed at the kindness in remembering me. All I can say is — "Thanks for the Memories."

Yours in Friendship  
**Anna K. Walters**  
*Past President*

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## Maria Keller Gets Plaque

**Maria Keller** was presented with a plaque naming her a FRIEND OF 4-H IN HENRICO COUNTY. She is a life member of the Virginia State All-Star Chapter, having been a member for 56 years. Her interest in and service to the Jamestown 4-H Educational Center inspired this award.

For this service and other volunteer service through Extension Homemakers, Blackstone Alumnae Association, her church and the community, Governor Gerald L. Baliles presented her with "A CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION FOR THE 1988 GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCY." She first volunteered through the 4-H Club where she served as tutor for slow learners in high school. She served 16 years in PTA, and now is adding to this time as a "Grandparent Member" of the Three Chopt Elementary PTA.

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## Dottie Witzleb Writes:

Earl and I had a very nice Reunion week at Lexington but many misfortunes had to mar our week as well as all 69ers, I am sure.

First off it started July 11th, when Earl was notified that General Charles Bolte had suffered a massive stroke and would not be able to attend the Lexington Reunion. He has improved some which you can read in a letter from Philip Bolte, his son, on page two. Adelaide Bolte, the General's wife, is still confined to her apartment. We are praying for a recovery to each of them. Cards to both the General and his wife should be mailed to:

General Charles L. Bolte  
Mrs. Adelaide Bolte  
Paul Spring - Apartment 121  
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Those of you who did not attend the Lexington Reunion, should send a card to each of the Boltes'. They enjoy having the cards read to them, then they get hung on the walls of the apartment(s).

Our tour to Fort Knox was saddened when Dale Scott, Jefferson, Wisconsin, Service Company of the 272nd Regiment was taken to Human Hospital Audubon, Louisville with an apparent heart attack. Dale went into surgery for a triple bypass operation on August 25th with things not going well and passed away during surgery. Dale was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Jefferson, Wisconsin, with a military graveside salute. Ten members of the Mid West Group represented the 69th Division Association in paying our respects to Dale. A flower basket was sent from the 69th Division Association and a planter from the Tri-State Group. We extend our sympathy to Bonnie Scott and the Scott Family in their time of sorrow.

At Fort Knox, three adults, I believe all ladies, were felled with heat exhaustion due to too much walking at the Fort. I would like to know who they were and how they are today. We 69ers are concerned and want to see them back in Denver. Please do write me a note.

One lady became sick in the 269th Engineers hospitality room Saturday evening after the banquet dinner dance and a man named Goebel, I believe, was taken to the hospital Sunday morning at the breakfast brunch. We would like to know their conditions also.

The golf tournament had its injuries also. Jim Eibling of the Engineers broke an ankle on the fairways and another 69th member was to have broken or injured a leg on the golf course. I don't know his name but ask that each of you drop me, Dottie, a note on your condition. I would like to report to the members in the next Bulletin. When you ladies read this article, we will be in our winter season of December, January, February and March which means lap robe time again. I hope you are started on them and that another goodly number will be brought to Denver for the Veterans at a Veterans Hospital in the Denver area.

May I give one word of advice - when we go to mile high in Denver in August 1989. The air will be thinner so those of you with breathing problems will need to take the necessary precautions. You might also consider the tours you choose.

Sorry to have to report the death of Esta Halainen in September. She was in the hospital during our Reunion in Lexington with a very rare disease. Esta and Milton thought very much of the 69th Association and the Tri-State Group. Tri-State sent a planter and a basket of flowers was sent from the 69th Engineers. Our sympathies to Milton and the Halainen Family. I am sure Milton would like to hear from his friends.

I am sorry that I had to get sick again with another kidney stone causing Earl to miss the 461st AAA Battery-B Weekend at Canton, Ohio, September 16, 17, and 18. We hope to make it up in two years (1990) when they will be back in Pennsylvania.

It's about that time again, so may I wish all you auxiliary ladies and husbands too, a Happy Holiday Season. Give blessings for your Thanksgiving Dinner, enjoy a good Christmas, and have a New Year that will bring us together once again at the Marriott Southeast in Denver, Colorado this coming August, 1989. I hope to see a lot of first timers and many timers too, since my New Year wish to Earl is that we reach a new attendance record of 1,000 at mile high city, Denver, in my kind of state, Colorado. I like the winter and snow. Save your dollars and plan to be in Denver. I hope to see you all there, Lord Willing, and may God bless each of us to be able to attend another Reunion. See you there.

Dottie . . . and Earl too

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The Ladies Auxiliary  
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A Happy & Healthy  
Holiday Season & New Year.

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*Pvt. MacKnight, Pfc. Asbery, Bob Hope, T/5 Gurrieri, Pfc. Cristello. This picture was taken in the Bremen Bremahaven area after the end of the war.*



*Ruth Devens, T/5 Hood, Patricia Thomas, Pvt. Kitchen, T/5 Hoffman (partia). Two women are from Bob's Hope troupe.*

*Corporal Ace Vandine*

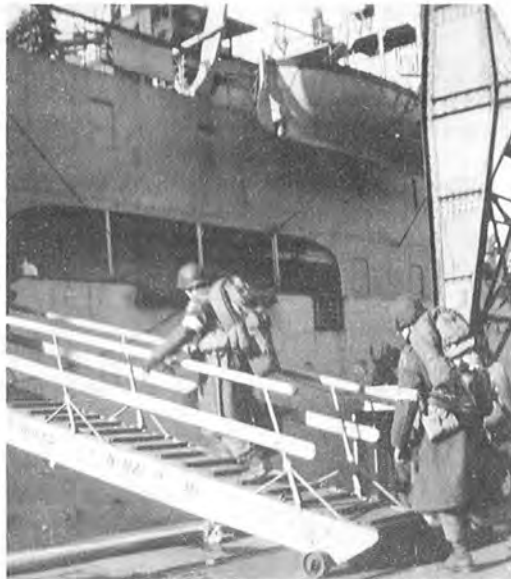


Pictures furnished by Paul Molinari

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*George McKay standing on left. Others not identified.*



*Company B-369th Medics boarding ship for trip from Southampton to Le Harv.e*



*George McKay living it up in Germany.*

Pictures furnished by George McKay

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Dear Earl,

Sorry to hear Dottie was laid up for a while and hope that she is up to her usual bubbly nature.

A discussion was held at our Spring Weekend regarding another Reunion in Wisconsin. The Committee in 1982 was made up with 75% First-Timers, and at that time, some had the proper connections to make the Wisconsin Hospitality Room such a great hit. Now, after retirement, those connections are gone.

After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that we would not enter a bid, in the near future, for another Reunion. It also was felt that others in the organization should offer to hold one in their areas where we have not been privileged to visit. It must be passed around and not fall on only a certain few as well as areas or cities.

Regards,

Evie and Curtis E. Peterson

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Reference Bulletin Volume 41, No. 3, page 8 bottom of page, Editor's note regarding Reunion in the State of Texas:

Pass my name on to the unnamed individual. I am located 30 miles east of Houston and would be willing to assist if a Reunion is held in this area.

If you fellows are still tough enough to take the weather in this area, I believe that a Reunion in this area would be successful.

If held in this area, I already have a tentative agreement with Exxon USA for a tour through their 3000 acre refinery and chemical complex. ( my alma mater, retired in August, 86). It's worthwhile if you have never been in a refinery/chemical plant. Probably would not cost a cent if tour size was limited.

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Our Committee at Lexington only made one recommendation to the Directors which was shot down at that meeting so it never got to the floor of the General Meeting. We recommended going to Biloxi, Mississippi in 1989 so that a 69th Monument could be dedicated at Camp Shelby in Hattiesburg along with the 65th Division and others to come. It was agreed upon to follow our regular pattern of Reunions voted on at Niagara Falls, which means we go to Denver, Colorado at the Marriott Southeast in 1989 and for 1990, we will be in the Valley Forge area of Pennsylvania.

Dan and Frank, when choosing your site, make sure I get a copy of the floor plans of the hotel/motel so we, the membership, can see what is offered. Denver has an excellent plan.

I would recommend the following: Stouffer Valley Forge Hotel, which I think can do it, if not, the Holiday Inn is nearby for overflow. George Washington Valley Forge having 352 rooms and seating over 1,000, at their convention hall for the banquet, and the Sheraton that could handle our group with the Convention and Visitors Bureau handy for our banquet seating over 1,000 if need be. Overflow hotels are handy to all and I'm sorry to say the Hilton, which we had a Reunion in years ago, is too small.

I had many complaints about going to Biloxi which I have found out since, that it is too small for our 69th Division. The 65th Division is going to New Orleans in 1991 to help dedicate the museum at Camp Shelby. Should we decide to go to Camp Shelby in a future year to dedicate a monument and look over the museum, I would suggest a site of New Orleans (we were there once); Mobile, Alabama, or Jackson, Mississippi, with Vicksburg nearby which has "Water Resources Demonstration Models by the U.S. Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station" that is worthwhile seeing by all 69ers.



*Water Resource Demonstration Model*

At Denver, to get back on schedule, we must pick 2 Reunion sites, 1991 and 1992, for sure, and one more if the presentation of sites appears very good, which could mean 1993. I was encouraged at our Reunion site meeting to have a proposal for a Connecticut Reunion by a 777th member, who will get back to us in Denver, at which he will have first opportunity to speak at our meeting there.

During the course of the week, I heard from interested members for a Reunion in Indianapolis, Seattle, Nashville, St. Louis, New York, Texas and California. For those members, whom I did not take names, please get your act together and come up with a proposal at Denver. If you will please send me your name, address and unit with your proposal as soon as possible, I will be glad to start screening with my committee immediately. We need a location with 400 or 450 rooms, seating for 1,000 plus at a banquet, close to a commercial

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airport with several carriers available, near main interstates (on the outskirts of a city), hospital facilities close by, overflow hotel/motel nearby, convention center handy if we need a larger banquet facility, and of course, a Chairman or Co-Chairmen with a committee of at least 8 to 10 couples to handle our registration, tours, and the other necessary functions. Early Bird, PX Beer Party, Banquet, Dinner Dance, Meetings, and Memorial Service, will all fall in line. Send information to me, Earl Witzleb, plus I'll be happy to give advice if you write or call. Future Reunion Chairman or Co-Chairmen, if you would like the names and addresses of members living in your area, let me know and I'll get them for you, so that you have a source to work with. I do hope all members would be willing to help out with a Reunion in your area.

Our 1992, 1996, and 2000 year Reunions should be planned for at least one half times as much facilities, since I am asking all units, groups, companies, and whatever, who use our Bulletin, to support these Reunions by having your mini weekend in conjunction with the Annual 69th Infantry Division Association's Reunion. I think this is only fair to the Association and we can see just what makes the mini weekends go. I know you are all closer at those minis, but it would be nice seeing the three 461st AAA Groups, Recon Troopers, Mid-West, Southeastern Group, Central Pennsylvania, C Battery 880th Field Artillery, 661 T.D.'s, Tri-State, and any groups I might have missed join in with the National Reunion every four years. Am I asking too much. We can be a much bigger, happy family like we are now.

I stress the larger facilities since we do not want another Williamsburg or Lexington, of which neither could have been prevented on banquet night, and I'll back those committees 100%.

Members with ladies (wife), family, and guest, we cannot wait until the last minute to go to a 69th Reunion. Please sign up early and cancel later if something turns up and you will always get your money refunded. They can't build a new motel/hotel the last minute just to please us.

See you in Denver, August 20 thru 27, 1989. Have a safe year.

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## The Perfect Hosts



George and Edna Harper (right) were the perfect hosts when visited by Dale and Wanda Lincoln on their way home from California vacation in March. The "I" Company, 273rd Vets and Wives had a wonderful evening and dinner at one of Albuquerque's finest restaurants.

## Knows the Printing Business

Dear Earl,

Your article on getting the Division History Book reprinted got me to thinking about the book. I realized I had never given the book much thought, or examined it closely. The German printers who produced the book did a fine job, and I can understand most printers' reluctance to try and duplicate it.

Upon closer examination, I concluded that it was printed by the rotogravure method. This method gives the closest that printing can come to continuous tone photograph printing. That is, a photograph with the least amount of halftone dots. The images are engraved into the surface of polished copper plates, and the plate rotates in an ink bath, with a doctor blade squeegeeing off the surface ink, leaving ink only in the depression of the engraved image to be pressed into the paper. Very little of this type of printing is done anymore, as photo offset printing has mostly replaced this method.

My instrument which measures halftone screens, only goes to 160 lines per inch, and I could get no reading on the photos in the book. I was finally able to find one area of our photo where I measured a double line of dots and the reading was over 85 double dots per inch. That makes the halftone in the book nearly 180 dots per inch! Most quality printing being done in this country today is 133 and 150 lines per inch.

Those old timers had to make these halftones with the glass halftone screens in use at that time. The newer photographic contact screens we use today had not been invented yet.

One big problem that plagues printers today is making halftones for printing black and white from colored pictures. No one has black and white photos any more, it seems. Faces turn out black and featureless, and any oranges and reds turn out solid black. I don't know how this problem will be resolved. When I was in the printing business, I used to keep a green piece of plastic, and to show a customer about what a colored photo would look like in black and white, I placed the green plastic over the photo. The relative densities would show up then.

Sincerely,  
Richard Bell

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# DIVARTY HEADQUARTERS



*Divarty Headquarters Command Post, Krinkelt Belgium, 1945  
Front Row: Frank Tanquary, Branislav Gruin, Clarence Matarozzi, and Dillon Moffatt.*

*Back Row: Dennis Michum, Clarence Boerding, Raymond Reiser, Peter Dechert and James Morrow*



*4 members of the Wire Section, Headquarters Battery Divarty in Germany.*

*Left to right: Tom Brannen, Dal White, Richard Huber and Joseph Bertrand*

*Pictures furnished by Charlie Chapman*

## For former members of Division Headquarters Co.

who were quartered in West Downs School, Winchester, England, these pictures should bring back some memories.

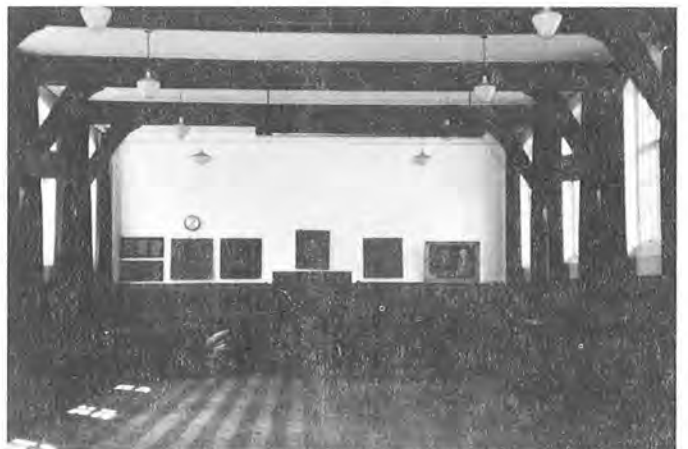
After this year West Downs will no longer be a Prep School. The outside of the building will not be changed, as it is a National Historical Building. The inside will be refurbished into a large housing development.



*Ralph Stanley at the entrance of West Downs*



*Headmaster Jerry Corns and Ralph Stanley in the Chapel.*



*This is the room where the Christmas Party was held, Dec. '44.*

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# Former Members of Company G 271st Infantry

Pictures furnished by Joe Giglietta



*Back Row: Beany, Hicks, Kuliguski, Front: Gilg and Frankie*



*Nagy, Giglietta, Lake at Colditz*



*Joe Giglietta, George Phillips, Al Mead, Allendorf, Germany*



*Lt. Halstead and Lt. Curtis, Eilenberg, Germany, April 1945*



*Cecil Kuli & Joe Giglietta, Eilenberg, Germany, April 1945*



# Battery-B 881st Field Artillery

## THE WIRE SECTION IN COMBAT

by  
Ray Derr

In this story, I'll try to bring you a few of the incidents that happened to the wire section while in combat.

The story begins with the first day in combat, 12 Feb., 1945 and ends with the last day, 8 May, 1945, a day we will all remember as a red letter day, for it was then that VE day was declared.

Our first position, as we called it, was "Dugout City." We tried to use the wire that the previous battery had laid but it didn't work so well. We had to lay a whole wire net the next day. After the wire was laid, we had to reroof our dugout because the rain and snow came through it too freely. The whole section helped on this project including Corporal Wood, the chief-of-section at this time.

Our boy, "Pop" Owens had to be watched very closely for fear that he didn't get lost. Soon after we pulled into this position, he was sent back to our previous stop to get some articles that were left back. He reached the old position all right, but on the way back, he got lost. He finally returned to the battery a couple of days later.

While in this position at Murrigen, Belgium, we were converted into an engineer outfit. The road that passed by our position got so muddy that it became impassable for any kind of vehicle. Even half-tracks got bogged down in the goo. We helped to build a corduroy road of logs so that the vehicles could use the road.

During the time we were in this position, four of those rugged wire men were up on "the line" with the FO parties, at various times. Hobbs was forward first and then I relieved him when the parties were changed. Our party was in turn relieved when the new crew came up ten days later. In the crew were Weltman, Hobbs, and Slimmer. The reason for three wire men that time was the impending attack on Gescheid and Rescheid. It was planned that they would lay wire right behind the doughboys as they moved up. These boys really did a good job, but two of them never got the credit that their fine work deserved.

After the capture of these two towns, we were to lay wire in our new position at Ramscheid, Germany, before the battery got there. After we had it all laid, orders came down from Headquarters that we would not use that position, after all. We would go, instead, to Hellenthal, Germany, to reenforce the 28th Division who was making an attack in that sector. We had to immediately pick up all the newly laid wire because of the wire shortage.

We were in our new position for only two days. We built "dug-in" log huts, and after all our hard work in building them we were only able to use them one night. At the time, I was up on the line, so I missed all of this hard work.

I recall one incident when Clay, Critchfield, and Dettmer had to dig the switchboard in. The ground was fairly good spading for about two feet and then they hit almost solid rock. After they hit the rock, Ritter and Trimble were called in to help them. After several hours of hard work, they decided that the hole was deep enough, so they placed the switchboard in the hole and gathered overhead coverage to put over the hole.

Another incident I remember happened near Cologne. Corporal Hobbs was with the forward party at the time. The battery was firing across the Rhine River. After four days,

the FO party was being relieved. While Hobbs was loading up the equipment on the jeep preparatory to leaving, a mortar shell landed right by him and shrapnel hit him in the arm. He was evacuated to a General hospital and dropped from the roster of the battery. T/5 Ritter was made wire corporal and chief-of-section.

The battery supplied a forward observation party to the 9th Armored Division when they were spearheading the First Army's great drive through Germany. Middleton was with the FO as a wire man. He had just been transferred to this battery shortly before the attack started.

During the attack on Leipzig, Weltman was forwarded with the FO once again. Their jeep was put out of action when shrapnel from a Panzerfaust shell punctured a tire. The party was captured by the enemy. They were taken as prisoners into the great Napoleon Monument in Leipzig where they were held until the surrender of the stone structure, twenty-four hours later. The fall of this monument ended the resistance of Germany's fifth largest city.

The above are just a few of the many incidents that the wire section took part in. There are many, many others, too numerous to mention, but these will serve to bring back memories to:

Cpl. "Boss" Hobbs	Pfc. "Ray" Derr
Cpl. "Bob" Ritter	Pfc. "Speedy" Dettmer
T/5 "Larry" Trimble	Pfc. "Charge" Middleton
T/5 "Pop" Owens	Pfc. "Two Nine" Slimmer
T/5 "Frank Buck" Critchfield	Pfc. "Cordell Hull" Clay
Pfc. "Fats" Weltman	Cpl. "Woody" Woods

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## THE RADIO SECTION IN COMBAT

by  
Sgt. E. V. Boucher

On arriving in England the radio section consisted of the following men: T/4 Boucher, chief of section, T/4 Frazier, T/5 Starkey, T/5 Matys, and last but not least, T/5 Struewing. A more closely knit group of men could not be found, in the battery, due to, for the most part, the numerous beer calls that we enjoyed together in the States.

Each man knew his job and there was no need to remind any of them of what they had to do. Boucher was the Battery commanders operator, Frazier, the Executive's, Starkey the RO's, Matys the FO's, while Struewing operated for the detail truck. This setup continued through England, France, Belgium and into Germany where we lost Starkey to the instrument section and received Pfc. Hill in his place.

We had many good breaks as well as bad, but as all good men do, we took them in our stride and went on to correct the mistakes that we had made. Picking them out at random, one particularly bad break was the time when we had to keep a 24 hour guard on the radio with only three operators available, out in the open in freezing cold weather.

Another incident occurred when Starkey was crawling on his stomach with the set strapped on his back, and enemy shells and mortars were dropping like rain all around him. He called for an emergency fire, on the enemy, and the operator at the other end told him to authenticate the message. Boucher was so mad that he ran clear to Headquarters Battery to find out who was responsible for that, when the party obviously was in trouble up on 'the line.' Nothing could be done about the situation, however, as the man who was responsible outranked him by seven grades. Boucher did express his opinion of a person who would do such a thing, in a very loud voice, to no one in particular, but for the benefit of all concerned and to this day, no one has ever asked Baker Battery to authenticate a message.

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## (Continued from Page 23)

I don't know where I could have gotten hold of a better

T/4 E. V. Boucher  
T/4 E. T. Frazier  
T/5 E. H. Matys  
T/5 A. R. Struewing  
T/5 E. V. Hill

## Price: \$8.00

Pictures furnished by  
**Enrico D'Angelo**



*Happy faces of the Artillery Group at Campbell House Banquet night.*



*Lunching at the Tangiers, while guests of the the National Reunion of the 29th Division.*



*Earl and Dottie Witzleb lunching at Jerry's.*



*Al Kormas with coffee time at the Tangiers.*



GOVERNOR WALLACE G. WILKINSON  
CAPITOL  
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY 40601

September 23, 1988

Mr. James R. Kidd  
1988 Reunion Chairman  
Fighting 69th Infantry  
Association, Inc.  
222 Al-Fan Court  
Winchester, Kentucky 40391

Dear Mr. Kidd:

Thank you for your kind comments regarding the Kentucky National Guard's role in the successful annual reunion last month of the Fighting 69th.

I, and the citizens of the Commonwealth, have a special place in our hearts for our veterans and are very mindful of the contribution and sacrifices they have made in order that their fellow citizens might enjoy the fruits of liberty.

It is always pleasant to receive a "thank you," and I appreciate your kindness. I shall pass along your thoughts to Adjutant General Michael Davidson and Sergeant Van Horn.

Sincerely,



Wallace G. Wilkinson

cc: Adjutant General Michael Davidson  
Sergeant Van Horn



# ARMED FORCES MUSEUM FOUNDATION

Camp Shelby, Mississippi  
POST OFFICE BOX 5027    ATTN: MS-I-H  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39216-1027

## Museum Committee Report

Louisville, Kentucky  
20 August, 1988

For your information, the 31st, 37th, 43rd, 69th, 95th Divisions plus the 442nd RCT and others are planning on participating by erecting a monument and donating to the museum.

In 1987 the outgoing Adjutant General appointed a 13 man committee for the purpose of promoting the museum. It was my pleasure to serve as a member of this original committee. Progress is slow but rewarding. This committee has met several times, here are some of their accomplishments.

1. Authorized the drafting of four proposals to be presented to the 1988 Session of the Mississippi Legislature.
  - a. Authorize the Adjutant General to establish and operate a military museum.
  - b. Provide for a special fund in the State Budget for operation of the museum.
  - c. Authorize the Adjutant General to accept donations of funds, material, artifacts and memorabilia for the museum.
  - d. Authorize the establishment and funding for a State position of Museum Curator. (Col. E. H. "Red" Pleasant, Ret., was hired 1 May, 1988 as Historian/Curator).
2. Requested the Adjutant General provide adequate facilities at Camp Shelby for the museum. That he locate or build a larger facility which will include the space required for the museum, office and storage facilities.
3. Approve a name for the project, "Armed Forces Museum."
4. I am pleased to report; we now have a museum at Camp Shelby, a concrete block building formerly used as a Branch Service Club, later as a Visitor's Center and now a Museum. The building has 3132 square feet of floor space and at this time we have about 1500 items on display. All items received are being programmed into a computer for instant verification and inventory. The building is secure with burglar-bars on all windows and is located immediately to your right after you enter Gate #1, about 100 yards in front of the Post Fire Station and Security Guard Headquarters. The U.S. Army Center of Military History (CMH), approved the establishment of the "Armed Forces Museum," at Camp Shelby 15 June, 1988.
5. This committee also approved a self-sustaining organization (PO) be chartered and be known as, "Armed Forces Museum Foundation," with membership open to all interested citizens. This organization will provide an umbrella for future development and financial support for the museum.
6. Provide volunteers on a scheduled basis to keep the museum open to the public seven days a week.

We invite you on an individual basis to become a part of this project:

\*Department store mannequins - male and female.

1. By donating or lending items of memorabilia and artifacts for display.
2. By becoming a member of, "The Armed Forces Museum Foundation," (AFMF), details will be published in your Bulletin.

3. Help us locate and retrieve military equipment, memorabilia and artifacts. Example:

- a. Ralph Bray, a member of this Foundation, located helped us retrieve an M-8 Armored Vehicle, which is now being prepared as a museum display.

- b. A good place to look for large items of military equipment: (1) Civil Defense Units (County and City). (2) Civil Air Patrol Units, (3) Junk yards.

- c. We are in the process of attempting to retrieve these items for shipment to the fenced in holding area at Camp Shelby. One half-track (junk yard), 2½ ton truck (junk yard), Amphib Lark (County Civil Defense Unit), Amphib Army Duck (County Civil Defense Unit).

Also FYI, Museum Board members are planning a trip to one of the largest arsenals for the purpose of selecting items that will enhance the outside display of equipment.

We want to recognize and remember the efforts of all veterans and honor them with the completion of this project. The sacrifice of our American men and women on fields of battle in all wars, needs to serve as a painful reminder for all generations to come of the precious liberty they enjoy.

Respectfully submitted, W.B. "Sandy" Sanders,  
Lynn La Barre, Jay J. Pincinnati

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On the following 2 pages, you will find A Proffer Gift Agreement for your convenience should you choose to make a donation to the museum.

Because the collection does not have Army recognition, it cannot be advertised; but, through word of mouth, visitors and mementos are making their way there. It's amazing how many things are being shipped in from all over the country.

Without Army recognition, funding has to come from official budget. Private funding cannot be used yet. Once the museum is recognized, a non-appropriated funds account can be set up for donations. The State Legislature could appropriate money since it's state property.

## FIGHTING 69ers

Those of you who are interested in donating artifacts to the Armed Forces Museum may direct your letters to:

**ARMED FORCES MUSEUM**

**T. D. WHITE**

Director of Museum

Building 6634

Camp Shelby, MS 39049



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# PROFFER OF GIFT AGREEMENT

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## DATA REQUIRED BY THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974

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To provide a record of donations and contributions to the ARMED FORCES MUSEUM and historical holding; to enable the museum and historical holding to provide upon request by the donor or donor's heirs information concerning the status/location of his/her donation; to enable the Military DEPARTMENT State of Mississippi to establish title to the property. Information may be disclosed to a municipal corporation, a soldiers' monument association, a State museum, an incorporated museum or exhibition operated and maintained for educational purposes only, a post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars or the American Legion, other recognized veterans' groups, or other Federal museums upon donation or transfer of the historical property to one of those organizations. Information may also be disclosed to Federal, State or local taxing authorities. Disclosure of the requested information is voluntary. Failure to provide complete information may prohibit acceptance of gift or donation.

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## UNCONDITIONAL DONATION TO THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby declare that I am the sole owner of the property herein listed and have full legal authority to dispose of same. I desire to give unconditionally the described property to the Military Department State of Mississippi. I understand that \_\_\_\_\_ of the ARMED FORCES MUSEUM, located at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, will accept the unconditional gift on behalf of the Military Department State of Mississippi. To carry out my purpose, I do hereby give, transfer, convey and assign said property, free and clear of all encumbrances, to the Military Department, hereby relinquishing for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, and assigns all ownership, rights (including copyright), title, interest, and possession therein to the donee absolutely. The herein described gift and transfer of said property does not entail the granting by the donee special concessions or privileges to me or my executors, administrators, heirs, and assigns. The herein described gift and transfer of said property is made for the benefit or use in connection with the establishment, operation, or organizations under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense. I also understand that museum record-keeping procedures require that my name and address be kept on file, and I hereby acknowledge that I do not consider this to be an invasion of my privacy. I understand that the ARMED FORCES MUSEUM is not responsible for establishing the fair market value of my gift and that it is my responsibility to have an appraisal of donated property for tax purposes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of donor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Typed/printed full name of donor)

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(Street/P.O. Box number)

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(Phone number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, state, zip code)

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_.

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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The ARMED FORCES MUSEUM Camp Shelby, hereby gratefully acknowledges receipt of the objects listed on reverse side and additional pages as indicated.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Museum Representative)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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## PROFFER OF GIFT AGREEMENT

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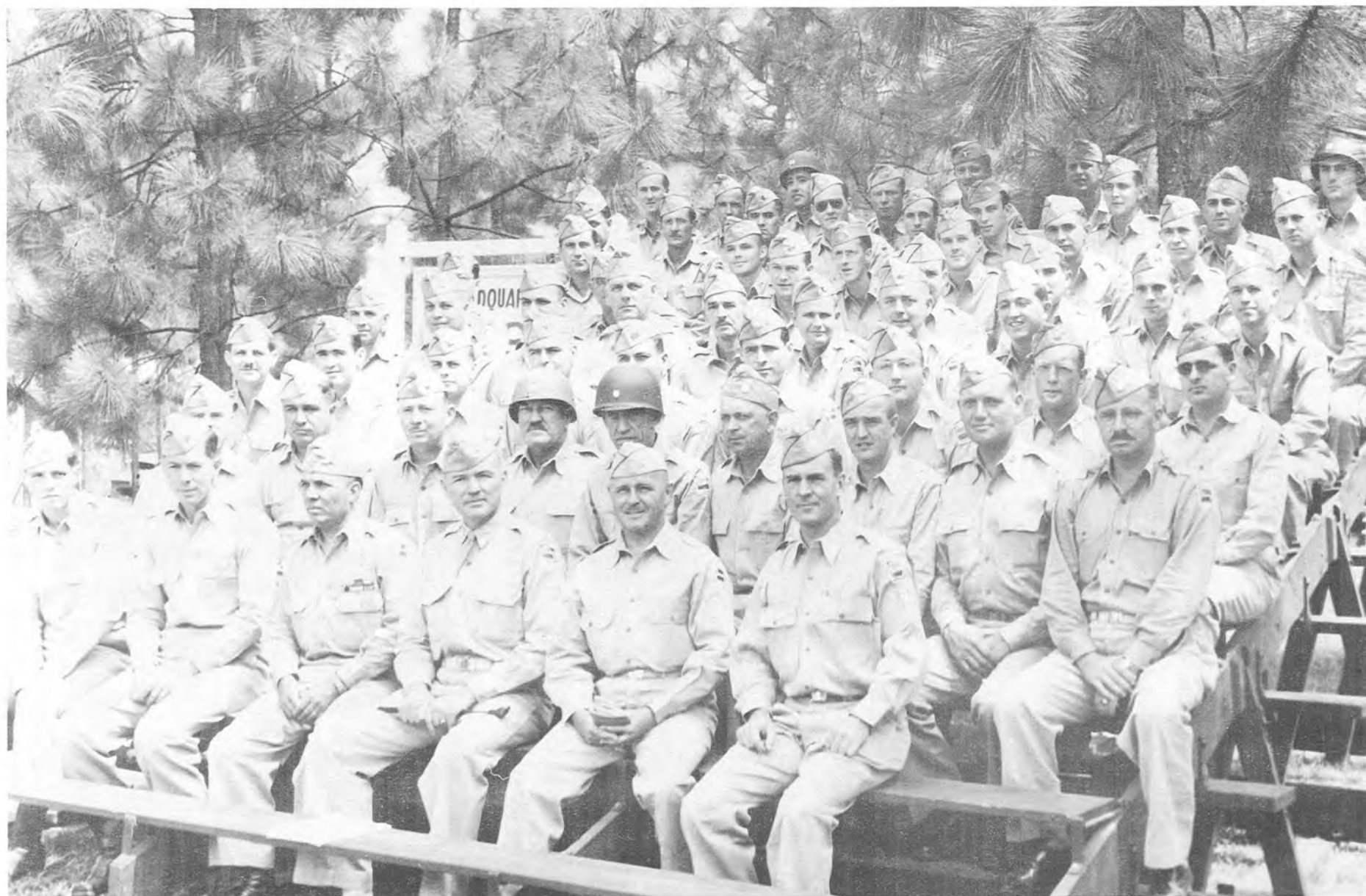
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**Staff members of Division Headquarters Company, 69th Infantry Division.  
Picture taken shortly after activation at Camp Shelby.**

Picture furnished by Sumner Russman



## Young Men

Dear Earl,

While going through papers and pictures of my late husbands, I came across this picture of these two nice looking young men who appear to have the 69th insignia on their sleeves. If so, maybe some of your readers will recognize them. I assume they are the correct names on the back of the picture. I don't know anything about them, as I didn't know my husband while he was in the service. Although he was at one time, in the 69th.

I do enjoy still reading the Bulletin. Hope you and Dottie are well.

Doris A. Tucker



Left to Right: Joseph A. Contrino, New York  
Harold O. Messerschmidt, Pennsylvania

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## All You 269 Engineers Keep An Eye Out for John Kurey



Dodge Explorer Motor Home belonging to  
John Kurey of Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania

## Isn't This Something

### Inebriated Bears

Late last year, 12 inebriated bears were seen cavorting at a fermenting corn pile in remote Montana, according to a recent article in *National Wildlife*.

The black bears and grizzly bears were going on their second annual post-hibernation alcohol binge in an area near Essex, a Burlington-Northern railway stop close to the Middle Fork of the Flathead River. Although the black bears kept a wary distance from the grizzlies, the intoxicating mash seemed to attract equal numbers of both species.



One observer said the place smelled like a brewery. "Six of us walked right up to a black bear that was scooping mouthfuls of corn with his paws. He didn't see or hear us."

It all began in 1985 when a corn-laden train derailed near a wilderness area. After a quick salvage job, railway officials reopened the line but left 400 tons of corn beside the tracks. A year later, the bears discovered the corn, which had fermented by then. Railway crews thought they solved the problem by dumping soil on the brew, but the bears returned again last fall and dug up the grain alcohol cache. Federal officials then set up a buffer zone to keep people away.

Complaining that drunk bears were wandering in front of oncoming trains, the railroad men then tried mixing non-toxic quicklime into the brew, hoping the animals would lose interest in a less-tasty concoction. The bears, however, simply sniffed around and unearthed a gold mine of untainted corn near the tracks.

This year, as the bears come out of their winter dens, authorities expect many of the same animals to return to the site, as "bears are awfully hard to stop once they're on to something good!"

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## On The Lighter Side

My Dear Family,

I have become 65 years of age; and a few changes have come into my life since you last saw me. Frankly I have become quite a frivolous gal. I am seeing five gentlemen every day.

As soon as I wake up, Will Powers helps me out of bed.

When he leaves, I go see John.

Soon Charlie Horse comes along; and while he is here, he takes a lot of my time and energy.

When Charlie goes, Arthur Ritus shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long; so he takes me from joint to joint.

After such a busy day, I am very tired and ready to go to bed with Ben Gay. What a life; I am never lonesome.

Love, Twinges-in-the-hinges

# Bill Beswick and David Shaw Speak Out

Dear Fellow 69ers,

I recently wrote an article for the Bulletin referring to returning Memorial and Veterans Days to a day of Prayer and respect for all deceased Veterans.

It was called to my attention that we must be careful of what we do or we might jeopardize the tax free status as a non-profit organization.

After checking - as long as we do not attempt to raise money for any one purpose we are not in jeopardy. We do not support or raise money for any political candidate.

The country's two largest Veterans organizations try to encourage our legislature and they are tax free.

We are asking our State and Federal legislatures to give us their support in returning the holidays that have been set aside to HONOR and Respect our deceased comrades.

I sent out over 640 letters to Military organizations throughout the United States and received many replies. The following letter is from a 69er and should be read by everyone. These incidents should not and must not be permitted to happen. It was voted by the membership to publish it in the Bulletin.

PLEASE, write to your Congressman and Senators, both State and Federal. Let's, as 69ers, get the BALL rolling, as we have been encouraged to do, through correspondence. It was stated in several letters that the 69th should start it.

Many thanks.

Best regards,  
William R. Beswick

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## Bill Beswick received the following letter:

David C. Shaw  
P.O. Box 654  
Montgomery, Louisiana 71454  
August 1, 1988

Mr. William R. Beswick  
Past President 69th Inf. Div. Assoc.  
P.O. Box 576  
West Point, Virginia 23181

Dear Mr. Beswick,

After so many years I finally made contact with the Association and joined. It is great to see the outstanding organization and the membership. I know so much credit can be given to you for your great devotion and work. While at Shelby I was in Headquarters Company, 69th Division and served in that unit until we became a part of the 29th Division. I regret that I will be unable to attend the Reunion in Kentucky this year.

I appreciate so very much the article you wrote concerning Veterans and Memorial Days. I feel that so many Americans and most of the Veterans Organizations (I belong to five) have no care or concern about the dismantling of this once great republic. We are nearer to a has-been than more than 80% of the population realizes. Most all veterans groups are more concerned with "Bingo and Beer" than with what is going on. I am about ready to tear up my cards.

Yesterday in our Sunday newspaper it listed the school calendar for a large number of parish (county) public schools and most or all of them are leaving out Veterans Day and instead are observing the Heathen Mardi Gras. It is enough to make one want to break down and cry. Our schools are one of the biggest threats to America we have. Most parents, so busy trying to make more money to go in debt with,

have completely given their children over to a brainwashing system in which they thought they were being taught, but in reality, they were being indoctrinated for communism and one world government. We older people must share the blame.

However, if there is going to be any Americanism and Patriotism to still be around, we had better get busy. I heard a pastor say yesterday that it is right to be Content but not be Satisfied. If we relax and think everything is fine, then the enemy comes on in.

I really know what Veterans Day is all about. For the last four years for no reason other than fear of "God and Country" being brought into the public schools, I have, along with my wife and several others, been denied the use of the public school facilities. Then in 1986, as we had a Veterans Day Parade set to proceed on public streets, we had to stand and watch local police use "Storm Troopers" tactics. It was almost impossible to stand watch such. The mayor and some aldermen who never served were too jealous to see such a patriotic event take place. I never dreamed it could take place in a little small town like this and still we call it "America."

I am a disabled veteran and I must rely on the VA for help. Now that I am in my sixties they are treating me as an outcast. It is very hard to take. The veteran groups keep on with their fun and frolic while large numbers are in desperate need.

I pray that you will continue to work to have all business places and schools closed for Veterans Day. It is the least they can do. I am ready and willing to fight for this with everything I have and I pray that you will provide the leadership. Also I hope that you will obtain a resolution from the 69th Reunion and get messages to all the Vet groups and see just where they stand. Also I know there will be a need for funds for advertising. We do not have much time but we must try all we can. These large chain stores are the ones we need to work on. Sears, Wall-Mart and other large firms, can gladly give to the Miss America Pageant but they will not give one cent to veterans groups or to men in service.

These stores that do not have the concern of men who have shed blood and given lives. Pickets would be just right for them. Very definitely we fought for freedom for people to do what they want to, but when they use dead and disabled veterans to make money, then something is wrong.

The Vietnam Veterans of America are one of the most active groups we have and the American people threw bricks at them when they came home, but now the movies, etc. are reaping in millions because some could not hide behind a college ROTC or run to Canada. In Vietnam there was an expression "Nothing means Nothing." Just about the same thing exists now in the U.S. There are no absolutes or meaning to anything.

I feel one of the greatest things the 69th Infantry Division Association can do is launch a nationwide effort to restore Veterans Day and Memorial Day. If nothing else God grant us the opportunity to bring our people to their knees in prayer and supplication for meaning and for guidance. If America is worth living in, it is worth sacrificing and if needed, to die for. It is very strange that we went to Germany and risked everything we had for certain freedoms and now we find the country that we have honored has turned its back.

Please keep this effort going. It is not going to be easy and we must be prepared to fall on our faces and be hurt. Is it worth it?

With kindest regards,  
David C. Shaw

**BRING THE BLOOD AND SCARS AND THE  
MEANING OF VETERANS DAY BACK TO AMERICA**

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I was asked at the Lexington Reunion to give an idea of what to write to your Representative or a form letter that could simply be filled out and addressed. Fill in your Senators and Congressmen's names and sign it. Make four copies and GOD SPEED.

**Bill Beswick**

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Dear Sir:

As a World War II Veteran, I am asking you to introduce a Bill or Proclamation in support of all Veterans of the past wars to return Memorial and Veterans days to a day of prayer and respect for our deceased friends.

These days have been used for the last few years as a day of sales. Not for the original purpose of intent. Memorial Day should be returned to May 30th and observed then, regardless of the day of the week. Veterans day should be returned to Armistice Day, on November 11th, also to be observed then, regardless of the day of the week.

I, personally, will not purchase anything on these days and am encouraging my friends and family not to and to observe these days for Prayer and Respect for ALL our deceased friends.

**DO NOT WAIT TOO LONG TO SUPPORT YOUR VETERANS.**

Yours Truly,

## Colonel Andrew Casper, 87 National Guard Officer

Andrew F. Casper, 87, who served with the Illinois National Guard's 132nd Infantry Regiment in the bloody battle of Guadalcanal during World War II, died Thursday in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Graveside services with military honors are being planned at the national cemetery in Fayetteville.

Colonel Casper, a former Chicago area resident who in civilian life was an auditor for the Illinois Central Railroad, was an officer in the Illinois National Guard from 1920 to 1947 and then served for more than 10 years as a colonel in the Army Reserve.

Colonel Casper was the 132nd Regiment's executive officer (second in command) with the rank of lieutenant colonel when it was called into federal service in March, 1941, nine months before Pearl Harbor.

After the United States entered World War II, Colonel Casper and the 132nd, consisting mainly of Chicago-area men, were assigned to the Pacific Theater as part of the Americal Division. In 1942, the Americal Division and the 1st Marine Division joined forces in wresting Guadalcanal from the Japanese. Colonel Casper's son, Richard, then a sergeant, served with him on Guadalcanal and was wounded there.

Later Colonel Casper was transferred to the European Theater where he was promoted to full colonel and made commanding officer of the 273d Infantry Regiment, in the 69th Infantry Division.

He earned a Bronze Star Medal for bravery during action near Leipzig. Later, his division was the first to link up with the Soviet Union's army on the Elbe River in Germany.

Colonel Casper returned to Chicago and his job as traveling auditor for the Illinois Central in September, 1945. He retired from the National Guard in 1947, but immediately joined the Army Reserve. He helped establish the reserve's skeleton 85th Infantry Division with headquarters in Chicago and served as its commanding officer with the rank of colonel.

Colonel Casper, a longtime resident of Chicago's South Side and south suburban Homewood, retired from the Army Reserve in the late 1950s and from the Illinois Central in 1960, the year he moved to Fayetteville.

Colonel Casper is survived by his wife, Mary Katherine; 3 sons, Richard, Edson and Andrew; 2 daughters, Edith Faun and Margurette Stubbs; and 17 grandchildren.

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## Remember Me?

Some people call me "Old Glory," others call me "The Star Spangled Banner," but whatever you call me, I am your flag, the flag of the United States of America. Something has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you.

I remember some time ago people lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade and naturally I was always there, proudly waving in the breeze.

When your daddy saw me coming he immediately removed his hat and placed it over his heart. Remember? And you, I remember you standing there straight as a soldier. You didn't wear a hat but you were giving the right salute.

Remember your little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting, the same as you, with her hand over her heart, remember?

What happened? I am still the same old flag, oh, I have added a few more stars since you were a boy, and a lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago.

But I don't feel as proud as I used to, when I come down the street where you live. You just stand there with your hands in your pockets. I may get a small glance but then you look away.

I see the children running around and shouting, they don't seem to know who I am. I saw one man take off his hat and look around, he didn't see anybody else with his hat off so he put it back on.

Is it a sin to be patriotic anymore? Have you forgotten what I stand for and where I've been? Anzio, Normandy, Omaha Beach, Guadalcanal, Korea and Vietnam.

Take a look at the memorial honor rolls some time, look at the names of those who never came back in order to keep this republic free. One nation under God. When you salute me, you are actually saluting them.

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again, so, when you see me, stand straight, place your right hand over your heart. I'll salute you waving back.

And I'll know that you remembered.

Author Unknown

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## ATTENTION:

**There are no more of the original Division History Books available. When and if we get reprints a notice will appear in the Bulletin as to when they will be available. Please do not send any remittance in for a History Book until more are available.**

# 269th ENGINEERS

Photos from Frank Nemeth, 269th Engineers,  
Secretary 69th Infantry Division Association



*Left to Right: Unidentified, Dick Adams and Len Halpenny  
on the Water Point, Krinkhelt, Germany, 1945, April*



*Left to right: Lieutenant Colonel Holmlin presenting to  
James E. McCarthy The Bronze Star.*



*Left to Right: Sergeant Metzner, Sergeant Huggins,  
and Sergeant Sorenson - Company B*



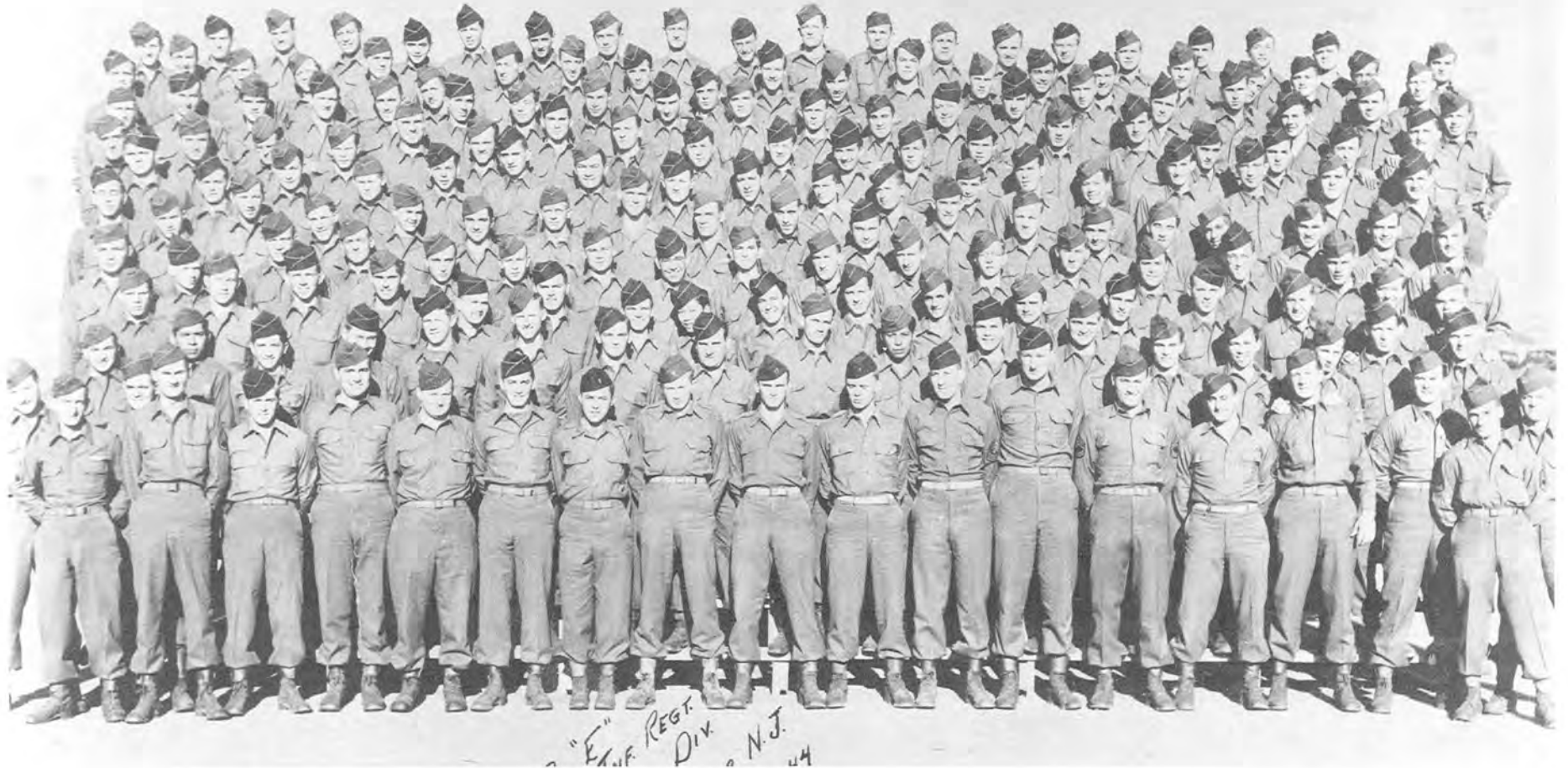
*Left to Right: Blake Fox, Bernie Moore, Joe Eginton, Jim Sears and Frank  
Gudman on the train to Camp Kilmer.*



*Pete Fox  
Company B*

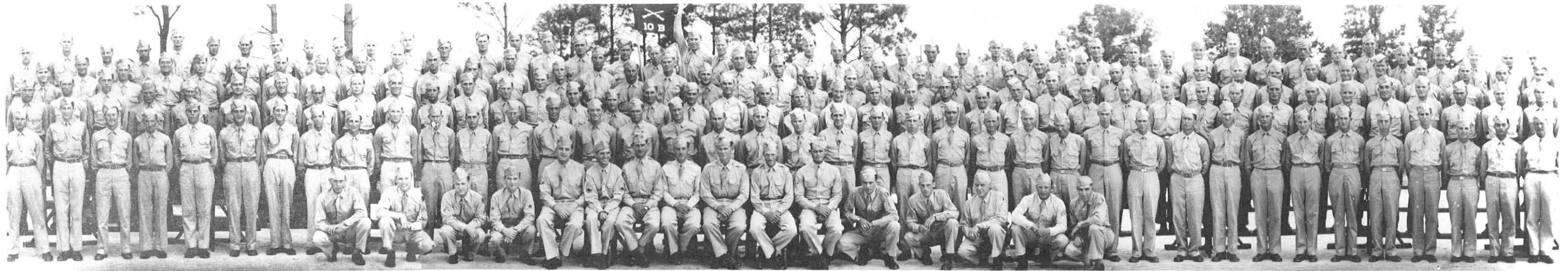


Company E, 271st Infantry Regiment  
69th Infantry Division  
Camp Kilmer, New Jersey  
October, 1944

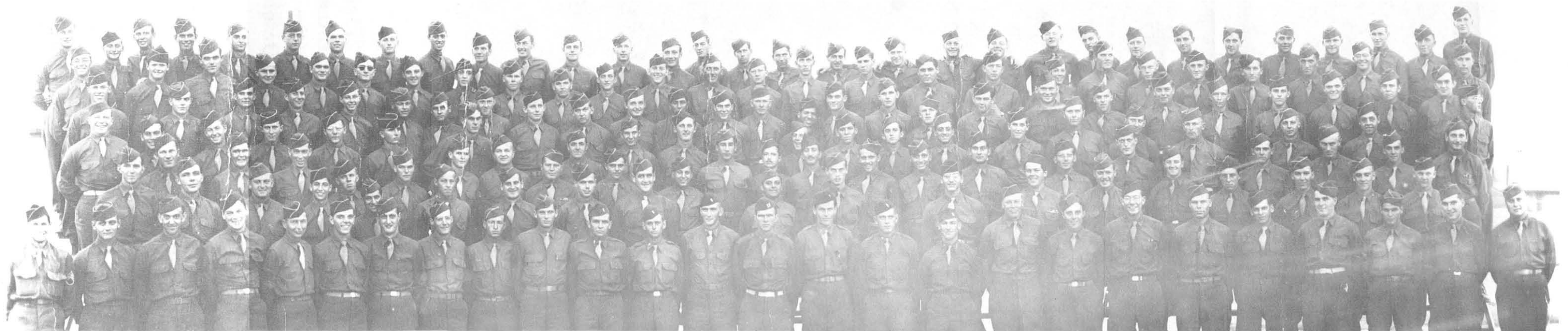


"E" REGT. DIV. N.J. '44

Can you find the same soldier in each of these pictures. Top picture is of him taking basic training at Ft. McClellan, Alabama — the toughest training camp in the United States. The other picture is of his company and regiment at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, with the 69th Infantry Division.



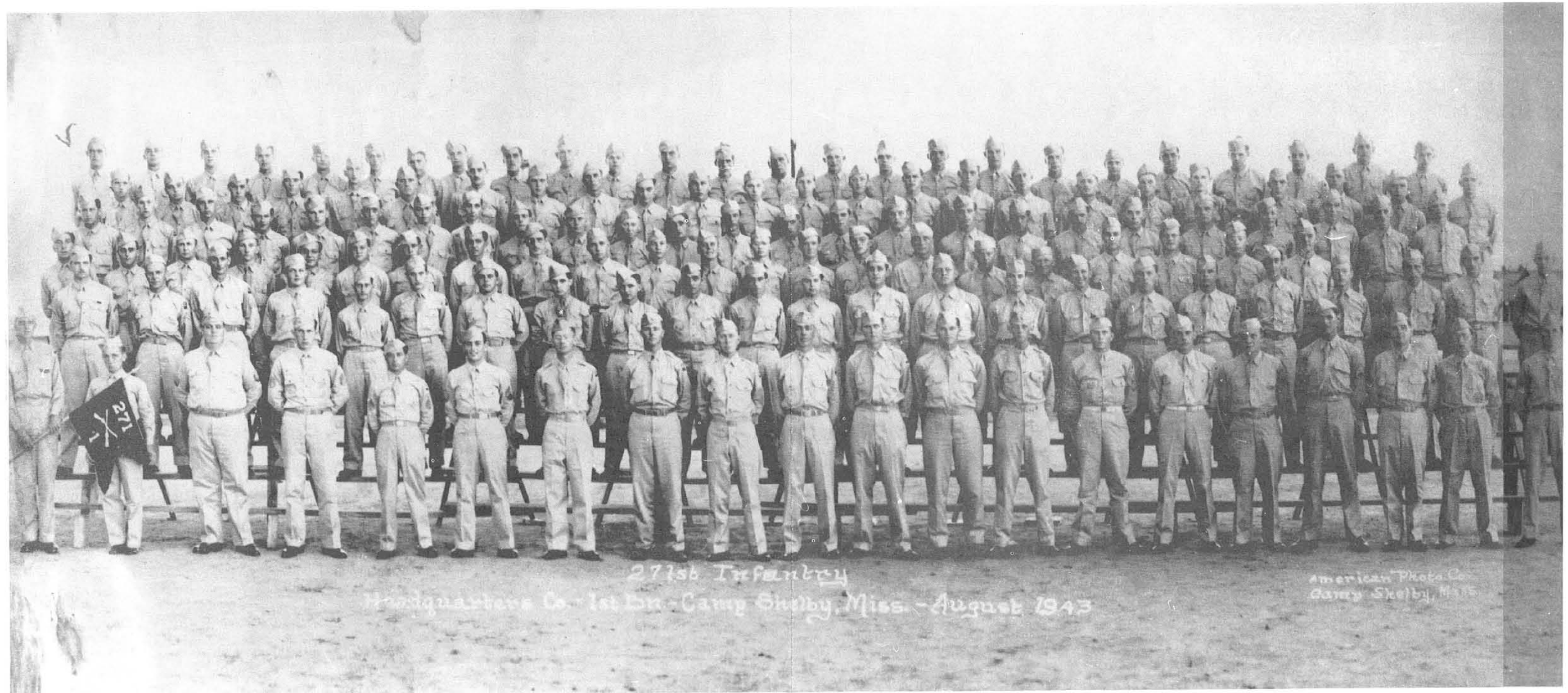
**Company B, 10th Battalion, Ft. McClellan, Alabama**



**Company E, 273rd Infantry, Camp Shelby, Mississippi - October 1944**



271st Infantry  
Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion  
Camp Shelby, Mississippi  
August 1943





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# Division Association Chapters, Units, and Group Mini-Weekends Across the United States

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We are interested in all news from Chapters, Groups, Branches, Companies, Battalions, Regiments, Recon, Artillery, AAA, T.D.'s 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.

To all leaders and organizers of the mini weekends whether it be a company, battalion, or just small groups, I want to make the following recommendations to you.

I would like to set the years of 1992, 1996, and 2000 as the years we all get with each other at a National Reunion. Talk about it at your next event and give me some feedback on my suggestion. I am only asking to do this every four years and your Division Association is surely entitled to have everyone together a few times. You'll like the National Reunion I am sure.

So leaders of mini-weekends do consider spending a year with the Division Association. Let's now think the year 1992. Talk it over with your group or unit. I am sure arrangements can be made for groups or units to all be on one floor or section of a hotel or motel. Leaders do drop me a line on how your group or unit has decided to be with the Association one time or every four years. We look forward to seeing everyone at a national and the one in 1992.

Vice President Earl E. Witzleb, Jr.

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## Tri-State Group

### TRI-STATE BLUE IS THE FAMILY GROUP

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

*(Other States Invited Too)*

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

We all had a wonderful time at Canaan Valley other than the fact that we did not have enough time to take everything in but everyone kept busy seeing the sights and enjoying the good hospitality room. Dottie, Jane Lynch, Stella Ellsworth, Ted Nemeth, Anne D'Angelo, Marian Shadle, and others saw to it that the food was plentiful and many of the men kept the tub filled with beer. Our bus and train ride on the Cass

Scenic Railroad Friday plus the barbeque was just what we wanted except that the afternoon and evening got very cool. We froze but we had a good time. The ski lift ride to the top of the mountain plus all the deer was most exciting to each of us. The heated pool was nice while you were in the water but getting out was a different story.

Our golf tournament, "The Chuck Herring Junior Memorial Golf Tournament" was rained out on Thursday but the sun made a nice warm day for the Saturday round. Frank Nemeth, filling in for Chalmer Pearson, did a very good job in running the tournament and should be made the assistant pro to Chalmer. Chalmer had some problem with his diabetic condition and had to cancel out but I was happy to learn his wife Reita is doing really well and glad to hear that good news. Golfers and scores, plus prizes, will be listed at the end of this write-up.

All of our meals were very good, even those eaten out at other locations. Our Saturday Prime Rib dinner banquet was tops to any and the flags at each place setting made you proud that you fought for this country that has kept it still free. The air conditioning made each flag wave which was a sight to be seen. Our entertainment, Ginger Harr, was good lasting until the witching hour of midnight. Before our goodbyes on Sunday an enjoyable buffet breakfast was served with most anything you would want filling the bellies for the long ride home and on to Lexington, Kentucky.

Somewhat disappointed with the turnout at Canaan Valley but those who did attend were as follows:

Frank and Ruth Andrews — Company B, 369th Medics  
Uniontown, Ohio

Guest of The Andrews

Darrell and Criss Baker

*Welcome*

Keith and Jackie Hamblin

*Come Back*

Joe and Helen Pavani

*Soon*

Dell and Mary Balzano — Service, 879th Field Artillery  
Highland Heights, Ohio

William R. and Jo Beswick — 661st T.D.s  
West Point, Virginia

Eugene Butterfield — 69th Division Headquarters  
Rocky River, Ohio

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

Cecil A. and Alene S. Cottle — Company F, 271st Infantry  
Portsmouth, Ohio

Enrico and Anne D'Angelo — C Battery, 880th Field Artillery  
Saltsburg, Pennsylvania

James A. and Dotty Eibling — 269th Engineers  
Columbus, Ohio

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

L. Boyd and Stella Ellsworth — 69th Recon Troops  
Steubenville, Ohio

Daniel and Helen Evers — 269th Engineers  
Brookhaven, Pennsylvania

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**H. Raymond Fahrner** — Company A, 273rd Infantry  
Lansdale, Pennsylvania

**George Wright** — Guest of Ray Fahrner, *Come Back Again*

**George and Vickie Gallagher** — 69th M.P.s and 69th QM.  
Zephyrhills, Florida

**Robert E. and Maxine Haag** — Company H, 273rd Infantry  
Indianapolis, Indiana

**Vernon L. and Norma Hanlin** — Headquarters Company  
Mt. Storm, West Virginia 271st Regiment

**John Roman** — Guest of The Hamlin's, *Welcome Back*

**Russell F. and Elizabeth Harmon**  
Guests of Clarence Marshall, Oil City Pennsylvania

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

**Arthur V. and Marian Hume** — Company E, 273rd Infantry  
Jackson, Michigan

**George M. and Barbara H. Johnson** — Co. D, 273rd Infantry  
Colonial Heights, Virginia

**James S. Jones** — C Battery, 879th Field Artillery  
Aurora, Ohio

**Paul D. and Mayreta Kitner** — 724th Field Artillery  
West Lawn, Pennsylvania

**Robert J. and Vivian Kurtzman** — Company I, 272nd Infantry  
Wilmot, Ohio

**Raymond Jim and Jane Lynch** — Cannon Co., 271st Infantry  
North Warren, Pennsylvania

**Tom and Sally Leslie** — Guests of The Lynch's  
*Come Back Again*

**Clarence Marshall** — 69th Division Headquarters  
New Kensington, Pennsylvania

**John W. and Mary Ruth McGolerick, Jr.** — Company K,  
Knoxville, Maryland 272nd Infantry

**John W. and Arylene Mowrey, Jr.** — Company H,  
Charleston, West Virginia 273rd Infantry

**Anthony T. Mruk** — Company H, 273rd Infantry  
Elmira Heights, New York  
Elizabeth Mruk did not attend, sickness  
*Hope you are better now.*

**Frank C. and Stefania (Ted) Nemeth** — 269th Engineers,  
Levittown, Pennsylvania Company B

**Ward E. and Marian E. Peterson** — 269th Engineers,  
Glen Mills, Pennsylvania Company B

**E. R. and Jacqueline Sams** — Company H, 273rd Infantry  
Pinnacle, North Carolina

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

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

**Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lenhart** — Guests of the Shaffer's  
*Come Back Again*

**W. C. "Bill" and Reba Sheavly** — Company M, 271st Infantry  
Reistertown, Maryland

**William E. and Ellen Snidow** — 661st T.D.s  
Pembroke, Virginia

**Guy and Ruth Stamey** — D Battery, 461st AAA  
Candler, North Carolina  
(The Stamey's are the first AAA members to attend a Tri-State Group weekend and also the first to attend any kind of a 69th Infantry Division Association function. Come back

again soon and bring several more AAA with you Nice having you folks.

**Jacob and Violet Margaret Stark, Jr.** — Company H,  
Steelton, Pennsylvania 273rd Infantry

**Raymond and Helen Szkudlarek** — Company H,  
Toledo, Ohio 273rd Infantry

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

**Earl E. and Dorothy A. Witzleb, Jr.** — Company E,  
Acme-Champion, Pennsylvania 273rd Infantry

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

Total 87 members, wives and guests. Thanks for coming and hope to see you all in Erie, Pennsylvania next May-June 1989. Bring someone with you, a member (Read your roster for someone near you) or guests. Bring your golf clubs, swim suit, or fishing line and tackle.

## **NO SHOW**

**Harry C. and Louis Wilson** — 269th Engineers, Company A-C  
Belpre, Ohio

Please cancel if you can't make a weekend, it costs us DOLLARS if you don't.

## **CANCELLED**

**Chalmer and Reita Pearson** — Company I, 272nd Infantry  
Vandalia, Michigan

## **CAN'T MAKE CANAAN VALLEY**

**G. Richard and Gail Cutrell** — 269th Engineers, Company B  
Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania

**George and Jane Dendle** — 777th Tank Battalion  
West Pittston, Pennsylvania

**William H. and Mary N. Harr** — C Battery,  
Bainbrige, Ohio 879th Field Artillery

**Raymond L. and Marilyn Hartman** — HQ. Battery,  
Leesburg, Indiana 879th Field Artillery

**Robert P. Weise** — Service 777th Tank Battalion  
Mayville, New York

**Delbert P. and Helen M. Wright** — Company M,  
Anderson, Indiana 271st Infantry

And now the 69th Tri-State Group First Annual "Chuck Herring Junior Memorial Golf Tournament" run down, scores, and prizes.

## **69th TRI-STATE FIRST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

PLAYER	GROSS	Callaway HANDICAP	NET
George Johnson	89	13	76
Art Hume	93	29	74
Russ Harmon	107	31	76
Tom Leslie	92	17	75
Jim Lynch	102	24	78
Dan Evers	103	25	78
Frank Nemeth	105	28	77
Bill Sheavly	118	40	78
Jim Eibling	108	30	78
Frank Andrews	100	24	76
Al Hornyak	98	23	75

## **LADIES**

Marion Hume	120	42	78
Barb Johnson	116	38	78

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**WINNERS AND PRIZES!**

**MEN**

Low Net — **Art Hume** ..... 1 Dozen Golf Balls  
Low Gross — **George Johnson** ..... ½ Dozen Golf Balls  
High Gross — **Bill Sheavly** ..... ½ Dozen Golf Balls

**LADIES**

Low Net-High Gross — **Marion Hume** ... ½ Dozen Golf Balls  
Low Net-Low Gross — **Barb Johnson** ... ½ Dozen Golf Balls

*Tournament Director, Chalmer L. Pearson*

*Assistant Director, Frank C. Nemeth*

**Note:** What happened to Eugene Butterfield and James S. Jones scores?

**NOW IT'S ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA**

**for the Tri-State Group on May 31 & June 1,2,3,4, 1989**

**Committee:**

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If you want on the Tri-State roster, send a note or letter to one of the two addresses at the beginning of this write-up. If you have a buddy you want on the roster, send it in too. Members living in the States listed at the top of this write-up should become Tri-Staters. All Tri-Staters and Division members too, HAVE A GOOD HOLIDAY SEASON BEGINNING WITH THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS, AND NEW YEAR'S. We'll be looking for you in Erie, Pennsylvania at our Spring weekend in May and June 1989.

**Earl and Dottie**

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The Lakelawn Lodge, at Delavan, Wisconsin, was the site of the Fifth Spring Weekend of the Midwest Group. Curt and Evie Peterson made the arrangements.

**New Attendees Were:**

**Tom and Lorraine Hancock** — B Company, 271st Infantry  
Pekin, Illinois

**Dale and Dorothy Simonton** — L Company, 271st Infantry  
Mosinee, Wisconsin

**Others Present Were**

**Earl Abel** — Vandalia, Michigan

**John Barrette** — HQ. Company, 271st Infantry  
Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin

**Fred and Mavis Butenhoff** — E Company, 272nd Infantry  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Fran and Zita Enright** — A Company, 881st Field Artillery  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Al Haag** — D Company, 271st Infantry  
Janesville, Wisconsin

**Chalmer and Reita Pearson** — I Company, 272nd Infantry  
Vandalia, Michigan

**Curt and Evelyn Peterson** — 569th Signal  
Madison, Wisconsin

**Gene and Ethel Pierron** — 661st Recon.  
Belgium, Wisconsin

With guest **Mary Jane Rigazzi**  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Phil and Harriet Sparacino** — B Company, 881st Field Artillery  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Gaylord and Ruth Thomas** — HQ. Company, 77th Tank Bn.  
Waupun, Wisconsin



*Midwest Group dressed for dinner.*



*Left to Right: Harriet Sparacino, Phil Sparacino, and Chalmer Pearson.*

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*Left to Right: Gene Pierron, Gaylord Thomas, and Chalmer Pearson*

Most of the Group arrived for dinner at the Lodge on Friday evening, April 29. Saturday morning was devoted to golf. The weather was excellent — a great day for golfers to get in shape for the season.

Non-golfers toured the antique shops in Richmond, Illinois and had lunch in Williams Bay, Wisconsin. Most chose to spend the afternoon visiting in the hospitality room. What were all those golf stories we heard? The spacious grounds and gift shops of the resort were enjoyed before it was time to leave for Charley O's in Williams Bay for dinner.

Earl Abel and the Pearsons have planned the next spring meeting in Middleburg, Indiana.

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**'89 SPRING FLING**

**May 26-27, 1989**

**Essenhaus Country Inn**

**240 U.S. 20**

**Middleburg, Indiana 46540**

**219/825-9471**

**CO-HOSTS: Chalmer Pearson**  
15330 Joseph Road  
Vandalia, Michigan 49095  
616/641-2230

**Earl Abel — 616/641-2218**

In the heart of Indiana's Amish Country, second largest Amish community in the United States. A step back into the past. Furniture in the Inn rooms handcrafted by Amish craftsmen. Dinner Saturday night will be at the Patchwork Quilt Country Inn which has been awarded the Country Magazine Highest Award of Excellence for food and service. Where they ask you to "eat yourself full but clean your plate empty."

Please make your reservations through Chalmer or Earl by January 31, 1989. Rooms limited.

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## Company E, 273rd Infantry

**COMING FROM ALL 50 STATES**

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**Jack and Mary Snyder, Photographer**  
10 North Connon Avenue  
Joplin, Missouri 64801

I'm still thanking **Davisson Dunlap** for the beautiful dinner he treated our company members and wives to in Orlando a few years ago but he did it again in Lexington. Yes, **Davisson** showed up and took all 16 of us to the Coach House Restaurant, a few miles north on U.S. 68 from the Campbell House Inn. The evening was on him, so what more can a CO do for his men? Many, many thanks **Davisson** from all of your soldiers of E Company.

I was disappointed in our attendance, only 8 members along with 8 wives. We had 11 members, 10 wives, and 1 guest at Niagara Falls. Let's do better in Denver next August but don't expect a treat again.

**Jack and Mary Snyder** and **Kermit and Ethel Webb** were first-timers, so welcome aboard. The others who attended can be found under the attendees at Lexington on other pages. If we would only have had the **Dicke's**, **Gleason's**, **Gooding** and **Guest**, **Orlowski's**, **Tripp's**, **Winnicki's**, **Naticak's** and daughter and son-in-law, and **Fichthorn's** what a crew we would have had. **Sammy Boy Fichthorn** who claims two Companies, E and A, 273rd, would have had a ball. A Company had 9 this year with wives, of which 6 were first timers. It made **Ed Lucci** and **Ray Fahrner** two happy A Company men. Most Companies and Batteries had increases in membership this year at Lexington so let's get with it E Company, 273rd and have all 65 plus wives and guest at Denver. I'm sure we can cook up a good time for all.

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The tours were all good but some didn't last long enough. The Early Bird, PX Beer Party, and Banquet were very good. E Company, 273rd says thanks to Jim and Barbara Kidd, Reunion Chairpersons and crew for a job well done. The Blue Grass state is beautiful around Lexington especially if you have them million dollar ponies around.

Sorry, Jack, your picture isn't shown. You made too good a photographer but it will be in one of the next two bulletins.

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*Bill Foster, President, 69th, Dottie and Earl Witzleb, Vice President*



*Virginia and Joseph Aiello*



*Jane Matlach, Mary Snyder, Davisson and Barbara Dunlap*



*Marian and Arthur Hume, Lottie and Al Shires*



*Jane and Bill Matlach*



*Ethel Webb, Joseph Aiello, Kermit Webb*



*Davisson and Barbara Dunlap*

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## 272nd Cannon Company



*Blanche and Frank Sniadecki at the 65th Monument at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.*

My wife and I had a great time at the 69th Division Reunion in Lexington with our friends from the 272nd Cannon Company. After saying goodbye to everyone on Sunday morning, we left for the Mississippi gulf coast. On the way we stopped at Camp Shelby. There we visited the museum and the 65th Division Monument. It's a beautiful stone, so we decided to take some pictures by it. We're already looking forward to the next reunion, and God willing, we probably will attend.

**Frank and Blanche Sniadecki**  
24511 Ardmore Trail  
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## Southeastern Chapter

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Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina**

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### **"SPRING BREAK" April 7, 8, 9, 1989**

"Let's Get Together Again" is what we heard from some of you at the Lexington Reunion, SO LET'S!! This will be a little different than some of the get-togethers. MEANING — NO PACKAGE DEAL . . . .

A touch of New England right here in Florida. Flower boxes and lamp posts line the streets of downtown Mount Dora, and nestled among the hills and lakes of Lake Country, Mount Dora is off the beaten path, but with good roads leading in all directions.

Over a century old, and actively growing, Mount Dora is a delightful mixture of history and modern conveniences. History buffs can tour the Historical Society's Royellou Museum, and antique collectors can browse the many shops

which have given Mount Dora the name of "THE ANTIQUE CENTER OF CENTRAL FLORIDA." There are many unique shops in the downtown area, and what can't be found there can be found in nearby shopping malls.

Mount Dora enjoys "serenity without isolation." While its charm is that of a small community, Mount Dora bustles with cultural and recreational activities.

"Let's Get Together Again," this time, in the Lake Country of Mount Dora, Florida at a brand new resort - unlike any you have ever seen.

### **PLACE: THE HIGHLANDER RESORT**

555 South Highland Street  
Mount Dora, Florida

**Friday, April 7th** — Check into the Highlander. Then come to the hospitality room to meet your friends and get posted information on events of interest in and around the Mount Dora area.

**Friday Night** — Dinner at the Highlander (or) choose your own place. There are numerous eating places available. Home cooking, buffet, gourmet, just to mention a few. (A list will be posted.)

**Saturday, April 8th** — On Your Own. A day to relax by the pool at the resort, or a busy day to stroll the streets downtown, browse, visit points of interest.

(a) 3 mile historic tour, self guided, map available (no charge)

(b) Royellou Museum - former name of settlement in Mount Dora (no charge)

(c) Art Galleries (no charge)

(d) Antique Shops

(e) Twin Markets (Flea and Antique)

(f) Palm Island - Longest Boardwalk on a lake in Florida

(g) Ice House Theatre - "Carousel" by Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein.

Note: Friday and Saturday Night Performance - 8:00 p.m.  
Sunday Afternoon Performance - 2:30 p.m.

Advance reservations needed. \$9.00 per person (not refundable)

(h) Golf, 18 hole course. Green Fees \$21.00 per person. Includes cart. Call for reservations upon arrival here.

(i) Mount Dora Antique Auto Tour - Sponsored by the Veteran Motor Car Club of America, Southeastern Region (no charge)

**Saturday Night** — Dinner 7:00 p.m. Holiday House (or) again it's your choice.

**Sunday, April 9th** — You're Tired - and wanna go home! As Vanna would say - Bye Bye.

We tried to get a Sunday Brunch at the Lakeside Inn, however, they are already completely booked. Mount Dora has a calendar of events scheduled a year in advance, so please get your reservations (payable to Allen) in the mail as early as possible.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our old friends again and we welcome all first timers, even if you're not in the Southeastern Region, you're invited.

Come join us for the Weekend Spring Break, and remember to bring your umbrella. The Sun doesn't always shine in Florida!!

Bye y'all,  
Al and Cathy Long

**P.S. No Letters will be mailed this time as a reminder.**

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## Southeastern Chapter Spring Break April 7, 8, 9, 1989

### REGISTRATION FORM:

#### MAIL TO:

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Telephone: 904/735-2923

I /We will attend the Southeastern Chapter Spring Break Weekender, April, 7, 8, 9, 1989 at The Highlander in Mount Dora, Florida. Check in time 3:00 p.m. Check out time 11:00 a.m.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street / R.D. / P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone / Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Courtyard Rooms .....	\$ 50.00
Cabana Suites .....	\$ 85.00
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Deposits refundable from RESORT on 48 hours cancellation notice, **BEFORE April 7, 1989.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Signature

#### FOOTNOTE:

If you want reservations for Ice House Theatre to see "CAROUSEL," specify which performance you wish to attend, and enclose \$9.00 per person in addition to your hotel reservations.

Friday Night .....	8:00 p.m.
Saturday Night .....	8:00 p.m.
Sunday Afternoon .....	2:30 p.m.

NO REFUNDS ON THE THEATRE PERFORMANCES

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## 69th MP's (Military Police)

**Carl A. Miller, Reporter**  
1016 Marion Road  
Bucyrus, Ohio 44820

Dear Earl,

I have enjoyed reading the Bulletin from cover to cover for a long time and decided to write a letter myself. My reason for writing this letter is to cite an incident that tells a lot about the character of former **General Reinhardt**.

I was a member of the Division Police Platoon and quite often was assigned to a traffic post somewhere along the Division's route of advance. We were supposed to keep traffic moving on cleared routes and also have information as to where the various units were.

On this particular day I was posted in the middle or mud-hole of bombed out Kassel. It was a gloomy drizzly day and I was wearing a poncho making it a little difficult to direct traffic. All day long there was a steady stream of liberated people heading west and a solid procession of American forces headed east.

It was my job to keep all of these trucks, tanks, guns, etc. heading east and not turn off on a wrong street. This had been going on for hours when all of a sudden **Colonel Dinsmore**, Division Provost Marshal came into view leading **General Reinhardt** in his Packard, followed by other Division Headquarters personnel. By the time I finished saluting, the Colonel's driver mistook my signal to proceed ahead and instead made a left turn down a bombed out dead end street. **General Reinhardt's** driver followed, by that time I got the remainder of his staff stopped.

Well, it wasn't much trouble for **Colonel Dinsmore's** driver to turn the jeep around, but the General's driver had a little difficulty getting the Packard turned around and headed back. It must have been embarrassing for the General. When they got back to the intersection **Colonel Dinsmore** gave me a stern look and proceeded on the way. When the General's driver turned the corner **General Reinhardt** had his face at the rear window (I can still see him) giving me the once over. I dutifully saluted him; he returned it.

All the rest of the day I felt my days as an M.P. were over. For some reason I never heard a word about the incident and continued with the M.P.'s until the 69th was sent home.

If the General's driver is still alive and reads this letter, I would like to hear from him and learn what comment, if any, the General might have made.



*Kassel, Germany, April 6, 1945 - French refugees going home.*

## 724th Field Artillery C-Battery

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

Dear Earl,

I hope you were successful in encouraging the 461st to attend our Division Reunions.

We enjoyed the Reunion in Lexington, and enjoyed our visit with you and **Dottie**. After returning home we sent get well cards to the **General** and **Adelaide Bolte**. We hope they are doing well.

Battery C, 724th FA assembled at our Division Reunion in Lexington and had a great time. On Friday afternoon, **John** and **Neta Turner** held a wine and cheese party in their room, where their homemade peach, elderberry and muscadine grape wines were enjoyed. We reassembled later in one of the Campbell House Inn's dining rooms for our Battery C dinner, which was prolonged by several informal discussions of events and personal experiences. We were glad to have 724th FA medic, **Daniel Shea**, with us.

Of Battery C, 724th FA there were: **Louis Psaltis**, **Richard** and **Doris Bevier**, **Thomas** and **Pat Fritscher**, **Robert** and **Libby Inyart**, **Robert Hollister**, **Eugene Kissell**, **Vernon** and **Mary Tritch**, **Irving Eder**, **John** and **Neta Turner**, **Coy** and **Erline Horton**, and **Elmer Gatchell** and his friend.

**Thomas Fritscher** and **Elmer Gatchell** were "First Timers" at this Reunion.

Give our greetings and best wishes to **Dottie**.

Sincerely,  
**John W. Turner**  
Battery C, 724th F.A. Battalion

P.S. It is **Daniel O'Shea**. I have just found his name on one of my mailing lists. Please forgive me for being so slow to find it.



*Back Row, left to right: Louis Psaltis, Richard Bevier, Thomas Fritscher, Elmer Gatchell, Daniel O'Shea. Middle row, Robert Inyart, Robert Hollister, John Turner. Front Row, Eugene Kissell, Irving Eder, Vernon Tritch, Coy Horton*

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## 269th Engineers

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**Territory: All 50 of Our States**

Hi Guys,

The Lexington Reunion was a huge success and everyone had a good time. Once again we had a nice turnout of 17 Engineers and their wives. We had three first timers with Company A leading the way and it was great to see the guys greeting **Phil Bowne** and **Lloyd Roth**. So many questions and names were thrown around you wouldn't have known it was about 45 years or so ago where this all happened. I was real happy to see **Bill Riggle** of Company B. It was about 15 years ago that I stopped in for a visit with him, yet he hasn't changed a bit and would like to 'thank' **Bill's** son for driving him down to the Reunion since **Bill** doesn't drive anymore. It would have been nice to see his wife **Lee** again too.

Let me tell ya — Company A had six guys there with **Bob Kamping**, **Kim Packer**, **Guy Winfrey**, **Sam Pharr**, **Phil Bowne** and **Lloyd Roth**. We had four men from Company B with **Dan Evers**, **Frank Sullivan**, **Bill Riggle** and me. Company C had

three men with **Jerry Rodelli**, **Larry Roeder** and **Red Denbo**. **H & S Company** had four, **John Hawley**, **Bill Foster**, **Colonel Holmlin** and **Jim Eibling** (**H & S** and **A Company**).

Being we had a record turnout at Lexington and being a lot of people didn't send in early for tours and rooms, we had some disappointed people when they couldn't get on tours and in certain hotels. Take it from an 'ole hand' — send in early even if you have to cancel out when something comes up.

Enclosed are a couple of photos that I took which came out real well for a rookie camera bug. **Kim Packer** and **Sammy Pharr** are looking at the large 269th Engineers album and in the other photo **Jim Eibling** is showing off his golf injury. You figure out how he hurt his leg playing golf, a no contact sport. **Jerry Rodelli** and **Colonel Holmlin** are consoling him. As you can see, some of our better halves were smiling for the camera, left to right — **Eleanor Rodelli**, **Jean Roeder**, **Helen Evers**, **Betty Foster** and my 'ole Sergeant' **Bill Riggle**. Too bad **Sergeant Orn** wasn't able to make it and talk with **Bill**. I'm sure they would have had a lot to say. I hope **Grace Parker** is feeling real well and eating her bananas every day. I heard **Jim Eibling** is starting to practice his golf swing again so he's doing O.K.

Sorry to say that the 269th Engineers lost a real good friend. She'll be missed very much by all of us - **Esta Halainen** passed away on 9/18/88 very suddenly. Our deepest condolence to **Milt** and family.

So — start thinking about Denver, Colorado for next August. Hope to see you all there!!! So take care —

Your Ole Buddy,  
**Frank**



*Kim Packer and Sammy Pharr*



*Eleanor Rodelli, Jean Roeder, Helen Evers, Betty Foster*



*Jerry Rodelli, Jim Eibling, Colonel Holmlin*



*Bill Riggle*

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## 69th Cavalry Recon Troop

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The 37th Annual Reunion of the 69th Recon Troop is past history.

The Reunion was held in Richmond, Virginia on September 9, 10, 11, 1988. Lewis "Cowboy" Vaughn and Lewis Pickett were the Co-Hosts. This was the third time we returned to Richmond and each Reunion was better than the previous one.

The Embassy Suite Hotel as the Reunion site was just fantastic with each suite containing a large bedroom with a living room, a private bath and a large atrium which was glass covered with running water and containing live trees and plants.

We had a hospitality room which was also our meeting room. Thanks to Cowboy Vaughn and Janet and Louie and Lucille Pickett, it was stocked and restocked with goodies and liquid refreshments the whole weekend.

Saturday night we had our formal sit-down dinner. Fifty-one persons attended the dinner. It probably was one of the largest turn-outs we ever had.

**The Troopers in attendance were:**

Lewis Vaughn and fiance Janet — Virginia  
Lewis and Lucille Pickett,  
daughter Mary Lou Pickett and friend — Virginia  
Charlie and Barbara Fox — Maryland  
Gordon and Fern Ewing — Florida  
Charlie Rice — Oklahoma  
Bob Fuller — Texas  
Harold and Maxine Stambaugh — Pennsylvania  
Jim Logue — Pennsylvania  
George and Nancy Lou Makris  
and daughter Vicki — Connecticut  
Lewis "Boyd" and Stella Ellsworth — Ohio  
Hank and Lillian Weiman — New Jersey  
Getty and Lucy Glotfelty — Washington State  
Herb and Eileen Norman — Colorado  
Robert and Mabel Schueler — Ohio  
D. B. and Betty George — Maryland  
Harold and Jeanne Gardner — Missouri  
Bud and Carolyn Pepper — Florida  
Paul Fowler — Florida  
Frank and Loretta Veasy — Ohio  
Ralph and Millie Riggs — Ohio  
Freddie Wohlers — Oklahoma  
Eddie and Mary Lou Glenz — Pennsylvania  
Lloyd and Ruth Walker — Ohio  
Murray Schmieder — New York

*And Yours Truly*

Mike and Mary Moscaritolo — New Jersey and Florida

Now, the rest of you troopers who wished they could have made the Reunion, start planning now for next year. It will be held in Orlando, Florida in October 1989. More information will be forthcoming.

We also had a surprise visit from our former 69th Division Association President, Bill Beswick and his lovely wife Jo. Bill resides approximately 40 miles from Richmond. It sure was nice to see Bill again. Bill spoke about the upcoming trip to England, Germany and Russia for 1990 on the 45th Anniversary of World War II. Bill also reminded the troop of the Division Reunion to be held in Denver, Colorado in 1989 and asked us to attend.

After dinner, as in previous years, each trooper was invited to speak a few minutes and give a brief review and relate things that happened to us since we last were together. This is always interesting and at times very funny and sometimes sad; but is always the highlight of the evening.

We then returned to the hospitality room to reminisce some more and several of the ladies went into the adjoining room to watch the Miss America Beauty Pageant.

Several of the troopers had long car rides to get home, so we said our goodbyes that evening as they would be getting an early start in the morning. The rest of the troop met again at breakfast and said our goodbyes then. Fowler, Glotfelty, Fuller and Wohlers had to be driven to the airport and Schmieder was taken to the train station for his trip to New York City.

Speaking for myself, it is always very sad to say so long and see my buddies depart and usually Mary and I are the last ones to leave, as we have to make sure everyone gets off okay.

This year we lost another trooper to the grim reaper, Barry B. Sheldon from Kentucky and Florida. Barry was with us from the beginning. Barry was in Headquarters Platoon and then was transferred to Division Headquarters when Captain Maxie Thurmond was moved up to G-2.

We also received sad news through Paul Fowler that one of our favorite cooks, Sergeant William Holbrooks, passed away approximately 20 years ago and we just found out about it. We had been sending annual notices of our Annual Reunion to him and when the notices were not returned we assumed he was receiving the notices and not answering them.

The 1989 Recon Troops Reunion will be held in Orlando, Florida sometime in the month of October. The dates and exact location will be verified soon. So all you Recon Troopers please plan to come to sunny Florida, only this time plan to stay at least one week so you all can enjoy the sights and the various activities.

Many years ago, a very nice idea popped into Bones Schueler's head. He purchased an expensive bottle of very special imported French Cognac and he encased it in a wooden frame and had a name plate attached inscribed with 69th Cavalry Recon Troop 1943-45, "The Last Trooper." I now have it in my possession. You see, whomever becomes the host of the Reunion for the following year takes the bottle with him for safe keeping and returns it next year and passes the bottle on to the next Chairman.

There was discussion regarding saving this bottle so the last trooper can drink a toast to his departed buddies. I believe it was Hap Stambaugh who suggested this should be opened by the last "two" troopers so — they can drink and make the toast together. It made sense.

Again, to Cowboy Vaughn and Lewis Pickett, we all thank you very much for your gracious southern hospitality.

God willing, I'll see you all next year.

**Michael Moscaritolo**

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## Company A, 272nd Infantry

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I want to thank you for carrying Ed Lucci's information on the Mieschied catastrophe. I came upon the ruins of that scene as a member of A272, 4th Platoon, first gunner LMG. For one or two nights our section stayed in a residence across the street from the still smoking ruins. What a night to pull guard duty in that God forsaken place. For the past 43 years off and on I have recalled the sight of that incident and until the Bulletin arrived never knew what or how it happened or the name of the town. We moved out too soon. Those men should be remembered by the Division.

I have some pictures of A272, 4th platoon, which might be worthwhile for the Bulletin. What is the minimum copy requirement for publication? *(None)*

Regarding the erection of a monument at Camp Shelby, I am for it! It should be directed more however to the men who died and fought with it.

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## Company E, 272nd Infantry

**William J. Muldoon, Reporter**  
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Hello, you see I too was a Company E man, but in 272nd Regiment. I've been wanting to write for a long time but just put it off. I joined ranks in the 69th in May of 1943 when it was being formed at Camp Shelby. Just an 18 year old soldier. We went through basic that long hot summer down there. Our Captain was Captain Gillum. A few officers just out of OCS were Lieutenant Kerner, Lieutenant Hemingway and Sergeant DeLiemma, and a mess of leaders from Camp Adair who were the Cadre, who came there to make soldiers out of us civilians. Colonel Lanham was the Regimental Commander. We were all told that when we got through basic training and passed the tests, we would get a 15 day furlough. Harold Starry who was in the Personnel Section, issued us our papers. July was tough out on the rifle range, lots of dysentery.

Come September, the first batch, (there were 6 groups) went on leave. The second group only had a short time as in October 1943, the Division was tapped for a lot of replacements. Lost track of where all those guys went. The beginning of 1944 another large group was again called for. My buddy Eddie Netta and I, were shipped out of Shelby up to Fort Meade, Maryland, where we were all processed and taken on to Camp Myles Standish in Rhode Island, then on a big boat in Boston "Wakefield" over to Liverpool, Wales, Southampton, and on over to Normandy.

My buddy Eddie ended up in E Company, 47th Regiment, 9th Division. I ended up in L Company, same Regiment and Division. We were put in with lots of old-timers, who were overseas since 1942. Eddie got hit near St. Lo and was reassigned to the M.P.'s. I continued on and got hit by Falice Gap. But got right back to Company L where I remained till the war's end.

I ended up with 5 Battle Stars for Campaigns, Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and 2 Presidential Citations for Unit. There were lots of tough times while I was there, but somehow I managed to come out O.K. I was destined to go to Japan direct by Suez Canal, but hostilities ended. I was placed in the 10th Armored Division to come home and discharged 10-21-45.

Keep up the good work on the Bulletin. I enjoy reading it and look for old timers. I also belong to the 9th Division Association and I get a newspaper 5 times a year.

They have a good system for delinquent members on the mailing of the paper. They print the mailing address in red. When you see that, it means get caught up on your dues. Just a suggestion.

Keep up the good work, from an old soldier who did not look good in Shelby but wised up fast overseas.

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## Company M, 272nd Infantry

**Raymond Wollthoff, News Reporter**  
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Dear Earl,

Hope this letter finds you and Dottie enjoying the fall weather.

Alice and I enjoyed ourselves at the '88 Reunion.

I am enclosing a picture of one of our members of M Company, 272nd. He'd had a knee replacement in the hospital opposite the Campbell Inn. Several of the fellows visited him in the hospital. I am happy to say he was released from the hospital in time to come to the Memorial Service. He thoroughly enjoyed it.

**Ray and Alice Wollthoff**

How about this saying:

*There's something nice about everyone . . .  
but everything's nice about you.*



*Ray Wollthoff, Woodford Portwood (patient), and Floyd McCalip, Jr. Woodford had knee surgery in the hospital across from the Campbell House Inn during our Reunion.*

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## Company A, 273rd Infantry

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After many years, of only three men showing, the 41st Reunion at Lexington, Kentucky was truly a success. Six first-timers showed, some escorted by their wife. They were as follows:

**Jim Carroll** — Levelland, Texas

**Jim Ezill** — Weiner, Arkansas

**Bill Jordan** — Leighton, Alabama

**Willie Lindsey** — Macon, Georgia

**Bill Nettles** — Starksville, Mississippi

**Bennie Srubar** — Houston, Texas

So with: **Ed Lucci** — Lynbrook, New York

**Jack Hubbard** — Orlando, Florida

**Ray Fahrner** — Lansdale, Pennsylvania

**we had a total of nine.**

Naturally, the war was fought again, again and again. One morning was spent taking pictures and then having breakfast together. Five of us were together on the same bus to Fort Knox. The beer party and the banquet rounded out our socials together. It was a happy group that met for the first time in 43 years, and a sad group that parted. Come on A-Company, join the crowd in Denver, Colorado at the 1989 Reunion. Contact your buddies in old Tryhard Red Able, and don't miss out on a time which will become a very, very fond memory.



*First Timers, Company A, 273rd Infantry: Left to right, Jim Ezell, Bill Nettles, Bill Jordan, Jim Carroll, Willie Lindsey, Bennie Srubar 69th Reunion, Lexington, Kentucky.*



*69ers on Parade*



*Private Bolte - Fort Knox on left in battle dress uniform.*

Marking Time by Pierce Rice



**Well, That's The Way It's Supposed to Point, Ain't It?**

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## Company D, 273rd Infantry

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In the absence of a designated reporter, I take it upon myself to chronicle the participation of D/273 in the Lexington Reunion. Should there be a duplication please place this in your circular file.

The turnout of members of D Company, 273rd Infantry, at the recent Reunion was our best yet. The presence of 13 members was one better than our showings in Orlando in '84 and Niagara in 1987. This was accomplished with the attendance of two first timers: **Charles Atteberry** and **Harold Reininga**. **Art Ayres** had to break a 4 year record when wife **Kathe** had health problems. Frequent attendees **Hank Kaminski** and **Roland Hendrickson** had to bow to other commitments this year. A list of those that did make it to Lexington probably appears elsewhere in the Fall Bulletin, so I will not repeat them here. Let me add that 12 members were accompanied this year by their charming and understanding wives.

Interest in the '89 Reunion in Denver seemed to be high. I will go out on a limb and predict another top turnout. A sizeable increase could be realized if our mortarmen would join us. The largest platoon in the company was not represented this year. **Paul Gornbein** was with us in Niagara giving us a glimmer of hope that others would follow. (Where were you this year, Paul?) Hope springs eternal and we look forward to third platoon participation next year.

We did have sort of a mini company reunion by gathering two nights at local restaurants where we were provided separate dining areas. We had a great time. Thoughts of getting together for a separate company reunion did not seem practical. There has been no indication that we could attract company members who do not already attend the Annual Division Reunions. Consideration might better be given to obtaining an extra room in the hotel/motel at these Reunions to use as a unit hospitality room. We had one in Orlando, and, in one man's opinion, it fostered a closer relationship among those present.

*(NOTE: Charles Atteberry, a first timer in Lexington, passed away on September 29th.)*

## Company F, 273rd Infantry

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Dear Earl,

In my Regimental History (273rd), I had quite a few of the fellows from F Company autograph my book. I took it to Lexington with me. After looking it over I found one of my buddies lived in Lexington. I looked his number up in the phone book and gave him a call. He lived 3 blocks from the Campbell House. He didn't know there was a Reunion or even a 69th Association. On Saturday afternoon, we went out to visit him. He had been in ill health for several years. The enclosed picture is in his front yard. His name and address is:

**Herman Lawson - F Company 273rd Infantry**  
1106 Prospect Avenue, Lexington, Kentucky 40504  
Please add his name to the 69th list.



*Left to right: Herman Lawson, Sam Woolf, Gil Clark, Tom Graves, Jack Vain*

Back in 1984 or 85, I saw this advertisement for troopship pictures and information in the V.F.W. or D.A.V. magazine. The address at that time was:

**Troopship Photos, P.O. Box 1131, Arlington, Virginia 22211**

The picture they send is 8"x10." This is the ship the 273rd sailed on.



### SS MARINE PANTHER

The wartime service of this ship was carried out under the overall direction of the War Department, and War Shipping Administration, but she was manned and operated by the American Export Lines. She was built at Chester, Pennsylvania, and delivered her operators on October 31st, 1944.

Her early service was in the North Atlantic. After several voyages to Europe, she passed through the Suez Canal and visited India and Ceylon. This was followed by another such trip to the same general area, including Manila; then a third. Late in 1946 she was phased out as a troopship and readied for commercial work. Later she was placed in the Reserve Fleet (Virginia group). Now however, she is in operation for the Waterman Steamship Company.

The "Panther" is one of the "engine-aft" vessels of the Maritime Commission design. She measures 520 feet in length, 72 feet in beam and has a 30-foot draft. Steam turbine drive, single propeller, 17 knots (19.56 m.p.h.) Gross tonnage: 11,758. As a wartime trooper, she had passenger accommodations for 2,439 embarked troops. Five of her "Marine class" sister ships did troopship duties during the Korean War.

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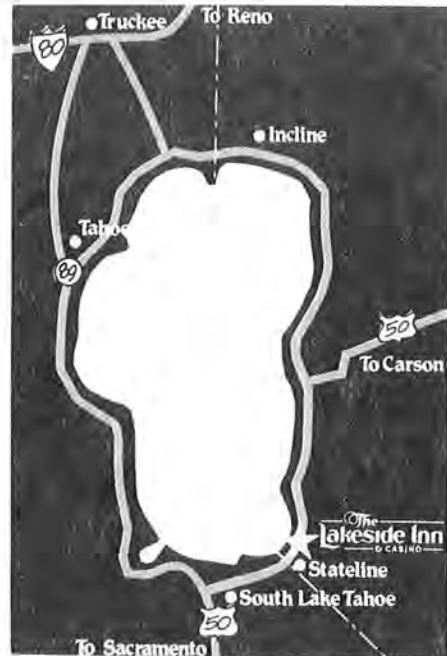
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**Our 1989 weekend will be held  
May 19, 20 and 21**

### Lakeside Inn and Casino at Lake Tahoe

which is on highway 50 at Kingsbury Grade. We are looking for a large turnout at this most beautiful resort with year round recreation. Do mail your reservation in early to the Inn.



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<b>LAKESIDE INN &amp; CASINO — Hwy 50 @ Kingsbury Grade</b> <b>P.O. Box 5640, Stateline, NV 89449 • 702-588-7777 or</b> <b>Group Reservation Request 800-624-7980</b>					HOTEL USE ONLY
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**South Lake Tahoe Lakeside Inn & Casino**



**Lake Tahoe:** The Lakeside Inn & Casino is located on the South Shore of Lake Tahoe - one of the world's most beautiful resorts. For year-round recreation there is no equal. Winter provides world renown Alpine and Nordic skiing with North America's greatest concentration of ski areas, 19, within an hour's drive. A diversity of terrain offers exhilaration for every skier: beginner, intermediate and advanced. Heavenly Valley, Kirkwood, and Squaw Valley USA are easily accessible from the Lakeside's doors.

Summer at beautiful Lake Tahoe offers a myriad of outdoor activities: swimming and sunbathing at the Lakeside pool or Lake Tahoe, sailing, boating, windsurfing, hiking, horseback riding, camping, tennis and golf. Just a flip wedge from the Lakeside is Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course, one of the country's top 60 courses.

Add, nightlife, superstar entertainment, fun and excitement, and the 24-hour Nevada lifestyle, and you have an unparalleled resort area. Coupled with the magic of the Lakeside's Wizard of Odds, it's a combination to make everyone live happily ever after.

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**Report on the 461st AAA Battery B Canton,  
Ohio Reunion - September 16, 17, 18, 1988:**

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Fred, Helen, Russ and Mil went out of their way to show everyone a good time.

Most of the people took the tour bus to the Hall of Fame which was most enjoyable. We were happy to meet Clarence Marshall and Bob and Vivian Kurtzman. Too bad we could not meet you also, Earl and Dottie.

We were saddened to hear of our friend George Stein's death. He was a personal friend of mine and he was counting so much on the Canton Reunion. He had his plane and hotel reservations made. He felt ill on the 9th of September so his wife took him to a Portland hospital the morning of the 10th. Four doctors worked on him for 40 minutes but could not save him. He had a massive heart attack at the hospital. He will be missed by many.

Those attending the Canton, Ohio Reunion were:

Mack and Bea Beard — Pink Hill, North Carolina  
Bill Bawker — Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania  
Larry and Milly Brown — Clarkston, Washington  
Bill and Jo Byler — Erie, Pennsylvania  
Irvin C. and Hazel Davis — Leesburg, Florida  
Dan and Audrey Detwiler — Nazareth, Pennsylvania  
Mary Lee Frank — Penn Argyl, Pennsylvania  
Fred and Helen Fisher — Canton, Ohio  
Ed and ZJo Gergevich — Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Arlene Horne — Hatfield, Pennsylvania  
Ed and Madeline Kiefer — Bethlehem, Pennsylvania  
Dean and Ruth Ludeman — Gainesville, Florida  
Karl Peterson — Sangus, California  
Mary Francis Potance — Hatfield, Pennsylvania  
Sam and Vivian Russell — Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
Tony Salavich — Dickinson, North Dakota  
Bernie and Ginny Uhler — Nazareth, Pennsylvania  
Bob and Margaret Weigand — St. Petersburg, Florida  
Clarence and Lois Winton — Titusville, Pennsylvania  
Ross and Mil Zeigler — Norristown, Pennsylvania

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

Our program for the Reunion of Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 15-16-17, 1989, is not yet complete, but we hope to have it to send in our next Newsletter.

Our last Reunion of June 1987, we had 38 members and 59 family members for a total of 97. We would be happy to have more of our members and their families at the next Reunion in Asheville, North Carolina. Why not set aside the above dates and make plans to be with us.

Please let us have your ideas as to what you would be interested in because it will help in planning our program. Also send any news you may have to help with the Newsletter.

Ruth and I attended the Tri-State Weekend at Canaan Valley, West Virginia in June, and we enjoyed every minute of it.

We wish to thank Earl Witzleb and all the groups for making us feel so welcome. This is what a Reunion is for - to get acquainted and make friends and that is what we did.

The train ride from Cass to Whitaker Station brought back memories of years ago. The barbeque dinner was just great, although the weather was quite cool and there was a lot of shivering and shaking. Earl was seen trying to put on his jacket and hood backwards.

Again, thanks for the hospitality and friendships of everyone.

**Guy and Ruth Stamey**



# 569th Signal Company

The following pictures I acquired while serving with the 569th Signal Company in Germany. Sorry I can't recall the names of some in the pictures.

It may be you have run some of these many times and some I'm sure were probably never seen before, so be my guest.

After the war, MP teams along with radio teams would be stationed in town after town to patrol and enforce curfews. As one picture shows, the Bergermeister (Mayors) usually gave us the best available. We stayed in contact with Headquarters daily via the radio teams.

Frank W. Fisher  
South Bend, Indiana



69th & 569th Signal Company at the Elbe River.



Radio team and two of the MP's in Leipzig outpost duty. Front row center, F. W. Fisher. Back row center, Jack Whilhart. Others in photo unknown.



Leipzig, Germany. People unknown, possibly town officials.



Sergeant F. W. Fisher, Germany, with radio truck.

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Germany



Home where MP outpost with Radio Team stayed in Germany following the War. Leipzig, Germany

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**C Battery, 881st F.A. Bn.**  
met in the registration room for the first time after 42 years. We hope that there will be more at the next Reunion in Denver, Colorado.

Rear left to right: Harold Early, Joe Sarna, Paul Molinari, Albert Jonesa, George Ehll.

Front: Joe Connor and Lester Hart

*C Battery, 881st F.A. Bn. at the Beer Party.*

*Left to right around the table: Ruth Ehll, George Ehll, Sybal Conner, Josephine Molinari, Paul Molinari, Joseph Conner, Jr., Maryann Early, Harold Early*



Pictures furnished by Paul Molinari

# Poetry Corner

## "THE B.B.B.'s"

(Tune: "Mademoiselle from Armentieres")

The call went out for men to fight, far and wide;  
For liberty and peace and right, on freedom's side;  
From north and south, from east and west,  
To Shelby came the Nation's best,  
69th was called to war!

They started in and learned to march, far and fast;  
O'er hill and dale, and swampy trail, thru forest vast;  
They sweated neath the summer sun,  
They learned to shoot the M-1 gun,  
69th had gone to war!

They soon adopted another name, that seemed to please;  
They weren't embarrassed nor filled with shame,  
those B.B.B.'s;

With blistered feet and aching backs,  
They marched and slept in night bivouacs,  
69th had gone to war!

The chiggers itched, the sand-fleas bit, left and right;  
Mosquitoes stung and cockles clung, day and night;  
On straddle trench they squatted low,  
On chins they let their whiskers grow,  
69th had gone to war!

The weeks rolled by and more men came, a motley crew,  
The B.B.B.'s increased in fame, their numbers grew;  
With babbling baboons, bankrupt betters,  
Bedridden bipeds, bedspread wetters,  
69th had gone to war!

The B's began to multiply, as time went on;  
"Baloney biting, Biloxi bound" became their song;  
With bulging bunions, bleeding blisters,  
Broken backs and baggy britches,  
69th had gone to war!

Barracks-bandits rolled the bones, winning bets;  
Bigamist bridegrooms turned down blondes & tried brunettes;  
Bald-head bachelors, bathless brutes,  
Boisterous braggards with burning boots,  
69th had gone to war!

Budget-butchers burnt the biscuits, served us hay;  
Belly-belching beans and beer, night and day;  
Blighted bivalves, barbecue,  
Beets and barley, beefless stew,  
69th had gone to war!

Blaspheming backsliders, cursed and swore, on the road;  
Blustering bluffers cried and wept, about the load;  
But when the tests were made by Corps,  
The B.B.B.'s got highest score,  
69th had gone to war!

The year had gone and training's done, now we're thru;  
The 69th is ready to move, it's job to do;  
And whether on land or whether on sea,  
Wherever you go, you'll always be,  
A member of B.B.B.'s!

## "IF"

(With apologies to Kipling)

If you can stand the heat and dirt and mud  
Which go to form this state called Mississippi;

If you can tolerate the things  
That drives an ordinary person "dippy";

If you can see thru smoke and fog  
Which blind the eyes and nostrils clog,  
And smile while rains pours down by night and day  
Without expressing words you want to say;

If you can get up in the early morn,  
Then step on floor both bare and cold,  
And dress and shave and wash your face and run  
To breakfast by the hour you've been told;

If you can wait in patience twenty minutes  
To get a soft-boiled egg which should take four,  
And sip your coffee black with chickery bitter,  
Or dunk your toast while watching kitchen door,

If you can eat the greens and pork and "goat"  
Served day by day for rations in the Mess Hall,  
And swallow stew or soup or grilled baloney  
While watching cock-roach climb upon the wall;

If you can pay an orderly three dollars  
To make your bed and shine your shoes each day  
And then be patient when your hut is dirty,  
The floor unswept, and no fire on the way;

If you can work six days from dawn to dusk  
Then go to school or training films at night,  
And on the seventh be "On Call" instead of home,  
Then start the next week keen and fresh and bright;

If you can write the daily "Dribble Sheet"  
The Chief of Staff must have each day by ten,  
And make it sound as if you really worked  
And got the limit of endurance from your men;

If you can march until your feet are sore,  
And sleep in bivouac while your buddies snore,  
And scratch the chiggers or the fleas  
Which climb your legs and don't stop at the knees;

If you can drive a Jeep or ride a Recon,  
And keep your teeth from falling from your head  
Or sleep upon a cot whose spring is weakened  
and dream that you are in a handsome bed;

If you can sent your laundry to the QM  
And not get mad or curse with accents loud  
When socks and handkerchiefs are lost and you discover  
That you are missing things of which you were quite proud;

If you can go to Hattiesburg and smile  
When people look at you and in surprise  
Say, "Why should we move fast, or over your needs worry?  
There's lots of time and we don't want to hurry;"

If you can do these things, and still preserve  
Your sanity and not get put in prison,  
You'll be a Staff Officer, well qualified to serve,  
At Headquarters of the 69th Division.

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## SICK CALL

Most every morning after chow  
When things begin to perk  
A line forms by the topkick's desk  
Of guys who cannot work.

On sick call they would like to go  
Their faces look so sad  
There's athlete's foot and blister, too  
And ailments just as bad.

Asthmatic wheezers, rheumatic pains  
And charleyhorses too —  
With corns, and bunions, and flat feet  
The "yard birds" look so blue.

The topkick cannot understand  
If they're in dreadful pain —  
How come they run like frightened deer  
To catch the WEEKEND TRAIN!



# Tri-State Reunion — Canaan Valley, West Virginia

Pictures furnished  
by Ray Fahrner



*Whitaker Station,  
West Virginia*

*Beef Barbecue*

*Cass Country Store  
Cass, West Virginia*



*Open Air Train - Cass to Whitaker Station*



*69th Plaque made by Mr. Vernon Hanlin*

# Attendance by States at The 1988 Lexington, Kentucky Reunion

These figures based on actual count from registration forms. Attendance figures include members, wives and all guests.

Activities based on actual count from Tour Service and Campbell House Inn.

## State Representation was as follows:

Pennsylvania .....	121
Ohio .....	77
New York .....	58
Florida .....	53
New Jersey .....	50
Kentucky .....	37
Illinois .....	36
Indiana .....	33
Virginia .....	29
Michigan .....	23
Georgia .....	22
Wisconsin .....	21
California .....	20
Maryland .....	19
North Carolina .....	18
Texas .....	17
Tennessee .....	16
Missouri .....	15
West Virginia .....	15
Arizona .....	10
Colorado .....	9
Louisiana .....	9
Arkansas .....	8
Iowa .....	8
Alabama .....	7
Massachusetts .....	6
Minnesota .....	6
Mississippi .....	6
Nebraska .....	6
South Carolina .....	6
Connecticut .....	5
Kansas .....	5
Oklahoma .....	5
Delaware .....	2
New Hampshire .....	2
New Mexico .....	2
Oregon .....	2
Rhode Island .....	2
Utah .....	2
Washington .....	2
Nevada .....	1
South Dakota .....	1
District of Columbia .....	1
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>793</b>

## Activity Attendance was as follows:

Shaker Tour .....	139
Bourbon Tour .....	167
Fort Knox Tour .....	468
Horse Farm Tour .....	337
Early Bird Night .....	427
PX Nite .....	520
Banquet .....	626
Breakfast Buffet .....	289
<b>FIRST TIMERS .....</b>	<b>84</b>

# 1988 Lexington Reunion Attendees

Asterisk (\*) Indicates First Timers.

## 69th DIVISION HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Fred and Lois Avery .....	Virginia
Andrew and Joan Both .....	Florida
Eugene and Norma Gene Butterfield .....	Ohio
Walter and Ann Doernbach .....	New Jersey
John and Mary Duffy .....	New York
Dutch and Jeanne Hawn .....	Colorado
James and Elsie Irvine .....	Florida
Guest: Julie Sellers	
Rabbi Ernst and Eudice Lorge .....	Illinois
Clarence Marshall .....	Pennsylvania
Guests: Mr. and Mrs. Russell Harmon	
Sumner Russman .....	Oklahoma
Joseph and Eleanor Wright .....	Missouri

## 69th M.P.

Carl and Ruth Miller .....	Ohio
James and Faye Moody .....	North Carolina
John Moriarty .....	Massachusetts

## 69th QUARTERMASTER

George and Vickie Gallagher .....	Florida
Victor Woo .....	California

## 69th RECON

Boyd and Stella Ellsworth .....	Ohio
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## 369th MEDICAL BATTALION

*A. Brooks and Ethel Drake .....	West Virginia
*Ralph and Janice Pinion .....	Missouri

## 569th SIGNAL COMPANY

Adolph Eichhammer .....	Florida
*Frank and Geraldine Fisher .....	Indiana
George and Dorothy Hepp .....	New York
*Edmus and Frances Hoskins .....	Texas
Charles and Geraldine Hunt .....	Kentucky
John and Jean Kastanakis .....	Alabama
Forrest Lucas, Jr. ....	Pennsylvania
Kenneth and Hester Manning .....	West Virginia
Curt and Evelyn Peterson .....	Wisconsin
*Donald and Lois Pierce .....	Pennsylvania
Carl and Mildred Stetler .....	Pennsylvania

## 769th ORDINANCE COMPANY

Clifford and Estelle Ewing .....	Georgia
Guests: Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Chapman	
Irving and Shirley Sarafan .....	New York
Fred and Catherine Scheller .....	Illinois
Joseph Selb .....	New Jersey
Guest: Vilma Mackouse	

## 269th ENGINEER BATTALION HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

James and Dotty Eibling .....	Ohio
William and Betty Foster .....	Pennsylvania
John and Elizabeth Hawley .....	Pennsylvania
Walter Holmlin .....	New Jersey

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## 269th ENGINEER BATTALION (continued)

### COMPANY A

\*C. Phillip Bowne ..... Indiana  
Daniel and Helen Evers ..... Pennsylvania  
Robert Kamping ..... New Jersey  
Frank and Grace Packard ..... Massachusetts  
Samuel and Gloria Pharr ..... Tennessee  
Guy and Elizabeth Winfrey ..... Virginia

### COMPANY B

Frank and Stefania Nemeth ..... Pennsylvania  
Guest: Martha Noga  
\*William Riggle, Sr. .... Indiana  
Guest: William Riggle, Jr.  
Frank Sullivan ..... Massachusetts

### COMPANY C

Howard and Virginia Denbo ..... Indiana  
Gerald and Eleanor Rodelli ..... Florida  
Lawrence and Jean Roeder ..... Kentucky  
\*Lloyd and Margaret Roth ..... Ohio

## 271st INFANTRY REGIMENT

### HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

John Barrette ..... Wisconsin  
John and Barbara Davis ..... Pennsylvania  
\*Edwin and Sue Lansford ..... Tennessee  
\*Mel and June Liverance ..... Colorado  
Walter and Julia Mueller ..... New Jersey

### HEADQUARTERS, 1st BATTALION

Wilbur and Phyllis Baker ..... Indiana  
Al and Edith Carbonari ..... Florida

### COMPANY A

\*Charles and Marion Oliver ..... Louisiana  
\*George and Rita Wolff ..... South Carolina  
Emil and Elene Zerenga ..... New York  
Guests: Eugene and Mary Bleecker

### COMPANY B

Phil and Ruth Delphey ..... Pennsylvania  
Thomas and Lorraine Hancock ..... Illinois  
Guest: Betty Jouvenaux  
Joseph and Mary Lantz ..... Maryland  
Harold Cynthia Moore ..... Tennessee  
\*Kenneth and Lillian Upton ..... Louisiana  
Charles and Pat Walsh ..... Wisconsin  
Robert Younglas ..... Michigan

### COMPANY D

John and Jean Butkovich ..... Washington  
Fred and Ann Collet ..... Michigan  
\*Jim and Aline Ford ..... Tennessee  
Paul and Margie McCombs ..... Pennsylvania

### HEADQUARTERS, 2nd BATTALION

\*Richard and Esther Carris ..... Indiana

### COMPANY E

Elmer Broneske ..... Colorado  
Robert and Betty Dimmick ..... Georgia  
Mario and Freda Fattore ..... New Jersey  
Robert and Grace Glaum ..... Illinois  
Harold and Eldonna Hendrix ..... Michigan  
William and Catherine McCall ..... New Jersey  
Charles and Kathy Moore ..... Ohio

## COMPANY E (continued)

Bing T. Poon ..... District of Columbia  
Paul and Marion Shadle ..... Pennsylvania  
William and Marjorie Taylor ..... Florida

### COMPANY F

Frank and Arlene Carey ..... Pennsylvania  
Cecil and Alene Cottle ..... Ohio  
James and Barbara Kidd ..... Kentucky  
\*Lucious and Lewis Mae Murphree ..... Mississippi

### COMPANY G

Clarence and Lena Goon ..... Ohio  
Nathan and Rhoda Green ..... New York  
Scott and Ann Gresham ..... Virginia  
Glenn and Nadine Hunnicutt ..... Nebraska  
Ralph and Josephine Plugge ..... Illinois  
Blake and Mary Reep ..... North Carolina  
David and Mary Scatena ..... Pennsylvania  
\*Herman and Betty Spurrier, Jr. .... Kentucky

### COMPANY H

John and Helen Hayes ..... Florida  
Albert and Eleanor Panara ..... New Jersey

### HEADQUARTERS, 3rd BATTALION

\*Charles Sullivan ..... Georgia  
James and Betty Yakle ..... Florida

### COMPANY I

\*Ed and Pat Kosmal ..... Missouri

### COMPANY K

Albert Hornyak ..... Ohio  
Worley and Mae Smith ..... Michigan  
Guest: Connie Brough

### COMPANY M

Joseph Hansel ..... Illinois  
William and Reba Sheavly ..... Maryland  
Delbert and Helen Wright ..... Indiana

### ANTI-TANK COMPANY

Edgar Biles ..... Arkansas  
Arthur and Nancy Holgate ..... New Jersey  
Dillard and Anita Powell ..... North Carolina  
George and Lina West ..... Pennsylvania

### CANNON COMPANY

Jim and Jane Lynch ..... Pennsylvania

### 271st MEDICS

\*Chuck and Vivienne Henderson ..... Indiana  
\*John C. Moore ..... West Virginia  
Guest: N. J. Thompson  
Harry and Audrey Ritter ..... Maryland  
David and Virginia Wharrey ..... Pennsylvania

### SERVICE COMPANY

Leroy and Maria Keller ..... Virginia

## 272nd INFANTRY REGIMENT

### HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Bert and Natalie Jaffe ..... New York  
Rev. and Mrs. Sherriell Storey ..... Kentucky

### COMPANY A

L. Raymond Olson and Guest ..... New Jersey  
Edgar and Frances Parsons ..... North Carolina  
\*Ralph and Eva Jane Saulters ..... Ohio  
\*James and Lauretta Walker ..... Kentucky

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### 272nd INFANTRY REGIMENT (continued)

#### COMPANY B

Crandon and Jane Clark ..... New Jersey  
Leo and Margaret Moore ..... Ohio  
\*James and Marie Kearns ..... Kentucky

#### COMPANY C

Guy and Beatrice Moore ..... Kentucky  
Guest: Eugene Moore  
Robert and Jean Shaffer ..... Ohio

#### COMPANY D

\*Richard Bell ..... South Dakota  
Bryon Gutshall ..... Virginia

#### COMPANY E

Fred and Mavis Butenhoff ..... Wisconsin  
Tony and Florence Keller ..... New York  
Milton and Dorothy Lutes ..... Pennsylvania  
Roger and Ruth West ..... Michigan  
John and Pat Westlake ..... California  
Chet and Barbara Yastrzemski ..... New York

#### COMPANY F

Norman and Dorothy Allen ..... Illinois  
Herb Callaway ..... Texas  
James and Peach Henry ..... Pennsylvania  
James Nunes ..... Rhode Island  
Guest: Michael Quinn  
\*Harold and Isabelle Nunn ..... Kentucky  
Donald and Mary Jane Rettman ..... Florida  
Neil Shields ..... Pennsylvania  
Edward and Elaine Wade ..... Kentucky  
Melvin and Louise Wardin ..... Kentucky

#### COMPANY G

Anees and Barbara Barakat ..... Pennsylvania  
\*Walter and Dolores Berhow ..... Utah  
Clarence Burke ..... Pennsylvania  
Millard and Fredda Carter ..... Texas  
Guest: Kay Carter White  
William and Lynn Danahy ..... Nebraska  
Val and Edna Frauenhofer ..... New York  
Will and Barbara Frazee ..... Ohio  
Zane and Zelma Gray ..... Arkansas  
LeRoy Honea ..... Texas  
Clem Hudacek ..... Missouri  
Ray Lehman ..... Iowa  
Guest: Connie Jayne  
William and Mariam Lilien ..... New York  
John and Edna McGinnis ..... Florida  
William and Joyce Phillips ..... Florida  
Edgar and Nelle Ross ..... North Carolina  
\*Willie and Betty Shearl ..... Ohio  
James and Helen Vogel ..... California  
Merrill Wysong ..... Indiana  
Paul and Anne Ziats ..... Ohio

#### HEADQUARTERS, 3rd BATTALION

James and Jane Berry ..... Tennessee

#### COMPANY I

Andrew and Betty Blishak ..... Pennsylvania  
Wendell and Sally Freeman ..... Georgia  
Denni and Elsie Haltiwanger ..... Florida  
\*Kenneth and Edris Hull ..... Texas  
Robert and Vivian Kurtzman ..... Ohio  
Pat and Janice Lushbaugh ..... Maryland

### COMPANY I (continued)

Edward McDonnell ..... New York  
Guest: Patricia McLaughlin  
\*John and Betty McGraw ..... Pennsylvania  
John Marshall ..... Indiana  
Chalmer and Reita Pearson ..... Michigan  
Thomas and Jean Reardon ..... Pennsylvania  
Harold and Ethel Ruck ..... Tennessee  
Bruce Srouf ..... Illinois

#### COMPANY L

\*Kyle and Mildred Ellison ..... West Virginia  
\*Walter and Arlene Elsner ..... Wisconsin  
Russell and Rosanna Meineke ..... Missouri  
John and Elizabeth Nelson ..... New Jersey  
Guests: Robert and Joan Nelson  
\*Larney Wesley, son Dan ..... Kentucky  
Bernard and Edith Zaffern ..... Michigan

#### COMPANY M

Lido Dalporto ..... West Virginia  
Floyd and Catherine McCalip ..... Mississippi  
Joseph and Kathryn Makosky ..... Pennsylvania  
Carl and Dorothy Rapp ..... California  
Raymond and Alice Wolthoff ..... Florida

#### ANTI-TANK COMPANY

Frank Hadden ..... Georgia  
Russell and Betty Koch ..... Missouri

#### CANNON COMPANY

\*Ralph and Ursula Goebel ..... Minnesota  
William and Elva Graham ..... Michigan  
\*Cary and Lorraine Pollitt, Jr. ..... Kentucky  
\*Rudy and Margaret Weidmann ..... Ohio

#### 272nd MEDICS

Raymond and Charlotte Strauss ..... Florida  
John and Barb Theisen ..... Minnesota

#### SERVICE COMPANY

Haywood and Helen Dedman ..... Alabama  
Dale and Bonnie Scott ..... Wisconsin

### 273rd INFANTRY REGIMENT

#### HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Ben Foy ..... North Carolina  
Guest: Ralph Mash  
\*Norman and Juanita Pickford ..... Illinois

#### HEADQUARTERS, 1st BATTALION

Rocco and Rosalie Campagna ..... Pennsylvania  
Roy and Sara Gilstrap ..... Georgia  
Charles and Lorraine Goodhart ..... Pennsylvania  
John and Janet Havey ..... Arizona  
Tod and Pauline Morgan ..... Ohio

#### COMPANY A

\*James and Mary Carroll ..... Texas  
\*James and Allamae Ezell ..... Arkansas  
Raymond Fahrner ..... Pennsylvania  
Jack and Jackie Hubbard ..... Florida  
\*William and Blanche Jordan ..... Alabama  
\*Willie and Bertie Lindsey ..... Georgia  
Edward Lucci ..... New York  
\*William and Ruby Nettles ..... Mississippi  
\*Bennie and Marcella Srubar ..... Texas

#### COMPANY B

Robert and Lynn Peason ..... New Jersey

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**COMPANY C**

William Parks ..... Alabama

**COMPANY D**

\*Charles and Dot Atteberry ..... Illinois  
Allan and Mary Blackmar ..... New York  
Ed and Mary Case ..... Pennsylvania  
Charles and Bertha Hoefer ..... New York  
George and Barbara Johnson ..... Virginia  
Arthur and Eloise Lohrbach ..... Ohio  
Robert and Betty Jo McCarty ..... Louisiana  
Dan and Cathy McHugh ..... Virginia  
Seth and Joan Mohr ..... New York  
John and Helen Oplt ..... Illinois  
\*Harold and Marie Reininga ..... Indiana  
Kenneth Sawyer ..... Florida  
Lewis and Mary Tenney ..... Indiana

**HEADQUARTERS, 2nd BATTALION**

Victor and Olga Ostrow ..... Maryland  
Ted and Ursula Schiffner ..... New Jersey  
\*Garnet and Florence Whitley ..... Virginia

**COMPANY E**

Joseph and Virginia Aiello ..... New York  
Davisson and Barbara Dunlap ..... Florida  
Arthur and Marian Hume ..... Michigan  
William and Jane Matlach ..... New York  
Al and Lotti Shires ..... Florida  
\*Jack and Mary Snyder ..... Missouri  
\*Kermit and Ethel Webb ..... Kentucky  
Earl and Dottie Witzleb ..... Pennsylvania

**COMPANY F**

Gilbert and Marion Clark ..... Pennsylvania  
John and Marjorie Fain ..... Florida  
Thomas and Joan Graves ..... Florida  
Sammy and Anne Woolf ..... New York

**COMPANY G**

Bob and June Ainley ..... Indiana  
Guest: Thomas Ainley  
Betty and Al Aronson ..... New Jersey  
Willard and Dorris Beecher ..... Florida  
\*Raymond Hotter ..... Illinois  
Fred and Ruth Johnston ..... Pennsylvania  
Joseph and Diane Panganiban ..... California  
Edson and Sophie Stagg ..... New Jersey  
Guests: Byron and Jessica Morgan

**COMPANY H**

Bert and Rhoda Eckert ..... New York  
Charles and Ruth Green ..... Michigan  
Robert and Maine Haag ..... Indiana  
Thomas Hoffman ..... Florida  
\*Eli and Mary Jackson ..... Kentucky  
\*Sheldon and Ruth Johnson ..... Ohio  
\*Leland and Lola Jones ..... Kansas  
\*Howard and Jane Keyser ..... Pennsylvania  
Charles and Agnes Leskus ..... Pennsylvania  
Guests: Mary and Linda Leskus  
Rudy Leyrer ..... California  
Charles and Doris Locke ..... New Jersey  
John and Arylene Mowrey ..... West Virginia  
Anthony and Elizabeth Mruk ..... New York

**COMPANY H (continued)**

E. R. and Jacqueline Sams ..... North Carolina  
Jacob and Violet Stark ..... Pennsylvania  
Raymond and Helen Szkudlarek ..... Ohio

**HEADQUARTERS, 3rd BATTALION**

Francis and Anna Blais ..... Maryland  
Charles and Patricia Hoffman ..... Florida  
John and Judy Sneary ..... Ohio

**COMPANY I**

William and Beverly Armstrong ..... Iowa  
Justin and Robbie Bloom ..... Maryland  
\*James and Audrey Castrale ..... Nebraska  
George and Edna Harper ..... New Mexico  
George and Janet Houseal ..... Pennsylvania  
Richard and Wanda Lincoln ..... Pennsylvania  
Allen and Catherine Long ..... Florida  
Carl and Bernice Macknair ..... Pennsylvania  
Paul and Aldonna Mickiewicz ..... New Jersey  
\*Maurice and Flora Meyer ..... Iowa  
Robert and Theresa Pierce ..... California  
George and Frances Pursey ..... Ohio  
Anthony and Jo Ann Rende ..... Pennsylvania  
Chester and Olive Ritchie ..... Virginia  
\*Robert and Doris Rogers ..... Illinois  
Earnest and Betty Rowe ..... Delaware  
Erwin and Carmen Sanborn ..... New Hampshire

**COMPANY K**

\*Hurley Dawes ..... Kentucky

**COMPANY L**

Anthony and Genevieve Plasic ..... Pennsylvania  
Herman Walker ..... Indiana

**COMPANY M**

Albert and Elvira Francavilla ..... Pennsylvania  
Fred and Annette Johnson ..... Arizona  
Raul and Lilly Nava ..... California  
Edward and Rosemary Radlowski ..... New York  
Woodrow Welch and Helen Williams ..... Illinois

**ANTI-TANK COMPANY**

George Endres ..... New Jersey  
Burton and Annette Kennedy ..... Pennsylvania

**CANNON COMPANY**

Henry and Oneeta Coble ..... Virginia  
\*Frank and Catherine Fisher ..... Kentucky  
Thomas and Ida Poole ..... Iowa  
Mary Ross ..... New Jersey  
\*Edward Shelton ..... Ohio

**273rd MEDICS**

Russell and Edna Falls ..... New Jersey

**FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION**

**HEADQUARTERS DIVARTY**

Bob Bement ..... Colorado  
Charles and Edith Chapman ..... Virginia  
Al Faison ..... Florida  
Guests: Bob and Kitty Roman  
Douglas and Nyda Hall ..... Louisiana  
Tom and Jeanette Joseph ..... Florida  
Charles and Lois Kaercher ..... Pennsylvania

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**HEADQUARTERS DIVARTY** (continued)

Jay and Edith Rollman ..... California  
Paul and Mozelle Thomas ..... Oklahoma  
Frank Titzer ..... Indiana  
Brantley and Ruth Anne Watkins ..... Maryland

**724th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION**

**A BATTERY**

K. Earl Abel ..... Michigan  
William Harsch ..... Pennsylvania  
Paul and Mayreta Kitner ..... Pennsylvania  
Woody Mitchell ..... Texas

**B BATTERY**

Tom and Helen Heath ..... New York  
John and Sophie Pierce ..... Pennsylvania

**C BATTERY**

\*Richard and Doris Bevier ..... Colorado  
Irving Eder ..... Wisconsin  
\*Thomas and Patricia Fritscher ..... Arizona  
\*Elmer Gatchell and Hazel Varney ..... Ohio  
Robert Hollister ..... New York  
Coy and Erline Horton ..... North Carolina  
\*Robert and Libby Inyart ..... Illinois  
\*Eugene Kissell ..... Ohio  
Daniel O'Shea ..... Connecticut  
Louis and Chucki Psaltis ..... Illinois  
Vernon and Mary Tritch ..... Pennsylvania  
John and Neta Turner ..... Georgia

**879th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION**

**HEADQUARTERS BATTERY**

Al Kormas ..... Ohio

**A BATTERY**

\*Clarence and Alice Vickers ..... Georgia

**B BATTERY**

\*Ragsdale and Erma Lane ..... Tennessee

**C BATTERY**

William and Mary Harr ..... Ohio  
James Jones ..... Ohio  
Frank and Kathleen Kruger ..... New York  
\*Frank and Blanche Sniadecki ..... Indiana

**SERVICE BATTERY**

Dell and Mary Balzano ..... Ohio  
Harold and Emily Fletcher ..... Pennsylvania  
James and Lydia Little ..... Georgia  
Bruce and Mary Young ..... West Virginia

**880th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION**

**HEADQUARTERS BATTERY**

George and Edna Blume ..... Virginia  
\*John and Doris Cooper ..... Illinois  
Stanley and Verla Crouch ..... Ohio  
John and Peggy O'Connor ..... Illinois  
Harold and Anne Hoarn ..... New Jersey  
Warren and Betty Kunkel ..... Indiana  
Robert and Marilyn McKee ..... Maryland  
Stuart and Elinor McGowan ..... New York  
Emil and Peggy Paoletta ..... Ohio  
\*Mike and Lucille Pendrick ..... Arkansas

**A BATTERY**

James and Geneva Bilbrey ..... Tennessee

**B BATTERY**

Frank and Joan Alfiero ..... New Jersey

**C BATTERY**

Enrico and Anne D'Angelo ..... Pennsylvania  
Lewis and Fern Pugh ..... Ohio

**881st FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION**

**A BATTERY**

Francis and Zita Enright ..... Wisconsin  
James and Irene Liguori ..... New York  
Guest: Raymond Liguori  
Ralph and Madeline Reeves ..... Arizona

**B BATTERY**

\*Clyde and Ruthanna Arvin ..... Pennsylvania  
James and Tillie Boris ..... Pennsylvania  
Joseph and Jeanette Brady ..... New Jersey  
\*Raymond and Marian Derr ..... Ohio  
Walter and Alice Haag ..... California  
Bruno and Rose Maj ..... New York  
\*Emil Matys ..... Nevada  
\*James Moen ..... Minnesota  
\*Robert and Kathleen Murphy ..... Pennsylvania  
Gilbert and Susan Rocco ..... Pennsylvania  
Richard Stoddard ..... Colorado  
\*Alton Struewing ..... Kentucky

**C BATTERY**

\*Joseph and Sybil Conner ..... Georgia  
Harold and Mary Ann Early ..... Ohio  
\*George and Ruth Ehll ..... Missouri  
Lester Hart and Todd Coon ..... Ohio  
\*Albert and Charlotte Jones ..... South Carolina  
\*Paul and Josephine Molinari ..... Connecticut  
Joseph Sarna ..... Illinois

**661st TANK DESTROYER BATTALION**

**HEADQUARTERS COMPANY**

Bill and Jo Beswick ..... Virginia  
Clifford and Dolly Blank ..... Texas  
Guest: Janelle Hawkins  
Allan and Nina Farrar ..... West Virginia

**B COMPANY**

Wayne Allen ..... Arkansas  
Ralph and Cris Bragg ..... Virginia  
Edward Ettel ..... Indiana  
George and Joan McPherson ..... California  
George and Marie Mackey ..... Michigan  
William and Ellen Snidow ..... Virginia

**C COMPANY**

Steve and Anne Forgas ..... Ohio  
Joseph and Marian Jenei ..... Ohio  
Julius and Ellen Slopek ..... Ohio

**RECON**

Eugene and Ethel Pierron ..... Wisconsin

**777th TANK BATTALION**

**HEADQUARTERS COMPANY**

John Gradomski ..... Ohio  
\*Jeff and Grace Keith ..... South Carolina  
Al and Linda Liane ..... Oregon

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**LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY REUNION ATTENDEES**  
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**777th TANK BATTALION (continued)**

**HEADQUARTERS COMPANY (continued)**

Franklin and Gloria See ..... Arizona  
Gaylord and Ruth Thomas ..... Wisconsin  
Guests: Orien and Myrtle White

**A COMPANY**

\*Joe and Elsie Andrews ..... North Carolina  
Harry and Lorraine Keeney ..... Pennsylvania  
John and Mary Koke ..... New Jersey  
Milton and Virginia Myers ..... Kansas  
Guest: Drew Myers  
Donald and Lillie Nockerts ..... Kentucky  
Sil and Margaret Sabol ..... Ohio  
Vernon Wirth ..... Wisconsin

**B COMPANY**

Alex Zubrowski ..... New York

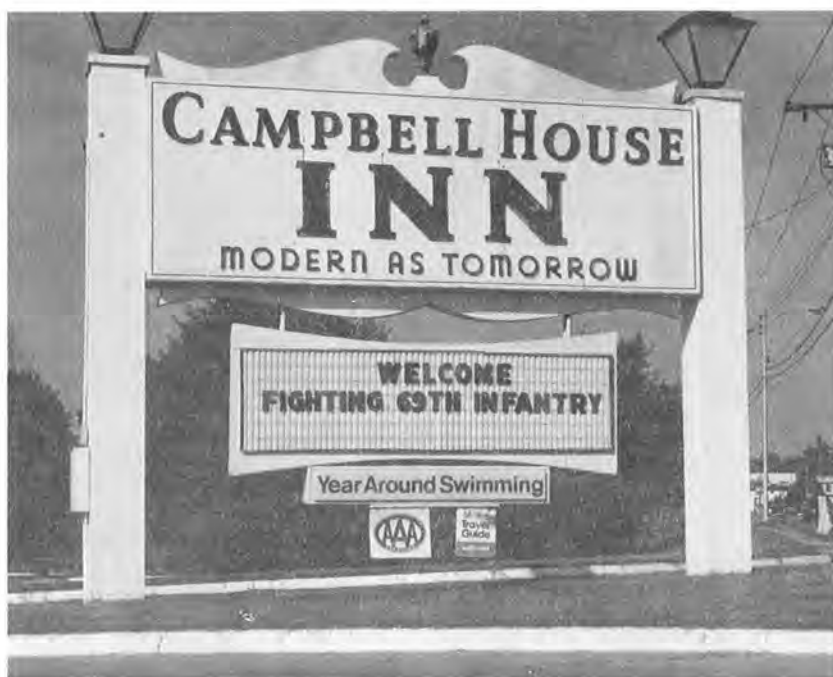
**C COMPANY**

\*Albert Bonura ..... Pennsylvania  
Neil and Eileen Corcoran ..... Illinois  
John and Ellen McCann ..... Massachusetts  
Henry and Jean Putala ..... Connecticut

**D COMPANY**

Donald and Eva Knaus ..... Pennsylvania  
Andrew LaPatka and Guest ..... Pennsylvania  
Alex and Florence Lasseigne ..... Louisiana  
Joseph Loudon ..... Ohio  
George Singleton ..... Maryland  
Victor Tedesco ..... Minnesota  
Earl and Dollie Weaver ..... Pennsylvania  
Robert Weise ..... New York  
Charley and Edna White ..... Oklahoma  
James and Thurlo Bristol ..... Pennsylvania  
George and Jane Dendle ..... Pennsylvania  
\*Dan Fello ..... Pennsylvania

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The marquee at the Campbell House Inn welcoming our group for our 41st Annual Reunion.



An unidentified ex-69th Artilleryman renders "The Caissons Go Rolling Along" on his sax at the Saturday Night Banquet in Lexington.

**1989 69th INFANTRY DIVISION  
ASSN. 42nd ANNUAL REUNION**

**Denver Marriott Southeast  
DENVER, COLORADO**

**August 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 1989**

**!!! REMEMBER TO REGISTER EARLY !!!**

**Company M**  
**272nd Infantry Regiment**

These pictures were taken in late 1943, and furnished by Frazier Davidson.



*Pete Labinsky (doing his sewing)*



*Pfc. Emerson Diehl*



*Pvt. Davidson, Pfc. Benson, Cpl. Golbach*

These two pictures were taken by the monument in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

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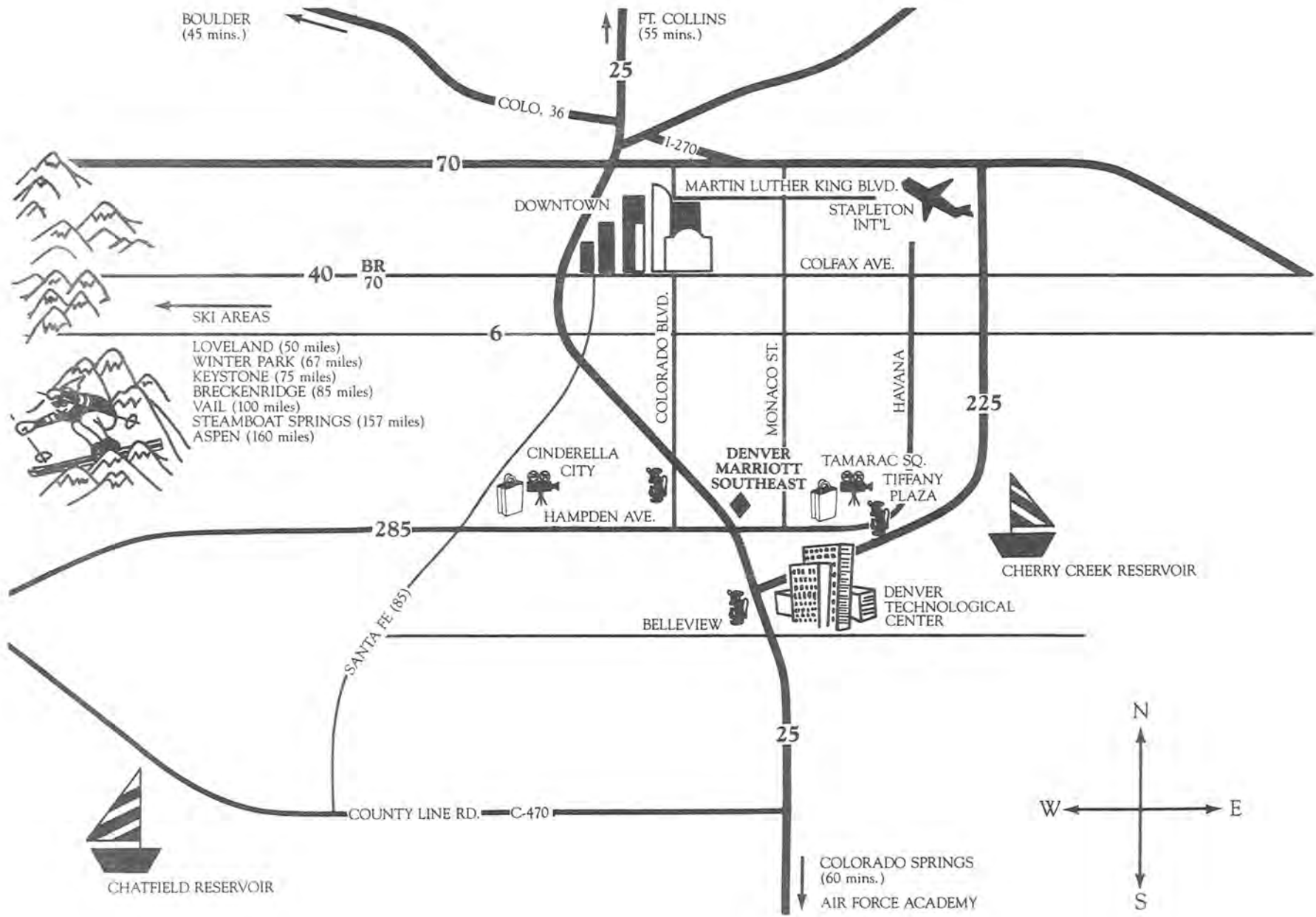
## CALL FOR HELP

National Headquarters is interested in contacts from former members of our Division who participated in the action and capture of Colditz, and who might know something about an item called "The Colditz Glider." This is all a mystery to your Editor, because I didn't get this far with the 69th Division in Germany.



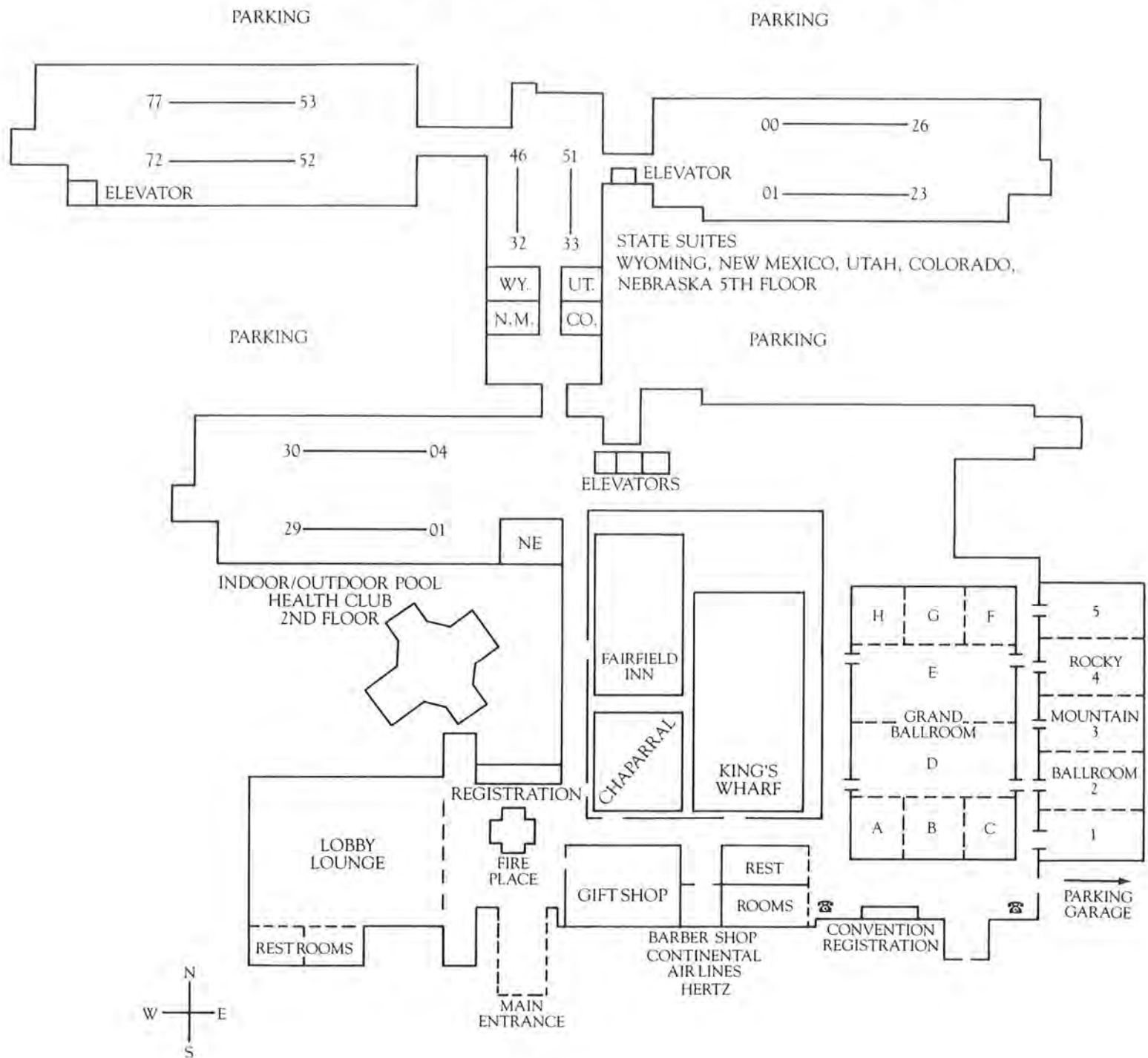
*"Take off yer hat when you mention sex here. It's a reverent subject."*

# Denver Map





# Denver Marriott Southeast - Floor Plan



**For the Saturday Night Banquet Dinner Dance, early registrations will sit in the Grand Ballroom. Late-Late-Late registrations and walk-ins will sit in the Rocky Mountain Ballroom.**

# Members of Headquarters 880th Field Artillery Battalion at the Lexington, Kentucky Reunion

Pictures furnished  
by John O'Connor



*Armstrong and Henry Coble*



*Robert and Lynn Peason*



*Standing: John Cooper, Bill Hoarn, John O'Connor, Gene McGreevy, Bob McKee, Stu McGowan*

*Kneeling: George Blume, Warren Kunkel, Mike Pendrick, Stan Crouch*



*Standing: Edna Blume, Peggy O'Connor, Marilyn McKee, Lucille Pendrick, Carolyn McGreevy, Elinor McGowan, Betty Kunkel*

*Seated: Ann Hoarn and Doris Cooper*

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## “Greetings”

During the war, most males between 18 and 36 discovered in their morning mail a fateful notice (*below*) that began with the word above. Whereupon, they became GIs much like cartoonist George Baker's Sad Sack, who appears to the right. The break with civilian life was swift and shocking. At one induction center a service sergeant, trying to quiet draftees so he could swear them in, repeatedly begged, “Gentlemen, please be quiet.” The oath-taking over, he roared, Now goddam it, SHUT UP.”



## SOUND FAMILIAR?

*Having submitted yourself to a local board composed of your neighbors for the purpose of determining your availability for training and service in the land or naval forces of the United States, you are hereby notified that you have now been selected for training and service therein. This local board will furnish transportation to an induction station. You will there be examined, and, if accepted . . . you will then be inducted into the land or naval forces. If you are employed, you should advise your employer of this notice . . . Your employer can then be prepared to replace you if you are accepted, or to continue your employment if you are rejected. Willful failure to report promptly to this local board at the hour and on the day named . . . is a violation of the Selective Service Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended, and subjects the violator to fine and imprisonment.*

# \*\*\*\*\* 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. Then bring them to a National Reunion to meet a-l-l-l-l of the gang.

## 1989

### JANUARY 7, 1989

Deadline for material and pictures  
Bulletin Volume 42, Number 2  
January - February - March - April 1989  
Bulletin due out in late February or early March, 1989

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### JANUARY 1989

Second dues notices mailed out to all members on record.  
Exception — Those who paid at the Lexington, Kentucky Reunion and from the first notice in September or October will not get any. Thanks for paying in 1988.  
It's hard to explain why you must pay dues twice in 1989. Remember the dues year August to July of the following year.

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### FEBRUARY 3, 4, 5, 1989

TRI-STATE FALL WEEKEND  
*Tri-State Blue Is The Family Group*  
Not November BUT February

Oglebay's Wilson Lodge  
Oglebay Park  
3 Miles North of I-70 on West Virginia Route 88  
Wheeling, West Virginia 26003

FRIDAY - Come visit with us / Hospitality Room

SATURDAY - Visit Museum / Shopping / Hospitality Room  
Banquet - Swiss Steak / Cash Bar  
Tour of Oglebay's Christmas Lights  
(Last weekend they will be lit)

SUNDAY - Breakfast Brunch / Goodbye's - See you in Erie, Then Denver

#### MILES TO OGLEBAY PARK

Charleston, West Virginia	162
Cincinnati, Ohio	235
Cleveland, Ohio	132
Indianapolis, Indiana	303
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	333
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	56
Toledo, Ohio	206

PACKAGE - 2 Nights / 1 Night  
Write Earl Witzleb for flyer

#### Committee:

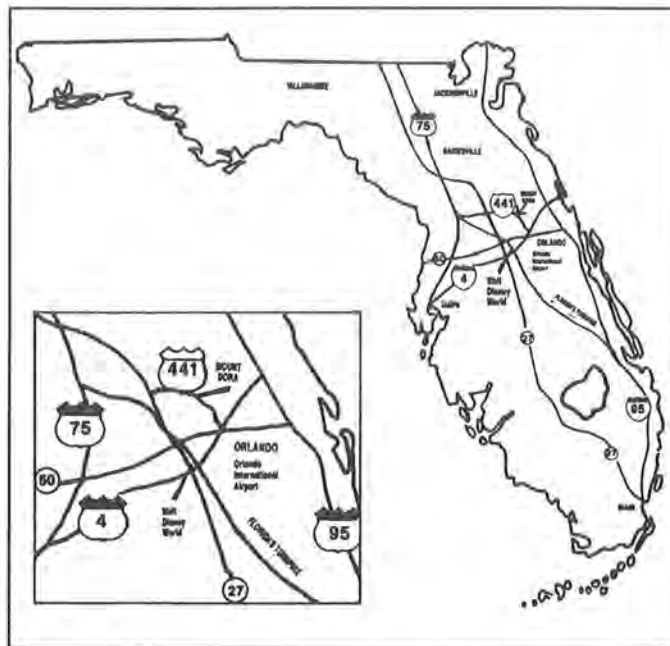
Lewis "Boyd" and Stella Ellsworth  
R.D. #1, Knoxville Road  
Steubenville, Ohio 43952  
Telephone: 614/282-2327

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### APRIL 7, 8, 9, 1989

#### SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER SPRING BREAK WEEKEND

The Highlander Resort  
555 South Highland Street  
Mount Dora, Florida 32757  
Telephone: 904/735-0505



#### Committee:

Allen and Cathy Long, Chairpersons  
Route 1, Box 514  
Mount Dora, Florida 32757  
Telephone: 904/735-2923

A relaxing weekend to do as you please.  
New England in Florida and make sure you have your umbrellas.

DINNER - Friday at the Highlander

DINNER BANQUET - at 7:00 p.m., Holiday House Saturday

NOTE FROM EARL: You should make Saturday's dinner a banquet for everyone since the Sunday goodbyes Brunch is out. See you all in Denver or/ and come to Erie the end of May. Erie's beaches in the summer are Florida's in the winter. Tri-State Group wishes you a good weekend at the "HIGHLANDER."

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### MAY 6, 1989

Deadline for material and pictures  
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May - June - July - August, 1989  
Bulletin due out in late June or early July, 1989

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# CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS AND COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE

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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

MAY 19, 20, & 21 - Hospitality Room

MAY 20 a.m. - Board an English Doubledecker bus to Tahoe  
Queen for ride on Lake Tahoe.

MAY 20 8:00 p.m. - Dinner at Lakeside Inn

Lake Tahoe Airport, CA

Casinos & Shows

Golf & Ski Lifts

Sunday — Goodbyes and will see you next year.

### Committee:

Karl Petersen, *Chairperson*

27214 Cabrera

Saugus, California 91350

Telephone: 805/259-5829

Larry W. and Milly Brown, *Reporter*

538 Burns Avenue

Clarkston, Washington 99403

Telephone: 509/758-2180

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**MAY 26, 27, 28, 1989**

## MIDWEST GROUP WEEKEND

Essenhaus Country Inn

240 U.S. Highway 20

Just off Indiana Turnpike - Exit 107

Middlebury, Indiana 46540

Telephone: 219/825-9471

In the Heart of Indiana's Amish Country

Golfing / Shopping / Hospitality Room

## SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

### Committee:

Chalmer and Reita Pearson, *Co-Host*

15330 Joseph Road

Vandalia, Michigan 49095

Telephone: 616/641-2230

Earl Abel, *Co-Host*

616/641-2218

NOTE: Earl, May I have your address. Earl Witzleb

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**MAY 31 - JUNE 1, 2, 3, 4, 1989**

## TRI-STATE SPRING WEEKEND

*Tri-State Blue is the Family Group*



GREETINGS FROM LAKE ERIE

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### Featuring:

**Chuck Herring 2nd Annual Junior Golf Tournament**

Tri-State golfers challenge the Mid-West golfers

Come warm up for the Chuck Herring Golf Tournament

at the 69th Division Association 42nd Annual Reunion,

Denver, Colorado at Denver Marriott Southeast, August

20 to 27, 1989

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Ya All Will Like Tri-Staters, BE ONE

WE LIKE YA ALL

ESPECIALLY 69ers & THEIR GUESTS

### 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 15, 16, 17, 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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## "Taps"

### PAST PRESIDENT CY BARON

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Tamarac, Florida  
Div. Hq.

Maxwell A. Snead  
9675 East Kansas Circle  
Denver, Colorado  
Div. Hq.

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927 Edgewood Place  
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Ser.-272nd

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Hq. Divarty

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Milton, Pennsylvania  
Hq., 3rd Bn., 271st

Thomas J. Gearhart  
281 Salem Avenue  
Bellmawr, New Jersey  
B-661st

## "TAPS"

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

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Nazareth, Pennsylvania  
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