

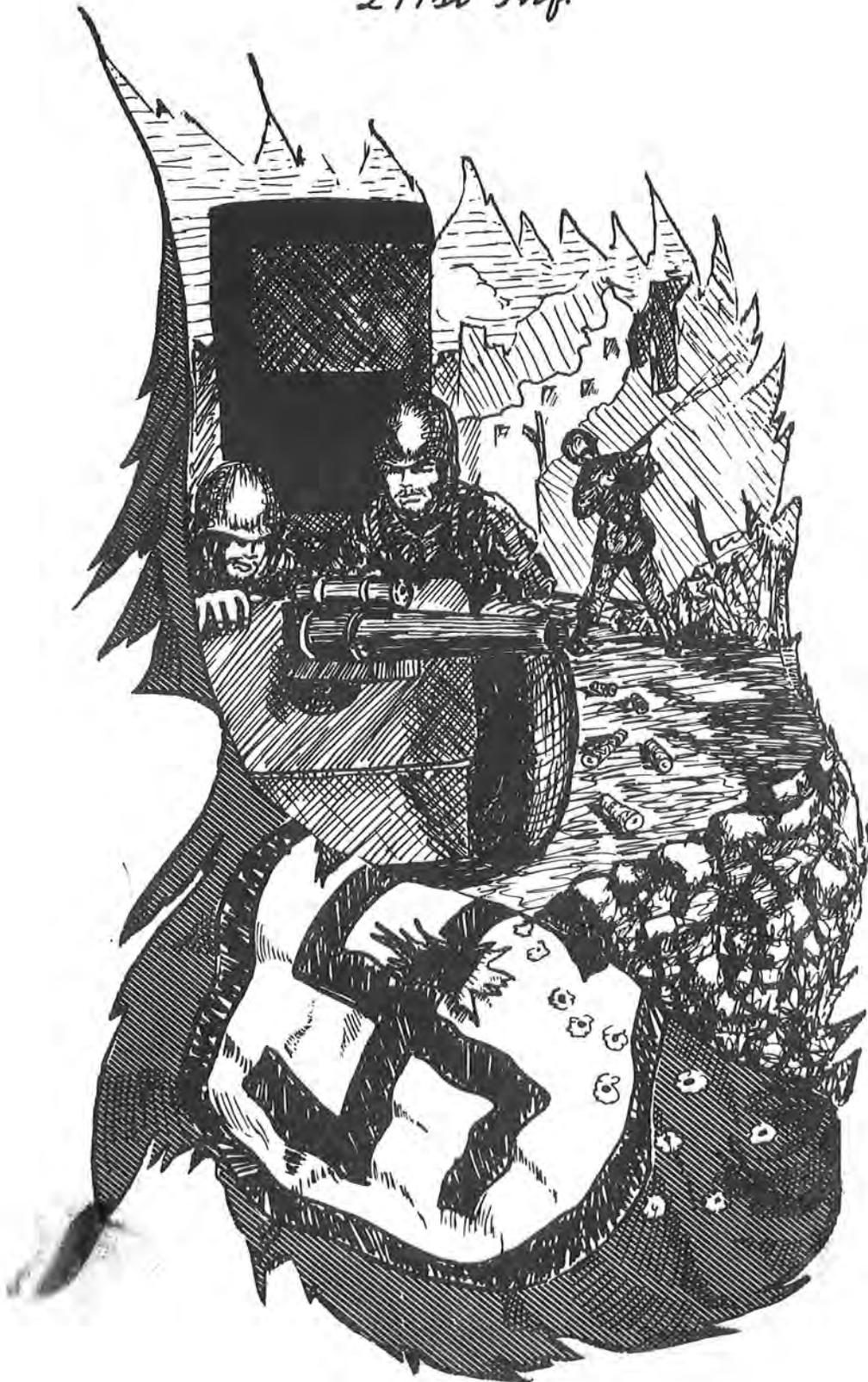
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THE COVER

Some time ago it was pointed out to us by Pierce Rice that one of the issues of the bulletin had slipped out minus its title on the front cover. The current issue, it would appear, makes up for this past omission by having two titles.

Actually, today's cover is the cover illustration for a publication which we received in the mail recently, all the way from Maag, China, believe it or not. The sender was Col. Arthur R. Datnoff (Captain, while with AT-271) who had it printed after carrying around a copy of the manuscript for some 22 years.

What is "it"? "It" is a complete history of Anti-Tank Company, 271st Infantry, from the date of activation through to the exchange of personnel with the 29th Division in July 1945. The following is the preface:

"PREFACE

The History you are about to read began twenty-one years ago, almost to the day. Nineteen years ago the Author, Reuben Levin, entrusted the original manuscript to me and expressed the hope that one day it might be published.

The manuscript has traveled widely since 1945 and has waited patiently in dark closets and beat-up lockers. Now, again in Germany, where its story matured, it is being published.

It is a fine record, well told. It is a soldier's story, as a soldier chose to relate it. Except for minor changes the manuscript is exactly as Reuben Levin wrote it.

I hope that each of you will feel the same sense of pride in the accomplishments of our country's citizen-soldiers as I felt in each reading of the saga of Trespass 41.

Arthur R. Datnoff
Lt Colonel, Infantry
Oberammergau, Germany
15 May 1964"

The text is one of the most detailed factual accounts of the exploits of an Infantry company we have ever seen. It describes the day by day activities of the

unit, from beginning to end, and abounds with exacting information regarding places stationed, dates (even time of day), names of personnel and various relatively minor incidents involving portions of the outfit, right down to details of the death of the company mascot, a brown dog.

There is an appendix which lists all decorations awarded to company personnel, locations of the Company C.P. (with dates), and a roster of company personnel, complete with ranks and 23 year old addresses.

In forwarding our copy, Col. Datnoff wrote:

"After 22 years I got the enclosed printed. Please tell your readers I'd like newer addresses than those on Page 91. I have gratis copies to send to old ATCO members.

I'm currently Chief of the Advisory Team on Quemoy and will be here until next 1 July."

His address is:

Col. Arthur R. Datnoff
Box 11, ARSEC KDCAT
Maag, China
APO San Francisco 96263

So, all you former members of AT-271 --- write to Col. Datnoff and receive your free copy of this rather remarkable company history. --- And when you do, don't be afraid to dash off a few lines to the colonel --- we're sure he'd like to hear how his former buddies are making out.

A salute to Col. Datnoff, and a double salute to Reuben Levin, the author! We sorely wish there were other unit histories in existence such as this, but then, for all we know, perhaps there may be. --- And perhaps it may not yet be too late for some would-be authors to start now, even at this late date, to set down on paper and preserve for posterity, the unique and unequalled exploits of the maternal unit which remains dear to their own hearts.

1968 REUNION -- PHILADELPHIA, AUGUST 15, 16, 17, 18

Those who attended our last two reunions in Roanoke and Pittsburgh know that these were the biggest and best we've had in many years. If you don't want to miss the one that is going to beat both Roanoke and Pittsburgh, DON'T MISS PHILADELPHIA!

This year we're back to our favorite week end --- August 15 thru 18 --- at the beautiful Marriott Motor Hotel on City Avenue just off Schuylkill Expressway. It will be our first time in Philadelphia, a city whose significance is second to none in American history. The location is well centered within the bulk of our membership, which should mean a record turn out.

Our Philadelphia Committee, headed by Tom Reardon and Ray Fahrner, has great plans in the works, including a few new gimmicks, and they've promised to outdo, or at least equal, their Pittsburgh predecessors, which will be quite an accomplishment if they can pull it off.

As we said before, we're expecting a bigger crowd at this one than we had in Pittsburgh or Roanoke, and just to make sure that our expectations come true we're cutting the price below last years rates to make the deal that much more attractive:

Friday Night Beer Party \$ 2.00
 Saturday Night Banquet \$ 9.00

That's a total of \$ 11.00 per person

for a week end of fun, frolic, and what - have - you, including all meetings, informal functions, ladies get-togethers, kiddie and teen parties, etc. If you know a better deal than that, let us know about it --- we'd like to get in on it!

For those who will be staying at the hotel for the week end (and we highly recommend this --- oh, that beautiful outdoor pool and play area!) the Marriott has offered us the following special rates:

Single(s)	\$ 13.00
Double(s) (2 persons - 1 bed)	\$ 16.00
Twin(s) (2 persons - 2 beds)	\$ 17.00
Suites	from \$ 25.00
Each additional person	2.00

The accommodations are all tops, typical of those you would expect at any new Marriott hotel, and we understand the beds are all double, even the twins.

To plan properly for your coming, we need your reservation for reunion functions as early as possible. To assure yourself the room accommodations of your choice, send in your hotel reservation as early as possible. For reunion functions, fill out the reservation form on this page and send it in to Asa Cowden on our Philadelphia Committee. To reserve your hotel room, use the postage paid reservation card enclosed in this bulletin.

RESERVATION FOR REUNION FUNCTIONS - AUGUST 15, 16, 17, 18, 1968

Send to Asa Cowden, 1623 Holmes Ave., Prospect Park, Pa.
 Make checks payable to 69th Division Reunion.

I will arrive August 15 () 16 () 17 () before August 15 ()

In my party will be () adults () pre-teens () teens

No. of persons attending Thursday Night Early Bird Dinner _____

No. of persons attending Friday Night Beer Party (\$ 2.00 ea.) _____

No. of persons attending Saturday Night Banquet (\$ 9.00 ea.) _____

PLEASE FIND ATTACHED A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____
 I WILL PAY ON ARRIVAL AT REUNION _____

NAME _____ UNIT _____

ADDRESS _____

TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR COL. ED LEARY!

From time to time, many of the present and former officers of the association have been receiving frequent requests from our members to honor Col. Edward J. Leary, of Trenton, N. J., former veteran of 69th Division Headquarters. As you probably know, Col. Leary carried much of the burden in the early years assisting Gen. Reinhardt in organizing our beloved association. He attended all reunions up until the past couple of years, and these few were missed only due to poor health. Even though his physician recommended against it, Ed and his lovely wife Camilla went with us on the Return to the Elbe Tour in 1965. One of our fondest memories of the tour was the way Ed and Camilla entertained most every participant with cocktails before dinner at one time or another ... THEY ARE A GREAT COUPLE!!!

After a discussion between officers and board members of the association it was decided to hold a Testimonial Dinner for Ed Leary to show our appreciation and to pay honor to a man who has brought a measure of joy and fellowship to our membership through his interest and active participation in our organization. Members of the Dinner Committee are Bill Matlach, Sol Rosenblitt, Sam Woolf, Murray Zyne, George Phillips, Nick Urbano and Loar Quickle.

Consequently, we will hold a dinner

dance, sponsored by the national association and assisted by the New York Branch, at Nassau Inn, Princeton, N. J. The location was chosen so as to cause Ed minimum inconvenience in attending. We are elated that the New York Branch is going to run their annual spring dinner in conjunction with this testimonial --- this, no doubt, assures us a good turn-out.

The date will be May 18, 1968.
COCKTAILS AT 7:00 P.M. and DINNER AT 8:00 P.M. A short session to honor Ed, and then dancing until 1:00 A.M. The cost will run \$8.00 per person.

We only have room enough for 50 couples or 100 persons. Since the New York Branch has been at work publicizing the affair locally, we already have a number of reservations, (including Gen. Buck Lanham!) so if you intend to come it behooves you to reserve now before all available places are filled. In order that we may be assured of your presence, we request you send an advance payment of \$8.00 per person for the number of people for whom you would like to reserve. We will refund any reservations paid for up to 24 hours notice before the dinner. We have to guarantee, or commit ourselves to 100 persons for dinner. Make checks payable to Ed Leary Dinner, 69th Div. and send to Loar Quickle, 36 University Place, c/o Princeton University Store, Princeton, N. J. 08540.

WON'T YOU HELP US HONOR
ED LEARY

BRANCH NEWS

NEW YORK

A regular meeting of the New York Branch was held at the offices of Gerry Abraham in New York City on March 7th. As usual, the fellows met for a pre-meeting dinner at the Globe Dolly on Ann St.

A good part of the meeting was taken up with preparations for the coming Ed Leary Dinner-Dance to be held on May 18. Although the dinner is jointly sponsored by the National Association and the New York Branch, New York will have a major part in its planning and successful realization. We also expect that the New York Branch will play a large part in attendance at the affair, that is, unless members from other areas beat us to the punch in making reservations. Remember fellows, the dinner-dance is limited to 100 persons, so reserve early to make sure you won't be left out!

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

The Central Pennsylvania Branch of the Harrisburg - Carlisle - York area held its annual dinner-business meeting on November 18 in Dillsburg with 46 members and wives in attendance. Re-elected for office were: President - Charles W. Brown 3908 Greenwood Blvd., Progress, Harrisburg, Pa. 17101 and Secretary-Treasurer Jacob Stark, 691 Dunkle Street, Enhaut, Steelton, Pa. 17113.

Plans were made to hold a spring dinner meeting in late March in Carlisle and a family picnic will be scheduled for June-July at Pinchot State Park near York. All members will be notified by letter as to the definite dates of both events when established.

We invite to all our future meetings the 69ers from northern Maryland and others from Pennsylvania that may not be on our mailing list. If interested, please contact Jake Stark at the above address for mailing of notices of scheduled events,

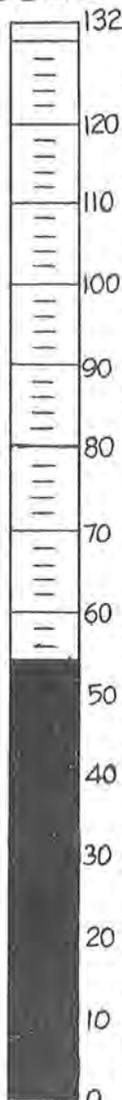
JOIN THE FLIGHTING 69TH TOUR NOW

In the last bulletin that arrived at your home sometime in late December or early January, we announced the FLIGHTING 69TH TOUR. This was done for lack of a better name. However, the name has taken a hold. As you can see from the GOAL Chart in the center of the page, we are making steady progress in having our members commit themselves on a positive basis. Your president Bill Matlach and Loar Quickle who are doing the organizing are very enthusiastic regarding the success of this 1969 tour being a much better one than the Elbe River reunion in 1965. Many more persons have indicated by letter they intend to go with us but have not sent in the down payment. We have no alternative but to take those on a down payment basis. First come, first served. Thus far the following members have signed up for their turn in going to Europe or are now going for the second time with us:

John and Elsie Ledwige, H273, Napa, Cal.; Millicent E. F. Reed, Sus. Mem. Staten Island, N. Y.; H. Raymond Fahrner, A273, Lansdale, Pa. and Ray's friend Geo. Wright; Chester A. Yastrzowski, E272, Water Mill, N. Y. and wife; S. Edward Gildner, Sv272 Denver, Col. and Daughter and son-in-law from Calif.; Loar L. Quickle, wife Adele and children, Loren and Dawn; William Matlach, E273, wife, Jane and two children; Albert Carbonari, Hqs271, wife, Edith and children Claudia, Sandra and Bruce; Stanley J. Olszewski, Sv 273, wife Wanda and daughter Diane; Hugh G. Arnott, wife Lucile, 769 Ord. and Napa, Calif.; Charles F. Mekeel, Jr. 69th QM., and wife, San Francisco, Calif.; William Lillen, G272, wife, Miriam, and two sons; Clarence W. Miles, 724 FA and wife, Carmella, Mamaroneck, N. Y.; Frank C. Perchbacher and wife LaVerne, A271, Wheatridge, Colo; Joseph P. Ewing, B272, Bayard, Iowa; John F. Pereira, A271, Rodeo, Calif. his wife and another couple: Eldon M. Atwood and wife, L273 from El Centro, Calif.

SEND IN YOUR DOWN PAYMENT OF \$100. PER PERSON TO : LOAR L. QUICKLE, THE PRINCETON UNIV. STORE, 36 UNIVERSITY PLACE, PRINCETON, N. J. 08540...HURRY!!!!

GOAL



HERE IS WHAT THEY ARE SAYING

HUGH ARNOTT, 769 Ord., "Your letter to me - really heats me up to participate in the '69 RTTOEurope #2. You can bet Lucile and Hugh will be with you - if God permits." JOHN LEDWIDGE, H 272, "Thanks for the itinerary and we are looking forward to another experience which sounds better than the last one." S. EDWARD GILDNER, Hqs 272, "Seems like a dream, you are arranging for a return of the 69th to Europe. We have lived and relived our RTTE, talk about it, shown our pictures, actually we have relived the trip all over a dozen times." JOHN F. PEREIRA, A 271, "I am elated about this trip. If you were to move it up to '68, we would go. Please reserve for 3 couples." JOSEPH P. EWING, B 272, did not know about the '65 tour. "So this should prove very interesting to me. Am very pleased we are going around France." CHAS. F. ME KEEL, JR., QM, "Planning to join your tour, want to see the itinerary as soon as settled. We are looking forward to renewing our many fine acquaintances and friendships." CHESTER A. YASTRZEMSKI E 272, "Vera and I are going to celebrate our 25th Wedding Anniversary on this tour. I had a real good time the last trip and looking forward to a better one this time." ELDON ATWOOD, L 273, "Both Marjle and I are very much interested, we plan to make it part of our vacation." CLARENCE W. MILES, 724 FA, "My wife, Carmella and I are happy to rejoin you on another tour. We are enthused about going to Italy." Since letter, he has reserved for youngest daughter.

Everyone knows about Pres. Johnson making an effort to get Congress to place a tax or restrictions on travel abroad. He is meeting considerable opposition. It is unlikely we will see any stringent bonds be put on this one phase of American life that so many of us enjoy. A flight tax, perhaps, and a minimum of what is to be spent overseas. But, I do not believe it will be too high a tax, or the restrictions that will make it prohibitable. Most of our participants do not spend that much anyway. SO! COME ON AND JOIN US.

MAIL CALL

The following are excerpts from a long letter received by Bill Matlach from Col. Gordon D. Ingraham G-4 of the 69th. We regret that space does not permit printing it in its entirety since it gave quite a bit of information on the background and original activation of the 69th as well as Col. Ingraham's later experiences in the Army. Col. Ingraham writes:

"---If circumstances permit, I intend making the next one (reunion) to be held this summer in Philadelphia - and who knows, perhaps that of the following year of the Fighting 69ers. On this I'll have to make up my mind later - after reviewing the Ingraham exchequer.

Did you know, Bill, that I served longer (by two weeks) with the 69th, than anyone - officer or enlisted man. This was when I reported in (as the then 5th member of the 69th) in February, 1943, as the new AC of S, G-4 to General Bolte in Washington, D.C. Ahead of me there were, of course, General Bolte, --- Floyd Parks, our Ass't. Div. CG, a colonel, whose name I cannot recall, nominated then to be the Artillery CG, and Gus Braun, our new Chief of Staff.

---General Bolte and Parks, and Colonel Braun and the Artillery colonel (Later succeeded by BG Uncle Bob Marais) all left the 69th before we went overseas, and I had the honor under General Marais --- to return with the division as its Chief of Staff, and OK the deactivation order at Camp Kilmer.

--- We can be pretty damned proud of our top officers. General Bolte, when I reported in, was a one star Brigadier - later with 3 stars as Deputy Chief of Staff, --- later with 4 stars as Commanding General all American Troops in Europe, and later with his 4 stars as Vice Chief of the Army - the Number Two man! /

Did you know that Major General Emil Reinhardt, who took our division overseas - with one of the finest records of any ETO US Army division - commanded a Corps in the States (that's a three star command) and because an Army order had just come out that hereafter, all Corps Commanders would be selected from ETO 2-star division commanders, General Reinhardt ASKED TO 'STEP DOWN' - although he never so considered it to command a division - the 69th about to go into combat.

General Floyd Parks --- retired --- as a three star general as Commanding General

of Fort Meade, Maryland.

Every one of our original Regimental Commanders --- wound up as, and retired as two star Major Generals. Gentlemen, I and all 69ers salute you ---

How about the division itself? Prior to joining the Pre-Activated 69th I had been on the Staff of the III Corps --- the III Corp was left in Atlanta with the responsibility of inspecting for combat servability - some 12 to 15 divisions --- This later gave me an opportunity, without the usual pride of one's own outfit, to impartially judge the 69th.

---a personal letter to Parks from one of his Department of Army G-3 friends, whose duties were to inspect divisions for combat readiness --- his comments I can quote in general substance, as follows: "Dear Floyd:

For the first time, in the 69th Division, after inspecting dozens and dozens of divisions that have completed their maneuver phases of training for combat readiness, I have found those guide lines and precepts, as prescribed in our War Department Plan for the 'Building of an Infantry Division' carried out perfectly in every respect."

I asked General Parks permission to have it printed in the Daily Bulletin - and there it stands as a tribute to a magnificently trained division. At that time --- (and I had had plenty of experience in also checking, from a Corps level, some 10 or 12 divisions) I would have matched the 69th Infantry Division against the famous Big Red One, then considered tops!

---I went out of the army in February 1946 - then back in again in July of that year. In four years I got my permanent Eagles in the Regular Army - had a year in Tokyo, a year at Ft. Ord, Chief of Special Projects, G-2, Europe, C.O. 7707 European Command Intelligence Center, --- orders detaching me to CIA in Washington --- A short tour there, then for the last four years the command of an Army Post of some 10,000 soldiers and civilians. A very satisfying additional 10 years in the Army as a Regular.

--- Still happily married to Suzanne, our daughter Michele now married. After 9 years in association work in international trade, I got fat and again retired in 1965.

Got rid of the lard, passed the rather stiff California Real Estate Salesman's examination - and have my office up in the pine - studded Oakland hills near where I live.

--- If nothing comes up, expect me
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UNIT NEWS

271st PERSONNEL

By Earl Kinney

The 1967 Reunion was held in Pittsburgh, and aside from the raindrops at the Memorial Service and on the Boat Ride, was the usual great success ... the only complaint being not enough time to do and visit with the gang.

We fell one short of our record eight turnout of last year, with seven attending, Leroy Keller and wife Maria, Don Krum (first I'd seen Don since the war) Loar Quickle and wife Adele, Cy Rockhold, Sol Rosenblitt and wife Miriam, John Vaughan and your's truly, this year the seven of us got together for a few hours and had a rehash of the great war years of Personnel.

During the past year we lost another one from our section. Paul Lindhorst passed on in June after a few years of illness.

Next year's reunion will be held in PHILADELPHIA on AUGUST 16, 17 & 18 and the 1969 reunion will be held in Hartford, Conn. on about the same dates. We expect a great turnout with all this advance warning.

MAIL CALL (Cont. from Page 6):

at the Philadelphia Convention. Meanwhile, I might even be able, as a broken down colonel, to dig up somehow the wherewithall for the Flighty 69ers of 1969. Who knows--
Gordon (Noddy) D. Ingraham
Colonel USA, Retired"

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO---

As in the past, we present below brief biographical sketches of some of the members we have heard from in the past year or so. Addresses are available upon request.

FRED E. PURCHASE (M-273) - Pierson, Iowa. Primarily occupied as meat cutter in civilian life. Re-entered the Army in May 1958 and was again discharged in April 1962 with rank of E-5 after service including 22 months in Alaska.

FRANK S. PHILLIPS (HQ-879) - Fulton, N. Y. Married, 3 sons, 1 daughter. For past 17 years has worked for Container Corp. of America where he is in the structural design department.

ROY GILSTRAP (HQ 1st Bn.-273) - Chickamauga, Ga. Married, 4 sons. Completed 25 years with the Stein Construction Co. in Chattanooga and is hoping for another 25.

CHARLES L. PODOLAK (K-273) - Married, 1 daughter. Played a little professional baseball with Cleveland, Indians farm, but found out he was unable to keep up with the younger men. Now works for Sunbeam Corp. as maintenance supervisor. Gardening, golf, coins are favorite hobbies. Belongs to V.F.W. and some fraternal lodges.

JOE H. McMURRY, JR. (I-271) - Tupelo, Miss. Married, 1 son, 2 daughters. Graduated U. of Illinois 1950. Has been with Swift & Co. since 1951 as a livestock buyer, living in Louisville, Ky., Cleveland, Ohio, Evansville, Ind., and now Tupelo.

LEO VINER (G-272) - Bangor, Maine. Married, 1 son, 1 daughter. Is vice-president of Viner Bros., Inc., a shoe Mfg. business. Music is his hobby.

ALBERT M. DIPPEL (Med.-273) - Married, 2 daughters. Has been in the funeral business since leaving the service.

LARRY C. HARRIS (L-271) - Pearl River, N.Y. Married, 2 children. Has been employed by FBI as special agent since 1948.

LEONARDO M. ORTIZ (C-881) - Bishop, Tex. Single. Has been doing upholstery work and welding for the Army and Navy. Enjoys fishing.

KENNETH I. OXENRIDER (B-271) - Salt Lake City, Utah. Married, 3 children. Is now Works Engineer of Bacchus Works of Hercules, Inc. after spending 15 years with the company.

HILMER G. BUNSNES (A-273) - San Antonio, Tex. Married, 2 children. Is still on active duty as Master Sgt. in the Air Force. Plans to be a 30 year man.

SAMUEL E. EDDY (H-272) - Export, Pa. Married, 3 children who are all married. Has been working for the Consolidated Natural Gas Supply Corp. for over 15 years as a truck driver.

EDDIE DYKMAN (Med.-1st Bn.273) - Newark, N. J. Married, 2 daughters. After leaving service, was active in Country - Western musical circles. Now employed by Givandin Corp. and reporter on plant paper.

JOE MORGAN (E-273) - Houston, Tex. Married, 1 son. Has been with the Houston Fire Dept. for over 20 years and is now Inspector of the Port of Houston.

JOHN S. TOUNGER (D-271) - Oakland, Cal. Has been working in trucking business for 20 years and is presently Public Relations and Personnel Director for Di Salvo Trucking Company.

GEORGE B. MACKAY (B-272) - Kalamazoo, Mich. Married, 4 children. Has been

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OBITUARIES

JOSEPH H. GARDNER (3rd Bn. Hq.) - passed away Jan. 27, 1967 in Tacoma, Wash. of obstructive emphysema and massive gastro-intestinal bleeding from ulcers. Major Gardner is survived by his wife, Sylvia (a Belgian war bride) and three children aged 18, 14, and 12.

During his service with the 69th, Major Gardner was Executive Officer of the 1st Battalion 273 at Camp Shelby and later became Executive Officer of the 3rd Battalion prior to going overseas. He is also believed to have been engaged in a regimental supply position subsequently. He was wounded in May 1945 and was returned to the States for recuperation. He returned to Europe in March 1946 where he served with the American Graves Registration Command in Liege, Belgium, Berlin, Germany, and Nancy, France through June 1949.

Mrs. Gardner is searching for 69-ers who served with him, for the purpose of establishing that the emphysema of which he died was service connected so that she may obtain educational benefits for her children. Major Gardner contracted bronchitis during combat and stated many times that he felt this was the cause of his continuing lung problem. If any reader knew Major Gardner personally and can offer information regarding his health while with the 69th, such information would be invaluable to Mrs. Gardner and her children. She can be reached at the following address: Mrs. Sylvia B. Gardner, Route 2, Box 414, Chehalis, Washington 98532. Undoubtedly she would be glad to hear from anyone who knew her husband, regardless of health information they may have to offer.



Major & Mrs. Joseph H. Gardner,
in 1947.

JOSEPH J. GLADYSZ (Div. Hq. Band) - died February 14, 1968 at Manchester, N. H. after a long illness. Joe was a well known band leader and musician and had been leader of the 172nd Field Artillery Division Band as well as leader of the 69th Division Band. He had been a chief warrant officer in the U. S. Army for 37 years before retiring in 1957.

Joe was born in Krosno, Poland and has been a resident of this country for 55 years. He was a parishioner of St. Hedwig Church and held membership in the TTK Society, St. Joseph Society, and Casimir Club, Polish Legion of American Veterans Ukrainian Club, American Veterans Manchester Post No. 79, Band Leaders Association of U.S., and Verdon Barracks 99, Veterans of World War 1. He was the originator and president of Pulaski Monument and proprietor of Gladysz, Inc. in Manchester.



JOSEPH J. GLADYSZ

Joe Gladysz was a very popular and respected member of his community, as evidenced by the honors paid him as he was laid to rest. The bearers were all members of the John J. Gladysz' Band, with a number of high ranking Army officers as honorary bearers. (John J. Gladysz, Joe's son, was also a member of the 69th Division Band.) Attending church services were Manchester Mayor John C. Mongan, Maj. Gen. John Jacobson and a large number of dignitaries and representatives of the many organizations whom Joe had befriended. The 39th Army Band led the funeral to and from St. Hedwig Church. The final salute at the military funeral was fired by a squad from the 3rd Howitzer Battalion 197th Arty.

Joe is survived by his wife Anna and his son who now conducts the concert band previously led by his father.

JAMES ANDREWS (D-271) - died July 2, 1967 at Glouster, Ohio, of a coronary. Jim was wounded Feb. 27, 1945 near Holverath, Germany while serving with the

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OBITUARIES (Cont. from Page 8):

69th. In civilian life, he was employed by the W. L. Johnson Construction Co.

MARTIN J. FARRELL - passed away Dec. 31, 1967 at Brooklyn, N. Y. due to complications extending from previous war wounds. He had spent 9 months at Northport Hospital and was discharged Dec. 20. His death came unexpectedly shortly thereafter. He is survived by his wife Margaret.

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO ---
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employed with a large lumber company for over 15 years.

WILLIAM DAHODA (I-271) - Lewiston, N. Y. Married, 1 son, 1 daughter.

ROBERT B. PULLIAM (Div.HQ.) - Jackson, Wyo. Married, 1 son, 1 daughter. Has been with the Post Office Dept. since 1947. Likes to hunt and fish and guides non-resident hunters in the fall, having guided people from almost every state of the union. Invites any 69er visiting Yellowstone or Teton Park to stop in to see him and pick up all the latest inside info and hunting tips to make for a fruitful vacation.

JOHN H. VAN AMBURGH (HQ.2nd Bn. 271) - Dallas Texas. Married 4 sons, 1 daughter. Executive Vice President and partner of Crushers, Inc. which operates two rock crushing plants and an asphalt plant in North Texas.

THOMAS H. TASSOS, JR. (M-271) - Charlotte, N. C. Married, 1 daughter. Completed 4 years at North Carolina State U. in Civil Engineering. Is now a registered Professional Engineer in N. C. and Texas, and works for J.N.Pease Associates, Architects-Engineers as a Senior Associate and Head of Civil Engineering Dept.

WILLIAM L. QUIRK (A-369) - Eunice, La. Married, 1 son, 1 daughter. Manager of Petroleum Distilling Co. for past 11 years. They specialize in servicing and selling oil and fuel to oilfield drilling rigs.

GEORGE WINN (A-272) - Kinderhook, N. Y. Married, 1 son, 1 daughter. George lost his left leg near Kassel but that hasn't kept him from being a R.D. Carrier in Kinderhook.

LELAND R. THOMPSON (SV-271) - Escanaba, Mich. Married, 5 daughters, 1 son. Since 1951 has been a sales representative for the Four Roses Distillers Co.

JAMES R. PHILLIPPE (272) - Bloom-

ington, Ind. Married, 1 son, 2 daughters. Attended Indiana U after discharge. Currently Assistant Trust Officer, First National Bank, Bloomington.

DONALD M THOMAS (H-273) - Blue Mountain, Miss. Married, 1 son, 1 daughter. Has been employed by the Wyandotte Chemical Co. of Blue Mountain for over 15 years.

WILLIAM M. VALIANTE (881F.A.) - Toms River, N. J. Married, Works for W.T.Grants, in charge of Garden Dept. Hobbies are coin and stamp collecting and gardening.

HAROLD ZOSS (HQ-273) - Married, 1 daughter. Working at same job for 33 years. Charter member of American Legion Post # 194 - held positions of Historian, Finance Officer, and Commander.

WENDELL E. TANNER (G-272) - Cortland, N. Y. Married, 2 sons. Is now employed by New York State Electric and Gas Corp., Customer Records Dept., after having previously spent some time as a Dental Technician.

ARTHUR H. WEBER (69 Ord.) - Stratford, Wisc. Married, 1 son, 1 daughter. Has been a mechanic in a Ford agency since 1946 and is now a part owner.

LAWRENCE C. TIMBERLAKE, SR. (SV-272) - Louisville, Ky. Married, 1 son. After discharge, returned to old job with Louisville Police Dept., where he is now Supervisor of the Data Processing Dept.

JOHN B. ADAMS, JR. (H-273) - Rockingham, N. C. Married, 3 children. Has been with the Seaboard Railroad since discharge.

ALBERT E. DE STEUBEN (C-272) - Saugus, Mass. Married, 3 daughters. Is now a planner for the General Electric Co. in their Flight Propulsion Division.

ROBERT R. ROBBINS (K-273) - Marina, Calif. Married, 2 sons. Remained in the Army and retired in Jan. 1964, with 20 years service, as a M/Sgt. E8. Now employed as Deputy Sheriff with Monterey County Sheriff's Dept.

ROY L. HAWK (M-272) - Williamstown, Pa. Married, 2 daughters. Has been working in the coal mines for the past 18 years. Spends his free time in the mountains, hunting coon and deer --- coon hunting is his favorite sport.

CHARLES E. BURCHETT (661 TD) - Perry, Ohio. Married, 2 daughters. Farmed in Virginia for 10 years after discharge. Now works for Addressograph-Multigraph Corp. Belongs to 3 gun clubs and loves to shoot both still and moving targets (skeet and trap shooting.)

VERBAL W. BARNETT (Div.H.Q.) - Marlon, Ill. Married, 2 sons, 1 daughter. After discharge, attended Cogne Electric School and then spent 15 years with Sangamo Electric Co. Has been a Post Office Dept. employee for the past 4 years.

CHARLES R. CARTER, SR. (AT-273) - Tewksbury, Mass. Married, 4 sons. Has been working in the family floricultural business for the past 20 years.

VERNON E. TRITCH, JR. (C-724 FA) - Middletown, Pa. Married, 4 children. He writes that he's "just a plain old mailman." What's "plain" or "old" about a mailman, Vern?

JAMES H. BENNETT (HQ.3rd Bn.272) - Macon, Ga. Married, no children. Has been the Purchasing Agent of a large manufacturing firm in Macon for the past 15 years.

H. P. BEHNKEN (273) - Orlando, Fla. Married, 1 son, 1 daughter.

MARTIN J. CONNOR (E-273) - Acushnet, Mass. Married, 1 son, 1 daughter. Has been a letter carrier for the past 19 years.

RICHART R. McCOLLOCK (769 Ord.) - Burlington, Iowa. Married, 1 son. For the past 20 years has been a maintenance supervisor for Mason Hanger Silas Mason Inc., operators of Iowa Army Ammunition Plant.

HARRY B. ZIMMERMAN (A-369 Med.) - Batesville, Ind. Married, 1 daughter. Owns and operates an auto repair shop and service station.

FRED BIDDINGER (H-272) - Hamilton, Ohio. Married, 1 son. Was a milkman when he went into the service and went back to it afterwards. He now has almost 26 years of service.

W. R. WORTHINGTON (L-271) - Easton, Pa. Married, 2 daughters. Employed as a Controller at Blue Cross of Lehigh Valley, Allentown, Pa.

WILLIAM T. JONES (569 Sig.) - West Hartford, Conn. Married, 2 sons, 1 daughter. He is a Manufacturer's Representative, selling children's clothes and is President of the United Boston Children's Wear Show.

ARTHUR M. ORSBUN (A-271) - Married, 1 son. Manufacturer's Representative for electrical equipment.

HARRY W. HARM (DIV. HQ.) - Normal, Ill. Married, 1 son, 1 daughter. Graduated from the University of Illinois in 1949 with a degree in Economics and Insurance and is presently President-Owner Operator of the Harry W. Harm Insurance Agency, Bloomington, Illinois.

RUSSELL M. FRANK (C-273) - Married, 1 son. Started working for Addressograph Multigraph Corp. in 1945 and for the past 9 years has been Branch Sales Manager in Springfield, Mo.

CHARLES U. PARRENT (A-369 Med.) - Princeton, Ky. Married, 2 sons. Has been working in factories most of the time since leaving the service and is now employed with the Grinnel Corp. in Princeton as a Tool Grinder.

JIM PARRINELLO (HQ-879 FA) - Birmingham, Mich. Married, 1 son, 1 daughter. Owns and operates a steel drum and barrel reconditioning plant in Detroit. Learned to fly aircraft under the G.I. Bill in 1948 and now uses it for business and pleasure.

JOHN C. CARNES (A-724 FA) - Taylors, S. C. Married 5 children, and 9 grandchildren at last count. Bought a farm after the war and moved to it but still works at the Dan River Manufacturing Co.

GLEN A. LYREN (H-272) - Hudson, S. D. Married, 2 daughters. Has been farming since 1947. He farms 380 acres, has 40 milk cows, 3 silos with automatic set-up and a full line of machinery.

ERNEST W. JACKSON (B-880 FA) - Albany, Ga. Married, 2 sons, 1 daughter.

GEORGE H. WELLES (HQ-272) - Roswell, N. M. Married, 3 daughters, 2 sons. Retired from the Army as a Lt. Col. after 24 years and took a job as Assistant Commander New Mexico Military Institute. He writes that both NMMI and New Mexico itself are both the greatest thing going.

JOHN W. PHILLIPS (D-273) - North Canton, Ohio. Married, 5 sons, 1 daughter. Attended Parks Air College in East St. Louis, Ill. Served with the USAF in the Korean War. Worked at Goodyear Aerospace for 11 years and is currently teaching at Kent State University in their Aerospace Technology Division.

VEAR L. MORTENSEN (SV-880FA) - Logan, Utah. Married, 4 sons. Received a B.S. degree in Agronomy at Utah State University. Is Party Chief of soil survey crew making a soil survey of Cache County, Utah, for Soil Conservation Service, USDA.

JAMES R. YAKLE (HQ 3rd Bn 271) - Largo, Fla. Married, 3 children. Owns and operates a retail lumber yard.

LAMAR W. WILLIAMS (69 MP) - Birmingham, Ala. Married, 1 son, 2 daughters. From 1946 thru 1954 was Parts and Accessories Sales Manager for Central Chevrolet Co. in Greensboro, Ala. Since 1954 he has been with Chevrolet Motor

Division, General Motors Corp. and is now Uses Car & Truck Merchandising Manager for Chevrolet in the Birmingham Zone.

HAROLD R. ROHN (HQ-271) - Easton, Pa. Married, 1 son. With the Post Office Dept. in Easton.

GLEN W. WYATT (881) - Portland, Oregon. Married, 2 sons, 2 daughters. Has been a Branch Sales Manager for Eugene Dietzgen Co. for the past 9 years.

HARLON MARK (I-271) - Owosso, Mich. Married, 1 son, 1 daughter. After leaving the service he graduated from Law School and has been practicing law in Owosso. Has been a Circuit Court Commissioner and Associate Municipal Judge.

RICHARD (PAT) RANFRANZ (Med.271) - Rochester, Minnesota. Married, 3 daughters, 1 son. Attended the University of Minnesota under the G.I. Bill and then joined his father in the funeral business. Owns and operates the Ranfranz Funeral Home in Rochester.

THOMAS A. ASSID (769 Ord.) - Married, 1 son, 2 daughters. Another dairy man who returned to his old job after leaving the service and is still at it. It's pretty hard to ween these milk men once they get on the stuff!

WILLIAM D. COLE (G-273) - Flint, Mich. Married, no children. Is now a Sergeant with the Flint Fire Dept. after serving with them for 20 years.

EARL D. WILKINS (769 Ord.) - South Burlington, Vt. Married, 3 daughters. For the past 16 years he has been with the Civil Service, employed by Defense Contract Administration Service for Boston Region and is now Supervisor of Ordnance Equipment Inspection Quality Control.

SEVERT E. TINDAL (880 FA) - Winona, Minn. Married, 2 sons, 2 daughters. Worked for Gamble Robinson Co. before the war, returned to his old job after leaving the service and has been with them ever since. He supervises 4 branches in Southern Minnesota, dealing in wholesale fruit, vegetable, grocery, frozen food, and sugar.

E. R. FARMER (HQ 3rd Bn 272) - South Bend, Ind. Married, 2 sons, 2 daughters. Was a Tool and Die Maker with Studebaker for 22 years and is now employed by Riverside Mold and Engineering in Mishawaka.

HAROLD E. REININGA (D-273) - Evansville, Ind. Married, 2 sons. Is employed by the Whirlpool Corp. in the manufacture of refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners.

JOHN P. RALEIGH (HQ 2nd Bn.272) - Newburyport, Mass. Married, 3 sons, 1

daughter. Has spent 26 years travelling for the Rutland Fire Clay Company, selling to the building supply field.

SHERMAN BRIDGES (69 QM) - Fresno, Calif. Married, 1 son. Teaches Refrigeration and Air Conditioning.

LLOYD SIMAR (H-272) - Evangeline, La. Married, 2 children. Employed by Kerr-McGee and Transworld Oil Co. in the Drilling Dept., drilling oil wells in the Gulf of Mexico, working seven days and off seven.

PRESTON M. SMITH (D-273) - Omena, Mich. Has been Business Manager of Munson Medical Center, Traverse City, for the past 12 years. He is interested in collecting Civil War books and genealogy.

CLARENCE G. SMALLEY (C-271) - Lincolnton, Ga. Married, 3 children. Has been owner and manager of the Smalley Service Station since leaving the service.

WILLIAM R. SPRATT (C-273) - Oxford, Iowa. Married, 2 daughters, 1 son. Farms about 400 acres, growing corn, beans, oats, and hay. Buys feeder pigs to feed out and keeps a good herd of Black Cows. Bill writes he has lots of hard work out there

--- And all the time we thought the farmers just "live off the land" and take it easy!

FRANCIS E. SPANGLER (E-272) - Richland Center, Wisc. Married, 2 sons. Ran a bottle-gas heating and appliance store in Patch Grove for 15 years. Sold it and moved back to his home town of Richland where he purchased Moore Electric Inc.

CHARLES N. RICE (B-273) - St. Louis, Mo. Married, 1 son, 1 daughter. Manager of Merchandise Adjustment Dept. of International Shoe Co.

KURT SOMMER (569 Sig.) - Bayside, N. Y. Married, 1 son. As a Custom House Broker, he's engaged in clearing and expediting shipments through U. S. Customs.

ROBERT N. ROGERS (I-273) - Rockford, Ill. Married, no children. Graduated from U. of Kansas in 1951 as a B.S.E.E. Has been with IBM in the Custom Engineering Division since 1951. Is active in Toastmasters and is currently Lt. Governor of District 54.

GODFREY SLIMMER, JR. (881 FA) - Millville, N. J. Married, 2 children. Employed by the Wheaton Glass Co. Has been visiting folks in and around Hattisburg, Miss.

DARRELL H. STENSETH (M-273) - Crary, N. D. Married, 4 children. Has been a rural mail carrier for the past 18 years.

IRVIN E. ROBINSON (C-273) - Dodge City, Kansas. Married, 3 daughters, 2 sons. Since his discharge he has lived on a 2000 (?!!!) acre farm 10 miles southwest

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NETHERLANDS TO SPONSOR MEMORIAL PRILGRIMAGE TO EUROPE FOR
AMERICAN SERVICEMEN NEXT-OF-KIN

The Netherlands War Graves Committee, Amsterdam, has announced that a special memorial pilgrimage has been scheduled to Europe for American Servicemen next-of-kin for May 26th.

Departing from New York via KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, relatives of American Servicemen buried in The Netherlands, Belgium, and Luxembourg will be the guests of the Dutch people for nine days during which time visits to the graves of America's war dead will be arranged and a special memorial service conducted on May 30th.

During their stay in Europe, all participants will be hosted by The Netherlands - all transport in Europe, lodging and meals being provided without cost. Lodging generally will be in Dutch homes.

A complete program of activities will also be provided during their visit to further the "people to people" approach and to acquaint everyone with the highlights of these countries.

Any immediate member of the deceased veteran's family is eligible to participate. This will include Father, Mother, Widow, children of the deceased, brothers, sisters and foster parents. The spouse of a relative would also be eligible to accompany said relative.

The entire program - all-expense - including round-trip air transportation from New York to Amsterdam, lodging, transportation in Europe and all other incidentals except purely personal expenses is offered at a total cost of \$210.00 per person. For relatives who cannot afford to pay this amount, a limited number will be assisted financially by the Netherlands War Graves Committee, as it is the desire of the Dutch to make a trip to the veteran's burial site possible for everyone who wants to do so even if finances are of great moment to that relative.

Through this medium, the Dutch people by their hospitality hope to demonstrate in a positive way the great gratitude to those who, through the sacrifice of their lives, liberated the Netherlands from Occupation in 1945, so bringing back freedom to their country. By this means, the next-of-kin will have an opportunity to see that this sacrifice made by United States Servicemen has not been forgotten.

All arrangements for this pilgrimage are being made by The Netherlands War Graves Committee special United States Representative in Wheaton, Illinois. Inquiries should be addressed to The Netherlands War Graves Committee, P. O. Box 522, Wheaton, Illinois, 60187.

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of Dodge City, Kansas. Wheat is the main crop. Also has 160 acres under irrigation. Runs a herd of 100 cattle. Give our regards to Marshall Dillon and Chester, Irv!

WILLIAM A. SMILEY (E-272) - Wausau,
Wisc. Married, 2 sons. Biology Teacher

and Track and Cross Country Coach at the Senior High School in Wausau where he has taught for 17 years.

JOHN F. BRUCE (661 TD) - Dayton,
Wash. Married, 2 sons. Employed in the Seed and Research Dept. of the Green Giant Co. Manages to get in some fishing now and then and lots of hunting.

ELWOOD LAYMAN (661 TD) - Detroit,
Mich. Has an M.A. from Columbia University plus 1 1/2 years further graduate study in business education. Is completing 16 years of teaching at the University of Detroit as Assistant Professor.

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