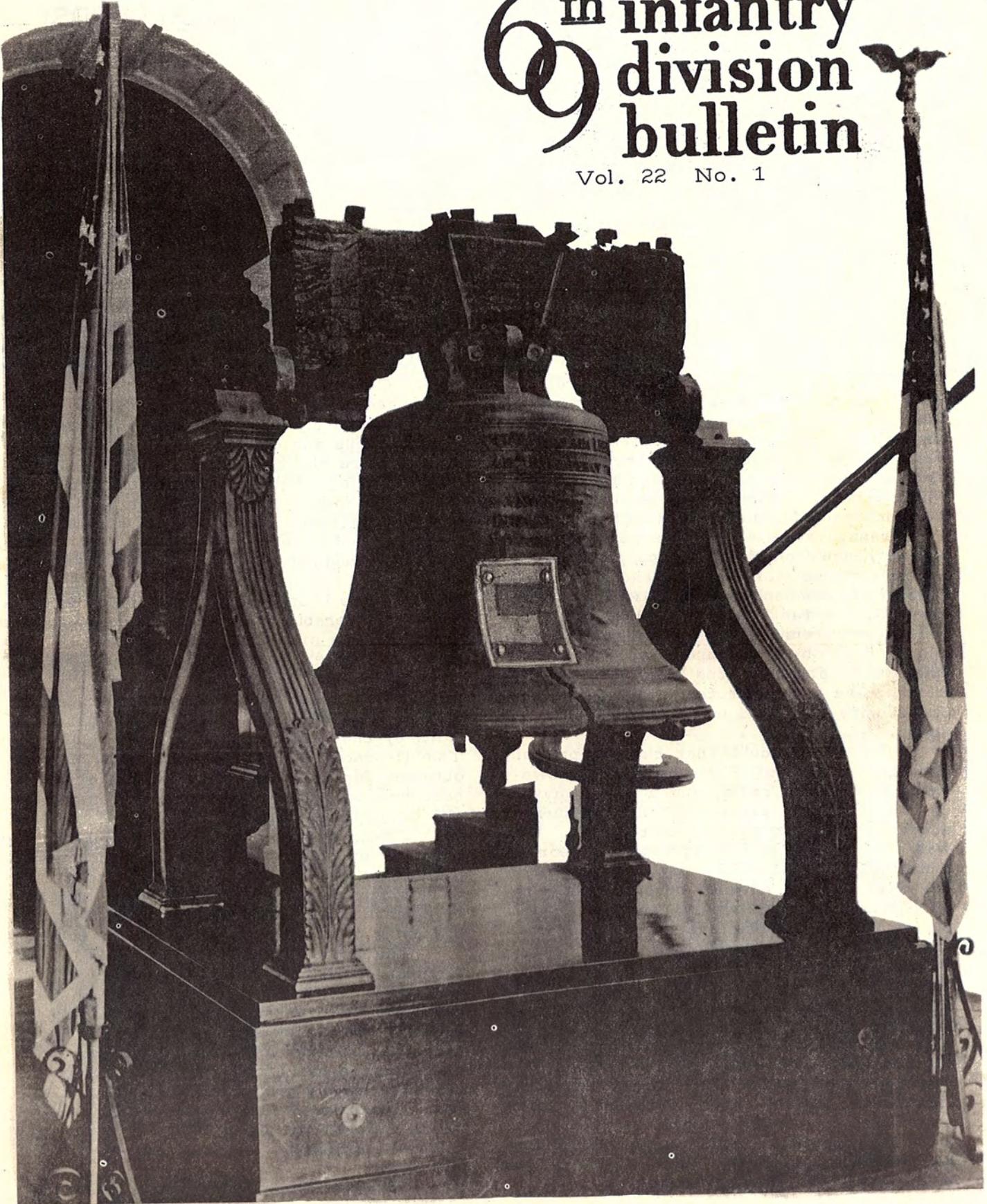


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PHILADELPHIA REUNION BREAKS ATTENDANCE RECORDS!

The August 1968 reunion at the Marriott in Philadelphia was the largest in attendance that the 69th has seen in recent years: it beat Pittsburgh, Roanoke, and in fact, according to members who have been active since the inception of the association, it was the largest since the first and second reunions, which were held shortly after the war.

The record breaker was almost predictable, on the basis of the growing popularity of 69th reunions in recent years. During the 1960's there has been a steady increase in attendance from year to year, and indications are that it is not beyond the realm of belief to expect that even that first reunion, borne on the wave of the Spirit of the 69th, still fresh from its recent genesis, may be surpassed eventually by a resurgence of that wave newly strengthened and reenforced through a fully matured appreciation of the ties that bind us. Of course, the other factor which attracts 69ers is the weekend itself: a chance to get away from it all and spend a pleasant, eventful (but leisurely) weekend with some old friends and, perhaps, many new ones more recently acquired, in a congenial atmosphere. But whatever the reasons, the fact remains that as time passes, our reunions are growing larger rather than shrinking, and if you haven't managed to attend in the past, perhaps you should make it a point to do so at the next opportunity, and find out what it's all about.

There's no doubt that the exceptionally good cooperation of Philadelphia area news media --- press, radio, and TV --- gave us unusually good exposure, which in turn accounted for the extra fine turnout. This was directly due to the efforts of George Straley (661 T.D.) who gave us nationwide coverage through advance press releases to all the newspapers, with particular emphasis on the Philadelphia area. George, who is particularly talented in this field, even wrote a five page story, "Watch on the Elbe" which appeared in the July issue of the Philadelphia Magazine and presented accounts of the 1945 meeting with the Russians and our subsequent return to the Elbe in 1965. Coverage of the reunion by Philadelphia news media included five minute interviews by Paul Mason (Channel 48-TV) and Trudy Haynes (Channel 3-TV) as well as news reports in the Philadelphia Enquirer and other local papers. Many of the fellows who showed up said they were attending a

reunion for the first time, and that they hadn't known anything about the reunion or the association until they saw it in the papers, or on television, or heard it on the radio. It just goes to show that the more we publicize our reunions, the more guys we'll get. --- And the encouraging thing is that every man who attends is bound to mention it to some other absent buddy, with the result that maybe both of them will come next time.

The Philadelphia reunion saw the arrival of a considerable number of 69ers on Thursday, with activities limited to registration, getting settled and oriented, a dip in the pool to revive enthusiasm dulled by travel, and perhaps a cooling drink or two. Come supper time, the bulk of the group assembled an automobile convoy and proceeded to the Marco Polo restaurant for cocktails and dinner. Since the conditions were the customary Dutch Treat, this afforded all present an opportunity to sample their favorite dish (or perhaps a new one) from an ample menu specializing in Italian delicacies.

The registration desk reopened Friday morning to a steady stream of incoming 69ers. The hospitality room likewise enjoyed considerable traffic: in addition to the usual exhibits of old photographs, newspaper items, etc. pertaining to the 69th, the Philadelphia Committee had set up a magnificent collection of military shoulder patches (including every conceivable patch worn by the U.S. and her allies) which Tom Reardon, Committee Chairman, had obtained for the week end. A keg of beer was on hand all day to help maintain the congenial atmosphere.

Friday afternoon featured a guided bus tour of historic Philadelphia which was praised by all who took it. Those who were already familiar with the local sights engaged in other activities involving the swimming pool, local shopping areas, etc.

The Friday night Beer Party and Gabfest packed the house and lasted till well after midnight. A combination of professional entertainment, our own Bob Silberg, community singing, games and contests, etc. made for a real lively evening --- everyone had a ball. In fact, a professional singing group, scheduled to entertain at another affair at the hotel, stopped in and offered to join in with our entertainment (gratis!), which offer was readily accepted.

While the Beer Party was running its
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GENERAL REINHARDT SUFFERS STROKE!

General Emil F. Reinhardt beloved Commanding General of the 69th Division has suffered a serious stroke resulting in partial incapacitation. News of his illness reached us through Ann Stevenson, his daughter, who writes as follows:

"October 1, 1968

Dear Friends,

Please forgive me for taking the easiest way to notify dad's many friends but I hope you will understand that my time is now devoted to his needs and it would be impossible for me to write all friends individually. Dad has so very many.

Dad suffered a slight stroke on September 9, while at Brooke General Hospital in the Physio Therapy Ward. He was taking therapy for his right hand which had suffered some paralysis due to several previous small strokes. Since the stroke on September 9 caused a temporary loss of speech as well as affecting his arm, it was thought best to have him remain in the hospital for that night under observation. How fortunate it was that he remained, as on September 10th he suffered a larger stroke and is still in the hospital. Inasmuch as he was in the hospital at the time, he received instant and excellent attention which may have saved his life.

I am now very encouraged with dad's condition and the doctor is also encouraged. Paralysis of his right side remains and he still lacks the power of intelligible speech, but his general condition is good. In spite of natural periods of depression and frustration he is usually bright and perky, fully able to understand all you tell him. Although reading was a bit difficult at first he has recovered this faculty and this will be a great blessing in the future. He has had a great deal of pain in his right arm and leg and though I hate to see him suffer, I have been told this is a good sign that the blood is starting to circulate. He has already begun therapy for limbs and speech and with his perseverance and faith he could recover these faculties.

Although I will keep his apartment for him I feel and the doctor agrees, that placing him in a Nursing Home for the first few months would be best. His apartment is on the second floor and getting reliable, round the-clock care for him, plus getting him to Brooke General several times weekly for the necessary physio-therapy presented almost insurmountable problems. Morningside Manor, about 20 minutes drive from his apartment is a beautiful home for about

200. Their four sections have facilities for those who care for themselves, patients who need care, intensive, less, and least intensive. Aside from very beautiful surroundings he has some dear old friends who live there, which is helpful. Their physio-therapy room, so well equipped will serve all dad's needs.....

.....I hope now that all Dad's many friends whom he has written so faithfully for so many years will help keep him bright and cheerful by sending him cards and letters. He is a courageous soldier but his hardest battle lies ahead. He will celebrate his 80th birthday October 27."

When Loar Quickle heard of his misfortune he phoned him and spoke for all 69ers in wishing him fast progress in getting better. He spoke to his nurse afterwards and was advised the call pepped up the General. Subsequently, a formal letter was sent to all officers and directors of the association advising of the General's illness.

The following letter from Mrs. Stevenson gives information on subsequent developments in the General's condition:

"November 7, 1968

Dear Friends:

I have promised to notify you of any change in dad's condition and am informing you with this letter, that considering the suffering dad was enduring with his right leg since his stroke of September 10 it will be a change for the better for his future outlook. Due to gangrene it was necessary to amputate his right leg above the knee and this operation was performed October 24 at Brooke General Army Hospital. I am happy to report that when the plaster was removed several days ago the doctor was very satisfied with the appearance of the wound and very optimistic about future healing. Dad is now in the wheel chair for short rides several times a day and by the time this letter reaches you he will be returning for regular speech and arm therapy.

Since dad will be in the hospital for about another month we have come to no definite conclusions concerning his period of recuperation. There is a fine Rehabilitation Center about 60 miles from San Antonio, which may be his first choice. He could return to Morningside where he can get therapy for his arm each day and speech therapy by December. The speech therapist had been encouraged with his progress and words do slip out inadvertently, even

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NEW ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, and as a result of elections conducted at the General Business Meeting held on August 17, 1968, the following list of officers will be responsible for operating your association during the current year:

President: William R. Matlach, N.Y.
Board Chairman: Loar Quickle, N.J.
Exec. Vice President: Sam Woolf, N.Y.
Exec. Secretary: Sol Rosenblitt, N.Y.
Treasurer: George E. Phillips, N.J.
Membership Chairman: Clarence Marshall, Pa.
Vice Presidents:

East: Stanley Olszewski, Conn.

Anthony Keller, N.Y.

South: James L. Buie, Ala.

Thomas E. Maupin, Va.

Mid-West: Cyrus M. Rockhold, Ohio

Harry G. Austin, Jr., Pa.

South Central: John H. Vaughan, La.

West Coast: William D. Robertson, Cal.

Auditor: Gerard S. Abraham, N.J.

Chaplain: Rev. Russell H. Milnes, Conn.

Directors:

1971: Albert F. Carbonari, Conn.

Richard Barlup, Pa.

Frederick Dicke, Ohio

John J. Moriarty, Mass.

Pierce G. Rice, D.C.

Murray Zyne, N.Y.

Leo P. McGillem, Fla.

Earl Kinney, Ohio

Clarence Miles, N.Y.

Herbert Callaway, Texas

1970: Robert Silberg, Ill.

Bruce L. Young, W. Va.

R. A. Schreiber, N.Y.

Jacob Stark, Jr., Pa.

George Shapiro, N. J.

Irwin C. Fox, Pa.

Thomas J. Reardon, Pa.

Frank Nemeth, Pa.

William R. Beswick, Va.

George H. Straley, Dela.

1969: H. Ray Fahrner, Pa.

William Lilien, N.Y.

Walter Goeben, N.Y.

Dudley Reynolds, Va.

Peter Goldstein, N.Y.

Len Braverman, N.Y.

Joseph Star, Pa.

Earl Witzleb, Jr., Pa.

Nick Urbano, N.J.

Joseph Monteleone, Pa.

President, Ladies Auxiliary: Wanda Olszewski

JANICE K. HAWLEY, DAUGHTER OF JOHN HAWLEY, 269 ENG., WINS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

On Saturday evening just before the dinner dance Miss Janice Hawley of Shippensburg, Pa. was awarded the Sixty-Ninth Scholarship for 1968. As are all winners of our Scholarship cash awards Miss Hawley had an outstanding record in four years of high school. It was an unusual record as she compiled straight A's for the entire 4 years while attending high school. She attended the reunion with her parents and was on hand to accept the award and give us a sample of her abilities by making a speech. She gained the high respect of persons attending the affair; over 400.

In addition to Miss Hawley, the committee awarded Merit Award Certificates to Steven J. Pearson of St. Paul, Minn., father, Ralph E. Pearson who is a Secondary school guidance counselor in St. Paul. The second one went to Kathy L. Halainen, Danielson, Conn. father, Milton W. Halainen of the 269th Engineers.

The above awards were made possible because you members in paying your dues contribute voluntary amounts to aid us in building our fund. 3 years ago we had only \$750. dollars in our fund and had only given 2 scholarships in all the years before. Now we have 8 more going strong for us. On these we must continue paying amounts until they all graduate from college. We want to be able to build our fund to more than \$10,000. in the near future. To make this possible we need more members contributing. Think of our fund when you make out your income tax each year. Perhaps you can see your way clear to give a substantial amount. We would welcome such amounts. Bye the way, George Phillips announced at this year's reunion that in the last three years we had given the 8 scholarships besides building our fund to \$4,900. So you see it is not just a pipe dream in getting our fund up so in the future it will be self-sustaining. WON'T YOU HELP? GIVE AN EXTRA AMOUNT AT DUES PAYING.....

PHILADELPHIA REUNION (Cont. fr. P.2)
course in the Delaware Room, the teenagers of the 69th were having their own party in the Pennsbury Room, dancing (?) to the music (?) of a local rock and roll group.

The General Business Meeting on Sat-
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UNIT NEWS

HQ. 3rd BN. - 271

By Jack R. Boots

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of those who were so helpful last spring in the task of locating the former members of our company. The result of that search was most gratifying to me and I hope it was for those who regained contact with their old buddies. I received replies from about 30 former members and would like to hear from the rest of you that I sent inquiries to. There are yet some requests for addresses which I cannot fulfill until I hear from those in question.

At this point I would like to express my appreciation to our Div. membership chairman, Clarence Marshall, for his assistance in locating our members.

Our company was very well represented at this year's reunion. Altogether we had eight registered and four attending the banquet. Our previous record of attendance was only one. Those signing the register were: John Novino, Ray Minelli, Erwin Fox, Alexander Goldberg, Merrill Werts, Hugh Grimshaw, Mervin Wilson and Yours Truly.

At the banquet were: Merrill Werts; Hugh and Josephine Grimshaw; Mervin and Kay Wilson, son and daughter--Roger and Terry Wilson; Jack and Mary Boots, son and daughter--Dean and Carol Boots.

Now that the ice has been broken, I hope everyone will make an effort to be at the succeeding reunions. The time to plan for next year's reunion is now. Write or call your close buddy and make arrangements to meet him in New Haven. A successful Co. reunion is a composite of several Platoon and section reunions. It is very disappointing for a person, after making extensive plans and a long trip, to find that he is the only one present from his group of close buddies.

Further efforts will be made to locate the rest of the company members, but only when leads are furnished by those of you who have their old addresses (1945), can any progress be made.

I think I will be speaking for everyone who attended the reunion and especially those who were attending for the first time, when I say it was an experience not to be soon forgotten. It goes without saying that it took a heap of work on the part of the committee to make it such a success and they certainly earned a BIG vote of thanks.

Jack R. Boots
1440 32nd St.
Des Moines, Iowa 50311
Phone: 515-279-2416

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By Loar Quickle

CO. G, 271 REUNION ATTENDEES
GOOD TIME MEMORIES DIMMED
BY DEATH OF FRED W. GILG, 45.
Fred W. Gilg, 45 of 3181 Chestnut
St., Murraysville, Pa. was killed Sept. 11
in an auto accident on Route #22. He
rammed in to the rear of a truck in the
fast lane which had stopped to make a left
turn. According to police Fred evidently
did not notice the truck had stopped.

All of us who knew Fred and his lovely wife thought they were great people. Fred was an engineer and was employed by the US Government. We will all miss his great sense of humor and the presence of his lovely wife at our future reunions. May God bless his family well.

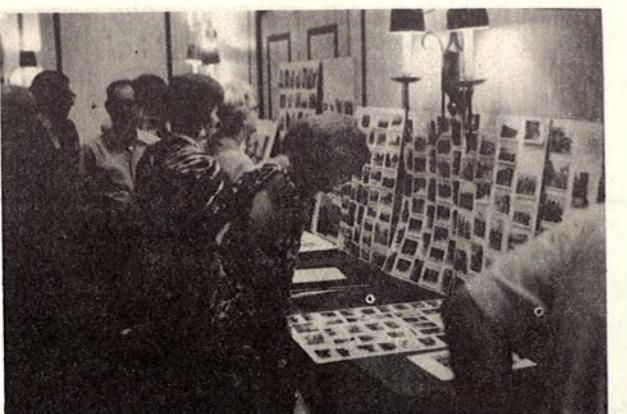


Mr. & Mrs. Fred W. Gilg, at a recent reunion.

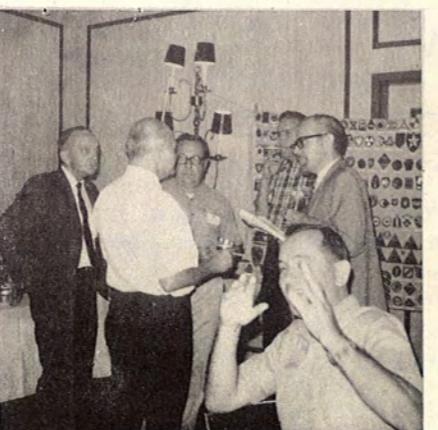
As usual G271 lead the way in attendance at the reunion in Philadelphia. Those attending: Robt. "Red" Daniels, Joe Giglietta and wife, Bill Eck and wife, David Scatena, wife, 2 children, Joe Star and wife, Dan Malinowski, wife, 2 children and daughter-in-law, Fred Gilg and wife, Geo. Phillips and wife, Loar Quickle, wife and 2 children, Shorty Reynolds and wife, Joe Trevesani and Lester Weinberg.

Bill Eck recommended a place to eat on Thursday evening and Co G along with others went out for a ball. Friday night, Shorty Reynolds and Malinowski lead us to a real fine Seafood place nearby and we ate the place out. We all had a wonderful time at the Beer social afterwards.

Too bad for many of our members



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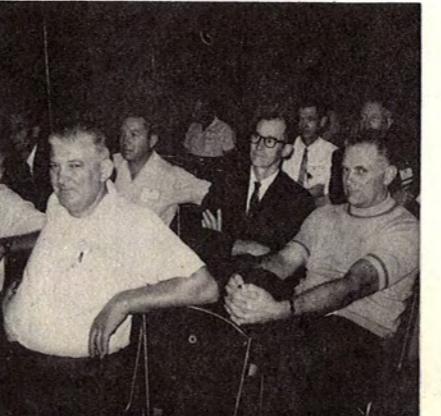
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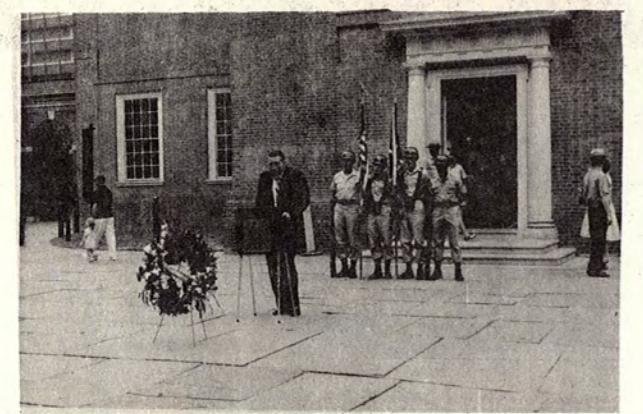
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PHOTOS

Photo 1: 69ers look over old snapshots of the 69th in action, on exhibit in the hospitality room.

Photo 2: Left to right, Tom Reardon, Sol Rosenblitt (H-271), Ray Fahrner (A-273), and Bill Matlach (E-273) recount some of the exploits of the 69th to a reporter from the Philadelphia Enquirer.

Photo 3: George Shapiro (AT-272) and Bob Silberg help out at the Registration Desk.

Photo 4: 69ers gather in the hospitality room for chatter and refreshments.

Photo 5: Les Weinberg, Joe, and Dan Malinowski (all G-271) enjoy themselves at the Beer Party.

Photo 6: George Phillips (G-271) listens as Col. Gordon Ingraham (Div.G-4) explains top level tactics employed by the Fighting 69th, while Col. Sheridan looks on.

Photo 7: Trudy Haynes interviews Bill Matlach for the 10:00 PM news program on Channel 3 - TV, Philadelphia.

Photo 8: 69ers listen intently during the General Business Meeting on Saturday morning.

Photo 9: President Bill Matlach opens the Memorial Ceremony at Independence Hall. The Liberty Bell stands just inside the doorway in the background.

Photo 10: Irv Sarafan offers Al Carbonari (Hq.1st Bn.-271) a few suggestions for the 1969 reunion in New Haven. Al has been the prime mover in setting up the New Haven reunion site.

Photo 11: Teen-agers help out by selling 69th Division souvenirs. Left to right, Mary Reardon, Debbie Matlach (E-273), Sue Gambone (769-Ord.), and standing, Mike Lilien (B-272).

Photo 12: TV star Hermione Gingold (seated) signs her autograph for two young 69-ers.

PHILADELPHIA 1968

1969 REUNION --- NEW HAVEN

After a great deal of investigation, consideration, and negotiation, the dates and site for the 1969 Reunion have been established: August 14, 15, 16, 17, 1969, at the Park Plaza Hotel, New Haven, Conn.

This is about as far northeast as we've ever held a reunion, and should make it easy for all of you New Englanders to participate. That likewise holds true for the city-slickers from New York, who will have only a short drive --- practically around the corner.

The Park Plaza is a beautiful new hotel, with the most modern facilities and accommodations, right in the heart of New Haven, and adjoining modern covered shopping mall which we're sure the ladies will find most tempting.

For those who will be staying at the hotel for the week end (and we highly recommend this) the Park Plaza has offered us the following special room rates:

Single	\$ 10.50
Double (Twin)	\$ 15.00

Any family having three or more children with them will be allowed an additional room at no charge. At these rates, we expect we'll be seeing quite a few Early Birds arriving on Thursday, or perhaps sooner. As a matter of fact, we have an idea that something special is being planned for the Early Birds this year, although it's still too early to say for sure.

One thing that is sure: we're going to need all the help we can get from you fellows in the New Haven area to make sure we have a real bang-up reunion. It takes a lot of planning and hard work to make all the arrangements for our functions, and most of it can only be done by people in the immediate area. So if any of you Connecticut 69ers, male or female, feel you can be of assistance and would like to volunteer (Oh, that horrible word!) your services, you will be welcomed with open arms. Please contact the New Haven Committee Chairman as soon as possible:

Albert F. Carbonari
Oak Hill Lane
Woodbridge, Conn. 06525

Those 69ers who do not live in the immediate area, will, no doubt, require a little advance planning of their own, espe-

FLIGHTING 69TH TOUR IS MOVING RIGHT ALONG

In this bulletin you received the printed brochure which is required by the government on planned group tours. We have tried to make it as appealing as possible. There are many things that we are working on at the present time to implement the tour. Most of these items will go out to those signing up and depositing their \$100. down payment. Regardless of whether we get the 132 maximum we are shooting for, we will make the tour. So those of you that have made a down payment, remember the tour is on.....

With this printed brochure in this issue of the bulletin, we expect to receive more down payments than we can take on. Therefore, if you are one of those committing and have not sent in your down payment better do it now so you will be assured of coming along. If you want to be included and have not committed, better hurry and send in the \$100. per person down payment.

We intend to publish a new list of participants in the next bulletin. Those having signed thus far represent states that are located geographically all over the USA---6 couples from Cal. thus far... If they can get two more, they will have enough to get a group plane flight to NYC.

Some of those promising to go like Sol Rosenblitt, Sammy Woolf and Millard Mellinger had better get in their down payment. Many of the persons that participated in 1965 have stated they were going again but no move as yet as to a commitment. Come on in fellows, most of those going this time were with us in '65.

It is good to note that we have been checked out by a few signers-uppers and they have found what a wonderful bargain we have in our tour. Please note also that.....we are practically taking four tours. Can do so due to flying all the way. We promise a real finale in the hotel we end up in....Lisbon-Cascais....Plenty of relaxation, recreation, good food and plenty of places to go sight-seeing. You will love every minute of it. WON'T YOU JOIN US TODAY????? WE'LL BE WAITING...

cially if considerable travel is involved, and to them we suggest that they make the necessary notations on their calendar now and reserve the third week end in August for the 69th at the Park Plaza in New Haven.

PHILADELPHIA REUNION(Cont.fr.P.4):

urday morning was well attended, although it was observed that a few individuals had not yet fully recovered from the previous evening's festivities, which had obviously continued beyond the Beer Party in a number of instances. High points of the business conducted are discussed elsewhere in this bulletin in the articles on Elected Officers, Treasurer's Report, Dues, Scholarship, Branch News, etc.

Concurrently with the General Business Meeting, the Ladies Auxiliary conducted their meeting which, somehow, always manages to be more pleasure than business in comparison to the men's meeting. In addition to distribution of door prizes and partaking of "coffee & ", the meeting featured a talk and personal readings by Mrs. De Vore, a Palmist, who had some remarkable things to tell the ladies about themselves. Mrs. De Vore stayed on through 3:00 P.M. in the hospitality room conducting readings for those interested.

At 2:00 P.M. all 69ers assembled at Independence Hall for our customary memorial ceremony. Preparations of the Philadelphia Committee included buses to and from the Hall, a military color guard, bugler, and provisions for placing a wreath at the Liberty Bell in honor of our fallen comrades. After a heart stirring address and prayer by our Chaplain, the Rev. Russell H. Milnes, the wreath was placed by Col. Gordon Ingraham, (former G-4 of the 69th) and Col. Sheridan (still on active duty), both of whom traveled all the way from California to attend the reunion. After taps were blown all 69ers present passed through the Hall to view the bell and the wreath which had just been placed. It is believed that the ingenious repair of the bell took place at this time, probably at the hands of one of the 269th Engineers.

The balance of the afternoon was spent at leisure --- additional sight-seeing, unit meetings, gab sessions --- the kids had a splash party at the pool, with refreshments served.

The Saturday night banquet was preceded by a cocktail party which again brought together the complete assembly of 69ers and established the proper atmosphere for the evening's festivities. Sherman Lawrence (B - 272) was M.C. for the evening, and in addition to introducing the various after dinner speakers, also presented the gathering with some of the latest statistics assembled during the course of his personal investigations related to the verification of Kinsey Report data. The featured

speaker was John Paul Weber (Div.Hq.), star of Philadelphia radio, who recounted some of his memorable experiences while serving with the 69th. Music and dancing, which had been scheduled to start at 9:30 P.M., did not miss this starting time by more than a matter of minutes, leaving ample time for the proper use and appreciation of the facilities at hand, and for those who have a more youthful taste in music, the teen-age dance down the hall again offered a rock and roll combo as on the preceding evening.

As the orchestra packed its gear in the early hours of the morning, signifying the end of the proceedings, small groups of 69ers, reluctant to accept an undesired termination to the week end, retired to their quarters, or perhaps local snack bars and coffee shops, where a few additional hours of comradeship could be enjoyed.

Another reunion come and gone --- if you missed this one, you missed a good one. Don't miss the next --- start making plans now to join us at the Park Plaza Hotel in New Haven this coming August.

GENERAL REINHARDT (Cont. from P.3)

at this time. To regain this faculty would give the most happiness to him and to myself. Perhaps he will wish for me to take him to Vancouver, but he would miss his many friends here. Rest assured I will do everything in my power to grant his wishes.

My thanks to all for your many, many Get Well and Birthday Cards, your letters, telegrams and phone calls. They cheered him greatly and except for the first few days post-operation he reads cards and letters himself.

My very special thanks to the overwhelming response of the Fighting "69"ers. Nothing could have pleased him more. Those who do know dad well enough know of his wonderful sense of humor and he gives a big grin over those funny cards.

His address for the next month:

Ward 43-A-Beach Pavilion
Brooke General Hospital
Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234.

After this:

116 - D Rueelle,
Villa Tanglewood,
San Antonio, Texas 78209
(Mail would be forwarded to him
wherever he might be.)

With my sincere thanks and warm regards to all Dad's friends for their good

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TREASURER'S REPORT

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENSES

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JULY 31, 1968

	TOTAL	OPERATING FUND	SCHOLARSHIP FUND
CASH BALANCE 7-31-67	\$3662.93	\$-(1055.38)	\$4718.31
RECEIPTS 8-1-66 to 7/31/68			
DUES 1966-1967	243.00	243.00	
DUES 1967-1968	2398.00	2398.00	
DUES 1968-1968	12.00	12.00	
DUES LADIES AUXILIARY	--	--	
MERCHANDISE SALES	237.50	237.50	
CONT. SCHOLARSHIP FUND	1379.00		1379.00
T.V. SALES	84.00		84.00
BOARD LUNCHEON	80.00	80.00	
COL. LEARY TEST. DINNER	288.00		288.00
INTEREST ON SAVINGS A/C	103.67		103.67
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>4825.17</u>	<u>2970.50</u>	<u>1854.67</u>
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NET RECEIPTS	<u>8488.10</u>	<u>1915.12</u>	<u>6572.98</u>
EXPENSES 8-1-66 to 7/31/68			
PRINTING	1865.14	1865.14	
ADDRESS-O-GRAPH	851.89	851.89	
SHIPPING & POSTAGE	294.90	294.90	
MERCHANDISE PURCHASE	50.90	50.90	
STATIONERY	32.50	32.50	
SCHOLARSHIP	866.00		866.00
WELFARE	246.27		246.27
BOARD LUNCHEON	86.54	86.54	
COL. LEARY TEST. DINNER	542.75		542.75
MISCELLANEOUS	6.75	6.75	
1967 CONVENTION DEFICIT	<u>264.17</u>	<u>264.17</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	5107.81	3452.79	1655.02
BALANCE 7-31-1968	<u>\$ 3380.29</u>	<u>\$-1537.67</u>	<u>\$ 4917.96</u>
CHECKS OUTSTANDING	<u>577.46</u>		
	<u>\$ 3957.75</u>		

MONIES ON DEPOSIT AS PER BANK STATEMENTS:

NAT'L STATE BANK of ELIZABETH, N.J. A/C #006-361-0	1450.37
COLONIAL SAVINGS & LOAN of ROSELLE PARK, N.J. A/C #0-14097	2507.38

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7/31/68

George E. Phillips
Treasurer

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EXPENSES 8-1-66 to 7/31/68			
PRINTING	1865.14	1865.14	
ADDRESS-O-GRAPH	851.89	851.89	
SHIPPING & POSTAGE	294.90	294.90	
MERCHANDISE PURCHASE	50.90	50.90	
STATIONERY	32.50	32.50	
SCHOLARSHIP	866.00		866.00
WELFARE	246.27		246.27
BOARD LUNCHEON	86.54	86.54	
COL. LEARY TEST. DINNER	542.75		542.75
MISCELLANEOUS	6.75	6.75	
1967 CONVENTION DEFICIT	<u>264.17</u>	<u>264.17</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	5107.81	3452.79	1655.02
BALANCE 7-31-1968	<u>\$ 3380.29</u>	<u>\$-1537.67</u>	<u>\$ 4917.96</u>
CHECKS OUTSTANDING	577.46		
	<u>\$ 3957.75</u>		

MONIES ON DEPOSIT AS PER BANK STATEMENTS:

NAT'L STATE BANK of ELIZABETH, N.J. A/C #006-361-0	1450.37
COLONIAL SAVINGS & LOAN of ROSELLE PARK, N.J. A/C #0-14097	2507.38

\$ 3957.75

7/31/68

George E. Phillips
Treasurer

DUES

As our Treasurer's Report indicates, the operating fund of the association has been steadily accumulating a deficit over the past few years. Since the bulk of expenses are connected with printing, addressing, and mailing of our bulletins, economy measures, such as reducing the number of bulletins from four to three, were taken in this area during the past year. This resulted in an overall reduction of expenses by approximately 20%, in spite of the fact that our mailing list grew appreciably. However, the deficit condition still remains.

Raising the dues above the current \$3.00 per year rate was proposed to the Board of Directors but voted down. However, the Directors did approve an alternate proposal which established a new class of membership to be known as a Contributing Membership, Contributing Members to pay \$10 per year instead of \$3. It is understood that the Contributing Member does this on a voluntary basis and that he would not enjoy any special privileges not enjoyed by the regular \$3 member, other than the satisfaction of helping make the 69th a solvent organization.

Dues statements will be going out to the membership shortly. Since these notices were printed prior to establishment of the Contributing Membership, they will bear no reference to it. However, it would be greatly appreciated if all members would bear in mind, when they receive their statements, that the Contributing Membership has been duly established, at a rate of \$10, and a \$10 payment from those who choose to make it would be most welcome.

But still more important, we urge all members to make a particular effort to send their dues in, whether of the \$10 or \$3 variety. If we could receive enough \$3 payments, there would be no need for the \$10 voluntary rate. As a matter of fact, why wait for your statement? If you did not pay your dues at the recent Philadelphia reunion, then you owe dues. Send it in now. Checks should be made payable to the "69th Infantry Division Association, Inc." and mailed to our Treasurer at:

Fighting 69th Infantry Division Association
Box 193
Roselle Park, N. J. 07204

GEN. REINHARDT (Cont. from P.9):
wishes to him.

His daughter,
Ann Stevenson."

It is a foregone conclusion that all 69ers wish the General a speedy recovery of his health and faculties. Moreover, we can all do something to help him on the difficult road back by cheering him up and maintaining him in the proper spirit and state of mind so beneficial to the healing process.

SEND HIM GET WELL WISHES NOW BY LETTER, CARD, OR TELEGRAM, AND YOU MEMBERS LIVING NEARBY, VISIT OR EVEN CALL.
YES, HE DESERVES TO BE CHEERED
----PLEASE! DO IT NOW!

UNIT NEWS (Cont. from P.5):

living nearby as they missed a good time. Joe Trevesani was peeved because he did not bring the missus. Amazed at such a family type reunion. Joe you were the talk afterwards as you still look like you were in your early 20's. Many of the Co G men got together late at night and played to early morning hours in the two night spots in the Marriott. Rita and Dan Malinowski are great at this... If some of the old-timers would have shown, we would have had a record attendance.

We'll get out our own bulletin soon...

OBITUARIES

COL. CHARLES P. LYNCH (Div.Hq.)-
passed away on December 31, 1967 at San Antonio, Texas. Col. Lynch was Chief of Staff during his service with the 69th Division

He was born in St. Paul, Minnesota and was a graduate of St. Thomas academy in that city. He was commissioned at the 1st Officer Training Camp at Fort Dodge, Iowa and served overseas with the 350th Infantry in World War I.

Prior to WWII he was assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Sam Houston and was Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Texas Military Institute from 1932 to 1937. He also served three years in Manila three years at Plattsburg.

He attended Command and Staff School at Fort Leavenworth and during WWII he served with the 88th Infantry Division in Italy as C.O. of the 350th

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OBITUARIES (Cont. from P. 11):
Infantry, in addition to his service
with the 69th.

Following the war he was assigned as Senior Instructor, Texas National Guard, Austin, Texas. He later served with the 24th Infantry Division in Japan and as C.O., Ft. Douglas, Utah. His final assignment was as Senior Instructor, Army Reserve, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. In 1953, he retired from the Army after 35 years of service and made his residence in San Antonio.

Col. Lynch is survived by his widow, Mrs. Isadore Taylor Lynch; three sons, LTC Hugh John Lynch, Washington, D.C., LTC Robert O. Lynch and James M. Lynch of Minnesota; and eight grandchildren.

FRED W. GILG (G-271) - Killed September 11, 1968 in an automobile accident. (See G-271 news.)

JOHN E. KIELY (Hq. 3rd Bn. 271)

Passed away Nov. 23, 1956 of a cerebral hemorrhage. He is survived by his wife Flora and three children, Bill, 18, Mary, 16, and Patricia, 13. ELWOOD ODELL CLARK (Hq-661)- passed away January 19, 1966 at Ridgeway, Va. He is survived by his wife Sadie, and three children, Roger, Linda, and Phyllis. Roger is in the National Guard at Fort Bliss, Texas.

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