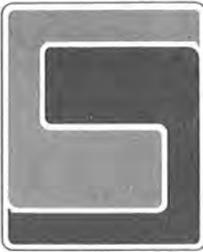


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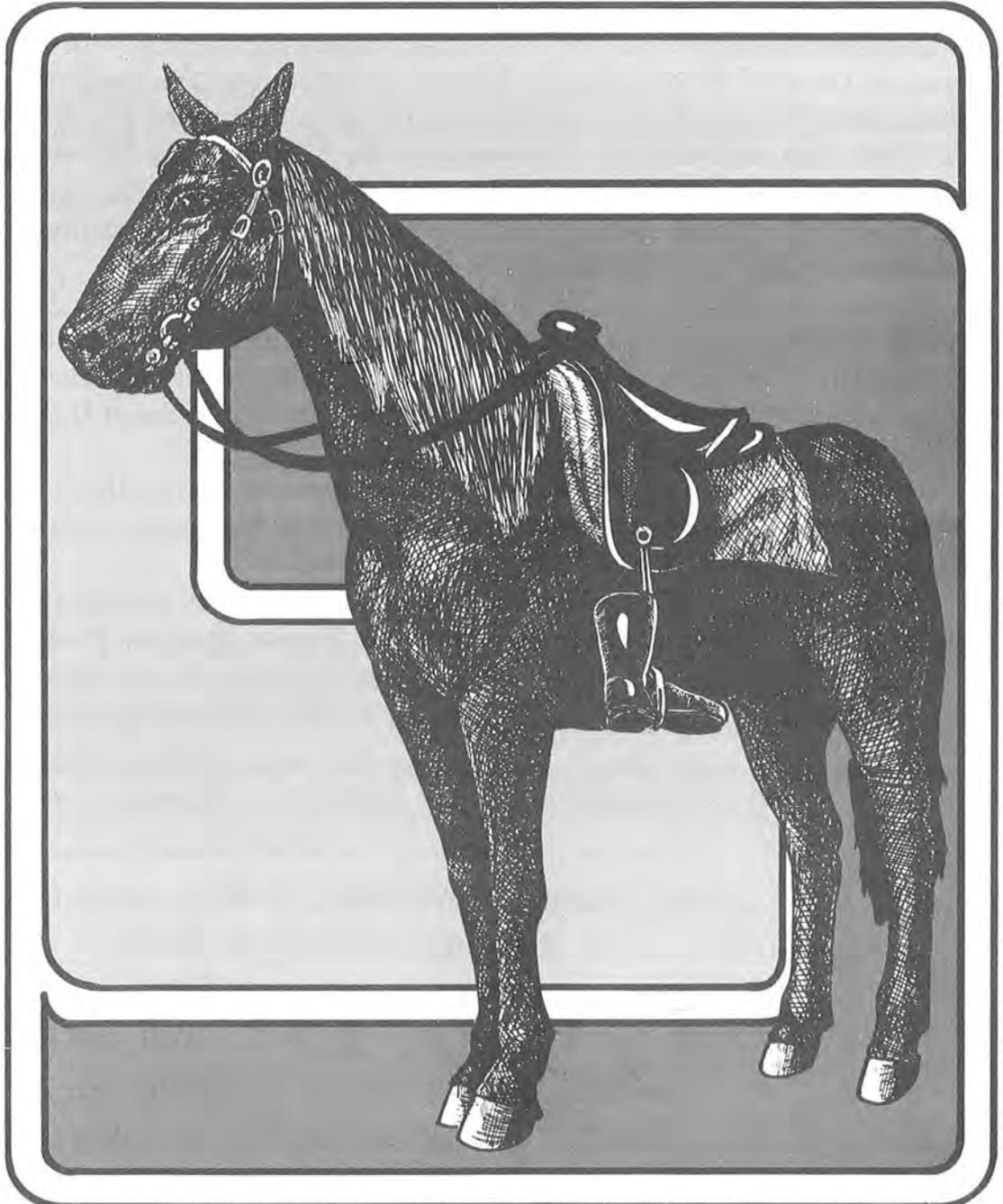
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GENERAL CHARLES L. BOLTE - 1895-1989

GENERAL BOLTE PASSES AWAY

Bolte, Charles Lawrence 1895-1989

A great soldier died February 11, 1989

General Charles Lawrence Bolte, who organized and trained the 69th Infantry Division at Camp Shelby, Mississippi in 1943 and 1944, died at the age of 93. He served for more than 38 years in the service of his country in grades ranging from second lieutenant to four-star general.

In 1918, he saw action in France with the Fourth Division and was wounded in September of that year. He served in the Army of Occupation and returned to the United States in 1919. **Bolte's** service between the wars included duty at the Infantry School, the Command and General Staff School, the 15th Infantry in China, the Army War College, office of the Chief of the Air Corps and IV Army.

His service during World War II included: In London, England, with the Special Army Observer Group, on the staff of the European Theater of Operations, Headquarters of Ground Forces, and Commanding General of the 69th Infantry Division. He trained the 69th from February 1943 to July 1944 when he was made commander of the 34th Infantry Division in Italy.

General Bolte recognized that soldiers must be hardened to the rigors of warfare, and he had his troops of the 69th in field operations so often and so long that they humorously referred to themselves as "Bolte's Bivouacing Bastards" — the "Three B's."

Postwar assignments included: Assistant Chief of Staff, Grounds Plan, Chief of Staff of Army Ground Forces, Director of Special Joint Planning Group in Washington, Director of Plans and Operations Division of the Army General Staff, Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, Commander of Seventh Army in Germany, Commander in Chief of U.S. Army and Vice Chief of Staff of the Army.

General Bolte was awarded these decorations: the Purple Heart for his wounds in 1918, Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, plus several decorations from Great Britain, Italy, France, Brazil, Ethiopia and Columbia.

General Bolte's wife survives him. His is also survived by a daughter, **Demara**, and two sons, **Colonel (Retired) David E. Bolte** and **Brigadier General (Retired) Philip L. Bolte**.

General Bolte attended many of the Annual Reunions of the veterans of the 69th Infantry Division. The final Reunion he attended was in 1987 at Niagara Falls.

*For more details, see Fighting 69th Infantry Division Association
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News From The Editor's Desk



by — Clarence Marshall
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Robert Mottaz, 10961 Desert Lawn Drive, North Calimesa, California 92320 — F-273rd: Just a note to say hello and congratulate you once again on your work with the Bulletin. Each issue is more interesting than the last. The reason that I am sending this note is the hope that you will find room in the next issue to express Inge's and my failure in not sending out our Christmas Cards. I was in and out of the hospital for over three weeks, which kept me from picking up the pen. I do, however, want to express our thanks for the cards that we did receive from our friends of the 69th. Pneumonia is an awful sickness for a man of my age, especially with the condition of my heart. We have to take one day at a time, and a card from a friend is the best tonic that one can take on the road to recovery. Thanks to all.

Anees Barakat, 41 Sterling Avenue, Dallas, Pennsylvania 18612 — G-272nd: As usual we enjoyed the Kentucky Reunion, despite the weather. I see that G-272nd is tops in attendance, and we hope to continue to be. We must get some of our Western members in Denver, especially ones who have never attended a Reunion before. Enclosed is a photo of my Section of Company G-272nd. Looking forward to seeing many of our men in Denver. I just bought a new car, and intend to drive there. Anyone in G-Company interested in a VHS video taping of the last two Reunions, (Niagara Falls and Lexington) please let me know and I will send them a copy for \$10.00 to cover my cost of tape and handling.

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

Michael Moscaritolo, 19 Trotters Circle, Kissimmee, Florida 32743 — 69th Recon: While on holiday in New Jersey to visit our family, I was lucky to locate an original 69th Recon Trooper. He was **Carl A. Roberts** of Matawan, New Jersey. He has been in and out of hospitals and is all alone. He was thrilled when I phoned him. We reminisced for about an hour and we both had a good cry. Please list him with the other new men that you have relocated. When you Recon Troopers read this, please give Carl a call or drop him a note. His phone number is: (201) 583-4364. You will make his day. I told him about the Recon Reunion October 25th to the 29th and he said "God Willing" he would be there.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Roberts address is in the column of New Men Relocated.)

George W. H. Weston, 173 Tanglewood, East Piscataway, New Jersey 08854 — AT-271st: I did not receive a Bulletin since the May-June-July-August edition. I did not realize this until we received a Christmas Card from one of my companions in the 271st Anti-Tank Company telling me of the death of **Leo Boyd** who had been killed in a moped accident. He found this information in the Bulletin that we didn't receive. I would appreciate you sending one to me. Hope that you are enjoying good health and hope to see you again in Denver.

Jerome Holub, 912 Society Building, Akron, Ohio 44308 — A-879th: I recently came in contact with **Michael Makuh** who served in A-724th in the 69th Division. I was in A-Battery of the 879th Field Artillery. I wish to become a member of the 69th Infantry Division Association and am enclosing my dues. I trust I will be receiving your Bulletin in the coming year. I am looking forward to renewing old acquaintances with some of my former artillery buddies. I will go through my old scrapbooks and send some pictures and old newspaper articles that I have while writing on the Battalion Newspaper after World War II. Addresses of anybody from Battery A-879th would be appreciated. I will send some old addresses of men from my outfit for your files. I hope to be able to come to Denver this summer.

Sam Rodriguez, 4206 Alamo Street, Simi Valley, California 93063 — 69th-QM: Some months ago I sent a letter trying to locate some of my buddies from the 69th Q.M. I would like to hear from any of them. We went to Camp Shelby with the Cadre from the 96th Division in Camp Adair, Oregon. I just learned through your Taps page about **Ira Gruchow** passing away.

C. Frank Carey, R.D. #2, Box 36X2, Reinholds, Pennsylvania 17569 — F-271st: I had a very pleasant experience recently in relocating another long lost 69er. He lives just 7 miles from me, but we had never met before. I went to a new barber shop and the barber and I were talking about our service days. I made the remark that I had served with the Fighting 69th. Another gentleman in the waiting room heard my remark and immediately came forward and stated that he had also served with the 69th. He was amazed to learn of our Association and the Reunions. We talked for a great length and he is excited to join. We exchanged addresses and I am going to take some of my recent Bulletins to him. He is **Donald S. Taylor** from Denver, Pennsylvania and he served with C-Battery of the 881st Field Artillery. Please put him on the mailing list.

Arlene and I plan to attend the Tri-State meeting in Erie in May. Hope to see you there. We really enjoyed working in the hospitality room in Lexington. It was a rewarding experience to serve the folks of the 69th Division Association. We are already making plans for Denver in August. If the Lord is willing and the creek don't rise, we will be there. I cannot begin to tell you how much I admire and respect you for the excellent job you do for our Association. Please stay well and God bless you.

Francis H. Breyette, 1137 Orkla Drive, Golden Valley, Minnesota 55427 — C-461st AAA: It is always sad to report the passing of a friend and comrade. **Joe Guertin** passed away from cancer. The last reunion **Joe** was able to make with his Battery mates was in October 1985. In March 1941 **Joe** was inducted into the Army at Fort Snelling, Minnesota and was immediately assigned to Regimental Headquarters Battery of the 216th Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft Regiment. This Regiment came into being in July of 1940 and was converted from the old 205th and 206th Infantry Regiments of the 92nd Brigade Minnesota National Guard. This Regiment did not

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see Combat, but produced a high number of Cadres for new Units. Its men were highly intelligent and exquisitely trained. All of the original men were either commissioned or made the top three grades by War's end. The summer of 1942 saw Joe advance to the grade of Technical Sergeant and return to Camp Haan as Cadre to begin the 461st AAA Battalion. The rest is history. Joe was an exemplary soldier and a successful and solid citizen. He will be remembered.

Robert B. Slade, 606 Adams, Newburgh, Indiana 47630 — A-273rd: I enjoyed the latest edition of the Bulletin very much. I am interested in the "Scholars in Foxholes" book, and would appreciate knowing how to obtain it. I especially enjoyed all of the World War II era pictures, even if I don't know the guys. I recognized Lieutenant Nettles and Sergeant Jordan in the Reunion picture on Page 52.

John G. Barnett, 6374 Brandywine Trail, Norcross, Georgia 30092 — A-880th: I just received my 69th Bulletin and all of you again have done an outstanding job. I want you to know that hearing about old comrades gives me a great deal of pleasure and your efforts are most worthwhile to all of the members of the Association. As you know I am spending a lot of time trying to locate A-880th Field Artillery veterans and have had considerable success. We have now had three Reunions. I was also Battery Commander of B-880th Field Artillery before we went overseas. I would like to encourage someone in that Unit to start a Reunion organization. Their Battery Commander overseas was Captain Salvatore A. Lumia of New York City. I will be willing to help in such an adventure but only in an advisory role, as A-880th keeps me quite busy.

Donald B. Pomes, Route 1, Box 43-M, Alba, Texas 75410 — 881st F.A.: I got married in 1954 to a "Texas Girl" and have two daughters and a son. I have been engaged in many kinds of jobs, namely: Carpenter, Boat and Motor Mechanic, Air Conditioning and Car Mechanic. Retired in February of 1988, but still do a little part time. Bought a home in Dallas in 1955, and in 1985 built a home in East Texas. Still building.

Timothy M. Nesbitt, 9050 Markville, #133, Dallas, Texas 75243: My deceased father was a veteran of World War II, and a proud member of the Fighting 69th Infantry. I have always taken great pride in his role in this country's independence, and feel it far outshadows any other achievement he could have accomplished. I regret not being more inquisitive about his service days in my younger immature years, but now the questions seem endless. The reason for this letter is my desire for a personal photograph of this unsuspecting innocent young man (prior to shipping overseas) with his entire Company. I have failed to see this Company photograph after searching through my father's 69th Bulletins. Could it also be possible to receive the names and addresses of these same Company men who served by his side? Thank you for your time. My father's information: S/Sgt. Wilfred B. Nesbitt, Company B, 271st Infantry, ASN 38582652.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This request was forwarded along to Robert Younglas who served in this Unit. If anyone else can help this son of a former 69er, please do so.)

Eldon M. Atwood, 775 Desert Gardens Drive, El Centro, California 92243 — L-273rd: I really had a surprise visit one evening. My wife and I had just returned from a weekend trip to Los Angeles, and found my old buddy Julian C. Godsey from L-273rd waiting for me upon my return. We had a really great visit with him and his wife Cathleen. Godsey and I had been stationed in the small village of Niederthalhausen, Germany immediately after the War ended, and during our conversation over the evening that village was mentioned.

About that same time Godsey spotted a series of five paintings on our wall. These five pictures had been painted for me by a local German artist of Niederthalhausen, and have hung in our home all of these many years. I have enclosed a photo of Godsey sitting in front of the picture of our house in Niederthalhausen, and I am standing to the right holding a black and white picture of that same house that Godsey brought from Virginia to share with me. The book that Godsey is holding is a copy of the 273rd Infantry Regiment History which he had never seen. I thought that some of the readers might be interested in this long-awaited reunion here in El Centro, California, some 43 plus years after we had departed this charming little village.

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

William R. Beswick, P.O. Box 576, West Point, Virginia 23181 — B-661st: How are you doing? I hope the winter weather hasn't got to you. I haven't written for a while, as I have been kept busy around my new home. It takes forever to get it the way you want it. I hope that you enjoyed the Reunion in Kentucky. I was enjoying it very much until some of our people became ill. I was really sorry that Dale Scott passed away. I am sending you a list of names that I got from the National Tank Destroyer roster. You might have some of them, but they weren't on the IBM print-out at Lexington. Let me know the outcome of them. Has a Bulletin been printed since the Kentucky Reunion? If so, I haven't received mine yet. I haven't heard from too many of the fellows recently. I'll have to close off for now as my typewriter is messing up.

Tom McCullough, 3318 North Lee Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19134 — B-271st: It has been a while since you heard from me as I was away on a trip, and when I got home, I went into the V.A. hospital. I cannot think of the name of those people from your home town who made me their adopted soldier. The lady taught 3rd grade and was a Girl Scout leader. I got letters from both the Scouts and the kids in the 3rd grade. I would like to take a trip your direction, so that we could get together. Perhaps I will do so in May or June.

Melville P. Liverance, 7085 South Uinta, St. Englewood, California 80112 — HQ-271st: My wife and I attended our first Reunion at Lexington. We touched some old bases with four other members of my Company. I need an address to send a Christmas Card to John Barrette, and I would appreciate it if you would send it along to me. I know he lives in Wisconsin somewhere. Thanks for your help and continuing great work with the Bulletin.

Jack H. Hartzog, 204 Ridge Drive, Sikeston, Missouri 63801 — L-273rd: As a result of my note appearing in the Bulletin, I heard from Hugh Colvin of Bradenton, Florida. It was good to hear from a former 69th comrade. I was one of the 69th men who was notified on Christmas morning 1944 at Basingstoke, England that we were being sent as replacements to Units already on the continent who had been badly shot up in the Battle of the Bulge. I ended up in the 310th Infantry Regiment of the 78th Division where I served my combat. We were the first Infantry across the Rhine at Remagen. We crossed the famous Ludendorf Bridge before it was destroyed by bombs and shells.

The 78th also has a good Association, which holds Reunions every two years. The next one is in Omaha, and my wife and I plan to attend. We have attended three others already. If I thought there would be some of my old associates from L-273rd, I would like to attend a 69th Reunion. It was tempting when you met in Niagara Falls, in as much that I had worked there prior to entering the service, and a short time after I was discharged.

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Walter S. Jaworski, 658 Humboldt Street, Brooklyn, New York 11222 — A-271st: The Bulletin is great and it brings back many memories. In regard to the article on the convoy to England, the aircraft carrier following the transport John Erikson was the British carrier "Eagle." The John Erikson was destroyed by fire in the early 50's. I still correspond with former 69ers. I see that many of them came from Pennsylvania. I hope to make the Reunion at Valley Forge, since those with whom I correspond come from that area.

Fred Huston, Kimberly Apts., #212, 475 East Cypress, Redlands, California 92373 — E-273rd: We are still living out here in the land of fruits and nuts, but we can always say the weather is nice. Hope you and yours are all in good health. We did not come East in '88, but the '89 Denver Reunion seems close so we will try to make it. I am still giving time each week to the V.A. Loma Linda Hospital doing counseling service. I have been there for about 4 years.

William B. Burgess, 410 Carlisle Way, Norfolk, Virginia 23505 — 881st F.A.: Sorry I have not been able to attend the last Reunions, but it seems as if every May (1987-1988) I have had to have surgery. First a triple by-pass, and then a total hip replacement. I am getting along pretty good though, and have now discarded my cane. I hope progress continues so that I may be able to travel again soon. Trust everything goes well with you and yours.

Major General Guy N. Rogers, Retired, 607 Hampton Circle, Jackson, Mississippi 39211 — HQ. Divarty: I am disappointed about the decision regarding the Memorial and the '89 Reunion in Biloxi. I wish that I could have been in Lexington to assure the entire membership that Camp Shelby is here to stay. It opened in 1954 as a National Guard training site with a few tents. It is now back to World War II capacity, and is a year round training site for National Guard Marines, U.S. Army Reserves and National Guard troops from 5 states. Thousands of soldiers each year would see the Memorial. Let me know what I can do.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The facts are that the membership of our Association voted for Denver in 1989 at our Niagara Falls Reunion in 1987. Therefore, trying to be a democratic organization, a few should not be able to change the plans of the majority.)

Cowan McFarland, 2715 36th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida 33713 — A-369th: I pass my highest praise to you for your outstanding job on the Bulletin. It is always a treat to receive and read it.

Virgil Spanos, 11144 Saucier Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63141 — K-271st: I came across your name in relation to the 69th Division in our local newspaper. Having served in Company K of the 271st Regiment, I would like to receive any further information of the activities of the Association. I was in the Division from the summer of 1944 to the fall of 1945.

Joseph Lipsius, 1354 Bramble Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30329 — Reg. Hq. & Can. Co.-272nd: On many occasions I have wanted to write and thank you for the wonderful Bulletin you fellows have put out through the years, but it has taken the death of one of our fellow members to do it. I regret to inform fellow 69ers that **Julius Griffel** died at the age of 80 or 81 after suffering for several years with Parkinson's Disease. **Julius** was in Headquarters, 2nd Battalion, 272nd, from the very beginning until the end. He is listed in the Regimental History as a Tec/5. I can remember him coming to the 272nd Infantry when I was in S-3. I encountered **Julius** in the Atlanta area shortly after the War, and would see him off and on through the years. He was a very fine soldier, person, and family man. As for me, I am going to be 71 in

January and in good health and enjoying life. I wish you good health and all fellow 69ers the same, who if not for you, would have lost all track of those days of the 40's which live in our memories.

Joseph Giglietta, 544-A Shadypine Way, Greenacres City, Florida 33415 — G-271st: Hope this conveys my feelings that all is well with you. I appreciate you sending me **Scatena's** address. Can't wait for the Reunion to be held in Valley Forge. We left New York in November, and will return in April. This seems like a long time but I no longer can take the winter in the Northeast. If you care to have more pictures of G-Company, 271st Infantry, I will be glad to send more along.

Armed Forces Museum, Building 80, Camp Shelby, Mississippi 39407: We received your History book of the 69th Division. Sorry we haven't acknowledged it sooner, but we have been very busy placing the items. I look forward someday for the 69th to return to Shelby for a Reunion and placement of a monument such as the one the 65th erected. We hope that every Unit who trained here would consider doing this. This is a great part of our history, and people like you should not be forgotten, for all the hardships that you went through, and so many who gave their lives for our great U.S.A. People like you, and all the rest who served in the Armed Forces is the reason we have freedom, and I want to say thanks to all of you.

Lumir J. Bocek, 4717 A Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68510 — Ser. & B. Co.-271st: I would like to become a member of the 69th Infantry Division Association. I joined the 69th as a 2nd Lieutenant in Service Company, 271st Infantry, when it was activated, as 3rd Battalion Supply Officer. I was also a member of B-Company, 271st, as Company Commander and Executive Officer. Later, I was transferred back to Service Company as Regimental Ammunition Officer. Prior to the 69th coming home from Europe, I was sent to the 175th Infantry, 29th Division and Service Company. I came home with the 29th.

John Marshall, 117 Liberty Street, Box, 275, Rockland, Massachusetts 02370 — L-271st: A friend of mine, **Marty Connor**, sent me his copy of the 69th Bulletin. It included a picture of men from the 2nd Platoon of Company L-271st, and I was in the picture. It brought back many memories. Please send me an application to join the Association. I have enclosed a check for a Division History Book if you still have them. I hope to be enrolled by the next issue of your Bulletin.

Ira Hawkins, R. 1, Box 320, South Boston, Virginia 24592 — HQ.-271st: I have talked to **John Yingling's** sister on several occasions, and it is O.K. with her for me to send her letters to you. I hope you will put them in the Bulletin as **John** had a lot of friends in the Headquarters Company of the 271st Infantry. We had around 100 to 110 men in our section. He was transferred to Regimental Headquarters Company, 121st Infantry, 8th Division, and K.I.A. in France in August of 1944.

Charles Chapman, 7412 Exmore Street, Springfield, Virginia 22150 — HQ. Divarty: I regret to inform you that **Dillon Moffatt** of Watertown, South Dakota, passed away on October 9, 1988. He not only was in my Battery, but also in the same Section (Operations). We are on the verge of locating **Tom Brannan** (Headquarters Divarty) after many years of intermittent inquiries. We now know that he lives in Mobile, Alabama (the same city my son resides in), and we also have his telephone number. A good friend of his, **George Moberg**, is following through on his address, and I'll advise you as soon as we know. The Mobile phone directory merely lists the address as "Turner Williams" which is the name of a road and other things there. The telephone operator said that no further information could be divulged.

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Patton Museum of Cavalry and Army, P.O.B. 208, Ft. Knox, Kentucky 40121: **Major General Tait** forwarded your letter concerning the 69th Infantry Division patch on exhibit at the Patton Museum to me for response. We were aware of the error in the Third Army Flag which shows the 69th's patch upside down. It is one of a number of errors in the construction of that flag. The flag itself was made as a memento for **General Patton** on the occasion of his 60th birthday, 11 November 1945. Having been made for a special occasion the flag tells a bit of the history of the time just as constructed. It is a basic tenet of all museums that historical objects are not changed to correct errors of fact. At the same time, we, along with the members of the 69th Infantry, are concerned to present the truth along with historical errors. In response to your request we have constructed an exhibit showing the errors on the flag, and presenting the correct information. In this new exhibit your patch is correctly displayed with the red 6 on the top. I hope you enjoy your visit to the Patton Museum in spite of this exhibit. Should you be able to return in the near future, I would be pleased to meet you and show you the new exhibit.

John M. Purdy, Director

Lawrence Terpstra, 4451 Forest Park S.W., Wyoming, Michigan 49509 — E-272nd: I am enclosing my dues for 1988-89. We were unable to make the Lexington Reunion but plan to attend future ones. I would like some assistance. During the summer of 1945, I left the 69th and was assigned to Headquarters, 52nd Ordnance Group, stationed at Butzback, and later Pforzheim, Germany. A **Sergeant John E. McConnell**, who I believe was from Company L-272nd, also went to Ordnance at the same time. Whether he went to Headquarters or one of the other companies, I don't know. Later that summer or early fall I drove **Sergeant McConnell** to Heidelberg where he was to become a Commissioned Officer. When he came out of the headquarters building, I was the first enlisted man to salute **2nd Lieutenant McConnell**. He gave me one dollar (using the ten mark German currency we were issued) which he autographed. I still have this "dollar bill" and although somewhat frayed after all these years, I would like to return it to him which I think he might like as a keepsake. I only saw him for a moment after that, and I have no idea where he lives. I would appreciate it if anyone knows any information about him, that they would let me know.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Our Association has no record of a John McConnell, so if anyone can help, please contact Mr. Terpstra or National Headquarters.)

Kenneth D. Hull, 5164 Mesa Del Oso N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87111 — I-272nd: We are moving to Albuquerque, New Mexico effective November 28th. I met you in Lexington while attending my first 69th Reunion. What a fine time my wife and I had. We do intend to make the next one in Denver. I also wrote **Bob Kurtzman** to change my address. All of my Bulletins, except for the last issue, are packed.

John W. Turner, P.O. Box 1645, Decatur, Georgia 30031 — C-724th: I regret to report that **Arthur Erickson** of our Battery passed away on September 26, 1988. His widow, **Ervilla (Holly)**, still resides at their old address. Take good care of yourself, and best wishes always.

Phillip Jones, 5070 East 5th Street, H-14, Tucson, Arizona 85711: My father, **Jacob L. Jones**, passed away on October 3, 1988. He died in the V.A. Hospital at Fayetteville, North Carolina 50 years after he had entered the U.S. Army at Fort Bragg. At first he was in civilian hospitals, but we found the treatment to be callous, incompetent, and expensive. At the

V.A. Hospital, we found caring nurses, staff and doctors. The staff took time to answer long distance calls about my father's condition. The most comforting part of the hospital for the family was the concept of the 4 man ward. Patients in the V.A. Hospital help take care of each other, and have a common bond. If my father was asleep, or unable to communicate when we called, the other patients in his ward would relay to us the information about him.

The reason for this letter is two fold. First, the V.A. Hospital system has gotten bad press lately, and does have its problems. However, in the case of long term illness or terminal illness in the case of a 69th Veteran, the family may consider this as an option. We drove 2 hours each way a day to Fayetteville to visit our father, and found that superior to the local hospitals. Please list my father's name under Taps, and cancel his News Bulletin.

Richard C. Funk, East Avenue, Clayton, New Jersey 08312: My father, **Charles O. Funk III**, passed away on August 8, 1988. He served with the 69th Infantry Division, and had suffered a long bout with cancer. He retold me many times about the great fellowship at the 69th Reunions. His car was covered with 69th stickers, and he never went anywhere without his 69th cap.

I was in the service myself from 1966 to 1972 during the Vietnam War, and spent two years in Germany. My father and I always talked about the places that each of us were in Germany, about the good times and the bad times. I think Dad would be very happy if he knew I was writing. He was a proud and brave soldier, and I admire him so. My mother is finding it hard to get used to the fact that he is no longer around. I want to thank the 69th organization for all that they have done for him.

Mike Koltowski, 1203 West 10th Street, Apt. 212, LaPorte, Indiana 45350 — HQ-271st: I served in the Anti-Tank section of Headquarters, 271st from the Battle of the Bulge till we met the Russians. I returned home on December 26th, 1945, on the U.S.S. Lejeune. I would like to get in touch with my friends. I can remember a man who was from Pueblo, Colorado whose name was **Cortez**. I also remember **Don Kolloway** who was a Medic, and a former professional baseball player. He is the only one I have met since I returned home. **Lieutenant Freeman** who was from Louisville, Kentucky, was in charge of our group. I am enclosing a check for dues, and would appreciate any help in getting in touch with former members of my Company.

Walter W. Haag, 420 Paramount Drive, Millbrae, California 94030 — B-881st: Just received the word on the passing of **George Custis** (B-881st Field Artillery). He attended the Reunion in Niagara Falls for the first time in a wheelchair. He had a lingering illness. His wife's name is **Sylvia**. He was a conscientious soldier boy for B-881st, and we will miss him. He was the Editor of our "Baker Journal" compiled at Leuna, Germany.

Mary K. Berkheimer, 7 North Peter Street, New Oxford, Pennsylvania: I am writing in reply to the information that you wanted about **John Yingling**. A friend of mine called me and told me her husband saw it in the Fighting 69th Infantry Division Bulletin. My brother, **John**, was buried in France. I have a large picture of the cemetery. There was also a telegram and letter with the picture. The picture of you in uniform doesn't look like you today. You looked much taller then. My brother was inducted into the Army at the New Cumberland Army Depot, and he is buried in the U.S. Army Cemetery at St. James, France.

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NEWS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

(Continued from Page 6)

Alden Beverly, 30 Crane Avenue, White Plains, New York 10603 — A-273rd: I found Ed Lucci's letter to Charles Altman in the Bulletin very interesting. (Returning the Bible) It brought back many memories. I remember the collapse of the building in Miescheid. I was a BAR man in the first platoon of A-273rd. Preceding the second platoon's planned assault on the pill box, I had been on two patrols who had tried to knock it out. On the first occasion, we went out under the cover of darkness, but for some reason, withdrew before attacking. The second was done in daylight, and the Germans pinned us before we got close enough. To enable us to withdraw, our artillery shelled the pill box with smoke shells. This allowed us to withdraw, but our other BAR man stepped on a mine and lost a leg. Two of our patrol risked their own lives to carry him to safety. When I heard we were going to make another assault, I was hoping I wouldn't be called on, as I was one of the few who had been out on the 2 initial patrols, and was afraid the third would catch up with me. It was a shock to us when we heard about what had happened to the patrol from the second platoon. I had just turned 19 and this was the first real combat mission we had been involved with. I am not ashamed to admit I was one scared 19 year old who was thankful that I had not been in that fateful third patrol. If my memory serves me correctly, the ironic part of it was that they never did successfully assault the pill box. When we captured the next town, the Germans had abandoned it.

Noble P. Casey, 100 Wallhaven Drive, Akron, Ohio 44313 — C-273rd: In Bulletin Vol. 41, No. 3, there was an article about Lieutenant Dan Shuler, his death, and his Bible. The Lieutenant was a platoon leader in my Company C-273rd, but not mine. I was in a patrol of 8 that went through Miescheid to check on the next town, Rescheid, and on our return we came back through Miescheid. This patrol was on February 17th, 1945. The next time I was in Miescheid was after the men were killed. Our Company was back in the woods in dugouts. We were called up to help carry out the bodies. I'll never forget that. I think Shuler's platoon was sent up to Miescheid so that they would have a full Company there. After over 40 years the dates are rather hazy, but the accident happened between February 17th and February 28th, 1945. The pill box that was mentioned called in a lot of artillery fire on us, and I had a very good friend who was wounded from it. We encountered a lot of machine gun fire from the pill box, and our squad was cut off and pinned down on a hill in the woods. The pill box was never taken, as the Germans had abandoned it after we took Rescheid. I think that Lieutenant Shuler was hit by artillery around Hann Munden in April of 1945. I don't remember anyone from his platoon. My platoon leader was Ethan Holt. Does anybody know anything about him? Captain Isaac Lichtenfels was our Company Commander.

Frank B. Huff, P.O. Box 134, Flint Hill, Virginia 22627 — HQ., 1st Bn.-273rd: In the 69th Bulletin (May to August) on Page 37 in the right corner, the picture is just the sign where in other shots I am pictured with a young Russian soldier whose name I do not remember. It was the first picture taken after we got back to Torgau at daylight on April 26, 1945. We had left Torgau on the 25th of April about dusk, so no one was there but the four of us, and two Russians. They were the two that we carried back to the C.P. with us. I never saw Lieutenant Kotzebue on either April 25th or 26th. I have pictures from papers and magazines about the link-up. I lost my wife in March, and have been feeling pretty rough since then.

Edward J. Kosmal, P.O. Box 11165, St. Louis, Missouri 63135 — I-271st: I hope you will be able to help me with some of the addresses of men who served in I-Company, 271st Regiment. Officers included Walter Hazard, Leipfritz and Thompson. Others are William Hiett, William Jenkins, Richard Rick, Levi Marks, Stanley Pursell, Russell Watson, James Sellers, George Vlad and Alexander McCubbin from Company C-272nd. I realize that I-Company's History Book is no longer available, but I would appreciate a xerox copy if possible.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Our Association has addresses for Thompson, Rick and Vlad. Help appreciated on the others.)

**FOUND A NEW MEMBER?
HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS?
THIS SHOULD BE
MAILED IMMEDIATELY TO:
Clarence Marshall
101 Stephen Street
New Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068**



Julian Godsey sitting in front of a painting of the house that he and Eldon Atwood lived in in Niederthalhausen, Germany after the War.

Atwood, on the right, holds up the original black and white photo. The two had this visit in Atwood's home and rehashed many old memories.

President's Message



W. R. Foster, President
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Greetings and best wishes for a very good and prosperous 1989.

I think the most important thing, among others, is our 1989 Reunion in Denver. I received the program from Dutch and I think we should have a nice affair. I would like to make some important comments: First of all, the cut off date for rooms is **July 30th**. We have no agreement to cover reservations at the \$52.00 rate beyond that date. We have only 400 guaranteed rooms at this rate. They will extend the rate for two days before, or August 18, till two days after August 29. The cut off date for the tours will be three days before each tour except possibly some unsold or canceled seats. The cut off for food functions, mainly the early bird and banquet, will be four days in advance. Due to the guarantee, it will be necessary that all fees be paid in advance. Very honestly, frankly and sincerely, I think the Air Force Academy trip will be worth \$20.00 and about seven hours time. There is so much to talk about in and around Denver I could go on for days.

We are making some headway with the history book. In relation to this, I am appointing the Board of Directors to make up the committee. This will give every unit representation on the committee. If you have any comments, please submit them to your directors. You should be getting a mailing in about a month requesting information from the publisher.

So much for the Reunion and History Book. I would like to get back to the monument we proposed for Camp Shelby. I sure hope we have not forgotten about it. I have received letters from members saying, "Don't drop it." I surely agree with them, and surely hope we can get enough support to go to Mississippi for our Reunion in 1991. If we intend to erect a monument, I think it should be as early as possible so as many as possible of our members can join in dedicating it. Please write to me with your feelings and your thoughts on donations. It appeared to me in Lexington, a number of members were opposed to the Association paying for it. Please let me hear your views.

**PAY YOUR DUES ON TIME
AND KEEP OUR ASSOCIATION
ON THE MOVE & IN THE BLACK.**

General's Aide

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PHILIP BOLTE NOTIFIED ME ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1989 THAT HIS FATHER, GENERAL CHARLES L. BOLTE, PASSED AWAY AT A LOCAL HOSPITAL. THE 69th ASSOCIATION EXTENDS THEIR SYMPATHY TO THE BOLTE FAMILY AS WE SHARE IN THE SADNESS TOGETHER.

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Special Attention to All Members of Our Association

Due to changes in Postal Regulations: It is imperative that you keep us advised if you change your address. The Post Office will no longer forward our mail. If they return one of our Bulletins, it will cost the Association \$2.74. So if you don't keep us current with your address, you may miss some of our literature. Resending of Bulletins has gotten more costly, and will only be done at our discretion.

**So please take heed
if you want to receive our mail
on a regular basis.**

MOVING

Please print your new address below:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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

Please allow six weeks advance notice.

Facts About Our Tours In Denver

COLORADO SPRINGS

Travel the path of the covered wagons and gold seekers to the base of the majestic Pikes Peak. An expert and experience tour guide enlivens your tour to Colorado Springs.

Visiting the United States Air Force Academy is an experience to remember - a sprawling campus set against a backdrop of breathtaking mountain peaks. See the Academy Cadet Chapel with its 17 gleaming aluminum spires, enjoy a VIP tour of the athletic facilities and watch the cadets marching and participating in the academic life.

Then drive through the famous "Garden of the Gods," a registered national landmark of red sandstone rock formations - formerly an old Ute Indian burial ground and encampment now a geological park.

Thursday, August 24th Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



The Garden of the Gods near Colorado Springs

GEORGETOWN

Travel to the majestic Rocky Mountains . . . Envision Colorado's early mining prosperity in Georgetown, once a thriving silver mining center. A Nineteenth Century Victorian community surrounded by mountains dotted with the rust colored mine tailings of the past. The people built this silver boom town to last . . . A community of colorful gingerbread homes and wrought iron fences mixed with the elegance of the Hotel de Paris, and the protection of five landmark churches. Walk down Main Street and see the old fire station and browse in the variety shops and antique parlors.

Enroute up the mountain we'll stop at Red Rocks Park to see the amphitheatre hewn out of the red rock formations and enjoy a spectacular view of the city at the base of the foothills.

Friday, August 25th Time: 9:00 a.m.

TASTING THE HOPS

A short distance out of Denver is Golden, Colorado where the "Beer brewed with Rocky Mountain Spring Water" is produced. Enjoy a tour of the brewery and sample one of their products in the Hospitality Room following the tour.

Trip to include Mexican Buffet Dinner.

Tuesday, August 22nd Time: Leaves 5:30 p.m.
Tour 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

DENVER CITY TOUR

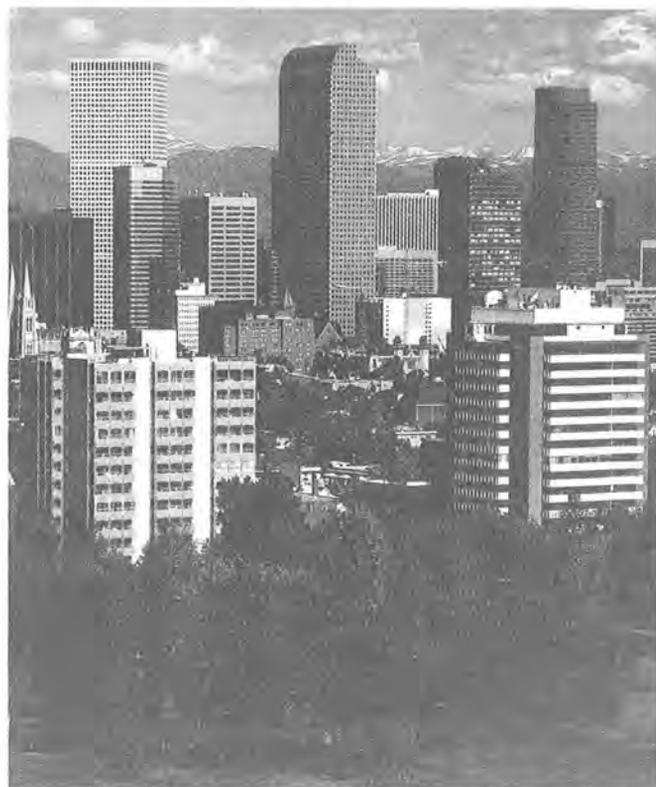
The city of Denver has a rich frontier heritage emerging as a booming metropolis from an unpretentious past of Western History. View Denver's earliest streets following a route along "Millionaires' Row" to see the residences and lifestyles of the silver and gold barons, and the most historic block in the city where saloons and houses of ill fame once prevailed and now the Victorian buildings still portray the early life of the gold rush days.

Visit our State Capitol, built in the 1880's of granite rock now housing the office of the Governor, the House and Senate and the Colorado Hall of Fame - all encompassed with marble and rose quartz walls and covered with a 24 carat dome.

The highlight of the tour will be an inside guided tour of the "Unsinkable Molly Brown's" house - this Cherry Creek Gothic Victorian mansion is reminiscent of the early wealth lavishly displayed by those who "struck it rich."

In contrast . . . a drive through the quaint Ninth Street Park of middle class Victorian residences now a landmark nestled among the academic buildings of Denver's downtown Auraria Campus. On to Larimer Square, where 120 year old buildings offer a variety of shops, art galleries and restaurants. See where Bat Masterson and Wyatt Earp operated the gambling tables and where Colorado's first legislators made decisions and laws.

Wednesday, August 23rd Time: Leaving 9:00 a.m.
3½ hours — 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Treasurer's Message



Robert J. Kurtzman, Sr.
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 Wilmot, Ohio 44689
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1988 is in the past and we're into 1989 and looking forward to the 42nd Annual Reunion at Denver and it appears that it should be a good one as Dutch and Jeanne Hawn have scheduled things to keep you busy and entertained the entire week.

The dues response for the first half of 1988-89 has been terrific as 2,027 have already paid and if the 490 that paid last year who are still unpaid respond to the second dues notice, we should hit 2,500 for the first time. The Postage and Bulletin donations are also up from 560 to 627 and first timers or those who just did not send in a contribution last year has also risen from 220 to 244, so it looks like we are finally finding out what the 69th is all about and getting into the swing of things.

REUNION REPORT

The Activities Reservation Forms will again be sent to me, so please get them in early and save yourself time at the registration desk and make our job much easier by PAYING IN ADVANCE. Permanent type badges will again be made for those who have not attended a past reunion and received one, we must have your reservation at least 30 days in advance in order to get them made in time for the Reunion, and again they will not be made unless your request is accompanied by a PRE-PAID Reservation.

The following is part of the message that your Reunion Chairman Dutch Hawn tried to get across to you on Page 9 of the last Bulletin. THE REUNION CHAIRMAN MUST HAVE ADVANCE AND EXACT COMMITMENTS, IN DOLLARS, 72 hours in advance for all tours and 96 hours in advance for all eating and drinking functions. 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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We know that a select few of you will not send in advance payment and a few of you wait until the last minute before you decide that you are going to attend. PLEASE, PLEASE, get your PRE-PAID reservation in, it's much easier to cancel and make a refund than it is to try and get you a reservation on a tour after transportation has been allotted, or to get you

a reservation at the Banquet with your group after the seating has been assigned.

Maybe we should do like a lot of other groups do and I'm sure you have been involved with a few of them, whereby you paid a set fee for advance reservations and if you failed to meet the deadline, the cost was increased by 10% and could even go as high as 25%. Maybe we should do that this time, noting that the entire activities for a couple would cost a total of \$266.00 if your reservation was received prior to June 1st, \$292.60 if received after June 1st and \$319.20 if received after July 1st. Maybe this is the way we should go in the future. What are your comments?

Robert J. Kurtzman, Sr.
Treasurer

69th Scholarship Program

The 69th Scholarship Program, which gave its first award in 1961, came to an end at the 1988 Reunion in Lexington, Kentucky, when its final two awards were made. The program will be officially over in 1991 when the final payments will be made.

Although the first award was made in 1961, the program was not official until 1966 when the original Trust Agreement was drawn up. The following members were responsible for the conception of the program: Major General E. F. Reinhardt, Hyman E. Goldstein, Lester J. Milich, Harold M. Starry, Loar L. Quickle and Sol Rosenblitt. Murry Galuten and William Matlach were also very active in the early years of the program and in 1980 Sammy Woolf became the last Chairman. In 1984 Sammy Woolf resigned as Chairman and since that time Robert J. Kurtzman, Sr. has been serving as the Scholarship Administrator.

Since some of the early records were not passed on, the following is the list on record that have received awards from the start to the finish of the program, a total of 56 awards were made at a cost of \$44,150.00.

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| 1961 — Margaret Young | 1979 — Sandra Bareford |
| 1964 — Robert Milich | Regina Mowad |
| 1966 — Marie Pontieri | David Scatena |
| William J. Halainen | 1980 — Mary Soderstrom |
| Patrick Dalporto | Nora Ann Herbison |
| Richard A. Abraham | Jeanette M. Tukis |
| 1967 — Richard S. Milich | 1981 — Melissa M. Leike |
| Henry B. Milich | William Matlach |
| 1968 — Janice K. Hawley | 1982 — Leslie Ann Ainley |
| 1969 — Michael Moscaritolo | 1983 — Simone Nash |
| 1970 — Nicholas Urbano | Patricia Pierron |
| 1971 — Jodell Davis | 1984 — Nancy S. Stambaugh |
| 1972 — Marsha Rae Moore | Marie C. Dostart |
| 1973 — Teresa Audino | Michel A. Tukis |
| 1974 — William Kanter | Geraldyn Sanchez |
| Ellen Matlach | 1985 — Robert Proctor |
| 1975 — Jeffrey D. Seagraves | Joel S. Nash |
| Leslie Snyder | John J. Mowad, Jr. |
| 1976 — Shelley Murphy | Dana L. Slimmer |
| Robert O'Connor | 1986 — Robert J. Scholtis |
| Mary Vasil | Lorretta Wittman |
| 1977 — Robert Ainley | Dean A. Slimmer |
| Sara Barakat | 1987 — David J. Zaffern |
| Christel Knudsen | Danette Slimmer |
| Tina Popkins | 1988 — Heidi Sanforn |
| 1978 — Michael Apfelbaum | Laura Jean Schaffer |
| Anna Havey | |
| Greg Jensen | |
| Edward Scatena | |
| Steven Snyder | |

Robert J. Kurtzman, Sr.
Scholarship Administrator

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Last Scholarship Report

As you probably already read on the preceding page, the 69th Scholarship Program has come to an end with the awarding of scholarships to the following two students.



Heidi B. Sanborn is the daughter of Erwin and Carmen Sanborn of I-273 who reside in Laconia, New Hampshire.

Heidi attended Laconia High School where she ranked in the top third of her class. She was also very active in the Girl Scouts, Future Business Leaders of America and SADD, Students Against Drunk Driving.

Heidi is presently enrolled at Plymouth State College where she hopes to obtain a Degree in Elementary Education.

Laura Jean Schaffer is the daughter of LTC Joseph H. and Sally Schaffer who reside in Lincoln City, Oregon.

Laura Jean attended Taft High School and spent her senior year as an exchange student at St. Thomas Moore High School in England.

Laura Jean is presently enrolled at Mt. Hood Community College where she hopes to obtain a degree in Television Production Technology.



Robert J. Kurtzman, Sr.
Scholarship Administrator

69th Tour

The 1990 European Tour plans are progressing very well. Finalization should occur shortly and those of you that have sent your names to me will receive this information itinerary soon.

Please write to:
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P.O. Box 576
West Point, Virginia 23181
804/843-2696

Russian Government Honors Delbert E. Philpott, Company A, 271st Infantry



USSR Major General S. Bougrov presenting medals to Philpott.

Dr. Delbert E. Philpott, now head of NASA Ames Research Center's Ultrastructure Lab, was recently the recipient of two special awards. The awards were presented to him in Washington D.C. on September 22, 1988. One is a medal for "Victory Over Germany" and the other acknowledges Philpott's contributions to the Russian space missions.

Thirteen years ago, he played a role in bringing about the first joint Soviet American biosatellite mission. He has had four experiments on three Russian spacecraft; two studying the effects of cosmic rays on the retina, one on the cardiovascular system, and one on the reproductive system. This information has been shared and published with the Russians.

The "Victory Over Germany" medal commemorates the 25 April 1945 historic link-up on the Elbe, when Germany's fighting forces were cut in half, effectively signaling the soon to be achieved victory over Germany. In memory of that historic occasion, the Russians requested that the Apollo-Soyuz link-up of spacecraft from the USSR and the United States occur over the Elbe River, the site of the 1945 event. Being in the space program at that time, Philpott had the honor of being a part of both link-ups.

Here are Philpott's recollections of his first contact with the Russians: "Breabeau and I were returning from a forward patrol with German prisoners when I heard a distant motorized patrol approaching from the other side of the Elbe. Not knowing if it would be German or Russian, I ordered everyone into a ditch and even threw some brush over the Germans to avoid being seen. The trucks almost looked American, but the only insignia was a large black cross on a German half track. My heart sank as I contemplated becoming a prisoner of my prisoners. Shooting occurred when they arrived at the bridge. This only reinforced that idea until I could make out helmets and hats being thrown into the air as I looked through binoculars I had taken from one of the prisoners. I double-timed everyone back to the bridge and had the pleasure of replacing the Russians, who were digging out large posts, with prisoners who continued the effort. Everyone was overjoyed to meet the Russians, but none was as happy and relieved as I was to meet them and know I was not a German prisoner and be back with Company A, which had meanwhile joined the Russians.

VP SPEAKS OUT



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 — Pennsylvania Turnpike)

How many of you have the answer for the question on pages 36, 37, and 38 of the last Bulletin. Here is a big tip. See the face above. Find it on those two pictures. Answer will be in the next Bulletin.

Dutch Hawn and his committee have put a nice Reunion together for us in the Denver, Colorado area. His tours beginning on Tuesday and continuing thru Friday are all good ones that all of us can take. He did not include high altitude tours such as a trip through the mountains and Pikes Peak but they can be arranged for those who have no problem breathing. Write **Dutch** and he'll give you the information or see him at the Reunion. These would be good trips before and after the Reunion and you can come early or stay late for the same room price a few days before and a few days after. The price is right for the tours so do take advantage of them and don't be left out. Cut off date is July 30th. After that, it's pot luck on availability of tours, rooms, and whatever else is planned. REMEMBER, it's a lot easier signing up now early and canceling later if you can't make it for we can't build a room on the Marriott just to accommodate you and your party.

I'm looking for 800 plus in Denver and all of our members west of the Mississippi. You know all the other Reunions we have had west of the Mississippi have been good ones due to the Easterners attending. I don't want this to happen at Denver. How about some other states giving Pennsylvania a chase for the attendees record. Let's go Pennsylvania, do it again.

Any individual or units that desire suites or special meeting accommodations, please contact **W.O. Dutch Hawn** by writing 2445 South Cody Court, Lakewood, Colorado 80227 or by telephone at 303/986-7604. There will be a limited number available.

I am told that even if Pennsylvania is the attendee record holder for reunions, we stink when it comes to paying dues. New York has the record for dues payers. Alaska has the best percentage with two out of the three members paying dues.

What is the trouble with the third member. Second dues envelopes were mailed to all members not paying so far in this dues year of 1988-1989. Do so immediately since the dues year is over July 31, 1989 and we start the new dues year of 1989-1990. Dues are \$5.00 Regular; \$10.00 Contributory; and \$2.00 for the Auxiliary. Members, you should pay dues for your lady so send a check for \$7.00 or \$12.00 in that envelope plus you can give something extra for Bulletin and postage. Thanks loads since the 69th Bulletin is tops among the Military Organizations newsletters.

I'll go out on a limb to all you members who have never paid dues with a one time offer to get you in the swing of paying dues. If you send \$3.00 (our original dues) and \$2.00 for your lady to become a member of the Auxiliary for a total of \$5.00, our Treasurer will send each of you a dues card. This should be done within a week of getting your Bulletin and the offer expires July 31, 1989. Dues will be for 1988-1989. Let's have everyone pay your fair share. If you still can't pay the \$5.00 introductory offer, please write a note to Earl at R.D. 1, Box 477, Acme, Pennsylvania 15610, explaining your situation. I'm sure we'll understand and this could be something to bring up to the Board of Directors. We would like all members to be proud and carry a dues paying card in your wallet of the most famous 69th Infantry Division Association. We are looking for 5,000 dues payers.



*Al Kormas - Ed Freel - Phil Sparacino
 903rd Field Artillery Battalion
 78th Infantry Division*

**1989 69th INFANTRY
 DIVISION ASSOCIATION
 42nd ANNUAL REUNION
 Denver Marriott Southeast
 I-25 at Hampton Avenue
 DENVER, COLORADO
 August 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 1989
 !!REMEMBER TO REGISTER EARLY!!
 Let's make it the BIGGEST ever!**

Walt Doernbach provided these old shots



*George Burkett working on a vehicle
in Naunhof, Germany*



*Corporal Lloyd Bragg, Euman Phelps, Albert Crisp
Naunhof, Germany - May 1945*



Motor Pool at Naunhof, Germany.



Autobaun near Leipzig.



*Camp Temporaue for liberated allied P.W.'s
and Displaced Allied Civilians.*



Civilian evacuation of Witzhenhausen, Germany.

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Walt Doernbach provided these old shots



The night everyone was waiting for. Headed for home.



Stanmore Hotel and Pub in Winchester, England.



*George Cole - Sergeant Anthony Dastra
Naunhof, Germany*



Walter Doernbach in German uniform.

**43rd ANNUAL REUNION
69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
AUGUST 1990
Valley Forge Area of Pennsylvania**

Dottie and Me



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

Just got home from the Tri-State November 1988 Fall Weekend held in February 1989, to see the "Festival of Lights" at Oglebay Park, Wheeling, West Virginia. Although I have seen them several times before, they were still outstanding and something everyone should see. Around a half million lights are used and getting better each year. Over a million people visited it this year from November 1988 to the first weekend in February 1989. We had 19 Tri-Staters who made it traveling through rain, ice, and snow but the roads were in pretty good shape. Those of you who said you couldn't make it due to the weather would have had no trouble at all. These lights at Oglebay they tell me, would put the ones at Niagara Falls to shame if any of you have seen them.

I guess we opened the Mini Weekend season early this year of 1989. Many others will follow starting in April and going through November. Remember, our big one is the week long Reunion in Denver, Colorado, Sunday to Sunday, August 20th to the 27th, 1989. Hope to see you all there for the biggest part of the week. Tours start on Tuesday and go through Friday and are very reasonable. Should you take in all events it would only cost \$133.00 per person not counting your room costs and the extras you want to enjoy such as the lounge, souvenirs, and some meals I guess.

The Marriott is letting us have 400 rooms plus maybe 20 to 50 more, but just across the street is a Howard Johnsons that will pick up the difference and take care of our overflow if we need overflow. If you can't walk across the street, you are in pretty bad shape. I'm that way now so I better get in the Marriott and you better too, so fill in the sheets somewhere in this Bulletin and mail them today so you don't forget. It's better to register early and cancel later if an emergency should arise.

Dutch Hawn and his committee have an excellent Reunion planned, so do come and be one of us. We are looking for many first timers especially from west of the Mississippi for I am sure all the faithful of the East will be out full strength. I don't want the South to rise up, so I better say they will be there too from Virginia and the Carolina's to Florida and Texas. Hope we get our three members from Alaska so we can show them what above zero weather is like. Just talked to **Dutch Hawn** and he tells me Alaska has arrived in Denver with the temperature at 25 below. We'll enjoy a nice cool summer when we arrive in August.

I would like to ask a request from every member who has attended the last three or four Reunions. I know each of you have gone through the 69th roster in the registration room and have taken a few names of old buddies that you would like to see once again after 40 plus years. Denver is almost in the middle of the United States so how about trying to get them to come to the Denver Reunion. It takes a lot of letter writing and some telephone calls. If each member who has attended one of the last four Reunions would just get one new member to attend, we could have a turn out of 1,000 to 1,250 and the Marriott could handle us for the banquet. How about that. They can seat 850 in the Grand Ballroom and about 500 in the Rocky Mountain Ballroom just across the hall 20 feet. I don't think anyone should complain about this.

If traveling from the east or south, New England or the Mid-West, northwest or southwest, chances are you could pick up a buddy and his wife and share the costs. Fellow members, let's do our best to bring a new one this year and make sure he is a buddy of yours. I would like to see every unit we have on our roster have six couples or more in Denver.

Dottie might fly this year so there is a chance I'll be looking for someone to ride along with, unless I decide to take Amtrak with **Clarence Marshall** out of Erie, Pennsylvania. Some of the Mid-West group may go by Amtrak too. Hey mini groups, why don't you plan something like this to go to Denver. You could take Amtrak, fly, or take a Greyhound and leave the driving to them.

By the way, if **Kurtzman** wants to take you to the track to see the dogs run, don't listen to him. I lost 70 bucks in Wheeling Friday night.

Guess it's time to sign off by saying get your registration form to **Kurtzman** and your room reservation to the Marriott Southeast in Denver now so you aren't left out. It's better to cancel later. See you all in Denver if not sooner in Erie or at another Mini.

Dottie and Earl

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Dear Earl,

At last summer's Reunion in Lexington I talked to you briefly about elements of the 69th Division shipping to Europe on the John Erikson. I was on that ship with approximately 5000 men who were from the 271st and part of the 272nd Infantry (as I recall). We left New York on November 15, 1944 and arrived in England on November 26, 1944 (at Southampton, I believe.).

JOHN ERIKSON



During her pre-War days, this ship — built at Hamburg, Germany in 1928 — as the SS Kungsholm for the Swedish-American Line. Upon America's entry into World War II, she entered U.S. service and began operating for the U.S. War Shipping Administration, carrying out Army sailing schedules. Her wartime cruising was truly extensive. She made 27 voyages in the Atlantic and 2 in the Pacific, carrying more than 300,000 troops in all.

Named for a Swede-American inventor of Civil War days, this ship measured 609 feet in length, 78 feet in maximum beam, and drew 29 feet. Gross tonnage: 16,777. A "Motor Ship," she had a diesel-electric drive, twin propellers, and was rated at 15 knots (17.3 m.p.h.) Her wartime passenger full load numbered 5,460 officers and men — in contrast to her peacetime passenger accommodations for 1,575 paying passengers.

Following the War, she was returned to commercial service. In 1947, however, she suffered a severe fire at New York City. Reconditioned, and sailing as the SS Italia, she then entered the Mediterranean - South American passenger service; later, the North Atlantic service. In 1960, this famed, 8-deck liner began tourist trips from New York to the Caribbean, operating for the Home Lines.

In the spring of 1964, she underwent extensive alterations at a Miami shipyard to become a 500-room floating hotel at Freeport, Grand Bahama Island. But after a while this venture did not prove successful. So the following year she was sold to a Spanish concern for \$740,000 and broken up for her scrap metal value.

Former Members of Company B, 271st Infantry



Former members of Company B, 271st Infantry at the Lexington Reunion. Front left to right: Tom Hancock, Phil Delphey, Chuck Walsh.

Back Row: Joe Lantz, Bob Younglas, Harold Moore, Kenny Upton

1st Squad, 1st Platoon Company B, 271st Infantry



Bob Younglas standing at rear of truck. Those identified on the truck are Medic Carl Loch, Edgar, Rodeman, Sharp and Upton.

Any help on the others would be appreciated.

(Pictures furnished by Bob Younglas)

Annual Meeting of Officers and Board of Directors

69th Infantry Division Association

August 19, 1988, Lexington, Kentucky

President Bill Foster called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. with 48 members present. Invocation was given by Co-Chaplain William Snidow. Pledge of Allegiance by the Board Members.

SECRETARY'S REPORT — Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held in Niagara Falls, New York were read. Correction to be made that we remove Editor and Co-Editor and that on paid rooms, no one shall receive more than 100% of room cost. Motion by Al Faison, seconded Dan Evers. Gardener Hatch representing Turner Publishing Company spoke on a history book of the 69th Infantry Division. He was asked to return and present it to the general membership on Saturday.

TREASURER'S REPORT — Bob Kurtzman gave a fine report on all monies and answered all questions. Motion Jay Rollman, seconded Dan Evers.

AUDITOR'S REPORT — Tony Keller reported that the treasurer collected all monies and all monies are in the proper places and he is doing a fine job. Motion Bill Sheavly, seconded Alex Kormas.

OVERSEAS FLOWER FUND — Secretary reported on the monies left in the fund, enough for one more year. Requested \$500.00 be sent to the fund, which would cover the next 4 to 5 years. Motion John Mowrey, seconded Alex Kormas and so carried.

RESOLUTIONS & BY-LAWS — Chairman Pat Lushbaugh not present. Secretary read the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws under Article #2, Section #2, Nominating Committee. Motion by Al Faison, seconded Jay Rollman to accept amendment, so carried.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE — Scholarship Administrator Bob Kurtzman. The committee voted to discontinue the scholarship program after this year. Two scholarships were given out this year and the recipients are: Heidi Sanborn and Laura Jean Schaffer. Motion William Snidow, seconded Frederick Collet, so carried.

FUTURE REUNION SITES — Chairman Earl Witzleb gave a fine report on the findings of his committee and gave the recommendations of the committee as follows: 1) Biloxi, Mississippi at Biloxi Hilton, 1989; 2) Valley Forge, Pennsylvania at Holiday Inn, 1990; 3) Denver, Colorado at Denver Marriott, 1991. Motion by Jay Rollman, this organization makes no recommendations to the General Membership in changing the Reunion to Biloxi, Mississippi, to be continued as already voted on by the membership. Seconded and carried.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE — Chairman Gene Butterfield reported his committee met and recommend the following members for Directors: Boyd Ellsworth, Special Troops; Dillard Powell, 271st Infantry; Crandon Clark, 272nd Infantry; Robert Pierce, 273rd Infantry; Douglas Hall, Divarty; James Eibling, 269th Engineers; Frank See, 777th Tank; George McPherson, 661st Tank Destroyers. Motion to accept John Mowrey, seconded William Snidow.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE — Chairman Clarence Marshall reported we have 5640 on the roster, found 171 new members, lost 100 to "Taps," so we have gained 71 new members. Motion by Jack Duffy, seconded Frederick Collet to accept report.

OLD BUSINESS — Bill Beswick reported on his efforts to have businesses honor Veterans and Memorial Day holidays by closing the stores. He has sent out 642 letters and read some replies he received. After a long discussion, motion by Al Faison, seconded by Alex Kormas to support Bill in his efforts and so carried.

NEW BUSINESS — Motion by John Hawley to try and change the Reunion dates to spring or fall seasons in the future, seconded and so carried.

Secretary read letters from Fort Benning, Georgia to have the 69th patch made into a stained glass window at the National Infantry Museum. The size is 12 x 15 inches and cost \$138.00. Motion by Al Faison and seconded William Sheavly, so carried.

SOUVENIR COMMITTEE — Chairman William Sheavly offered his resignation to President Foster after serving for 8 to 10 years. Offered to be of any assistance to any one who decides to take over.

Motion to adjourn Dan Evers, seconded and carried at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank C. Nemeth
Executive Secretary

Annual Meeting of General Membership

69th Infantry Division Association

August 20, 1988, Lexington, Kentucky

President Bill Foster called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Invocation was given by Co-Chaplain William Snidow.

Pledge of Allegiance by the membership led by President Bill Foster. Vice-President Earl Witzleb read a letter from General Bolte's sons expressing their regrets that General Bolte couldn't attend this Reunion and informed the membership of Mrs. and General Bolte's health at this time.

SECRETARY'S REPORT — Minutes of the meeting held at Niagara Falls, New York were read. Motion by Walt Doernbach, seconded William Sheavly, so carried.

Gardener Hatch representing Turner Publishing Company spoke on making a 69th Infantry Division History book. After a long discussion, motion made by Al Faison to purchase the history book, seconded Walt Doernbach, so carried. Motion by Al Faison that the Association purchase 500 copies in order to get a better buy, seconded Frank See, so carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT — Bob Kurtzman gave a report on the monies. Motion Al Hornyak, seconded Raymond Olson, so carried.

AUDITOR'S REPORT — Tony Keller reported all monies are where they should be. Motion George Gallagher, seconded Al Carbonari.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE — Clarence Marshall reported 5,569 last year, this year 5,640 with 100 deceased; relocated 171 members. Motion Jack Duffy, seconded Bill Beswick.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE — Administrator Bob Kurtzman stated the fund is ended after this year. Two people were selected. The recipients were Heidi Sanborn, daughter of Edwin Sanborn, Company I, 273rd Infantry and Laura Jean Schaffer, daughter of Joseph Schaffer, Company F, 272nd. Motion Sam Wollfe, seconded Walt Doernbach, so carried.

First Timers were asked to rise and be recognized. About 90 in attendance. Past Presidents were asked to stand and be recognized with 5 present. Nice ovation was awarded to both groups.

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**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
AUGUST 20, 1988, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY
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OVERSEAS FLOWER FUND — Secretary reported on the financial status of the fund and asked that \$500.00 be put into the fund to cover the next 4 or 5 years. Motion **John Mowrey**, seconded **Alex Kormas**, so carried.

BULLETIN REPORT — Editor **Clarence Marshall** spoke on the sizes of the past Bulletins and thanked everyone for sending in the material. Motion to accept report, **Dan Evers**, seconded **Jack Duffy**.

RESOLUTIONS & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE — Chairman **Pat Lushbaugh** spoke on the By-Laws and read off the proposed changes to the By-Laws of Article 2, Section 2, Nominations Committee. Motion that the recommendations of the By-Laws Committee be approved by **Gene Butterfield**, seconded **Jack Duffy**, so carried.

FUTURE REUNION SITES — Chairman **Earl Witzleb** reported that the committee recommends all future sites should have hotels that would give us 400 rooms and the banquet hall should seat 900 to 1,000 persons even if we had to go to a convention center nearby. The Reunion will be in Denver, Colorado in 1989 and Valley Forge, Pennsylvania in 1990 as voted on at the Niagara Reunion.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE — Chairman **Gene Butterfield** and his committee recommended the following slate for Directors: **Boyd Ellsworth**, Special Troops; **Dillard Powell**, 271st Infantry; **Crandall Clark**, 272nd Infantry; **Robert Pierce**, 273rd Infantry; **Douglas Hall**, Divarty; **James Eibling**, 269th Engineers; **Frank See**, 777th Tank Battalion; **George McPherson**, 661st Tank Destroyers Battalion. Motion to close nominations **Sam Woolf**, seconded **Al Carbonari**, so carried. Motion to accept the nominations by **Walt Doernbach**, seconded, so carried.

OLD BUSINESS — **Bill Beswick** spoke on restoring the holidays of Memorial Day and Armistice Day back to the way they were when we were coming along, not to be a day of sales. Motion to publish letter in Bulletin asking members to write to their representatives on this issue by **Frederick Collet**, seconded, so carried.

NEW BUSINESS — Secretary read letter asking to have the 69th Infantry Division Patch made into a 12" x 15" stained glass window panel at The National Infantry Museum at Fort Benning, Georgia. Cost is \$138.00. Motion **Dan Evers**, seconded, so carried.

Motion by **Sumner Russman** to publish a roster of all names on our roster and mail to all the members, seconded and voted down.

Long discussion on 69th Infantry Division Monument at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. After much discussion the motion was tabled till next year.

SOUVENIR COMMITTEE — Chairman **Bill Sheavly** offered his resignation to **President Foster** after 8 or 10 years of hard work. Will be willing to offer any help to whoever took over the duties. Motion to accept resignation with regret,

Walt Doernbach, seconded **Al Carbonari**. Motion to accept **Bill's** report by **Bill Beswick**, seconded **Sammy Woolf**.

CHUCK HERRING MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT — Chairman **Chalmer Pearson** reported 46 men and women were out playing and many didn't play due to the excessive heat of the day. Nice prizes were awarded to the winners of this very rough course.

Motion to adjourn by **Al Carbonari**, seconded, so carried at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Nemeth, Executive Secretary

Al Bukovec Writes About The B-724th Reunion

On September 30th, October 1st and 2nd, 1988, B-Battery, 724th Field Artillery Battalion had another Reunion. We met once again in Willoughby, Ohio, which is an Eastern suburb of Cleveland, Ohio. Needless to say, we once again had a very good time and the attendance was very good. There were three "first timers," **Dean Allen**, **Bud Rector** and **Robert Chubb**. The following names are the people who attended.

Jack and Ida Adams — Lorain, Ohio
Paul and Louise Adams — Weirton, West Virginia
Dean and Janet Allen — Woodson, Illinois
Sidney and Carole Apfelbaum — Sunbury, Pennsylvania
Charles and Edith Becker — Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
George and Maureen Bosnich — Hammond, Indiana
Al and Millie Cagno — Tampa, Florida
Rick and Jo Cagno — Tampa, Florida
David and Betty Coons — Lowell, Michigan
Claude and Alma Dundore — Wyomissing, Pennsylvania
Victor and Norma Ferrone — Brooklyn, Ohio
Kenneth and Margaret Fredrehsen — Atlantic, Iowa
Tom and Helen Heath — Brockport, New York
Edward "Pop" Kaasman — Staten Island, New York
Paul and Shirley Koeninger — Cincinnati, Ohio
Victor Losco and friend, Josephine — New York, New York
Mike and Evelyn Losh — Lorain, Ohio
Ralph Nuckolls — Ridgecrest, California
John and Priscilla Oesch — Salineville, Ohio
Nels Parson — Washington, Virginia
John and Dolly Pierce — Reading, Pennsylvania
Con Retherford — Salem, Oregon
Bud and Juanita Rector — Maumee, Ohio
Larry and Jo Whelan — Covington, Kentucky
Mike Sikish — Mansfield, Ohio
Robert Chubb — Lansdale, Pennsylvania
Al and Gladys Bukovec — Euclid, Ohio

We plan to meet again in 1990, and the group expressed their desire to return to Willoughby, Ohio.

After many futile attempts to locate **Salvatore Abbatiello**, we learned from his son **Gene**, who was located near **Victor Losco**, that **Sal** passed away in 1982, after a bout with cancer. If anyone can help us relocate any more of our members please contact National Headquarters or **Al Bukovec**, 146 East 272nd Street, Euclid, Ohio 44132.

**1989 69th INFANTRY DIVISION
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Denver Marriott Southeast - I-25 at Hampton Avenue
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Golf Tournaments Becoming Big Events

Each year at the National Reunion our golf tournament gets bigger and better with competition for both men and women. The "Chuck Herring Memorial Golf Tournament" at Lexington this past year proved to be a huge success. Winners for the 1988 event were:

MEN

- Low Net — Emil Zerenga, A Company, 271st Bayside, New York
- 2nd Low Net — Carl Rapp, M Company, 272nd California
- High Gross — Chuck Walsh, B Company, 271st Glendale, Wisconsin
- Low Gross — George Johnson, D Company, 273rd Colonial Heights, Virginia

WOMEN

- Low Net — Edie Rollman, Auxiliary Monterey Park, California
- 2nd Low Net — Lois Kaercher, Auxiliary Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
- Low Gross — Joan Mohr, Auxiliary Hamburg, New York
- High Gross — Edie Rollman, Auxiliary Monterey Park, California

Will the winners repeat this year at Denver or will they be dethroned by another good 69th golfer. Edie Rollman and Lois Kaercher husbands are with Headquarters Divarty of the Field Artillery while Joan Mohr's husband hails from D Company, 273rd.

Let's make the tournament at Denver the best ever with all you golfers bringing your clubs along. The tournament is usually held on Friday morning. If you want to warm up before Denver, the Mid-West Group will be golfing their weekend in May at Middlebury, Indiana, while the Tri-State Group golfers will tee off early in June at the weekend in Erie, Pennsylvania.

Chalmer Pearson from Vandalia, Michigan, is the chairman of the golf tournament with Frank Nemeth, Levittown, Pennsylvania, assisting.

Speaking of Golf . . .



879th Field Artillery Battalion, Headquarters Battery
Alex Kormas and Bob Hoch

Alex Kormas and Bob Hoch have been playing golf for the last ten years in Fremont, Ohio every Thursday and still trade war stories (you know, top this one.)

Alex is still trying to get him to a Reunion. As you can see, Alex sold him a shirt. Keep trying for the Reunion, Alex!! Alex will drive a long distance to sell a 69th T-Shirt and he lets Bob win at golf, what a salesman!

Alex Says . . .

10 years running, Thursday Golf Game with my 879th Buddy, Bob Hoch, Fremont, Ohio. We play pretty even "Lousy." Hard to believe 10 years of this and all we do is discuss 1943 through 1946, and have a hell of a good time.

Notice the T-Shirt - Ahem. I sold him three shirts, 2 jackets, and 2 caps. Wanna buy a "bridge?"

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Ladies Auxiliary Minutes, Campbell House Inn Lexington, Kentucky - Saturday, August 20, 1988

Following an eight o'clock pool side "coffee and danish" breakfast with the men, the ladies of the Sixty-Ninth Infantry Division Association registered for a nine o'clock meeting. President **Vivian Kurtzman** opened the meeting with a welcome to the 197 ladies, including 28 "first timers," who wore bright yellow ribbons. Assistant **Chaplain Margie McCombs** opened with prayer, mentioned especially former President **Bob Myers** and General and Mrs. **Bolte**. **Chaplain Virginia Weston** was at home with husband **George**, who was recovering from heart surgery.

This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Reunion Co-hostess **Barbara Kidd** of Winchester, Kentucky, gave a gracious welcome to Lexington, Kentucky, the beautiful blue grass horse country, thanking **Vivian** for helping for two years in the planning of this week, and her help in registering this meeting. She expressed appreciation to all others that helped, concluding with "thanks for the memories."

The officers were introduced:

Ellen Snidow Vice President, (Virginia)
Maria Keller Secretary (Virginia)
Ellen McCann Assistant Secretary (Massachusetts)
Margie McCombs Assistant Chaplain and
Sunshine Lady (Pennsylvania)
Vivian Kurtzman President (Ohio)

(**Bob Kurtzman** serves as Treasurer for both men and women.)

Minutes of the September 19, 1987 meeting were approved as read.

A letter was read from General and Mrs. **Bolte's** son stating that the General suffered a stroke in July and was in Walter Reed Hospital. **Vivian** and **Bob** had been able to pay them a visit on July 3rd. The General is 93 and Mrs. **Bolte** is 89. A card was signed by the ladies and mailed to Mrs. **Bolte** and a get-well card was sent to the General.

Letters were received from five Veterans Administration Hospitals in New York State expressing appreciation for the \$100 checks received in 1987 for comfort items. The lap robes were delivered by **Leo** and **Rita Martel** to **Robert Holscher**, Chief of Volunteer Service, Veterans Medical Center, Buffalo, New York, last September.

Maria Keller moved that \$500 be sent to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky, for comfort items. Seconded and passed. **Ben McConnell**, representative of the Lexington Veterans Administration Hospital, arrived at noon to receive the check and accept the 61 lovely lap robes, a chair caddy and 26 bibs. (All items are to be made of washable material.)

Vivian reported that the gavel being used was donated by former President **Florence Keller**, and had been made from wood from the Thomas Jefferson estate, "Monticello," in Charlottesville, Virginia. Thank you **Florence** for this thoughtful and useful gift.

An urgent request was made that future reservations be made promptly as about 200 attended this meeting without reservations and were inconvenienced by not receiving the accommodations they expected. There were 793 69ers in Lexington this week.

Sunshine Lady, **Margie McCombs** reported sending 2,188 cards this past year. **Margie** was sincerely thanked for this labor of love. Cards received throughout the year touched each of our lives in a very special way. A gift of appreciation was presented to **Margie**, who has served on this committee for nine or ten years. She and her helpers were thanked for conducting the morning registration.

Reba Sheavly reported on souvenirs that are available. She and **Bill** have served on this committee nine or ten years, and will be retiring with the expectation of serving in other ways. Sincere appreciation was expressed for their dedicated service.

Several items were discussed but no further motions were made and there was no new business.

A delightful gift exchange was conducted, followed by a program by **Arline Grabowski**, owner of "Real Sents by Arline" 2183 Mount Sterling Road, Winchester, Kentucky 40391, who presented a program on herbs grown in her garden. She gave practical suggestions on raising, harvesting and marketing herbs. Items used in the program were available for sale. A letter of thanks will be sent to **Arline** by the secretary.

The meeting adjourned before noon.

Marie Keller, Secretary

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Information for the Records

The secretary continues to search for information on meetings from 1951 (Cleveland, Ohio) through 1978, with the exception of 1971.

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Dottie Witzleb Writes:

Hi,

I just want to add that any of you past secretaries of the Auxiliary having copies of minutes from the mentioned years, please send them to Maria Keller-Secretary, Vivan Kurtzman-President, or to me, Dottie. We'll take care of it from there.

Lap robe time is fast approaching so do get them finished and bring them to Denver. Our veterans can use all we can supply.

Earl keeps dreaming of a 1,000 plus at a Reunion, so ladies, do make your husbands take you to a 69th Reunion and in particular, this one coming up in Denver. He keeps tossing in his sleep mumbling 1,000 - a 1,000 - we can get a 1,000 in Denver. So let's do it for him so I can get some rest soon. After all, I have to get up at 5 o'clock A.M. to go to work so that I can bring him to Denver. I might fly this year so he'll have to look out for himself since he will not fly. Clarence just might take him on Amtrack or maybe John Kurey of the 269th Engineers would take him in his van. I'm sure we'll both be there one way or the other.

Besides Denver, we have a few minis planned this year so possibly we'll see you at one of them. I did enjoy this past weekend (February 3rd to 5th) Tri-State get-together to see the "Festival of Lights" at Wheeling. Vivian Kurtzman and the Woomers (Vaughn and Betty) discussing the Amish people and their way of living in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Quite interesting discussion. The Woomers were first timers.

See you all soon somewhere — take care, keep healthy, and God Bless all of us.

Dottie

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Auxiliary President's Report

Hello again,

As I sit writing, I am looking out at a snow storm in progress. It's one of beauty as the snow filters its way to earth covering the trees and bushes, and the varieties of birds moving in to get their midday meal from the feeders that Bob and I filled in anticipation of the storm, all makes for a winter wonderland in our back yard. Of course we can enjoy the beauty of the snow, now that neither of us must go out in it, only if we choose to.

Now that the holidays are over and winter is here, gals, get out your needles and patches and make a lap robe for our hospitalized veterans in the Denver area - size 36" x 45". The adult feeding bibs are always in demand. As many of us volunteer at the Veterans hospitals and nursing homes where many veterans are living know, the need for lap robes, bibs, etc. So ladies do your best to bring some of these items to the Denver Reunion.

Talked with Jeanne Hawn last week and she assured me of an interesting program for the Ladies Auxiliary meeting at Denver. Jeanne and Dutch are working very hard to entertain us as can be attested by the registration form.

While spending the holidays with Linda and her husband John in Burke, Virginia, we drove over to the nursing home to visit General Bolte. He remains pretty much the same, still has a strong grasp when you hold his hand, and a big smile at times and appears to be comfortable. The folks at the nursing home give him such good care. Mrs. Bolte is still living in their apartment and is taken to visit the General by some of the family often. She was able to spend Thanksgiving with Phillip and Lorel at their home in Burke, Christmas with David and Mary Lea and all other family members. Planned to celebrate her birthday December 29th and attend a grand daughter's wedding December 30th, so even with her worry and concern for her husband and her own physical disabilities, she still makes life worthwhile. While visiting Mrs. Bolte, we learned of a distinguished honor she received early last fall, "The Outstanding Civilian Service Medal." More on this honor given her in its own article following my letter.

Bill and Betty Foster visited us recently on their way home from a business trip in Michigan. Had time to drive to the Amish country for dinner and allow Bill to buy their winter supply of swiss cheese. When Bill buys cheese, Bill buys cheese. After spending a lovely evening visiting and talking of the Denver Reunion, breakfast the next morning sent them on their way home. So good having you Bill and Betty.

Bob and I have plans to attend the Tri-State gathering in early February at Wheeling, West Virginia, to enjoy their Festival of Lights, and hope to be with the Central Pennsylvania Group in April, the Mid-West Group in late May and again with the Tri-State in early June and then make the long haul to Denver in August which will take us a little more time as we'll be stopping at our son Bob's in Kansas City both going and coming back. All for now, stop by.

Peace and God Love You,
Vivian Kurtzman, Auxiliary President



Auxiliary President Vivian Kurtzman, Vice President Ellen Snidow, and Representative of Volunteer Services for Lexington Veterans Administration Hospital Ben McConnell, receiving check of \$500.00 from 69th Division Auxiliary.

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Outstanding Award To Our Own Mrs. Adelaide Bolte

While visiting Mrs. Bolte, we saw the beautiful hand engraved, gold medal given to her at a ceremony and luncheon in her honor at the Pentagon. Needless to say, she was delighted to receive such an honor and most deserving I might say, after talking with her family.

The following is the wording on the citation presented to her:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
The Outstanding Civilian Service Medal

Adelaide Poore Bolte

Mrs. Bolte has earned the admiration and deepest respect of the United States Army for her continuous and active support and service to soldiers and their families. As an exemplary Army wife and mother, her patriotism and devotion to God and country, matched with unwavering loyalty and a willingness to make any sacrifice, she supported her husband's career that spanned two world wars and included multiple assignments from Europe to the Office, Deputy Chief of Staff, Washington, D.C. Mrs. Bolte both encouraged and served as a source of inspiration for two sons, both graduates of West Point and both wounded in Korea, to make the Army their careers. Her love and dedication, so freely given, serve as a role model and a standard for others to emulate. She is truly deserving of this recognition and the gratitude of the United States Army.

John O. Marsh Jr.
Secretary of the Army

I feel all of us, as members of the Fighting 69th Division Association, can be justly proud of her, and that she truly is the First Lady of the Fighting 69th. Bob and I wish to add or congratulations to you, Adelaide, for your lifetime of devotion and helpfulness to others.

Auxiliary President Vivian Kurtzman



Bob Kurtzman - 1944
Camp Shelby, Mississippi

He always said, "This is the way we spent our hot Sundays."

Reunion Activities/Site Screening Committee

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All you members who are planning to have a Reunion in your area should soon be letting me know of your intentions. It's getting later than you think. We need to know the city and state, hotel/motel with 500 rooms or more with room prices, near main interstates and airport, interesting tours, Early Bird, PX Beer Party, Banquet Dinner Dance estimated prices, and anything else helpful in you having the committee selecting your area for our next Reunion.

I plan on having the Reunion Activities/Site Screening Committee meeting in my room at the Marriott on Wednesday evening, August 23rd at 8:00 P.M. We need to pick at least two sites for 1991 and 1992 with the possibility of a third site for 1993 should we get good and interesting sites to pick from. If no interest is shown, then my committee will have to pick sites and look after them the best we can.

Two interesting cities are interested in the 69th Infantry Division Association Reunions for 1991 and 1992. They are New Orleans and Kansas City, but we would need a chairman and a committee of at least eight couples to run the Reunion. Members interested in these two cities living in the area should write me immediately as to what you would be willing to do.

New Orleans would be a good kick off city for a trip back to Camp Shelby for the purpose of dedicating a 69th monument and getting involved with the museum which will be dedicated in 1991 by the 65th Division. We could be a part of that, members.

First priority will go to the gentleman from Connecticut and the 777th Tank Battalion who didn't have quite enough information for us last year at Lexington. Whoever that member was, please write to me as I will keep my word to you on your site in that New England area.

**Attend A Reunion
It's Later Than You Think!
Let's see you all in Denver.**

MRS. BOLTE AWARDED ARMY MEDAL

In a Pentagon ceremony held last October 16, Mrs. Charles L. Bolte was awarded the Army's highest civilian decoration, the Outstanding Distinguished Service Medal. The medal was presented on behalf of the Army by **Genera' Maxwell R. Thurman**, Commanding General, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command.

Besides members of the **Bolte** family, the ceremony was attended by several close friends, including **General John W. Vessey, Jr., USA, Ret.**, former Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and **General William E. DePuy, USA, Ret.**

Mrs. Bolte was cited for her continuous and active support and service to soldiers and their families, and for her patriotism and devotion to God and country.



Pictured with Mrs. Charles L. Bolte at the award ceremony are (left to right) her sons, Brigadier General Philip L. Bolte, USA Ret., and Colonel David E. Bolte, USA, Ret.; General Maxwell R. Thurman; and Mrs. Bolte's daughter, Damara Bolte.

(See following page for copy of Citation)



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

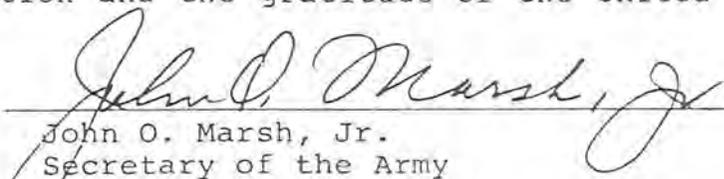
ADELAIDE POORE BOLTE

IS AWARDED

THE OUTSTANDING CIVILIAN SERVICE MEDAL

CITATION:

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John O. Marsh, Jr.
Secretary of the Army

Howitzer Al Sounds Off

Your Supply Sergeant has just ordered the following items for the Denver Reunion and also by mail.

Limited Caps (blue only) — \$5.00

Nylon Jackets (blue or red) Sizes Medium to XXL — \$16.00

White Golf Short Sleeved Shirts with Pockets, Medium to XXL — \$10.00

Shipping charge of \$3.00 for one or more items.

Prices have risen, but we are still holding the line on our price. After four years, I am retiring from this job, and as yet no one has volunteered to take it over. Hundreds of items have been sold, and never any returns or bitches. Last chance Troops. The Sheavly's should get the "Medal of Honor" for their nine years of volunteer service with the souvenirs. And as of now no one has been found to replace them.

Send your money now to: Supply Sergeant Howitzer Al Kormas

12500 Edgewater, #503

Lakewood, Ohio 44107

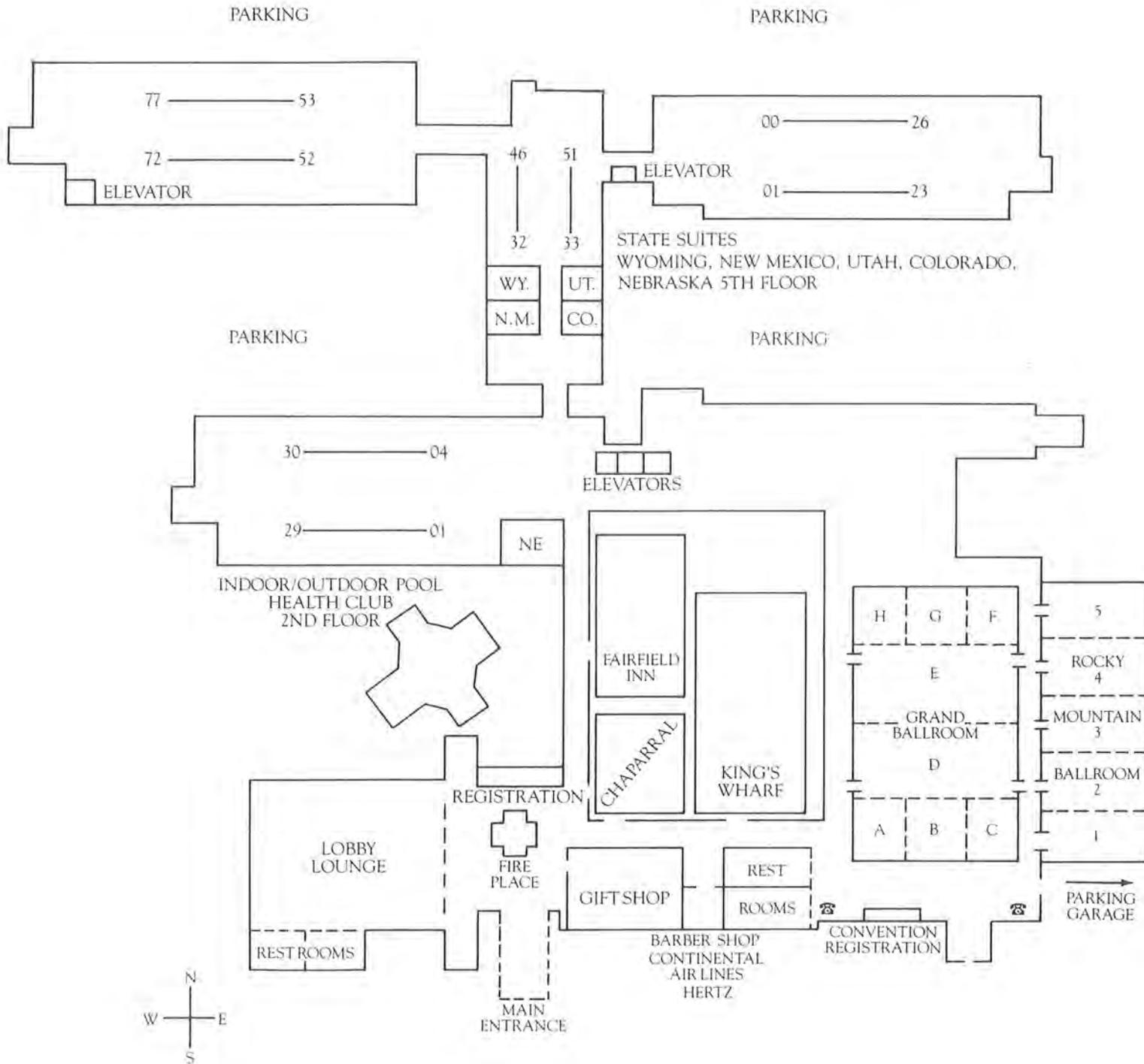
**ALEX KORMAS, DOUBLE MILLIONAIRE,
WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT MONEY ANYMORE.**

Former Members of Company G, 272nd Infantry



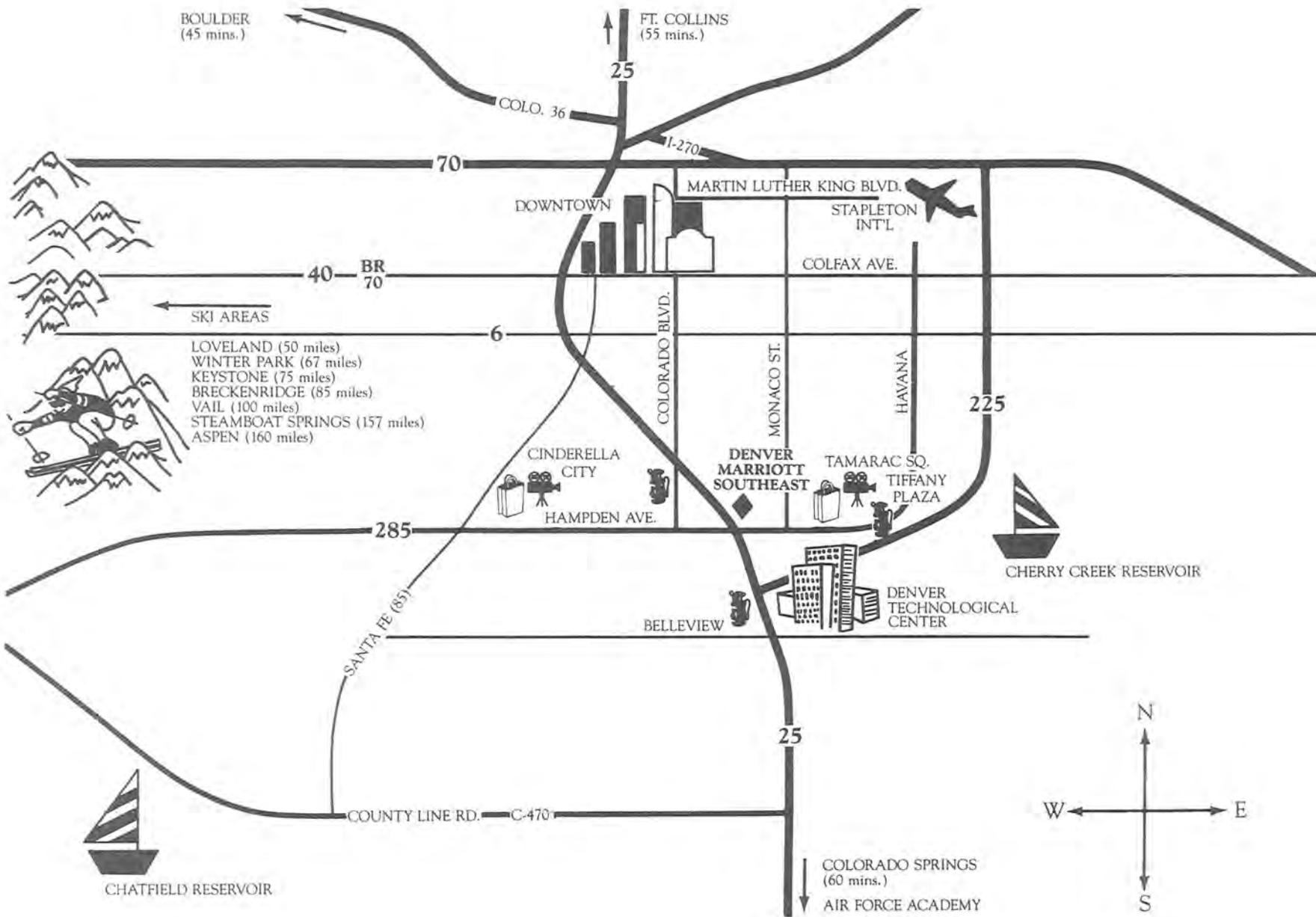
*Front Row Left to Right: Green, Mascio, Barakat, Mills, Subia, Saltzman
Back Row: Phillips, Perry, Farmer, Sweet, Hecht, Rios, Fyffe*

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.

Denver Map



Pictures from the Past

Photos provided by Martha Douglas



*Crittenden, Hanes, Driscoll
March 1944, Camp Shelby*



*Sgt. Woods, S/Sgt. Chris
September 1944, 369th Medical Bn.*



*Lieutenant Carnahan
September 1944, 369th Medical Bn.*



*Lt. Fackler, Lt. Hankin, Lt. Douglas
Broadwater Beach
August 1944, Biloxi, Mississippi*



*Lt. M. E. Douglas
September 1944, Camp Shelby*



*Lt. W. R. Neagle, Lt M. E. Douglas,
W.O. J. R. Crittenden
June 1944 - Camp Shelby*



*Major Sumner Russman,
Padre Peter J. Quinn, Camp Shelby*



*Capt. Williams, Lt. Driscoll, Major Frederick, Capt. Watkins, Lt. Harris, Capt. Powers,
CWO Crittenden, Lt. Neagle, WOJG Moreno, 369th Medical Bn., Nov., 1944*

69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 1989 REUNION

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

DENVER MARRIOTT HOTEL S.E. — DENVER, COLORADO

AUGUST 20th to 27th, 1989

Registration form to be mailed to:

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

I/we will attend the 69th Infantry Division Association Reunion at Denver, Colorado from August 20th to August 27th and will attend the following activities.

Name: _____

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

City / State / Zip: _____

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

Unit: _____ Wife's Name: _____

Guests: _____

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Weekly Events	Per Person	Number Persons	Amount
Registrations: Monday, August 21st - Friday, August 25th, 1989 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Check Bulletin Board for Wednesday Evening and Saturday Times	\$ 7.50	_____	\$ _____
Sunday, August 20th — Early Arrivals on your own.			
Monday, August 21st — Early Arrivals on your own.			
Tuesday, August 22nd — Coors Brewery Tour, leaves 5:30 P.M. (Includes Mexican Buffet Dinner)	\$ 18.00	_____	\$ _____
Wednesday, August 23rd — City of Denver Historical Tour, leaves at 9:00 A.M.	\$ 15.00	_____	\$ _____
Thursday, August 24th — Air Force Academy Tour (Includes Lunch) leaves 9:00 A.M. ... Early Bird Dinner - Grand Ballroom - Cash Bar 6:00 P.M. - Dinner 7:00 P.M. ...	\$ 20.00	_____	\$ _____
Friday, August 25th — Golf Tournament. 8:30 A.M. Start — Details and Tickets available at Registration Desk.			
Red Rock and Georgetown Tour, leave 9:00 A.M. Lunch on your own	\$ 14.00	_____	\$ _____
Board of Directors Meeting - 2:30 P.M., Salon 5			
PX Beer Party - Grand Ballroom 9:00 P.M. to Midnight (Ticket Required)	\$ 5.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday, August 26th — Men's General Meeting 9:00 A.M. to Noon, Salons E-F-G-H Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting 9:00 A.M. to Noon, Salons A-B-C Banquet Dinner Dance-Grand Ballroom 6:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. Cash bar 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.			
Memorial Service 7:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.			
Be in your seats at 7:00 P.M. Dinner at 7:30 P.M.	\$ 25.00	_____	\$ _____
Sunday, August 27th — Farewell Breakfast Buffet - 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. Site to be announced	\$ 9.50	_____	\$ _____
Farewells and Departures - See you all next year.			
		Reunion Sub-Total	\$ _____

DUES

New Dues Year - August 1, 1989 to July 31, 1990

Regular Membership	\$ 5.00	\$ _____
Contributory Dues	\$10.00	\$ _____
Ladies Auxiliary	\$ 2.00	\$ _____
Postage and Bulletin Donation (up to you)		\$ _____
		Dues Sub-Total \$ _____
		Total Amount Paid \$ _____

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

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY PAYMENT IN FULL OR REQUEST MAY BE DENIED.

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

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

**69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 1989 REUNION
42nd ANNUAL REUNION
461st AAA BN. - 661st T.D. BN. - 777th TANK BN.
DENVER, COLORADO
AUGUST 20th to 27th, 1989**

Reservations:

Denver Marriott Southeast
I-25 at Hampton Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80222
Telephone: 303/758-7000
Toll Free: 800/228-9290

HOUSING: Please reserve one of the following:

_____ King 1 person; _____ King 2 persons; _____ Double-Double 2 persons;
_____ Double-Double 3 persons; _____ Double-Double 4 persons.

All rooms are \$52.00 per night plus 11.8% local taxes = \$58.14

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

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

I/We will be bringing guest(s) _____ Adults _____ Children

I/We wish to be quartered in the same area as: Unit _____

Send Confirmation to: (Please Type or Print)

Name: _____

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

City / State / Zip: _____

Telephone / Area Code: _____

In order to Confirm Reservation, One of the Following Must Accompany This Form:

Check or Money Order (One Night's Lodging) Payable to the Marriott Southeast, or Major Credit Card Number and Date of Expiration.

The following Credit Cards are accepted: American Express, Master Card, Visa Card, Diner's Club, Carte Blanche and Discover.

Credit Card Name _____ Number _____ Expires _____

I authorize Marriott Southeast to make charges on my Credit Card.

Your Signature _____

If this form has been filled out by anyone other than the person for whom this reservation has been made, give the name, address and telephone of the person filling out the form.

Reservations must be received not later than three weeks in advance. If a particular type of room is unavailable, the next most suitable room will be assigned. No particular room, room type, or location can be guaranteed. Deposit returnable on 72 hours cancellation notice, before August 20, 1989.

Pictures from the Past

Photos provided by Martha Douglas



*Lt. Driscoll - Buckshot, Mr. Crittenden - John
Lt. Neagle - Willie, Mr. Moreno - Joe
November 1944*



*Noon hour bull session.
Major Frederick, Lt. Harris, CWO Crittenden, Capt. Powers,
Lt. Neagle, WOJG Moreno — November 1944*



*Lt. Col Neiman, Lt. Fackler
Gin Rummy, September 1944*



*Lt. Driscoll, Maj. Frederick, Mr. Crittenden, Capt. Powers,
Lt. Neagle, Mr. Moreno — November 1944*



Autoban between Koln and Kassel, 1945



T/4 Cooper - Surg. Section, September 1944

**FOUND A NEW MEMBER? HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS?
This should be mailed to: Clarence Marshall
101 Stephen Street, New Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068**

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

We are interested in all news from Chapters, Groups, Branches, Companies, Battalions, Regiments, 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).

Company A, 273rd Infantry

H. Ray Fahrner, Reporter
Forge Gate Apartments, 33E1
Lansdale, Pennsylvania 18446
Telephone: 215/855-9696

It was great hearing from so many 69ers during the Christmas holidays. Of special interest was the picture Bob Slade send me of the Mortar Section, 4th Platoon. The picture was taken in Camp Shelby.

Many members of the association will remember John and Elsie Ledwidge. They were on the 1965 and 1969 trips to



Weapons Platoon Personnel, Mortar Section, Co. A, 273rd Front - Muniz, Vermillion, Mazzonelli; Middle - Unknown, Kroiss, Roach. Back - Degroote, Kennedy, Moore Frote, Donovan. in 1966 Mazzonelli was Head Waiter at Empire Room, Waldorf-Astoria, New York City. We saw him there.

Europe, the 1972 and 1974 cruises, and on the 1975 trip to Hawaii. John trained in Shelby with H Company, 272nd Infantry. John shipped out as a replacement in late 1943 and ended up with the 83rd Division. Elsie sent me the picture of John's Company, taken in Shelby.

John passed away several years ago; but through a mutual friend, Elsie met Bill Scally, my machine gun squad sergeant. They are now married and living on Bill's ranch in Gordon Valley, California. As you can see from the picture their hearts are still with the 69th Division.

Heartening news is that many of the company's first timers, in Lexington, plan to be in Denver. I am looking forward to meeting my buddies from California who plan to attend. That's it from Tryhard Red Able CP.



Elsie and Bill Scally



*1943, Camp Shelby, Mississippi — Company H, 272nd Infantry, 69th Division
John is in the rear row next to left of the guy with the curly light colored hair.*

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Company H, 273rd Infantry

Jacob "Jake" Stark, Jr., Reporter
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JAKE STARK REPORTS ON 1988 REUNION IN KENTUCKY

It was the biggest turnout ever for Company H, 273rd Infantry since we have been having the Annual Reunions. It sure makes you feel good to see so many buddies at one time. There were 17 in all. I wish all the Company H men who get the Bulletin could see how big our group has grown, since we had 7 in Florida about 5 years ago.

There was a Lieutenant Eli Jackson, (name in the Bulletin), that we did not see. I don't know whether he arrived early for the Reunion and left before the rest of us arrived. Lieutenant Jackson, Lieutenant Jones and Lieutenant Sheldon Johnson were the first, second and third Platoon Lieutenants. To Hornyak, Ray Szkudlarek and I found Andy Sovchik's house in Cleveland at the Tri-State Reunion. He was not at home. We left a list of 60 names and addresses of Company H, 273rd men at the neighbor's across the street and haven't heard from him. He was in our Company, and did not answer letters I have sent asking him to come to the Reunions. When your buddies don't answer your letters, there is nothing a person can do. The Bulletin is lucky to get a letter from John L. Marini. We haven't heard from Marini since we stopped in Connecticut after the Harrisburg Reunion about seven years ago.

The sad part of this report is that Ray Szkudlarek lost his wife Helen December 12, 1988. She was a very sick woman at the Kentucky Reunion. We were like brothers and sisters with Ray and Helen. God bless her.

Received a call from Tom Hoffman (Florida) telling me that Rudy Leyrer died. He lived in California. Attended the first Reunion in Niagara Falls and last year in Kentucky. Charlie Attara attended his first Reunion in Williamsburg, then Pittsburgh and passed away last February.

So please, send in your reservations early and don't say next year. Maybe you or I may not be here next year. It's later than you think. Let's spend the last few years we have TOGETHER. Hope we increase our number this year. See you all in Denver.

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269th Engineers

Frank and Ted Nemeth, Coordinator
66 Gaping Rock Road
Levittown, Pennsylvania 19057
Telephone: 215/945-3809

Territory: All 50 of Our States

Hi Ya'll:

Here's hoping you all had nice holidays and that 1989 will be really good for you.

Now, if we can just get rid of this cold weather and get everyone out in the sun and the snow birds back up north, we can have a few small get-togethers before the 69th Division Reunion in Denver. It is good that everyone is in good health and looking forward to attending future reunions. We

are making plans to attend the 'Central Pennsylvania' in April on the 15th at the Continental Inn in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. It's a nice gathering of local 69ers for a banquet and night of fun; each year it gets bigger and bigger so all you guys in the East and Central Pennsylvania call Dan Evers and get on the mailing list. Then, we'll be looking forward to going to the Tri-State in Erie, Pennsylvania for the weekend in June which is always a fine time. Last but not least will be the long drive to Denver, Colorado for the 69th Division Reunion and I hope we have a large turnout of "flatlanders" as are usually called out in that part of the country.

Enclosed are a few photos I received from Jim Eibling taken at Lexington, Kentucky at our last Reunion. Lieutenant Phil Bowne made his first Reunion and had a lot to talk about with Sam Pharr, his jeep driver during the big one, WW II. Company A had a good turnout to welcome Phil as Bob Kamping, Kim Packard, Lloyd Ruth, Guy Winfrey and Jim Eibling were all present.

Also photo of Larry Roeder taking down names from the mailing list of Company C, his outfit, and posing for the camera are Fran "Sully" Sullivan, me, and Dan Evers, all of Company B.

The Engineers page in this Bulletin is a little of everything and if anyone knows the address of Will B. King or what Company, let me know. If anyone would like a Company Roster, drop me a line and I'll send 'ya one. So, take care and hope to see 'ya soon.



Left to right: 269th Engineers - Fran Sullivan, Frank Nemeth, Larry Roeder and Dan Evers.



Left to right: Company A, 269th Engineers - Sam and Gloria Pharr and Phil Bowne and Friend.

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269th ENGINEERS

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



Company B, 269th Engineers coming home with the 78th Division. Left to Right: Bill Riggle, Stan Milewski and Jim Riley.



Left to right: Lieutenant Colonel Holmlin presents Bronze Star to S/Sgt. Will B. King, July 1945, 269th Engineers.



Kim Packard, Driver, John Hawley and Roger West on 50 Cal. Machine Gun on patrol in Niagara Falls, New York, 1987.



Left to right: Company B, 269th Engineers - Rhine River
John Bijack, Sergeant Lenihand, Clem Sorenson, "Sadie" Corpman, B.V. Blackburn, Dick Lardner, Leo Podbielski



Lieutenant Jim Mautz, 269th Engineers

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69th Cavalry Recon Troop

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Hopewell, Virginia 23860
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Mr. Lewis C. Pickett
Route #1, Box 773
Doswell, Virginia 23047
Phone: 804/876-3894

The 37th Annual Reunion of the 69th Recon Troop was held in Richmond, Virginia at the Embassy Suite Hotel on September 9, 10 and 11, 1988. The Hosts and Hostesses were Lewis "Cowboy" Vaughan and Janet, and Lewis Pickett and Lucille.

All of the rooms were very nice. Our separate hospitality room was amply supplied with food, snacks, and liquid refreshments. The ladies were up to their usual excellence in furnishing snacks of all kinds in sufficient quantities. The fellows brought a supply of their favorite beverages.

Most of the guys and gals arrived on Friday, September 9th. Of course, we had a few that came earlier. It was great to be there and to greet the troopers and their wives as they came in. We brought them up to date on what happened at last year's Reunion and told them who was coming this year.

At Friday evening's dinner, we talked of what had happened in the last year and even further back. There were pictures to look at that different troopers brought in. We had a few drinks and most of us went to bed around midnight. Of course, there were a few that had more stories to tell and they stayed up longer.

On Saturday morning, everyone was on their own. Some went shopping or on tours and some just sat around and talked. On Saturday afternoon we had our business meeting. We had several volunteers and decided on Florida in the Orlando area with Mike Moscaritolo and his wife, Mary, as host and hostess. We are looking forward to a great time in Florida next year.

During dinner Saturday night, William Beswick and his wife came by to see us. He is a former 69th Division President. He had tried to get in touch with "Cowboy," but could never catch him at home. He came to the Reunion anyway. He and his wife had dessert with us and then he told us about the trip back to Germany and possibly to Russia in 1989 or 1990. Everyone enjoyed his talk about this trip, and a few were interested in going back.

You good people take care and if the good Lord's willing and the creek don't rise, I'll see you in Florida next year.

**Lewis "Cowboy" Vaughan
and Lewis C. Pickett**

P.S. If any of you fellows have any changes, deletions or additions that should be made, please sent them to:

Harold Gardner
2929 Mason Avenue
Ind., Missouri 64052
Telephone: 816/254-4816

NOTE: Your attendees were listed in the last Bulletin and were the same names that were in this write-up.

69th Recon Troop 38th Annual Reunion Orlando, Florida - October 25-29, 1989

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Kissimmee, Florida 32743
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Roselle, New Jersey 07203
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504 Timberlane Court
Lake Mary, Florida 32746
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Paul E. Fowler, Co-Chairman
3615 Palm Valley Circle
Oviedo, Florida 32765
Telephone: 407/365-3852

The 38th Annual Reunion of the 69th Recon Troop will be held at the High Quality Inn, 5905 International Drive, Orlando, Florida 32819, on October 25-29, 1989.

The High Quality Inn is a 21 story high hotel within minutes drive of many of Central Florida's finest attractions and finest restaurants. The toll-free phone number for the hotel is 1-800-228-5151.

Paul Fowler, Gordie Ewing and I have been able to negotiate a room rate of only \$32.00 per couple per night, plus tax of course. The quicker you mail in your reservation card, the quicker we can let other troopers know who will attend the Reunion. Also, call another trooper and let him know you are coming. From all indications, this is going to be one of the best attended Reunions.

At our Richmond, Virginia Reunion, it was voted that we try a 5 day Reunion as Florida is quite a distance to travel for many Troopers and that there are so many things to see and do. If you do plan on coming, make this a must. Also, if you wish to come prior to October 25th and leave later than October 29th, the hotel has graciously consented to give us the same low rate for that period of time. The restaurants here are many, they are excellent and the prices are unbelievably low.

Please note and make changes on your Troop roster that the area code has been changed from 305 to 407. This includes Paul Fowler, Gordie Ewing, Ralph Stafura (yes - he's coming) and myself.

The Saturday night banquet at the hotel will be a sit down dinner. The main course will be a Prime Rib dinner cooked the way you like it. If you prefer fish or chicken, let one of the committee know your preference and we will accommodate you. The price of the dinner will be less than \$20.00 each.

Gordie, Paul and I will have information available for all of the central Florida attractions. We will also make arrangements for a bus to take us to Cape Kennedy which is only one hour away. Of course, nearby there is Disney World, Epcot, Sea World and Cypress Gardens. There are many more interesting places to go and things to see, but these mentioned above are the most popular and at least one whole day is needed to enjoy each attraction.

The deadline to reserve your room is October 1, 1989. We would like everyone to stay in the same hotel. You may cancel your reservation during the last couple of days if you find you are unable to attend and still get your refund. We do not want you left out. So bring your shorts as it does get warm in the daytime and take along your swim suit as the hotel does have a heated pool.

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We will have a hospitality room open every evening with a bar and a refrigerator. We will supply the set-ups, beer, soda, and all the goodies — you bring your favorite beverage. Those that are coming by plane, know what day, what time and which airline and we'll do our best to have transportation available for you.

If any Trooper has any questions they wish answered, please phone or write to Paul, Gordie or myself and we'll have an answer for you. I would like to see 50 Troopers attend this Reunion, so plan now for your vacation to coincide with our Troop Reunion for October 1989 in Florida and I'm certain all our wives will love us more for it.

For those men who wish to golf we have several nice courses near by. The Atlantic Ocean is approximately 50 miles away and the Gulf of Mexico is about 1½ hours by car.

A reminder again: the dates for the 69th Recon Troop Reunion is:

October 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 1989

Please plan to attend - next year may be Too Late!!! Please read the 69th Division Bulletin also for further information.

Mike Moscaritolo
Reunion Chairman

Headquarters Battery and Medical Detachment 461st AAA Battalion

Francis H. Breyette, Reporter
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The Holiday Inn, Salem, Virginia, was the scene of a warm and happy Reunion for 25 members, their wives and family members plus two special guests, Earl and Dottie Witzleb, Jr. for a total of 52 in attendance on October 14, 15, and 16. We were especially pleased to have Earl and Dottie as guests and know that when they left, they parted from friends.

We wish a speedy recovery to Vivian Griffin who is hospitalized and to George "Flop" Roberts who had recent surgery. It was good to see Filmore Cassell without crutches or a cane and he even made the Reunion having had gall bladder surgery just a week before. We also wish a full recovery to Charley Goodwin's son, David, who underwent surgery just before Charley left for our Reunion.

We were deeply saddened by the loss of George Stein from far away Vancouver, Washington, and our hearts go out to Hazel. We send our deepest sympathy. George will be sorely missed from our ranks. Please remember him in your prayers.

If there are any former members of our unit out there reading this and have not yet made a Reunion, I would very strongly urge you to do so. It is an exhilarating experience you will never forget.

Friday was a day to arrive and greet each other and to become reacquainted. Saturday we took a most interesting bus tour of the City of Roanoke, Virginia with stops on Mill Mountain, the Roanoke Transportation Museum, Fire Station Number 1 and finally a 1½ hour stop at The Farmer's Market in the heart of the city which was having a music festival at the same time.

We returned to our base just in time to clean up, rest just a bit and then gather in our meeting room for a sit-down buffet supper which was well presented, delicious and consumed in the best of company. With the tables cleared we had our business meeting with Louis Jones presiding. Louis has few peers for this task as his amusing anecdotes and stories seem to go on without end. We had a few words from Earl Witzleb, completed our weekend business and set the agenda for 1989 and closed.

Another slide show was presented by Francis Breyette (Frenchy), on the life of the monarch butterfly from its flight north from the central highlands of Mexico in the spring to its summer life and then the migration to Mexico again in the fall. Much of it was in extreme close-up work and of things most had never before witnessed.

With the absence of George Roberts, we did not have our usual mountain music and sing-along which was missed so we went right into our photo session and then finished the evening off with visiting.

Sunday most of us had breakfast together and then more visiting followed by our people leaving couple by couple. It had been another wonderful and warm weekend which we will never forget and God willing, we will all meet here again next year.

Leaving Roanoke, Eleanore and I dropped down to High Point, North Carolina and spent a few delightful hours with Harding (Mac) McDowell and his lovely lady, Polly. Mac had been my 6th Gun Sergeant in 2nd Platoon, "C" Battery and a darn good one. It was a joy to see him after all these years. From High Point we went northeast to Tamaqua, Pennsylvania and spent part of a day with Bill Swank who was badly wounded when the buzz bomb fell on Headquarters. He is now retired on disability with black lung. What an emotional meeting that was with Bill and his wife, Louise. He sends his best to all of you.

Those who attended the reunion are:

J.D. and Phyllis Blackwell — Dolphen, Virginia
Fran Blackwell — (Identical twin to Phyllis)
Francis "Frenchy" and Eleanore Breyette —
Golden Valley, Minnesota
Joseph and Margaret Bryson and daughter
Linda Bryson Peterson — Elkton, Maryland
Filmore and Marie Cassell — Ceres, Virginia
John and Elsie Chambliss — Victoria, Virginia
Roy and Ethel Currier — Charlottesville, Virginia
Conley and Viola Gamble — Marion, Virginia
Charles R. Goodwin — Raleigh, North Carolina
Ed and Joyce Hales — Zebulon, North Carolina
Louis M. Jones — Greenville, North Carolina
Paul and Bertha Kowalchek — Baltimore, Maryland
John and Connie Lane — Newport News, Virginia
Paul and Ethel Lovelace — Miami, Florida
Edward and Belle Moore — Abingdon, Virginia
Cecil and Hilda Moore — Roanoke, Virginia
Mac and Madge Morris — Arlington, Virginia
Tom Musselwhite — Roanoke, Virginia
William Pennington — Marion, Virginia
Howard and Maxine Sandefur — Glade Spring, Virginia
Mrs. Katherine Trail — Marion, Virginia
Sherman and Irma Twigg — Cumberland, Maryland
Wallace and Betty Ullery — Cumberland, Maryland
James and Evelyn Warren — Robersonville, North Carolina
Allen and Dorothy Whitley and
Mrs. Carrie Scott (aunt) — Marion, Virginia
Lewis L. Woodson, Sr.
Lewis L. Woodson, Jr. — North Garden, Virginia
Ralph and Isabel Yingling — Frederick, Maryland
Special Guests - Earl and Dottie Witzleb, Jr.
Acme, Pennsylvania

Francis H. Breyette

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**A few words from the Morris's on the Headquarters Battery
& Medical Detachment, 461st AAA Battalion Reunion**

Following an excellent buffet dinner, Louis Jones opened the meeting. He read a letter from Hazel Stein, regarding the death of George on September 10, 1988. He recognized the two guests from the 69th Infantry Division Association.

Business included paying for the dinner . . . \$12.56 per person, 49 dinners. As we owe for postage and photographs each person was asked for a donation of \$20.00.

The next meeting dates were approved - October 13, 14 and 15, 1989, the Saturday evening date for the banquet and meeting. We agreed to meet in this area as so many of the men keep in contact in this area.

Allen Whitley agreed to serve as coordinator for next year's Reunion. Appreciation was expressed for his work in contacting people this past year.

A door prize contributed by Tom Musselwhite was won by the Kowalcheks.

See you next year!
Mac and Madge Morris

461st AAA Battery B

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One addition to the list of attendees at the New Mark Hilton Weekend in Canton, Ohio on September 16, 17, and 18, 1988 was:

Reuben Miller — New Castle, Pennsylvania

He was not listed in the last Bulletin but came in on a list sent by Fred Fisher.

Christa Ward, Karl and Barb Petersen are awaiting the arrival of Battery B members at Lakeside Inn, Lake Tahoe and are hoping for a banner turnout. There is plenty to do at Tahoe so come early and stay a while.

Forgot to mention about the obituary of George Stein. Anyone of Battery B that would like to contribute to George's Memorial may do so by sending it to George's church. Here is the address:

Evergreen Bible Church Mission Fund
9600 N.E. Mill Plain Boulevard
Vancouver, Washington 98664

or to

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Clark County
3314 N.E. 161st Street
Ridgefield, Washington 98642

Larry W. Brown

**880th Field Artillery
Headquarters Battery**

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**GREAT NEWS FOR 880th HEADQUARTERS
BATTERY — OUR FIRST ANNUAL WEEKEND!**

The 69th togetherness again prevails as the 880th Headquarters Battery will hold a Reunion at the Sheraton Inn of Greensburg, Pennsylvania on July 13, 14, 15 and 16, 1989. Letters will be sent out soon.

For further information please call or write:

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Come on in — We plan for a great time. Hospitality Room, Golf, Saturday Banquet.

Note from Earl: Since this is your first, make sure all your members pay dues to the 69th National Association. See you all in Denver, Colorado.

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C Battery**

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Another beautiful Reunion at Cape Cod; host and hostess supreme, Captain and Mrs. John Wallace.

Hello again and Welcome Day began October 4th followed by a bus tour, on Wednesday to Plymouth, Cranberry Factory, the plantation, lighthouse and other highlights of the area. On Thursday, the breath taking whale watch and a wonderful banquet, including a noted speaker, Helen Purcell, on the history of Cape Cod. Departure day is always sad, but we were all invited to a most gracious and warming breakfast at the Wallace home before leaving, hoping to see each other and more of you in "89."

Attending the Reunion were:

- Ray Miller — Vincennes, Indiana
- Lewis and Fern Pugh — Cadiz, Ohio
- Hank and Lucille Abbe — Rome, New York
- Bud and Millie Henson — Somerdale, New Jersey
- Joe and Dottie Damato — West Orange, New Jersey
- John and Helen Wallace — Wellfleet, Massachusetts
- Wayne and Jayne Murphy — Mansfield, Ohio
- Cliff and Katherine Eley — Columbus, Ohio
- Lou and Jane Hoehing — Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania
- Lee and Betty Meyer — St. Mary, Pennsylvania
- Marvin and Mary Reber — Reading, Pennsylvania
- LeRay and Beverly Goetz — Germantown, Wisconsin
- Lowell and Marjorie McFarlin — Jeromesville, Ohio
- Willie and Irene Williams — Lorain, Ohio
- Florence Kubacki — Reading, Pennsylvania
- Ray and Patty Kubacki — Reading, Pennsylvania
- Bill and Inez Sells — Miamisburg, Ohio
- Enrico and Anne D'Angelo — Saltsburg, Pennsylvania

Attending guests were:

- Al and Marge Kormas — Lakewood, Ohio
- John and Ellen McCann — Woburn, Massachusetts

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Reunion site for 1989 is Roscoe Village, Ohio, August 8, 9, 10 and 11, 1989. More details to appear in the next Bulletin.

Letter to "C" Battery, 880th

The Annual Reunion headed by C.O. Captain and Mrs. John Wallace was headquartered at the Sheraton of Eastham, Massachusetts on October 4, 5, 6 and 7, 1988. A lovely "camp" and virtually to ourselves at this time of year. The hospitality room ran from 0900 to 2400 filled with love, humor, comradery and lots of goodies. As they arrived, grown men hugged each other and it got better and better as the precious hours flew by.

A busy schedule prepared in military fashion included a trip to Plymouth via motor coach, the ship Mayflower and surrounding areas in the wet biting cold, but the troops glowed with military "hot air." The next day we participated in a

whale watch some 20 miles out to sea. Seeing and feeding whales very close by, who paid no never mind to the 120 foot boat. Then a few hours in Old Provincetown sightseeing, buying souvenirs, etc.

The banquet, another memorable event, as our speaker was a noted historian who gave a great talk on the history of Cape Cod, followed by a night not to be forgotten in the hospitality room. Breakfast chow on departure day was at the Wallace historical family home, where Mrs. Wallace got up like an army cook, at 0400 to prepare for the troops, not only food par excellence, but made and served with so much love. The high point of the whole trip was on the Wallace lawn all departing to go home and to see comrades who served in combat some 40 years ago, hug each other tightly, squeeze and yes, see moist eyes.

We want to again give our thanks and appreciation to the Wallaces.

God grant us health and many more Reunions, not only to the 880th but all 69ers.

Al and Marge Kormas



Lew and Fern Pugh, Ray Mills, Captain Wallace, Guest Speaker Helen Purcell, Helen Wallace



Bill and Inez Sells, Jayne and Wayne Murphy, Banquet Night



Ray Mills warming up while on his walk through the plantation.



Left to right: Patty Kubacki, Enrico D'Angelo, Florence Kubacki, and son Ray, while on Tour.

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Company I, 273rd Infantry

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This year was another great year for Company I, thanks to the efforts of many. At the Scottsdale, Arizona Reunion in 1983, there were only two Company I members; George and Edna Harper, my wife Theresa and I. Roy Verdugo drove up from Tucson one evening to see us. Attendance has grown dramatically since then to an all time high of 17 members at our Lexington, Kentucky Reunion this year. Nick and Ann Vallacci had a late cancellation due to Nick's emergency surgery; All's well and we look forward to seeing them next year.

This year was special, highlighted by the first-time attendance of our Company Commander, Jim Castrale. Next year should be better as we have taken a new thrust to entice more members to attend the Reunions. We prepared a Headquarters Company I, 273rd Infantry Executive Order that was signed by all attendees. Executive Order #1 directed First Sergeant John Penny to attend our next reunion in Denver; Executive Order #2 was addressed to each member we have been in direct contact with but who have never attended a Reunion. Our success or failure will be evident at the next Reunions in Denver and King of Prussia.

At the 1984 Reunion in Orlando, Florida, Company I adopted a couple from Company F, 271st, who were along and "our kind of people." They are Frank and Arlene Carey. What an asset they have become to the success of the 69th Division Reunions. They are both to be commended for the outstanding job they did running the Hospitality Suite at Lexington.

NOTE: Look for a surprise new First-Timers at the Denver Reunion!



Arlene and Frank Carey, Hospitality Suite, Campbell House Inn, Lexington, Kentucky.



Ladies, left to right, standing: Aldona Mickiewicz, Bev Armstrong, Edna Harper, Flora Meyer, Betty Rowe, Theresa Pierce, Carmen Sanborn, JoAnn Rende, Cathy Long, Berniece Macknair, Olive Ritchie (in back), and Jan Houseal.

Men, left to right, standing: Bill Armstrong, George Harper, Al Long, Bob Pierce, Chester Ritchie, Jim Castrale, George Pursey, George Houseal, Ernie Rowe (inset), Carl Macknair, Justin Bloom, and Dale Lincoln.



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Looking forward to once again seeing these lovely faces and many more at the Denver Marriott Southeast Reunion August 20 to 27, 1989.

You have your Bulletin. Use it by reserving early for a room and activity reservations. Cancel later if need be since this is the easy way of not being left out. Come on E Company, let's visit mile high city Denver together.

Continental Inn

Smack dab in the middle of things.

2285 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, PA 17602
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WELCOME
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH
69th DIVISION WEEKEND
FRIDAY, APRIL 14 to
SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 1989
Banquet Saturday, April 15th

This will be a Saturday evening banquet only get together. For those staying over rooms will be available at the Central Pennsylvania Branch rate but you must take care of this yourself by contacting the Continental Inn. Dan and Helen Evers will take banquet reservations by calling them at the number above. A letter flyer will be mailed to those on the roster. If you feel you are not on that roster, once again call Dan or Helen to get on that list. You will be on your own Saturday to visit the Amish country of the Lancaster area. One suggested trip would be a ride on the Strasburg Railroad.

Note from Earl: Make sure your income tax is finished and mailed to the IRS although you do have the extra day of Monday, April 17, 1989 this year.

Company E, 273rd Infantry

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**Remember to Register Early
for the Denver Reunion
August 20 to 27, 1989
We want to see you there!!**

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All is quiet on the firing line. I have not received any information on our Erie Weekend, May 31-June 1, 2, 3, 4, 1989 except what you read on the Calendar of Coming Events pages. Flyers will be mailed to those of you on our roster in late March. If you feel you are not on the Tri-State roster, send me your name, address, and telephone number immediately so that you can get a flyer when they are mailed out. I would also appreciate changes of address from those on our roster who have moved recently. It's nice to have correct addresses.

Remember our "Chuck Herring Junior Golf Tournament" will take place at least one of the days for a warm up to the big event scheduled for Denver in August.



Earl Witzleb, Coordinator and "Jim" Jones talking over plans for the May-June 1990 Spring Weekend to be held in Ohio.

Our fall weekend for 1989 will be held November 16, 17, 18, and 19 at the Days Inn, 300 Tarentum Bridge Road, New Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068. Tour on Friday, Banquet Saturday with live entertainment (Outstanding), Breakfast Buffet Sunday, and a top hospitality room for your enjoyment. Come visit with us in Clarence Marshall's home town.

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Picture brings back memories for Phyllis Walen

Dear Earl,

When I read the last copy of the 69th Division Bulletin and I was looking through all the old pictures, I received a very pleasant surprise when I found the picture on Page 29 furnished by Sumner Russman of staff members of Division Headquarters Company, 69th Infantry Division taken shortly after activation at Camp Shelby. My heart gave a jolt when I found my beloved husband's face in the last row. It really started the memories once more.

John passed away seven years ago, as you all were notified, but our love and prayers for him never cease. He was (at the time of the photo) Captain John Walendziewicz (now Walen), Company Commander of the 769th Ordnance Company. My family and I are so grateful for the picture. All of them haven't seen it yet, but they will whenever we get together again at our family reunion next year.

I hope I won't offend anyone, but do you know that Ordnance has been misspelled in the last several copies of the Bulletin. It has been spelled with an (i) (ordinance) and that is wrong - it should be ORDNANCE.

I have missed going to all the reunions since John died - we really enjoyed them so much.

My regards to all the 69th and especially what members still remain of the 769th Ordnance Company.

P.S. I would love to have any of the 69th drop by for a visit when in Florida.

Sincerely,
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Correction

B BATTERY, 881st FIELD ARTILLERY

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Hello Earl,

I want to compliment you and your staff on once again editing an exceptional "Fighting 69th Infantry Division Bulletin." It was a great after-a-reunion edition.

There was an oversight on Page 64 — Reunion attendees - Battery "B", 881st Field Artillery Battalion. Phil and Harriet Sparacino were left out. That brought our Battery attendance to 13, our best gathering ever of which we are proud.

Also, the unidentified sax player on Page 65 was "B" Battery's own Emil Matys, a first timer.

Wishing everyone a merry, healthy and happy new year and hope to see all in Denver next August.

NOTE FROM EARL: Sorry Phil and Harriet. We can't let this happen again.

1989 69th ANNUAL REUNION
Denver Marriott Southeast
I-25 at Hampton Avenue
DENVER COLORADO
AUGUST 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 1989
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Update on the Shuler Bible Story

(Submitted by Edgar A. Parsons (Bud), Company A, 272nd Infantry, 1913 S. Lakeshore Drive, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 27514)

The May-August 1988 Bulletin described Lieutenant Daniel R. Shuler's Bible being picked up by Ernest A. Jones, Jr., Company A, 272nd Infantry (now of Charleston, Maine) following an accidental explosion in a barn near Miescheid, Germany. Fifty-one men, including all but two of patrol leader 2nd Lieutenant Ed Lucci's platoon, were killed.

Jones has long wanted to return the Bible to any next of kin of Lieutenant Shuler.

Two courses of action were taken to return the Bible. The National Personnel Records Center at St. Louis, Missouri was contacted and the suggestion of Ed Lucci to contact 2nd Lieutenant William D. Robertson then of the Battalion S-2, 1st Battalion who had known Lieutenant Shuler before the war. Dr. Robertson is living now in Culver City, California.

The answer from the Records Center in St. Louis, received in March, 1988, was a form letter stating that they were unable to identify a military service record from the information given. Parsons replied with the information that Lieutenant Shuler was in Company C, 273rd Infantry Regiment, 69th Infantry Division at the time of his death and that his Serial No. was 0-552040. The next reply from the Center, received in May, repeated their inability to locate a record of military service from the information received.

A letter was received by Mr. Parsons in March, 1988 from Dr. William Robertson stating that he had known Dan Shuler, but did not know him well. He stated that they were in a group of about 80 men who finished basic training at Camp Roberts, California, passed OCS tests, and were awaiting assignment. He stated that he thought Shuler was local to the Los Angeles area and thought that he had visited with or spoken with Lieutenant Shuler's parents on his return home in 1945. Unfortunately Dr. Robertson had no recollection of Shuler's address or siblings. Shuler was single, according to Dr. Robertson and he stated that Shuler was killed in action at Hanover-Munden and not at the Siegfried Line.

In June, 1988 Mr. Jones and Mr. Parsons met in Bangor, Maine. This was the first they had met since July, 1945, when they were near Hersfeld, Germany when the men of the 69th Division were being deployed to other units for the invasion of Japan later than year. After reminiscing about Jones' platoon leader, Lieutenant Bruce Pearson and other men from Company A, 272nd Infantry, (Guy Steele, Robert Walton, Allen S. Whitehead, James F. Batten, Robert L. Anderson, Vaughn Fairbanks, Harold F. Patchen, Anthony Nicholais), Jones gave Lieutenant Shuler's Bible to Parsons.

On examining the Bible, Parsons noted that it was distributed by the Christian Science Publishing Society, suggesting that Lieutenant Shuler may have been a Christian Scientist. Also noted was the signature of the "presenter" of the Bible. The first name might be Lee or Leo or perhaps Lea. The last name might be Andrus or Andrews or perhaps another name.

Jones asked that Parsons take the Bible in the hope that he might be more successful in finding a person with some relation to Shuler.

After the publication of the May-August Bulletin, Parsons received a reply to his story from Isaac Lichtenfels, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Retired, who lives in Asheville, North Carolina. He had been a captain commanding Company C, 273rd Infantry. Mr. Lichtenfels stated that Lieutenant Shuler had commanded a platoon of Company C, 273rd

Infantry which Mr. Lichtenfels had commanded. His letter states: "Our battalion (1st Battalion, 273rd Infantry) when the Division was held up across the river from Hanover-Munden, was given the mission of crossing the smaller rivers which were tributaries (Werra, Weser, Fulda) crossed the first stream about five miles upstream at a little place called Seele, and with C Company, in the lead, proceeded with the mission of taking the autobahn bridge over the second tributary. The Germans tried to ambush us as we came near the edge of the roads where the trail joined the autobahn. After a short fire fight involving Lieutenant King, a BAR man and two scouts, myself and Davey (?) Osborne (Map Sergeant) they surrendered, and the Battalion marched to the bridge, which had been blown.

"Next morning we crossed on pontoon boats, C Company leading again, climbed a steep ridge and came out overlooking and behind Hanover-Munden. Lieutenant Shuler led his platoon down the other side of the ridge in pursuit of about twenty German reinforcements and got into the woods squarely behind the town. His platoon was receiving mortar fire and he personally set out to find and destroy the mortar and crew — the mortar crew got him instead.

"I was still on the ridge and unable to reach him by radio. One of his men ran up and told me that he was killed.

"The fight for Hanover-Munden ended when, fearing for the platoon's safety in case of a counterattack, and fairly sure that the last building in town (the biggest and tallest) would be German Headquarters, I asked the artillery for one round to set that building on fire. The results were spectacular and the fight was over.

"I think Lieutenant Shuler's family lived in California. I do not believe he was married.

"Lieutenant Colonel Saladin, our Battalion CO, wrote up the posthumous reward — I'm not sure, but I think it was a Silver Star.

"The above happened, I think about a month or six weeks after Miescheid. I hope the above proves useful."

Lieutenant Colonel Lichtenfels continues in a postscript to say that they were ordered to be east of a certain grid by midnight. After calling on the artillery to suppress a lot of small arms fire, they walked in and he discovered that this was where his grandparents had lived and where one of his uncles was born.

Parsons checked records at UCLA but was unsuccessful in finding any helpful information.

His next step was to write a letter to the LA Times giving them a copy of the 69th Bulletin and the letter from Colonel Lichtenfels. The Times printed the story of our search on September 18, 1988. A copy of that story was picked up by the Veterans Administration, Department of Memorial Affairs in Washington, DC and because the news story did not include Parsons' address, sent a letter to Clarence Marshall. The letter stated, in part: "Our records indicate that Lieutenant Shuler was interred at Golden Gate National Cemetery on February 1, 1949. Date and place of death: April 8, 1945, Holland. Golden Gate National Cemetery is located at 1300 Sneath Lane, San Bruno, California. Mr. Dennis E. Kuehl is the Director at Golden Gate and he may be able to assist in locating next-of-kin."

The letter was forwarded to Parsons. Without knowledge of the reinterment of Lieutenant Shuler's remains in Golden Gate Cemetery, the Times reporter Dick Roraback printed a follow-up story on October 9. Parsons did not know of the second story until later in October when a friend sent him a copy. He then contacted the San Francisco Chronicle and Examiner, asking them to attempt to find a next-to-kin.

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UPDATE ON THE SHULER BIBLE STORY
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The newspaper ignored the request. He called the Los Angeles Times reporter and told him the burial location information. No further reply has been received. Roraback did provide the information that he had talked with the 28th Church of Christ, Scientist, and learned that a Mrs. Frieda Andrus had been a member in the 1950's and believed the church may have more information about the family. However the information obtained was not helpful.

Mr. Parsons admits the leads are getting slim, but vows not to give up. He asks that a 69er in the San Francisco area contact Mr. Dennis Kuehl at Golden Gate Cemetery, San Bruno (412/589-7737) and check some newspaper files and local libraries. Among the possibilities are newspaper stories around February 1, 1949, concerning Shuler's final burial. The stories might include the names of those attending the services. Reference to local phone books may clarify the fact that Shuler's parents are deceased, or other leads may develop.

It has been determined that Lieutenant Shuler's mother, Nell Shuler, has or had a sister living in Scottsdale, Arizona, but there is no knowledge of the name.

Any ideas, fellow 69ers?

Can anyone identify the G.I.s in this photo?



The "me" in this picture is **William R. Johnson** taken at Camp Shelby September 6, 1944. The others are only faces in Bill's memory. Bill originally registered with Company I, 271st, but later thought he could have been in Company I, 273rd. At our last Reunion none of our 17 members from Company I, 273rd recognized anyone in the photo. Bill is planning to attend the Reunion in Denver and needs your help.

Bill was with the Division until January 8, 1945, when he was sent home from England for medical reasons and subsequently discharged March 19, 1945. The problem is that he has a memory loss on the entire period in England and only has vague memories from Camp Shelby. He believes he visited London but is not sure. Bill needs someone to help him recall his unit and the circumstances surrounding his memory loss in England.

If anyone recognized any of the soldiers in this photograph, please respond in the Bulletin, and write him at 6301 Nichols Lane, #129, Sacramento, California 95828. In the interim, Bill can consider himself an adopted Company I, 273rd member until he finds his rightful place in the Division.

Robert L. Pierce

Note: We have **William R. Johnson** listed in the Division Association roster as I Company, 271st and at the same address.



Vernon Wirth on a hobby horse swing. He served in the 10th Armored Division at Fort Knox before being assigned to the 777th Tank Battalion.



Fort Knox Memorial Service. Colonel Holmlin and Chaplain William Snidow to the left of the podium.

Corner Stones

How's your attitude? Do you see a solution for every problem, or a problem for every solution?

Do you see the green near every sandtrap, or the sandtraps around every green?

Do you say "It may be difficult but it's possible," or "It may be possible but it's too difficult?"

1988 Lexington, Kentucky Reunion Campbell House Inn



*Margaret and Rudy Weidmann
First Timers*



*Irv and Shirley Sarafan
Barb Yastrzanski*



Frank and Kathlene Kruger



Vic Tedesco and George Hepp



Wives of First Timers



Pat and Al Westlake



*Norma Butterfield, Victor Woo,
and Gene Butterfield*



*John Moriarty, Jonelle Blank,
and Ray Fahrner*



Frank and Gloria See



Ed Stagg, Crandon Clark



First Timers



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Group of First Timers



Group of First Timer and Old Timers too.



Couples at Beer Party



Trio at Hospitality Room



Group of First Timers



First Timers



First Timers and Old Timers too.



Nat & Rhoda Green, First Timers



Russell and Edna Falls



Arylene and John Mowrey



First Timers



First Timers



*Bill Sheavly, John Hawley,
Dan Evers, Paul McComb*



*Bill & Jo Beswick,
Group of First Timers*

“Columbus” discovers Milwaukee



Nearly five centuries after he discovered the New World, “Christopher Columbus” led an excursion to Milwaukee and found that the city’s Italian American community had scheduled a host of activities to honor him and his feat of 1492.

“Columbus,” portrayed by Italian Community Center member **Philip Sparacino**, arrived Saturday, October 1 via the Milwaukee River, docking at Pere Marquette Park, where he and his crew were greeted by an enthusiastic crowd. The arrival of “Columbus” officially kicked off the 1988 community celebration.

Other events included a mass and brunch at St. Rita’s Catholic Church, Sunday, October 9, and the annual Columbus Ball Saturday, October 15th. The activities were coordinated by the Italian Community Center Quincentennial Day Committee, which is comprised of 18 Italian-American organizations from Racine, Kenosha and Milwaukee.

Shown above with Columbus are his first mates and fellow Pompeii Men’s Club members, David Doern and John Sanfilippo, who are also ICC members. Columbus and his crew sailed on a boat owned by David and Beth Brown.

Right: COLUMBUS LANDS HERE — Christopher Columbus, portrayed by Phil Sparacino, ate an Italian sausage sandwich Saturday after arriving by boat at Pete Marquette Park in downtown Milwaukee. The arrival inaugurated a series of events sponsored by the Italian Community Center of Milwaukee to commemorate Columbus Day, October 12th. Sparacino is a member of the center. Other public events included a mass and a brunch on Sunday at St. Rita Catholic Church and a dinner dance October 15th at the Pfister Hotel.



OUR OWN PHILIP SPARACINO

A Day in April

by

Morton M. Vitriol

Company E, 272nd Infantry

Morton M. Vitriol
32 South Oaks Boulevard
Plainview, New York 11803

It's been a long time, but every year as April showers herald the advent of spring, my thoughts go back to that other day in spring in 1945.

It was April and the Germans were retreating, with the G.I.s of the 69th Division close on their heels. Our major and final objectives were Leipzig and the Torgau River, where we were to make contact with the Russians. There were no bugles blaring, flags flying or fellows wisecracking. No — it was up at dawn, out of defensive position, gulp a fast breakfast and push off. We would plod along from early morning till dark — too tired to converse in more than grunts and short terse phrases — halting only when we ran into resistance. In the evening we would stop to rest, dig defensive positions and sleep as best we could under adverse conditions.

This particular April day in 1945 we were pushing onward when the word came back that the Germans were entrenched in the village ahead and were going to make a fight of it. My blood went cold and my heart started beating faster from excitement.

Company F was going to slug through the front of the village. We, Company E, were going to hit it from the flank — which necessitated climbing a steep hill. The hill was almost perpendicular and there were times when exhaustion and enemy fire almost made me drop out. Finally we reached the summit. After token resistance, the few Germans left on the hill threw up their hands and quit. We started down the hill toward the village. Four of us reached the bottom at the same time. The other three started over a little knoll that was in front of us. I started after them. I was half way up the knoll when I heard it — shells coming in, our shells. I started forward again but, from the sound, I gauged that they were going to fall short. I slid down to the bottom of the incline and hit the earth. The terrifying horror of being shelled by my own artillery numbed me. The shells hit, just on the other side of the slight hill, where my three buddies were. Their cry of "Medics" came back and the medic went over to see what he could do. We called back to the artillery to raise their range.

My sergeant and several other fellows joined me, and we started into the village not knowing whether the other three were alive or not. A machine gun opened up and again we hit the ground. Again the cry for the medic was heard. Then we were up on our feet and in the village — shooting at every shadow and collecting prisoners as they gave up. As we advanced through the village, I heard the squeak of a shutter and whirled, shooting at the sound and unhinging the shutter with the initial burst from my BAR. I was relieved that the wind, rather than a sniper, had caused the shutter to open, but, I was proud of my marksmanship.

We passed through the town and, about 100 yards west of the Weser River, Lieutenant Bowen told us to dig in as we would probably stay there. My assistant BAR (Browning Automatic Rifle) man and ammo bearer had thrown away their entrenching tools. The three of us then started digging a three-man hole — taking turns with my shovel. A river was directly ahead of us, and to the left was a tremendous expanse of freshly plowed farmland. About 3,000 yards farther to our left was a town and a bridge spanning the Weser. A wood extended

along the edge of this farmland from our village to the one by the bridge. These woods and the river and the two villages were the boundaries of this farmland.

A German artillery barrage suddenly opened up on us from across the river. Joe, my assistant BAR man, and I dove for the slight hole that we had dug. Joe was on the bottom, I was in the middle and Allen, the ammo bearer, was on top. The way we huddled down, I don't think any part of any of us showed over the edge of the two-inch hole we had already scratched out. Then the barrage lifted. At regular intervals, the shelling continued; we kept digging.

After a few hours, word came down that we were to take the bridge intact. Intelligence reported no Germans on the other side of the river. (Then who the hell shelled us?)

We started out across the freshly plowed land — our feet sinking in the earth over our ankles. We were about half way across when all hell broke loose. The Heinies threw everything at us — artillery and small-arms fire. It came from the woods to our left, from across the Weser River to our right and from the village by the bridge on our front. We hit the ground and I dug my face in the dirt and tried to crawl into my helmet. The bullets were smacking all around like a rainstorm.

My lieutenant got to his feet, waved his carbine and yelled, "Let's get those bastards." I jumped to my feet and ran. I dodged around a spot where a bullet smacked into the ground ahead of me. Some shells came in and I hit the ground. They landed behind me and then I heard someone moan, "Help me, please help me, I'm hit." We had always been told never to stop for the wounded on the attack — the medics would take care of them. Again, "Please help me." We got to our feet and started off again — hating ourselves for leaving our wounded buddy behind. The running was rough. Some of us made toward a nearby road for better footing. Two other soldiers reached the road ahead of me and were hit immediately. I swerved back into the plowed ground, realizing what a fine target I would make on the road.

I hit the ground as more shells landed near me. Something smashed into my foot. I reached back and my hand felt a hole in my boot. I brought my hand up to my eyes and saw blood. I was terrified. This was no "million-dollar" wound — this was a bad spot; I'd probably limp the rest of my life. Again I felt my foot, this time with my other hand; there was no blood. I looked at my right hand; the blood came from skinned knuckles. I was so relieved I sobbed.

We kept going, stopping every now and then to fire futile bursts at an unseen enemy, never halting for too long for fear the Germans would zero in on us. One of the other BAR men fired a burst over my head, that came close to hitting me, and I yelled, "Be careful; you trying to hurt somebody?"

The lieutenant in charge of the second platoon had hit the ground when he felt a bullet smash into his gas mask. Seconds later another bullet hit his helmet and came out on the other side without touching him. He jumped to his feet yelling, "Let's go!" As he waved his arm, a bullet went through the exposed fleshy side of his body. With this, he turned to his sergeant and said, "Take over, I'm going to the aid station before I really get hurt."

Lieutenant Brown of the first platoon was very badly wounded and was told to go to the aid station. He refused to go because that would mean leaving his men. Three soldiers of his platoon, fearing for his life, literally overpowered him and carried him to the aid station.

Overwhelmed with fear I wanted to get to a safe place and not move. However, in my mind I was writing a letter to my father, telling him what was happening. I had to keep going because how could I write and tell him I was a coward and not willing to advance with my buddies?

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We were close to the bridge when it was blown up. We hit the ground and snuggled close to it for safety. The lieutenant asked for a volunteer to retrace our steps back to headquarters to ask for help, as the walkie talkie was not functioning. For quite some time, nobody moved. Then Gary from the third squad crawled over to the lieutenant and said he would go. He stripped off his unnecessary equipment and took off.

It seemed like ages and then we heard a rumble — tanks, our tanks. Gary had made it. The tanks lined up and blasted the towns across the river with phosphorous shells. Fires broke out and we heard screaming. At the same time, Company F was destroying the enemy elements in the woods. We cheered madly and fired wildly across the river.

After the action our captain regrouped us — those of us still in one piece. He asked us if we would like to go across the river. Mad for revenge, for the clobbering we had been given, we yelled, "yes." I found myself yelling with the rest — even though I couldn't swim. But orders came down that we were to fall back to the village and rest.

Later that evening, trembling with pent-up emotion and humbly thankful that we were permitted to live, we fell back to regroup, rest and get ready to take off again. Tomorrow was a thought that was hard to face — because tomorrow would be more of the same and would differ only in date and locale.

Generally, I slowly pull myself from my reverie and glance around. The realization comes through slowly, ever so slowly, that there are no bullets flying, nor shells landing, nor shrapnel scattering — that there are no Germans nearby on the prowl for me — that the sun is shining and there is peace about me. For a bit it seems unreal and then true reality forces its way through and the recollections seems only a fantasy — which is the only way with which the recollections can be coped.

Leon Adler Writes:

Dear Fellow 69ers:

For those of you who were in the final stages of our defeat of Nazi, Germany, this is a reminder of something more unpleasant that has had little mention in the Fighting 69th Bulletin.

On or about April 20th, 1945, certain units of our division encountered the shocking results of man's inhumanity to man — the outskirts and the inner camp of Buchenwald. Needless to say, all men were shocked, including top generals down to the lowliest private. Human beings from many nationalities and religions were wedged into wooden huts and set afire while still alive. The few who managed to escape and climb the electrified fence were killed by tanks with machine guns poised outside the compound. It was a sight we who are clear-thinking and compassionate will never forget. Those idiots who say this never happened can check with the 69th Division G.I.'s who saw it with their own eyes. We found doberman pinscher dogs who were trained to bite off genitals and breasts of the hapless concentration camp victims, starvation and cruel treatment of the worst imaginable kind, plus many other atrocities we will never erase from our memories.

I ask that you send a small tax-deductible sum to:

Simon Wiesenthal Center
9760 West Pico Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90035

This is for the MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE which will soon be erected in California. This is for fighting with truth against prejudice directed towards all peoples, nationalities and religions and to enlighten the world so that the Holocaust shall never happen again. (Simon Wiesenthal is the man who brought the notorious Eichmann to Israel where he was hanged for his enormous crimes against humanity.)

Thank you and best wishes and good luck to all my former buddies.

Sincerely,
Leo B. Adler
(Company A, 369th Medical Battalion)
59 West End Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11235

P.S. Some other little known facts about the 69th:

1. The 369th Medical Battalion was the recipient of the blue-ribboned Presidential Citation for "saving many lives under the most difficult situations."
2. The famous Edward R. Murrow (great war correspondent and television personality) was with the 69th Division on that terrible day when so many of our men were shot off tanks at the great monument battle of Leipzig. He gave a vivid report of this disaster.
3. Company A of the 369th Medical Battalion actually received the surrender of the woman mayor of a large town in the Rhineland - Geissen. (Without a shot being fired.)
4. The much-feared Red Army had many horse-drawn wagons pulling "katushas" and artillery. The Russian soldiers were great at drawing their initials with bullets on any wall, etc.
5. On the day that the Germany Army finally surrendered, a last-ditch German plane took off and got tangled up in telephone wires before they could sneak away.
6. Many defeated German soldiers walked for many miles to our lines to try to surrender to the 69th rather than face the vengeful Russian Army.
7. A week after the official surrender, two German soldiers crawled out of the rubble and surrendered to us Medics, saying they were with an "anti-aircraft unit" and did not know the war was over. Baloney!
8. One of the Company A's men died when he drove his ambulance over a bridge - except the bridge had been blown and wasn't there. Unfortunately he died, but his assistant driver didn't get a scratch.
9. At war's end, we found many Italian soldiers who were held in concentration camps and starved - all because the Italians had surrendered to the Allies.
10. At Wiesenfels, Germany, the 69th encountered a formidable obstacle. Spring rains made the Fulda River a raging torrent. Fortunately, at the point of our crossing, it was only about 200 yards wide. However, German "hausfraus" and children opened up suddenly with machine guns from apartment houses on the eastern side of the river. Dozens of infantrymen were wounded and some were on the opposite bank or in the water. The 369th Medical Battalion saved them all under some rough conditions . . . earning the Presidential Citation.

August 1990
69th INFANTRY DIVISION
43rd ANNUAL REUNION
Valley Forge Area, Pennsylvania

KATHY MOORE

Darling Sweetheart of the 69th at Campbell House Inn Lexington, Kentucky Reunion



Kathy Moore



Kathy Moore, Carl Rapp



Kathy Moore, Elmer Broneske



Chuck and Kathy Moore



Emil Zerenga, Kathy Moore



Kathy Moore, Jake Stark



Chalmer Pearson, Kathy Moore



Alex Zubrowski, Kathy Moore, Joe Loudon

Ron Rabinovitz

Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., 273rd

Sent These Photos & Note

Dear Earl,

It's great receiving the 69th Bulletin even though I recognize very few people.

I am enclosing some pictures taken in England and at Camp Shelby. Some of the people I can no longer identify, but maybe someone else can.

Since my last letter was printed, I have heard from several members of my old company. Maybe the pictures can help find some more.

Ron Rabinovitz
 Liberty Building, Suite 610
 Des Moines, Iowa 50309
 Hq. Company, 2nd Battalion, 273rd Infantry



December, 1944, England - Maynard Pechman, Ron Rabinovitz



*France or Holland
 The Green? - Ron Rabinovitz*



*December 1944, England
 Ron Rabinovitz, Williams*



*December 1944, England
 Joe Pistiner, Ron Rabinovitz*



*December 1944, England
 Walter Garofolo*



*December 1944, England
 Joe Pistiner, Williams*



*Ron Rabinovitz, Maynard Pechman,
 and Molinero - England, Dec. '44*



Dec. 1944, England, Pechman, Unknown, Joe Pistiner



November 1944, England (?), Unknown, Ron Rabinovitz



*January 1, 1945, Germany
Molinero, Maynard Pechman*



*January 1, 1945, Germany
Freidman*



*England
Maynard Pechman*



*Germany - Front: Friedman, Molino
Back: Rabinovitz, ???*



*Camp Shelby - Front: Unknown
Back: Unknown, Sgt. Brown, Joe Pistiner*



*December 1944, England
Ron Rabinovitz*

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

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 100
 Mount Dora, Florida 32757
 Telephone: 904/735-2923

A relaxing weekend to do as you please.
 New to 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."

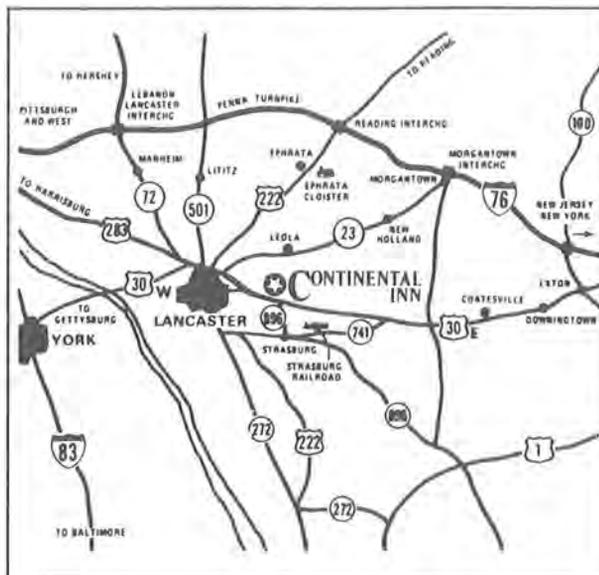
APRIL 15, 1989

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH BANQUET

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

Banquet Only - 7:00 P.M.

Overnight room accommodations should be made with Continental Inn stating you are with the Central Pennsylvania Branch for special room rates.



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

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APRIL 28, 29, 30, 1989

661st TANK DESTROYER WEEKEND

Knights Inn
 Intersection I-81 and U.S. Route 33 East
 Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801
 Room Rates: \$32.00 per day

Committee:
 Charles (Chuck) and Frances (O'Roark) Yannul
 927 West Browning Road
 Bellmawr, New Jersey 08031
 Telephone: 609/931-2125

Sorry not to have more information on this Weekend but I am sure members will receive a flyer letter. Others should write or call the Yannuls.

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS
AND COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE
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MAY 6, 1989

Deadline for material and pictures
Bulletin Volume 42, Number 3
May - June - July - August, 1989
Bulletin due out in late June or early July, 1989

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Planning for Mini-Weekends should be in the hands of Earl one year in advance so as to get recognition in at least two Bulletins. Otherwise, you may be too late for a Bulletin.

ARE YOUR DUES PAID FOR 1988-1989? Second dues notices were mailed and should be in the hands of those members who are delinquent in payment of regular dues \$5.00; Contributory \$10.00; and Ladies Auxiliary \$2.00.

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MAY 19, 20, 21, 1989

461st AAA BATTERY B WEEKEND
Lakeside Inn and Casino at Lake Tahoe
On Highway 50 at Kingsbury Grade
Christa Ward, Group Co-ordinator
Post Office Box 5640
Stateline, Nevada 89449
Telephone: 1/800-624-7980

Rooms: \$45.00 plus 8% tax
Rate good May 16 thru May 24
Make reservation 2 months prior

Activity Committee:

Karl and Barb Petersen
27214 Cabrera
Saugus, California 91350-5829
Telephone: 805/259-5829

Friday — Hospitality Room 221

Saturday — 9:00 A.M. Bus Tour of Virginia City and rim of Lake Tahoe

5:45 P.M. — Dinner/Show at Harrahs (Johnny Mathis)

Sunday — 10:15 A.M. Ride on English double-decker bus to Tahoe Queen for a 2½ hour cruise on Lake Tahoe

7:00 P.M. — Dinner at Lakeside Inn in Timberline Room

Fee for this package is \$70.00 (each)

Please send check 60 days in advance to Karl Petersen
Come early and stay late, there is much to do in Tahoe.

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

If you can't get a hold of Chalmer, call Earl Abel. You must send a deposit check of \$100.00 to Chalmer Pearson by April 15th to verify your intentions of attending this great Amish area of Indiana.

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

TRI-STATE SPRING WEEKEND

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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

Ya All Come to Erie

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

Price costs for this weekend not available for this Bulletin but flyer letters will be mailed to all members on the Tri-State roster April 8, 1989. If you feel you are not on the Tri-State Roster write Earl and Dottie Witzleb at R.D. 1, Box 477, Acme, Pennsylvania 15610.

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**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS
AND COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE**
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JUNE 15, 16, 17, 1989

461st AAA BATTERY D WEEKEND
First Baptist Church
Asheville, North Carolina

Committee:

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

More news will be coming out with your next newsletter.

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JUNE 30, JULY 1, 2, 1989

COMPANY D, 272nd INFANTRY WEEKEND

Holiday Inn
Bardstown, Kentucky 40004
Fun, friendship, relaxation, and enjoyment for all.
Banquet Saturday evening.

Committee:

Harry and Louise Hagan, *Chairpersons*
403 North Third Street
Bardstown, Kentucky 40004
Telephone: 502/348-3721

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

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JULY 13, 14, 15, 16, 1989

880th HEADQUARTERS BATTERY WEEKEND
Sheraton Inn of Greensburg, Pennsylvania
Route 30 East
Across from Westmoreland Mall
Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601

Tour - Golf - Hospitality Room - Saturday Banquet

Committee:

Warren and Betty Kunkel, *Chairpersons*
6407 Sunland Drive
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46815
Telephone: 219/486-3406

Enrico and Anne D'Angelo
516 Chestnut Street
Saltsburg, Pennsylvania 15681

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AUGUST 8, 9, 10, 11, 1989

880th FIELD ARTILLERY C-BATTERY WEEKEND

Roscoe Village
381 Hill Street
Coshocton, Ohio 43812
Telephone: 614/622-9310

Hospitality Room - Fun - Excitement - Tour(s) - Banquet

Committee:

Lowell McFarlin, *Co-Chairman*
89 North High Street
Box 236
Jeromeville, Ohio 44840
Telephone: 419/368-7363

Lewis G. Pugh, *Co-Chairman*
Route 4, Grant Street
Cadiz, Ohio 43907
Telephone: 614/942-3721



Rumors have it that this group will leave Coshocton by wagon train and arrive in Denver one week later on August 21st. See you there fellows and gals. Make sure national dues are paid so the Indians don't catch you all.

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AUGUST 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 1989

**69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
42nd ANNUAL REUNION**

(See following Page for Details)

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SEPTEMBER 9, 1989

Deadline for material and pictures
Bulletin Volume 43, Number 1
September - October - November - December, 1989
Bulletin due out in November 1989

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SEPTEMBER 10 to OCTOBER 12, 1989

First dues notice mailed out to all members on record.
Exception: Those who paid dues at the Denver, Colorado Reunion in August for the dues year 1989-1990. Thanks for paying early and getting it off your mind so you can think Valley Forge, Pennsylvania in 1990.

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OCTOBER 13, 14, 15, 1989

Friday, Saturday, Stay over or leave on Sunday.
**461st AAA, HEADQUARTERS BATTERY
AND MEDICAL DETACHMENT WEEKEND**
Holiday Inn - Salem, Virginia
1919 Frontage Road
Salem, Virginia

(South), I-81, Exit 40, turn left, take first right on to Skyview Road. Motel is in the northeast quadrant of the intersection. Can't miss it.

Rates are not set yet but complete information will be in next Bulletin. Make your vacation plans now to attend. You will never be sorry!

Committee:

Allen H. Whitley, *Chairman*
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Marion, Virginia 24354
Telephone: Office 703/783-5566 Home: 703/783-6615
Francis H. Breyette, *News Reporter*
1137 Orkla Drive
Golden Valley, Minnesota 55427
Telephone: 612/545-2281

EARL'S NOTE: I wish every group would send in planned and typed news reports as these fellows do. Thanks loads and make sure your members have paid their 69th Division Association Dues for 1989-1990.

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AUGUST 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 1989
69th INFANTRY DIVISION
ASSOCIATION 42nd ANNUAL REUNION

Marriott's Denver Southeast, Interstate 25 at Hampden Avenue
(U.S. 285) Denver, Colorado 80222

Telephone: 303/758-7000 Toll Free: 800-228-9290

Committee:

Welkos "Dutch" Hawn, Chairperson
2445 South Cody Road, Lakewood Colorado 80227
Telephone: 303/986-7604

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Tours / Early Bird, Thursday / PX Beer Party Friday 9:00 P.M.

Banquet Dinner Dance Saturday / Golf Tournament, Friday A.M. / Memorial Service
Meetings, Saturday - Membership and Auxiliary

Friday is the evening for groups and companies to go out for dinner at another restaurant before the beer party.

Banquet Facilities: Grand Ballroom - 850, Rocky Mountain Ballroom -500: **Total 1,350**

Room Rates: \$52.00 + 11.8% Tax = \$58.14, Single, Double or Quad

As usual, the Division will have a Hospitality Room.

The Marriott has 595 guest rooms so we should all be together

BUT DO RESERVE EARLY.

We have 400 rooms at present.

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REUNION COMMITTEE:

Dutch & Jeanne Hawn, Co-Chairpersons

Fred & Louis Avery

Andrew & Joan Both

Jack & Mary Duffy

Dick Hadley

Mel & June Liverance

Bob Myers

Joe & Sally Schaffer

Joe & Eleanor Wright

Bobby & Thelma Bement

Bud Bell

Elmer & Erma Broneske

Keith & Colleen Curtis

George & Edna Harper

Joe Loudon

Frank & Gloria See

Dick Stoddard

Registration Room Bulletin Board Will Have Any Changes,
Announcements, and Messages to Members Posted and Current.

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**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS
AND COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE**
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OCTOBER 25-29, 1989

69th RECON TROOP - 38th ANNUAL REUNION

The High Q Quality Inn
5905 International Drive
Orlando, Florida 32819
Telephone: 1/800-228-5151

Committee:

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Kissimmee, Florida 32743
Telephone: 407/348-6527

Paul and Mildred Fowler, *Co-Chairpersons*
3615 Palm Valley Circle
Oviedo, Florida 32765
Telephone: 407/365-3852

Gordon and Fern Ewing
504 Timberlane Court
Lake Mary, Florida 32746
Telephone: 1/407-322-4860

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NOVEMBER 16, 17, 18, 19, 1989

TRI-STATE GROUP FALL WEEKEND

Tri-State Blue is the Family Group

Days Inn

300 Tarentum Bridge Road
New Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068
Telephone: 412/335-9171

16th — Option day to attend

17th — Possible Fall Tour

18th — Shopping and Saturday Evening Banquet with entertainment hot out of Pittsburgh and Italy. You'll like the two hour show.

19th — Breakfast for our goodbyes until Spring. Winter can move in any time.

Committee:

Earl and Dottie Witzleb
R.D. 1, Box 477
Acme, Pennsylvania 15610-9606
Telephone: 412/455-2901

Clarence Marshall
101 Stephen Street
New Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068
Telephone: 412/335-3224

Come visit Clarence Marshall in the well stocked Hospitality Room in his home town of New Kensington. Only 50 rooms - Sign up now, first come basis until they run out. Call Dottie 412/455-2901.

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JANUARY 6, 1990

Deadline for material and pictures
Bulletin Volume 43, Number 2
January - February - March - April, 1990

Valley Forge Chairpersons Dan Evers and Frank Nemeth should have all information for Bulletin publication about the Valley Forge, Pennsylvania 1990 Reunion.

Bulletin due out in late February or early March 1990. We must be on a good schedule for this Bulletin since vacations are scheduled early and all our members want to come to Valley Forge.

JANUARY 7 to 31, 1990

Second dues notice mailed out to members on record for 1989-1990 dues year.

Exception: Those who paid at Denver, Colorado Reunion in 1989 or from the first notice in September 1989, will not get an envelope. Thanks for paying your dues early and remember a Bulletin postage donation is greatly appreciated by your Editors. It keeps the big Bulletins coming to your home.

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MAY 30, 31 — JUNE 1, 2, 3, 1990

TRI-STATE SPRING WEEKEND

Tri-State Blue is the Family Group

Holiday Inn

Ohio Turnpike Exit 8, ¼ mile
Elyria, Ohio

We will be on the first or second floor. Many golf courses in the area for our Tournament. Shopping - Flea Market - Top of the Kilt Hospitality Room.

Tour Friday to Sandusky and a boat ride
Tour Saturday of Cleveland and the business area
More to follow in future Bulletins.

Committee

James Jones, *Chairperson*
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Aurora, Ohio 44202
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Eugene and Norma Butterfield
22449 Lake Road - Apartment 210
Rocky River, Ohio 44116
Telephone: 216/333-5723

Robert Stern
16403 Lucille Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44111

Another couple may be added in the near future for this committee.

* * * * * AUGUST 1990 * * * * *

* 69th INFANTRY DIVISION * * * * *

* ASSOCIATION * * * * *

* 43rd ANNUAL REUNION * * * * *

* Valley Forge Area of Pennsylvania * * * * *

Committee:

Dan and Helen Evers, Chairpersons

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Brookhaven, Pennsylvania 19015
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MINI WEEKEND GROUPS — Follow the steps of the Tri-State group and get your events in early. At least a year or better so that you can be recognized in at least two Bulletins before your weekend. We only publish three Bulletins a year. Also members wanting to have a Division Association week long Reunion, get your proposals in at Denver. We need to pick at least two sites this year so that we can stay three years in advance of our Reunions. New Orleans, Kansas City, and Toledo would like to have us in 1991 and 1992. We need committee members from all three areas.



"Taps"

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General Charles L. Bolte

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Alexandria, Virginia
Div. Hq.

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Jenison, Michigan
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Mullica Hill, New Jersey
F-271st

"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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Don't know who the men are but possibly someone can let us know.

Of most importance in this issue of the Bulletin is your registration sheet going to **Bob Kurtzman** and room reservation sheet going to the Denver Marriott Southeast. Do take care of this business immediately for it is better to sign in now and cancel later if need be. Waiting until the last minute might be too late since there is a cut-off date of July 30, 1989. Then it becomes a problem of room availability and possibly too late to get on the tours. The committee just can't wait till the last minute to line up buses for our convenience. Give **Dutch** and committee a break by doing your part now while it is fresh in your mind.

**REGISTER EARLY FOR ACTIVITIES
SEND FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS NOW.**