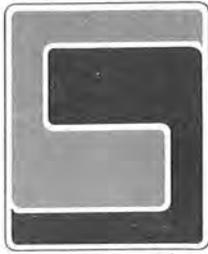


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Dear Earl and Clarence,

I certainly appreciate being kept in touch with everyone there. Just to be sure that I am up to date on my dues, I am sending \$50.00 which can be used to pay the next five years or four years, or whatever you charge at that time for dues.

Reading through this huge bulletin, I can only congratulate you both on a monumental job well done. In my days when I struggled to get to the fifty states, or at least the forty-eight states at that time, we did everything we could to expose the division to publicity. I feel that you two have done a job that is obviously breathtaking, seeing how it has grown so under the devotion of those who were in control.

It's been years since I have been to a reunion but what with my current plans, I hope I can attend the next one.

Looking at the list of Past Presidents, I was shocked to see that I am now the oldest living President (Past) but years have passed and I guess where most division associations deteriorate and by death, lose its membership, yours has increased astronomically.

Sherman S. Lawrence

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# News From The Editor's Desk



by — Clarence Marshall  
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**John Moriarty**, P.O. Box 393, Holden, Massachusetts 01520 — 69th M.P.: **Earl** called me to inform me of the passing of a dear friend and Past President, **Cliff Ewing**. He also let me know of your recent hospitalization. It must have been a real hurt not to be able to make the Reunion at Denver. You were missed, and it was not the same without you. I had expected my old **Lieutenant Lamar Williams** to attend as he and his wife were planning on being there. His wife developed some physical problems which needed attention, so they had to cancel their plans. **Carl Miller**, **Joe Kennedy**, and myself were the three M.P.s in attendance. We also missed **Jim Moody**, and I will have to write and inquire about him. Denver was a great Reunion as everything went just right. I am looking forward to Valley Forge, hoping that there will be a lot more first timers. Take care, and I wish you the best.

**James A. Walsh**, 220 Oxford Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06105 — B-271st: I had a phone call from **Sergeant Younglas**, and he informed me that you were the one to contact in regards to joining the 69th Infantry Division Association. I was a member of the First Platoon, Company B, 271st Infantry. I am interested in joining the Association, and would appreciate you sending me the information to do so.

**Joseph Conner**, 3171 Dallas Road, S.W., Marietta, Georgia 30064 — C-881st: My wife and I had a wonderful time at the Reunion in Denver. It was nice to renew old friendships, and to meet new people from other branches of the Division. We are already looking forward to Valley Forge. On my way back home I relocated another former member of C-Battery, 881st Field Artillery. He is **H. M. Milstead** of Bolivar, Tennessee. He was not aware of the Association, nor the reunions that are held each year. Please add him to the mailing list so that he will be informed about future activities.

**Charles Yannul**, 927 West Browning Road, Bellmawr, New Jersey 08031 — C-661st: In mid-September of last year we went on vacation to Cape Cod with **Al** and **Rita Blain**. **Al** and I didn't know each other during our service days, but met many years ago at a Virginia Beach reunion. He had served in the Infantry, and I was with the T.D.s. **Al** suggested that we wear our 69th jackets, and within an hour or two, we met up with another ex-69er. He was **Ken Reynolds** of Narragansett, Rhode Island. It was a doorway meeting and I regret that we didn't have more time to talk. He served with the 271st Regiment. In my home town I ran into a fellow on

the street who was wearing a pin like the T.D.s. Talking with him I found out that he trained cadre at Camp Hood, and then was transferred into the 69th Division. He is **Tom Watson** of here in Bellmawr, and served with E-273rd. Moral of this is always show your colors, whether it be a cap, jacket, shoulder patch or decal.

**Joseph Shepherd**, 828 Rebecca Place, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07201 — G-273rd: I am taking this opportunity to thank you for the publishing of our photos taken at Camp Shelby, Mississippi in 1944. My son, **Thomas**, who was in the Vietnam War with the 101st Airborne, got a kick out of seeing me and my buddies from Company G, 273rd. I can only say that our bulletin is one of the finest. It lets us know what is happening with all of our buddies. You are all to be congratulated on the fine job that you are doing, and please keep up the good work. I didn't send out any Christmas cards to my 69th buddies in 1989 due to the following. On May 4th I lost my wife of 45 years, and of course, this Christmas the lights seemed a little dimmer. This way many of you will know, and I hope understand. I am enclosing a check for my dues and a contribution to the Monument Fund. Continue to keep up your wonderful work.

**Murray Zyne**, 5876-B Areca Palm Court, Delray Beach, Florida 33484 — Div. Hq.: I guess I was one of the very fortunate G.I.'s in the 69th Division to be associated with **Major Henry Bach**. We were both in at activation in Camp Shelby. From that day till the day he died of Lou Gehrig's disease, we kept in touch even though we were worlds apart; he in California and I in Florida. For those of you who may have forgotten, **Major Bach** was the Division Special Service Officer. A great Officer, and a wonderful human being. He left a loving wife, **Grace**, 2 daughters and grandchildren. We will all miss him. He had stayed in the reserves and had been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

**John E. Reynolds**, Route 1, Box 189, Longville, Minnesota 56655 — Div. Hq. & Hq. Co.: A photo which appeared on Page 18 of last summer's bulletin was taken at a 3 acre estate outside of Leipzig. The mansion had three floors with an elevator. The Junior Officers Mess was located here. Pictured are **Jack Duffy** and **Mickey Pakan**, whom I believe was from Rawway, New Jersey. We had a Polish D.P. with us, whom **Mickey** had picked up near Schmidheim. His name was **Steve Belinski**. We took him with us when we were transferred to the 29th Division at Bremen. This was when the 69th Division was being deployed. I have more pictures somewhere, and if I can find them, I will send a couple in. I would like to offer a day or so of fishing to any of the old 69th Boys if they ever get up in my neck of the woods. I wish the best of health and long life to all.

**Martin Murphy**, 95 Minerva Drive, Yonkers, New York 10710 — I-272nd: Thank you for all of the information that you sent, but I am sorry to say that I don't know anyone on the new roster. I wish that I was not transferred out of the 69th, but that is water under the bridge. I would like to get to Valley Forge for one day to meet the former members of I-272nd. I have ulcers, so I have to be careful with what I eat, but I guess at 80 it could be worse. Enclosed are my dues, and even though I have never forgave the 69th for breaking up the Division, I am sending a slight donation for the Monument. You are doing a great job in keeping the 69th Association alive.

**Harold F. Wepler**, 912 Main Street, Genoa, Ohio 43430 — C-724th: I was with the 69th until it was shipped back to the states. At that time, I was transferred to the 29th Division which was stationed in Northern Germany. Over the years, I was never aware that there was a Division Association. I got your address from **John Fish**, and would like to join and be a member.

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## NEWS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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**Francis Breyette**, 1137 Orkla Drive, Golden Valley, Minnesota 55427 — Hq. 461st AAA: It is again time to report the passing of a valued friend and comrade. During the last week of September, **Bill Haden** passed away from a long bout with a respiratory disease. **Bill** was able to make only the first of our reunions in the Roanoke-Salem, Virginia area. I was a First Sergeant, Headquarters with the newly formed 461st AAA, in the late summer of 1942, when **Bill** was received along with the rest of our new men. It did not take long to see that this man had special qualities and would be a leader of men. When he did earn his stripes, he made an excellent sergeant and was a credit to both his men and his country. His training included some 10 months at Camp Haan, California and the Mojave Desert just off Death Valley. This was followed by our cruise to England, and a full year of training there, which prepared us as well as could be expected for the Normandy Invasion over Omaha Red Beach.

I won a Battlefield Commission during the Battle of the Bulge, and joined the 2nd Platoon of Battery C-461st. Not long after, I became its Platoon Commander and **Bill** then won a Battlefield Commission and was assigned to my Platoon as Assistant Platoon Commander. I couldn't have been more pleased, as **Bill** and I knew each other like a book, so no necessity in getting used to a new Officer. I believe this was probably the only Platoon in the Army in which both Officers were Battlefield Commissioned. As **Charlie Goodwin**, another of our sergeants with a Battlefield Commission said to me at a recent reunion, "If you were in a tight spot and could only have one man pray, that it would be **Bill**." At the same time "Thank God" that he was not on the other side facing you. **Bill** was held in the highest esteem by all of those who served with him and under him.

**William P. Higgins**, 676 North 57th Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska — B-272nd: I am pleased to learn even at this late date of the 69th Division Association. I am looking forward to receiving the News Bulletin, and hope to attend one of the future annual reunions.

**Mrs. Norman Allen**, N. 850 Lyndon Road, Lyndon Station, Wisconsin 53944: Just a line to let you know that **Norm** had a stroke on October 3rd. We had just moved to our new log house in Wisconsin three months earlier. He was in the Madison Hospital for 2 weeks, and then was an in-patient at a Rehab Center for 6 weeks. He had 4 more weeks of outpatient therapy. He has made a lot of progress but not enough to suit him. He has started to walk alone, but has little use of his left arm. He would like to hear from any of his old buddies. He is praying that we can make the next reunion.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: *Norman Allen's Unit was F-272nd.*)

**William Bolinsky**, 111 Lawnton Road, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401 — L-273rd: I am an ex-member of the 69th Infantry Division. I would like to be placed on your mailing list, and receive information about dues and joining the Association. I came into the Division in July of 1944, went overseas with it, and was with it until it was deployed for return to the States in 1945. At that time, I was transferred to another Unit and was discharged in May of 1946.

**Charles Hahm**, 24 Woodhail Street, Lido Beach, New York 11561 — Hq. 273rd: I was in the Wire Section of Headquarters Company, 273rd Infantry Regiment. I lost contact with the 69th Infantry Division Association many years ago. Until recently, I didn't realize that the organization still existed. I would appreciate the opportunity of becoming a member. Please send me an application and any other information needed to join.

**Norman Barratt**, 666 Barneson Avenue, San Mateo, California 94402 — Hq. 273rd: During World War II I served with Headquarters Company, 273rd Infantry Regiment, 69th Division. I joined the Division in February of 1944 at Camp Shelby and went all the way through the War with it, until I was transferred to the 29th in August of 1945. I respectfully request that you send me the appropriate information to join the Association, and be placed on your mailing list. A mutual friend of mine, **Robert Robbins** of Seaside, California, gave me his copy of your News Bulletin, Volume 42, Number 3. On Page 31 at the top of the page is a picture of 15 members of the Company. I don't recognize any of the names today. I would have been at the reunion in Denver if I had known about it sooner. Are there any Chapters in the San Francisco Bay area?

**John Hattala**, 103 Roland Avenue, Box 17151, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29303 — B-271st: **Tom Hancock** advised me to join your Association so that I could receive your News Bulletin, which would keep me advised of the activities of my former Division. I will look forward to hearing from you. At present, I am in Afton, Missouri with my son who had a double lung transplant. He is doing wonderfully well, thank the Lord and the wonderful doctors and nurses in St. Louis.

**James Curran**, 1717 Anna Street, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania 17070 — K-271st: Sometime in late June of 1945, the C.O. called me in and advised us that there was going to be a Regimental track meet, and we were told to prepare a suitable field. We told a local East German farmer that we were taking one of his fields and we set it up for the track and field events. After completion, I thought it might be proper to name the site for my good buddy, **Platoon Sergeant John Mixer**, who had been killed in action in the middle of April. **John** was one of the first to be drafted from Kansas City, Missouri, and served in the Horse Cavalry for a couple of years. He joined Company K the same day as I did in the Spring of 1944 from the Pre-Activation Cadet program. After 44 years, I can still say that **John Mixer** was the closest guy I have ever known in the service or out.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: *Photo from Mr. Curran appears elsewhere in this issue.*)

**Louis Ambrozy**, 12250 Sprague Road, Parma, Ohio 44130 — A-273rd: I was in Camp Shelby with Company A, 273rd from May 15, 1943 till April 1944. You mentioned the names of **Ray Fahrner** and **Pierce Rice**. I do remember a **Rice**, as a matter of fact, he signed my autograph book and drew a sketch of me as a B.A.R. man. I have been looking for that autograph book for some time, as it had a lot of names and addresses in it. I haven't had any luck.

I haven't had any contact with former members from the Company since I saw **Joseph Martin** in 1946. He was from Elizabeth, New Jersey, as was **Fred McCauley** who was a Corporal in the Company. Listed are some names that I remember, but whom I have never had any contact with. (**Mr. Ambrozy** listed 20 names, none of whom were on our Association Roster.) We had two men in the Company who were around 39 years old and should never have been drafted. One of them was made permanent Latrine Sergeant. I would write to the fellows that I have listed, if someone could come up with addresses for them.

**Mrs. Catherine Radonic**, P.O. Box 293, South Casco, Maine 04077: Sadly, my husband, **Edward J. Radonic**, who was Company Clerk for the 272nd Medical Detachment, passed away on October 24th after suffering a stroke. He kept in touch with his Army buddies, and three of them attended his Memorial Mass. While the War years were rough, we also

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had some good memories. I lived in Hattiesburg while my husband was in Shelby. My son was born a few weeks after the 69th Division left the States for England. I was pleasantly surprised to get a call from Murry Galuten's wife Iris. She told me that the boys had taken up a collection to buy the baby a gift. She sent a beautiful high chair for him. The "baby" sent a V-Mail thank you note to the boys.

Recently Ray Strauss sent Ed a photo he had taken in England of Ed and his brother Pete, who was stationed in England with another Division at the time. They got to see each other two other times while they were overseas. It will be sad for me to see Ed's name under Taps, but we had 47 good years together.

LeVerne Loveland, 517 Rosewood Terrace, Linden, New Jersey 07036 — G-271st: It has been 46 years since I arrived at Camp Shelby for my basic training with "The Fighting 69th Division," but most of those memories have been indelibly set in my mind. I have been receiving the Association publication since it began, which I have appreciated very much, and enclosed is my check for \$100 to help offset the cost for its printing and mailing.

I arrived at Shelby in April of 1943 and trained there until about May of 1944, when I was shipped out for overseas duty in the E.T.O. In July of 1944, I was on the front lines in Normandy assigned as a rifleman in the 90th Infantry Division. That was just before the break out of the Caen-St. Lo area. I remained with the 90th until being wounded in March of 1945. Since my combat duty was with the 90th, I always felt more strongly attached to them, so I let my interest with the 69th wane. However, your publication has kept me informed about many of the great soldiers responsible for my training, and my good buddies in Company G, to name a few: Sergeant Jensen, Corporal Quickle, Sergeant Bigelow, Fernandez, Plugge, Corporal Giglietta, Spurrier, Salas, Minnick and Curran. So many fine men, and every once in a while, more names and memories come to mind. Like the March to the Sea (Biloxi and Gulfport).

The 69th was always referred to as the Three B's, but we always knew it as the 4 B's. I pray for the men and women and their families who had to pay with their lives, and for all those who suffered serious wounds which are a continual reminder of the War. Also for the innocent people who suffered so much which made War the only answer. Fortunately, most of the World Powers have come to realize that War is not the answer, but sitting down and discussing a disagreement can resolve problems. Neighbors and countries will always have disagreements, but we don't need the money-making munition businesses in the background needling the opponents. Education about the devastation of War is the answer for civilized and primitive people, but until that is learned, everyone is security conscious and untrusting. Remember the days when we didn't have to lock our doors, or secure our borders? I hope in our lifetime, those days will return.

John P. Penny, 7804 Park Avenue, Skokie, Illinois 60077 — I-273rd: In reading Bulletin Volume 43, Number 1, I noticed the name of Kenneth Carner, A-273rd, had attended the Reunion, and that he was from California. What intrigued me was the name of his guest. Lee Ascue. Many years ago, I worked with a Conrad Ascue in the Chicago area, as we were both with Norcross Greeting Cards at the time. His wife's name was Lee. We visited them in California, and then Connie passed away. Could it be possible that this is the same Lee who's husband once worked with me?

I joined the 69th in 1944 at Camp Shelby and was with it till the break-up, when I was transferred to the 29th Division. Joining the 69th with me was a John Rudloff, who I think was assigned to A-273rd. He was either from East Liverpool or East Palestine, Ohio. If anyone has any information on him, I would be grateful. He may not have ever been a member of the Association. While at the Denver Reunion and visiting with former buddies from I-273rd, I learned that a Bob Rogers lives in Rockford, Illinois which is about 70 miles northwest of Chicago. We are going to have lunch together.

Harold L. Capps, #2 Meadowlark Lane, Hendersonville, North Carolina 28792 — B-272nd: Enclosed is my check for membership renewal and a donation for the postage fund. Your bulletin had me listed as a new member, but actually I am a reinstated member. I was a charter member under General Reinhardt. If you have membership rosters that far back, you will find me listed there. I still have my charter member lapel button.

I have sent information for the Division History Book and am eagerly awaiting publication and delivery. I have the Pictorial History that was printed in Germany, and the 272nd Regimental History, with pictures and rosters of all of its Units in 1945. I wonder if anyone knows what happened to Colonel Buie. (Mr. Capps was advised that Colonel Buie is deceased.) I often wonder how many and whom stayed in the Military Service like I did. Maybe the new history will answer that partly.

I am still working for a living and won't be able to attend any of the reunions for some time yet. I will be thinking of those who do, and wish them a successful and happy one. I notice that one of the places of visit on the European Tour will be the Kassel, Germany area. I was stationed there until August of 1946 with the 533rd Ordnance HAM (Tank) Company. Boy, do I wish that I could join the tour.

I have recently traded cars and I could use a couple more of your decals. Best of luck and health to you and the Association.

Bill Sargeant, 600 Graceland Place, Westfield, New Jersey 07090 — 569th Sig.: It sure has been a long time since the first reunions in New York City. Sure hope to make the one this year. There has been a lot of water over the dam since those days. Hoping to see many of my old buddies at this one.

John W. Turner, P.O. Box 1645, Decatur, Georgia 30031 — C-724th: I have received a new address for James Newcombe. He and his wife moved from Anchorage, Alaska to Oregon City, Oregon, and you may already have this information. He was our first Battery Commander in Camp Shelby, and while we were still there he was transferred to S-2 of Headquarters Battery. In November, I had cataract surgery and a lens implant on my right eye. My wife had a surgical implant of a pacemaker also in November. We are both doing well. Hope the same goes for each and everyone of you.

Victor Ostrow, 1612 Lemontree Lane, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904 — Hq., 2nd Bn., 273rd: Sorry about not sending you the address for Robert Hespenshide. He served as a company truck driver in our Unit, and hauled supplies and troops to the front as we were advancing. It is always good to add a new member. Five members from our Company with our wives got together for a mini-reunion in Bethesda, Maryland. We had a great time rehashing old times, and it was amazing what you can remember after 45 years. We may have another meeting before the Valley Forge Reunion. Hope to see you as well as all of the other 69ers in August.

*(EDITOR'S NOTE: Pictures of their mini-reunion appear elsewhere in this issue.)*

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**James Carroll**, 207 Tanglewood, Levelland, Texas 79336 — A-273rd: Here is the information on **Raymond Haggerton**. He was in I-Company of the 272nd Regiment. He joined the 69th in France. He is now retired. I have been waiting to talk to him and get some additional information. He has been gone a good bit of the time since he called me. I hope that he will go on our trip back to Europe this Spring. You are doing a good job for us 69th members.

**Homer Rager**, 2469 28th Street, S.W., Akron, Ohio 44314 — G-273rd: Many times I get out the History Book of the 69th, or a bulletin, to review it and bring back old memories. Leipzig and Flack Hill were two of my most scary moments. I was within a stones throw of the Monument in the first wave at Leipzig. Gravel and shrapnel was being thrown all over us, but we managed to survive unscratched. Made you grow up fast, get old quick, and remember always.

I don't see how you can keep up with all of the news and gossip that makes up such a fine bulletin. You must have a memory like a computer. I can't wait until it arrives, and I always go over it a second time, as it sinks in better. I hope to see you at the Tri-State Spring meeting, if my legs hold out after all the winter inactivity. I receive a lot of mail and have a lot of answering to do. Wish everyone the best for this, the New Year and decade.

**Paul C. Winters**, 130 Union Road, Coatesville, Pennsylvania 19320 — 272nd: As a former member of the 69th Infantry Division during World War II, I would like information on becoming a member of the Association. I was an infantryman and served with the 272nd Infantry Regiment. Thanking you in advance, I will await any information that you may provide me.

**Raymond Norris**, 642 Law Street, Aberdeen, Maryland 21001 — F-271st: I missed the 69th Infantry Division Reunion last year, but hope to make the next one. I served with Company F, 271st from 1943 to 1945. I remained in the Army and retired in 1968 as Command Sergeant Major. My home of record prior to entering the service was Everett, Pennsylvania. I served with a **Sergeant Peterson** from New Kensington.

**Dr. Robert Ross**, 460 West 34th Street, New York, New York 10001: I have learned from the American Legion that the 69th Division held a reunion in August 1989. As a former member of that outfit, I am interested in getting in touch with former colleagues, and would appreciate any information that you can provide. I would like to know what has happened since 1945.

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*Bill Robertson (right) and myself, (Allen Jackson), when he visited me in Pensacola, Florida last year. Bill is holding a photo of himself and the Russian Officer he met as the first official meeting at the Torgau "Link-Up." I am holding the photo I took of the 69th soldiers and Russians at Link-Up.*

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## Lucked Out

**Fred Fiedler**, Company I, 272nd, has the only Wisconsin plate (69DIV) like the one shown in the picture. As soon as he found out the state was doing this type of thing, for a couple of extra bucks, he jumped on the band wagon and won out. **Fred** didn't make Denver, but is saving his pennies for Valley Forge. Hope to see you and **Tom Yelcich** as first timers in August.



# President's Message



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Exit 9 on the Pennsylvania Turnpike

It's a New Year. We are in the 90's and I would imagine some of you, our members, are approaching that age. I would like to hear from you fellows with a little note and a picture of yourself. You may include your wife and family in the picture. Let's see who is the oldest, for we know who is the youngest. Our youngest is Charles L. Moore from North Canton, Ohio.

Dottie and I wish that you have all gotten over a very good holiday season of Christmas and New Year's and are now ready to take the 90's in good stride. The best way to start these 90's is to visit with your old buddies of 45 years ago and World War II friends. You can do that with many of us at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, August 12 through 19, 1990 at the Sheraton Valley Forge Hotel, North Gulph Road at First Avenue. This should be our biggest reunion ever, since it is in the East and the bulk of our membership is in the East.

We are hoping all the Southerners come north, the Mid-Westerners come east, and the Far-Westerners comes east for all we Easterners will be here waiting and ready to greet one and all.

If you can't come for the whole week, come for part of it. You don't want to miss this year's memorial service and dinner banquet dance on Saturday. I am expecting 1,200 members plus wives, so we should get a good 2,000 for our banquet. The committee, under the direction of Daniel Evers and Frank Nemeth, say they can handle you all, so do come. If we fill up the Sheraton, just next door is the Raddison and two others less than a block away. I think it's time for you mini-weekenders to visit the 69th Annual Reunion once. You do get enough publicity from the bulletins and once you try a reunion, you'll like it. Come visit me and Dottie on the top floor.

A member writes that we should have a lost name column in our bulletin. If a member sees a lost name member in the column in his area, he should try and get in touch with that lost name member. When contact is made, he can then send the name and correct address to our membership chairman, Clarence Marshall. This could be a good idea for we have a lot of members in these 50 states that really don't know we have a 69th Association. I'll check with Clarence to see if he wants to start this column and his idea on the subject. I am sure other members in the association are trying to relocate lost members from their unit, which could do us some good.

I have received word that our mailing service (Direct Mailing Service, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) has made a holiday contribution in the 69th Division Association name in support of Phipps Conservatory in Pittsburgh.

Received word from William Luzader who was planning on coming to the Lexington reunion, but had a serious heart attack in July which stopped those plans. He is also taking care of his 93 year old mother but still hopes some way he can make the Valley Forge reunion. He would like to have more news from the 777th in the bulletin. Bill, we just don't get that much news from 777th members. I do wish that every member and wife, while in good health, would make a reunion and not wait for just one more year.

I had another letter from a 777th member who read carefully the dues chart in the last bulletin and can't believe so many members don't pay dues. He likes the bulletins very much and feels these other members do too. I also looked over the chart and find myself reading that the poorer states are our best dues paying states. Our eastern production states with the most membership in the association are falling way back. Hopefully more members from these states will pay dues this year when they receive their dues notice and our list of 2,400 non paying dues members will drop considerably. You still want three bulletins and big ones a year, so the dues better come in, as costs keep going up. We don't want to fall back to two a year. Let me say, when you write a buddy about coming to the reunion, remind him to pay his dues. They aren't that expensive compared to other organizations. \$5.00 is only 42¢ a month and the \$10.00 contributory dues is only 83¢ a month. You save a penny a month paying the contributing dues, so let's get with it membership and start paying dues.

Of my committees, I only had three chairmen report for this bulletin. Frederick Collet reports he will contact his nominating committee and come up with a good slate of ten or less directors at the Valley Forge reunion. I say less than ten because we normally have been picking only eight. Two units have not shown much interest for our association. We hope they will participate at our coming 1990 reunion. Jack Duffy is working hard with the Camp Shelby monument committee and I am sure they will have something suitable for the membership at Valley Forge. Membership members, your chance to make changes on the monument will be at Valley Forge so do come and give your ideas to the committee. Ray Fahrner expects he and his committee will have the 69th plaque at Freedoms Foundation in good shape when members of the 69th visit it.

You will see in other parts of this bulletin what the Valley Forge reunion committee has come up with for your enjoyment in August. Do respond quickly to the Sheraton room reservations and also to Robert Kurtzman, our Treasurer, on what activities you plan on taking in. Remember, a one day deposit is expected at the Sheraton and you should send your check with the activities page. Without a check, you could be put on the tail end of the list. The committee needs to know what you plan on doing and the money with it so that deposits can be made when required to pay them. Buses, tickets for the tours, and many other items must be paid for ahead of reunion time. Remember, if an emergency comes up, you will get a refund from the division and hotel with a 72 hour notice. I'll have to believe that my other committees are not functioning at this time.

I look forward to August hoping to see a lot of new faces in first timers, a lot of old faces from members who haven't been to a reunion in some many years, and naturally, all the regular faces that are seen each year. This combination of faces makes the reunions, for if you did not show, we would not have a reunion. I am sure we should have over 1,000 this year. From what I know, you'll want to be at Valley Forge this year.

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*(Continued from Page 7)*

I have just been told if you fly into Philadelphia airport to look for the Liberty Cab or Van. There is a phone at all the baggage stations where you can call them. They should have a 69th emblem somewhere on the vehicle. As of this date their price to the Sheraton and Valley Forge area is \$11.00 to 69ers. This is much cheaper than if you take a limo. The 82nd used them last year when at the same hotel. Check it out, you'll save some money.

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# 1989-1991 Appointed Committees

The President is on all committees. Please keep him informed. All committee chairmen should send a postcard or letter to **President Earl Witzleb** one week before each bulletin deadline stating the condition of his committee even if it should say "No Report At This Time." It is the responsibility of all committee members to attend at least the next two reunions.

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## ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO COMMITTEES

### HEAD CHAPLAIN

**William Snidow, Chairman**  
Member: 661st Tank Destroyers  
Route 1, Box 303  
Pembroke, Virginia 24136  
Telephone: 703/626-3557

### PAST PRESIDENTS' SPOKESMAN

**William Foster, Jr., (Immediate Past President), Chairman**  
Member: 269th Engineers  
803 Elkwood Drive  
New Cumberland, Pennsylvania 17070  
Telephone: 717/774-2396      717/774-0870

**George Gallagher, Assistant Chairman**  
Member: 69th M.P. and Q.M.  
7013 El Torro Street, Spanish Trails  
Zephyrhills, Florida 33541  
Telephone: 813/788-5924

**William Matlach, Assistant Chairman**  
Member: Company E, 273rd Infantry  
19 Barberrry Road  
West Islip, New York 11795  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

### CAMP SHELBY MONUMENT MEMORIAL

#### TWO ADDITIONS

**Guy N. Rogers, Co-Assistant Chairman**  
Member: Division Headquarters  
Hampton House  
639 North Pointe Parkway  
Jackson, Mississippi 39211  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pierce Rice**  
Member: Company A, 273rd Infantry  
2106 South Fifth Street  
Arlington, Virginia 22204  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1991 REUNION, BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

#### ONE ADDITION

**Jack Duffy, Monument Advisor Chairman**  
28 Cypress Street  
Rochester, New York 14620-2306  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Eliminate from Page 8 of the last Bulletin

#### SOUVENIRS: William C. Sheavly, Chairman

I have accepted, with deepest regrets, the resignation of **William "Bill" and Reba Sheavly** as our Souvenir spokespersons for the past ten years. I am now open from the membership for some member or members to fill this vacancy. Hopefully, **Frank Nemeth**, our Secretary and Co-Chairman of this year's reunion, will handle some souvenirs for the King of Prussia (Valley Forge) Reunion. He will be getting in touch with **Bill Sheavly**.

#### Change on Page 9 of the last Bulletin

Column two under **William Matlach's** name. Change his home town from West Isllys, New York to West Islip, New York 11795.

#### Change on Pages 10 and 12 of the last Bulletin

Where you see **John Duffy**, change his name to **Jack Duffy**. He says a john is what you sit on and he doesn't want to be addressed as Hi Jack. A little humor which we all need so we'll just say hello **Jack** or **Dear Jack**. I'm sure he doesn't want to be called **Mr. Duffy** or **Mr. Jack Duffy**.

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# Amendment to the By-Laws Approved

**At the General Membership Meeting of the 69th Infantry Division Association, Inc., held in Lexington, the following Amendment to the By-Laws was approved.**

#### ARTICLE 2, SECTION 2 (NOMINATING COMMITTEE)

This Committee shall report to the reunion its recommendations for the Officers and Board Members of the Association for the ensuing term. Each annual class of the Board of Directors beginning its third year in office shall become the Nominating Committee for a term of one year terminating at the conclusion of the Annual General Membership Meeting of the 69th Infantry Division Association. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall commence with the following units and shall follow in chronological order. If the designated Chairman of the Nominating Committee is not in attendance, the Chairmanship shall pass to the next Unit in order until filled.

1. 269th Combat Engineers
2. 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion
3. 777th Tank Battalion
4. 369th Medical Battalion
5. 461st A.A.A.
6. 271st Infantry Regiment
7. 272nd Infantry Regiment
8. 273rd Infantry Regiment
9. Division Artillery - Consisting of: 724th F.A. Battalion, 879th F.A. Battalion, 880th F.A. Battalion, 881st F.A. Battalion, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery.
10. Special Troops - Consisting of: Division Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 69th Division Band, 69th M.P.s, 69th Recon, 569th Signal Company, 769th Ordnance and 69th Quartermaster Company

# Treasurer's Message



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

So far 1989-90 has been a very good year as we have surpassed last year's total with 2168 paying dues as of January 31st, an increase of 140. Postage donations have already tied the 720 for all of last year and those paying for the first time, either because they are new members or just neglected to pay, have surpassed all of last year. Perhaps the note from last year stating that no dues from 2400 for the last six months has helped, as quite a few have now started to pay. You may not know, but the Board of Directors wants those removed from the roster who do not pay dues; few wish your names to remain, so you better take heed or the Directors may win out.

The 1990 Reunion at Valley Forge has been all taken care of as you will note in the centerfold and it looks like a good time should be had by all. We're looking for a good turnout from the East and hope to set a new record for attendance.

Please get your reservations in early to both the hotel and to me for the activities, and please do pay in advance or you could be denied your choices and seating with your friends, as once the seating arrangements are made up, they cannot be changed to satisfy one person or two.

Although the past six months have been pretty rough on Vivian and I due to the loss of Bob, Jr., we do plan to visit as many of the mini-reunions that we can find time for and look forward to seeing you all again at Valley Forge.

Since your Treasurer is also on the Camp Shelby Memorial Committee and the Biloxi Reunion in 1991, I wish to inform you that both events are coming along nicely and a full report will be made at the Valley Forge Reunion.

Hope this finds you all in the best of health and that you have put a little cash away and are packing your bags to head for Valley Forge. I'm always looking for more dues and reservations for reunions, so get them in as I look forward to your notes.

**Robert J. Kurtzman, Sr.**  
*Treasurer*

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## LOVING THANKS

Vivian and I wish to thank all our 69th friends who were aware of our son Bob, Jr.'s illness and offered your concern and prayers for his recovery.

Bob, Jr. passed away January 16th, thus ending a seventeen year struggle with lymphatic cancer.

We know the Good Lord has provided a better place for him free from all pain and suffering.

Again, thanks for all your prayers, cards, phone calls and letters and the gifts to Bob and his family. We are forever grateful to our 69th friends.

**Bob and Vivian Kurtzman, Sr.**

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## Camp Shelby Memorial

Although Jack Duffy will have a report on the progress of our proposed Camp Shelby Memorial, I wish to make a report on the donations and solicit your support.

To date, 98 members and widows have made contributions. I did not make a plea on the dues notices, but plan to have a space on the Valley Forge registration form for all who wish to contribute to the Memorial.

I plan to have a listing of all those who donated placed in the Camp Shelby Museum. There will be no monetary amount mentioned.

To date, Jack Duffy has done a fine job on the design of the Memorial and it will be one that we can all be very proud of.

You can either send your contribution directly to me or else add it to your Valley Forge registration form and I will see that it is added to the Memorial Fund.

**Robert J. Kurtzman, Sr.**  
*Treasurer*

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## David Honored As Hall of Valor Hero

Lawrence D. David, a West Mifflin resident, has been added to the heroes honored in the Hall of Valor of Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall museum. David received the Silver Star award during World War II when he was a Private First Class in the Medical Department of the United States Army's 69th Infantry Division. He crawled forward under murderous machine gun fire to rescue the commander of a rifle company, who was seriously wounded in an armored infantry attack on Leipzig, Germany, April 18, 1945. After treating many others, his platoon was cut off, and he crossed a 75-yard street under intense sniper cross-fires to rejoin his unit to administer additional sorely needed aid.

The Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall's building/museum is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on weekends.

NOTE: Lawrence D. David lives at 1025 Huston Drive, West Mifflin, Pennsylvania 15122. He was in Company F and the Medic of the 273rd Infantry. Thanks to Neil Shields, Apartment 3, 5262 Keepport Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15236, we are able to share this write-up with you the members of the 69th Infantry Division Association.

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**IN SYMPATHY**  
*God be with you,  
 Robert and Vivian Kurtzman, Sr.  
 and Family, in your sorrow of the  
 passing of your son, brother  
 and husband in January, to be  
 with our Lord and Saviour in Heaven.*

# Last 14 Presidents of the 69th Infantry Division Assn.

Pictures furnished by Chet Yastrzemski



1. Earl and Dottie Witzleb, Jr.



2. Bill and Betty Foster



3. Bill and Jo Beswick



4. George and Vickie Gallagher



5. Walt and Ann Doernbach



6. Robert Myers



7. John Moriarty and Jo Ann



8. Stanley and Wanda Olszewski

# Last 14 Presidents of the 69th Infantry Division Assn.

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9. Al and Edith Carbonari



10. George and Agnes Phillips



11. Sam and Anne Woolf



12. Bill and Jane Matlach



13. Harold and Dorothy Starry



14. Loar and Adelle Quickle

# SHERATON-VALLEY FORGE HOTEL REUNION SITE

One of the finest hotels on the East Coast and very easy to get to. You can see it off the Pennsylvania Turnpike at Exit #24. The vast majority of the 486 guest rooms feature balconies overlooking the rolling hills and meadows of the surrounding countryside and Valley Forge National Park. It has the largest Convention Center in the east and we won't have to leave the hotel to attend the banquet or PX party.

Come in early to be sure and make the first tour on Tuesday, August 14th, to historic Philadelphia/Valley Forge National Park. Walk in the footsteps of our Founding Fathers as we visit the most historic square mile in the United States of America. Among the sites we visit are Carpenters Hall - the meeting place of the First Continental Congress, Second Bank Portrait Gallery, Independence Hall, Congress Hall, Liberty Bell, Betsy Ross House, Elfreth's Alley, Christ Church, Franklin Court.

At mid-day, we stop for a delicious sitdown lunch at the historic Bistro Romano site on Society Hill. We exit the city along the Champs Elysee of America, the Ben Franklin Parkway, passing cultural Philadelphia and Boat House Row. Enroute to the hotel, we stop at Valley Forge Park.

The casino tour, Wednesday, August 15th, will be an all day one, touring the Atlantic City casinos with a return package of coins and food voucher to be determined by the casinos for that time of year.

The Brandywine Valley tour is on Thursday, August 16th, and we will explore three centuries of American History as we travel through the Brandywine Valley. Our first stop is a guided tour of the Brandywine River Museum to see Three

Generations of Wyeth Art exhibited in one of the few remaining gristmills, a silent reminder of the Birth of The American Industrial Revolution. Following our tour, we explore Andrew Wyeth's Chadds Ford World passing the site of the Battle of Brandywine, during the American Revolution. Next, we visit one of the finest horticultural wonders of the world, Longwood Gardens. This magnificent garden and conservatory is just one of the many legacies left by the DuPont Dynasty. Lunch on your own at the Longwood Cafeteria.

The Early Bird Dinner will be a sitdown dinner and musical show at the fabulous "Lily Langtry's" which is located right in the hotel and just off the lobby and will seat 500 people. It will be a night to be remembered and recommended for all to see and enjoy.

On Friday, August 17th, we have the Golf Tournament and shopping for the ladies who wish to at the King of Prussia Mall, with a shuttle bus to carry you to and from the beautiful mall. Then at 9:00 P.M. will be PX night in the hotel.

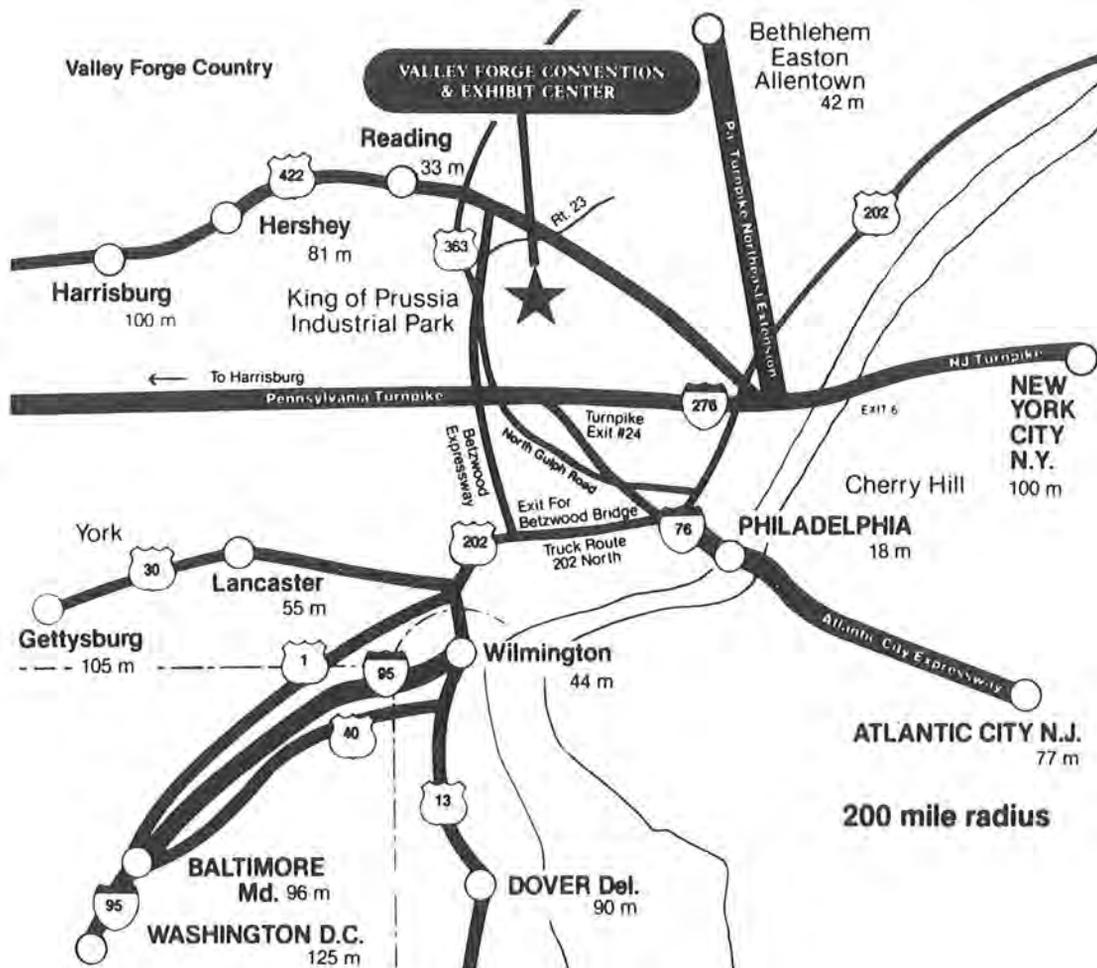
Saturday, August 18th, we'll have the Men's and Ladies' Meetings in the morning and the Banquet in the evening.

On Sunday, August 19th, there will be a Farewell Brunch at Lily Langtry's.

All in all, it will be a fun week with a lot to see and enjoy and one you'll always remember. So, try to get there early in the week so you will be sure to make the first tour on Tuesday.

**SEE YOU ALL THERE!!**

Chairpersons,  
Dan Evers and Frank Nemeth



# Former Members of G Company, 273rd Infantry



*Former Members of G Company, 273rd in Grimma, Germany*



*V.E. Day Salute in Klinga, Germany*



*Can anyone help with the names of these men? Those know are:  
Strick, Parrish and Gutman*

*Pictures furnished by Homer Rager*



*Unknown Medic of G-273rd*



*Pfc. Russie & Sgt. Parrish on Patrol*



*James West at road block in Germany.*

# Annual Meeting of Officers and Board of Directors 69th Infantry Division Assn. August 25, 1989 Denver, Colorado

President Foster called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m. with 23 Board Members present. Invocation was given by Co-Chaplain William Snidow. Pledge of Allegiance by all Board Members.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** — Minutes of Lexington were not read since all Board Members received written minutes and it was also published in the Bulletin. No questions on minutes. Motion Dan Evers, seconded Al Francavilla, and so carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** — Bob Kurtzman passed out the financial report and explained same. Motion Al Faison, seconded and so carried.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT** — Tony Keller stated the Treasurer's report as read is correct and agrees with the book and agrees with the bank. Motion Dan Evers, seconded and so carried.

**OVERSEAS FLOWER FUND** — Secretary reported that after this year's decoration of graves, there is \$503.68 left in the fund. Motion Dan Evers, seconded Bill Beswick.

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE** — Scholarship Chairman Bob Kurtzman reported the scholarship program is winding down nicely with eight more payments and will deplete in 1991. Motion to accept report, seconded and so carried.

**REUNION REPORT** — Dutch Hawn not present at this time.

**FUTURE REUNION SITES** — Chairman Earl Witzleb reported it is harder to find people who will host a reunion. The committee met and recommended that the 1991 Reunion be held in Biloxi, Mississippi. Motion Al Faison to hold reunion in Biloxi, Mississippi in 1991, seconded and so carried.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** — Chairman Fred Avery gave the recommendations of his committee. They recommended the following slate of officers and board members: President, Earl E. Witzleb; Vice-President, Chalmer Pearson; Secretary, Frank Nemeth; Treasurer, Bob Kurtzman; Board of Directors 1991-1992: Special Troops, Keith Curtis; 271st Infantry, Cliff Barbieri; 272nd Infantry, Harold Ruck; 273rd Infantry, Robert Haag; Divarty, Paul Thomas; 269th Engineers, Frank Sullivan; 661st Tank Destroyers, Bill Beswick; 777th Tank Destroyers, Jack Loudon; 461st AAA, Open; 369th Medical Battalion, Open. Motion Dan Evers, seconded Douglas Hall and so carried.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** — Report tomorrow by Paul Shadle.

**OLD BUSINESS** — A long discussion concerning the History Book was heard. Motion Frank See, seconded Al Francavilla that a committee be formed to talk over with Turner Publishing Company the details of the History Book and report to the General Membership. Committee members are Crandon Clark, Jim Eibling, Earl Witzleb, Bill Foster, James Herberson and so carried.

The monument being tabled at last year's meeting was discussed. Motion Bill Beswick, seconded Al Faison that we go ahead and erect a monument, and so carried.

Motion by Frank See, seconded Dan Evers, that a committee be selected by the President to handle the details of the monument and that a cap of \$7,000 be set, and so carried.

**NEW BUSINESS** — Motion by Frank See, seconded E. R. Sams that we give a one time honorarium to Clarence Marshall of \$2,500 to be presented to him at next year's reunion at the General Meeting and we absorb his future expenses, with a suitable plaque, and so carried.

Motion by Frank See, seconded Jim Eibling to find an assistant to learn the procedure Earl Witzleb and Clarence Marshall do regarding their duties. It should be someone living in the Pittsburgh area, and so carried.

Motion by Dan Evers, seconded Bill Beswick that the Secretary should be paid 1/2 room rate for the reunions.

Motion to adjourn by Frank See, seconded Tony Keller at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank C. Nemeth  
Executive Secretary

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# Annual Meeting of the General Membership 69th Infantry Division Assn. August 26, 1989 Denver, Colorado

President Bill Foster called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Invocation was given by Co-Chaplain William Snidow. Pledge of Allegiance by the membership.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** — Minutes of the meeting held at Lexington, Kentucky were read. Motion to accept by Phil Colombo, seconded Walt Doernbach, and so carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** — Bob Kurtzman gave a fine report on the monies and answered all the questions of the membership. Motion to accept Walt Doernbach, seconded Phil Colombo, and so carried.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT** — Tony Keller reported that all monies are in the right place and everything is in fine order. Motion to accept Walt Doernbach, seconded Pat Lushbaugh, and so carried.

**OVERSEAS FLOWER FUND** — Secretary reported on the graves overseas and stated we have \$503.68 in the fund at this time. Motion to accept Chalmer Pearson, seconded Bill Beswick.

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE** — Chairman Bob Kurtzman reported that he has actually 8 more payments to make for 1988, 2 more for 1989, 4 more for 1990. In 1991 we have 2 more which will close out the scholarship program. Motion to accept Fred Collet, seconded Sam Woolf, and so carried.

**RESOLUTIONS AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE** — Chairman Pat Lushbaugh reported. No requests, no action, no report.

**REUNION REPORT** — Chairman Dutch Hawn stated that everything is going along well and wished to thank all of his committee for all their help. Motion to accept Phil Colombo, seconded William Snidow, and so carried.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** — Due to the absence of Clarence Marshall, Paul Shadle reported 5,700 members on the roster at this time. Motion to accept Jack Duffy, seconded Jim Eibling, and so carried.

**BULLETIN REPORT** — Co-Editor Earl Witzleb spoke on putting out 3 bulletins in the future and asked everyone to keep sending in material to make a fine bulletin. Motion to accept Pat Lushbaugh, seconded Gaylord Thomas.

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**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
AUGUST 26, 1989, DENVER COLORADO  
(Continued from Page 14)**

President Foster asked all Past Presidents to stand and be recognized with 6 in attendance. First Timers were asked to stand with about 40 in attendance.

**FUTURE REUNION SITES** — Chairman Earl Witzleb stated that over the past few years we have been having trouble with no members coming up with new sites for our reunions. This year only one was proposed and that was Biloxi, Mississippi. Bob Kurtzman spoke on the Biloxi reunion for 1991. After much discussion on going to Biloxi, motion by Bill Beswick, seconded Walt Doernbach and so carried by a majority standing vote to have the reunion in Biloxi.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** — Chairman Fred Avery met with 6 members of his committee and came up with the following slate:

- President ..... Earl E. Witzleb, 273rd Infantry
- Vice-President ..... Chalmer Pearson, 272nd Infantry
- Secretary ..... Frank Nemeth, 269th Engineers
- Treasurer ..... Bob Kurtzman, 272nd Infantry

**Board of Directors for 1991-1992**

- Special Troops ..... Keith Curtis
- 271st Infantry ..... Cliff Barbieri
- 272nd Infantry ..... Harold Ruck
- 273rd Infantry ..... Robert Haag
- Divarty ..... Paul Thomas
- 269th Engineers ..... Frank Sullivan
- 661st Tank Destroyers ..... Bill Beswick
- 777th Tank Battalion ..... Jack Louden
- 461st AAA ..... Open
- 369th Medical Battalion ..... Open

Motion to close nominations and move the vote by Phil Colombo, seconded Walt Doernbach.

**OLD BUSINESS** — Motion to erect a monument and appoint a committee at Camp Shelby, Mississippi by Walt Doernbach, seconded Pat Lushbaugh, and so carried. Motion that donations for the monument be closed on July 31, 1990, and a cap of \$8,000 put on the amount taken from the General Fund by Bill Beswick, seconded Walt Doernbach, and so carried. There was a long discussion on the History Book of the 69th Infantry Division and Crandon Clark updated the facts on the book for the membership. Motion that the Association does not buy any of these books. They must be bought by the individuals who want them from Turner Publishing Company. Motion to accept by Bob Kurtzman, seconded Bill Lilien, and so carried.

**NEW BUSINESS** — That we create a one time honorarium to Clarence Marshall in the sum of \$2,500 and absorb his future expenses while at reunions to be presented to him at next year's reunion. Motion to accept Frank See, seconded Bill Lilien, and so carried. Bill Beswick spoke on a new book entitled "Yanks Meet Reds" and recommends for all to read. If interested, contact him. Joe Wright read a letter from the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library thanking him for his donation of a 69th patch for their collection.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT** — Chairman Chalmer Pearson reported we had 36 people who took part which was a nice turnout for being in Denver. The winners in each division were:

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>MEN</u>                   | <u>WOMEN</u>               |
| 1st low net - Gene Mische    | 1st low net - Jo Lemke     |
| 2nd low net - Earl L. Fox    | 2nd low net - Barb Johnson |
| 2nd low net - George Johnson |                            |
| 2nd low net - E. Matys       |                            |

Motion to adjourn by Sam Woolf, seconded Irv Sarafan.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank C. Nemeth  
Secretary

**It's a family deal**



Our two secretaries — Frank Nemeth, Secretary of the 69th Infantry Division Association and Stefania (Ted) Nemeth, Secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary, 69th Infantry Division Association.

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**New Men Relocated  
Since Our Last Bulletin**

- Anthony J. Kucan  
1537 Crucible Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15205
- John Magnetti — I-271st  
912 Potter Street, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901
- Adam P. Lee — B-271st  
Route 1, Box 82, Loretto, Pennsylvania 15940
- William Bolinsky — L-273rd  
111 Lawnton Road, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401
- Robert A. Hespenshide — Hq., 2nd Bn., 273rd  
533 Burcher Road, Newport News, Virginia 23606
- Raymond Norris — F-271st  
642 Law Street, Aberdeen, MD 21001
- Roy W. McCliment — 724th F.A.  
200 Windsor Road, Red Lion, Pennsylvania 17356
- Dr. Robert Ross  
460 West 34th Street, New York, New York 10001
- John Poparad — Hq., 1st Bn., 272nd  
314 South 10th, Chesterton, Indiana 46304
- Paul Winters — 272nd  
130 Union Road, Coatesville, Pennsylvania 19320
- Reverend Harry D. Michaels — Hq., 724th  
422 Cooper Avenue, Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15906
- Ralph Utermoehlen — I-272nd  
2221 Stonepost, Manhattan, Kansas 66502

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**271st Regimental  
History Books**

Any former members who served in the 271st Infantry Regiment and are interested in a reprint of the Regimental History Book contact:

**Robert Younglas**  
3529 Three Mile Road, Traverse City, Michigan 49684

# 1989 Denver, Colorado Reunion Denver Marriott Hotel Southeast

Most of those in the pictures are former members of  
Division Headquarters and Headquarters Company with one showing 4 of the wives.



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## 1990 69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSN. 43rd ANNUAL REUNION

Sheraton Valley Forge Hotel - North Gulph Road and First Avenue  
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# THE AUXILIARY'S PAGE



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Auxiliary Officers, will you please complete your address by sending me your telephone number and also please send me a picture of yourself for publication since this is the new angle Earl wants to install. He, as well as others, would like to see what you look like. He is now asking everyone who sends in a write up to send a picture of themselves or even the family.

## Auxiliary President Writes

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*Ellen Snidow, President*

Married 45 years to **William Snidow**

4 Children - **Patricia, Gary, Doyle and Cliff**

Two Grandchildren — **Sean and Stephany Wood**

Active member of Mt. Lebanon Church

Employed full time at Hoechst Celanese 28 years.

Keeps busy with church activities and in spare time enjoys crocheting, arts, and crafts.

Hello to all of you,

With Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays behind us, we hope that each of you had a happy time with families, friends, good food, and that Santa filled your stocking with lots of goodies. We had our family home for both holidays, so we really had a good time.

With the New Year just a few months old, we want to wish for each of you a year filled with love and lots of good things.

With the cold and snowy weather (down to -6 here), I hope you ladies have gotten started on the robes, booties, bibs and all the other articles we send to the Veterans. The size for lap robes is 38x45 inches and use washable materials. When I make robes, I try to make them very colorful. If there is no other bright spot in their day, at least their robe is bright.

We certainly did enjoy the Denver Reunion and want to add our word of thanks to **Jeanne and Dutch Hawn** and their committee for all the hard work they did that we could have such a lovely time.

**Bill and I** are busy with plans to retire in the spring, and also getting ready for the 69th Tour in April. I am certain we will be seeing some of you then.

**Dottie and Earl**, it was nice to see you for the short time we did in October. Next time plan to stop for a visit. (**Dottie and Earl** were on their way home from a mini-reunion in Salem and came through our town. Stopped at our church for a mini visit).

Ladies, if you have any suggestions or ideas on how we can improve or enhance our meetings, then send them on to me. Our Auxiliary is only as great as all of us working together make it.

Have a good year and see you at King of Prussia.

God Bless,

**Ellen Snidow, President**

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Having had a bad, cold, record-breaking snowy December and a mild January, I haven't heard of too much sickness. **Reba Sheavly** was in the hospital for surgery around Christmas and is now doing well at home. If you care to drop her a note, the **Sheavlys** address is: 218 Sacred Heart Lane, Reistertown, Maryland 21136. I am hoping that all our members, both men and auxiliary ladies, will be well and in good health so that we all can have a good time at the August reunion at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. This should be our biggest ever reunion, so ladies, make your husbands take you to this reunion. He should and will meet some of his old buddies from 45 years ago. That in itself makes our reunions with all the happiness and friendships they have created.

I just want to remind you ladies that you should be getting a nice supply of lap robes, bibs and other articles ready for our auxiliary to take to the Veterans Hospital in the Valley Forge area. Our Veterans really appreciate these gifts from organizations like our 69th Association. See you at a few mini weekends and our annual reunion.

**Dottie**

# Ladies Auxiliary Minutes Denver Marriott, S.E. Denver, Colorado August 26, 1989

Following an eight o'clock coffee and danish breakfast, the ladies of the Sixty-Ninth Infantry Division Association registered for a nine o'clock meeting. **President Vivian Kurtzman** welcomed the 126 regular members and 27 "first timers." A number of the first timers did not attend the meeting.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. **Vivian** introduced the officers, noting that **Sunshine Lady, Marge McCombs**, was at home due to the illness of her husband. Assistant Secretary, **Ellen McCann**, was in attendance this week but temporarily ill. Officers present were:

*Vice President* ..... **Ellen Snidow**  
*Secretary* ..... **Maria Keller**  
*Chaplain* ..... **Virginia Weston**  
*President* ..... **Vivian Kurtzman**

**Chaplain Virginia Weston** presented an appropriate memorial for the deceased members. Known were **General Bolte, Helen Szkudlarek** (died 12/1988), and **Esther Halainen** (of Troy, New Hampshire). **Lois Avery** of Richmond, Virginia was added.

An opportunity was given to the first timers to introduce themselves. The one traveling the longest distance was **Mrs. Laurene Knedlik** of Anchorage, Alaska. These ladies were given a warm welcome.

**Marge McCombs** sent a report showing she sent 2,350 cards from 7/1/88-7/1/89. 241 cards were mailed in June, that being the largest month. **Marge** was unable to be with us due to the illness of her husband but agreed to continue as **Sunshine Lady**. She and her husband live at: 1184 Thorndale Road, West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380. A "Precious Moments" figurine was sent to **Marge** by **Vivian** to express our love and appreciation.

**Treasurer Bob Kurtzman** serves as treasurer for both of the organizations. His report showed an income for the past year of \$1,296. (648 members at \$2.00) and expense of \$925.87. A letter of appreciation was read from the Lexington V.A. Hospital for the \$500 given in 1988 for personal care items. An item of interest is the fact that 350 bulletins are mailed to widows. This expense was not included in his report. First timers were invited to become dues paying members if they are not presently enrolled. **Marge McCombs** requests that they send her birthday and anniversary information.

**Ellen Snidow** was chosen to serve as President, **Maria Keller** as Vice President, **Teddy Nemeth** as Secretary, **Ellen McCann** as Assistant Secretary, **Virginia Weston** as Chaplain and **Marge McCombs** as **Sunshine Lady** and Assistant Chaplain.

**Jeanne** and "**Dutch**" **Hawn** were thanked for the fine work they have done hosting the 69th this week in the beautiful Rocky Mountain country. The tours and events planned were all enjoyable.

A gift of \$500 was voted for the Veterans Hospital in Denver. A check was made and presented to **Jeanne Hawn**, to be delivered along with the lap robes and other items. This check was marked for comfort items.

**Mr. Glaum** had a heart attack on Monday but is now out of intensive care. **Rudy Weidmann** is also hospitalized.

The 1990 meeting is planned for August 12-19 at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Please note this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

The ladies brought 69 lovely lap robes (36x45 inches), 58 bibs and six pair of booties. **Ellen Snidow** and **Janice Lushbaugh**, with other help, counted and packed the items for delivery by "**Dutch**" and **Jeanne Hawn**.

Following the business session, a lively gift exchange was held. There were many attractive gifts and everyone went home with something by which to remember the Denver meeting.

The program for the day was a scarf demonstration, showing the many ways scarves could be tied and worn. This program was presented by a lovely young lady, **Mrs. Louise Owens** of 9631 Croke Drive, Denver, Colorado 80221. The secretary wrote her a letter of appreciation. She was not given an honorarium but was allowed to display lovely scarf pins, for sale from \$8.00-\$25.00. She represented **Lady Remington Fashion Accessories** and is in business for herself.

Cards were signed by the ladies, and mailed by the secretary, to **Mrs. Adelaide Bolte** and to **Marge McCombs**. We sorely missed both of these ladies at our Denver Meeting.

Retiring Vice President **Ellen Snidow** presented to **Vivian**, our retiring President, a lovely pair of earrings, and expressed to her our sincere appreciation for her untiring leadership as our President for the past two years.

The secretary was instructed to send information and minutes to the elected secretary and to the Bulletin for publication.

The meeting closed with considerable interest being shown in the scarf pins and the instruction booklet.



**Maria G. Keller,**  
*Secretary*

*Now Vice President*

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# Former Members of E Company, 271st Infantry?

These photos were submitted by Hank Ingraham and are presumed to be of former members of E Company, 271st. There were no identifications and we would appreciate any help that our readers can give us.



## HOWITZER AL Now Your Supply Sergeant . . . AGAIN!

His retirement was short lived because no volunteers came forward to take over his duties. He was threatened with court martial and the firing squad.

He now awaits your orders for  
**JACKETS - SHIRTS - CAPS**  
and a new item  
**GOLF CAPS (white).**

These items have been sold for four years, with an increase in price to us each year. However, we are still holding pat with the prices to you. So send in your order today.

## AL KORMAS' Comments About the Tour Back to the Elbe This Year

We who will remain behind will be with you in spirit and thought. You are presenting the entire 69th Division, so it is essential that you look like 69ers. In other words, "Class A Uniform daily."

This would consist of one of our jackets, shirts and caps. We hope that the photos which appear in the Bulletin after the trip will be in this form. We are proud of you, have a good safe trip, and our prayers are with you.

## Headquarters Company 2nd Bn., 273rd Infantry Mini-Reunion



*Left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Victor Ostrow, Mr. and Mrs. Saul Schindler, Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Whitley, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hespenshide, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Schiffner*



*Dinner at O'Donnell's Restaurant*



*Bob Hespenshide, Garnet Whitley and Ted Schiffner at Saul Schindler's home.*

*Pictures furnished by Ted Schiffner and Victor Ostrow*

# Mississippi family filmed historic closing of gate in Berlin Wall

By The Associated Press

November 18, 1989

HATTIESBURG, Mississippi — After Martha Polk Douglas of Hattiesburg and her family drove their car from East Berlin into West Berlin, the Brandenburg Gate closed behind them. Twenty-eight years later, the gate is still closed.

"I believe we were the last car out of East Berlin," Douglas said.

The family members, who were touring Europe at the time, were the last people to cross the boundary between East and West Berlin before the Soviets closed the passageway in 1961, separating the two Berlins. Just last week, the Berlin Wall began coming down and East Berliners began pouring through openings in the wall to enter the free city.

The Brandenburg Gate has yet to be reopened, but German officers have indicated it will open soon. CBS tentatively planned to broadcast excerpts from the films Douglas took of the final separation of East and West.

"These movies that I have show the consternation and the bewilderment on the faces of the people there. They couldn't believe this was happening and that whoever crossed over was not going to get back either way," Douglas said.

The Douglas' sons, Ed and Lake, were 10 and 23 at the time. They have memories of soldiers forbidding their father, Merle Douglas of Gulfport, to take pictures. But their mother kept her movie camera running anyway.

"I realize now that I was probably foolish and it was taking a chance," Douglas said.

The family had made many trips to Europe on annual family vacations. One son, Lake Douglas, is director of public art for the New Orleans Art Council. Ed Douglas is an architectural historian in upstate New York.

The Douglas' had spent the morning touring a devastated East Berlin.

"It was just devastation past the Brandenburg Gate. It was a bombed-out city from World War II," Douglas said.

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Men from Battery C, 880th Field Artillery visit Frank Kusher in Parkhill, Pennsylvania.

Left to right: Enrico D'Angelo, Lewis Pugh, Frank Kusher and Ray Mills.

# What Is A Veteran?

EDITOR'S NOTE: Veterans Service personnel often are asked what constitutes veteran status for a particular veteran's program. Though we may look up the answer in a Veterans Service Officer Handbook or Title 38, we are not fully provided with the answer to the underlying question, "What is a veteran?" Perhaps the following passage, the author of which is unknown, will help to provide an answer. We got this from Texas. We think it merits repeating.

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"The veteran is special because he is selected. The fact that he is selected makes him something special. He is no longer free; he is subject to military law. He becomes a special breed, committed to fight to the death for the ideals of freedom around the world.

He cannot be flat-footed; he cannot be lame; he cannot be uncertain or short of vision, he must be as perfect as possible. The veteran must be mentally alert. He cannot be moronic; he must be able to read and write; he must have some talent. He must be morally fit. He cannot be a criminal; he cannot be perverted; he cannot be nervously unstable. He must know the difference between right and wrong. He has lived in unsegregated barracks, blacks and whites together, as equals - they fought together for freedom.

Only the best physically, mentally and morally are called to war. The tragedy is that only the best are fit to be killed. In our sophisticated society, this special breed performs a sacrificial service. Only the brave are selected and only a race of ingrates would forget their sacrifices.

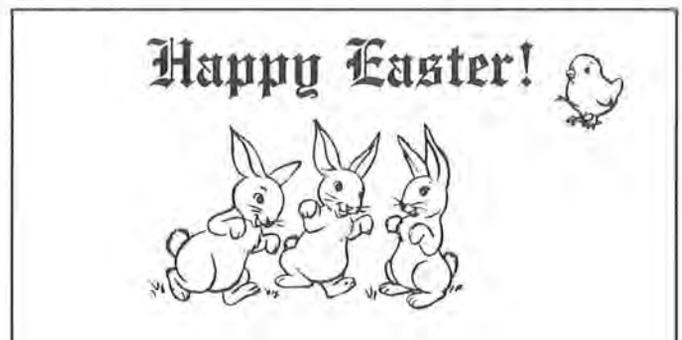
This special breed, this select group, these physical specimens - only the best - these citizen soldiers went to war, at the behest of Congress in defense of freedom all over the world and they became the best fighting men history has ever known.

They came home as VETERANS - gassed or shell-shocked from Chateau-Thierry, bedraggled from the Battle of the Bulge, hungry from Corregidor, frozen from the Chosen Reservoir, maimed from Vietnam. Some came back with yellow fever, some with malaria, some with tuberculosis. Some came back psycho, some alcoholic; yes, some even returned as dope addicts. These are the men who were the best when they went to war. God only knows what conditions they were in when they came back.

If you are asked, "What's special about a veteran?" answer firmly, "The Veteran is something special, he is our charge, he is our responsibility. He answered our call when we needed him - first in war."

Courtesy of National Order of Battlefield Commissions  
Submitted by  
Francis Breyette  
Headquarters, 461st AAA

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# ARMY-NAVY GAMES

## Meadowlands Giants Stadium, NJ

### Saturday, December 9, 1989



**Earl Witzleb and Host Ed Lucci**  
23 Evergreen Avenue, Lynbrook, New York 11563

Oh those last 11 seconds. What a beautiful weekend up to then, but again, it was a wonderful weekend for six 69ers and three guests. Yes, we all know Navy beat Army with a field goal in those last 11 seconds. Those attending were **Host Ed Lucci, Bill and Jane Matlach, Ray Fahrner, Earl and Dottie Witzleb, Ed's son, and two friends of the Luccis. John Moriarty cancelled due to getting ill.**

Our weather that Friday wasn't all that great either with cold and snow. **Ray, Dottie** and myself stayed at **Ed's** home, who showed us a good time along with **Bill and Jane.** Friday evening we went to dinner at a fine restaurant in Lynbrook. Saturday was the game with a tour of New York City to see all the Christmas lights and shoppers dashing along the "Great White Way." Sunday we drove to **Bill and Jane's** to see the ocean and dinner with them at a restaurant in West Islip. Homeward bound, we stopped Monday to have a meeting with **Dan Evers and Frank Nemeth** at the Sheraton Plaza with their salesperson and catering director. We should have a very good and large reunion in King of Prussia in August. I am able to get about a dozen or so tickets to the Army-Navy games, so if anyone would like to see a game, let me know by the middle of May each year. Ticket prices are costly. We paid \$29.00 a ticket for the Meadowlands.

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*Former members of Company G, 273rd: Orville Schultz, Bill Beecher, Al Aronson, Ray Hotter, Joe Panganiban, Bob Ainley.*

## Help Is Needed

I hope that one of our Chicago members can fill the needs of the following letter from **Jos Brands** of the Netherlands. He is in need of an address of family or relatives of a deceased 69th soldier. I wish that more Netherlands families would do the same for our deceased soldiers in our foreign cemeteries. If someone can furnish the needs of this request, you may write direct to the **Brands** but do send a copy of your letter to **Bill Beswick, Frank Nemeth** and myself, **Earl Witzleb, Jr.,** President. If you don't want to write to the family, let **Bill Beswick** know the details and he will handle this assignment for me. **Frank Nemeth** is our Secretary and in charge of the overseas flower fund and cemeteries. The letter follows —

69th Infantry Division  
Attn.: **William R. Beswick**  
P.O. Box 576  
West Point, Virginia 23181

Geldrop, the Netherlands, 11 January 1990

Dear **Mr. Beswick,**

A few months ago we have adopted a soldier's grave at the Margraten Cemetery, the Netherlands. After some research, we found out that we adopted a soldier of the 69th Infantry Division.

His name: **Broderson, Kenneth E.,** Pfc. 36651330  
273rd Infantry, 69th Division  
Died: 18-05-1945

We tried to contact his family at the last known address, but we had no results. We have a few questions and maybe you can help us.

The last known home address of **Kenneth Broderson** was:  
**Verna Broderson**  
1108 W. 80th Street  
Chicago, Illinois

1. We are searching for an address of a family member.
2. We should like to know the history of the 69th Infantry Division (273rd Infantry) in World War II in Europe.
3. Where was the 273rd Infantry around the 18th of May, 1945.

It is interesting to know that at the same cemetery, also the grave can be found of a soldier named **Stavru,** who died on the 17th of May, 1945 and also belonged to the 273rd Infantry, 69th Division.

Every information about **Kenneth E. Broderson** is very welcome.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,  
**Family Jos Brands**  
de Doelen 25  
5666 SB Geldrop  
The Netherlands

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

**DO NOT SEND** the material for the reprint of the 69th History Book to National Headquarters. Please send it to:  
**69th Division History Book**  
**P.O. Box 3101**  
**Paducah, Kentucky 42202-3101**

# An Open Letter to All New York State Members of the Fighting 69th Infantry Division Association

Having been privileged to sit with the 69th Division Association Board of Directors for the past several years, I can well appreciate the growing concerns of our leadership over difficulties in planning ahead for each annual reunion. It seems that there is still a strong interest in attending a reunion, but not enough general support in helping with the planning and assistance that's required to host a local reunion celebration.

Coupled with the selection of an adequate site, and the leadership that is very necessary, it would seem that the future of an annual reunion beyond 1991 is very much in doubt. To my knowledge, there are only two more reunions that are currently assured (1990 - Valley Forge and 1991 - Biloxi). Any plans for 1992 or 1993 are still vague and unconfirmed. This could leave us with the possibility of having to skip a reunion or two, and suffer the gradual declining interest that happens to so many other fraternal organizations.

In an effort to help, I thought that I would "test the waters," and tried to survey the membership of upstate New York. The results were quite disappointing! Of the 133 members polled, only 30 even responded. Of those, only 25 people were interested in attending a reunion, even if it were held in New York State. 10 of those responding indicated an interest in assisting with the arrangements.

Since New Yorkers comprise one of the larger groups of members in the Association, and have one of the better attendance records at each reunion, perhaps it would have

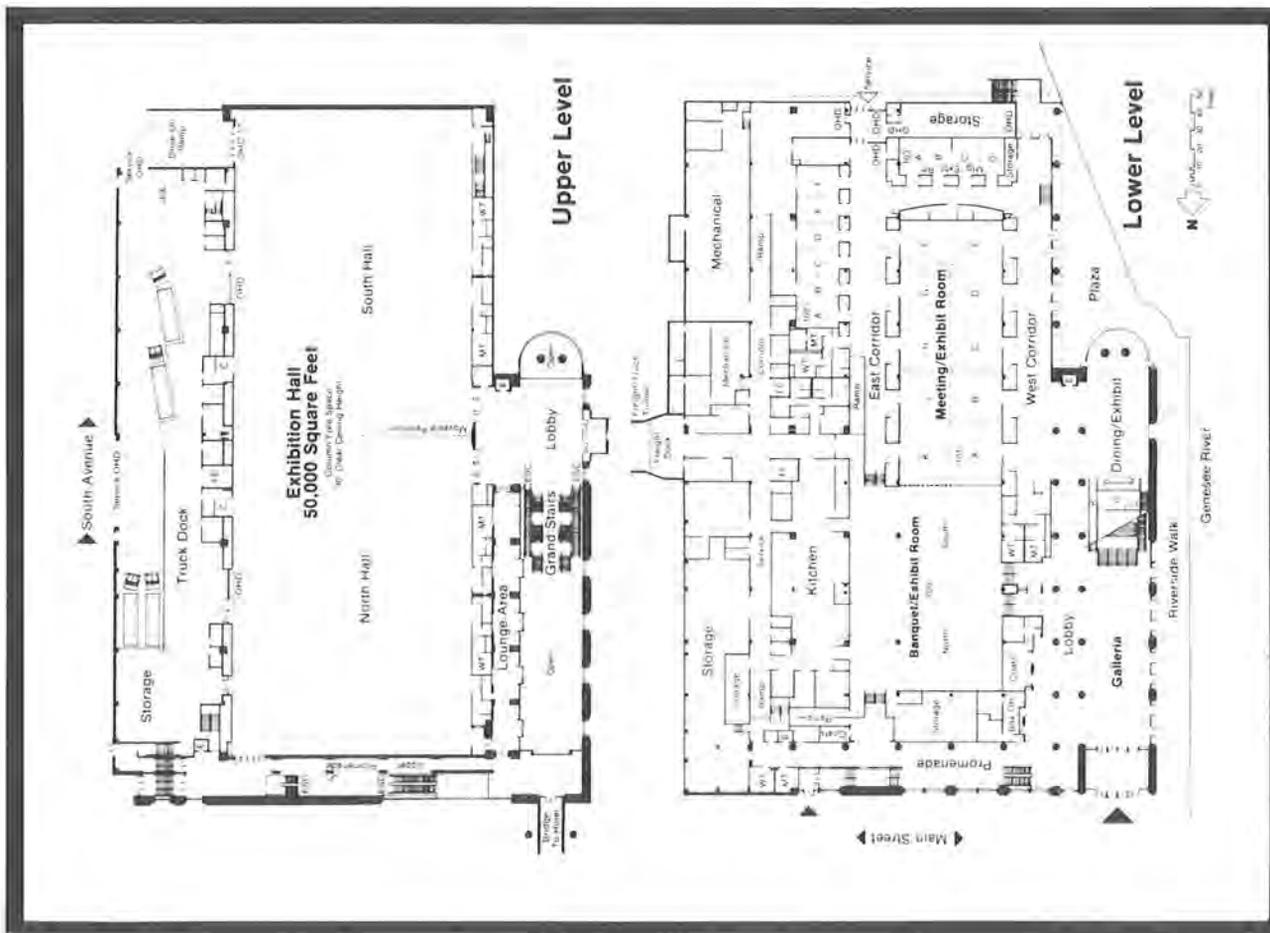
been far better to have canvassed ALL of the New York State members for a reunion in 1992 or 1993. The Finger Lakes region of New York is one of the most beautiful areas in the northeast, and the City of Rochester is ideally suited to accommodate unusually large groups of visitors.

**HOW ABOUT IT NEW YORKERS? WILL YOU HELP?** If you're interested, please drop a line to me. It will be greatly appreciated, so that I know you are interested in a New York Reunion.

**Jack Duffy**  
28 Cypress Street  
Rochester, New York 14620-2306

P.S. New York members, I would like to apply with the Reunion Activities/Site Screening Committee when we meet at King of Prussia (Valley Forge) this year in August. Needed are ten or twelve couples willing to do the work for a Rochester Reunion and show our 69th members a great time in our state. We have the facilities at the Convention Center which can accommodate groups of 10 to over 4,500 which is sufficient for our division membership. The center is connected with a Holiday Inn having 300 rooms. Another major hotel will be connected within the next two years, each with complete indoor parking facilities. At present there is another major hotel within two blocks. I believe we have the site city, Rochester, New York. Let me hear from you and you and you soon.

## Rochester's Riverside Convention Center, Rochester, New York



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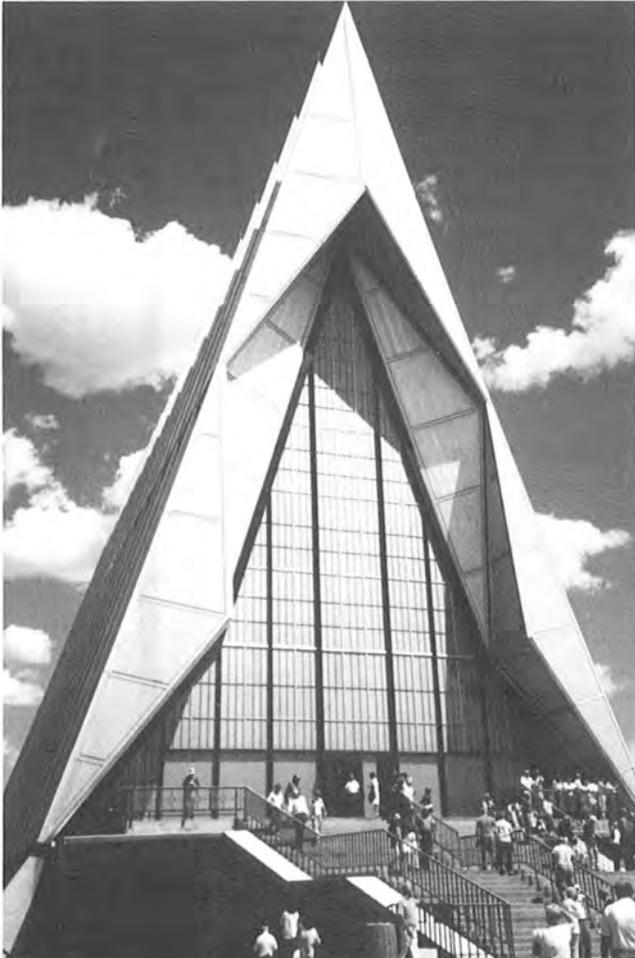
# Ray Fahrner Submitted These Photos



*69th Infantry Division Memorial-Congressional Medal of Honor Grove, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.*



*From left to right: Harold Starry, Al Carbonari, General Bolte, George Phillips, and General Johnson. (Freedoms Foundation, 1973)*



*Left — Chapel Air Force Academy  
Colorado Springs, Colorado  
Denver Reunion - August, 1989*

*Below - Washington in Prayer  
Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge*



# BOOK REVIEW

## Best Little Stories from World War II:

Here is a sparkling new book about the adventures of individual soldiers, fliers and sailors in "Our War." But in addition to recreating the immediacy of battle, the author manages to take the reader behind the scenes and show what was happening at the Roosevelt, Churchill and Hitler levels.

For example, six of the 101 "best little stories" in the book deal with Adolf Hitler's services as an infantryman in the First War, how he later rose to political power and how in Our War he led his generals around by the nose (often with disastrous results for his own side).

The book's author is chief editor of two outstanding military magazines — *World War II* and *Military History*, which are published by Empire Press, Leesburg, Virginia. He is **C. Brian Kelly**, who also teaches journalism at the University of Virginia.

Mr. Kelly presents first hand accounts of the 36th Division at the Rapido River in Italy, the 29th Division on the Normandy Beach on June 6, 1944, the 3rd Division on the Southern France invasion beach on August 15, 1944, and the 99th Division in the Battle of the Bulge on December 16, 1944.

Mr. Kelly also brings back many famous World War II writers for a "curtain call": as basis for his own short narratives, Mr. Kelly cites the work of **Studs Terkel** (*The Good War*), **William Shirer** (*Berlin Diary*), **Ernie Pyle** (*Brave Men*), and **Anne Frank's Diary**. Other stories are culled from division newsletters and the letters of ordinary GIs.

Mr. Kelly's book can be ordered from Montpelier Publishing, P.O. Box 3384, University Station, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903-0384. The price is \$10.95.

Mr. Kelly hopes to do a sequel if the present volume is well received by the public. If your association or individual members of your unit have articles from old newspapers or unit newsletters describing first-person experiences in the war, Mr. Kelly would be grateful to receive a photocopy for his next book.

*(Review written by Franklin L. Gurley, military historian and unit historian of the 100th Division.)*

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## Chariots of Iron: 50 Years of American Armor

July 10, 1990 marks the 50th anniversary of the birth of the Armored Force. To honor this milestone and to pay respects to all those who have been a part of the armor community, the Patton Museum of Cavalry and Armor will sponsor the publication of a beautiful book bearing the above title. Its 160 glossy pages will contain over 90 full-color photos of the long line of armored vehicles that America has taken to war. Black and white pictures reveal scenes of famous American armor battles; many of these pictures have never been published before. The book will feature handsome case-binding, covered with fine library cloth and gold-foil stamped on the front cover and spine, and include a full-color laminated dust jacket.

**CHARIOTS OF IRON** will be published in April and mailed in May to our members who order copies. The price is \$29.95 each plus \$3.50 handling and shipping, or \$33.45 total. Your check should be made payable to: Chariots of Iron, and mailed to P.O. Box 90, Prospect, Kentucky 40059. If you use Master Card or VISA, be sure to give your card number and expiration date. If you prefer to order by telephone using your credit card, the number to call is (502) 228-2010 or (502) 228-4446. Be sure to give the name of your association,

as we will receive a \$1.00 rebate on orders from members of our association.

You will be proud to have **CHARIOTS OF IRON** in your home. It also makes a great gift for our children and our grandchildren.

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*Sergeant Jim Curran - Company K, 271st Infantry, standing by a field for Regimental track meet in Eastern Germany. Field named after his friend John Mixer who was killed in action.*

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*Robert Barry, formerly of the G-4 Section of Division Headquarters Company, in a meeting with his brother, Jim, in Murringin around February of 1945. The two of them took a weekend trip to Eupen.*

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DON'T MISS IT!!**



*Polly and Fred Schoepf with Al and Marge Kormas in Boca Raton, Florida in 1987.*



*Rico D'Angelo and Al Kormas at the C Company, 880th Mini-Reunion in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.*



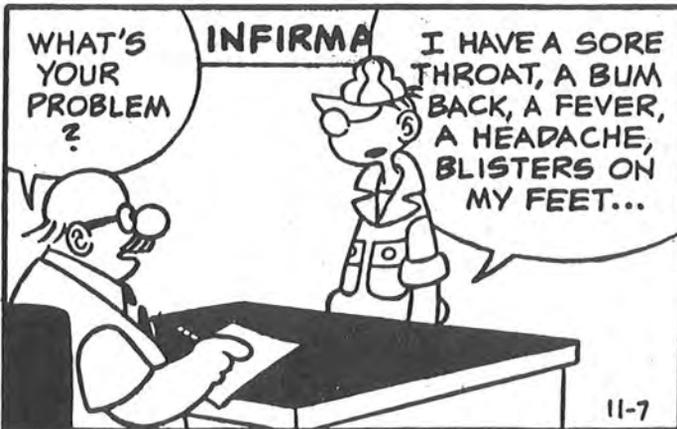
*Milt Halainen, former member of 769th Ordnance.*



*Al Kormas anxiously awaits at the South Gate of Camp Shelby to re-enlist.*

Picture furnished by Al Kormas

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## Vic Ostrow Sent in These Old Photos



*Destroyed Bridges on the Rhine*



*Unknown location in Germany*



*Tent City in Antwerp, Belgium*



*Vic Ostrow in Tent City*

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## Who's the Man on the Right?



*Andrew Fedor, John Kurey and ?  
Where and when was it taken?*

## Who Are You?



Picture taken in August of 1945 on the way to Camp Lucky Strike. The men are from the 273rd Infantry. Lower left is Corporal Harold A. Reitnauer of Huff's Church, Pennsylvania and top left is Sergeant Julius Mudson of New York City. Others are unidentified.

Photo submitted by  
Peter Waligura  
Company B, 273rd

# 769th Ordnance Supply Platoon



*769th Ordnance Supply Platoon Cadre*



*Paul Shirlock's Supply Platoon in Mississippi*



*769th Ordnance set up in railroad yard in Germany*

Pictures furnished by  
Paul Shirlock



*769th Ordnance Supply Platoon on march to Biloxi.*



*U.S.O. in Bremerhaven*

# 69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 1990 REUNION

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

### SHERATON VALLEY FORGE HOTEL - KING OF PRUSSIA, PA

### AUGUST 12th to 19th, 1990

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 King of Prussia, (Valley Forge) Pennsylvania from August 12th to August 19th 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: \_\_\_\_\_

	Per Person	Number Persons	Amount
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<b>Weekly Events</b>			
Registrations: <b>Monday, August 13th - Friday, August 17th, 1990</b> 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Check Bulletin Board for Wednesday Evening and Saturday Times .....			NO CHARGE
<b>Sunday, August 12th</b> — Early Arrivals on your own.			
<b>Monday, August 13th</b> — Registration 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.			
<b>Tuesday, August 14th</b> — Historic Philadelphia and Valley Forge Tour. Leave Hotel at 9:00 A.M. Includes Lunch at Bistro Romano .....	\$ 30.00	_____	\$ _____
<b>Wednesday, August 15th</b> — Atlantic City Casino Tour. Leave Hotel at 9:00 A.M. Return at 5:00 P.M. .... Executive Board Meeting at 7:00 P.M.	\$ 20.00	_____	\$ _____
<b>Thursday, August 16th</b> — Brandywine Valley and Longwood Gardens Tour. Leave Hotel at 9:00 A.M. Return at 3:00 P.M. .... Early Bird Dinner and Show at Lily Langtrys at 5:00 P.M.	\$ 25.00	_____	\$ _____
<b>Friday, August 17th</b> — Golf Tournament. (Information at Desk). Shopping - Plymouth Meeting Mall. (FREE Shuttle bus 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.) PX Beer Party - 9:00 P.M. to Midnight - Ticket Needed .....	\$ 5.00	_____	\$ _____
<b>Saturday, August 18th</b> — Men's and Ladies General Meetings, 9:00 A.M. till Over. Coffee and Danish served. Banquet Dinner Dance - 6:30 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. Cash Bar 6:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Memorial Service 7:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. It is requested that everyone be seated by 7:00 P.M. for the Memorial Service. Dinner at 7:30 P.M.	\$ 31.00	_____	\$ _____
<b>Sunday, August 19th</b> — Farewell Breakfast Buffet - 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. at Lily Langtrys .....	\$ 9.00	_____	\$ _____
Replacement Cost for Lost or Broken Permanent Badges .....	\$ 3.00	_____	\$ _____
Farewells and Departures - See you all next year.			
		Reunion Sub-Total	\$ _____

### DUES

**New Dues Year - August 1, 1990 to July 31, 1991**

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

Make Check or Money Order Payable to: **69th Infantry Division Association**  
**ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY PAYMENT IN FULL — IF NOT — YOUR RESERVATION WILL BE LAID ASIDE UNTIL PAYMENT IS MADE AND THIS COULD RESULT IN YOUR REQUEST FOR SEATING AND FUNCTIONS BEING 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 1990 REUNION  
 43rd ANNUAL REUNION  
 461st AAA BN. - 661st T.D. BN. - 777th TANK BN.  
 KING OF PRUSSIA, PENNSYLVANIA  
 AUGUST 12th to 19th, 1990**

**Reservations:**

**SHERATON VALLEY FORGE HOTEL**  
 N. Gulph Road and First Avenue  
 King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406  
 Telephone: 215/337-2000

**HOUSING: Please reserve one of the following:**

\$65.00 + Single \_\_\_\_\_      \$65.00 + Double - 2 persons \_\_\_\_\_      \$65.00 + Triple - 3 persons \_\_\_\_\_

\$65.00 + Quad - 4 persons \_\_\_\_\_      ALL REGULAR ROOMS - \$65.00 + 7% TAX = \$69.55

\$120.00 Suite 2 persons \_\_\_\_\_      Theme Suite - 2 persons \_\_\_\_\_      \$150.00-\$175.00 + 7% TAX

I / We plan to arrive (day) \_\_\_\_\_, August \_\_\_\_\_, 1990. (Check in after 3:00 P.M.)

I / We plan to depart (day) \_\_\_\_\_, August \_\_\_\_\_, 1990. (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 Sheraton Valley Forge Hotel, 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 Sheraton Valley Forge Hotel 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.

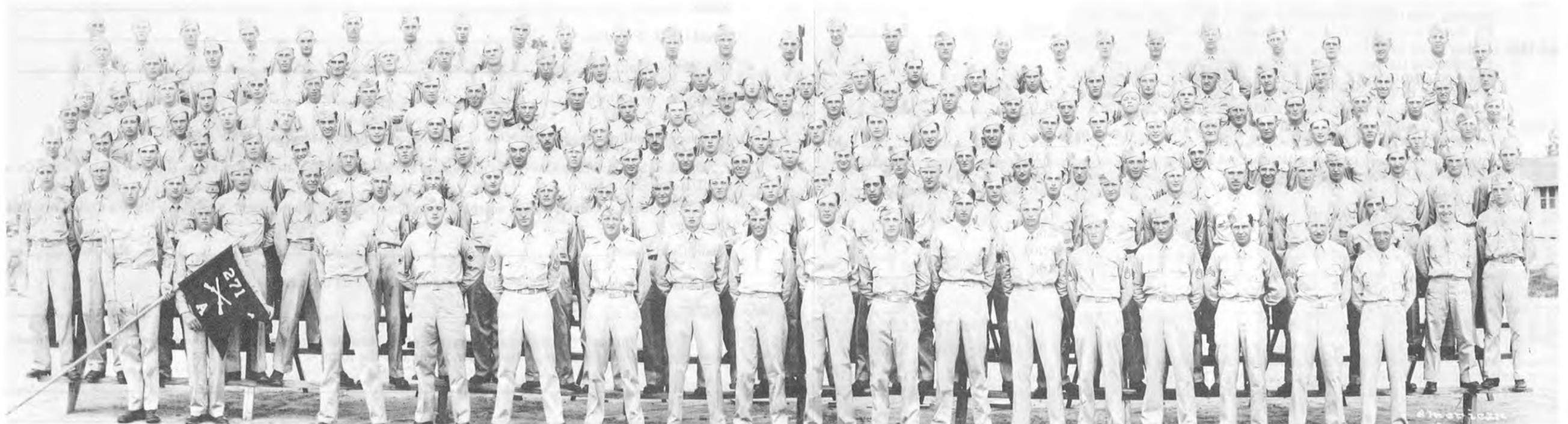
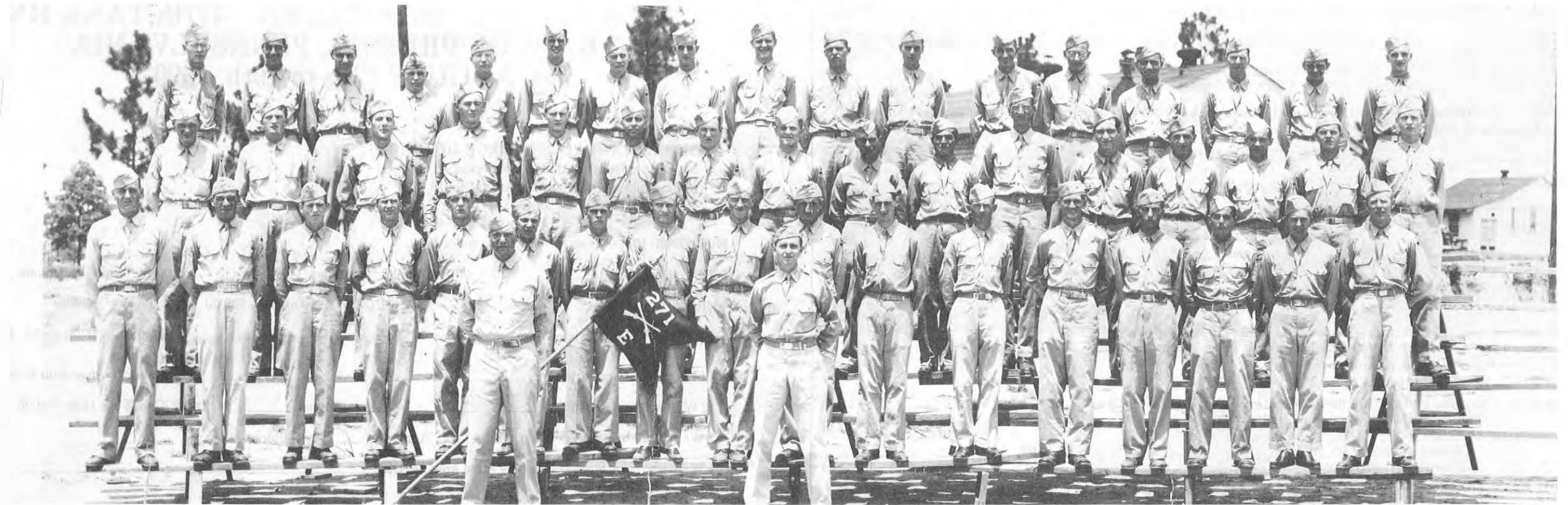
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Reservations must be received not later than **three weeks** in advance. If a particular type of room is unavailable, the next most suitable room will be assigned. No particular room, room type, or location can be guaranteed. Deposit returnable on 72 hours cancellation notice, before August 12, 1990.

**271st Infantry, Second Platoon, Company E, Camp Shelby, Mississippi-1943**

Photo furnished by Ralph Bayless



**271st Infantry Regiment, Company A, Camp Shelby, Mississippi - 1943**

Photo furnished by William Hager

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

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We are interested in all news from Chapters, Groups, Branches, Companies, Battalions, Regiments, Recon, Artillery, AAA, T.D.'s and whatever, for this column, as it may help build up your events. Mail your date(s), location, banquet cost, and room rates, plus a good write-up, to Earl E. Witzleb, Jr., Box 69, Champion, Pennsylvania 15622-0069 or R.D. #1, Box 477, Acme, Pennsylvania 15610-9606, as early as possible. Then follow through with a write-up immediately after the event(s).

By now everyone should know where news material, article and pictures should be mailed. Your Coordinating Manager and Editor will do a superb job of handling it for you, our members.

## Please Note:

For the next two years minus a few months which I guess amounts to six or seven already, I ask each of you units or groups holding mini-weekends to come to our next two National Reunions or at least one of them. We will be at the Sheraton Valley Forge Hotel, North Gulph Road and First Avenue, King of Prussia (Valley Forge), Pennsylvania 19406, this August 12th thru 19th, 1990 and in Biloxi, Mississippi at the Hilton in September 1991.

We will dedicate a 69th Monument at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Mississippi at the 1991 Reunion.

This year with the Reunion in the East, we expect our biggest turnout ever and probably this record will never be touched for the remaining Reunions our 69th will have. How many more can there be??? We would like to take over several hotels in Valley Forge with Headquarters at the Sheraton. A day's bus trip will be taken to Atlantic City where I know all you 69ers will break the slot machines and put the gamblers in the red. I am looking for way over a 1,000 in 1990 and as your President I urge you all to come. I know if you leaders work at it now, you can set your Minis back a year or even two years. It's nice to see other parts of these great United States and you can do it by coming to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania and Biloxi, Mississippi.

I have one other request from your leaders or chairpersons from Mini-Groups or Units. "Will you please send me a complete and up to date roster of your Group or Unit" to one of the above addresses. Thanks very much leaders, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Earl E. Witzleb, Jr.  
President  
69th Infantry Division and Attached Units

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## 880th Field Artillery A Battery

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Battery A, 880th Field Artillery Battalion, held its 4th Annual Weekend in Florence, Kentucky, from September 28th to October 1st. With its largest attendance to date. Sixteen veterans and 18 guests attended for a record total of 34.

Those present were John and Pat Barnett, James and Geneva Bilbrey, Frank and Dorothy Cavlovic, Bill and Shirley Dunn, Tom and Betty Ellis, Lloyd and Janice Gerth, Delmar and Betty Jeffries, Frank Rabe, "Duffy" and Rose Redmond, Rex and Ruby Sausaman, Henry and Irene Tipperreiter, Frank and Carol Zavodsky, and Joe and Shirley Zidian with their son and daughter.

Special guests were Mrs. Joy Northern, whose husband Turner (B-880th) died in Amarillo, Texas in April 1989 and he was sorely missed. Also \*Glenn and Barbara Blake (he was former Battalion Executive Officer, \*George and Edna Earl Blume (he was in Headquarters and A), and \*Don and Phyllis Snyder (he was in Headquarters, A and C).

On Friday evening, the Battery enjoyed dinner and an excellent floor show at the local Oldenburg Brewery. On Saturday we went on a boat ride on the Ohio River and enjoyed lunch on the boat.

Our annual Battery Banquet was held in the Holiday Inn dining room Saturday evening. We received and read a congratulatory letter from former "A" Chief-of-Section, Honorable I. E. Bombardier, Mayor of Concordia, Kansas. He also sent us some "Concordia" lapel pins which were presented to each attendee.

It was decided at the business meeting that the Battery would meet in 1990 in Nashville, Tennessee. The meeting was adjourned, after which numerous toasts of our famous "Bilbrey Tea" were drunk to one and all.

Former "A" Battery members recently located:  
Donald E. Snyder  
614 Beverly Drive, Oxnard, California 93030  
William T. Rogers  
3359 Gulf Breeze Terrace, Palm Harbor, Florida 34684  
\*First Timers

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### PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

Dottie and I were sorry we could not make your weekend in Florence, Kentucky the last of September 1989, but she ran out of vacation time, which stopped us from going anywhere. We did have a few commitments made where we visited Headquarters and Medics of the 461st AAA the middle of October 1989 since I want these members and wives, like I want you members and wives, to come to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, this coming August 1990.

Since Dottie has an aunt, uncle, and several cousins in Nashville I will assure you that we will visit your weekend whether it be 1990 or that you might put it off to 1991 or 1992. We sure would like to have "you all" at the next two 69th National Reunions which goes for a week but you can come any time even if it is for only a couple of days. Wednesday or Thursday through Sunday is the best part of the reunion week.

Lord willing we will be present in 1990 at Nashville but please do consider my request by attending one or the other Division Association Reunions. Thanks for your consideration as we do have nice members and wives at division level reunions. You'll find this out when you try a couple and you'll get to see parts of the United States you may never see if you miss a 69th Reunion vacation trip.

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## Company E, 273rd Infantry



**Earl and Dottie Witzleb, Jr.**  
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*Coordinator and News Reporters*

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

**Davisson F. Dunlap, CO**  
1601 CNA Building  
Orlando, Florida 32802  
Telephone: 305/849-0300 (Office)

or

795 McIntyre Avenue  
Winter Park, Florida 32789  
Telephone: 305/645-0154 (Home)

*"When in Florida or Orlando Area - Visit the Dunlaps"*

Hey E Company. We are some 65 plus members strong and I would like to see 90% if not 100% of us attending the Valley Forge Reunion at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel in King Of Prussia, Pennsylvania. Our night to howl is Friday when we will go out as a group along with A Company, 273rd Infantry to a fine restaurant in that area. **Ray Fahrner** of A Company will be getting our restaurant and giving us all the details. Later on that evening we will join the 69th at the PX Beer Party.

Last year in Denver, Colorado, we joined forces with A Company and they out-numbered us 17 to 11. This can't happen in Valley Forge. I urge all E Company members to make an effort to attend this Reunion this year 1990 since it is in the east and our numbers are strong in this part of the country. Some of us haven't seen each other in 45 years and what a good place and time to renew our old friendships. Not too many years are left for us on this Earth of ours, so let's not put it off another year but let's do it in 1990.

You can make it a vacation reunion by visiting other parts of our country in the east. Likewise you do not have to spend the entire week at Valley Forge but just part of it, whichever days you want to come. May I suggest Wednesday through Saturday. It is the best time to be with us at a reunion. Thursday will be a great dinner-theater early bird, Friday we go out on our own, and Saturday completes the

week with our General Meetings in the morning and the Memorial Service — Banquet Dinner Dance in the evening to close out a wonderful week of fun, fellowship, and socializing. Won't you all come.

We have to have a better turnout than A Company. Please send me a post card that you are coming and I'll get it in the next bulletin. I want a long list of E Company, 273rd Infantry members so let me hear from you. Thanks, and Dottie and I will be looking forward to your visit with us. Stop and see us on the top floor.

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## Company A, 273rd Infantry

**H. Ray Fahrner, News Reporter**  
Forge Gate Apartments, 33E1  
Lansdale, Pennsylvania 18446  
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Looking for a record attendance from Tryhard Red Able, CP, come August, 1990. We gather August 12th to the 19th at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. I need twenty-five soldiers and their wives this year to take over Valley Forge. We can do it. Beat, Beat, Beat the other companies when the attendees list of the reunion appears in a future bulletin.



I received this picture and a short note from **Lou Elias**, Stockton, California. The picture was taken in 1943 at a camp north of Thatcham, England. Lou is on the front row, left, in the catcher's crouch position. He was attached to the 65th Medical Depot Company, G-45 Supply Depot, between Newbury and Reading.

**Lou** volunteered for the Infantry, and after several weeks of training, was assigned to Company C, 272nd Infantry, joining them at "Tent City," in France.

I first met **Lou** when the 69th midpoint men shipped out to the 29th Division. We were attached to Company Headquarters, 175th Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, he as a mailman and I in the communication section.

**Lou** attended the 1977 Arizona Reunion in Mountain Shadows, where we talked of our army experiences. It was there that I learned he had been stationed in Thatcham. He was amazed when I told him that I knew the town, as I had visited my cousins who live there. Small World!

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## Company A, 273rd Infantry

Ed Lucci, News Reporter  
23 Evergreen Avenue  
Lynbrook, New York 11563-3219  
Telephone: 516/593-6592

*Company A, 273rd Infantry  
has risen and is "Coming On."*

The Denver Reunion was such a successful and "fun" time for the 10 members of A Company that attended and the 7 lovely ladies that accompanied them, that most of them decided to write extra "blurbs" with their year end greetings this year.

The group, consisting of four first timers, four more who were first timers last year in Lexington, and two old timers, got "loose" as soon as we came together. It was one big party from start to finish. Here, then, are some of the "blurbs" which speak for themselves.

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### Ken Carner and Lee Ascue

1550 Oakdale, 3 Pasadena, California 91106

We often think of the Reunion, of the good time we had there, and of the old acquaintances renewed. We want to thank you for your part in making us "feel at home." We are looking forward to the next reunion and trust we will see you there.

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### James and Mary Carroll

207 Tanglewood Lane, Levelland, Texas 79336  
Telephone: (806) 894-6387

Thanks for letting me borrow the Notes and Maps. We had a good time at Denver. Looking forward to our next reunion and the trip to Germany. I hope to see you soon. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Your son sounds just like you when he answered the telephone.

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### Willie and Rosie Haas

2948 Washington Street, Dubuque, Iowa 52001

My 69th Bulletin came today. Read the story of your return to Germany. Brought back many memories, I bet.

Every year at this time I remember our stay in the woods, I have never been that cold since.

Pictures on Page 41 of you and Bill Nettles look pretty good for a couple of old Platoon Leaders.

Just about made it to Milwaukee, but had a little heart problem. Maybe in Mississippi. (I hope.)

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### Jack and Carolyn Houghton

1780 South Filbert Court, Denver, Colorado 80222  
Telephone: (303) 757-5083

Hope your Holidays are great. See you in Pennsylvania in August.

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### Jack and Jackie Hubbard

4300 S. Semoran Boulevard, #588, Orlando, Florida 32857  
Need some news!



*Company A, 273rd: First row, left to right: Ed Lucci - New York, Jack Houghton - Colorado, Aaron Taulbee - Ohio, Ray Fahrner - Pennsylvania, Charles Hammond - Nebraska. Second row: Jim Carroll - Texas, Bill Nettles - Mississippi, Bennie Srubar - Texas, Jim Ezell - Arkansas, Ken Carner - California.*



*Company A, 273rd First Timers - From left: Aaron Taulbee, Charles Hammond, Ken Carner, Jack Houghton*

### Bill and Ruby Nettles

Route 5, Box 14, Starkville, Mississippi 39759  
Telephone: (601) 323-5417

It was great to see you again in Denver and look forward to next year in Pennsylvania. Haberman has his new knee working, so hopefully, we can get him there too.

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### Aaron and John Taulbee

4740 S.R. West, Wilmington, Ohio 45177

Wanted to wish our 69th Division friends a happy and healthy holiday season, and although we don't often meet, to let you know you are remembered.

See you next year at another "fun" reunion.

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**Earl and Dottie Witzleb, Jr.**

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Thanks for the nice time we had this past weekend. We particularly enjoyed the trip to Rockefeller Center. That was the first time either one of us saw it lit up for Christmas.

Thank you also for putting up with us at your home. The whole weekend was quite enjoyable.

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**Ray Fahrner**

Forge Gate Apts., 33E, Lansdale, Pennsylvania 19446  
Telephone: (215) 855-9696

Thanks for a wonderful Army/Navy weekend. Hope your house is back to normal. Scratch Sabrina for me.

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**Pierce and Marilyn Rice**

2106 South Fifth, Arlington, Virginia 22204  
Telephone: (703) 979-5398

Ray told me about your Company A & Associates party at the Meadowlands rooting for the Army. Sounds very nice, but I don't equate my link with the Army with West Point, so I was glad to see the underdog win.

My participation for the year; I attended General Bolte's funeral.

Diane doesn't seem to be in the Maryland suburban book. Tell her that I asked for her. In fact, come and see us and bring Diane. Also, her brother older now (by far) that we were in the dear old days. That's something to give one pause.

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I enclosed herewith five pictures that were given to me for possible inclusion in the bulletin, and two names for possible addition to our roster:

**Julian Roberts**

12 Royal Creat Drive, Apartment 12  
North Andover, Massachusetts 01845

**Gene Root**

4554 North 16th, Omaha 10, Nebraska  
or  
400 East Jackson, Blair, Nebraska

The addresses for **Gene Root** are old. Hopefully, Clarence will be able to track him down.

**Ed Lucci**

*Ed Lucci,  
Company A,  
273rd*

*Caught  
napping in  
Grimma, Germany.*

*May 1945*



*Left to right: Bill Lehman, Jack Houghton and Bill Douden, Company A - 273rd. On top of the Empire State Building in New York City, November 1944.*



*Left to right: Unknown, Sam Fichthorn, John Sepanek, Unknown, Company A - 273rd, Grimma, Germany. Mulda river crossing area to the Russian side.*



*James M. Carroll, Company A - 273rd  
December 1945 - Berlin*

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*Left to right: Unknown, Charlie Comer, H. Magee, Charles Hammond and Stupe the Dog, Tent City, France - 1945.*



*William "Hoover" Jordan with two Russians in Grimma, Germany on the Mulde River.*

## **Headquarters Battery and Medical Detachment 461st AAA Battalion**

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

The weekend of October 13, 14, 15, 1989, our 5th Reunion, was a banner one for us. This was our largest gathering thus far with 47 members and wives and 18 adult guests and children for a total of 65 very happy people. Let us look forward to even more attending in 1990.

What a joy it was to have Pete (LtC. retired) and Katherine Bouis in for their first visit with us. Pete added an extra dimension to the conversation as he had been a platoon commander in Batteries A, B and D, and in time commanded Batteries A and C. I was privileged to serve under Pete and I can tell you he not only knew his job but he was a pleasure to know and to serve under. In one evening he added enough laughs and "who done its" to keep us going for several years. They had to leave about mid-morning on Sunday and we were all sorry to see them go. Pete, your note to me said you hoped you would be invited again next year. You had better believe you are invited, by all of us, we insist!

Eddie Griffin was accompanied by his daughter Cindy Lucas and her husband Steve. It was readily apparent that everyone fell in love with her, and Steve is a very likable fellow, a history buff and pilots his own aircraft. They will be back, and hopefully often. Eddie spent September in England with his trail meandering along the same route we followed during the year spent there from May 1943 till June 1944 and the big day. It was a great trip except that railroad platforms bite back when you trip and fall on one. Eddie had his camera ever at the ready and was able to bring back some 140 intensely interesting slides which we recognized and had a showing Friday evening and Sunday morning. He also found and visited several people who knew and remembered our unit and some of our people. 1990, Eddie plans on taking Cindy and Steve along with him on a trip to Normandy and follow our routes across that land.

Paul and Ethel Lovelace are selling out in Florida and returning to Virginia. Tom Musselwhite and son Pat came in. Tom is still working, trying to fence all Virginia in, and given enough time he just might do it. Milford Moore and son came in from Missouri and I finally had a chance to talk fishing for a bit with John Chamblis. That wasn't Elsie's dish at the moment though. What a pleasure it was to be with Conley and Viola Gamble, Filmore Cassell, Ed and Joyce Hales, Ed and Belle Moore (who got the ball rolling for our reunions and deserves our everlasting gratitude), the Sandefurs, Howard and Maxine, dear Katherine Trail, widow of John, and Charlie Goodwin, what a wonderful fellow he is. Mac and Madge Morris, Paul and Bertha Kowalchek and Sherman and Irma Twigg made known the Medics were present, what a great group! Cheery Joe Bryson wakes up any gathering along with his warm and loving wife, Margaret plus daughter Linda and a friend. It was good to see John and Connie Lane, and that his health is improving. Music lovers took a beating, though. Roy and Ethel Currier were not with us and George (Flop) Roberts now has arthritis in his hands that has forced him to put his guitar away so our usually musical Saturday evening was kaput. We have a Master of Ceremonies without peer, and Louis Jones did not disappoint us. What a wonderful couple he and Ruth are. J.D. Blackwell, Phyllis and her

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identical twin sister, Fran, were with us along with Fran's daughter, son-in-law and 3 children. Late Saturday, J.D. kept us in stitches recounting the first days at Camp Haan California. Ralph and Isabel Yingling graced us with their presence along with Wallace and Betty Ullery, very special people and to complete the roster, very special Allen Whitley, our Reunion Chairman who sets everything up for us along with his wife Dorothy and her aunt, Carrie Scott. We were also honored to have as special guests, Earl and Dottie Witzleb, and Enrico and Anne D'Angelo from the 69th. As for Eleanor and myself, we cannot thank you enough for just being there. We do not lead dull lives but I assure you, meeting with you people yearly is the most important thing we live for. Thanks and we hope to see you in 1990.

Sunday was a breakfast buffet, church and goodbyes for most. Some of us couldn't part so stayed around till noon, Monday.

If any of you out there are reading this Bulletin and have yet to attend a reunion of your unit, whether division or squad, get with it, the sun is going down and you just cannot imagine what you are missing.

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**777th Tank Battalion**

Joseph W. Loudon, *News Reporter*  
6041 Atwell Road  
Toledo, Ohio 43613  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

We had a wonderful time in Denver at the Reunion with many good tours and activities going on all the time. I am looking for a record turnout of 777th members at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania this coming August. We can do it members. Let's be number 1 this year.



*777th Tank Battalion, Denver Reunion*

*First Row: Charley White, Henry Patula, Alex Lasseigne, Sr., Andrew Lapatka, Gaylord Thomas*

*Top Row: Alex Zubrowski, Frank See, John Gradomski, Joe Loudon, Maurice (Bud) Kasen*

*John McCann and Robert Weise missed the picture because they were out running errands.*

Isn't love grand, enjoyable and happiness. Some of the dancers Saturday evening after the Memorial Service and banquet at the Southeast Marriott closing out our week long activities in Denver.



*Ray Olsen and Eileen*



*Ray Fahrner and his new girlfriend.*



*Barb and Chet*



*Henry Putala and Jean*

**Earl's Note:** Thanks Joe, I think this is the first write-up for the bulletin from the 777th. Keep more news coming members.

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## 69th MPs (Military Police)

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The troops will be many at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel and they will all be out for a good time with their wives and buddies of 45 years ago, so I'm calling for more MPs to help keep the group under control. We must watch them when they go to Atlantic City taking over the casinos and coming home loaded with silver dollars and winnings. Then there is the battle going on between A and E Company of the 273rd to see who has the most number of members at this year's reunion. Other units will be battling to be number 1 at Valley Forge such as Division Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 269th Engineers, 569th Signal Company, B Company and E Company of the 271st, G Company and I Company of the 272nd, D Company, H Company and I Company of the 273rd, 881st Field Artillery and the 777th Tank Battalion. Who knows, some little unit like the 69th MPs might just come sliding in and be tops.

Joseph and Audrey Kennedy, Carl and Ruth Miller, George and Vickie Gallagher, and myself will need a lot of help, so come on MPs, let's make a big noise and showing at Valley Forge. I'm sure we'll need a lot of help at Lily Langtry's on Thursday at the Early Bird when Champagne on Ice will be shown. I'll be looking for a lot of new faces this year.



*This is Brookfield after a storm and the sun has come out. Can you match this? Notice "Old Glory" still waving!*



*H. Zemansky, John Moriarty, Tiger Petersen, "Smitty," Carl, Lt. Piffer, "Matty" — Copenhagen, October 1945*



*Who is this skinny kid so far away from home?*

*John J. Moriarty*

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*"The Turners have two addresses in the Peach State."*

A short note here to extend our best to all of you now and into the new year.

Of course, the new year will bring our next reunion at Valley Forge in August, 1990 and now is the time to plan to be there. Our bulletin will be out early in 1990, and the time to make your reservations is the same day or very soon thereafter. This should ensure us that we will all be in the same hotel which makes all the planning and get-together very simple.

John Turner and I have already been talking and planning for the Battery C Reunion, so plan now to be there by Friday noon and you will be in time for "C." I have already contacted the program chairman and expect to have a hospitality room for Battery C. I have invited Batteries A and G to meet there with us also. The bulletin will inform you that we have relocated two more buddies (Szaro and Wepler) so you can see we are always searching — you do the same.

This has been a good year to Mary and I. I hope I will hear the same from you. Be sure and write something on your Christmas card so just in case you don't make the reunion, I can read it to everyone else. Everyone else will be there — so you better come and defend yourself, as we tell some pretty wild stories . . . .

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## Company H, 273rd Infantry

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The following have attended the Reunion in Denver, Colorado.

- Betty and Bob Bender, *First Timers* — Washington
- Maxine and Robert Haag — Indiana
- Thomas Hoffman — Florida
- Lola and Leland Jones — Kansas
- Agnes and Charles Leskus — Ohio
- Doris and Charles Locke — New Jersey
- Arylene and John Mowrey, Jr. — West Virginia
- Jacqueline and E. R. Sams — North Carolina
- Violet and Jake Stark, Jr. — Pennsylvania
- Raymond Szkudlarek — Ohio

Last year we had 17 and this year 10. I think it was due to going out west. We sure had a good reunion in Denver and want to thank Dutch Hawn, his wife and all who helped him to put on such a good show. Ray Szkudlarek and his granddaughter Amy, my wife Violet and I went to the reunion together. We stopped in Indianapolis the first day and Maxine and Bob Haag took us to the Indianapolis 500 Museum and also on a bus trip around the track and pits. Thanks. The second day we stopped in Salina, Kansas and Lola and Leland Jones picked us up at the motel and took us to their home. We talked over ice cream, cake and coffee. Thanks. The next day we arrived in Denver and sure enjoyed the reunion which was one of the best we ever had.

Last month Ray Szkudlarek (I don't think there is anybody in the 69th as close as Ray and me) came to visit us and we sure made the best of it. We went to two of the Hershey Bears hockey games. Visited Ann and Earl Walters (Headquarters Battalion, 2nd, 273rd). Ate breakfast and visited their home and toured Lancaster Farmers Market and had dinner. We made it a full day. We went to Halifax, Pennsylvania (24 miles) and visited with Lou and Howard Hoover (273rd Medics). Also visited Roger Roden (Company H, 273rd), where he works. We were in the Mortars with Roger.

I hope you fellows read this and see how wonderful it is to visit your buddies and seeing them at reunions. This was the first time the 9 of us had seen Bob Bender since 1945. I know we all enjoyed it and hope we can have a great reunion in Valley Forge next year. God be with all of you.

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## Tri-State Group

**TRI-STATE BLUE IS THE FAMILY GROUP**

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

*(Other States Invited Too)*



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

The attendance was down but the group had a ball with much friendship and hospitality given by all. We gathered

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Thursday and Friday from various cities in our area to get ready for a wonderful weekend that will not be forgotten for quite a while. All of those present will agree to this. It all started Friday evening when four car loads of the group traveled to the Veterans Hospital in Aspinwall, Pennsylvania to entertain the veterans with a night of bingo. This went over big as our game prizes were PX coupon books. We happily gave out \$35.00 worth of them to the happy but not so fortunate Vets. Refreshments were served by our ladies following the bingo and they sure went to town on the cookies. We were all happy we could do this little thing of giving an evening to our veterans who fought in battle somewhere as we did. To our surprise, a 69th member was in that hospital with most of us visiting him before we started back to the Days Inn in New Kensington. His name is **Homer B. Kemp** from Company H of the 273rd Infantry.

Saturday we awoke with a snow storm blowing outside but after breakfast we all piled into a bus taking a tour of the mountains. I might say our bus driver was very good and careful on our journey but he is used to this kind of travel. Our first stop was at Fort Ligonier but it was closed for some renovations so we went just up the road to the Compass Inn which was an old stage coach stop in the early years. Very interesting tour to see how they lived in those days. Everything in the building was 100 years old. In those days do you believe they didn't take a bath for months.

Our next stop was Seven Springs Ski Resort for lunch and with the snow falling we did see some of those crazy nuts coming down the slopes for the first good snowfall of the year. They set us right by the windows so we had a birds eye view of the setting. Our ham dinner lunch was out of this world but you know skiers want good food and we got it too. Down the mountain and over the next one was our next leg of the trip stopping at Frank Lloyd Wright's Falling Waters.

After the tour we headed for the banquet hall for prime rib of beef and flounder stuffed with crab meat. Our entertainment for two and one half hours was Frankie Capri, a one man band who had everyone splitting their sides. Dottie liked the chicken and as usual she lost her voice until the next morning. This was an evening that will be remembered by all. Possibly we can repeat this at a spring weekend at some other location in a few years.

Sunday was our goodbye breakfast with everyone saying they will see one and all at the Holiday Inn, Elyria, Ohio, May 30th through June 3, 1990. **James (Jim) Jones** and the **Butterfields** will host this weekend which appears to be as good as the last two we had at Erie and New Kensington, Pennsylvania. Flyers should be out in late March for Elyria. If you don't have one by April 1st, write **Earl Witzleb** and one will be on its way to you. We welcome all newcomers to our Tri-State group. You'll like us and we will like you, so come and have fun with us. Those attending our New Kensington weekend were:

- Dell and Mary Balzano** — 879th Field Artillery  
Highland Heights, Ohio
- Enrico and Anne D'Angelo** — 880th Field Artillery  
Saltsburg, Pennsylvania
- James and Dotty Eibling** — 269th Engineers  
Columbus, Ohio
- William and Mary Harr** — 879th Field Artillery  
Bainbridge, Ohio
- Paul and Mayreta Kitner** — 724th Field Artillery  
West Lawn, Pennsylvania

- Robert and Vivian Kurtzman, Sr.** — 272nd Infantry  
Wilmot, Ohio
- Carl and Berniece Macknair** — 273rd Infantry  
McClure, Pennsylvania
- Clarence Marshall** — Division Headquarters  
New Kensington, Pennsylvania
- Elwin Patterson** — 661st Tank Destroyers  
Apollo, Pennsylvania
- John and Esther Roth** — 661st Tank Destroyers  
Bay City, Michigan
- Paul and Marian Shadle** — 271st Infantry  
New Kensington, Pennsylvania
- Robert "Bob" and Jean Shaffer** — 272nd Infantry  
Massillon, Ohio
- William "Bill" and Reba Sheavly** — 271st Infantry  
Reistertown, Maryland
- Marvin and June Slichter** — 369th Medical Battalion  
Mohnton, Pennsylvania
- Carl and Mildred Stetler** — 569th Signal Company  
Reading, Pennsylvania
- Marie Suprano** — 881st Field Artillery  
New Kensington, Pennsylvania
- David and Virginia Wharrey** — Unknown  
Sewickley, Pennsylvania
- Earl and Dorothy Witzleb, Jr.** — 273rd Infantry  
Acme-Champion, Pennsylvania

**CANCELLED:**

- Albert and Charlotte Naginonis** — 272nd Infantry  
Aliquippa, Pennsylvania

**CAN'T MAKE IT:**

- Ann and Earl Walters, George and Barbara Johnson, and John and Arylene Mowrey, Jr.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** These are loyal Tri-Staters. They came in snow but went home on a sunny afternoon.



We are looking for a large turnout for our Elyria weekend. We are looking forward to seeing new faces from the Lorain, Elyria and Cleveland area as well as other towns and cities from Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Michigan, and Indiana. All 69ers are welcome. We pride ourselves in the warm up "Chuck Herring Memorial Junior Golf Tournament" held

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on Friday, which gets us ready for the big tournament at the annual 69th reunion. Our field keeps getting bigger and bigger with those playing last year at Erie, Pennsylvania were: (Ladies) Ted Nemeth, Helen Gruber, Barbara Johnson and Tillie Boris. (Men) Eugene Butterfield, James "Jim" Jones, Chet Yastrzemski, Tom Leslie, Frank Nemeth, John Gruber, James Eibling, Ray Szkudlarek, Al Kormas, Daniel Evers, James Boris, and George Johnson. How many newcomers will we have join this field at a beautiful golf course in the Elyria area? Jim Jones and the Butterfields will be looking to seeing you and you and you.

**Please Note:** Tri-Staters will not have a fall weekend in 1990 since all Tri-Staters will be going to Valley Forge for the 69th Annual Reunion in August and I would like to encourage those that can make a return trip to eastern Pennsylvania in November to attend the fall weekend of the Central Pennsylvania Branch in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. More details will be in the next bulletin. Let's give Frank and Arlene Carey some Tri-State support in their endeavors to build up the Central group.

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## 69th Cavalry Recon Troop

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The 38th annual reunion of the 69th Recon Troop was held October 25-29 in Orlando, Florida. We were all billeted at the Quality Inn High Q, now known as the Star Quality Resort. The accommodations were very good and the rates very reasonable.

Last year it was decided to have a five day reunion in Florida. Some of the fellows were a bit skeptical and said we'd probably have a small turnout. How wrong they were. Thanks to Mike and Mary Moscaritolo and their co-hosts, Paul and Mildred Fowler and Gordon and Fern Ewing, we had our best turnout ever. They literally made hundreds of phone calls and put out at least three letters to all the Troopers on the roster. Mike talked to each of the fellows at least twice and some of them more than that. It all paid off. We ended with 44 Troopers in attendance. We have 93 Troopers on our current roster and to get 44 of them to a reunion is almost unbelievable.

Mike had arranged for an extremely comfortable hospitality room. It was large, with a balcony and bar. We also had an adjacent room available for expansion. The ladies kept the hospitality room well supplied with snacks and the bar was stocked with both soft drinks and the other kind. Some of the ladies brought snacks and also some of the fellows brought their favorite beverage. It seemed that Mary was constantly putting food in front of us and it was all delicious. She even kept a supply of hard boiled eggs on the table. (This relates to a story the writer is not completely familiar with). Wally and Carolyn Pepper even brought some freshly picked fruit from their grove in Arcadia.

It seemed that Paul was constantly making runs to the airport and train station to pick up another Trooper. In

between runs he was collecting for meals and taking care of other chores. Gordie was making trips to pick up supplies and otherwise doing a bang up job of serving everyone's favorite drink. The ladies were continually filling up food containers and picking up empty glasses, dishes, etc. Mike was doing a little bit of everything coordinating the entire affair and, in our opinion, enjoying every bit of it.

Some of the fellows came to the Orlando area before or stayed after the reunion enjoying the attractions in the area. The following answered roll call:

Mike and Mary Moscaritolo — Florida and New Jersey  
Paul and Mildred Fowler — Florida  
Gordon and Fern Ewing — Florida  
Howard and Dorothy Carpenter — North Carolina  
Arthur and Shirley Cohen — California  
George Dinkelacker, *First Timer* — Mississippi  
Harold Dooley, *First Timer* — South Dakota  
Boyd and Stella Ellsworth — Ohio  
Richard and Fran Fogt — Ohio  
Charles and Barbara Fox — Maryland  
Wayne and Dorothy Frazier, *First Timers* — Mississippi  
Hugh Fuller — Texas  
Harold and Jeanne Gardner — Missouri  
D. B. and Betty George — Maryland  
Eddie and Mary Lou Glenz — Pennsylvania  
Getty and Lucy Glotfelty — Washington State  
Al and Esther Gold — Massachusetts  
Jim and Mary Wright — California  
Harry and Alice Hallahan — New York  
Solon Hathorn, *First Timer* — Mississippi  
Tony and Kay Ingrasselino — New York  
Morris and Gertrude Kaiserman — Illinois  
Jerry Leib, *First Timer* — California  
Bertram Lippincott — New York  
Marshall and Delphine Ney — Indiana  
Herb Norman — Colorado  
Wally and Carolyn Pepper — Florida  
Lewis and Lucille Pickett — Virginia  
Ed and Margaret Schlotter — Florida  
Murray Schmieder — The Bronx  
Robert and Mable Schueler — Ohio  
Phil and Minnie Sesler — West Virginia  
Robert and Doris Seward — Maryland  
Ed and Nancy Sivas — California  
Ralph Stafura, *First Timer* — Florida  
Harold and Maxine Stambaugh — Pennsylvania  
Herb and Ruth Stewart — Florida  
Lewis and Janet Vaughn — Virginia  
Freddy and Ginny Vaughan — Maryland  
Frank and Loretta Veazy — Ohio  
Lloyd and Ruth Walker — Ohio  
Henry and Lillian Weiman — New Jersey  
Robert and Jean West — Ohio  
Fred Wohlers — Oklahoma

In addition to the Troopers listed above, we also had the following guests present:

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Moscaritolo — Guests of Mike Moscaritolo  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kislow — Guests of Mike Moscaritolo  
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lepsinger — Guests of Arthur Cohen  
Mr. and Mrs. Allan Lewis — Guests of D. B. George

Frank Veazy also had a guest whose name we did not obtain. Sorry!

Also in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beswick, Past President of the 69th Division Association.

A surprise visitor to our hospitality room was Jacques H. Garain, a citizen of Belgium who was in the U.S. on vacation from Brussels. During the German occupation of Belgium,

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he was a member of the underground. Later he was a member of the 11th Belgium Fusiliers Battalion, which was attached to General Patton's Third Army. He had seen the 69th emblems around the hotel and looked us up. He was very interesting to talk with and was in the same area of Belgium as the 69th Division.

It was great to be there early and greet the fellows and their ladies as they came in and to see the first timers. It was something to see the fellows who made the cross country trip from California and Washington. Ed and Nancy Sivas flew in late Friday and had to leave early Sunday. They were able to be with us at least a short time. The Arthur Cohens didn't get in till late Friday but were going to spend some time with friends after the reunion. Jerry Leib saw the notice of the reunion in the American Legion magazine and contacted Mike for the reunion particulars. It was Jerry's first reunion. Jim and Mary Haight flew in from California for their second reunion. Getty and Lucy Glotfelty drove their motor home in from Washington State. It was great that these fellows could make the trip to be with us. Some of the others hadn't made a reunion in 20 to 30 years and we were glad to see all of them. We hope they will all be able to make future reunions.

Mike and Mary had arranged for a bus tour of the Kennedy Space Center. For those of us who took advantage of this opportunity, it was a day we thoroughly enjoyed. In addition to the actual tour of the facility where we were able to view the space shuttle Discovery on its launch pad, we viewed a movie which included footage taken by astronauts on previous space trips and during their training. This movie was very interesting and left us holding on to our seats at times. It gave us some small idea of the technology and enormity of our space program. The entire tour was well organized and our thanks to Mike and Mary for arranging it. Some of the other Troopers and their ladies also took advantage of some of the many attractions in the area such as Epcot, Disney World, MGM, etc. We also understand that some of the ladies even got in some shopping. Other of the fellows put quite a lot of time in the hospitality room visiting and reminiscing.

Mike also arranged for a group picture to be taken before the banquet Saturday night. It has been a number of years since we had a professional picture taken.

Our banquet was held at the hotel where we dined on prime rib or chicken and all the extras. The hotel restaurant was closed to the public, so we had the room all to ourselves.

After dinner we had a short Memorial service. As Bones Schueler slowly called the roll of our fallen Troopers, Taps was being softly sounded at a distance by Hugh Fuller, our Texas trumpeteer. It was a very impressive ceremony and needless to say, there were many misty eyed troopers in the room as we honored our former buddies.

After the memorial service, Boyd Ellsworth took over and continued a practice that was begun at past reunions. That of the fellows taking the floor and relating events and happenings pertaining to their families since our last gathering. It was especially interesting to hear from some of the first timers, and those who we hadn't seen for a number of years. Phil Sesler, our First Platoon Medic, indicated that although he was officially a member of the Medical Corps attached to the troop, he considered himself a member of Recon. Several of those in attendance were appreciative of Phil's presence and actions in Belgium and Germany. Phil, we definitely consider you a member of Recon.

Since our last reunion, we had received information of the loss of a couple more of our Troopers. George "Chip" Choborda, after a long illness, and Joe Shambre, the victim of an automobile accident. Then upon arriving at the reunion we were shocked to hear of the death of George Makris. George's death was very sudden on the night before he and Nancy were going to leave to join us in Orlando. Our hearts go out to the families and loved ones of all our deceased Troopers.

Many of us spent Sunday morning between the hospitality room and packing our luggage and loading our vehicles. Most of us were a little quieter and more serious knowing that shortly we would be saying our goodbyes for another year. When we expressed our thanks to Mike and his crew for a great reunion, he kept giving the credit to the Troopers who made the trip. He insisted that was what made a good reunion. That may be Mike, but we know that without you and your committee's many, many phone calls and letters, it wouldn't have been so successful.

It was decided to hold the 1990 Recon reunion in New Orleans. It will be hosted by Charlie and Bobbie Fox and will probably be the early part of September. No doubt they will work up an interesting package for us and we will be hearing from them at a later date. Thanks Charlie and Bobbie.

Again, it was a great reunion in Orlando and let's make the 1990 reunion in New Orleans just as good or better. Start working on your buddies and let them know that you will be there and get them to meet you there. We'll see you there.

**EARL'S NOTE:** No problem on submitting the corrected copy of your write up. Just took the first one out and put the new one in with the corrections. I like the reports that come to me typewritten since I can submit this type of work to our printer. Next time tell Jeanne to do a better job proofreading. Or just maybe she'll fire you. I even find errors in the bulletins after they are published. It seems to be easier to find them that way. I always say, if you don't make a mistake, you aren't doing anything.

Now, may I make one request. Will you try to have some other Recon Troopers join Boyd and Stella Ellsworth at our 69th Infantry Division Association Reunion at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel, King of Prussia (Valley Forge), Pennsylvania this year in August. I am sure they would enjoy the company of about a dozen Troopers and wives. You'll have a good time, I am sure.

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## 269th Engineers

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Hi Guys,

Hope your holidays were nice and wish you all the best for 1990.

I hope you're making plans to attend the 69th Reunion at Valley Forge,

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Pennsylvania, which is being hosted by **Dan Evers** and myself for 1990. I would like to mention here that I was just going back through some old photos of past reunions and we used to get at least 23 Engineers out. Sorry to say some of the guys have passed on but I'm sure we could still get that many to attend in this close central area. I know we have over 100 Engineers within a 450 mile radius of the reunion site. Just remember, it's getting later than we think and it would be nice to see you all again, as the next couple reunions will be much farther away.

Still would like to get some good photos from you men that were in H&S Company, A Company, and C Company, with names if possible. Most everything I have is B Company. I have enclosed a photo of **James Postgate**, **Joe Meter** and **'Hockie' Allen**. **James** and **Hockie** were cooks, and everybody should remember **Joe Meter** as we all had to guard him at one time or another. He was a good tough soldier, just a little strong-willed at times. Have enclosed a photo of a new found member of the 269th, B Company. **Ernest Krause** was with the 269th Engineers from the day it was activated on May 15, 1943 and was a radio man for us. The photo of **Sergeant Metzener** and **Captain Duncan** was taken either in the orderly room while with H&S Company or Company B. I know we had both in Company B before going overseas. The photo of **Bill Goode**, **Henry Rosenberg** and **Johnnie Pontieri** was taken while out on Bivouac someplace. They served as our Company clerks down at Battalion Headquarters. The photo of that handsome guy by the truck is **John "Yon" Pszekaza**. He was our truck driver and I must say a very good one. I had to say that since I always rode in the cab with him as his 50 caliber gunner.

I am trying to locate as well as others, all the men who shipped out as cadre to the 1345th Engineers from the 269th. These men were shipped to Camp Van Dorn and some now attend the reunions but if you know of any, let me know.

So you all take care and feel free to send in your own articles and photos to the bulletin. I'm probably sure we will all enjoy them.

*Let's go B.B.B.s!!!*



*M/S William Metzener and Captain Arthur Duncan  
H&S and B Company*



*T/5 John Pszekaza, B Company*



*The "Trio" — Corporal Bill Goode, A Company, Corporal Henry Rosenberg, H&S Company, Corporal John Pontieri, B Company*



*Ernest Krause  
B Company*



*James Postgate, Joe Meter, and Henry "Hockie" Allen - B Co.*

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**269th ENGINEERS COMBAT BATTALION  
CAMP SHELBY, MISSISSIPPI**

The following lists the names of the men of H&S Company and A Company who were at Camp Shelby on ACTIVATION DAY, MAY 15, 1943.

**H&S COMPANY**

Bradley, William N. ....	Master Sergeant
Metzener, William H. ....	Master Sergeant
Garret, Howard R. ....	1st Sergeant
Martin, Floyd C. ....	T/Sergeant
Heuer, Robert E. ....	T/Sergeant
Yakabonki, Joseph E. ....	T/Sergeant
Ashley, Charles P. ....	S/Sergeant
Clark, John F. ....	S/Sergeant
Reed, Warren G. ....	S/Sergeant
Rogers, Francis I. ....	S/Sergeant
Sokolowski, Robert J. ....	S/Sergeant
Weinhoeft, Henry (NMI) ....	Sergeant
Langley, Lester (NMI) ....	T/4
Nelson, James C. ....	T/4
Williams, Oswald E. ....	T/4
Harrison, Martin H. ....	Corporal
Duan, James A. ....	T/5
Meadows, Clifton (NMI) ....	T/5
Alochney, Joe (NMI) ....	Private
Brickley, Chester A. ....	Private
Brown, Sr., Bertram B. ....	Private
Curren, John K. ....	Private
Dunne, Charles J. ....	Private
Foster, Jr., William R. ....	Private
Fries, Jr., Galen H. ....	Private
Goodman, Max (NMI) ....	Private
Hyde, George S. ....	Private
Lewis, Ernest P. ....	Private
MacDonald, George A. ....	Private
Monomack, Vladimir B. ....	Private
Pole, Jr., Harry D. ....	Private
Powell, Clavin S. ....	Private
Shafer, Monzel F. ....	Private
Stokes, Albert L. ....	Private
Unavage, Harry J. ....	Private
Wilkinson, Edwin M. ....	Private
Zeisloft, Richard E. ....	Private

**A COMPANY**

Patterson, Lester D. ....	1st Sergeant
Cowart, Donald B. ....	S/Sergeant
Keeler, Lyle H. ....	S/Sergeant
Littleton, Harvey L. ....	S/Sergeant
Ormsby, Robert T. ....	S/Sergeant
Smith, Earl D. ....	S/Sergeant
Wilson, Robert M. ....	S/Sergeant
Baker, Preston L. ....	Sergeant
Wood, Ray K. ....	Sergeant
Runyon, Victor V. ....	T/4
Wahoske, Warren K. ....	Corporal
Blackmon, Leslie T. ....	T/5
Seeger, Wallace B. ....	T/5
Cain, James P. ....	Private
Clark, Oscar L. ....	Private
Coe David, F. ....	Private
Davidson, Stephen P. ....	Private

Deibert, Samuel K. ....	Private
House, John (NMI) ....	Private
James, Samuel E. ....	Private
Konzelman, John William ....	Private
Morganti, Raymond J. ....	Private
Moyer, Clare L. ....	Private
Pease, Charley D. ....	Private
Piccari, Leonard D. ....	Private
Pond, Marcus S. ....	Private
Simons, John R. ....	Private
Sydowski, William N. ....	Private
Taylor, Charles S. ....	Private
Voscavage, Michael J. ....	Private
Wilson, Charles E. ....	Private

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**661st Tank  
Destroyer  
Battalion**



*John Ryan                      Bill Beswick                      Bill Snidow  
Co. C                              Co. B                              Co. B*

*M-18 at Fort Knox, Kentucky, October, 1989.*

Certainly was a pleasant surprise to look out the church door and spot Earl, Dottie and Enrico and Anne D'Angelo stopping by. Do wish you could have spent at least a couple hours so that we may have shown you the points of local interest.

We had just returned the day before from a three day visit to the Tank Destroyer National Reunion. They had a very good program of activities planned. There was a dinner-dance cruise up the river on the Louisville Belle. One day was devoted to a trip to Fort Knox and a sit-down dinner at the officers club. In the afternoon the dedication of a Tank Destroyer Monument and a tour of the Patton Museum.

The Museum of Southern New England of Danbury, Connecticut brought their M-18 and had it on display. The next day they brought the M-18 to the Louisville Speedway and everyone who wanted a ride or wanted to drive it had a chance to do so. This was really the highlight of our trip. The M-18 is one of only two in the United States; the other at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, owned by the Army. Even forty-five years old, it looked just as modern as the Abrams tank

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of today and looked and operated just like brand new. Bill Beswick was the first to drive it and was tickled he had this experience.

On the History Book: The T.D.s as well as the 69th has engaged Turner Publishing to print a history book. Their deadline has already passed and been extended for receiving individual biographies. I would strongly urge all members to send theirs in even if the deadline has passed. It stands to reason that any biographies received while the book is being compiled will be included. Pictures of any size are acceptable as they can reduce or enlarge; it is not necessary that you buy a book.

Let's face it fellows, in a short passage of time all of us will be gone. Even some of our children know nothing of our war-time experience. The history books may be bought by town, state or national libraries and archives. Once the history book is printed, it's too late to be entered. I remember General Bolte several years ago saying about someone passing on that "we are all of the age of consideration." Don't delay; send in your contribution to the history book.

While in Louisville, I called Robert P. Gahlinger, Company B, 661st T.D., who had never attended a reunion, to invite him over. He had a doctors appointment the next day and couldn't make it. He had lost his wife early on and was proud to have been able to raise five children alone. He had plastic hip joint surgery and was anticipating knee surgery also. Only person he had seen of his army buddies was Lieutenant McFarland who had visited him some years ago.

We had a first timer there also from Arkansas, John Ryan and his lovely wife. I suppose Bill has sent in his address as I didn't get it. Four members of the 661st T.D.s were present.

Just heard today that a buddy here in my home town died today: Bernard "Phil" Epperly (November 5th), Recon Company, 661st T.D.s.

**William E. "Bill" Snidow**



*This is the memorial marker to the Tank Destroyer Forces that Bill Snidow and I went to see dedicated.*



*This is a marker for a battalion.*



*This is a division marker with satellites for various regiments or battalions.*

The T.D. Forces marker and Division markers are 4 feet tall and about 16" square. As you can see, they are mounted on about a 2 foot square stone. The cost of these markers is either \$2700.00 or \$2800.00. I was told, but have lost the paper I wrote it on. Anyhow, the cost is not as expensive as we thought. No one seemed to know the cost of the satellites.

The battalion markers when, placed on their own, are only three foot tall, but still the same 16" square on a two foot base.



*Fort Knox Dedication of T.D. Monument, October 1989.*

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*Taken at Fort Knox, Bill Beswick.*



*Bill Snidow inside the M-18.*



*Taken at Louisville Motor Speedway, this is a picture similar to the one Jim Kidd found in the Louisville Courier newspaper. He sent me the newspaper picture and said maybe I should send something to you. I did not know it was in the paper until he sent it to me. It was nice of him. I was turning the engine over prior to it being started.*

*This vehicle was obtained from the Yugoslavian government. It was shipped over here at a cost of \$7,000. It is the only Tank Destroyer M-18 that is operational in this country.*



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## Message from Al Bukovec

My Dear Friends of Battery B,

Gladys and I would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Holiday Season. The card shown is a copy of the greetings we sent to our families and friends from Camp Shelby, Mississippi, during December of 1943. The original card was returned to me several months ago by a female high school classmate. She saved it and thought I would like to have it back. I wanted to have about 50 or 60 printed in the original four colors, but the cost to have that done would have sent me to the poor house. As you can see, I had it printed on a copier. We hope it brings back good memories of 46 years ago. Let's hope we can remember that far back?

We have received many cards from the troops, and almost everyone has made mention or hinted, are we going to meet in 1990 and have another reunion? Yes, we are! The restaurant is all ready reserved for **September 7th and 9th, 1990**. That is the weekend after Labor Day. I took the liberty of moving the weekend up a week or two, for better weather. On Saturday, September 8th, I want to take the whole group on a river cruise, first on Lake Erie then on the Cuyahoga River on the "Goodtime." It's a large boat, and a very interesting excursion. I know when you come to Cleveland from all over the United States, you would like to see something other than the Red Roof Inn and Eastside Mo's. So maybe in 1990 we can go boating on the Cuyahoga River, Cleveland's river that once burned. However, I can assure you that those days are gone, and the burning incidents are gone too.

Of course, you will hear from us a few more times before the reunion with the required information. I also understand that **Colonel Stacy Gooch** might join us. That information comes from **Tom and Helen Heath**. Would be great to see him again.

Sincerely, Gladys and Al



CARD MAILED OUT IN DECEMBER OF 1943  
Front of the card before you opened it.

Open the card once, and you saw this.



Unfold the card the whole way, and you saw this.



# Inge Mottaz Writes

Dear Clarence,

I would like to thank you for sending me the last bulletin. Enclosed is my check to put me back on your mailing list. My address will be the same for now.

After the last letter Bob sent to you, he was more in the hospital than out. On the 13th of April they even put in a pacemaker at the Air Force Hospital in Lackland, Texas. We went for one more checkup in May to Texas and that was our last trip. After that it went very fast, but he never complained.

He came home from the hospital on Wednesday, July 5th, but on Friday I had to call his doctor and on Saturday, July 8th, I had to take him back to the hospital where, in the Emergency Room, he suffered a fatal heart attack, fifteen days after his seventieth birthday. He was interred at Riverside National Cemetery with full military honors.

Bob was in the Air Force for 24 years and while stationed in Ramstein, Germany, he suffered a massive heart attack which led to his retirement in January, 1969. He was declared 100% service connected disabled with Angina Pectoris and Congestive Heart Failure. Subsequently, he went through two open-heart by-pass surgeries.

After he came back from his last visit with his old comrades from Company F, 273rd, in Niagara Falls, he told me how much he had enjoyed every minute of it, but he was sorry he was unable to attend more reunions.

In September, 1989, we had planned to go back for a visit to Celle, Germany, to the fortieth Air Lift (Luftbrücke) reunion. Bob was in Celle only two days in 1949, when we met. We had been married for almost forty years when he passed away.

We all miss him very much, especially our two grandchildren who were his pride and joy. I feel so lost because I depended so much on him.

Sincerely,  
**Inge Mottaz**  
 Widow of Robert Mottaz  
 Company F, 273rd Infantry  
 10961 Desert Lawn Drive, Space #6  
 Calimesa, California 92320

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Joe and Iona DiFilippi of Salem, Oregon at the Denver Reunion on Banquet night.

# Check Out Page 22, Last Bulletin

In Volume 43, #1, 69th Bulletin, Page 22, there is a picture of the 4th Platoon, Company F, 273rd Infantry, sent in by Sergeant Richard Hopkins. I was a member of the platoon and would like to fill in the missing names.

Front — Oscar Tete

1st Row: Marvin Wiges, Foust, Sergeant Amoss, Ralph Ogg, Sergeant Frank Smith

2nd Row: Ed Turek, Gilbert Clark, William Powell, Thomas, Thompson, William Ross, Robert L. Davis

3rd Row: Goldsmith, Tom Graves, Eli Bloom, Frank Light, Dick Bishop, Bischon

4th Row: Hopkins, O'Bannon, Scheef, Martin DeMarr, Bill Vogt, Schnee, Black, Serafine

Sergeant Hopkins, in his article, spoke about living or working in the Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania area (1954). My hometown is Forty-Fort, Pennsylvania, 2 miles from Wilkes Barre. I guess we're 36 years too late to see each other.

I was in the First Machine Gun Squad and later became the Fourth Platoon Runner.

Gilbert Clark  
 70 Yates Street  
 Forty-Fort, Pennsylvania 18704

Earl's Note: I check out Page 22 and the picture. Are you all still living? I hope so, but time is running out for most of us. Why can't, after 45 years, everyone in that picture have a great reunion in August at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel with all us 69ers. You're a nice group of G.I.s and I'm sure you're a better bunch of civilians with your lovely wives. We would like to see you. Come join us at King of Prussia (Valley Forge). I'll even invite you to my room on the top floor.

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Why the heck couldn't you have been born a beautiful woman?

# An Incomplete List of Murphy's Laws of Combat Operations

1. Military Intelligence can be a contradiction in terms.
2. Recoilless rifles - aren't.
3. A sucking chest wound is nature's way of telling you to slow down.
4. The enemy diversion you are ignoring is the main attack.
5. If the enemy is within range, then so are you.
6. Friendly fire - isn't.
7. If it is stupid and works, then it ain't stupid.
8. When you have secured an area, don't forget to tell the enemy.
9. If you are short of everything, except the enemy, then you are in the combat zone.
10. Try to look unimportant. They may be low on ammo.
11. The easy way is always mined.
12. Tracers work both ways.
13. Incoming fire has the right of way.
14. Teamwork is essential. It gives them other people to shoot at.
15. Never draw fire - it irritates everyone around you.
16. No combat ready unit ever passed an inspection.
17. No inspection ready unit ever passed combat.
18. Make it too tough for the enemy to get in, and you can't get out.
19. Both sides are convinced they're about to lose, they're both right.
20. Professionals are predictable, but the world is full of dangerous amateurs.
21. Fortify your front and you'll get your rear shot up.
22. When in doubt, empty your magazine.
23. In war, important things are very simple and all simple things are hard.
24. Don't look conspicuous, it draws fire.
25. Communications will fail as soon as you need fire support desperately.
26. Weather ain't neutral.
27. Remember, your weapon was made by the lowest bidder.
28. If you can't remember, the claymore is pointed towards you.
29. Never share a foxhole with anyone braver than you.
30. All five second grenade fuses are three seconds.
31. The only thing more accurate than incoming enemy fire is incoming friendly.
32. If your attack is going real well, it's an ambush.
33. No OPLAN survives first contact intact.
34. If it flies it dies.
35. When you are forward of your position, the artillery will always be short.
36. Suppressive fire - won't.
37. You are not Superman.
38. Cavalry doesn't always come to the rescue.
39. B-52s are the ultimate in close air support.
40. Sniper's motto: Reach out and touch someone.
41. Peace is our profession — mass murder is just a hobby.
42. Killing for peace is like whoring for virginity.
43. There's always a way.
44. Murphy was a grunt.
45. It's not the one with your name on it - it's the round addressed "to whom it may concern" ya gotta worry about.
46. Remember, Napalm is an area weapon.
47. Smart bombs have bad days, too.
48. Mines are equal opportunity weapons.
49. There is no such thing as the perfect plan.

*Courtesy of National Order of Battlefield Commissions*

*Submitted by:*

**Frank Breyette, Headquarters - 461st AAA**

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



*Lottie Shires*



*Lottie Shires and Fran Enright*



*Lottie Shires and Ralph Reeves*



*Lottie Shires and Al Westlake*



*Al and Lottie Shires*

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# CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS AND COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE

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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.

By now everyone should know where news material, articles and pictures should be mailed to. Your Coordinating Manager and Editor will do a superb job of handling it along with Dottie who takes care of the ladies mail. Thanks for getting it in on time.

**NEWS MATERIAL AND PICTURES FOR THE BULLETIN  
SHOULD BE MAILED TO:**  
**EARL E. WITZLEB, JR., P.O. Box 69, Champion, Pennsylvania 15622-0069  
or R.D. #1, Box 477, Acme, Pennsylvania 15610-9606**  
**CLARENCE MARSHALL, 101 Stephen Street, New Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068**

**LADIES AUXILIARY MATERIAL AND PICTURES TO:**  
**DOROTHY A. WITZLEB, P.O. Box 69, Champion, Pennsylvania 15622-0069  
or R.D. 1, Box 477, Acme, Pennsylvania 15610-9606**

## 1990

**DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE  
FOR 1989-1990**

**Mail to:**  
**Robert J. Kurtzman, Sr.**  
Post Office Box 178  
Wilmot, Ohio 44689

**Dues:**  
Regular Membership ..... \$ 5.00  
Contributory Membership ..... \$10.00  
Ladies' Auxiliary Membership.. \$ 2.00

**Dues Year:**  
August 1, 1989 to July 31, 1990  
Postage and Bulletin Donations Accepted

**69th Monument Fund donations are now  
being accepted. Monument will be erected  
at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.**

**APRIL 7, 1990**

**Deadline for news material and pictures**  
**Bulletin Volume 43, Number 3**  
**May - June - July - August, 1990**

This Bulletin makes or breaks you, Decision time. Will you or are you going to be at the Valley Forge Sheraton for our August 12 to 19, 1990 Reunion with your buddies and their wives, girlfriends, or guests. All are welcome.

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**APRIL 22, 23, 24, 1990**

**MID-WEST GROUP SPRING MEETING**

**Interlaken Resort**

On Como Lake, three to four miles west of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, on Highway 50.

**Rates: Sunday through Thursday**

\$42 single + \$4.41 Tax

\$52 double + \$5.46 Tax

Friday and Saturday — \$77 + \$8.09 Tax

(There will be a small contribution to cover the expense of the hospitality room.)

**For Reservations, call the resort directly.**

Out of state: 1/800-225-5558

In Wisconsin: 1/414-248-9121

The resort will hold a block of rooms for the Midwest Group until March 22, 1990. Late callers can probably get a reservation, but the room may not be adjacent to the Group block.

**Program:**

**April 22:** Check in after 4:00 p.m.  
Dinner at the Resort.

**April 23:** Golf.  
Outing for non-golfers.  
Dinner at a restaurant to be selected.

**April 24:** On your own.  
Check-out time is 12:00 Noon.  
Stay can be extended at the rates shown above.

If you plan to attend, notify Curt or Evelyn Peterson by March 31, 1990. They can also answer any questions about the meeting.

**Curt and Evelyn Peterson**  
4900 Wallace Avenue  
Madison, Wisconsin 53716  
Telephone: 608/222-7957

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**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS  
AND COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE**

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**AUGUST 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 1990**

**724th FIELD ARTILLERY  
BATTERY C**

Battery C, 724th Field Artillery Reunion will be held in conjunction with the 69th Infantry Division Reunion August 12-19, 1990 at Valley Forge, (King of Prussia), Pennsylvania.

Battery C, 724th Dinner at 5:00 p.m., Friday, August 17th.

For more information contact:

**Committee:**

**Vernon E. Tritch, Jr., Co-Chairman**  
3259 Foxiana Road  
Middletown, Pennsylvania 17057  
Telephone: 717/944-9080

or

**John W. Turner, Co-Chairman**  
P.O. Box 1645  
Decatur, Georgia 30031  
Telephone: 404/378-3543

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**AUGUST 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 1990**

**880th FIELD ARTILLERY  
HEADQUARTERS BATTERY**

**Sheraton Valley Forge Hotel**  
North Gulph Road and First Avenue  
King of Prussia (Valley Forge), Pennsylvania 19406

**TO BE HELD WITH THE 69th INFANTRY  
DIVISION ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL REUNION**

**Committee:**

**John O'Connor, Chairman**  
4804 South Le Claire Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60638  
Telephone: 312/582-0922

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**SEPTEMBER 8, 1990**

**Deadline for news material and pictures**  
**Bulletin Volume 44, Number 1**  
**September - October - November - December, 1990**  
**Bulletin due out to members by Thanksgiving.**

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**SEPTEMBER (Month) 1990**

**First Dues Notice should be mailed to all members on record**  
**except those who attended and paid dues at the Valley Forge**  
**Sheraton Reunion. Thanks for paying your 1990-1991 dues**  
**early.**

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**SEPTEMBER 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 1990**

**880th FIELD ARTILLERY  
C BATTERY WEEKEND**

**Comfort Inn**  
Boone, North Carolina

**Committee:**

**Lewis and Fern Pugh**  
Route 4, Grant Street  
Cadiz, Ohio 43907  
Telephone: 614/942-3721

Details to follow in next bulletin.

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**SEPTEMBER 20, 21, 22, 23, 1990**

**880th FIELD ARTILLERY  
BATTERY A WEEKEND**

**Nashville, Tennessee**

Details to follow in next bulletin.

**Committee:**

Unknown

**Earl's Note:** Next bulletin goes out in June.

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**SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 23, 1990**

**461st AAA BATTERY B WEEKEND**

**Days Inn Motel**  
Allentown, Pennsylvania

Details to follow in next bulletin.

**Committee:**

**Donald and Wife Detwiler, Co-Chairpersons**  
903 Clearfield Road  
Nazareth, Pennsylvania 18064  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bernard and Wife Uhler, Co-Chairpersons**  
157 Victory Lane  
Nazareth, Pennsylvania 18064  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Earl's Note:** It would be nice to see you two lovely couples from B Battery a few days at the 69th Reunion at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel, King of Prussia. It's only a short drive down the Pennsylvania Turnpike Extension and we would be glad to have you. You could be the first 461st AAA members to attend a 69th Reunion. Best days are Thursday through Saturday unless you want to take in some of the tours earlier in the week. WELCOME.

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**OCTOBER 12, 13, 14, 1990**

**Earl's Note:** I hope those are the right days.

**461st AAA, HEADQUARTERS BATTERY  
AND MEDICAL DETACHMENT WEEKEND**

**Holiday Inn**  
Salem, Virginia  
1919 Frontage Road  
Salem, Virginia 24153

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

We will have a block of rooms reserved. Rates will be the best possible. More information in summer issue of bulletin. Watch for it.

Code word for reservations will be 461st. We believe we will have a good deal for you this year. Please come!!

**Committee:**

**Allen H. Whitley, Chairman**  
Route 6, Box 70  
Marion, Virginia 24354  
Telephone: Office: 703/783-5566  
Home: 703/783-6615

**Francis H. Breyette, News Reporter**  
1137 Orkla Drive  
Golden Valley, Minnesota 44527  
Telephone: 612/545-2281

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS  
AND COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE  
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CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH WEEKEND

Fall Foliage Days

Quality Court (Old Treadway)

Route 422

Lebanon, Pennsylvania

Tour: (Tentative) Three Mile Island

Banquet Dinner will be held on Friday evening.

Added Attraction: Hospitality Room

Committee:

Frank and Arlene Carey, *Chairpersons and News Reporters*

R.D. #2, Box 36X2

Route 897

Reinholds, Pennsylvania 17569

Telephone: 215/484-4974

Earl's Note: I believe the dates are November 8, 9, 10, 11 or 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 1990. Flyers will be out. All details will be in the next bulletin in July, right from the mouth of Frank Carey. You Central and Eastern Pennsylvanians, New Jersey, Delaware, Eastern Maryland, and Washington, D.C. take note. First we want to see you at Valley Forge in August.

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DECEMBER 8, 1990

Deadline for news material and pictures

Bulletin Volume 44, Number 2

January - February - March - April, 1991

Bulletin due out during month of March, 1990

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**1991**

JANUARY (Month) 1991

Second Dues Notice should be mailed to all members on record except those who attended and paid at the Valley Forge Sheraton Reunion and when paying on the first dues notice.

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MAY-JUNE, 1991

TRI-STATE SPRING WEEKEND

No arrangements have been made at the time of this Bulletin publication.

Tri-State will not have a Fall Weekend in 1990. President Earl Witzleb, 69th Division Association, expects to see all Tri-Staters at Valley Forge in August. If you have any cabbage left, we hope you will support the Central Pennsylvania Branch Weekend in November 1990. Division Reunions should have first priority to all mini-weekends.

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JUNE 1991 (Tentative Month)

COMPANY D, 272nd INFANTRY REGIMENT

Location: Iberia, Louisiana

Motel: To be announced at later date

Agenda: To be announced at a later date

Committee:

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Geoffroy, *Chairpersons*

R.D. #2, Box 78

Erath, Louisiana 70533

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Please send to Earl

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JUNE 11, 12, 13, 1991

461st AAA BATTERY B WEEKEND

Circus Circus Hotel Casino

Reno, Nevada

Committee:

Larry W. and Milly Brown, *Chairpersons & News Reporters*

538 Burns Avenue

Clarkston, Washington 99403

Telephone: 509/758-2180

**September 1991  
69th INFANTRY  
DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
44th ANNUAL REUNION  
Dedication of 69th  
Division Monument  
at Camp Shelby,  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi  
Hilton Hotel, Biloxi, Mississippi**

Committee:

Robert Kurtzman, Sr., *Chairman*

610 West Maple Street

Wilmot, Ohio 44689

Telephone: 216/359-5487

Guy N. Rogers, *Co-Assistant Chairman*

Hampton House

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Merle E. Douglas, *Co-Assistant Chairman*

Post Office Box 1465

Ocean Springs, Mississippi 39564-1465

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Jack Duffy, *Monument Advisor Chairman*

28 Cypress Street

Rochester, New York 14620-2306

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other working committee members will be named by Robert Kurtzman, Sr.

Details will follow in future bulletins and as arrangements are made.

Donation gifts are being accepted from members by our Treasurer.

Please mark them Monument Fund.

EARL'S NOTE: Since 1990 is an off year for most mini weekends, we hope to see a lot of you members at the Sheraton, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania on August 12 thru 19, 1990. Remember, you don't have to attend for the entire week.

# "Taps"



**Allie Bradford**  
6710 South Madison  
Hinsdale, Illinois  
Service, 880th

**Walter Findeisen**  
4390 N. Camino De Carrillo  
Tucson, Arizona  
769th Ordnance

**M. C. Harris**  
337 Church Street  
Columbia, Mississippi  
269th Engineers

**Henry Newstein**  
363 Country Lane  
King of Prussia, Pennsylvania  
Hq., 661st

**Henry Povinelli**  
27 Grant Drive North  
Valley Stream, New York  
Service, 272nd

**George Choborda**  
28 S.W. 9th Avenue  
Jensen Beach, Florida  
69th Recon

**George Makris**  
45 Seely Street  
Wilton, Connecticut  
69th Recon

**Wilburn Holbrooks**  
1609 Oak Street  
Jackson, Mississippi  
69th Recon

**Walter Rudd**  
R.D. #11, Box 231  
Roanoke, Virginia  
69th Recon

**James R. Durkin**  
36 Cedars Road  
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Div. Hq.

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H-272nd

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649 Trumbull Road  
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Div. Hq.

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3948 Pine Cove Road  
Billings, Montana  
Hq., 1st Bn., 272nd

**Paul Harford**  
1706 Tilden Avenue  
Ft. Wayne, Indiana  
A-879th

**Arthur E. Kaye**  
1268 Poinset Place  
Decatur, Georgia  
B-271st

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R.R. #1  
New Augusta, Mississippi  
C-800th

**Ervin Myer**  
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Harahan, Louisiana  
C-880th

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D-273rd

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769th Ordnance

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C-881st

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Forestville, Maryland  
F-272nd

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Columbus, Ohio  
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Div. Hq.

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Conway, South Carolina  
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Chicago, Illinois  
Hq. Divarty

**Woodson Glasscock**  
Virgilina, Virginia  
Service, 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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*The Association sends its deepest sympathy to Bob and Vivian on the loss of their son.*



*the 69th*

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## LAP ROBES DELIVERED

The Ladies Auxiliary lap robes and check were delivered to the Denver Veterans Administration Medical Center on September 5, 1989. Dutch Hawn and Jeanne Hawn presented them to Mr. Emeterio at the Center.