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LEJEUNE

*Flag Ship the 69th went overseas in
December 1944*

*as it was after its conversion
to a Victory Troopship
originally named the Windhuk.*

*Photo Courtesy of the Steamship Historical Society Collection,
University of Baltimore, Maryland*

OUR VICTORY TROOPSHIP

Lejeune

Length, overall	577' 0"	Gross Tons	16,662
Beam	72' 6"	Speed (knots)	17
Draft	25' 6"	Radius (miles)	10,000
Propulsion Turbines		(2)	
Passengers		4,660	
Cargo (cu. ft.)		141,600	

Built in 1936 by Blohm & Voss, Hamburg, Germany
Former name: WINDHUK

Operated prior to World War II by Woermann Linie A. G.

This vessel was purchased by the Navy from Brazil after having been interned in South America early in the war and was then renamed LEJEUNE. She operated for the Navy until mid-1944. From June 1944 to May 1946 she made 19 crossings from the East Coast to the European and/or Mediterranean Theatre of Operations.

Voyages (all from New York) made during 1944 were: on 16 June to the Clyde; on 26 July to the Clyde; on 27 August to Cherbourg and Plymouth; on 14 October to Marseilles, Oran and Gibraltar; on 1 December to Southampton and Plymouth.

During 1945 the LEJEUNE voyaged to Europe as follows (all departures from New York except as noted): on 10 January to Le Havre and Southampton; on 19 February from Boston to Le Havre and Plymouth; on 8 April to Le Havre; on 10 May to Le Havre and The Solent; on 8 June, the same; on 1 July, 31 August and 22 September to Le Havre; on 25 October from Hampton Roads to Le Havre; on 18 November again to Le Havre; and on 11 December to Bremerhaven, from where she departed on Christmas Day, to reach New York on 4 January 1946.

During the ensuing three months the LEJEUNE made three successive voyages from New York to Le Havre, as follows: left 16 February and returned 5 March; left 14 March and returned 3 April; left 15 April and returned 6 May. The vessel then went to Norfolk, being released from further troop service. She will, however, remain in the Navy's peacetime fleet.

Note: We were the group leaving New York on 1 December 1944 to Southampton and Plymouth, England.

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Lejeune

John Archer Lejeune, born Pointe Coupee Parish, La., 10 January 1867, was previously honored by the Marine Corps in the naming of Camp Lejeune, N.C. A graduate of Louisiana State University 1884, and the Naval Academy 1888, he served as a naval cadet aboard *Vandalia* bound for Samoa.

His Marine Corps service began with his appointment 1 July 1890 as a 2d lieutenant, USMC. During the Spanish-American War he served as commander of the Marine Guard on board *Cincinnati*. In the next decade and a half, he received assignments to such trouble spots as Panama, Philippines,

Cuba, and, in 1914, Vera Cruz, Mexico. On 6 January 1917 he was appointed a brigadier general.

With the entry of the United States into World War I, General Lejeune, attached to the Marine Corps Headquarters, Washington, D.C., sought duty at the front. He arrived in France 8 June 1918 and was soon placed in command of the 2d Division, AEF, the only marine officer to command an Army division. Promoted to major general in July, he was awarded both the Army and Navy Distinguished Service Medals and several French medals for his leadership in the great offensives which ended the war. He climaxed 45 years of continuous service as Commandant of the Marine Corps from 30 June 1920 to 5 May 1929.

Retired in November 1929, General Lejeune served for 8 years as Superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute. Six months before his death on 20 November 1942, he was appointed Lieutenant General on the Marine Corps Retired List.

Lejeune (AP-74) was launched as *Windhuk* by Bloom & Voss Co., Hamburg Germany, for Deutsche-Afrika Linien in 1936; interned at Santos, Brazil, in December 1939; acquired from Brazil 12 May 1942; placed in ferry commission as *Lejeune* 26 March 1943. Capt. John T. Bottom, Jr., in command during transfer from Rio de Janeiro to Norfolk for conversion; and commissioned 12 May 1944, Capt. L. E. Kelly in command.

As the German *Windhuk*, the ship had seen action early in World War II as a support vessel and a raider before her internment by the Brazilians. Purchased by the Navy in 1942 and converted to a troop transport, *Lejeune* began service on the transatlantic run in the aftermath of the Normandy invasion. Departing New York 15 June 1944 with 4,460 troops embarked she completed 10 round-trip voyages before the end of the war. In December she transported elements of the 69th Infantry Division, which 5 months later met the Russians at Torgau on the Elbe River. Beginning 21 January 1945, her main port of call became and remained Le Havre, France, even during her period of "Magic Carpet" duty. A total of 19 crossings were made to ports ranging from Glasgow, Scotland to Oran, Algeria, prior to overhaul at Norfolk beginning 9 May 1946.

Lejeune departed the east coast 28 September for naval transport service in the western Pacific. Shanghai and Tsingtao, China and Yokosuka, Japan, were among her westernmost destinations during four voyages from San Francisco between 19 October 1946 and 1 August 1947. On her last NTS voyage, she arrived New York, her former home port, 29 August but returned to San Francisco 25 September. In all she transported approximately 100,000 troops.

Having served the United States well, this ex-German ship sailed 2 October for Bremerton, Washington and inactivation. Decommissioned 9 February 1948 and placed in the Pacific Reserve Fleet at Tacoma, Washington, she was struck from the Navy Register in July 1957. Transferred to the Maritime Administration, she was later scrapped.

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EARL E. WITZLEB, JR., P.O. Box 69, Champion, Pennsylvania 15622
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OUR VICTORY TROOPSHIP
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Windhuk

(1936) Deutsche Ost Afrika Line.

Built by Blohm & Voss, Hamburg, Germany. Tonnage: 16,662. Dimensions: 547' x 72' (578' o.l.) Twin-screw, 18 knots. Six steam turbines. Two masts and two funnels. Service: Germany-East African ports. Passengers: 500. Crew: 250. Survived World War II. Renamed: Lejeune (United States Government). Converted to single funnel. Sister ship: Pretoria.

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Victory Troopship Conversions

(All converted and operated by WSA)

Length, overall	455' 3"	Gross Tons	7,612
Beam	62' 0"	Speed (knots)	15½-16½
Draft	28' 6"	Radius (miles)	20,000
Propulsion	Turbine		
Passengers	1,597		
Cargo (cu. ft.)	70,000-140,000		

Builders:

- Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipyard, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland
- California Shipbuilding Corp., Los Angeles, California
- Kaiser Co., Inc., Vancouver, Washington
- Oregon Shipbuilding Corp., Portland, Oregon
- Permanente Metals Corp., Richmond, California

Of 100 Victory ships originally selected for conversion to troopships, work on 3 was cancelled, leaving but 97 in the final program.

Work on the first vessel, the "CENTRAL FALLS VICTORY," was begun on 23 April 1945 at Bethlehem's Key Highway Plant, Baltimore, Maryland. She was completed on 4 June, being the first Victory ship fully converted for Atlantic service.

During the summer of 1945 it was decided to augment the conversion work on 74 of these vessels to fit them for Pacific service. Vessels still at yards were held there for the additional work, while some of those previously completed for Atlantic service were withdrawn from operation and ordered back into suitable yards. Conversion work for Pacific service was undertaken on 58 vessels only—all at New York, Baltimore or Norfolk. No such work was done on the 16 vessels of this group (of 74) that were assigned to shipyards at other ports.

Following V-J Day, many of these ships were utilized to return troops from the Pacific. The 97 Victory type troopships were:

- AIKEN VICTORY
- ALHAMBRA VICTORY
- ALTOONA VICTORY
- AMHERST VICTORY
- ANTIOCH VICTORY*
- BARDSTOWN VICTORY
- BLUE ISLAND VICTORY
- BLUE RIDGE VICTORY
- BRANDON VICTORY
- C.C.N.Y. VICTORY
- CENTRAL FALLS VICTORY
- CHANUTE VICTORY
- CHAPEL HILL VICTORY
- CLAYMONT VICTORY
- COALDALE VICTORY
- CODY VICTORY
- COLBY VICTORY
- COLORADO SPGS. VICTORY
- COSTA RICA VICTORY
- CRANSTON VICTORY
- DOMINICAN VICTORY
- ELGIN VICTORY*
- EUFULA VICTORY
- FAIRMONT VICTORY
- FAYETTEVILLE VICTORY
- FREDERICK VICTORY
- FROSTBURG VICTORY
- GEORGETOWN VICTORY
- GOUCHER VICTORY*
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- HOWARD VICTORY
- INDIA VICTORY
- KINGS POINT VICTORY
- KINGSTON VICTORY
- KOKOMO VICTORY
- LACONIA VICTORY
- LA CROSSE VICTORY
- LA GRANDE VICTORY
- LAKE CHARLES VICTORY
- LEHIGH VICTORY*
- LEWISTON VICTORY
- LINCOLN VICTORY
- M.I.T. VICTORY*
- MADAWASKA VICTORY
- MAHONNY CITY VICTORY
- MARITIME VICTORY*
- MARSHALL VICTORY*
- MARYVILLE VICTORY
- MEDINA VICTORY
- MEXICO VICTORY
- MILFORD VICTORY
- MONTCLAIR VICTORY
- MUHLENBERG VICTORY
- N.Y.C. VICTORY
- NEW BERN VICTORY
- NORWAY VICTORY
- ONEIDA VICTORY
- PACHAUG VICTORY
- PITTSSTON VICTORY
- POMONA VICTORY
- PONTOTOC VICTORY
- RENSELAER VICTORY
- ROCK HILL VICTORY
- ROLLINS VICTORY
- RUSHVILLE VICTORY
- ST. ALBANS VICTORY*
- SEDALLA VICTORY
- SHEEPSHEAD BAY VICTORY
- SMITH VICTORY
- STAMFORD VICTORY
- STETSON VICTORY*
- STEVENS VICTORY*
- TAOS VICTORY
- TEXARKANA VICTORY
- TUFTS VICTORY
- TUSCULUM VICTORY
- USSR VICTORY
- UNITED STATES VICTORY
- VASSAR VICTORY
- WATERBURY VICTORY
- WAYCROSS VICTORY
- WEBSTER VICTORY
- WESTBROOK VICTORY
- WESTERLEY VICTORY
- WESTMINSTER VICTORY
- WHEATON VICTORY
- WILLIAM & MARY VICTORY
- WILLIAMS VICTORY
- WILSON VICTORY
- WINCHESTER VICTORY
- WOODBIDGE VICTORY
- WOOSTER VICTORY
- ZANESVILLE VICTORY

*Subsequently transferred to War Department for post-war permanent fleet.

(See Photo of Windhuk on Page 4)

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Windhuk

The Lejeune before its conversion to a Victory Troopship.

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News From The Editor's Desk

by — Clarence Marshall

Mrs. John (Marie) Suprano, 1006 Edgewood Road, New Kensington, PA 15068 — A-881st: I would like to thank our many friends for being so very kind and thoughtful at the Reunion. I received a large card from the Williamsburg Reunion; and this year at Pittsburgh. The notes of missing me, and hoping to see me at the next Reunion were so very touching, there are no words to express it. I could never have come this far without our dear friends. They say that God gave us memories so that we might have roses in December, and I have had many roses in December with memories of the 69th Division, and the Tri-State Group. Thank you all, and best regards to everyone.

Felix Mellin, 77 Sierra Vista Lane, Valley Cottage, New York 10989 — Ser. 271st: I never knew there was a 69th Infantry Division Association until just learning about it recently. Could you please inform me about the next annual Reunion.

Gilbert Wood, 2225 S.E. Third Avenue, Ocala, Florida 32670 — C-881st: Sorry I was not able to make all of the 39th Reunion in Pittsburgh. But would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you who made me and my Wife Iva welcome. We met many wonderful people, and our tours of the City were great. Although I did not meet anyone from C-Battery 881st, I will be keeping an eye on your Bulletin for News of someone who might contact you. Thanks again to all.

H. Raymond Fahrner, Forge Gate Apartments, 33E1, Lansdale, Pennsylvania 19446 — A-273rd: Thanks for your prompt reply on receiving Medals and Decorations. I will keep your card handy so I won't have to ask again.

It was good seeing you at the Reunion which incidentally was a good one. I think everyone enjoyed themselves, especially on The Three Rivers Cruise. Driving home we ran into Tropical Storm Charlie. It was very harrowing driving and watching cars hydroplane off of the Turnpike. Fortunately we saw no accidents or injuries.

I ran into an interesting statistic which you might like to put in the Bulletin. The 69th Division was in combat for 86 days, February 12th, 1945 to May 8th, 1945. 309 of its members were killed in action, 1192 were wounded, and 55 were missing in action. Total casualties - 1556.

In a previous Bulletin you were interested in ex-Air Cadets who joined the Division. A lot of us came out of A.S.T.P. I attended the University of Mississippi and while there played on the Ole Miss football team. I was initially assigned to a Combat Engineer Battalion, but transferred back to my basic Infantry, hence a 69'er.

I have located a new member for the Association named Wellington Nyce of Lansdale, Pennsylvania. He does not

remember his Unit, and went out as a replacement, and was assigned to the 20th Armored Division. He is interested in all details and also desires to receive the Bulletin.

Claude W. Dundore, 926 Franklin Street, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania 19610 — B-724th: I'm a long time member of the 69th Division Association. About 2 years ago I clipped a notice out of the Association Bulletin which stated that T.J. Jewelry Company of Arizona provided Division rings. I received a catalog in February 1985, but was not prepared financially to buy a ring at that time. I have recently retired and have saved gifts of money towards a much desired ring. I have written two letters in the last several months requesting another catalog and order form, but have had no reply from them. Are they still in business, or is there some other firm that you have to get the rings from now?

(Editor's Note: Anyone who might be able to help Mr. Dundore please contact him personally, or National Headquarters).

Charles Woolery, Brookwood Park, Lot #10, St. Charles, Minnesota 55972 — Hq. 3rd Bn.-271st: Just a short note with my dues for next year. I have relocated a former 69'er Fred Vanetta of Longmont, Colorado. I would like to have a good turnout from the 271st Regiment at the Reunion in Niagara Falls in 1987.

Clare Darby, 3700 Curry Ford Road, Apartment F-2, Orlando, Florida 32806 — Div. Hq. Co.: It is good to catch up with the Division Association after all these years. Please enter my name in membership, and apply the balance to postage. Thank you very much.

Edwin G. Lansford, 432 East First Street, P.O. Box 41, Crossville, Tennessee 38555 — Hq. 271st: I have tried to call you without success ever since I first saw the notice of the 69th Infantry Division Reunion in the American Legion Magazine.

I took basic training with Regiment Headquarters 271st I & R Platoon at Camp Shelby, Mississippi in 1943, but then left for A.S.T.P., and wound up going overseas with the 44th Division.

Since I lost all contact with everyone after Camp Shelby, I would like to obtain a current roster of your membership, if one is available. Also would like to receive your News Bulletin when they are sent out.

I am currently President of the 324th Infantry Regiment Association Inc. which is holding its annual Reunion at the Hyatt on Capital Square in Columbus, Ohio, Labor Day weekend. I plan to be there, of course. I would certainly like to attend your Reunion also, if at all possible, and perhaps I can next year with more advanced information. At any rate, please accept this enclosed check as dues, cost of mailing News Bulletin, or whatever and keep me informed as to what is going on.

Melvin Arnold, 9094 Port Union-Rialto Road, West Chester, Ohio 45069 — Ser. 272nd: I am enclosing a check for \$10.00 for membership fees into the 69th Infantry Division Association. I was in Service Company of the 272nd Regiment, 69th Division during World War 2.

John G. Barnett, 6374 Brandywine Trail, Norcross, Georgia 30092 — A-880th: I hope this finds you doing well.

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1987 69th ANNUAL REUNION NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

NEWS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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I always marvel at the job that you and others do for the Association. A Son of a former 69er asked me if I could get a copy of the Pictorial History of the 69th Division as originally published. His Father is in one of the pictures. If such is available would you please advise me as to price, etc.

Walter S. Jaworski, 658 Humboldt Street, Brooklyn, New York 11222 — A-271st: I received your letter of July 30th, and also the copy of the News Bulletin. I wish to thank you for these.

Here are some names of former 69'ers: **Maclin Morrison**, **James Farquhar**, **William Ross**. I was transferred to the 69th in March of 1944 from A.S.T.P. and Syracuse University. I retired from the Postal Service 2 years ago. I have been corresponding with former Army buddies at Christmas time since I left the service. There were also two former 69'ers who were transferred in the summer of 1944 to Fort Campbell and the 20th Armored Division.

I was hospitalized on March 6, 1945. I was sent to Malmedy, Vivieres Belgium, and then by hospital train to a hospital around the corner from Pig Alley. I was there a few days and then taken to LeMans, France. I was in 3 General Hospitals there. When I got up and around again, I was sent to a Replacement Depot outside of Paris to be returned to the 69th. I finally got back with the 69th outside of Leipzig about two weeks after the War ended. I was transferred to the 9th Army Headquarters in Gutersloh in the Black Forest. I was then assigned to the 6th Quartermaster Battalion, and came home with the 1st Armored Division in April of 1946.

Wishing you a successful Reunion in Pittsburgh. Maybe I'll get to Niagara Falls next year.

Robert P. Dimmick, 1947 Brogdon Street, Savannah, Georgia 31406 — E-271st: I was a member of the 69th Division during 1944-1945 after returning from the South Pacific. I served in Company E of the 271st Regiment. Please send me the Association Newsletter.

Stephen Rojcewicz, 135 Endicott Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01610 — Ser. 881st: Many thanks for the Bulletin and the note. I am not able to attend the Pittsburgh Reunion, but maybe in Niagara Falls next year it will be possible. Please let me know the dates of that Reunion, when available. I did not see anything about the 881st Field Artillery Battalion. I hope I remembered that number properly. Enclosed is a check for dues and postage for 1986-1987.

James A. Zawitoski — 945 Elm Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21227 — H-271st: I received your letter, and the Bulletin, and I want to thank you for the information. I called Green-tree Marriott and made reservations for the nights August 15-16. The only problem is that we didn't make reservations for the Banquet and Dinner Dance on the 16th. We hope that we will be able to attend the party. We would appreciate it if you could put our names down for that night.

Also wondering if you would know if any of the following persons of Company H-271st has membership in the Association: **Charles Mays**, **Edwin Mazon**, **George Hurley**, **Stanton Livingston**, and **Edmund Hoppeus**. I will apply for membership in the Association when I attend the Reunion.

Andy Roberts, c/o Martha, 20 Weeks Court, Clifton, New Jersey 07013: I am not sure you will be able to, or allowed to assist me, but thought I would try anyway. During World War 2 I was a replacement in your Division, along with a bunch of others, but was unlucky to spend less than one day in the outfit. I was wounded on my first day, and was sent back to the states, where I was in hospitals for 2 years. I have just learned of the Association, and would be honored if you would let me join, in spite of the fact that I was only a member for one day. Things were so crazy those days, and I was so green, that I am not sure who I was with.

I am very ill, not well off and living day by day, but would be proud as hell if you would accept me. I can pay dues. Do you have such a thing as an address roster that I could look over to see if I remember any of the names of my replacement buddies? I don't have a phone, and I had one of my neighbors type this letter, as I cannot write. Before I answer the final roll call, I would like to make one Reunion if possible.

(Editor's Note: Mr. Roberts was advised that he would be welcome in our Association, and that we would like to see him at a future Reunion).

Grant D. Brown, 1265 Valley View Avenue, Pasadena, California 91107 — 69 QM: It was gratifying to see the 1944 photograph of the 69th Quartermaster Company in the latest Bulletin. In case you don't have a list of those in the picture, I'm enclosing a copy of mine. I clearly recall the occasion and wish that all of the Company could have been present. Unfortunately some of my good friends were either on temporary assignment to other camps or were on furlough. Most of the enlisted men were from California and Arizona, inducted at Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, California. They received an abbreviated basic training at Camp Adair, Albany, Oregon, and then were shipped to Camp Shelby along with the Division Cadre. **Elmer Curry** and **John "Rip" Ripley** were my platoon leader and platoon sergeant while I was with the outfit. In July of '44 I was shipped to the Pacific as a replacement, and helped **General Douglas MacArthur** liberate the Philippines.

Please have a great Division Reunion in Pittsburgh, and I hope to make next year's in Niagara Falls.

John Sneary, 8027 Bellfontain, Harrod, Ohio 45850 — Hq. 3rd Bn.-273rd: I saw the notice of the 69th Division Reunion in my local newspaper. I have never had the privilege of attending one so far, and would like to be there very much this year. Would you please send more information on what to do, so that I can attend. I served in the A & P Platoon of Hq. Co. 3rd Bn. 273rd.

Mitchell Turner, 1218 Cupid Avenue, Christmas, Florida 32709 — 69 MP: I just saw the ad in the Orlando Sentinel and am very interested in some information regarding the 69th Reunion. I was in the 69th Infantry from 1943 to 1945. I served with it during the European campaign. Please send any information you can about the Reunion. Hopefully I will be able to attend.

George Chatfield, 321 Redwood Road, Venice, Florida 33595 — Hq. 2nd Bn.-272nd: Please send me information on the 69th Reunion, and on joining your Association. I was a member when it was first formed, but lost track of it. I was a member of Hq. 2nd Bn. 272nd.

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1988 69th ANNUAL REUNION LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

NEWS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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Richard E. Freeman, 2260 River Road, Granville, Ohio 43023 - 661st: This is more of an inquisition than a letter. I would like to know if the 661st was at Fort Hood, Texas in 1942 and 43. Where will the Reunion be held in Pittsburgh? Have never been to a Reunion; what kind of program is planned? Do I need some sort of identification? I saw your notice in Retirement Life (NARFE) magazine July 86. My nickname is "Mickey" and my military buddies called me that and "Step-and-a-half." My home town is about 30 miles East of Columbus, Ohio.

Paul R. Morrow, 860 Ewing Street, Washington, Pennsylvania 15301 — M-273rd: I would appreciate some information on the 69th Reunion which is to be held at the Greentree Marriott in Pittsburgh. I do not plan to attend any of the activities, but would like to come and possibly see some of my old buddies. My Staff Sergeant stopped to see me on his way home from the Reunion last year. I only live 25 miles from the Marriott, and figure on commuting back and forth each day. This will be the first Reunion that I have attended. I was near your city several times in the past. I sell Knapp Shoes, and we had our monthly meeting at the Holiday Inn at Harmarville.

Douglas Singletary, 907 2nd Loop Road, Florence, South Carolina 29501 — D-272nd: I saw in the American Legion Magazine where the 69th Infantry Division would hold its Reunion in Pittsburgh in August. As a former member, I would like more information about it, if you can furnish this for me. My Unit was Company D-272nd Infantry Regiment.

Raymond L. Clanton, Route 2, Box 192, Stony Point, North Carolina 28678 — A-273rd: I was glad to receive copies of the 69th Infantry Division Bulletin. It was nice to hear about old Army buddies. While serving in the Army I was wounded on April 19, 1945 in Leipzig, Germany. My stay in the hospital lasted until March 1, 1946. However, I returned to the States in June of 1945, and was admitted to Lawson General Hospital in Atlanta. I was later sent to Daytona Convalescent Hospital. I was able to regain partial use of my hand by the time I was discharged.

Ten years ago I had a stroke and had to retire on disability. I am still able to do some light gardening. I have been married for nearly 36 years, and have two daughters and three grandsons. Several years ago I received a pleasant surprise phone call from **Willie Lindsey** of Macon, Georgia who had served in the 273rd. It was the first time I had heard from him since my discharge. He and another buddy, **Jake Waldrop** from Asheville, North Carolina and their Wives came for the weekend to see me and my Wife, and my brother **Owen**, who also served with us. It sure was good to see those fellows again. Since **Jake** is less than 100 miles from my home, we are able to see them from time to time. We hope to visit **Willie** in Georgia soon. Recently I also heard from **Roy Irvin** from Lititz, Pennsylvania who served with us.

William F. Shannon, Jr., 5703 80th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79424 — F-273rd: I recently learned that there is an active 69th Division Association, and would like to offer my support. I live in Lubbock, Texas, and have had no contact with anyone from the 69th since I was discharged from the

army on July 1, 1946. I joined the 69th at Sissone, France (Tent City) in the latter part of January or the first part of February 1945, and was with them until around June 15th. Please advise as to membership, Dues, or other pertinent data.

Robert Mottaz, 10961 Desert Lawn Drive, Sp. 6, Calimesa, California 92320 — F-273rd: It has been quite some time since I have written to you, but it seems that the time just slips by, and before you know it it's years and not just months or days that have passed you by.

Inge and I have wanted to attend recent Reunions, but poor health has just plagued us to the point that we just couldn't make it. It looks like this year is going to be no different. In January I had by-pass surgery for the second time. It seemed that all I was existing on was the by-pass they put in in 1971. All other arteries are closed. Even the old by-pass was 80% closed. They wasted no time getting me to Loma Linda University Hospital for surgery. The Doctors wondered how I lasted that long. Subsequent to surgery I developed congestive heart failure and they also discovered quite a valve leak. I dropped 40 pounds, but feel much better for it now, especially with the medication I'm taking to clear the lungs of fluid. **Inge** too, has been in pretty poor health. The Doctors are debating whether they should operate on both her kidneys. She does have stones in the left one, which they plan to remove with lasers but that will not relieve the tubular problems which may still require surgery.

We want to send our love and our very best to all our friends in the 69th, and our thoughts will be with you all at the Reunion in August.

I am sending an article along that I had written for the "Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge" in 1967. The theme that year was, "Freedom, My Heritage, My Responsibility." My submission was one of the Medal winners. Since my article was centered around the Mother of Exiles in New York's harbor, and since we are now celebrating the 100th birthday, I feel that I would like to share those innermost feelings with all the members of the Division Association.

LIBERTY

The early morning mist was slowly lifting as our ship the S.S. America slipped up the East River towards her mooring. At first I could see only a dull gray outline through the haze; but as the bright rays of the sun filtered through, my heart swelled within me as I beheld for the first time "The Lady in Bronze" in all her magnificence. I had shipped in and out of New York Harbor on several occasions during my many years of service, but because of wartime blackouts and after midnight sailings or arrivals this was the first time that my eyes were treated to such a glorious sight as the Mother of Exiles on Bedloes Island. I don't know what emotions, if any, swell up in others at the sight of her; but I know how I felt. I'm far from being what some folks refer to as a flag-waver; nor am I the type to indulge in soap-box oratory on love of country at a busy intersection. Rather, when I saw her with her torch held high, the same sense of pride and humility that I feel when I watch the colors pass in review; or hear the strain of the "Star Spangled Banner" engulfed me. The warmth that I felt as my eyes drank in her radiance made me a little humble; yes, and a little more proud and thankful than I had ever been before. This wonderful Lady, standing as a guardian

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CLARENCE MARSHALL, 101 Stephen Street, New Kensington, PA 15068

NEWS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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angel on my country's shore; was the symbol of freedom of a glorious land. A freedom so precious; and yet so lightly taken. It was while I gazed upon her wonderous beauty that I remembered what one of my teachers had said some 30 years before: "The Freedom we enjoy today is ours, only because men, brave men, fought and died to win and preserve it for us. We owe a great deal to those who went before us; and now we must ensure that those who will follow us also can and will enjoy this great and wonderful heritage." As you grow older and become more versed in World affairs, you will be better equipped to understand the true meaning of the word "Freedom." "Then and then only will you realize you have an obligation towards the preservation of this wonderful gift." As the ship glided past and the magnificent Lady faded from view; I understood. Then to the words of the great poet, Sir Walter Scott; words that I had not thought of since childhood, came back to me:

"BREATHES THERE A MAN WITH SOUL SO DEAD"

(Editor's Note: Please note new address for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mottaz).

Mrs. Anne Brown, 4727 Donovan Street, Orlando, Florida 32808: I saw the enclosed clipping in the Orlando Sentinel. I immediately recognized the name Fighting 69th. My Son Thomas Walters was a member of that Division. He was seriously wounded in Germany, and lost his right arm to the elbow. He has shrapnel wounds on other parts of his body. He was drafted in Ohio, and lived there after his discharge. We lived in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania at the time. We moved to Florida in 1977, and my Son and his family came down in 1980. He died of cancer in 1981. I would be pleased if you would remember him in your Memorial Service. I am sure he would have like to attend the Reunion in Pittsburgh, as he had many friends in that area.

Ray J. Paras, 1432 Patton Avenue, Waterloo, Iowa 50702 — C-271st: I served in the 69th Infantry Division during World War 2. I was in C-Company of the 271st Infantry Regiment. Could you send me any information about my outfit?

(Editor's Note: We hope that with your name and address appearing in this column that some of your former buddies will get in contact with you.

James W. May, 956 Clifton Road N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30307 — 271st: Thank you for your good letter of April 24th. I guess we "coronary people" have a special interest in hearing from one another. Sure hope your recovery continues on the upgrade. My Doctor friend next door (who came in and took over before the medics ever got to me) last week ordered me to cease chopping wood. Said I am feeling too good. So I've gone back to walking.

You ask about Chaplain Westby. I remember him, but not well. He came in, I believe, not too long before we left Camp Shelby. The Chief of Chaplains Office should be able to help locate him. At least they could give you his denomination, and you could go from there to their headquarters. Seems to me he was a Lutheran. I'm sure he was Protestant.

Thank you for the great work you do on the Bulletin. I'm so glad to be on the mailing list again. It is fascinating

reading even when you recognize very few of the names. Jim Kidd called me recently on passing through Atlanta. We're much indebted to you for putting us in touch.

(Editor's Note: I wrote to the Chaplains Association in Washington, D.C., and their organization must be defunct because my letter was returned. Either that, or I used an incorrect address. The information that I have lists Chaplain Westby as Catholic and second in Rank to Colonel Quinn).

Galen W. Carney, R.D. #1, Box 166, Johnstown, Pennsylvania 15906 — Hq.-271st: I saw in the American Legion Magazine that the 69th Division was going to hold a Reunion in Pittsburgh. I would like more information. I was in the 69th from early May 1943 until February of 1944 at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, serving with Regt. Hq. Co. of the 271st Infantry I & R Platoon. I would commute to Pittsburgh for the day, as I only live about 80 miles away. I would like very much to hear from you.

Gerald Daily, 45 South Pacific Way, #16, Newport, Oregon 97365 — A-271st: Please send information on the Reunion for the 69th Infantry Division. I was with A-Company of the 271st Infantry Regiment from August 1944 to June 1945.

Allen Feild, 557 East Mariposa, Santa Maris, California 93454 — Can.-272nd: I read in the American Legion Magazine that the 69th Infantry Division is going to have a Reunion. I served in Cannon Company of the 272nd Infantry Regiment from about February 1944 to July 1945, when I was discharged. I would like the particulars on the upcoming Reunion.

John Mihm, 916 Pittsburgh Street, Scottsdale, Pennsylvania 15683: I read in the Legion Magazine that the 69th Infantry Division is planning a Reunion in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. As a former member of this Division I would like to have the details in order to make plans to attend.

Walter J. Elsner, 1728 North 57th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208 — L-272nd: Your name was given to me by Phil Sparacino who I met by chance while taking golf lessons at the Milwaukee County Park System. He said that I should write to you for information about receiving the 69th Division Bulletin. I served in Company L-272 and would like to receive the Bulletin. I did not know about your Association or Bulletin until just lately. I would also like to know if there is any way of getting a book about the 69th Division. I had bought one just before I was discharged in March of 1946, but it was misplaced or lost over the years.

Phil said that you were ill, and he hoped that you are feeling better now. He also said that he would see you at the 69th Reunion in Pittsburgh. Please send me an application for membership, and details for receiving the Bulletin.

A. W. "Tony" Bummara, 508 Cambridge Road, Turnersville, New Jersey 08012 — E-273rd: I thought you might be interested in the enclosed article published in the Gloucester County Times. I was a rifleman in Company E-273, Bill Matlach's outfit. I'm sorry I missed the 39th Reunion in Pittsburgh, but I will surely catch the next one in Niagara Falls. I enjoy the Bulletin, so keep it coming. I am a member of the Association, but as yet have not received a dues notice for the next year. I would like very much to hear from someone of my old outfit.

(Editor's Note: The article from the Gloucester Times appears elsewhere in this issue. Would also like to inform Mr. Bummara that our dues notice comes out in late September normally).

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Bernard Zaffern, 22555 Hallcroft, Southfield, Michigan 48034 — L-272nd: I have noticed on several occasions announcements for Reunions for the 69th Infantry Division. I was a member of L-Company, 272nd during World War 2, and would appreciate hearing whether there is an organization of World War 2 members, and future Reunions.

John McGolerick, Jr., R.R. 2, Box 47, Knoxville, Maryland 21758: I saw in the American Legion Magazine about the 69th Division Reunion. I was a member of the 69th Division at Camp Shelby from May 1943 to April 1944. I took my basic training, and then was shipped overseas and served with the 80th Division in combat. Please send me some information as to how I can join your Association.

Harold J. Early, 6530 Hamden Road, Parma Heights, Ohio 44130 — C-881st: I would appreciate having the information on the Reunion that is being scheduled in Pittsburgh in August. I would also appreciate being added to the mailing list for the Bulletins that are sent out. In a later communication, I received the 69th Division Bulletin and your letter, and greatly appreciated the immediate response. My Unit was C-Battery of the 881st F.A. Will this Unit be represented during the Reunion? I would like to relocate one of my former buddies, **James G. Taylor**, whose last known address was Lewiston, Michigan. Will there be others from the Cleveland area attending the Reunion?

(Editor's Note: The answer to the latter question was "Yes", and we do not have Mr. James G. Taylor on our Association Roster).

Reverend Paul C. Frederick, Sr., Hanson United Methodist Church, Route 41 North, P.O. Box 55, Hanson, Kentucky 42413: I am the Son of **John T. Frederick, Jr.** I am writing to notify you of my Dad's death. Dad died May 11, 1986 at his home in Grand Rapids, Michigan; the exact cause of death is unsure. He enjoyed his life and work while serving in the Army. He always shared highlights from that period of his life. He was so proud of the work that he and the rest of the men did for their country. I am sorry to have to share this kind of information with you, but felt that you and others in the Division should know.

(Editor's Note: John T. Frederick, Jr. served with the 69th Recon).

John E. Duespohl, 311 Hillside Avenue, Port Allegany, Pennsylvania 16743 — I-272nd: Thank you very much for the News Bulletin and your kind letter. I was assigned to the 272nd Regiment, Company I, 3rd platoon. Treasurer **Robert Kurtzman** also sent me a letter. He was in Company I-272nd, but in the second platoon, and we never had the pleasure of meeting. When the 69th Division was de-activated I was assigned to the 3528th Ordnance MAM Company in Butzbach, Germany. I became the Company Clerk, and within three months was promoted to T/Sgt., and acting First Sergeant. I was discharged at Fort Dix, New Jersey July 7, 1947. I gave 40th Anniversary Celebration addresses concerning the ending of World War 2 at local Veterans Organizations and Churches. Also paid tribute to the four Chaplains who gave their lives aboard the troopship S.S. Dorchester on February 3, 1943 when it was sunk by a German torpedo. I explained that it was

the Fighting 69th Infantry Division, of which I was a part of, that met the Russians 1st Ukrainian Army at the Elbe River on April 25, 1945.

I am an elementary school Principal and teacher, beginning my 35th continuous year. My Wife **Mabel** passed away July 14, 1984 with a sudden heart attack at the age of 58. We have two children, **Gary** and **Karen**. They are married, and I live alone. I do not have any names and addresses of former 69'ers.

Robert J. Albert, Route 1, Rensselaer, New York 12144 — K-271st: Enclosed is the obituary for **Howard Jones**, who was a former member of Company K-271st. I had seen him only once during the Korean War, in which he also served. He was afflicted with muscular dystrophy and had braces on his legs. Please send a copy of the next Bulletin to **Howard's** sister in Albany, New York.

I am glad to hear that **Bob Kremin** is feeling better. I sent him a postcard while I was in Atlanta, Georgia visiting my brother-in-law. I am now retired, which was not my idea. The company that I worked for "Oneida Motor Freight" went bankrupt. I sat around the house for 2 months, and couldn't stand it, so I got a part-time job working in a local supermarket.

Miss Margaret Dunn, 1227 East Front, #46-A, Plainfield, New Jersey 07062: I read the announcement about your Reunion coming up in August in the News Tribune. My brother **Pete**, who resides in Florida, served in your Division. He was a S/Sgt. in Company F of the 271st Infantry Regiment. He was wounded in December of 1944. We also had a brother **John** who was a B-17 pilot with the 8th Air Force. He was killed May 19, 1944 on his 25th mission. My brother **Pete** is not well, as just recently they found a bullet in his back at the V.A. Hospital. When he was wounded he was in a hospital in Paris for a year. He is married, and the Father of 4 Sons. 1941 to 1947 were tough years. My Dad's heart was broken. But life must go on, and never forget. I know the sacrifices now that all made for our Liberty and Freedom.

Joseph H. Schaffer, 1501 S.E. Oar Avenue, Lincoln City, Oregon 97367 — F-272nd: Just a note to let you know that **Sally** and I will not be at the 69th Reunion in Pittsburgh this year. We are on our way to Exposition '86 in Vancouver B.C. Since we have made several other trips this year, our travel funds are kaput. We will miss seeing you this year, but promise to be in Niagara Falls in '87.

Mrs. Mary N. Ross, 71 Jefferson Street, Belleville, New Jersey 07109: This is the hardest letter I will ever have to write. My darling husband passed away on June 23rd after a seven week illness. He was **George A. Ross** of Cannon Company 273rd. Your last Bulletin had his picture with **Tom Poole** of Council Bluffs, Iowa in Trebsen, Germany in late April 1945, and last year at the Williamsburg, Virginia Reunion they posed in the same position. He had also written a letter about the good time that we had at Williamsburg, and we were looking forward to going to Pittsburgh. We had met so many wonderful people in Williamsburg, and were looking forward to seeing them again. **Bill Beswick** was great in Williamsburg, and he and my husband sat together on the tour bus. **George** loved the 69th and the Association, and we had reminders all over the house. The V.F.W. conducted a beautiful service for him.

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Murry Galuten, 300 Patio Village Terrace, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33326 — Med & M 272nd: Just a note to let you know that we won't be able to come to the Reunion this year. I also want you to know that our buddy **Joseph Kovarik** passed away in April. His Wife **Sally** died a few years ago, but this came as a complete surprise. Please let the boys know by entering it in the Bulletin. Say Hello to all of the guys.

Howard Carlton, 125 Bolton Street, Manchester, Connecticut 06040 — Hq. 880th: While visiting Cypress Gardens in Florida, I met a 69er named **Irvin Berman** from Baltimore, Maryland. He told me he served in the 879th F.A., and I served in the 880th. He asked me if I had ever been to any of the Reunions, and I told him I had always wanted to, but never knew how to get in touch with someone who was in charge. He gave me your name and address. I am very much interested in the Association. Please send me more information. A fellow that I work with at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft was also in the 69th Division, and is also interested. He will personally write to you also.

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James M. Carroll Writes:

I received your letter asking about the company, regiment, etc. that I belonged to.

I received my basic training at Camp Hood, TX in the fall of 1944. They cut our training short due to the Belgium Bulge. We were sent over in January, 1945. I joined the 69th Infantry in northern France at "Tent City." My outfit was Company A, 273rd Infantry Division, 1st Battalion. I stayed with the 69th until it was dissolved in 1946.

I had one buddy, **James Burchfield**, who was wounded on Hill 648 on the outskirts of Schnorrenberg. I never did hear from him. I believe he was from Virginia at that time. I would like to make contact with him if possible.

Some other buddies were **Benny Schaver**, **Fred Downs**, and **Sergeant Hooton**. **Sergeant Hooton** was from Oklahoma City. I believe that his parents ran a bakery.

I am enclosing two pictures. The one with a gun was taken at Heinebach, Germany. The other picture was made in the doorway where Hitler ended his life in Berlin. If anyone recognizes these men I would like to get in touch with them.

We were going to try to make the Reunion, but I came down with acute myelogenous leukemia on July 3rd and have been under the weather since. While I was in the hospital I met **Bill (William F.) Shannon** in the hall. He recognized me after forty-two years. He was in the 273rd Infantry, Company F of the 69th. His address is 5703 80th Street, Lubbock, Texas. I hope to make the next Reunion. Sorry we missed the Germany trip in 1984. I didn't know about it until it was over. If you plan another trip please let me know.

Thanks and 69th regards,
James M. Carroll



This picture was made near Heinebach, I believe. Does anyone recognize this soldier? James M. Carroll



Doorway to bunker where Hitler took his life. Does anyone recognize this soldier? James M. Carroll

1988 69th ANNUAL REUNION LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

Treasurer's Message



Robert J. Kurtzman, Sr.
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I am writing this on September 25th as both Clarence and Earl are anxious to get the Bulletin started and Vivian and I are ready to leave tomorrow for our annual Fall fishing trip to Canada.

Another Reunion has passed and to those who did not attend, you missed a good one. Paul and Marian Shadle and their committee of Earl and Dottie Witzleb and Enrico and Anne D'Angelo did another bang up job.

Paul was a "Mother Hen" over all the proceedings and Earl, with help from his energetic bartenders, "Adam and Sam," kept the hospitality room crowd very happy and who could find fault with Anne's selection of the Band for Saturday evening. My thanks to all of you.

And who could forget the souvenir section where Bill and Reba Sheavly again supplied you with all the mementos and to Al Kormas for his first time venture with the hats, jackets and shirts that went quickly.

We started off the year by visiting with the Niagara Falls group in April along with the Beswicks and Fosters, to see how things were going with their plans for 1987. At this time, there is nothing to report on their plans, but I'm sure they will get rolling soon as all plans must be made by the first of the year so they will be ready for the Bulletin. Come on Niagara Falls, let's get moving on the biggest Reunion yet.

We spent an enjoyable three days at the Tri-State get-together in June at Toledo, Ohio which was hosted by Ray and Helen Szkudlarek and Jake and Violet Stark. This is where Al Kormas got broke in on his salesmanship with the jackets and shirts and completely sold out of jackets, but as you can see, he did have time to reorder before Pittsburgh.

We also made a journey to Greensburg, Pennsylvania and visited with 880th C-Battery which was hosted by Enrico and Anne D'Angelo as they didn't have enough work at Pittsburgh and took on another job.

As we mentioned in the last Bulletin, this was another banner year as we broke the previous record for dues payers by receiving dues from over 2,200 members and this means 40% of our roster. Let's see if we can't have another increase this year.

This year the dues notices will not be sent out if your dues have been paid at the Reunion or by mail before the notice was sent out. I kept the zip code roster that was at the registration room in Pittsburgh and made a notation beside your name if your dues have been paid and then obtained the pressure sensitive address labels from our mailing service and removed the tabs if your dues were paid. So if your dues are paid, you should not receive a notice unless I pulled another boo boo and missed your name as I went through the roster. I also plan to do this when the second mailing will be made, so if you do not get a dues notice, you'll know that your dues are paid. We hope this meets with your approval as some of you have been complaining about getting notices when you had already paid.

We hope all of you have received the permanent badges you requested. If not, let me know and we'll have them for you when you get to Niagara Falls next year.

We hope all of you had a safe journey home from Pittsburgh and we'll be looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you in Niagara Falls.

Robert J. Kurtzman, Sr.
Treasurer



Thanksgiving Blessings,
A Joyous Very Merry Merry
Christmas Holiday Season
And A Most Prosperous
Happy New Year of 1987
To Each
Member, Wife and Family
From Your Editors,
Clarence, Earl and Dottie
and Officers, Board Members,
and Ladies Auxiliary Officers

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President's Message



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Dear Friends:

We, the officers of the "Fighting 69th" Infantry Division Association are just entering our second term in office, for 1986-87. We certainly appreciate your faith and support.

I personally will try to uphold the integrity of such an prestigious organization.

I want to thank all the committee, Paul and Marian Shadle, Enrico and Anne D'Angelo and Earl and Dottie Witzleb, as well as all those that helped at the Pittsburgh Reunion. Our bartenders did a beautiful job of keeping everyone happy that came forth for their comfort and consolation. These were headed up by Adam Manz and Sam Grubbs. Thanks loads from all of us. Everyone did a fabulous job. Everyone on the committee surely must have worked very hard to have everything go so smooth.

The cruises on the three rivers, namely Ohio, Monongahela and Allegheny Rivers was fantastic, as was the evening meal. Plenty of food for everyone.

Now, we should look forward to the forthcoming Reunion at Niagara Falls. It is a very beautiful area and has lots to offer for a pleasant week. The area committee has promised to have an interesting list of events. You must not miss visiting the Canadian side of the falls.

I also want to thank Bill and Reba Sheavly as well as Alex "THE GREEK" Kormas, for donating their valuable "PARTY TIME."

Best wishes,
Bill Beswick, *President*
"Fighting 69th"

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Joseph Soga and John Boyle
Co. M-271st



4 S/SGts. from Co. M-271st
Sam Talley, Percy Southard, James Woosley, and Ivo Petrucci

Pictures furnished by John Boyle

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After missing last year's Reunion at Williamsburg, Virginia, it was nice being back at this year's Reunion in Pittsburgh even if it meant doing some work at the registration desk. Sure glad to see everyone once again.

Sure was nice to see **Chuck** (Company E - 271st Infantry) and **Kathy Moore** from Canton, Ohio back in the fold attending this Reunion in Pittsburgh. **Chuck** is looking good again after having a long sickness for several years. Stay well **Chuck**.

Also glad to report my husband, **Earl** is well again after his illness. It was nice seeing him run around trying to keep things in order as the week progressed. He had a rough time keeping beer, cups, and ice in the hospitality room. Didn't **Adam Manz** and **Sam Grubbs** do an excellent job as bartenders.

It was good seeing **Clarence Marshall** back at his duties going from the lobby to the hospitality room to the registration room looking for new members and addresses to keep the membership list in order. He feels well again too after missing the Williamsburg Reunion due to his heart attack.

Talking to **John Turner** (Battery C - 724th Field Artillery Battalion) at this Reunion, I learned of the serious illness of **John Heliseva**. **John** and **Gladys** are steady attendees at the 69th Division Association Reunions as well as the Battery C - 724th Reunions and Tri-State Group Weekends. How about you 69'ers (wives, you have to do it) send a cheery note to:

John Heliseva
79 Millard Hill Road
Newfield, New York 14867

Another 69er who I know has suffered a severe stroke is **Franklin Reemsnyder** (Company E - 273rd Infantry). He too would appreciate receiving cards and notes since he is able to read and understand, from 69th members, especially Company E G.I.s. His address is:

Frank Reemsnyder
c/o Meadow Wind Health Care Center, Inc.
300 23rd Street, N.E.
Massillon, Ohio 44646

We too should think of our veterans who are in Veterans Hospitals across this country of ours. I was happy along with

my husband **Earl**, to deliver 52 lap robes and 24 bibs to the V.A. hospital in Oakland, Pittsburgh and Aspinwall a few days after our Reunion was over. This can only be done when you ladies over the winter months make lap robes and bring them along to the Reunion for distribution to a Veterans hospital in the Reunion area. Next year some V.A. hospital in the Niagara Falls, New York area will get them so if you are planning to go to Niagara Falls, start making lap robes early so a goodly number will be distributed there. If you can't crochet or knit get a friend, neighbor, or relative to make you a couple. The men at the hospitals sure appreciate them especially those who will be there for a long time or in some cases, forever. Thanks ladies, I know the auxiliary meeting room in Niagara Falls will be over stocked.

I need news for my column so ladies, do write keeping us informed of your husbands or any other news you might hear about concerning 69th members and families.

Until the next time, may God be with us.

Dottie

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Auxiliary President's Message

Memories are made of these Reunions and every year they get better. New acquaintances, past friendships, just seem to melt away all the hardships one has experienced between Reunions.

My hat's off to the Committees who just are unbelievable. Nobody knows the troubles they have seen in setting up a Reunion, except those who have been gracious enough to work and plan previous Reunions.

I have so many ladies and gentlemen to thank for steering me through my first time at bat as a President of the Ladies Auxiliary. **Vivian** and **Bob Kurtzman**, **Anne** and **Enrico D'Angelo**, **Marian** and **Paul Shadle**, and any one else working with them. A special thanks to **Dottie** and **Earl Witzleb** for delivering the lap robes to Oakland and Aspinwall Veterans

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NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK**

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Hospitals. That chore was forced upon them and I know they were willing to deliver them but it was extra duty for them — Thanks!

The Ladies meeting was a delight - to see all those recycled teenagers (not Senior Citizens) and some before 60 year olds and especially to our dear Grand Lady, Mrs. Bolte, thanks for coming — what a joy to have you.

Thanks ladies for making our meeting a success. Hope to see you all in Niagara Falls in '87.

Till we meet again, Love, Peace, and Happiness.

Anna K. Walters
President, Ladies Auxiliary
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NOTICE: from the Ladies Auxiliary President

Since our records were stolen, I would appreciate it if the Ladies who are Past Presidents and Secretaries would please send their names and the years they served to **Dottie Witzleb** or me so maybe we can start a new record book. Thank you.

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V.A. Hospital Thank You Note

August 21, 1986

Mrs. Anna K. Walters
Ladies Auxiliary President
69th Infantry Division Association
Post Office Box 304
Landisville, Pennsylvania 17538

Dear Mrs. Walters:

On behalf of our hospitalized veterans, we wish to thank you and the members of your group for the lap robes, bibs, and slippers that were donated to the Oakland and Aspinwall Medical Centers.

These items were brought into the hospitals by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Witzleb, Jr. It was a very kind gesture on their part to hand deliver these items.

Our veterans certainly appreciate receiving items such as this. We will have our Auxiliary ladies pass them out to those patients who are in need of them.

Gifts such as this make our patients realize that they have not been forgotten by the members of the community.

Once again, many thanks for your interest in the welfare of our veteran patients.

Sincerely,
Donald F. Neely
Chief, Voluntary Service

Thank You

Dear Ms. Witzleb:

I am in receipt of your letter dated August 24, 1986, regarding your recent visit with us at the Pittsburgh Greentree Marriott.

I am very pleased to learn of the excellent service and hospitality you received from members of my staff, especially **Janet Darlene Kolb** and **Dennis Daly**. They are certainly indicative of the type of service and hospitality we wish to provide to our guests.

Ms. Witzleb, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your comments, and look forward to serving you again in the near future.

Sincerely,
Robert J. Graney
General Manager
Greentree Marriott, Pittsburgh

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To All Members of the 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion

The 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion was well represented at the Pittsburgh Reunion. We had thirty people present, which isn't bad for a Battalion. Let's keep it up and try to enlarge our crowd.

Tony and Mary Polito came all the way from Lauderhill, Florida to be with us, what a dedicated couple they are. The list of names will probably be listed elsewhere in the Bulletin.

All of us received a very pleasant piece of news in Pittsburgh. **Chuck Yannul** of "C" Company - 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion presented **Frances O'Roark**, of "B" Company with a very beautiful diamond "ENGAGEMENT" ring. Two lovely people and a wonderful couple. Join with **Jo**, me and all the "661ers" in wishing them "GOD SPEED" with many years of happiness on their betrothal.

I believe that with this last bit of news, that I needn't go any futher.

My best to all of you,
Bill Beswick

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**THANKS TO
OUR VETERANS
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**1988 69th ANNUAL REUNION
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY**

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"THE FAMILY WITH TWO ADDRESSES — BUT ONE HOME — WELCOME ALL 69'ers — STOP IN, CALL, OR WRITE."

Well Pittsburgh is over and a real nice Reunion we had. Hope everyone of you arrived home safely and thinking Niagara Falls in '87. Those who took the City Tour each day were well satisfied of the three and half hour ride. The hospitality room was well stocked keeping everyone happy during the hours spent there. The early bird boat ride on the Gateway Party Liner was enjoyed by all with a beautiful evening, plenty of food, plenty of drinks, and fine dancing on the waters of the three rivers - Monongahela, Allegheny and Ohio. It was really a relaxing evening. PX beer party went over big as we never ran out of beer. The general meeting went over big with President William Beswick handling the men's, and ladies presided over by Anna Walters. Those ladies sure enjoyed the entertainment they had. Banquet night ended the week long Reunion with more fine dancing to the tunes of Johnny Murphy's Band. They were great. And a Reunion never could be good without you fine members, wives, families, and guests who made it for the committee to have a good Reunion. Thanks a lot for all you 500 plus who attended this year in Pittsburgh at the Greentree Marriott. I'll close this Reunion bit by naming the committee hoping I don't forget someone which I will. Paul and Marian Shadle, *general chairpersons*, Enrico and Anne D'Angelo, *co-chairpersons*, Adam Manz and Sam Grubbs, *hospitality room*, Robert Kurtzman Sr., *Treasurer*, (collects the money and pays the bills), Jane Lynch Vivian Kurtzman, Jo Beswick, *registration desk*, Emily and Jim Jones, *PX duties*, Frank Nemeth, Clarence Marshall, and others already mentioned, *ticket takers*, Bill and Reba Sheavly, *souvenirs*, Al Kormas, *hats, plackets, and*

jackets, (Sheavly's and Kormas had crews helping them), and Earl and Dottie Witzleb Jr., *clean up crew*. Just kidding. Thanks a lot guys and girls. Now who did I forget. One man that I know of Chalmers Pearson who ran the golf tournament on Friday. He had a nice turnout (both men and women), said the course was challenging, and gave a few nice prizes away.

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John Turner writes that all was well when he arrived back home from the Reunion. His wife Neta had to return home from Louisville, Kentucky on the way to Pittsburgh due to an emergency that occurred.

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Several members asked me in Pittsburgh how they could get a copy of the 69th Infantry Division Association By-Laws. I presume they are new members but if not I found the by-laws published in Bulletin Volume 37, number 2 for January-February-March-April 1984 pages 2, 3, 4, and 5. Look back and find your copy. If you don't have one, I have several copies that I'll mail you if you tell me who you are by writing either of the addresses at the top of my column. Should I get too many requests, it might be best to re-publish the by-laws in a future Bulletin. I believe there might be one amendment change in these by-laws that is either ready for publishing or in the process of being amended. I think they were started in Williamsburg but not completed in Pittsburgh. I am now checking with Joseph Wright, Chairman of the Resolutions - By-Law Committee. We might need to do more on this in Niagara Falls.

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Reports from our Treasurer and Scholarship Chairman, Robert Kurtzman, that our scholarship program is about to be phased out in the near future. It looks like the scholarships to be given out next year, 1987 at the Niagara Falls Reunion, will be the last ones given. If you are a senior this school year (1986-1987) and had planned on applying for a scholarship award from the Division Association, you had better do so. For an application write:

Robert Kurtzman, Sr., *Scholarship Chairman*
610 West Maple Street
Wilmot, Ohio 44689

Don't delay as it takes a while to get your application paper approved. Robert has a deadline which he must hold to, so act now students in your senior year of high school.

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In past Bulletins we did have a Gift Shop Corner where souvenir articles and prices were published for members to purchase during the year had they not attended a Reunion, but some changes have been made the past year. Dottie and myself do not handle the hats, plackets, T-shirts, golf towels, and license plates any longer. Our supplier has gone out of business causing us to give up this chore. We hauled them around for years from Reunion to Reunion. Bill and Reba Sheavly still handle the smaller items of charms, bracelets, necklaces, cigarette lighters, pens and pencils, cuff links, key chains, and so on. Clarence Marshall still handles the history books (limited supply left) and patches. History books are \$5.00 and patches \$1.00 each. You may obtain them by writing:

Clarence Marshall
101 Stephens Street
New Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068

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DOTTIE AND ME
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Our hats both blue and red are now handled by **Bill Beswick**. They sell for \$5.00 plus I believe \$1.00 for postage. You may send for them by writing:

William Beswick
420 21st Street, Box 576
West Point, Virginia 23181

Plackets and a new item, jackets, are now handled by:

Al Kormas
12500 Edgewater, #503
Lakewood, Ohio 44107

Hopefully by the next Bulletin these salespersons will get a list of items and prices to me for publication. **Bill Sheavly** has an article in this bulletin.

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Margie McCombs just called me (September 10) stating she hasn't received her cards and envelopes which she is out of for several months in sending birthday and anniversary notes. **Margie** is our Sunshine Lady and by the time you get this Bulletin she should be caught up with yours. Sorry for the delay but something had to be wrong at our printers. How do you get a birthday and anniversary card? Well, first off you must attend one of the Division Association Reunions like the one just ended in Pittsburgh. **Margie** takes those names of husbands, wives, and unmarried children plus your address and at the proper month of the year you get a friendly card from her. Once again you must have attended one of our many (39) Reunions to be on her mailing list.

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Frank Nemeth, our Division Association Secretary, writes me asking why the deadline for Bulletins have been eliminated. I suppose I was a little lax the last two years but I am back to normal again and your deadlines are once again published on the Calendar of Coming Events and Communications Schedule page in your Bulletin. Please send in your notices for this page early as we only publish three Bulletins each year, one every four months. I would like to publish your announcements of events at least in two Bulletin publications so if you want this service, you should work at least one year ahead if not earlier.

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Many units held mini Reunions at the Pittsburgh Reunion this year at the Pittsburgh Greentree Marriott. This I like to see as it helps make a better attendance for the Reunion. Some of the units have reported and are found under the Division Association Chapter (Group) Meetings. Battery C of the 724th Field Artillery was one along with Company E - 271st Infantry. Thanks **John** and **Paul**. Others who I know had mini get-togethers and haven't reported yet were Company I - 272nd Infantry at **Kurtzman's** and **Lushbaugh's** suite, 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion at **President Beswick's** suite I presume, 269th Engineers in a parlor near **Foster** and **Nemeth** rooms, (I know **Frank** will have something for next Bulletin), Company H - 273rd Infantry at **Jake Stark's** room, and others that I just didn't know of I suppose. Company E - 273rd Infantry didn't have a mini Reunion but we will in Niagara Falls. (Get on the ball **Dunlap** and **Matlach**), and the Tri-State Group

was too busy working at Pittsburgh so we'll have fun in Niagara Falls. Sure would like to hear from the other groups and chapters like the Mid-West group (**Gaylord Thomas** promises a write-up after November 2), 69th Recon Troop (Get with it **Ellsworth** and **Moscaritolo**), C Battery - 880th Field Artillery (**McFarlin** promises a write up from their Greensburg Sheraton Inn weekend), Central Pennsylvania Branch (Looking for a letter any day now from **Dan Evers**), Arizona-Western Group, 461st AAA Battery D, 461st AAA Battery B, (Looking for a write-up from **Dean Ludeman** or **Larry Brown**), B Battery - 724th Field Artillery, and any other units I can't recall at this time. We had a write-up in the last Bulletin from the Southeastern Chapter so you see, I didn't miss you members from Florida. It was a real nice write-up **Allen** and **Cathy Long** and I know your weekend was one to do again in a few years. Something for all you leaders or chairpersons to think about; how about all of us getting together at a national 69th Reunion. If not in Niagara Falls (1987), how about Lexington, Kentucky (1988). You know to date we have never had a 461st AAA member attend the national 69th Reunion. Who will be the first. Let's plan on Lexington, so write me you chairpersons on your thoughts. Lexington would get us pretty well centrally located as it could be considered midwest. Membershipwise our central location is Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

For my closing thoughts for this time as the Bulletin must get in the mail by the end of November. I would like each of you to read very carefully a letter received from **Milton** and **Esta Halainen** which reads as follows:

Dear Earl,

During our return trip to New Hampshire following our August Reunion, my wife and I had plenty of time to remember and re-live a very happy week in Pittsburgh. We would like to add our thanks to those you've already received from for the fine job the Reunion Committee did.

As one gets older, he realizes that every year there will be fewer comrades in attendance that he can look forward to seeing. For this reason each Reunion is more memorable.

Until we meet again in Niagara, I wish everyone happiness and good health.

Milt Halainen
769th Ordnance Company

Note: You couldn't express it any better old buddy.

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Gaylord Thomas from Waupun, Wisconsin writes that he thought the Pittsburgh Reunion went very smoothly and everyone he talked to was very pleased. I am enclosing a notice to go in the next Bulletin which might be too late but I thought I'd take a chance that there was still time to get it in. I am retiring now so I have little time for anything it seems. We still have a big garden, I help a farmer friend some, play a little golf, and that's where the days fly too.

Note: Your notice is in this Bulletin but it will not be out in time. I hope your Mid West Group had a good weekend.

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We had a nice time at the Reunion and had a chance to relax and enjoy it, was the words coming from Chet Yastrzemki. It was nice to see you again. The Reunion was great and well run and the committee did a great job, but then that is par for the course with the Tri-State group.

I am back to lieutenant having been chief for about 5 months due to the death of my chief in April and my lieutenant's death in May. Since I will retire in November 1987, they made one of my younger sergeants chief.

Enclosed are some prints for the Bulletins from the Pittsburgh Reunion.

Note: Thanks Chet, many of these photos will be used in the next three Bulletins. You and Barb have been a very good supplier of pictures.



Leo and Rita Martel with display of Niagara Falls sights. They will sponsor the Reunion there is 1987.



President Beswick presents award to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapman.



President Beswick presents award to Past President George Gallagher.

Just received word from Joe Wright that the Bulletin mentioned earlier in my column contains the revised Constitution and By-Laws adopted at the 1983 Reunion in Scottsdale, Arizona. One change has been made and adopted at the 1985 Williamsburg Reunion.

Note: This is correct. The change can be found on page 11, Volume 39, Number 1 Bulletin for September - October - November - December 1985. I thought we needed another reading and approval at the Pittsburgh Reunion.

God Be With Us All Until We See Each Other At A National or Week End Reunion.

Earl

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— Thank You —

**TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THE
 39th ANNUAL REUNION OF THE 69th
 DIVISION AND ATTACHED UNITS,
 WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU
 FOR COMING TO PITTSBURGH AND
 HOPE LIKE ALL OTHER REUNIONS,
 YOU HAD AN ENJOYABLE TIME.**

**PITTSBURGH REUNION COMMITTEE
 PAUL AND MARIAN SHADLE
 ENRICO AND ANNE D'ANGELO
 EARL AND DOROTHY WITZLEB**



**1987 69th ANNUAL REUNION
 NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK**

Scholarship Report

This year something different was tried and it worked out very good. Three applications for Scholarships were asked for and the returned applications were copied and sent to all the Past Presidents, who are members of the Scholarship Committee and twelve out of fifteen decided that all three should be given scholarships. They were all excellent students and are listed below.

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ROBERT J. SHOLTIS

Robert J. Sholtis is the son of David and Mary Sholtis, 269th Engineers who reside in Ashtabula, Ohio.

Bob attended Ashtabula High School and ranked 7th in a class of 183. **Bob** was on the Honor Roll in each of his four years in High School, was selected for the National Honor Society during 11th and 12th grade, received the President's Academic Fitness award in his Senior year, U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete award and was listed in Who's Who during his Junior year.

Bob was also an excellent Athlete and excelled in cross country, basketball, tennis and skiing.

Bob wants to Major in Chemical Engineering and become a research Engineer. **Bob** is presently attending Edinboro University at Edinboro, PA.

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Dean A. Slimmer is the son of Donald and Dorothy Slimmer, A-777th Tank Battalion, who reside in Little Falls, Minnesota.

Dean attended Little Falls Community High School where he had a four year average grade of 3.75 and excelled in Math, Electronics and Computer Science.

Dean plans to Major in Electronics Engineering Technology and is presently enrolled at Devry Institute of Technology in Kansas City, Missouri.



DEAN A. SLIMMER

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LORETTA M. WITTMAN

Loretta M. Wittman is the daughter of David and Mary Wittman, 2nd Battalion, HQ. 272nd, who reside in Billings, Montana.

Loretta attended Billings West High School and was in the top third of her Senior class, she won first place in the city and placed second regionally in the contest, "Freedom, Our Most Precious Heritage, won the Fastest Typing award and was listed in Who's Who among American High School Students in her Senior year.

Loretta wishes to become a registered nurse and is presently attending Montana State University and majoring in Nursing.

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With the selection of the above three students, the scholarship fund has enough left to make two more awards, however, the Board of Directors at the Pittsburgh Reunion agreed to allow the Scholarship Committee to make three more awards, with the balance to be paid from the Operating Fund if it is needed.

There has been no provision to continue the program after three more awards are made and we hope that there are still three more sons or daughters of members out there seeking additional financial aid to further their education. Grandchildren have not as yet been declared eligible. Applications for next year may be had by writing to your scholarship chairman at Box 178, Wilmot, Ohio 44689.

Robert J. Kurtzman, Sr.
Scholarship Chairman

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Company H, 273rd Infantry

**1988 69th ANNUAL REUNION
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY**

For soldier, medals offer look at past

By FRANK KUMMER
Staff Writer



Anthony Bummara, with combat medals recently awarded by Representative James J. Florio.

WASHINGTON TWP. — "I wouldn't want to go through it again," said Anthony Bummara recalling the march of the Fighting 69th toward Berlin. "But it was one of the best times ever."

Last week, Bummara, 69, was presented with eight war medals, including the Bronze Star for valor, more than 40 years after fighting in campaigns that lead to the capture of Berlin in the closing days of World War II.

The medals, presented in his home by U.S. Representative James Florio (D-1st District), came late, but they were no less welcome.

The veteran served in Europe for one year, spanning parts of 1945 and 1946, at a time when the German war machine was crumbling. Allied troops suffered a 60-percent casualty rate. Later, he served as part of the Allied army of occupation.

It is hard to think of Bummara as a soldier. Mild mannered, he is reluctant to speak at length about his war experiences.

Bummara lives a more sedate life in his Turnersville home with his wife Doris, who he met at a USO dance in Livingston, Louisiana while in basic training.

Doris, originally from Alexandria, Louisiana, waited back home for Bummara to return from Europe. They were married in 1947.

Early this year, he heard he was eligible for some medals so he wrote to Florio, who in turn wrote to The National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis. The center awarded Bummara eight medals.

Some of the medals, most made of bronze, are rather inconspicuous. One, the likeness of a M-1 rifle, is given for carbine marksmanship.

Then there are the more glorious medals, such as the European-African-Middle East Theater campaign medal. Aside from minute engravings of soldiers, it contains the somewhat lengthy inscription, "Meritorious achievement in ground combat against the armed forces enemy during World War II in the European-African-Middle East Theater of operations."

'These people didn't have any love for you —the city was destroyed. I mean it was just one hell of a mess. Buildings were shattered and there was debris all over.'

—Anthony Bummara

But all seem to pale next to the Bronze Star, at least for Bummara. "That's the important one of course," Bummara said. The Bronze Star is probably the plainest looking medal in Bummara's collection, but it's the simplicity of the medal that gives it an aura of important.

"...we spent the remainder of the night getting accustomed to sniper artillery, mortar and 'screaming meemies'."

Bummara has a hard time forgetting the sights and sounds of "screaming meemies" fire tracing across the sky.

"That's what they called their 88s (88mm shells). They were equivalent to our 105 howlers," Bummara said and reverently added, "they sure did a destructive job — scared the hell out of us."

Bummara was in the 69th Infantry Division, one of those that began a march across Germany near the final months of the war in Europe.

The first intense fighting came at Siegfried, where U.S. forces first broke through and began the push inward toward the capital city.

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FOR SOLDIER, MEDALS OFFER LOOK AT PAST
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Bummara said, "We were the guys that did the fighting. We marched from Siegfried line to Berlin and there was fighting all the way. It was a good 400 to 500 miles."

"We did about 140 miles one day — all of it not on foot of course — but on tank destroyers. A lot of it was on foot however, but we were young. I was 21. During the trek, Bummara recalled several battles such as Hann Munden. "It was one of the major battles."

Then there came a moral booster at a city called Leipzig. . . . *the battalion stormed the Sports Stadium, the Ball Park, and the railroad yards. Meantime . . . (we) ran the gauntlet of cross fire at the vicinity of Napoleon's Monument in order to storm and capture the vaunted SS defenses at the New Town Hall.*

Bummara readily recalls Leipzig and has a photograph of Napoleon's Monument as a reminder. But the battle holds a special memory because there, the Fighting 69th engaged Hitler's infamous SS troops.

He shakes his head at the thought of Hitler's top forces. "They were the ones behind the regular troops. They just wouldn't give up. They told the regulars that if they didn't keep fighting they would be shot. And that's what kept the resistance up so long."

Then came the allied Russian troops, who were making their own fierce march across Germany.

U.S. forces were originally supposed to take Berlin, but Bummara said the orders were changed and the Russian troops were given the task. Bummara said his own group and the Russians met on the banks of the Elbe River and had something of a party.

"We were glad to see them. They brought out vodka and there was drinking and dancing all night," Bummara said with a smile.

But, Bummara doesn't share the horrors of the march as easily. At times, however, a terse description is all that is needed.

"There was a sniper hiding in a foxhole. We walked up and he shot the sergeant of our platoon right here (pointing to his forehead) and it went right through the back. We opened up on him and cut him in two. I still get chills thinking about it."

After the Russian troops took Berlin, the 69th was assigned as an occupation force. Bummara guarded prisoner of war camps and patrolled the city streets for nine months after the war.

He held up a picture of a buddy standing in front of several war-demolished buildings in Berlin. The city was an empty shell.

"These people didn't have any love for you — the city was destroyed. I mean it was just one hell of a mess. Buildings were shattered and there was debris all over," Bummara said.

Picnic Time

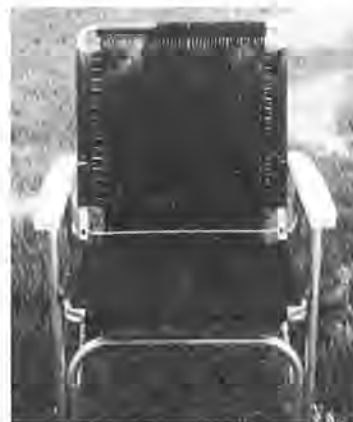
Sunday, July 27th, 1300 hours

The "Troops," 28 in all, arrived at Marshall's Mountain Hideaway in the vicinity of Clarion, Pennsylvania for a great picnic. A beautiful day, great chow, right down to a gorgeously decorated cake with "Welcome 69'ers" on it. No mess kits were needed and the chow line moved fast, with no K.P. Clarence was presented a folding rocking chair by Bob Kurtzman who had "macramed" it in red and blue, with the 69th insignia on the back rest, and C.M. on the seat. A great piece of work. Many tried to buy one from Kurtzman, but to no avail. He has now missed his calling. Now when Clarence gets off his rocker, we can truly say "He is off his rocker." Stella Ellsworth brought a homemade blueberry pie which was delicious, but how do you cut it into 28 slices? Simple, Vivian Kurtzman, who is the official pie cutter at functions at home, is used to cutting up 50 and more at a time.

Attending were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kurtzman, Mr. and Mrs. Al Kormas, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Butterfield, Mr. and Mrs. Al Hornyak, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ellsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shadle, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Balzano, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Witzleb Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Enrico D'Angelo, Andrew LaPatka, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Harmon, George Buhl and Mary Zik from Buhl Brothers Printing, and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Braun and Clarence Marshall. And we can't forget the special guest, Al Hornyak's Doberman.

Rico and Anne D'Angelo will host the C-880th Battery Reunion this year at the Sheraton in Greensburg, and also the Tri-State meeting next year at the same location. A pair of hard working devoted 69'ers. The Butterfield's got lost coming to the picnic, but in doing so got to see more of our Pennsylvania countryside. Andy LaPatka brought some rum and coke for those who imbibe in that refreshment. Adam Manz, Sam Grubbs, and the Edstroms were unable to attend, and we assumed that they couldn't get a 24 hour pass.

We feel that more 69'ers should get into these local gatherings. It is so great just being together. Comradeship and Camraderie is very deep in our organization, and you 1st Timers "Come On" and really enjoy it. How do we thank our host Clarence Marshall? I wish we knew after all of his years of devoted service to the 69th. Bless him and all who attended.



This is the rocking chair that Bob Kurtzman made and presented to your Editor at our picnic on July 27th.

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*39th Annual Reunion — Greentree Marriott, Pittsburgh, PA
August 10th to 17th, 1986*



*Members of Company D, 777th Tank Battalion
Donald Knaus, Alex Lasseigne, Andrew LaPatka, Victor
Tedesco, & James Bristol.*



*"Dutch" Hawn, Mary Jane Cline,
Jeanne Hawn and Clarence Marshall*



Kurt Nolke in center with his two Sons.



Bob Myers, Clarence Marshall and Mary Jane Cline



*The hard working crew at the Registration Desk: Left to
Right - Jo Beswick, Vivian Kurtzman, Marian Shadle, Anne
D'Angelo and Dottie Witzleb.*

**1987 69th ANNUAL REUNION
NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK**

Thank You Bill and Jo Beswick

In April, 1985, about one hundred-twenty of us made a memorable trip to Europe. The climax of the trip, of course, was the fortieth anniversary reunion with the Russians at Torgau. The trip was made possible because of the planning, negotiation, and hard work of Bill and Jo BESWICK over a period of about two years. For the rest of us who made the trip, all we had to do was pay-up and show-up!

At the Reunion in Williamsburg, Jack Fain talked to some of us who had made the trip saying he felt we should do something to show our appreciation to Bill and Jo. It was decided that we would give them a complete set of matched luggage since we knew Bill planned to retire soon and he and Jo expected to do a lot of traveling. Many of the people who made the trip could not attend the Reunion in Williamsburg. So Fain wrote letters to all who had made the trip and with the contributions received purchased a set of American Tourister luggage which was to be presented to Bill and Jo at the Banquet in Pittsburgh. At the last minute, Jack and Marjorie were unable to attend the Reunion. Jack telephoned me, explained the situation, and asked if I would fill in for him with the assistance of "Gene" Butterfield, Dillard Powell, and Bob Bement. He shipped the luggage to me at the Marriott and it was there when I arrived.

We planned to have all those present who had made the trip gather in front of the speakers stand when we made the presentation but as you know the crowded conditions made this impossible. So we asked them, about a hundred, to stand and join in the presentation. Bill and Jo had no idea of what was going to take place and seemed to be genuinely surprised and pleased. From Jack Fain and the rest of us, many thanks Bill and Jo for the fine job you did!

Al Faison

69th Mini-Reunion at Bay Pines Veterans Park in St. Petersburg, Florida, February 18, 1986



Ray Van Brocklin, Ray Wolthoff, Jim Yakle, Don Durst, Chuck Otto, Wilson Wright, & Past President George Phillips.



Alice Wolthoff and the cake she baked for the Florida Mini-Reunion.



Al Faison making presentation speech to Bill and Jo Beswick presenting them a set of luggage at the Pittsburgh Reunion Banquet for their hard work in making the arrangements for the Europe trip. Bill Foster, Mrs. and General Bolte are at the left.



Bill accepting the luggage, not seen, from Al and his committee.

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WHERE HAVE WE BEEN — WHERE WILL WE GO

Following is the year, location, and motel or hotel the 69th Infantry Division Association has held its Annual Reunions.

YEAR	LOCATION	MOTEL OR HOTEL
1948	New York, New York	
1949	New York, New York	
1950	Washington, D.C.	Shoreham
1951	Cleveland, Ohio	Hollenden
1952	Atlanta, Georgia	Dinkler Ansley
1953	New York, New York	Statler
1954	Washington, D.C.	Shoreham
1955	New York, New York	Statler
1956	Atlantic City, New Jersey	Ambassador
1957	Washington, D.C.	Shoreham
1958	New York, New York	Waldorf Astoria
1959	Washington, D.C.	Sheraton Park
1960	Wernersville, Pennsylvania	Galen Hall
1961	Tamiment, Pennsylvania	Tamiment Hall
1962	Princeton, New Jersey	Nassau Inn
1963	Princeton, New Jersey	Nassau Inn
1964	Washington, D.C.	Shoreham
1965	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania	Holiday Inn Town
1966	Roanoke, Virginia	Hotel Roanoke
1967	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	Penn Sheraton
1968	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	City Line Marriott Motel
1969	New Haven, Connecticut	Park Plaza Hotel
1970	Washington, D.C.	Sheraton Park
1971	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania	Holiday Inn Town
1972	Norfolk, Virginia	Lake Wright Motel
1973	King of Prussia, Pennsylvania	Valley Forge Hilton
1974	Wilmington, Delaware	DuPont Hotel
1975	Norfolk, Virginia	Lake Wright Motel
1976	Claymont, Delaware	Brandywine Hilton
1977	Scottsdale, Arizona	Mountain Shadows
1978	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	Greentree Marriott Inn
1979	Boston, Massachusetts	The Boston Park Plaza Hotel
1980	New Orleans, Louisiana	New Orleans Marriott
1981	Hershey-Harrisburg, Pennsylvania	Host Inn
1982	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	Ramada Inn - Airport
1983	Scottsdale, Arizona	Marriott Inn Mountain Shadow
1984	Orlando, Florida	Holiday Inn - International Drive
1985	Williamsburg, Virginia	Fort Magruder Inn
1986	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	Greentree Marriott Inn
COMING SOON		
1987	Niagara Falls, New York	
1988	Lexington, Kentucky	
1989	Who would like to have and operate a Reunion? Must have a committee of at least 6 or 7 couples.	

A motel (preferably) or hotel having 300 or more rooms. Not in the heart of town, preferably on the outskirts away from the noisy airports. One or two tours plus the usual early bird, PX beer party, general meetings, memorial service, and banquet. Banquet facilities for approximately 600 persons. Plan for a second or third week in August with activities beginning on Wednesday. Apply to the reunion site committee care of: William R. Foster, *Chairman*, 803 Elkwood Drive, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania 17070
Telephones: 717/774-2396 717/774-0870

Other Committee Members: Earl E. Witzleb, Jr. *Champion*, Pennsylvania, John T. Hawley, *Shippensburg*, Pennsylvania
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Joe Loudon - John Mason



Sam Grubbs - Adam Manz

69th Infantry soldiers recall WWII

(Reprinted from Valley News Dispatch)

GREEN TREE - They're 43 years older since their 69th Infantry Division was created on May 15, 1943, at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. But the years have not dimmed recollections of their World War II experiences.

They came from around the country to attend the division's 39th annual reunion at the Marriott in this Pittsburgh suburb last week and wartime stories flowed freely.

Clarence Marshall, 64, of 101 Stephen Street, New Kensington; Paul Shadle, 60, of 1504 Greensburg Road, New Kensington, and Enrico D'Angelo, 68, of 516 Chestnut Street, Saltsburg, were among the division's members attending.

In the past nine years Marshall and Earl Witzleb Jr., Acme, Pennsylvania, have published 27 editions of the infantry division association's bulletin which is mailed to members around the country.

Marshall, who served as a private first class in the 13th Airborne Division during his three-year hitch in the service, sighs when he notes the toll the years are taking on the infantry's membership. "We've lost a total of 115 members since last year," he says.

He had been overseas about three months when, on February 23, 1945, he was injured when the two-and-one-half ton truck he was driving hit two landmines in Montenu, Belgium. "I was standing on the running board and had my right foot on the gas pedal and was backing the truck up," he recalls. The explosion ripped the truck into two pieces. Shrapnel from the mines penetrated the left side of his body and hit his face. He was a patient in nine hospitals before his discharge on May 1, 1946.

Shadle served as an infantry scout with Company E, 271st Regiment and had two brushes with death, both in the same area — Gressen, Germany.



Roger West - Frank Packard



Ruth West - Grace Packard



Phil Colombo - Betty Colombo

"The first came when our own artillery began firing into the area where we were scouting the enemy," he says. "We (the scouts) were behind enemy lines; the artillery fired because of enemy troop movements in that area." Shadle was not wounded.

He wasn't so lucky a few days later when the fighting intensified. A hand grenade called a "potato masher" exploded near him, causing injuries to the left leg and right hip. He spent two months in the hospital before being sent back to the front lines. "Finally," he recalls, "the wounds became infected and I was shipped back to the States."

The "Fighting 69th" lost 380 men and 23 from the attached units of 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion and the 777th Tank Battalion during the infantry's short existence from May 15, 1943 to May 15, 1945.

There were all-too-brief respites from the fighting.

D'Angelo chuckles when he recalls the time members of his Battery Co. C of the 880th Field Artillery came upon an abandoned military academy as the "Fighting 69th" advanced inexorably across Germany.

"The guys were so excited they pulled on the band uniforms and grabbed the instruments and walked around doing the goose step," D'Angelo recalls. "I was the only one who could play an instrument — the clarinet — but I couldn't be heard over all the noise the other guys were making."

When the war in Europe ended on May 8, 1945, D'Angelo's company was in Leipzig, Germany. He remembers vividly how his company celebrated Germany's unconditional surrender.

"Some guys in our company spread the word by going to a church and ringing the bell. The minister said it was the first time the bell had been rung since the beginning of the war," recalled D'Angelo.

Strangely, he notes, from the deprivation of war suddenly appeared bottles of liquor and beer. The company was noted for its ingenuity, he said. The taste of victory was sweet.

(See photography on following page of Clarence Marshall, Enrico D'Angelo and Paul Shadle taken by the Valley News Dispatch.)



Bob Kremin, Alex Zubrowski, Bob Hollister



*Vivian Kurtzman - Jan Lushbaugh
Pat Lushbaugh - Bob Kurtzman*



Rebecca Hornyak - Al Hornyak



Evelyn Petersen - Bonnie Scott



Ray Olson, Joe Salerno, Crandon Clark



ALMOST: BUT NOT QUITE - "Rico" D'Angelo tries to get it buttoned as Clarence Marshall and Paul Shadle look on. 40 years of good living has made a difference. (Photo by John B. Gibson, Valley News Dispatch)

1986 PITTSBURGH 69th ANNUAL REUNION



Bill Beswick — Jo Beswick



Ellen Snidow — Bill Snidow

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Division Association Chapter (Group) Meetings Across the United States

We are interested in all news from Chapters, Groups, Branches, Companies, Battalions, Regiments, 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, as early as possible. Then follow through with a write-up immediately after the event(s).

Tri-State Group

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Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Western Maryland, Western New York, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky and Virginia

Earl and Dottie Witzleb, Jr.

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R.D. No. 1, Box 477

Acme, Pennsylvania 15610

412/455-2901 (Evenings after 7:00 P.M. and Weekends)

Our hats off to Ray and Helen Szkudlarek plus Jake and Violet Stark, co-chairpersons for the Toledo, Ohio spring weekend last June. Oh yes, Jake and Violet are Tri-Staters even if they come from Steelton, Pennsylvania and are also members of the Central Pennsylvania Branch. These two couples are steady 69th Division Association Reunion attendees traveling together for many a year starting way back at one of the Scottsdale, Arizona Reunions. I believe the first one in 1977.

Now you can plan on the 1987 weekend coming in mid May at the Sheraton Inn, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, Route 9 East. It is easy to find coming from Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana taking the turnpikes or Interstate 70 to New Stanton. This is Exit 8 of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Those coming from Kentucky and West Virginia take Interstate 79 North to Interstate 70 East and come on in. We'll be looking for you. By the way, we have never had a 69th member from Kentucky attend so who will be the first. Then too, we invite you 461st AAA boys and girls as we have never had one of you attend our Tri-State gathering. So let's sell the place out. Virginians take 81 North to 70 West and drop on in. It's as easy as that. Western Maryland members can take 70 West and you folks from western New York take 79 South to 70 East. Oh yes, you people from Pennsylvania. Hey, we all know where Greensburg is. It's a little east of Pittsburgh, a little west of Harrisburg, and a few miles south of Saltsburg, the big little town that is home for Enrico and Anne D'Angelo who will chair the weekend. Dottie and I will help out. So see you all in May 1987 at the SHERATON INN, GREENSBURG, Route 30 East overlooking Westmoreland Mall for you ladies. Last time we were in Greensburg a few years back Walt Doernbach bought his wife the biggest and most costly organ in the Mall. For you older men and ladies and you young ones too there is a small easy nine hole golf course right out the back door. Well, its only November so you have a lot of time to plan your trip. If you want on the Tri-State roster, write me at the above address.

A 69th member who was on the Tri-State roster but never

attended one of our weekends suffered a stroke July 14, 1985. He is immovable and unable to control his body functions. Frank is able to read and understand so all good buddy Tri-Staters do send a card of cheer to:

Franklin Reemsnyder

c/o Meadow Wind Health Care Center, Inc.

300 23rd Street N.E.

Massillon, Ohio 44646

Hey Tri-Staters, I am told by our Division Association Treasurer, Robert Kurtzman, that 20 of you good buddies have not paid 69th Dues for last year 1985-1986. So let's get the pen working and all Tri-Staters (The Family Group) pay your 1986-1987 Dues now. You should have a dues envelope laying on the desk now so fill it in \$5.00 Regular Dues, \$2.00 Auxiliary Dues for your wife, a total of \$7.00 and ship it off to Bob after putting a 22¢ stamp on it. Make him have a happy Christmas and New Year. These dues are good until July 31, 1987. Remember Tri-State group doesn't pay dues, we just want to see you in Greensburg, Pennsylvania next May. You will receive your notice around about March 9 to 14, 1987. The weekend will be May 14 to 17, 1987.

Looking ahead to 1988 we will travel south not too far over the Mason and Dixon Line to West Virginia. Details will be presented to the group in Greensburg. Anyone interested in handling the weekend in 1989 bring it to Greensburg. We do like two couples to work together, just in case an emergency arises for one of the couples that particular weekend, the other can handle it. Check your Tri-State roster for some member living close by and get with it. How do you get a roster? If you attended Toledo, Ohio weekend, you got one. If you didn't attend Toledo and want one, write me enclosing a dollar or more for postage and handling.

Dottie says "Hi" to all members as well as Division Association members.

See you in Greensburg and Niagara Falls.

Earl and Dottie

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Fun and Fellowship We Did Have

Our Tri-State Group Reunion in Toledo, Ohio ended successfully with 69 in attendance for our Saturday Night Banquet.

Our hospitality room, the honeymoon cottage, was our focal point. Many enjoyable hours were spent under the large spreading chestnut tree while enjoying drinks and snacks. Our bar was well supplied by our guests. The hospitality room opened early for that first cup of coffee in the morning to the last night cap at night.

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1987 69th ANNUAL REUNION

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

**DIVISION ASSOCIATION CHAPTER (GROUP)
MEETINGS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES**
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Our first day of activities were threatened by foul weather. We got on the bus in a down pour of rain. The down pour turned into a drizzle as we alighted at TONY PACKO'S to enjoy Hungarian hotdogs or a roast beef sandwich. The rain ended, we spent a pleasant afternoon exploring PORTSIDE with its many shops and beautiful grounds. We boarded the ARAWANA PRINCES and enjoyed a delicious dinner, while cruising up the scenic Maumee. Mother nature provided late evening sunshine and a soft cool breeze. After the bus trip back we finished the day in and around the hospitality room.

Some of our guests spent part of Friday shopping at Southwick Mall, exploring Fort Miegs or the Zoo. Back on the bus to enjoy THERE PLAYING OUR SONG at the WESTGATE DINNER THEATRE. We are still trying to find Leon.

Joe Loudon, a local of D-777, provided his VCR and entertained us with the video tape of the 1985 meeting of the Russians at the ELBE RIVER. Joe made TV stars of us all by roving through the group with TV camera in hand. After getting everyone on tape at the Saturday Night Banquet, Joe turned the camera over to our good buddy John Gradomski to capture Joe on the tape also. After taping the banquet hall carpeting and ceiling John finally focused in on Joe. Thank you Joe for the enjoyable viewing.

We also want to thank Glen Vanderlaan of Kalamazoo, Michigan for driving down Saturday morning to show a tape of the Russian veterans visit to Cleveland, Detroit and Chicago. Thank you also, for furnishing me with Buck Kotzebue's address.

We were looking forward to making the acquaintance of new friends, Irene and Bud Humphreys of Greenfield, Ohio. They had to cancel at the last minute. Irene had the misfortune of falling and fracturing both wrists. Irene we all hope you are on the mend.

In attendance from New York were Elizabeth and Tony Mruk, Arylene and John Mowrey of West Virginia, from Indiana Edna and John McGinnis, from Michigan the McNamees, Reita and Chalmer Pearson, Marian and Arthur Hume and Ellen and Gerald Moore.

Bill and Betty Foster and their guests the Wachs - Joe, Bonnie and their sons Joey and Billy, Anne and Enrico D'Angelo, Jane and Jim Lynch, Mildred and Carl Stetler, Marian and Ward Peterson, Helen and Dan Evers, Dotty and Earl Witzleb, Marian and Paul Shadle, Adam Manz, Sam Grubbs, Andy LaPatka, Clarence Marshall and Marie Suprano all from Pennsylvania. Not to be forgotten from our committee, Violet and Jake Stark.

Ohio was amply represented by the following, Mary and Dell Belzano, Arlene and Cecil Cottle, Vivian and Bob Kurtzman, Mary and Bill Harr, Jean and Bob Shaffer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sted, guests of Norma and Gene Butterfield, Emily and Jim Jones, Helen and Edgart Clark, Marge and Al (super salesman) Kormas, Freda and William Clayton, Ruth and Carl Miller, Anne and Paul Ziats and Rebecca and Al Hornyak. From Toledo Gif Meacham, Walter Hart, John Gradomski, Joe Loudon, and myself with Wife Helen.

Al Kormas and Bob Kurtzman brought down beautiful red and blue windbreakers, displaying our Fighting Sixty-Nine patch in a shield. Al sold them all, operating out of his outhouse office (the bathroom of the honeymoon cottage).

To all who attended, a big THANK YOU and also to my wife Helen, Violet and Jake who kept everything running smooth.

Hope to see you all again in August at the Greentree in Pittsburgh. Next spring let's all meet again as guests of Anne and Enrico D'Angelo in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Raymond and Helen Szkudlarek
Toledo Chairpersons
Tri-State Weekend



*Bob Kurtzman, Dottie Witzleb, Earl Witzleb
Bob presenting the Tri-State plaque to Dottie and Earl
at the Saturday evening banquet in Toledo, Ohio.*

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Our Battery-C people enjoyed the 69th Infantry Division Reunion in Pittsburgh. We met in Ashley's Dining Room for our Battery-C Reunion dinner Friday evening, August 15, and were pleased to have Bob Bement, Al Faison, Enrico and Anne D'Angelo, and Earl and Dottie Witzleb join us for dinner. We regret that, due to slow service, Earl and Dottie and Enrico and Anne had to leave us to eat elsewhere so that they would be on time to help prepare for the PX Beer Party for 9:00 p.m.

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1988 69th ANNUAL REUNION LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

**DIVISION ASSOCIATION CHAPTER (GROUP)
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After dinner, we reassembled in the Andrew Carnegie Room which had been reserved for our Battery-C meeting. **John Turner** gave us an interesting presentation of our wartime route across Europe, using large maps of England, France, Belgium and Germany on which he had plotted the places where we stopped and some of the places through which we traveled. We all enjoyed hours of chatting, reminiscing and looking through photograph albums to refresh our memories of our wartime experiences.

Battery-C people attending were: **Al and Helen Di Loreto, Robert and Margaret Hollister, Coy and Erline Horton, Norman Giese, Eugene Kissell**, (His wife, **Mary**, passed away April 3 this year), **Louis Psaltis, Vernon and Mary Tritch, and John Turner**. (Enroute to Pittsburgh, his wife, **Neta**, had to fly home from Louisville, Kentucky to take care of an emergency). **John and Gladys Heliseva** could not be with us because of **John's** serious illness and hospitalization. This is the first Reunion they have missed in many years. We wish **John** a speedy recovery. **Gladys** has more recently reported that his condition has improved.

We hope all of our Battery-C people will assemble with us at Niagara Falls next year during the Fighting 69th Infantry Division Reunion.

John W. Turner
Battery-C
724th F.A. Battalion Reunion

(Note: It's nice that you have your Battery-C Reunion with the Division Association and we'll see you in Niagara Falls, New York next September — **Earl**).

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Company-E, 271st Infantry

Paul and Marian Shadle
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I wish to thank **Carl Kaiser** for his fine effort in sending out letters and making phone calls to the members of Company-E 271st.

We had sixteen members and ten wives for a most enjoyable evening and for a special dinner, Friday evening at the Marriott for our group.

Those attending were: **Carl Kaiser, Jim Sharpe, Barney McNeeley, Dale McGee, Harold Hendrix, Charles Moore, Bing Poon, Alex Waichulis, Mario Fatore, Paul Shadle, Graham Lippard, Glenn Felner, Elmer Broneske, Bill McCall, William Taylor, and Irv Gotkin**.

I haven't seen many of the group since 1945 and, for some, it was their first Reunion.

We hope that in the future, many more of our buddies will attend the Reunions from Company-E 271st.

We also regret that **Charles Otto** and his wife could not attend.

Again, a special thanks to **Carl Kaiser**.

Paul Shadle



Ladies of Company-E, 271st Infantry attending the Pittsburgh Greentree Reunion.



Men of Company-E, 271st Infantry attending the Pittsburgh Greentree Reunion.

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Company-E 273rd Infantry

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

I'm sorry buddy E-Company, 273rd members, but my thoughts were a lot different before than they are now. I should have written this message to you two or three Bulletins ago.

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I had great expectations that we would have had a nice turnout for the Pittsburgh Greentree Marriott 69th Annual Reunion last August but it never happened. Remember in 1978 when we had at least 6 or 7 members with their wives here in Pittsburgh. Then in 1982 we had a goodly turnout in Milwaukee and again we had our best turnout in 1984 down in Orlando where we were treated to a wonderful Friday evening by our CO, **Davisson F. Dunlap**. Wasn't that restaurant and dinner out of this world. Thanks again **Davisson**. **Davisson** would have been in Pittsburgh this year but during our Reunion week he had to be at the American Bar Association Convention in New York. So we'll see you next year in Niagara Falls, **Davisson** with all the rest of E-Company. Wouldn't it be nice to have a group get-together of all members from all the E-Companies, 271st, 272nd and 273rd at Niagara Falls. Drop me a line you other members. I know E-Company 271st had 16 members and their wives in Pittsburgh this year. **Chester Yastrzemeski** and his lovely wife **Barbara** are always at a National Reunion being an E-Company 272nd member. How many more of your gang were there **Chet**? For us this year at Pittsburgh I only knew of three attending: **Bill Matlach** and his wife **Jane** from New York, **Al Shires** from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and myself and **Dottie** from good old Pennsylvania. I was under the impression that four from our company were in attendance so if I missed some one please let me know. I'm sorry.

Most years at annual Reunions our Company teams up with A-Company 273rd who usually only have two attending, **Ed and Johanna Lucci** (Great friends of the **Matlach's**) from New York and **Ray Fahrner** from Pennsylvania. **Ray** is my friend for many a year meeting at a New York Reunion. So let's all get together in September 1987 at Niagara Falls, New York. Drop me a line fellows, saying you plan to attend. We'll have a good time together.

I might add before closing all you E-Company members are most welcome at a Tri-State group weekend which we have one coming up in May 1987 at the Sheraton Inn, Greensburg, Pennsylvania. This year at our Toledo, Ohio weekend besides **Dottie** and myself from E-Company, we had **Art and Marian Hume** attend from Jackson, Michigan. Also on our roster are **Fred and Cornelia Dicke** from St. Marys, Ohio and **Fred and Eunice Huston** until they moved to California. Welcome back **Fred and Eunice** any time.



Bill and Jane Matlach, E-Company, 273rd Infantry



Ed and Johanna Lucci, A-Company, 273rd Infantry

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Battery-C, 880th F.A. Bn.

69th Infantry Division
Greensburg, Pennsylvania
Enrico and Anne D'Angelo, Chairpersons

The "C" Battery 880th F.A. held their annual Reunion at the Sheraton of Greensburg, Pennsylvania with "Hello" again and fun-time in mind.

Thursday, the hospitality room was buzzing with excitement; people exchanging news and of course, having refreshments.

Our busy Friday started with a Luncheon River Cruise on the Showboat and a look at Pittsburgh from Mt. Washington. Our evening meal was at the Blue Angel Restaurant at Latrobe Airport. And later that night we topped the evening off with a Pool Party including cocktails, goodies and entertainment.

Saturday morning breakfast was held at the Sheraton followed by a meeting naming St. Marys as our next Reunion site with **Lee and Betty Meyers**, Chairpersons. The evening Banquet included cake walk winners **Lowell McFarlin** and **Wayne Murphy**. Gifts were distributed, and some comments made, followed by musical entertainment.

Enrico felt the ladies had done such a fine job getting their husbands to the Reunion, he presented each lady with a single carnation corsage.

Sunday mid-morning we all attended a marvelous brunch at the Sheraton, which was followed by farewells and a safe journey home.

Attending the Reunion were:

- Henry and Lucille Abbe** — Rome, New York
- Ralph and Dorothy Cowin** — Indianapolis, Indiana
- Joe and Dorothy Damato** — West Orange, New Jersey
- Enrico and Anne D'Angelo** — Saltsburg, Pennsylvania
- Cliff and Katherine Eley** — Columbus, Ohio
- Guest: Margaret Browning*
- LeRoy and Beverly Goetz** — Germantown, Wisconsin
- Louis and Jane Hoehing** — Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania
- Don and Florence Johnson** — Galesburg, Illinois

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- Ray and Florence Kubacki — Reading, Pennsylvania
- Warren and Betty Kunkel — Fort Wayne, Indiana
- Lowell and Marjorie McFarlin — Jeromesville, Ohio
- Lee and Betty Meyers — St. Marys, Pennsylvania
- Ray W. Mills — Vincennes, Indiana
- Wayne and Jayne Murphy — Mansfield Ohio
- Alvin and Florence Philpet — Windsor, New Jersey
- Lewis and Fern Pugh — Cadiz, Ohio
- Marvin and Mary Reber — Reading, Pennsylvania
- Jack and June Runkle — Denver, Colorado

June was a first timer.

- William and Inez Sells — Cape Coral, Florida
- Robert Sullivan — New York
- Robert and Irene Williams — Lorain, Ohio

Honorary Member:

- William and Barbara Pugh — Lancaster, Ohio

Guests Were:

- Al Kormas — Lakewood, Ohio
- Robert and Vivian Kurtzman — Wilmot, Ohio
- Paul and Marian Shadle — New Kensington, Pennsylvania
- Earl and Dorothy Witzleb — Acme, Pennsylvania
- Clarence Marshall — New Kensington, Pennsylvania

God Bless and Love You All!!!!
Enrico and Anne D'Angelo



William and Inez Sells, Lewis and Fern Pugh, Wayne and Jayne Murphy



*Cliff and Katherine Eley
Looking out the window, Margaret Browning*

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September 12th, 1986

*Showboat Luncheon Cruise, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Jack and June Runkle*



**1987 69th ANNUAL REUNION
NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK**

These Photos of the H-Company Area of Camp Shelby should be familiar to those of you who served in that Unit.



**1988 69th ANNUAL REUNION
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY**

SOUVENIRS BY MAIL

Zippo Cigarette Lighter with 69th Logo (regular or slim)
(Specify choice of size) \$ 5.00 postpaid

69th Lapel Pins (small) 5.50 postpaid

Luggage Tags with 69th Logo Imprinted (business card
will insert easily on reverse side) 1.00 postpaid

69th Shoulder Patches
(Official U.S. Army issue made in '55) ... 1.00 postpaid

Anniversary Trays (gold or silver)
To commemorate the 40th anniversary
of forming of Division in 1943
(Specify choice of color) 5.00 postpaid
or
2 for 8.00 postpaid

Men's Bolo with large 69th logo (red or blue cord)
(Specify color desired) 11.00 postpaid

Ladies Heart Locket with 69th logo, will hold small photo
(available only in gold) 12.00 postpaid

To order any of the above items send your check PAYABLE
TO THE 69th DIVISION ASSOCIATION to:

Bill and Reba Sheavly
218 Sacred Heart Lane
Reistertown, Maryland 21136

JACKETS ☆ SHIRTS ☆ CAPS STILL AVAILABLE

1 Red Jacket Size XXL \$16.00 plus \$2.00 UPS
3 Golf Shirts Size XXL \$10.00 plus \$2.00 UPS
6 Golf Shirts Size Small \$10.00 plus \$2.00 UPS

This will be the last of these until they are reordered for next year's annual Reunion. \$3000.00 worth of these items were sold during the Tri-State, Pittsburgh, and C-880th Reunion. Next year we will also have insignia emblems for your sports jacket or blazer; and plastic car trunk emblems. I wish to thank those who helped me in Pittsburgh namely: Mac McCann, Tom Poole, Bob Kurtzman, and my 1st Sergeant Marge. To those who were disappointed, we are sorry; but it is hard to cover everything in ordering when you have so many items and sizes.

Al Kormas
12500 Edgewater
#503
Lakewood, Ohio 44107

Birthdays - Anniversaries

Just a reminder for you 69'ers and do send a card at the right time. One will be due to send out as you read this Bulletin.

BIRTHDAY — Adelaide Bolte — December 29th

ANNIVERSARY

General and Mrs. Charles Bolte — April 3rd

BIRTHDAY — General Charles Bolte - May 8th

Mail to: 6631 Wakefield Drive
Apartment 903
Alexandria, Virginia 22307

BIRTHDAY — Clarence Marshall — July 8th

Mail to: 101 Stephen Street
New Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068

1986 PITTSBURGH ANNUAL REUNION



Bill Matlach and Jake Stark (Background - Dell Balzano, Helen Szkudlarek, Mary Balzano, Violet Stark, Back to camera Ray Szkudlarek.



Phil Sparacino, Fred Butenhoff, Dale Scott

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS AND COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE

May I just make note to all Leaders of Chapters, Groups, Branches, Companies, Battalions, Regiments, Recon, Artillery and T.D.'s to get your Activities Schedules to Earl E. Witzleb Jr., Box 69, Champion, Pennsylvania 15622, 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.

NOVEMBER 1, 2, 1986
MIDWEST GROUP WEEKEND
 Dinner Banquet Saturday, November 1, 1986

For Information Write:
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 432 Doty Street
 Waupun, Wisconsin 53963
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JANUARY 17, 1987
 Deadline for material and pictures
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PLEASE NOTE: Leo M. Martel and committee Niagara Falls Reunion material and pictures due in for this mailing of Bulletin.

JUNE 19, 20, 21, 1987
461st AAA BATTERY-B WEEKEND REUNION
 San Francisco, California (no site selected yet)

For Information Write:
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 7610 Scenic Court
 Fair Oaks, California 95628
 Telephone: 916/967-5389

Note: May I have more information on this weekend.

MAY 14, 15, 16, 17, 1987
TRI-STATE GROUP WEEKEND
The Family Group invites one and all to come to:
 Sheraton Inn, Greensburg
 Route 30 East, 100 Sheraton Drive
 Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601

Committee:
 Enrico and Anne D'Angelo, *Chairpersons*
 516 Chestnut Street
 Saltsburg, Pennsylvania 15681
 Telephone: 412/639-3037
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MAY 16, 1987
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 May - June - July - August
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JUNE 18, 19, 20, 1987
461st AAA BATTERY-D WEEKEND REUNION
 Headquarters First Baptist Church
 5 Oak Street
 Asheville, North Carolina
 Members to stay at:
 Mountaineer Inn
 155 Tunnell Road
 Asheville, North Carolina
 Telephone: 704/254-5331

For Information Write:
 John C. English, *Chairman*
 3455 Poplar Street
 Riverside, California 92501
 Telephone: 714/686-3335

JUNE 19, 20, 21, 1987
COMPANY-D 272nd INFANTRY WEEKEND REUNION
 Jacksonville, Illinois

For Information Write:
 Jack E. Burrus
 Route 1, Box 99
 Arenzville, Illinois 62611

Note: Any more information on this weekend - telephone number, motel and address.

<p>SEPTEMBER 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 1987 69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNION Hotel Niagara, Headquarters Niagara Falls, New York Committee: Mr. and Mrs. Leo M. Martel, <i>Chairpersons</i></p>

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AND COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE**

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JUNE 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1988

TRI-STATE GROUP WEEKEND

The Family Group Invites one and all to come to:

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- We will be Family - Mountain Resort
- Eat Together - Walk Together
- Golf Together - Tour Together
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- Big Hospitality Room Together

I must fill 100 rooms - 200 members, wives, and family.
Guests are welcome - Sign up now, you can cancel later if need be.

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Committee:

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**AUGUST - 1988
69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL REUNION**

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

Note: Details immediately after Niagara Falls Reunion.



Clarence Marshall and Gene Perron



*PFC Jim Reeves of the 881st Field Artillery Battalion
pictured in an unknown location in Germany.*



First Timers — Pittsburgh Reunion

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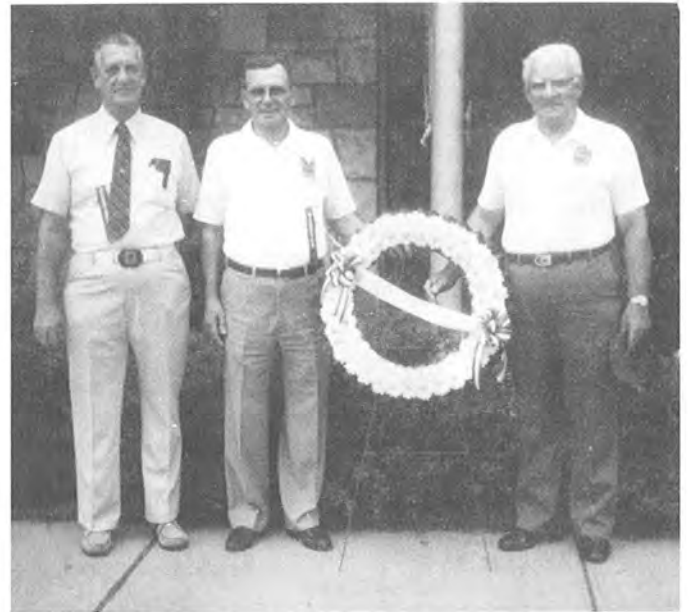
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**1987 69th ANNUAL REUNION
NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK**

*39th Annual Reunion — Greentree Marriott, Pittsburgh, PA
August 10th to 17th, 1986*



*Company E, 272nd Infantry
Chet - You did have members present.*



*President Bill Beswick, Reunion Chairman Paul Shadle,
and Co-Reunion Chairman Enrico D'Angelo with memorial service wreath.*



President Bill Beswick, Dave Bolte and Enrico D'Angelo



Alex Zubrowski and Barbara Yastrzemi



*Honor Guard at Memorial Service
Flag Pole, Pittsburgh Greentree Marriott*

**1988 69th ANNUAL REUNION
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY**

*39th Annual Reunion — Greentree Marriott, Pittsburgh, PA
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Dell Balzano - Mary Balzano



Philip Bolte - Marylee Bolte



Al Carbonari - Edith Carbonari



Bob Anderson - June Anderson



Betty Foster - Elizabeth Ann Howland - Walter Howland



John Gradomski - Barbara Yastrzemski - Helen Heath

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- John E. Duespohl**
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- John Burns** — Ser. 273rd
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8027 Bellfontain, Harrod, Ohio 45850
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- Sterling Post** — AT-273rd
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- Harold J. Early**
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- Mitchell Turner**
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- Stephen Rojcewicz** — 881st
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- Lester Hart** — C-881st
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- George Pearlman**
170 Country Village Lane, East Islip, New York 11730
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Company F-271st Infantry Regiment
 Picture taken at Camp Shelby in October, 1944

Furnished by Tom Scott

1987 69th ANNUAL REUNION
NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK

Headquarters Company 272nd Infantry Regiment I & R Platoon



Pictures furnished by Urban Schaaf who is circled in both pictures

**1988 69th ANNUAL REUNION
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY**

Pittsburgh Reunion Attendees

Asterisk () indicates first timer*

DIVISION HEADQUARTERS and HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Fred and Lois Avery - Virginia
General and Mrs. Charles Bolte (Adelaide) - Virginia
Guests: Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Philip Bolte (Lorel) - Virginia
Col. and Mrs. David Bolte (Mary Lee) - Virginia
Andrew F. Both - Florida
Guest: Joan Leffler
Eugene and Norma Butterfield - Ohio
Walter and Ann Doernbach - New Jersey
John and Mary Duffy - New York
W.O. and Jeanne Hawn - Colorado
Gordon and Bernice Kjos - Minnesota
George Loikow - Virginia
Adam Manz - Pennsylvania
Clarence Marshall - Pennsylvania
Robert Myers - Arizona
Sumner Russman - Oklahoma

69th DIV. BAND

Daniel and Betty Bolton - Florida
Francis and Ruth Curti - New Hampshire
Eugene and Dorothy Gober - New Hampshire
Charles Horner - Texas
Clarence McChesney - Ohio
Joseph and Cruci Sapienza - Connecticut

69th M.P.

Carl and Ruth Miller - Ohio
James and Faye Moody - North Carolina

69th QUARTERMASTER

George and Vickie Gallagher - Florida
Victor Woo - California

69th RECON

Boyd and Stella Ellsworth - Ohio

269th ENGINEERS HEADQUARTERS and SERVICES

William and Betty Foster - Pennsylvania
John and Elizabeth Hawley - Pennsylvania
Guests: Walter and Beth Howland
Walter Holmlin - New Jersey
Oliver and Violet McConahy - Pennsylvania

A-COMPANY

John and Mrs. Buller - Pennsylvania
Ray and Leona Hull - Ohio
Joseph and Christine Monteleone - Pennsylvania
Frank and Grace Packard - Massachusetts

B-COMPANY

Daniel and Helen Evers - Pennsylvania
Frank and Stefania Nemeth - Pennsylvania
Harold Thomas - California

C-COMPANY

Gerald and Eleanor Rodelli - Florida
Lawrence and Jean Roeder - Kentucky
Ray Weekly - West Virginia

369th MED. BATTALION

D-COMPANY

Leo Ashkenaz - Florida
Guest: Miriam Montagu

569th SIGNAL COMPANY

George and Dorothy Hepp - New York
Charles and Geraldine Hunt - Kentucky
Kenneth and Hester Manning - West Virginia
Seymour and Doris Nash - New Jersey
Curt and Evie Petersen - Wisconsin
Carl and Mildred Stetler - Pennsylvania

769th ORDINANCE

Milton and Esta Halainen - New Hampshire
Fred and Kay Scheller - Illinois
Joseph W. Selb - New Jersey
Guest: Vilma Mackouse
Ray and Frances Van Brocklin - Iowa

661st T.D. BATTALION

HQ. COMPANY

Sal and Crystal Cucchiaro - New York
Allan and Nina Farrar - West Virginia
Anthony and Mary Polito - Florida

A-COMPANY

Robert and June Anderson - Kansas
Arthur and Kathryn Carr - Pennsylvania

B-COMPANY

William and Jo Beswick - Virginia
William and Ellen Snidow - Virginia

C-COMPANY

Edward and Mrs. Cibik, Jr. - Pennsylvania
Steve and Anne Forgas - Ohio
Joseph and Marian Jenei - Ohio
Jules and Pat Slopek - Ohio
Guests: Patricia and Ashley Smith
Charles Yannul - New Jersey
Guest: F. O'Roark

TD RECON

Eugene and Ethel Pierron - Wisconsin
Daniel and Esther Russo - New Jersey

777th TANK BATTALION

HQ. COMPANY

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John Gradomski - Ohio
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Gaylord and Ruth Thomas - Wisconsin

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777th Tank Battalion (Continued)

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John and Dorothy Dunevich - Pennsylvania
Harry and Lorraine Keeney - Pennsylvania
John Koke - New Jersey
Vernon and Hildegard Wirth - Wisconsin
Wilson and Dorothy Wright - Florida

B-COMPANY

Alex Zubrowski - New York

C-COMPANY

Neil and Mary Corcoran - Illinois
John and Ellen McCann - Massachusetts

D-COMPANY

James and Thurlo Bristol - Pennsylvania
Donald and Eva Knaus - Pennsylvania
Andrew LaPatka - Pennsylvania
Alex and Florence Lasseigne - Louisiana
Joseph Loudon - Ohio
*Victor Tedesco - Minnesota

SERVICE COMPANY

Robert P. Weise - New York

HEADQUARTERS DIVARTY

Robert Bement - Colorado
Charles and Edith Chapman - Virginia
Alfred Faison - Florida
Charles and Lois Kaercher - Pennsylvania
George Moberg - Massachusetts
Jay and Edith Rollman - California
Paul Thomas - Oklahoma
Frank Titzer - Indiana
Guest: Granddaughter Betty Myers

724th FIELD ARTILLERY

A-BATTERY

K. Earl and Jean Abel - Illinois
Paul and Mayreta Kitner - Pennsylvania

B-BATTERY

Thomas and Helen Heath - New York
Eugene Kissell - Ohio
Henry and Ruth Weitmarschen - Ohio

C-BATTERY

Norman Giese - Colorado
Robert and Margaret Hollister - New York
Coy and Erlene Horton - North Carolina
Louis Psaltis - Illinois
Vernon and Mary Tritch - Pennsylvania
John Turner - Georgia

879th FIELD ARTILLERY

HQ. BATTERY

Philip and Elizabeth Colombo - New York
Alex and Margaret Kormas - Ohio
Robert and Jane Proctor - Ohio
Fred and Polly Schoepf - Pennsylvania

C-BATTERY

James and Emily Jones - Ohio
Frank and Kathleen Kruger - New York

SERVICE BATTERY

Dell and Mary Balzano - Ohio
Harold and Emily Fletcher - Pennsylvania
James and Lydia Little - Georgia
Bruce and Mary Young - South Carolina

880th FIELD ARTILLERY

HQ BATTERY

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Robert and Marilyn McKee - Maryland

B-BATTERY

Frank and Joan Alfiero - New Jersey

C-BATTERY

Enrico and Anne D'Angelo - Pennsylvania
Louis and Fern Pugh - Ohio

881st FIELD ARTILLERY

HQ. BATTERY

*James and Tille Boris - Pennsylvania
John and W. MacClaren - Pennsylvania

A-BATTERY

Francis and Zita Enright - Wisconsin
James and Irene Liguori - New York
Guest: Son Raymond
Ralph and Madeline Reeves - Arizona
James and Lillian Stankovich - Pennsylvania

B-BATTERY

Walter and Alice Haag - California
*Lester Hart - Ohio
Robert Murphy - Pennsylvania
Gilbert and Susan Rocco - Pennsylvania
Phillip and Harriet Sparacino - Wisconsin
Richard Stoddard - Colorado
Eugene and Jacqueline Tabacchi - Pennsylvania

C-BATTERY

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A-COMPANY

Carl and Mrs. Enarson - Illinois

B-COMPANY

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Charles and Patricia Nicely - Pennsylvania
Charles and Pat Walsh - Wisconsin

C-COMPANY

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D-COMPANY

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Al Hagg - Wisconsin
Paul and Margie McCombs - Pennsylvania

E-COMPANY

Mario and Freda Fattore - New Jersey
Irving and Etta Gotkin - New York
Harold and Eldonna Hendrix - Michigan
Carl Kaiser - Pennsylvania
Graham and Frances Lippard - Virginia
Guests: Roy and Janice Black
Chuck and Kathy Moore - Ohio
William and Catherine McCall - New Jersey
Dale and Helen McGee - Florida
Barney McNeely - Kentucky
Bing T. Poon - Washington, D.C.
Paul and Marian Shadle - Pennsylvania
Guests: Son, Wife, and Grandson
James Sharpe - Wisconsin
William and Marjorie Taylor - Florida
Alex and Nina Waichulis - Indiana

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C. Frank and Arlene Carey - Pennsylvania
James and Barbara Kidd - Kentucky

G-COMPANY

Clarence and Lena Goon - Ohio
Nathan and Rhoda Green - New York
G. Scott and Ann Gresham - Virginia
Clarence and Shirley Jensen - New York
John and Virginia Kuli - Pennsylvania
Ralph and Josephine Plugge - Illinois
David and Mary Scatena - Pennsylvania

H-COMPANY

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Walter Jeskiewicz - West Virginia
Albert and Eleanor Panara - New Jersey

*James and Margaret Zawitoski - Maryland

HQ. 3rd BATTALION

James and Betty Yakle - Florida

K-COMPANY

Robert Kremin - New York
Bernard Saboroff - California
Roger Sahr - Minnesota
Albert and Rebecca Hornyak - Ohio

L-COMPANY

Leo and Rita Martel - New York

M-COMPANY

*John Boyle - Ohio
William and Reba Sheavly - Maryland
Guests: David and Rebecca Thomas
Delbert and Helen Wright - Indiana

AT COMPANY

Graham and Jane Bendall - Virginia
Dillard and Anita Powell - North Carolina
George West - Pennsylvania
George and Virginia Weston - New Jersey
Arthur and Nancy Holgate - New Jersey

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271st MED. DET.

Sanford Graham - West Virginia
John Zoppetti - Pennsylvania

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A-COMPANY

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B-COMPANY

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Milton and Dorothy Lutes - Pennsylvania
J. K. Shayne - New York
Roger and Ruth West - Michigan
Chet and Barbara Yastrzemski - New York

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NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK**

PITTSBURGH REUNION ATTENDEES

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272nd Infantry Regiment (Continued)

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Norman and Dorothy Allen - Illinois
Herb Callaway - Texas
James Henry - Pennsylvania
Neil and Mrs. Shields - Pennsylvania

G-COMPANY

Anees and Barbara Barakat - Pennsylvania
Clarence Burke - Pennsylvania
Frank and Dessa Dusi - Ohio
Will and Barbara Frazee - Ohio
Clement Hudacek - Missouri
Ray Lehman - Iowa
Bill and Miriam Lilien - New York
*Joe and Louise O'Donnell - Pennsylvania
Edgar and Nelle Ross - North Carolina

H-COMPANY

John and Mildred Mowad - Pennsylvania

I-COMPANY

Edward Ambrose - Pennsylvania
Frank Aplan - Pennsylvania
Wendell and Sally Freeman - Georgia
Guests: Don and Tibbie Tolbert
James and Marie Herbison - New York
Guests: Bill and Jessie Lukacik
Robert and Vivian Kurtzman Sr. - Ohio
Pat and Jan Lushbaugh - Maryland
Edward McDonnell - New York
Chalmer and Reita Pearson - Michigan
Tom and Jeanne Reardon - Pennsylvania
Bruce Srout - Illinois

L-COMPANY

John and Elizabeth Nelson - New Jersey

M-COMPANY

Lido DalPorto - West Virginia
Al Naginonis - Pennsylvania
Ray and Alice Wolthoff - Florida

SERVICE COMPANY

Dale and Bonny Scott - Wisconsin
John and Dorothy Skelton - Illinois
Guest: Hazel Denton

273rd INFANTRY REGIMENT

Unknown Unit

*Mike Kasala - Pennsylvania

HQ. 1st BATTALION

Charles and Lorraine Goodhart - Pennsylvania
Guests: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carlyle

A-COMPANY

Ray Fahrner - Pennsylvania
Guest: George Wright
Edward and Johanna Lucci - New York
Guests: Harold and Catherine Guinn

C-COMPANY

Stanley and Gloria Czyzyk - New York
Isaac Lichtenfels - North Carolina
Harry Reid - Connecticut
*William and Bernice Parks - Alabama

D-COMPANY

Arthur and Kathe Ayres - New Jersey
Allan and Mary Blackmar - New York
Charles and Bertha Hoefer - New York
George and Barbara Johnson - Virginia
Henry and Julia Kaminski - Pennsylvania
Robert and Betty McCarty - Louisiana

E-COMPANY

William and Jane Matlach - New York
Al and Lotti Shires - Florida
Earl and Dorothy Witzleb - Pennsylvania

F-COMPANY

Gilbert and Marion Clark - Pennsylvania
Ralph Ogg - Pennsylvania
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Sammy and Anne Woolf - New York

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Elijah and Jacqueline Sams - North Carolina
Jake and Violet Stark - Pennsylvania
Ray and Helen Szkudlarek - Ohio

HQ. 3rd BATTALION

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Ted and Mrs. Schiffner - New Jersey
*John Sneary - Ohio
Earl and Ann Walters - Pennsylvania

I-COMPANY

William and Beverly Armstrong - Iowa
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Guests: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nicholson
Mrs. Betty Schnabel
George and Janel Houseal - Pennsylvania
Richard and Wanda Lincoln - Pennsylvania
Carl and Bernice Macknair - Pennsylvania

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LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY**

PITTSBURGH REUNION ATTENDEES

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273rd Infantry (Continued)

I-COMPANY (Continued)

Paul and Aldonna Mickiewicz - New Jersey
Robert and Theresa Pierce - California
George and Francis Pursey - Ohio
Chester and Olive Ritchie - Virginia
*Anthony and Mrs. Rende - Pennsylvania
Erwin and Carmen Sanborne - New Hampshire

K-COMPANY

Gerald and Mary Sheehan - New York
Guests: John and Winifred Quinn

L-COMPANY

Anthony and Genevieve Plasic - Pennsylvania

M-COMPANY

Gerald and Julia Brown - Missouri
W.C. Cox - West Virginia
Albert and Elvira Francavilla - Pennsylvania
Paul Morrow - Pennsylvania
Raul and Lilly Nava - California
Raymond and Marie Twardy - Pennsylvania
Woodrow and Frances Welch - Illinois

AT-COMPANY

Glenn Vanderlaan - Michigan

CANNON COMPANY

Henry and Oneeta Coble - Virginia
Thomas and Ida Poole - Iowa
Mrs. Mary Ross - New Jersey

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Michael Roebuck - Pennsylvania
Barbara Pilkanis - Massachusetts

Attendance by States at the 1986 Pittsburgh Reunion

A total of 552 attended the 1986 Reunion at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Listed below is the State by State count and once again, Pennsylvania lead the way.

Pennsylvania	143
New York	61
Ohio	57
New Jersey	42
Florida	31
Virginia	31
Wisconsin	21
Illinois	20
Maryland	12
North Carolina	11
West Virginia	11
California	10
Indiana	10
New Hampshire	10
Colorado	7
Georgia	7
Iowa	7
Kentucky	7
Michigan	7
New Mexico	5
Louisiana	4
Massachusetts	4
Minnesota	4
Texas	4
Arizona	3
Connecticut	3
Missouri	3
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A-Battery of the 880th Field Artillery

"A" Battery 880th F.A. Bn. had its first Reunion on November 7, 8, and 9, 1986 in Florence, Kentucky at the Holiday Inn. Fourteen members were present, along with 11 Wives, one Mother, and 2 Children, for a total of 28. In addition Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Pugh of Cadiz, Ohio and Mr. Ray Mills of Vincennes, Indiana were honored guests representing "C" Battery of the 880th. "A" Battery personnel attending were:

- Mr. and Mrs. B.B. Baker, Statesville, North Carolina
- J. G. Barnett, Norcross, Georgia
- Mr. and Mrs. James F. Bilbrey, Celina, Tennessee
- Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Cavlovic, Kansas City, Kansas
- Mr. and Mrs. Thomas N. Ellis, Rockwall, Texas
- Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd H. Gerth, Princeton, Minnesota
- Mr. S. B. Hackney & Mother, Rising Sun, Maryland
- Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Harreld, Sr., Owensboro, Kentucky
- J. P. Harrington, Sacramento, California
- Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Jeffries, Bluffton, Indiana
- Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Johnson, Pearce, Arizona
- Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Redmond, Cumberland, Indiana
- Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Tipperreiter, Spring Hill, Florida
- Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Zidian & 2 Children, Youngstown, Ohio

We plan to meet again in October 1987 at the same location. I urgently request that any former members of this Battery whose address I don't have contact me at 6374 Brandywine Trail, Norcross, Georgia 30092.

John Barnett

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CARSON B. HARRELD, SR.
1917-1986

The surviving members of A-Battery 880th F.A. Bn. salute their fallen Comrade who died suddenly on Sunday, November 9, 1986 immediately following the adjournment of their first Reunion in Florence, Kentucky. He is survived by his Wife and 3 Children, and several grandchildren. Carson was Battery Executive Officer 1944-1945 and was loved and respected by all. The superior performance of this Unit in combat was largely due to his devotion and expertise.

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ROSTER OF KNOWN DECEASED MEMBERS OF A-BATTERY 880th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

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Directory Data Requested by E. G. Tabacchi

I was a proud member of the 69th Division in 1943-45, but am even prouder today after having attended the last three Reunions. I plan to make many more and hope that many of our buddies may also.

I served with Baker Battery, 881st Field Artillery from its organization in May, 1943, at Camp Shelby through the beginning of its dissolution at Leuna, Germany, in June, 1945. I left the battery days after Hiroshima with John Young, Pete Libardi, Lt. Bell, Syl Duvall, Bruce Walker, Dan Dowling, Sheffield and several others whose names escape.

Five years ago, our first sergeant, Walter Haag, and Phil Sparacino attended the Arizona Reunion. As far as I can recall, that was the first representation Baker Battery had. Phil and I were at the Orlando Reunion and we were joined by Joe Brady at Williamsburg and by former Lieutenant Reeves who was with the battery very briefly in 1943. Last year we had an encouraging turnout. Answering roll call were the Haags, the Sparacinos, the Tabacchis, the Gilbert Roccas, Bob Murphy, Dick Stoddard, and the Jim Borises. Jim was on our roster very late and very briefly, a transfer from Hdqs. Battery.

All who attended the Pittsburgh Reunion vowed to make next year's meeting in Niagara Falls. We hope many former 69'ers residing in the near Midwest and the East plan to attend. I recall that Maj and Tolson lived in that end of New York. Our Battery was top heavy with residents of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and New Jersey, all within reasonable driving distance. Be there! You won't regret it. Cost is a consideration, of course, but try to make it for the beer party and banquet. The former is very informal and the latter is slightly formal for only a short while.

Remember Stoddard? He had Jerry Lewis's spastic routine down before Lewis. Except for some gray hair and the addition of glasses he only wears when he wants to see, he hasn't changed. Remembering him then and recalling his still boyish behavior at the beer party and banquet at Pittsburgh, it is hard to visualize him wearing eagles and commanding men. He now lives in retirement in Colorado, the land of ski bunnies.

The old sarge has probably changed the least of all of us. He looks like he could still play first base for the battery team and linebacker in our intra-battery football games. He still stands, shuffling from foot to foot with his thumbs crammed into his pants waist. He commanded respect then; he still does.

Murphy is no longer the skinny little mail clerk who enjoyed withholding letters to the last second while screaming "At ease, at ease" to a mob at the orderly room door. With the exception of the addition of glasses and thinning hair, Rocco seems the same. Sparacino and I still have full heads of hair and very full bodies.

Soon the 69th Bulletin with data on and reservation blanks for the Niagara Falls Reunion will be coming in the mail. Read it early and completely, as I am sure all of you do, and then make your reservations. We'd like to fill at least three tables at next year's beer party and banquet. Let's do it while we can because time is cutting into our futures. I'm sure we'll all meet again in that big barracks in the sky, but why wait that long?

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"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 AUXILIARY PAGE

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Hi, I'm back again. It looks like we Ladies have to fill the back page and I'll just do that by passing along some late news just in from 69th members.

William E. "Bill" Foster, Jr., Vice President to the men's group has been in the hospital over a month having had major surgery and is coming along good.

You may send him a card and or note by writing:

W. R. "Bill" Foster, Jr.
 803 Elkwood Drive
 New Cumberland, Pennsylvania 17070

Bill is a member of the 269th Engineers

Another ex-officer, past President George Gallagher, is back home from the hospital having had a gall bladder operation. George is doing good also, having been with the 69th M.P.'s and Quartermasters. You can send a card or note to:

George Gallagher
 147 El Torro Street
 Spanish Trails
 Zephyrhills, Florida 34248

Well George, you'll get a lot of relaxing in the Florida sunshine now even though our weather reports coming out of Pittsburgh says Florida is getting a lot of rain.

Robert "Bob" Shaffer, a Company-C, 272nd Infantry member is also coming along OK having had by-pass surgery. Besides a 69th member, Bob is a Tri-State Group member. He would be happy to hear from his buddies by sending a card or writing:

Robert G. Shaffer
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As I get news for our Auxiliary page I'll rush it out in our next upcoming Bulletins only hoping the news is good. I just received the minutes of the Ladies Auxiliary meeting at the Pittsburgh Reunion but just a little too late for this issue. If I was to get it in this time, we would have to add another four pages and I'm sure Earl and Clarence would shoot me. This is our biggest Bulletin ever, 48 pages of good interesting reading. Don't we all agree. See you all in Greensburg and Niagara Falls.

Dottie

Just a note from your Bulletin Co-ordinating Manager. Monday night, October 27th, Dottie put her last load of wash in the dryer and came upstairs. As she got to the top step she thought of something she forgot in the laundry room, turned around to start back down, and yes, she did fall down the steps. When I got to her I thought we were in trouble but it ended up with bruises to the shoulder, the left arm, the rear end, and left leg. She seemed to recover rapidly only missing two days work but on Saturday, November 8, she asked me to help her move furniture around in the family room which was too much for her. She missed six more days of work and now I'm taking her to the bone cracker (chiropractor). She doesn't get a CB name of "CLUMSY ANNE" for nothing. She'll be OK for Greensburg and Niagara Falls I'm sure. Until the next Bulletin and keep the good news coming.

Earl

**A. Earl Clegg
 of F-273rd Writes:**

Just a line to give you a big vote of thanks for your personal note just sent to me recently with my membership card. Now is as good a time as any to say what I've been thinking for a good many years. I want to pay a special thanks to all of the Officers of the 69th Division Association.

Because I have belonged to several groups and have served as all of you have, I am especially appreciative of all your time and talents that has been given to the Membership over the years.

As you have your next meeting let everyone know that they are appreciated.

I haven't been to any of the Reunions, but I'm thankful for the Leadership we have had.

Again, many thanks and all the best to a great gang.