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Gentlemen:

All arrangements have been completed for our 1972 reunion. Bill Beswick 661 TD, Loar Quickle G-271 and myself, travelled to Norfolk, Va. this past weekend and conducted meetings with the management of Lake Wright and the commander of Fort Story where our memorial service will be held. This service will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 P.M., and the spot is just a few short yards from the Atlantic Ocean. A tour of several historic sites including the Naval base and Virginia Botanical gardens is scheduled for Friday after lunch. The Army is arranging to take our members for a LARK ride through the surf and into the Atlantic. This is quite a unique experience. A golf tournament is on tap for Friday morning at 8 A.M. under the direction of "Chuck" Herring B-269 our Association golf Pro, and newly elected President of the International Assoc. of Professional Golfers. Prizes will be awarded Friday night at the PX party. We'll have great music for Friday night and a band has been arranged for the banquet and dancing. The women's auxiliary will have a breakfast and fashion show with prizes at 9 A.M. Saturday. The men's general meeting will be Saturday at 10 A.M., so we will have to get our own breakfast.

A schedule of events will be printed and distributed at the registration desk, which, incidentally will be in a large room provided by the motel, where there will be space for you to meet old friends. Fishing is nearby and there are boats available for deep sea and bay fishing. Numerous restaurants in the area. Great sea food here. Motel food good and not expensive.



COMING TO REUNION? WATCH FOR LAKE WRIGHT SIGN

NOTE! Send all News for Bulletin to: Loar L. Quickle, 512 So. Main St., Pennington, N.J. 08534



LET US KNOW IF YOU LIKE THIS ISSUE

661 TANK DESTROYERS RARIN' TO GO BY BILL BESWICK . . .

The Hell-Cats are on the prowl again looking for old friends — lost but not forgotten.

Lake Wright is the place to come this August to spend at least a part of your vacation. (Our hotel rates are guaranteed one week before and one week after the Reunion.) Let's renew some old friendships, over some old tales.

Do you remember "Chigger Hollow"? Table Rock? Table Rock Creek Swimming Hole? The long trek back to Table Rock if you missed the truck back from main camp, after a trip into town. (Killeen, Tex . . . population in 1944 was 1500 . . . now it is well over 35,000) yes you saw correctly there are three zeros. How about the long hike from Table Rock to Camp Hood in that Texas sun to move from tents to garrison living? The long train rides home on furlough that took two days to get out of Texas aboard the "Katy-Flyer"? Above all, don't forget the S.S. Sea Owl and it's SMOOTH leisurely ocean voyage to Europe? How many remember the night we met the Russian/s at Torgau with the big bon-fire, dancing and Vodka in the slave labor camp??? Personally, this is one I'll never forget. So why don't you pack up your old duffle bag and come re-hash some of these remembrances with each other.

One more thing, I'll bet a lot of you fellows didn't know, the 661st returned to Camp Hood again after leaving Camp Shelby. That was where a lot of us were returned to civilian life.

So come on to Lake Wright. So we can cuss and discuss all these and many more. SEE YOU THERE . . . Bill



COLONEL DONALD B. MILLER 661st
TANK DESTROYERS COMMANDING OFFICER
WITH A GROUP OF TDers WIVES

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An appeal . . . if you have a business of your own, retired and well off enough or work for a large company that could be persuaded to make a donation . . . please think of our most important function . . . the 69th Scholarship Fund. Send a substantial donation to either Bill Matlach or our treasurer. Money Well Spent . . . Give it a try, won't you?

BILL BESWICK SAYS

OUR 1972 REUNION SITE

Lake Wright is situated in the center of a Vacationland. It has activities for everyone. Be it sight-seeing deep-sea fishing, pier-fishing, swimming or just plain lying in the sun at the famous Virginia Beach, which is only ten minutes away by car and expressway. I must not forget surf-boarding. Also Ocean View Beach and Ocean View Amusement Park within ten minutes drive in the opposite direction.

Pier fishing is nearing it's peak for the season at Virginia Beach fishing piers. There are several fishing party boats near the motel. Lynnhaven Inlet is just a few minutes away for surf-fishing, flounder and rockfish (striped bass) are usually abundant at this time of year. Don't forget your rod and reel.

While you are down in this area, do not fail to visit the Williamsburg area to see it's Colonial setting and structures. Most of them are built on the original foundations. Jamestown and Yorktown are nearby. This area is ideal for anyone interested in our early American Heritage.

Those coming from Wilmington, Del. and north will surely want to cross over the Chesapeake Bay bridge-tunnel system. It is something to see. Travel at sea by automobile. Just take Route 13 South from the Wilmington Area or take the Lewes Ferry.

The airport is close to the motel, with transportation right to the motel with Lake Wright marked busses. Without any disrespect to the railroads, rail transportation to Norfolk is very poor. My suggestion is don't take it. Bus is very good. Auto parking is right at the door to your motel room.

The dining room at the motel is superb, with excellent food that meets the family budget. The Lounge is exquisite with live entertainment and mixed drinks. There are several restaurants nearby, also drive-ins. Janaf's Shopping Center is about 1½ miles away with all kinds of shopping. All of this is without any city driving. It is good to remember Virginia Liquor Stores sell at prices equal or less than in most other states.

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RALPH A. PETERMAN, BOX 92, Benton, Pa. 17814 — 777th Tank Bn. writes to Clarence Marshall: "Dear Clarence: I am writing to request more information on the Reunion of the 777th Tank Bn. in August. Please send all info. to me." (Eds. Note! Information sent and we hope you consider joining the many others who say they are coming.)

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Letter from John B. Hayes, 3807 Terrace Drive, Annandale, Va. 22003 and A-271 writes: "Dear Clarence: Just a note to let you know that Joseph Gray, 9105 Traveller St., Manassas, Va. 22110 — C-272 received the last Bulletin. Joe is originally from Portsmouth, Va. and is talking about coming this year.



HERE COME THE ENGINEERS AGAIN!

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Last year's Scholarship Award recipient, Jodell Davis, Amboy, Minn. has sent in her grades for the first two quarters completed at Bemidji State College. Her excellent performance thus far confirms the confidence our Scholarship Committee had in presenting the award. Keep it up, Jodell!

We wish to apologize for our earlier delays in replying to application requests received for the coming 1972 award. We had some problems in transferring scholarship committee records and application forms were not immediately available.

As most of you know, the Association generally awards one \$500.00 scholarship each year (\$125.00 each year for four years). Applications are evaluated by our professional consultant, Miss Mary Drew, of the Educational Testing Services, Princeton, N.J. The final selection of the winner is done by our Scholarship Committee, based on Miss Drew's recommendations.

There is still time to put in your application for the 1972 award. To be eligible, your father must have served with the 69th Infantry Division at some time in the past and he must have paid his association dues at least two of the last three years. If you are interested in applying please request application forms from our Scholarship Committee chairman:

William Matlach
19 Barberry Road

West Islip, New York 11795

Mary Drew was made an Honorary Member of the 69th Association in Washington as a token of our appreciation for the many hours spent over the year.

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Robert Urbano, Trenton, N.J. our 1970 Scholarship winner is now in his sophomore year at Georgetown. Bob is carrying 18 credits and for the first three semesters has a combined score of 2.61. Bob's courses are organic Chem., Philosophy, Cytology-Histology, English, and General Psychology. Extra curricular activities include work on Freshman orientation, Collegiate Club, and volunteer of the day care center at Georgetown U. hospital.

We are proud of your work Bob, and appreciate your keeping in touch with us.

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Dear Mr. Quickle:

Just a few lines to let you know about Ted Vincent A-269 Eng.

He is a patient at the District 1 T. B. Hospital, Madisonville, Ky. 42431. Thought some of his buddies might like to send him a note or card. He has been sick for about 18 months but only went to the hospital in November. They just found the tuberculosis in Oct.

Mrs. Ted Vincent
R. D. #3
Hartford, Ky. 42347

Ed. Note: Please write Ted at his home address, as this letter missed being printed in the last bulletin.

269 ENGINEERS

Walt Goeben writes: Well another year has passed and we are looking to the 1972 reunion in Norfolk.

I heard from Col. Holmlin just before we went to the West Coast. He said he is retiring and he is going to spend a lot of time tracking down as many of our AWOL members as possible. He wants to make the Norfolk reunion the biggest yet.

At Christmas I heard from John Pontieri. He is now retired from Brookhaven National Laboratory. He is going to visit as many Engineers as possible while on vacation in Florida, and get them to come to Norfolk. We hope to see all the regulars in Norfolk and also many of the guys from Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia. We are getting closer so you have no excuse about distance. Roger Drake should be able to get away for a few days. Everyone asks for him. Dave Coe always says, "Where's Drake?" Someone always pops up "Still in Aachen with the prime mover."

We've missed Jim Eibling, Nick Herald and John Simons for too many years. I hope they all come.

Our Engineer News has been sparse lately because no one has let Pontieri or me know of any happenings that would be of interest to the engineers.

Please write to John or me and we will send it on to Loar Quickle for use in the bulletin. When we have a lot of news in the bulletin we seem to have a better attendance at the reunions.

Note: If anyone is interested in getting a group flight together to Norfolk, please write or call me. We can save 20%-30% depending on how many people we can get. The flight NY/Norfolk takes about 1 hour. It will save 6 to 10 hours of driving depending on where you live.

Walter Goeben
124 McCall Ave.
West Islip, N.Y. 11795
Phone: (516) MO 9-3833

Let me know before July 1, 1972

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Chuck Herring B-269 Engineers, has located another 69er.

Jacob L. Jones, Jr.
Route #1, Box 184A
Shallotte, North Carolina 28459
D-273 Reg't.

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Glenn L. Felner E-271 and R&R Platoon 271 would like to hear from his former buddies. Glenn, is a C.L.U. and Financial Gerialist with Scheer Financial Corporation, Chicago, Ill.

Glenn L. Felner
221 North LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60601



DO WE HAVE A SURPRISE FOR THE LADIES!

GEORGE T. BUTLER, RD #1, Bemus Point, N.Y. 14712 and 271 Personnel plus a member of the CIC Detachment writes: Dear Clarence: Upon reading the Assoc. Bulletin some time back I was startled to see myself receiving a hair-cut from PFG Haugen, Fargo, N. Dakota. This bit of activity took place at Schmidtheim, just inside the German border after our Division cracked thru the Siegfried Line. At least this is the way I recall it anyway. Several years now I have been planning to make one of the Reunions but invariably something always has come up to make it impossible . . . I'll keep trying, however! It certainly would be great to spend a few hours again with some of my old buddies. The 271st Personnel was quite a crew, believe me!! With the exception of Bob Stanley I imagine no one knows that I was recalled to active duty in Jun. 1951 and spent a year and a half at Ft. Bragg as Ass't. Adjutant and Administrative Officer of the 525th Military Intelligence Training Gp. I did have the opportunity at that time to visit Bob and his family who were residing in High Point, N.C. In the meanwhile I had gone to work for the State of N.Y., Div. of Veterans Affairs as a State Veteran Counselor. This was in 1946 and I'm still with it. Gettin' old, fat & gray, George.

(Comments from the Editor) George, the picture was taken by your editor and a member of 271 Personnel at that time. It's funny! I always thought you hankered to start a jewelry store with all those watches or . . . did you sell them to the Russkys . . . ? By the way, Elder Haugen was a good barger. Come on down to Virginia and have a good time with us. We often talk of you and the others. Loar . . .

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Dear Clarence: Read in the Mar. Legion Magazine where the 777th Tank Bn. is having a Reunion in Aug.

I am writing to find out what date and place it is to be held, so I can make arrangements to have a Vacation time then. I want very much to see the old outfit again. I was in Service Co. overseas, I don't recall your Co. but can't remember over 700 guys.

Also if there is a place to camp nearby as we will probably be coming with a Camper. (Yes, there are places to camp out along the shore.) CLYDE G. BAUSMAN, Box 136, Warren, Ill. 61087.

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JOHN M. VERGOT, 1519 N. Front St., Apt. 2-F, Harrisburg, Pa. 17102 and 777th Tank Bn. writes: Will you please send me full particulars on the 77th Tank Bn. Reunion. This is the first time I have seen anything of a Reunion of the Bn.

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PAUL T. CONNOLLY, 100 E. Tenny Ave., Louisville, Ky. 40214 writes he learned of the Reunion from Chas. White of Okla. another 777th Tanker. He hopes to make reunion by changing his vacation dates. He sent Clarence Marshall several General addresses including Col. David T. Zweibel their Bn. Commanding Officer.

LADIES AUXILIARY

The meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fighting 69th Division was called to order by the President Dorothy Starry with 69 ladies in attendance.

Minutes of the Washington D.C. meeting were read by Florence Keller and approved as read.

Edith Carbonari, Woodbridge, Conn. was unanimously elected President for 1971-72.

Virginia Weston was elected Secretary-Treasurer for 1971-72.

Kate Reynolds of Winchester, Va. Division Sunshine Lady with whom we could not do without (she is the lady who remembers each and everyones birthday and anniversary) was introduced and presented with a gift from the Auxiliary and a gift that Jane Ayers made.

Dorothy Starry, President then presented a corsage to Mary Martin who traveled the longest distance, from Pelican Rapids, Minnesota.

Virginia Weston presented a gift to Dorothy Starry in recognition of her many labors as president of the Auxiliary.

Mary Young and Jackie Tasker were presented a gift for having the most grandchildren. Florence Eissman for being the newest bride.

First time attendees were: Phillis Baker, Mary Polito, Connie Parkinson, Jeanette Schollenberger, Jackie Tasker, Irene Humphreys, and Shirley Jensen.

A guest book and minute book will be presented at the next reunion so that each following reunion will be permanently recorded.

A request was made that if any member knew of any 69th member who was in a VA Hospital or nursing home, to send their name to Dorothy Starry, 150 Glendale Street, Carlisle, Pa. She will see to it that they receive a quilt from the Auxiliary, which the ladies discussed at this meeting. More on this at next reunion in Norfolk.

Thanks were given for prizes and gifts presented at the meeting. Jane Ayers made the corsages presented to the above mentioned ladies.

President Sam Woolf greeted the ladies at their meeting and extended the appreciation of the 69th Assoc. for all of their help.

The quilt that Dorothy Starry made with the 69th patch on it was presented to Mrs. Van Pittman, Hattisburg, Miss. whose husband suffered a heart attack at the reunion.

Virginia P. Weston



Virginia Weston, Edith Carbonari, Dot Starry and Florence Keller showing off the quilt Dot Starry made.



LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

MADAM PRESIDENT WRITES:

Dear Ladies:

I wish to thank you for electing me President for 1971-72. The work (so they tell me) is minimal, particularly compared to the men's. However, the honor is one of the greatest I have ever received and I shall try to live up to the efforts of our past Presidents.

The most important job of any organizational President is to try to encourage all to participate and become active. This, in my opinion, is a simple task. Those of you who know my husband, Al, and me, are fully aware of the marvelous time we have each year and the many warm friends we have made through attending the 69th Reunion.

To you ladies who have never attended, or have not in several years, may I please encourage you to come to lovely Virginia Beach in August. It is marvelous to see the men greet each other each year, even after an absence of several years (some, many more) or just from the past year's Reunion. It is also great for you to sit there and listen to their past experiences and really know what "great guys" our men are. Many of the greetings are not necessarily among those who had served together but among those who have become endeared friends from attending the Reunions.

I should also like to add that we women look forward to our Reunions each year as we also have developed lasting friendships.

We have auxiliary meetings of Saturday morning which is an informal and fun thing. After our meeting there are always many things to do, such as: golf, tennis, swimming, sunbathing, antiques, and, of course, shopping.

In closing, May I remind the ladies of the gifts to be presented to Veterans' Hospitals and a warm thank you to Dotty Starry for starting this project. This project was a suggestion of the Auxiliary secretary Virginia and she presented a sample. From this suggestion, Dot Starry made a coverlet with a large 69th Inf. Div. emblem in the center which was to be presented to a Veteran's Hospital in the Harrisburg area. Instead they presented it to Mrs. Van Pittman, Audrey. As you read in previous bulletin, Van had a coronary while attending the reunion in Harrisburg.

"See you all at Virginia Beach.

Edith Carbonari

JOHN MINNUCCI, 532 Crescent Ave., Lansdale, Pa. 19446 and B-777th Tank Bn., writes: Received your information on the Reunion, and I am very grateful.

I served in the 777th T.Bn. under Capt. Jarrett. I am sorry I don't have his address.

I wrote to some of the men who's addresses I had and informed them of the Reunion. They were: Parmer Bradley, 352 Maple Ave., Waynesboro, Va. 22980 and S/Sgt. Raymond Eshelman, Rte. #1, St. Thomas, Penna. both of B Co. I am making a trip to Europe and I am not quite sure I will make it. However, I hope to make the end of the Reunion.

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FLORIAN E. LASECKI, 616 N. Rush St., Chicago, Ill. 60611 and 69th Qm. writes:

First, please note change of add. Next, what are the dues?

Just received your Jan. issue of the bulletin. This is the first contact I have had with the Association after having written to several people. I may be one of those who turned in my name at the American Legion Convention in New Orleans. But that was in 1968.

I hope I don't have to wait that long again.

There are many questions for which I would like to find answers. Has anyone a copy of roster or Special Order creating the 69th QM Co. from the 96th Div. about Feb. 1943. The Co. was then filled up with men from Oregon, Wash., Cal., and Nevada. We had quite a few Indians from a reservation on the Nevada-Calif. border. After basic training, we were moved in several troop trains to Cp. Shelby. We travelled 6 days-7 nights or vice-versa and arrived at Shelby about Apr. 14, 1953.

Let me hear from you or anyone else from the Division and especially the QM Co. I was a Sgt. in the QM.

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DON MOLLETT, 216 Eureka, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701 and D-777th T. Bn. writes: As a former member of the 777th Tank Bn. I am very much interested in the Reunion. Would you please send all information to me. (Note! Clarence Marshall forwarded info as requested.)

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FRANK TAMBURELLI, 14 Allston St., Revere, Mass. 02151 writes: Received the 69th Bulletin and felt pretty good reading about the **Good Times**. 1950 I again enlisted in the Korea Conflict, MP's but did not enjoy it as much as the first time. I was a member of the Battle Patrol of K-272. Would like to read about or hear from some of the men (11 in all) from the Battle Patrol or other K-272 men. As for me, I have been a Police Officer (Motorcyclist) of this city now for 15 years. Lots of Luck!

Ed. Note — Frank sent along a picture of himself taken in combat, but it was a little too faded and brown for reproduction in the bulletin. Am returning.



777th TANK BN. READY TO JOIN THE FRAY

MORE NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Letter from LEO B. ADLER, A-369 Med. Bn. and 59 West End Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11235. Dear Clarence: I want to compliment you on your last edition of the Bulletin and to all the others who work on it. In case some of my old buddies and friends from the Med. Bn. want to know:

I have been married now for 21 yrs. to my wife, Lillian, and we have two lovely children, daughters, Susan 18, and Elaine 11½ yrs. Susan goes to City College of N.Y. and Elaine will soon enter Junior High.

As for me, I was with the 69th almost from its activation in Cp. Shelby until we met the Russkys at war's end. After May '45, I was transferred to a wild Ordinance outfit and put to guarding German PW's stuffed into an open truck with me and my 45 pistol hanging on to the tailgate. They could have simply pushed me off at any time as I was defenseless with that stupid 45, but they got to like me. I finally got discharged in Mar. '46, went from job to job as factory hand, salesman, assembly worker, etc., etc. until finally winding up in the field that I really like, Law. I now work for a large Fifth Ave. law firm as a Legal Asst. and this is my niche.

A guy named MacFarland and myself had kept an accurate and detailed history of A Co., 369th but I have lost contact with Mac. Mac and all the others of A Co. will remember me as the one who was almost always on KP or latrine duty.

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Letter from Frank C. Kruger, 1330 Madison Ave., West Islip, N.Y. 11795 and 879th F.A. (No Co. given rather Batt.) Letter to Nick Urbano . . . Dear Nicholas:

I wonder if you remember me. I am Frank Kruger. I was in one of the Gun Sections. I am interested in attending a Reunion of the Battery. I am wondering just how many of us are around. Is this Reunion in conjunction with the 69th Division Reunion in August in Virginia? I would appreciate details of the Reunion, so that I can make any plans necessary to attend. Sincerely, Frank . . .

Ed. Note! Frank, thanks for the letter and go right ahead and make your plans to attend. There have been as many as 10 to 12 of your Bn there at times.

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Letter from Rollard Tappa, 210 Lindsay Ave., Oconto, Wisc. 54153 C-777th T. Bn.

I noticed in the Mar. issue of the Am. Legion magazine that the 777th Tank Bn. will be having a Reunion in Aug.

I was a member of Co. C of that Bn. for two years, joining it at Cp Gordon, Ga. in the fall of '43, then going to Ft. Knox, Ky, and from there overseas. I was with the 10th Armored Div. for two years before going with the 777th.

Will you send me particulars of the Reunion, dates, place etc.

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Dr. Eugene F. O'Leary of Monessen, Pa. has announced he is a Democrat candidate for U.S. Congress, 21st District. It includes Westmoreland Co. along with Penn Hills, Plum, Oakmont and Verona.

Dear Clarence: Received your letter and was very glad to hear from you so soon. As you know it's been a long time ago since my outfit broke up. I will try to give you as much information about myself as I can. I was with 777th Tank Bn., Co. B, 3rd Plat., under Capt. Jarrett. My Tank Commander was 1st Lt. Goodwin who was killed in action with Cpl. John Roach of Painted Post, N.Y.

I hope this information will enlighten you some. P.S.: Please send me a photostatic copy of our History Book. I would really appreciate it very much. Hope to see you at the Reunion.

ALEX ZUBROWSKI

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RAYMOND C. ESHELMAN, R.R. #1, St. Thomas, Pa. 17252 and 777th Tank Bn. "Would like some information on the 777th Bn. Reunion in the Am. Legion Magazine. If it is separate from the 69th Div. Reunion. As I am a member of the 69th Inf. Div. Assoc. and get their bulletin and Reunion inf.

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The next letter is from a member who had moved from his old home town in Summerville, Mo. 26 years ago and someone in the Post Office remembered him and forwarded the letter on. See the P.O. department isn't all that bad.

OLLIE YOUNG, 1944 Evergreen Ave., Antioch, Calif. 94509 and G-273. "I received your letter today. Glad to hear from someone from the old Fighting 69th. I left Summerville, 26 years ago right after I got out of the Army. I was in G-273. The way I got acquainted with Frank Roper was after the war, when the 69th was coming home with high Pointers. We were transferred into an old outfit and the last I saw of Frank was when we were discharged and got drunk in St. Louis, Mo. The only one I met and knew was Gino Marchetti. I see him once in awhile as Antioch is his home town. I lived here about 3 yrs. before I ran into him. Gino was in the same outfit Roper and I were after the war. I think he was a 271 man too. I want to thank you very much for the decals and will sure appreciate the names and addresses. Maybe we can all get together at the next reunion. Please send me Frank Roper's address in St. Louis. I will look him up.

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MICHAEL J. ZAG, 103 Pinewood Dr., Columbus, O. and Service Co. 272 (Zip Code 43213) Wife: Eliz. and children: Cecilia, Joseph M. and Christopher. He worked at the Columbus Country Club when he entered into the Army and is still employed there now as a head bartender. He is now a proud Grandfather. His daughter has three boys. Son Joseph is in college and Christopher is in High School.

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A. A. CAPACCIO, 512 Rosedale Ave., Bronx, N.Y. 10472 and B-777th Tank Bn. Writes: Having served with the above outfit I would appreciate particulars for attending the Bn. Reunion.

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EDS. NOTE! It is good to note that all the persons writing in for information regarding the Reunion are answered by one of us who either work on the Bulletin or Officers. Some get two replies.

COME TO OUR 25TH REUNION

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GOLF RESERVATION FORM

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 18, 1972 ... STARTING TIME 8 P.M. ... GUARANTEED STARTING TIMES "CHUCK HERRING" B-269 ... PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS HAS VOLUNTEERED??? HIS TIME AND TALENTS TO MAKING THIS AN OUTSTANDING 69'er EVENT. DON'T LET ALL OF THIS SCARE YOU. HACKERS, DUFFERS, MURRAY GALUTIN, EVERYONE IS WELCOME AND URGED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE GOLF COURSE AT LAKE WRIGHT. CARTS ARE AVAILABLE. THE GREEN FEES ARE NOMINAL. WE WILL HAVE PRIZES AND WILL PRESENT THEM AT THE PX NIGHT ON FRIDAY. CHUCK WILL GIVE A DEMONSTRATION AND WILL HELP YOU WITH YOUR SLICE OR HOOK ...

PLEASE SEND IN THIS RESERVATION FORM TO GEORGE PHILLIPS, 788 FAIRACRES AVENUE, WESTFIELD, N.J. IN ORDER FOR YOUR COMMITTEE TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.

I INTEND TO PLAY GOLF IN THE 69th TOURNEY ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 1972.

NAME _____ 69th UNIT _____

PLEASE RESERVE EARLY

HOTEL RESERVATION FORM TEAR OFF HERE AND MAIL TO:
QUALITY MOTEL, LAKE WRIGHT, 6280 NORTHAMPTON BLVD., RTE. 13 & 64
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA 23502

69TH INFANTRY DIVISION HOTEL RESERVATION FORM - AUG. 17, 18, 19, 20, 1972

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

DATE OF ARRIVAL _____ TIME _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____

PLEASE RESERVE A _____
Single Room - \$14. Double Bed - \$16. Twin Beds (check one) - \$18.

NO. PERSONS IN PARTY _____

REUNION RESERVATION FORM AUGUST 17, 18, 19, 20, 1972

TEAR OFF AND MAIL

Please fill in and mail to: Stanley Olszewski, Treasurer, 212 McClintock Street, New Britain, Conn. 06053.

Name _____ Unit _____

Address _____

Zip _____

PLEASE PRINT

Registration fee will be \$11.00 this year. This fee includes the Saturday night Dinner Dance. NO registration fee for children under 18.

Please find enclosed my check to cover registration fee.

Number attending _____ @ \$11.00 per person ... Total \$ _____

I will pay my registration fee at the reunion _____ (Please check).

Number of teens attending _____ Number of sub-Teens _____

I will attend the "Early Bird" Buffet on Thursday, August 17, 1972 and desire to make _____ reservations. Cocktail hour 6:00 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M. The cost will be \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children. This is *not* included in registration.



DO YOU HAVE A PHOTO OF THE VICTOR BRIDGE?

New member located by Carl Fritch 569th Signal Co.

Edward C. Grabowski, 569th Sig. Co., 2057 Clarence Ave., Lakewood, Ohio 44107. Ed and his wife Eleanor have two children, Debbie and Lynn. Chief Draftsman for Leece-Neville for 23 years. An amateur photographer and professional drummer, Ed keeps busy. Ed and Eleanor celebrated their 25th with a trip to Hawaii.

Ed Note: How about celebrating the 69th Div. 25th Anniversary this August?

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NEED A NEW DECAL FOR YOUR CAR???

Just check the box provided on the dues notice when you remit to our treasurer Stanley Olszewski and he will mail it to you with your new membership card.

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VAN PITTMAN, Hattiesburg, Miss. and MP Platoon, Div. Hqs. writes:

I am improving, up and around. Will be going deer hunting next 20 or so days. Season closes here Jan 22, '72.

Wish it could have been that I could have met everyone attending last year. Maybe, God be willing I can come in 1972.

My wife and son keep saying what a nice bunch of people they met at the Reunion. May God bless and keep you all. Your friends, Van and Family

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WANDA OLSZEWSKI, wife of Stan who is our Treasurer sent along the following letter: "Hello to all: I want you to know that words cannot express the feeling toward my fellow Fighting 69th friends. The kind deed, the records of sympathy shown me and my family during my illness in Harrisburg. I am out of the hospital and at home now. My recovery has been wonderful. I hope to go back to work after the first of the year.

Thanks for everything your prayers and all. If any of you are ever down this way my home is always open to you all. If I can ever be of help to any of you, I will. Please have this printed in our bulletin. Love to all of you.

Van W. Pittman and Family
2507 Adeline St.
Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401
69th MP's

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AL HAAG, 5440 W. Waveland Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60641 writes: "Hi Loar: Can you get a picture of the VICTOR BRIDGE, possibly the same as appears on page 68 or 69 of the 69th Div. pictorial history book? Last May while visiting the various towns which we captured (in 1945) I had a very pleasant visit with a man in Bad Niedersbeisig who was 12 yrs. old when he watched the engineers build the bridge. He asked me if it was possible to find a picture for him. This fellow had so much knowledge of the construction and the exact location of where the bridge was exactly erected etc. Loar, if you aren't able to . . . I'll put an ad in the Division Bulletin." If anyone has a picture of the bridge send it to Al. Ed.

Dear Mr. Marshall:

I appreciate the 69th Bulletin very much. I would like to hear from some of the boys in HQ Co. 2nd Bn. 272.

I have been married 26 years 4-18. We have 5 children, Jerry, La Donna, Tom, Cheryl and an adopted son David. My wife's name is Florence.

I work for the C&H Coal Co., as an oiler, but now I have Emphazma and am applying for Black Lung.

Please send me the 69th Div. Decal and I sure will display it on my car.

I would like to attend the Reunion but, I don't think I will make it this year, sorry.

Very sincerely yours,
Robert C. Fox, Jr.
R.D. 1
Parker, Pa. 16049

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(To Loar Quickle, Editor)

Hi! Old Fighting 69th buddy:

Thanks for printing the little news item I sent you for the latest bulletin. One change I would like to make though, one of my hobbies is "beekeeping" not **bookkeeping** as the article states. Also it follows that I am president of the Montgomery County **Beekeepers Assoc.**

By the way, through the article you printed, I was contacted by A.J. Wrigley, A-271, who knew my CO. Captain Stacey very well. A.J. also works at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, in procurement. After he called me, we made a date for lunch. Meanwhile I phoned my other 69th buddy Alan Murphey, HQ. CO. who works in foreign Technology Division. We picked him up for lunch also and proceeded to have our own "Fighting 69th" reunion. We had a blast — reliving WW II.

Well, thanks for your time and trouble and hope to meet you sometime.

Marcel Cloutier, M-271
4647 E. Northern Circle
Dayton, Ohio

Ed. Note: No trouble Marcel. This is the kind of news we look for. Why not meet **all** of us in August at Lake Wright? A.J. Wrigley makes all these reunions. Maybe he can procure you for one. Thanks again for the news.

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SOS . . . MAYDAY . . . HELP . . . SOS

Clarence Marshall, Membership chairman needs some help. Any member who knows where to contact Mrs. Leo Andelman, widow of Major Leo Andelman please forward the information to Clarence. Her last address was at the Massasoit Hotel, Naragansett, Rhode Island. It burned down and the postmaster does not have a forwarding address.

Also, does anyone have a mailing address for Maj. General Robert W. Ward who commanded the reactivated 69th Div? Perhaps one of our Ret. Officers can help Clarence on this.



IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE!

Many requests have been forwarded to Clarence Marshall, 69th Div. Assoc. Membership Chairman, as a result of notices in the following publications: VFW — AMERICAN LEGION — RETIRED OFFICERS — RESERVE OFFICERS — STARS & STRIPES.

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Dear Sir:

Please send particulars concerning the following Outfit Reunion as listed in the March 1972 American Legion.

777th Tank Bn.

I was in the cadre that formed the Bn. and stayed with it until I was discharged from Camp Sun Luis Obispo.

I was Truckmaster in Service C. and am still in contact with a few of the members. Looking forward to hearing from you, I remain

Sincerely yours,
Charley White
Box 475
Crescent, Okla

Ed. Note: Charley I hope you have sent Clarence those addresses of 777th Tank Bn. Try to join us this year. You and all 777th men will have a ball. Ask any man from the 661st Tank Destroyers and you will be convinced.

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Dear Sir:

As of 2-28-72 Howard is in a Hosp. in Dayton, Ohio, I phoned him today, and informed him of the contents of your letter. He asked me to write you and thank you and inform you that he is planning very much to make the last two days of the reunion.

Many thanks,
Norman K. Adams
(Brother)
(Howard L. Adams)
777th Tank Bn.

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Dear Sir:

I am writing to you about the Reunion of the 777th Tank Bn. I would be more than glad to come. Just let me know when and where. Looking to hear from you real soon.

George W. Singleton
1035 Harrison Drive
Laurel, Maryland 20810

Ed. Note: George, this is just a short hop for you. You are probably already familiar with Lake Wright. It is in the heart of a beautiful region of the United States. Join us, you'll not regret it.

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Dear Sir:

I read in the American Legion that the 777th Tank Bn. was having a reunion. Please send me all the necessary info.

John Minnucci
532 Crescent Ave.
Lansdale, Pa. 19446

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So far we have the largest number of registrations for the EARLY BIRD DINNER since we started it way back in Washington, D.C. many years ago. Last year in Harrisburg we had a total of 137. This year we'll top that by many.

Dear Sir:

Please send me more information on the 777th Tank Bn. reunion. I am interested in attending the reunion.

Alex Zubrowski
211 Sackett St.
Syracuse, N.Y.

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Dear Mr. Marshall:

We would appreciate some information and have enclosed an envelope for this purpose.

Is this the 69th Inf. Div. that was stationed in Camp Shelby??

My husband was a S/Sgt. with the cadre from Camp Adair, Oregon that helped establish the 69th Division. When in August and where do you meet?

Mrs. Wilson Austin
236 West Ninth St.
Baird, Texas 79504

Ed. Note: Thanks Mrs. Austin. We have quite a few Texans on the roster. Try to make it to Lake Wright, Norfolk this August. You will enjoy it I promise.

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Dear Mr. Marshall:

I, being a former member of the 69th Div., noticed in the American Legion magazine that an August reunion is planned.

Would you please forward me the particulars you have on this, such as place, time, date, etc.

Barney F. Jolley
P.O. Box 6
Spindale, N.C. 28160

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Dear Mr. Marshall:

It was with great surprise when I read in the American Legion of the planned reunion of the 69th Div. I was a member of the 879th FA Bn. from its activation until I returned home.

I have often wondered if there was any organization formed of former members of the Division. I would like very much to have details of the 1972 reunion.

Frank C. Kruger
1330 Madison Ave.
West Islip, N.Y. 11795

Ed. Note: It's really a small world. Frank, Past Pres. Bill Matlach lives at 19 Barberry Road, West Islip and Walter Goeben, Director of the Assoc. lives at 124 McCall Ave., West Islip. Maybe we can form a West Islip, N.Y. chapter . . . Incidentally, this will be the 25th Annual Reunion of the 69th Infantry Division Association, and each year we have a bigger turnout than the year before. We must be doing something right. Try it, You'll like it.

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GEO. PHILLIPS and LOAR QUICKLE are looking forward to a large turn-out of Co. G, 271. LESLIE HALSTEAD a former officer in G-Co. will attend and we are looking forward to the dinner and Cocktail party they have on Friday night of the Reunion. Both George and Loar hope Capt. Bud Curtis will attend this year. Come on! Capt. Curtis, give the boys a treat . . . SHOW UP THIS TIME.



YOU TOO, SEND IN YOUR EXPERIENCE!

ED LEARY STILL MAKES NEWS

Col. Ed Leary wrote to some of his friends from the service and asked them to drop him a note and mention something about the 69th Division that was a pleasant memory to them. The following is the complete letter written to Ed from Maj. Gen. John Harmony former CO of the 271st Inf. Regt., Cp. Shelby.

Dear Ed:

Christmas is over and a Merry one it was. We hope that both of you had a real nice day and that you face 1972 in good spirits and reasonably good health. We spent the day with our Sally and Tom and the two little kids. It was a rainy day out here and that detracted some from the activities of the day. It was especially unfortunate for our little 3 year old granddaughter who wanted ever so much to get her little play auto out in the driveway to give it a good try out.

We certainly hope that your trip East from S.F. was as pleasant as it was getting to our area. You both looked just great when you reached here and we hope that it was the same when you arrived back in Trenton. I believe that such a trip can be a big benefit to anyone.

Ed, you asked if I would drop you a note and mention something about the 69th Division that is a pleasant memory to me. Well, I have a couple of things that I always recall with pleasure. The first one is the sight of Generals Bolte and Parks appearing in our area on horseback daily during our training at Shelby. Just their appearance indicated to me their interest in how we were doing and I always looked forward to seeing them on the scene. At no time did I ever hear a word of criticism from either of them; they both were always intensely interested in what we were doing and offered only encouragement.

Another memory I have was from the times we were on maneuvers and it rained a lot. The effort to get dry after the day's efforts were over was a must and at the drop of a hat lots of small fires could be found in the bivouac. Some smart fellows found that in many of the stumps of old trees we could dig out what was called 'Fat Wood' and it burned better than timber. The only thing was that 'Fat Wood' smoked a lot and by morning practically everyone looked like he belonged to a colored outfit. Every face and all hands were truly black. I had a feeling that early in the morning, after a rainy day and a rainy night, the entire 271st Infantry looked like a batch of men who had been on a night patrol and just didn't get back in time to wash. The black faces and dirty hands coupled with the red eyes still stand out in my mind, of those days.

Another memory I have of those Cp. Shelby days is connected with a personal experience that Gen. Parks related to me. He was speaking of the emphasis given to having all CP's well concealed and off the roads and trails. To insure that such was the case a 'dismount point' was always established for Jeeps so that the ones who were visiting a CP or going there on any sort of business had to leave the vehicle and walk to a well concealed CP. He told me that one night he was hunting a CP and was completely out of luck since no lights were permitted. At one point, in complete exasperation he had his driver turn on the lights when he heard some low talking.

Ed Leary Still Makes News (Continued)

Right away a loud voice came from the weeds saying "Turn off them damn lights." Floyd told his driver to leave the lights on and as a result a real stream of profanity came from the woods saying. The speaker, in passing, mentioned that the gent in the jeep was not only Stupid but was also violating the direct instructions and asked who the hell it was. With that Gen. Parks gave his name and his position in the Division. He also asked the fellow what his name was and who he was. The loud mouth answered, "I am the biggest damn fool in the 69th Division" and took off thru the woods. Gen Parks never did find out who it was that chewed him out so roundly but he also got a big bang out of telling of the experience.

I hope that in some of the above you will be able to cull something that will be of help to you in furnishing Loar with a few lines.

Both of us are in fine physical shape and hope that both you and Camilla are also. Take care of yourself.

Sincerely,
Jack Harmony

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Letter from F.C. ELEY, 3042 Rightmire Blvd., Columbus, O. 43221 and C-880 FA.

Dear Clarence: An "ex" 69'er saw my decal on my car and asked about joining the Assoc. He was in I-271st. His name is A.R. "Dick" Witham, 51 Midcliff Dr., Columbus, O. 43213. Please send him the necessary information. Dick is with ACE Vending Co. in Columbus and is in sales.

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Enjoyed the Righting 69th Inf. Div. Ass. news Bulletin. Please find enclosed \$3. for a year's dues. ALTON G. SHAHAN, 800 Ridgeway Ave., Morgantown, W. Va. 26505 and I-272.

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Letter from one of our Scholarship winners: MICHAEL MOSCARITOLO.

Dear Mr. Quickle: I'd like to take this time to thank you for the scholarship check sent to me. It certainly comes in handy.

I'm presently in my third year of a pre-medical curriculum with a major in psychology. I'm still planning on attending medical school in the fall of 1973. Right now I'm also vice-pres. of Zeta Beta Tau National Fraternity at Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

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ED. NOTE! How about paying your dues and help us improve our bulletin and give you the news. Our president GEO. PHILLIPS has generated a lot of letters from the field by advertising the different outfit reunions. We hope you like this one and look for more in the future.



REMEMBER OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

REQUEST FOR 69th PATCH

Clarence Marshall, Membership Chairman, has had a number of requests for 69th shoulder patches as a result of the Reunion Notices in the various veteran magazines. Several 69'ers offered some extra patches to Clarence at one of the past reunions; but he has not received them. If you have any and would like to help, please mail them or bring them to Clarence at this years reunion in VIRGINIA BEACH.

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Dear Mr. Olszewski:

"... If possible, I would like to have the names and addresses of the members of the asociation who were in I-271. We are planning a trip to Boston in June and I would like to call on some of them if they are living in that area.

I enjoy the bulletins but I never see anyone from my unit mentioned — either in correspondence or in attendance at the reunions. My wife and I were married while stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss. and we have a daughter in high school. I recently went back to a school and obtained a law degree. I am a trustee in bankruptcy and the standing trustee in all wage earner plans filed in Arkansas."

Leigh Tenney
3508 Sevier Drive
North Little Rock Arkansas
I-271

Ed. Note: Leigh, Clarence tells me he has mailed your list of I-271 as you requested. I hope you and your wife get to see some of your old buddies. This is a perfect chance to get a group of I-271 to get together at the next reunion. This is how the 269th Eng. and 661st TD Bn. got started, and you will never see more than fun when they get together.

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269th Engineers

Still digging for new members, and Clarence Marshall would like to hear from Col. Walter Holmlin and Walt Goeben. If you will send the addresses you have to him he will see that they are followed up. Thanks men for your help in adding to the 69th and 269th Engineers roster.

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G-271 Infantry

Col. Les Halstead, Ret. lives in Virginia Beach where this years reunion will be held. Les and his wife Mabel will be a very welcome addition to G-271's large turnout. He was Weapon Platoon Leader in Germany, and later served in Korea. We are all looking forward to seeing him again, and with a possible visit from "Bud" Curtis and hopefully from Capt. "Mac" we'll be in good shape.



In Memorium

DONALD ABBOT
I-272

STANLEY S. CODORI
DIV. HQS.

COL. RICHARD J. CONRAN
DIV. HQS.

EARL R. CHRISTNER
B-269

EARL CRISSEY
CANNON CO. 273

JOHN W. DRUMMOND
F-271

OSCAR FENDLER
H-272

OSCAR M. HAHN
F-272

RICHARD E. HOLLOWS
HQ 661st TD BN

J. EARL LONG

EUGENE ORR
SERVICE 272

CHARLES STEINHAGEN
69th QM

NAT SUCKERMAN
C-881

MORRIS VEIGH
569th SIG CO

FRANCIS E. WARTHER

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Dear Loar:

I plan to attend the 25th reunion with my wife Mary and younger son, Brad. This will be a first for me and I am really looking forward to the occasion to see some old buddies from "Good Ole Camp Shelby". Clarence Marshall has been on me to get with it and attend a reunion.

I served with L-271 under Capt. Leonard in Shelby. Transferred in England to 9th Division and was wounded at St. Lo. Discharged in 9-45. Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart (2).

I have worked in the U.S. Post Office, New Kensington, Pa. for too many years.

Some of you fellows might remember me if you recall that Capt. Leonard used to call me the youngest trouble maker in L-271 and was always trying to get me to apply for OCS. (I didn't and that's why I was always in trouble.)

Clarence Marshall is doing a good job for the Division Assoc. and Maybe I can be of help to him in some way.

See you in Norfolk in August.

James A. Cowen
1922 Alcoa Drive
Arnold, Pa. 15068
L-271

"FIGHTING 69th" IS STILL ALIVE

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF INFORMATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20310

Dear Mr. Secretary:

General William C. Westmoreland, the Army Chief of Staff, has approved a plan for designating division posts as home stations for inactive Regular Army divisions. The home stations will act as custodians of divisions distinguishing flags and guidons, and for selected memorabilia for the purpose of sustaining the history, tradition, and achievements of the division. In addition, duplicate division flags will be provided to the following museums:

Infantry division flags to U.S. Infantry Museum.

Armored division flags to Patton Museum of Cavalry and Armor.

Airborne division flags to 82nd Airborne Division War Memorial Museum.

In the near future, The Adjutant General of the Army will acquire the heraldic items and provide a schedule as to availability of the items to be manufactured.

The Army's Chief of Military History will provide historical support in two areas. He will provide certification of entitlement to divisional memorabilia in storage under Department of the Army control and will provide preparation or review of supporting historical materials.

Sincerely,
Leonard F. B. Reed, Jr.
Lt. Col. GS
Chief, Community Relations

The 69th Infantry Division installation will be at Fort Dix, N.J.

William Beswick, 69th Division Assoc. Exec. Secretary will report in the Bulletin as further developments take place.

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HELP !!

Our membership Chairman Clarence Marshall needs to know the city for:

John Wienzbicki, 1923 S. Gelloujor St.

John attended the reunion in Harrisburg in 1971. He served with the 724th FA. Please contact Clarence if you can give him this requested information. We will see that he is put on the mailing list.



(Left to Right) Past Pres. Sam Woolf, Pres. George Phillips, Treasurer Stan Olszewski, Vice Pres. Al Carbonari, Scholarship Chairman Bill Matlach, National Reunion Chairman Asa Cowden, Exec. Secretary Bill Beswick, Membership Chairman Clarence Marshall, Chairman of Board of Directors Loar Quicikle.

THE STARS AND STRIPES

Remember reading this great paper when you were in service?

I'm sure a lot of our members will be surprised to learn that it is still published weekly after ninety-five years of existence.

Mr. Harold B. Say, Editor, has favored the 69th Infantry Division by printing an article about the Association in its March 16, 1972 edition.

Mr. Say writes:

... "Cost is \$7.50 a year per subscription. We offer a deal whereby any veterans organization obtaining new subscriptions is permitted to retain \$2.00 for its treasury, remitting to us \$5.50 and the subscribers name and address. So, if you wish, you can send a check at \$5.50 per subscription and the names and addresses you want covered, and we will immediately place them on our rolls. I am certain each of them will get more than his money's worth in information and interesting reading."

Note: If any member would like to subscribe to "The Stars and Stripes" send a check for \$7.50 made out to the 69th Infantry Division, to George Phillips, President, 69th Inf. Div. Assoc., 788 Fairacres Ave., Westfield, N.J. 07090

or

Send \$7.50 to

The Stars and Stripes
44 G. Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002
Attn: Harold B. Say, Editor

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HALL OF FAME

Gino Marchetti — 69th Division, has just been elected to Pro-Football's Hall of Fame at Canton, Ohio.

After many years with the Baltimore Colts, where he was selected in 1970 for the NFL All-Time team as a Defensive end, Gino has reached the Summit.

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Our PRES. GEORGE PHILLIPS, wrote Kate Reynolds, our Sunshine Girl, requesting some information on how many cards and other communications she had with the membership and here are the answers:

Kate Writes: "So far I have sent about 7500 cards since I took over in 1965. Each year it increases ... In 1970 I mailed 1881 cards; 1971, 1916 were mailed. Thus far this year 757. So you see it is quite a chore to keep up with it."

Kate's husband, SHORTY REYNOLDS, G-271 was hospitalized for quite a spell in Richmond. Kate says he is a fuss pot since being in the hospital. However, he is doing well but fusses about his diet. He complains Kate is not feeding him enough. Of course, she can only give him what the Doctor prescribed. Kate sends her best wishes to everyone and is looking forward to the Reunion in Virginia Beach. Best wishes to you.

Our one and only Sunshine Girl ...

This is a solicitation for the order of goods and/or services and not a bill, invoice, or statement of account due. You are under no obligation to make any payments on account of this offer unless you accept this offer.

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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the 69th

TOUR OF EUROPE - VICTIM OF DEVALUATION!

LOAR QUICKLE, Chairman of the Board and Organizer of the European, "Return to the Elbe" Tour No. II for Aug. 1973 announces the tour has become a victim of the devaluation of the dollar. The price of the tour was raised from \$825. per person to well over \$1000.

The 22 persons sending in \$100. will have their money refunded. George Phillips, president, and Loar made several efforts to salvage the tour but to no avail. They both decided the prices are too high at this time. They both heard from Sol Rosenblitt, a former officer, who is now on his 8th or 9th tour of Europe and he stated everyone would be more than disappointed in the soaring prices in Europe. He says the prices over there are Sky-High making the 10% devaluation of the dollar look sick by comparison.

George and Loar have been having many requests from members to organize a tour of the Caribbean and Mexico so the 69ers could be together for fun and fellowship.

They are now announcing two (2) tours for 1973. The first tour will be in March 1973 and will be of the Caribbean. The tour consists of 8 days by ship; including meals, and visiting such islands as, St. Thomas, St. Maarten, Antigua, Guadeloupe and Martinique. The tour includes a round-trip flight via American Airlines from either Boston, NYC, Newark, Philadelphia or Washington to San Juan, Puerto Rico. **PROPOSED COST OF TOUR PER PERSON DEPENDS ON ACCOMODATIONS.**

The second tour will be planned around a trip to Mexico in conjunction with the 1973 Reunion and will in all probability leave by air from the Philadelphia area. We will give further details in the first bulletin out after the 1972 Reunion.

NOW IS YOUR GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO CRUISE THE CARIBBEAN WITH PARTICIPANTS WHO YOU HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON We have reserved 10 Cabins, inside, with a bed and upper, Cost \$390. per person, another 20 Cabins, inside, for \$425. per person and 20 more Cabins, outside location and 2 lower beds at \$495. per person.

The above includes round-trip fare to San Juan, Puerto Rico, all meals during entire cruise, and, of course living accommodations aboard ship during the cruise. Show us your faith now on the Caribbean Cruise by sending in your reservations. To be sure of space we have been allotted, send in \$50. per person or \$100. per couple. Please note on the return sheet below the kind of accommodations you desire. Your money will be refunded in the event of a cancellation. Friends and relatives may be included in your reservation. We will live on ship, with meals, and visit (6) islands. Island to island travel will be at night so we can spend much more time on the islands during the daylight hours.

Reserve quickly so we can complete plans

Indicate on return sheet if you are interested in the Mexico tour in August 1973. All Cabins AIR CONDITIONED!

TEAR OFF HERE AND RETURN TO: LOAR QUICKLE, 512 SO. MAIN ST., PENNINGTON, NJ 08534

I DESIRE TO MAKE THE CARIBBEAN TOUR AND WANT TO RESERVE THE FOLLOWING:

Reserve a Cabin @ \$390. per person _____
check here

Reserve a Cabin @ \$425. per person _____
check here

Reserve a Cabin @ \$495. per person _____
check here

Will share a Cabin _____
check here

PLEASE FIND MY CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____ THERE WILL BE IN PARTY _____

PLEASE INDICATE HERE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE 1973 MEXICO TOUR _____ No. Persons