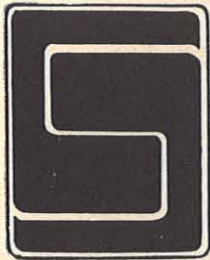


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The happy group above were the participants of the Fly-Cruise in the Caribbean last March. They did things together the 69th way and to the last one advised Loar Quickle they wanted to do it again. Whether they all go or not, it will be another occasion early March 1974 for those of you to try it out for size. The activities on the ship were endless almost around the clock. Next years Ship will be the former German line . . . Bremen which now is the property of The Chandris Line. (Greek)

A word about the Return to the Elbe Tour for 1975 . . . If you are thinking about it in an affirmative way, let us have your reservation now so we can plan ahead. Bill and Miriam Lilien were the first to reserve. Am hoping to have a price on the itinerary shown in this issue by the time the end of year rolls around.

Remember, this may be the last chance we have of going together again, to honor our KIA's still buried on foreign ground. Let's make this a memorable one in 1975 . . . our 30th year since the end of the war in Europe. I have been assured of getting better cooperation from the Russians this time.

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



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At the Reunion in Virginia Beach a number of the old New York members got together with some from Connecticut and New Jersey and elected Loar Quickle the new president in an effort to make the branch come alive again. At one time the New York Branch was the guiding force in the National organization. However, of late nothing was really happening. Wm. Matlach, former president of the National organization and of E-272 is the newly elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Along with Sam Woolf, another former president of both the National organization and many years president of the N.Y. Branch, they met and laid plans for a dinner dance at the Tarrytown Inn, Tarrytown, N.Y. They have decided to carry their meetings and social functions into the back yards of the Tri-State area of Connecticut, New York and New Jersey, since the group at Virginia Beach decided to recruit members from that area. They have not set a dues structure but will do so at the first get-together. The dues will no doubt be minimal. Everyone on the National roster will be considered a member whether he pays dues or not. It is hoped, however, some real good can come of this new set up branch in a way of contributing something social, educational etc. to the National organization. By moving around for its meetings and socials, it will afford the members in the three states a chance to attend without any great hardship in travelling etc.

Some of the news already happening from the revival is below.

ED WEISS writes: "Happy to hear you are the president of the Tri-State Branch of 69th Assn. My wife, Dolly, and I will try to attend Dinner Dance at Tarrytown, but due to a very busy schedule may not be able to fit in. However, anything I can do to be of assistance to you, please let me know. I ran on to a former member of 69th in Mexico, his name is BEN WATERS, c/o Central Mutual Ins. Co., 110 William St., New York, N.Y. 10038. Incidentally, I have been nominated for the job of Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York." Ed lives at 75-59-196th St., Flushing, N.Y. 11366.

Dear Loar: Thank you very much for your prompt action in sending 9 Division lapel pins, they will be sufficient. If it is at all possible I will let you know some more details of our get-together. (Louis Sarube, 15 Roosevelt Av., Bergenfield, N.J. 07621 ... Louis was in one of the Signal Platoons attached to the regiments etc. Some of his gang are getting together.

Louis R. Savarese, 6 Longview Rd., Cedar Grove, N.J. 07009 writes he wants to be kept posted on any other get-togethers of the Tri-State Branch ... will do

Lester Milich of Fair Lawn, N.J. is attending his 45th College Reunion that week-end and will not be able to make it.

Peter Goldstein of 226-25 Manor Rd., Queens Village, N.Y. 11427 writes he and his lovely wife Frances will be in Spain, the Costa del Sol. Wow! Have fun you two. He will, however, make the convention this year.

Lawrence Van Iseghem, 3505 Middle Cheshire Rd., Canandaigua, N.Y. 14424 writes: "Dear Loar: It was a pleasure after all these years to find out about a 69th Div. Assoc. and then a closer branch to be re-activated. Bill Sheavly, a former resident of Canandaigua and a member 69er submitted my name this past fall and membership then began.

I am what you might call "the lost sheep" that finally comes home. I started out in the Air Force in Jan. '43, then by way of the ASTP joined the 269th Engr., Co C in Cp. Shelby just before departure. In England I transferred to the 69th MP Platoon and when we reached Schmdheim, Germany, I became a member of Gen. Reinhardt's guard. After the link-up and while escorting Generals' Bradley and Vandenburg to Torgau our jeep flipped and landed me in a few hospitals for six months and eventual discharge.

However, the worst thing was the loss of my personal effects including my address book with all the names of buddies I had served with.

So you can see, I was lost. That's in the past ... the future ... well, I'm enclosing a check with the return sheet for a Dinner Dance in Tarrytown and hope to see you there. Best wishes, Larry"



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COME TO VALLEY FORGE !

GUY A. UNGARO, 215 W. Vine, Alliance Ohio 44601 and C-777th Tankers writes: "Reading in last month's VFW Magazine that you are in charge of the 777th Tank Bn. Reunion.

Having helped to activate the 777th in Augusta, Ga. from the 10th Armored Div. and served in battle with C-Co., I would like to attend.

Also have buddies in Michigan and Massachusetts that also would be interested.

Will you send me literature, so we could make arrangements.

Have two buddies from my home town that live in New Kensington that you may know. They are Age Falco, whom had a son buried alive there and Ernie Oates. Both worked in the old Aluminum Co.

MIKE J. JUNG, 829 - 2nd Ave., West Dickenson, N. Dakota writes: "Would like more info on the 69th Div. Reunion on Aug. 23 to 26. Would also like a Penna. Road Map. Mike as a member of Co. L-271.

Mike, you will not come in vain as always there are some members from your company in attendance. Editor . . .

Mr. JAMES P. BIDON, Box 454, Carenation, Wash. 98014. and A-777th Tankers, writes: "Read about the reunion being planned for 777th Rank Bn and the 69th Div. in the Mar. VFW Magazine. Being a former member of A-777th I am interested in any info you may be able to forward.

If we decide to attend, we will be driving out with our camper. Now about camping areas close by. Do you have to make reservations, etc.?" . . . Eds. Note: . . . Look in a KOA Camp Guide and you will find a number of them under the Quakertown, Pa. listing. There are others but am sure you will find one when you arrive. Better to reserve at one of them though. We had a camper attend last year in Va. Beach.

LEONARD SCHERMER, 611 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. 63101 - 569 Sig. Co. writes to Stan Olszewski, Treas. "Does the Assoc. have any of the addresses of the men who were with the 569th Sig. Co. I am particularly interested in Mike Peace or Pence., Sgt. Judge, Sgt. Bauman or Capt. Ed. Creel.



The Sergeant and the General at Ft. Dix Ceremonies. Loar Quickle and General Bolte

He also desires the John Dinsmore who as a Lt. Col. and served as Div. Inspector Gen. and later Provost Marshall. Eds. Note! Col. Dinsmore passed away a littler over a year ago. I believe he hailed from one of the Carolinas. If you want his widow's address, I am sure I can get it from Col. Ed Leary as he lives nearby. He and Col. Dinsmore were great friends. Please advise.

NOTE! Anyone wanting addresses as Leonard Schermer requests may, if they are on our roster, obtain them from Clarence Marshall, our membership Chmn. Please always send a self-addressed envelope for the information you want.

VIRGINIA M. SCHMIDT, wife of FRANK wrote to Catherine Reynolds, our Sunshine girl: Just a note to thank you for all the nice Birthday and Anniversary cards you have been sending through the years.

Frank Passed away Mar. 1973. Thought you should know. Please inform the 69th. Thank you!

MRS. MAE ANDELMAN, widow of LEO writes to Clarence Marshall. "Dear Mr. Marshall: Saw your S-O-S — Mayday — Help — S-O-S in your June 1972 Bulletin inquiring where to contact me.

Replying to your inquiry, I am now at Greenwood House. It is a Nursing Home.

After living with my problem for 16 years, I find I need help but was unable to get the kind that would live with me and give me what little attention I need.

This place is like a hotel with whatever help I need. If Leo were living, he would give me the moral support I need. As you no doubt recall I am too proud to go live with one of my daughters.

Thank you for thinking about me.

Thought you might be interested to learn that Leo achieved the rank of Colonel before he died. Respectfully, Mrs. Mae Andelman, 1139 Main Ave., Warwick, R.I. 02886.

Eds. Note! Mrs. Andelman, so many members were interested in learning what your address was, since Leo passed away. That was the reason, you see? Members can now contact you, if they wish.



Left to right: Ralph Bragg-661, Murray Galuten-272 Medics and Clarence and Carmella Miles-724 F.Art. in Golf Tournament.



JOIN OUR TOUR OF EUROPE NOW

GENERAL NEWS

GEORGE A. SCOTT, 3401 Harrison St., Topeka, Kansas 66611 and K-2 2 writes Clarence Marshall: "During WW II, while the 69th Inf. Div. was stateside, I was a member of the Division serving in Co. K-2 2

I wish to join the association, therefore please find enclosed herewith my check made payable to the 69th Inf. Div. Assoc. in the amount of \$10. I do not know the monetary requirements. If more is needed, please advise. If the enclosure is more than is needed then apply it toward the future years membership. If you have any question, please advise. With Kindest regards to you, I remain, yours very truly ..."

ARNOLD D. WILLIAMS, 316 E. James St., Wills Point, Tex. 5169 No outfit designation. Writes to Clarence Marshall: "I was in 69th Div. in Cp. Shelby, Miss. several months and knew lots of fellows, before I was shipped out for replacement from 69th to the 8th Golden Arrow Div. in Germany. If you have any information on men that was with the 69th in 1943-44, please let me know."

Thanks

Eds. Note to Arnold Williams ... Join our group, attend a reunion and you will undoubtedly find some of the men you served with. And, please give us the Co., Bn., and Regiment you served with in the 69th ... this always helps. Many of those that served with us do attend our reunions and are excellent members ...

JOHN M. PORTER, A NEW MEMBER Writes: he served with B-661 TD and lives at 68 Armstrong Dr., Washington, Pa. 15301 and his wife's name is Betty Jane and sons: John and Thomas.

GLENN HUNNICUTT, Rd #1, Hastings, Nebr. 68901 and was a member of G-271. "Dear Mr. Marshall: Noticed in VFW Magazine about reunion of 69th Inf. Div. and am wondering if it would be of interest to myself. (Relative to time and place). I served with this Division. I was with unit only a short time from Jan. 1945 thru end of European conflict. I was in G271. Thank you in advance for any information you may be able to send me."

Ed. Note to Glenn ... I was the Co. Clerk of G-271 from beginning to end and I am sure all the men would welcome you very much. G-271 always has a very good turnout ... You really were with us at the most difficult period in combat. However, many would dispute that fact as they believe during our early years of activation, it was tough too. Loar ...

To Donald Smith, 11 Crestwood Dr., Painsville, Ohio 44077, thanks for the beautiful card and message regarding cancellation of tour. The Vets Hospital out there sure is beautiful ... Loar

PAULINE M. KELLY, writes to Clarence Marshall for her husband: Paul J. Kelly, Sr. of 46 Groveland St., Springfield, Mass 01108: She states her husband was with 777th Tank Bn. and would like more information regarding the upcoming reunion in Aug. He was with Service Co. I am sure Bill Beswick will inform him what a great time his TDers have every reunion ... Join the throng this year in Valley Forge, Paul ...

WM. BESWICK, 661 TD Writes Loar from West Point, Va. to explain why he was not at the Board of Director's meeting on Jan. 16th ... "I'm very sorry that I caught the flu on Tue., Jan. 16th which sort of knocked my props out from under me. I called Geo. Phillips on Thursday and told him that I did not believe that I could make it, but then on Friday I felt a little better and still had a notion to go. I had made arrangements to be off on Sunday, I haven't gone back to work. The Doctor said I had to be off a few more days. I'm going back to see him again tomorrow.

I hope that you had a nice turn out and a nice meeting. Maybe Jo and I will be able to take a week-end off and take a ride up in that area one week-end this Spring, and see what it's like. But I'm sure it's plenty nice. I don't know if Mellinger was going to come or not. I've not heard from him lately. How about George Straley, did he make it? Ed. Note! Yes, Mel made it but George did not. He also ran into some problems.

SOL ROSENBLITT, 1333 E. Beach Blvd., Hallendale, Fla. 33009 and H-271 writes, Just a few lines to say hello. I just visited with George and Jean Shapiro last week and all they could talk about is the wonderful Fly-Cruise that you had planned and how well it was executed ... We also spoke about the possibility of having a meeting of the New York Chapter at the same time that I would be in the city, and we are to keep in touch, contact Sammy and Sherm Lawrence, and it would be a great thing ... don't you think so ... Maybe we really could revitalize the chapter. Stay well, take care of yourself and regard to all the Quickles ...

Rosie, (as those of us in the old 69th remembers him) We are really doing something about the N.Y. Chapter ...

We have planned a Dinner-Dance at the Hilton Hotel in Tarrytown, N.Y. and expect to get in the neighborhood of at least 100 to 125 persons out for this gala affair ... It is planned for Saturday evening June, 1973 ... Cocktails at 7:00 P.M. Dinner at 8:00 P.M. and dancing from 9:00 P.M. on. We plan on a short meeting during the evening with the men folk. We are definitely going to give our good organization a push and become active again.



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HAVE YOU PAID DUES THIS YEAR? . . . DO YOU ENJOY BULLETINS?

MORE NEWS FROM THE FIELD

FRED I. GREEN, RR #3, Eaton, O. 45320 and E-273. Children: Beth, Linda and Ned. "Began, along with wife, Hester, framing in 1946. Still trying to keep up with the farm payments! Hester taught school 12 yrs. Beth lives on a farm close by and has a 4 yr. old daughter. Linda is a college freshman and Ned is a 10 yr. old who lives to participate in sports."

LEE WILSON, Can. Co. 273 and Box 8345 Stockton, Calif. 95204 writes: "Will probably never make a convention in August as this is my heavy work period."

Enclosing a small check to help defray mail cost of the years.

Rarely see anything about Cannon Co., even though most of the members were from area within a 100 mile or so of the convention.

Wish all good health and fellowship."

JOHN MORIARTY, M.P. Platoon writes: "Writing some Christmas checks and did not want to forget our Scholarship Fund."

It was great being part of the ceremony at Ft. Dix and enjoyed being with you folks at Valley Forge. Looks like a great place for a reunion and I presume we are all set for there.

Had a fun time at Army-Navy game in Philadelphia with RAY FAHRNER, EARL WITZLEB, PEACHES AND JIM HENRY. (all 69'ers) Spent Sat. evening for dinner and dancing at the Philadelphia Marriott. It was great too. We should go back there sometime."

LOAR QUICKLE, wife Adele and two children visited with Bod Freedman and wife Leah and their three sons at Bob's lodge in the Poconos, Split Rock. Bob and Loar have been friends since Cp. Shelby. By the way, Bob prints our bulletin and has come up with some very good layouts for us. They have the oldest boy, Hank in the University of Rochester with Johnny ready to go to college this fall. The young one, Billy is still in high school. Their lodge in Split Rock is a beautiful one with a perfect setting in the mountains.

MAJOR GENERAL C. P. LANHAM, Rtd. and his lovely wife, Jane sent a Christmas card with the following message. "Everyone tells me that this year's Reunion was the best yet. We were sorry as hell to miss it but that's the way the cards fall sometime."

Have a fine holiday and a great 1973. "Jane and Buck"

JAMES R. SYKES, former C. O. (unit) and staff officer in the 273rd Regt. and now living at 5835 S. Hady River, Houston, Tex. 77027 writes: "I saw Gen. Bolte at the February Wallow of the Military Order of the Caribou. He kindly sent me his Jan. 24, 1973 69th Inf. Div. Assoc. Bulletin after he told me the association existed."

I was with the 273rd Inf. as a unit C.O. or staff officer from activation day until they pulled me off the LeHarve bound train near Bad Wildungen and said; "You may have 227 points but you're R.A.; you stay at XXIII Corps until theater reassigns you!" So-o I stayed.

Besides sending Robertson and two other illegal patrols out to find the Russians, one of which I lead, I was the guy Rhinehart was going to Court Martial for exceeding the patrol limits until he found out Ike thought it was great and sent for Robertson to promote. Robertson's promotion is another story in itself.

Anyway, I would like to join the Association and even make the next Reunion unless I am in the Orient.

Please write me at 5835 Shady River, Houston, Texas 77027."

SHERMAN LAWRENCE, former president of our National organization writes after receiving a notification of the Tri-State Branch Dinner Dance on June 9th., that he had prior plans and would not be able to attend. He wished us luck in our ambitious plans to get the reactivated branch going again. Sherm has been a great asset of our National organization, always giving legal advice and doing his share at reunions to enliven activities. A real good master of ceremonies. He is greatly respected by the membership for his timely suggestions. He fathered the \$10. membership idea and it gave our organization a financial lift too.



Reading left to right: Lt. Kotzebue, Sandalo, Sublette, Fulton, Ky. Submitted by Orville Schuetz



Al Carbonari, Hqs. 271 in front of one of the smaller LERCS we road on land and sea.



VALLEY FORGE OFFERS MUCH FOR YOUR FAMILY

DONALD F. LOCHTROG, 6408 Ravenswood Dr., Ft. Worth, Tex. 76112 and E-273. Wife, Jean Marie and children Debra and Diane. Is Purchasing Mgr. for Pettibone-Westrac. States he received a card from FRANK REEMSnyder, 4246 North 11th St., Phoenix, Ariz. 85014. Thought we might be interested in the information. He was asking for information on the reunion.

CLIFFORD J. FERGUSON, 40 Hillsboro Rd., Cheektowaga, N.Y. 14225 and E-273, wife's name: Shirley and children Pam and Mike. States he is a Railroad Conductor for Penn-Central between Buffalo, N.Y. and Cleveland, O. Has been on job for 31 yrs. (with time out for 3 yrs. military service. Once belonged to Assoc. but got sidetracked some where along the way. Would like very much to re-join.

EUGENE R. ORLOWSKI, 221 E. Bingham, Alpena, Mich. 49707 and E-273 and Wife, Jean M. and son Allen G. "For the past 20 yrs. I have spent most of my time developing my insurance agency; State Farm Ins. Co., in my old home town of Alpena. Previous to that, I had worked for my folks in the small grocery, and then sold meat on a wholesale route in Northern Mich.

I spend all my spare time looking for fun: Golfing, Hunting, Fishing and travel etc."

JOHN H. ALLEN, 8542 Brady Rd., Oakdale, Calif. 95361 and E-273. Wife: Ruth Z. and daughter Ellen R. Harvey. "I've been farming since I left the service and so far haven't made enough money to get very far away from here. I've started a walnut orchard and it is just now is beginning to pay, so maybe next year we'll be able to make the bash.

I don't have any addresses of any of the people I served with."

The following letter received by Loar from JOHN H. VAUGHAN, 602 Bres Ave., Monroe, La. 71201 and A-271. The death he is referring to has been reported before, however, John's letter was not. The Editor and John as well as the deceased were all friends in the service. "Dear Loar: Have sad news to report. Was passing through Marksville, La. Sunday, May 14th, the home of our old buddy, Alphonse Voinche.

I had not heard from him this past Christmas as I usually do and I was most anxious to know why. His Mother advised me that Al had passed away as a result of a heart attack almost two years ago and I have never been notified. It does appear as if someone would have let his friends know. I was quite shocked when she advised me of this and I feel so sorry for her because just a short time before this happened to Al, she lost her other son in the same manner and now she is entirely alone. Can never forget Al and recall many good times we had together as I know you do. Perhaps you can get this news published in our next bulletin. The Elbe No. 2 tour sounds very good and I am interested in going. I would be interested in spending a few days in Switzerland ... guess this could be arranged ... anyway keep me posted as plans progress. Wish I could get Asa Cowden to go along or some other member I know well. Sincerely your buddy, John.

REGGIE O. VINSON, Rte. #1, West Point, Miss. 39773 69th M.P. wife: Lucille H. and daughter Lou Ann. "I have been with Bryan Meat Packing Co. as a division Superintendent since Nov. 18, 1945.

METRO LABOSKY, 618 W. Chestnut St., Shamokin, Pa. 17872 and EDWARD LOESCH, 2910 W. 31st St., Erie, Pa. 16506 were names sent in by JOHN M. VERGOT, 1519 N. Front St., Apt. 2-F, Harrisburg, Pa. 17102 and Service Co. 777th Tank Bn. Labosky was D-Co. and Loesch, Service. He also stated Cecil Belcher passed away and was living in Arlington, Va. He is going to drop Mrs. Belcher a line and try to get some more addresses. He could not attend the reunion last year due to Agnes and the flooding. He desires to join our organization.

PAUL E. PETERSON, 4725 Cornell Dr., Bartlesville, Okla. 74003 and E-273 ... Wife: Sonya and sons: Eric and John. He says Edw. J. Walker 777th Tankers and himself are working together in the Geophysical Section of Exploration and Production Dept., Phillips Petroleum Co. in Bartlesville.

ARTHUR HUME, 5220 Timbercrest Trail, Jackson, Mich. and E-273. Eife: Marian and sons Michael, Scott, and Joan, Nancy and Jill daughters. He is Mgr. of Power production department there.



Dr. Russman, Hqs & Hqs, Miriam Rosenblitt and "Bud" Fackler, Hqs & Hqs.



Cecil Fernandez & Cecil Jr., Kate Reynolds, Shorty Reynolds, G-271 and Terry Fernandez.

FOR FUN IN SUN — JOIN CARIBBEAN CRUISE!

ABOUT THE NEWS WE BRING YOU

We make every effort to bring you the news as it is seen through the observations made at reunions, meetings and other get-togethers throughout the national membership. We try to give you the thoughts, ideas etc. expressed by the members, whether they be officers or not. The last Bulletin, Vol. 26, No. 2 brought us one of the finest ideas we have had since the Scholarship was suggested. It will, if put into effect by the Scholarship Committee and Membership, give our awarding of Scholarships perpetuity. It was from a far away member HUGH ARNOTT of California. Sometimes the news comes from new members, old members, Reunion attendees. Whatever the source your officers and editor wants it expressed just the way it was tendered. We know, if it was written, it describes the feelings of a member who cares. Otherwise, he would not have taken the time to write. What we are trying to say is, that we only edit, paste up, retype where needed, select. We make every effort to get in parts of every letter. Sometimes there is just too much and too many to get every word in a bulletin. But, we do know most of the news we print is written by the membership. We only copy it for your perusal. Many persons write for their outfit and it does stir enthusiasm when this is done. If more of you would take the time to write news of your outfit, we would have larger turn-outs at our Reunions. Give it a try ... "We'll print it."

JOHN MCGRAW, 4106 N. Fairhill St., Phila., Pa. 19140. Wrote to our treasurer, Stan Olszewski and wanted info on members living in the Philadelphia area. The letter was forwarded to Clarence Marshall then to me. It seems the information he wanted cannot be obtained. If it is with the thought in mind of contacting someone or others in interesting them to join or come to Reunions, I can supply most of it. Your Editor ... Give me details ...

DR. JEROME GOLD, 57 Bounty Lane, Jericho, N.Y. 11753 and Hqs & Hqs Btry. Div. ARTY. Wife's name Dorothy, and daughter Helaine, age 19 and son, Alan age 15. Associate professor at City College of N.Y., Teaches Psychology and Education; Gestalt Therapist.

RAY FISCHER, 7317 W. VIENNA CT., (no city given) B-661 zip code 53216 ... Wife's name Emily - daughter Nancy. Currently am a plant manager for a local oil co. specializing in industrial lubricants, and have been selling real estate part-time.

JAMES B. SHUMAN, Rte. #3, McAlester, Okla. 74501 and Hqs & Hqs Btry, Divarty. Wife's name, Mellanie. Since discharge in 1945 have been self-employed in cattle business. He finds the business very exciting.

THE CARIBBEAN CRUISE SUCCESSFUL

PARTICIPANTS WRITE: Dear Adele and Loar: Just a note to say thank you for having arranged such a lovely trip for us.

I hope you are feeling fine.

Our temperature today is very high in the seventies, but no Caribbean to swim in, no palm trees and no bananas.

We spent a week with great friends and added new ones.

Diane sorted 69th mail for us. Quite a bit came in while we were gone. Also were busy with reading and watching John Downey being welcomed. I worked on Monday but had to watch TV to see John. His mother is not doing well at all at this time. Again Thanks.

Wanda and Stan (Olszewski)

Note from Ed ... Wanda and Stan are friends of John Downey the former CIA member held prisoner so long in China. John's mother was in the same hospital Wanda is employed as a nurse.

Hi Loar and Adele: My what a nice time we all had! We enjoyed every minute of our "Boat Ride". The people were lovely; the ship was tops (could not be excellent); the food was the best (too much) and in all, the Caribbean Cruise was one of our best. We enjoyed Hawaii so very much and how we have this cruise to remember.

Loar it was so good to see you and Adele again and to meet your lovely daughter. Marge and I both thought she was a lovely young lady and do hope we can see her again soon. Tell her hello for us.

It was grand that we could take a tour of Martinique together. I did so enjoy that island, with its bananas and lush countryside, volcano area and variety of housing areas. We have some very good pictures and slides that island as well as the entire trip. Our slides especially turned out so good.

We certainly like the tote bag you got for us all and you can thank the travel agency for us if you will it is one of the nicest ones we have ever received on any of our many trips. Marge really liked it. Best Regards, Eddie and Marge Gildner, Denver, Colorado ...

Eddie sent along a complete roster of Service Co., 272 when it broke up. In the heading, it stated, "It seems the Army is always trying to break up friendships, but lets hope that when we are all civilians we can have a get-together and discuss the many good times we have had as member of the "Fighting 69th". That's just what we are doing too, Eddie, I'll turn your roster over to Clarence Marshall and he will check it out. He has become a whiz at that.



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