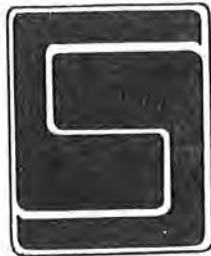


FIGHTING 69TH INFANTRY DIVISION

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OUR LIVING MEMORIAL

With our own great General Charles L. Bolte, USA Ret. and General Harold Johnson, USA Ret. making the speeches, Gen. Johnson touching on the purpose of The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge and Gen. Bolte warming his old veterans, with memories and complimenting them on the great team they once were and the fine organization the BBB's and the Fighting 69th has become as an association, many an eye welled with tears and pride with his words. What we have done at Valley Forge, with the fine cooperation of the Freedoms Foundation gives the Fighting 69th Infantry Division a LIVING MEMORIAL that will live forever. This memorial with its words on a thick bronze plaque imbedded in a Rock of Ages marble stone dedicates the large Dogwood tree immediately above it as OUR LIVING MEMORIAL TO ALL WHO SERVED IN THE 69TH INFANTRY DIVISION DURING WORLD WAR II. WE WERE ONLY A FEW THAT FOUGHT TO HAVE THE FREEDOM WE NOW POSSESS. Let's continue the fight for our freedom and make it possible that those who follow us will have a chance at it too. The whole memorial ceremony was the idea of George Phillips our immediate past president. George led the program, kept it moving and the entire ceremony was a most impressing show. Those of you who missed it would have been proud if you had been in attendance. The idea was a great one and any of our members coming within any close proximity to Valley Forge should avail themselves of the opportunity to visit Freedoms Foundation.

REUNION '73—BEST SO FAR

THE REUNION 1973

The Reunion is over, but not before it set some kind of record. We have paid more for our registration fee in the past and will probably pay more in the future for a person to attend, getting his Dinner Dance on Saturday night and helping to pay for the expenses involved in running the affair. The turnout was tremendous with about the most first attendees since the first reunion in Princeton in 1962. We did have a larger turnout than in Phila. in 1968. Your president last year, George Phillips did a wonderful job. We thought it was good at Lake Wright in Virginia but this one topped it. It just goes to show that a president needs two yrs. to get rolling. George was everywhere and no problem brought up by any one member was too great for him to solve it. How he kept up with it all is a real miracle. However, credit goes to George also for having so many persons interested in working for him. We seem to have more members willing to help out at the registration, sell souvenirs and run errands or whatever else may be required. *GEORGE, YOU WERE REALLY GREAT!*

ALBERT CARBONARI, 271 Inf. Regt. was elected president. Al and his lovely wife Edith (Edie) have been active in the association for years. Reunion Chairman and President of the Ladies Auxillary respectively Will do a great job running the association in the future . . . Al at this point has the DuPont Hotel in Wilmington, Dela. lined up for a great deal as a reunion site for 1974. He worked hard getting information and came in time to make Wilmington certain.

STANLEY J. OLSZEWSKI 273 Inf. Regt. and WM. R. BESWICK, 661st T.D. Bn. were elected Vice-Presidents. Both of them being elevated from Treasurer and Secretary respectively. They too have been interested in the association for a long time. You members not attending have known too as you have read the bulletins and saw their names listed. They were elevated because they worked hard at keeping our association alive. We honor them for their work. *GREAT GUYS!*

JOHN J. MORIARTY MP Platoon, Div. Hqs. was elected our new Treasurer replacing Stan Olszewski who moved up. John has been active a long time. One of our members from Massachusetts and the only

BRUCE YOUNG, 879TH Field Arty. and 1082—2nd St., Perry Point, Md. (Box 91) was elected to Secretary of the national organization. There has not been a more active member of our organization than Bruce Young. He has been on our Board of Directors since its inception. He did not let distance interfere with his record of attendance at reunions. His wife Mary has been active in the ladies Auxillary, a past president, and Mary and Bruce's daughter was the first recipient of the 69th Scholarship Award. Bruce will make a good secretary. Good to have you aboard, Bruce!

BOB SILBERG WHO WE PRAISED FOR HIS WORK AS MASTER OF CEREMONIES AT OUR DINNER DANCE DID ANOTHER MASTERFUL JOB AND IT WAS A BIT

MORE DIFFICULT THIS TIME THAN LAST YEAR AS THE PROGRAM LASTED MUCH LONGER.



Pictured above is CHARLES VEIGA, Hqs Co. 272 and BOB SILBERG Anti-Tank, 272, Harry Austin's Co. in Combat. It was really heart warming to see the above two get together at the Reunion. Veiga called your editor before reunion for information and was told Bob Silberg would be there. It just happens the two were entertainers together a long period during the war. I have been wondering since the reunion what the three of them did as Harry Austin came to this reunion. Bet they had a ball together. Harry and his lovely wife, Roseann were a delight for sore eyes. He got a royal welcome from everyone that knew him. We all hope he does not wait so long to come again. A real delight to see and talk to is Roseann.



Harry & Roseann Austin A.T. 272.

WRITE US ABOUT YOURSELF

HY GOLDSTEIN, 50 Broadway, N.Y. 10004 and 2nd Bn Hqs 272, and a former Pres. of the National Assoc. writes: "Dear Loar, Hardly a man in the 272nd Regt. does not remember Wayne G. Springer, CO of the 2nd Bn, who met his death in the Korean conflict when his helicopter was shot out of the sky. He was a good friend of mine whom I last saw at Cp. Lucky Strike when he came to my tent to say that he could not leave for stateside without saying good-bye to me.

It was my good fortune to get to meet his wife, daughter and son, Wayne G. Springer, Jr. Young Wayne was graduated from West Point on June 6, '73, and was kind enough to invite me to attend the graduation exercises. He ranked 143rd in a class of 939. His mother came up from Texas. There were some ladies present from Virginia and Fla. Being there and meeting them was a pleasure I shall cherish all the days of my life.

Then, on June 15, I received a telephone call from W. G. Stevenson, the son-in-law of Gen. Reinhardt. It was my good fortune that he was free that evening so that we could enjoy dinner at Sweets. Bill is tremendously bright and a terrific conversationalist. Before I knew it, it was almost midnight. While we talked I thought it would be a good idea to call his wife, Ann, and Bill too, asked me to convey their warm regards to all the members of the 69th Div. Assoc. I do so now.

I expect that Lt. Springer will be coming up north from Ft. Belvoir, Va. to which post he was assigned for a short stay. It may be that some of the local 69ers who remembered and loved his dad as a terrific officer will want to meet this terrific young man. If so and they will let me know, I will communicate with them when Wayne comes norther. Regards, Hy"

Eds. Note! Hy, If Lt. Springer is nearby, bring him down to Princeton on Nov. 3rd, 1973, Nassau Inn when the newly formed Northeast Branch will hold their 2nd dinner dance in a year. We plan to have a good one and would it not be better to honor him with a large group? Loar

If you have not been paying your dues, why not join the increasing numbers that are. Just send your dues in the next time you receive a notice from Clarence Marshall OK???

JOEL B. WHITE, Lt. Col. Rtd., former executive Officer of the 661st TD Bn living in 1929 Saint St., N.E. Albuquerque, N. Mexico 87112, writes Clarence; Dear Sir: "As former exec. off. of the 661st T.D. Bn. during 1944-45. I am interested in attending the Reunion to be held in King of Prussia, Aug. 23-27. Please send me complete Info. Is this the First Reunion?

GLENN L. FELNER, E-271 and I & R Platoon, writes: "Sorry, won't be able to make the Reunion this year due to all of the problems involved with a major office move.

We are now in our new location at one Concourse Plaza, 4711 Skokie Blvd. Skokie, Ill. 60076. Would love to have

any of my old friends from Co. E or the I & R Platoon of the 271st Regt. call or drop in.

Am busily at work building a Mutual Fund-Life Insurance organization. Best of luck with the Reunion, Cordially,

LAWRENCE D. DAVID, 273rd Med. Det. and 1025 Huston Dr., West Mifflin, Pa. 15122. Dave was attached to Co. F, writes: If it is of any interest, I also served in the Air Force during the Korean war after graduating from Pitt Dental School in 1950. I am still in the Air Force Reserve with a rank of Lt. Colonel.

In another communication to Clarence Marshall, Lawrence D. David said he recently met someone that gave him the address of the Assoc. His name was James Yedinak.

EDWARD P. MEISBURGER, Hqs 272, and 1810 Warren Dr., Woodbridge, Virginia 22191 Writes: "Enclosed is \$5. for my dues for 1973. I believe that is the correct amount. If it is not please let me know and I will make up the difference. If its too much, put the difference in the scholarship fund. It is always a pleasure for me to hear the news of the 69th and, although I have not been able to make but one reunion I always read the bulletin, with great interest and am happy to know that the old outfit is still going strong. Thanks to everyone who has had a hand in keeping the 69th Div. a going concern.



David Allen (right), Coker's General Farm Manager, and Max Jones, Coker Sales Representative for South Carolina, were estimating the yield of this excellent crop of Coker 310 when the picture was taken last October.

HELP US ADD MEMBERS—SEND ROSTERS

EDDIE GILDNER AND HIS SERVICE COMPANY—272 ADDING TO ROSTER

EDDIE GILDNER, AS ALL OF US KNOW AS THAT, NOT COL. EDWARD GILDNER AND HIS WONDERFUL WIFE, MARGE HAS GONE ON ALL THE TOURS AND LAST YEAR'S FLY CRUISE TO THE CARIBBEAN AND AFTERWARDS SENT IN A ROSTER OF HIS OLD OUTFIT. HERE ARE SOME OF THE FINDS MADE BY CLARENCE MARSHALL. HOW ABOUT SOME OF YOU OTHER MEN DO THIS TOO.

JACK WOODS, Sv. 272, writes he lives at 1206 So. 10th St., Las Vegas, Nev. 89104. Wife: Vivian, Son, Donald and daughter, Susan. Working and paying my dues to the 69th Association for years. Here's one of my old cards. You guys are on the ball . . . up to a point. P.S. I've put in my reserve time and have "retired" at \$250. per mo.

WM. SIREF, Sv. 272 and 1716 So. 138th ST., Omaha, Nebr. 68144. Wife: Esther and daughters, Marjorie and Janice. Son Larry. Has been a buyer for 15 yrs. Buyer for seven stores. Now representative Hanes Underwear"—Blue Bell Jeans

WILLIAM C. HERRON, Sv. Co., 272 and 38 So. Circle Dr., Natchez, Miss. 39120. Wife: Marcelle M. and daughter: Cara L. Cavin and Son: Wm. Joel Herron. He has been associated with Life Ins. Co. of Georgia since being separated from the army. For the last 27 yrs. he has lived in Natchez, where both of his children were born. He plans to retire in about two yrs. and will then devote most of his time to gardening, fishing and hunting and playing with grand children.

ANTHONY LENKIEWICZ, Sv. 272 and 376 Twining Rd., Johnson City, N.Y. 13790. Wife: Hazel and sons: David and Anthony. Plus daughters Virginia and Tamara. At present Bill is working as a maintenance Technician for GAF in Vestal, N.Y. Lenkiewicz sent in the following names and addresses that Clarence added to the roster: FRANK SHIPMAN, who is on roster, but lives at 4810 Finley St., Richmond, Va. 23231 RICHARD FASTER, 1506 Woodlawn Ave., Covington, Ky. 41017 and DOUGLAS OLSON, 177 Buger St., Emmaus, Pa. 18049., JOHN SWENSON, RD#3, Box 654, Duncansville, Pa. 16635, HARRY RAVENSCROFT, 11228 Phinney Ave., Seattle, Wash. and lastly, A.C. WILLIAMS, 7202 Friola, Houston, Tex. 77036. (Eds. Note! Great going Tony for the list just named above.)

VERNIE H. GRAY, Sv. 272 and 1906 College Ave., Huntington, Ind. 46750. Wife: Eulalia and daughter Marcella Skelton living in Logansport, Ind. states: "I was district Mgr. for Aug Club AAA for state of Indiana. I retired Jan. 1971. We spend winter in Fla. or Calif. I play golf often, also fish and go boating. Play cards at Legion and pool too. Am in very good health." Bye the way Vernie sent in the names of RALPH TUFTCROW, Box 161, Tchula, Miss. 39169 and DANIEL FIELLER, 350 Prospect St., Suffield, Conn. 06078. This is great too Vernie

NELSON PAULEY, JR., Box 94, Prenter, W.Va. and Sv. 272 has wife: Sylvia, and children: Lulu Holstein, Drena Edwards and Linda Stone. Nelson has worked at Coal mining for 37 years and is now totally disabled. The past three years was his length of disability.

Nelson, all members of the 69th really hope better things are in store for you in the future. Your editor of this bulletin spent one summer in a coal mine, loading coal, in order to earn enough money to attend W. Va. University. That was Lumberport, near Clarksburg. Good luck to you and your family.

THEODORE BOHLKE, Sv. 272 and 17805 Glenshire Ave., Cleveland, O. 44135 has a wife: Nellie. Was a U.S. letter carrier for 41 years—4 months. Retired Oct. '69.

CLAUDE E. SEAGRAVES, Sv. 272 and 600 Pearl Blvd., Montoursville, Pa. 17754 has a wife: Marjorie L. and a son Jeffrey D. Claude has been a welder from 1946 to 1972. Is permanently disabled since Sept. 1972. Had stroke, heart attack and was given open heart surgery Jan. 1973. He is an ambulatory. (Claude, all of us in our 5000 strong association wish you all the luck in the world. Remember us and should we get close to your home for a reunion, we hope somehow we can help you attend. Loar)

SHERMAN RAINES, Sv 272 and Box 72, Rich Creek, Va. 24147, Wife: Ruth and daughter Deborah and son, Sherman. States: "I am now and have been associated with Celanese Corp. of America for the past 26 yrs in the Project Engrning Section at Narrows, Va. Plant.



George Phillip, G-271, relaxing after a most successful reunion. A visit to the memorial the day after.

661ST TANK DESTROYERS—REUNION LEADER

661st TANK DESTROYER BN.

Another year, and another reunion has come and gone. What a celebration was held in room 209 at the Valley Forge Hilton Hotel, King of Prussia, Pa. It had been thirty years since all of us had first met at Camp Hood, Texas in 1943. Boy! time is really flying. We don't look like the young kids that we were at that time. Some are getting bald and some are getting paunchy, but still young and lively on the dance floor or partying.

If you didn't attend our 1973 reunion, you don't have any idea what you missed. Lot's of old friendships were renewed after a lapse of twenty-seven years. For example, between Joe Reid, Tommy Gearhart, Leslie Cook, and Pete Besket, who had not seen each other since 1945.

There was seven of our former officers that also renewed friendships, Col. Donald Miller, Capt. Wm. J. King, Lts. Tony Polito, Walter McFarland, Gilbert Romero, Guy Nowels and Jack Sherlock. They all seemed to enjoy the reunion very much.

At the evening Banquet, Col. Miller was asked to respond for the 661st, and as always he was still bragging on his old T.D's.

We were all quite surprised that more of the fellows didn't attend the reunion, since so many live in the Philadelphia-Harrisburg area. We did show up with forty-five strong, most of us had our wives. Eighty attended the Saturday night Banquet from the T.D's.

Guy Nowels was recognised as being the man that had come the greatest distance, all the way from Portland, Oregon. Henry Newstein of Hdqs. Co. could also have been recognised as the one living the closest. He lived just across the highway from the hotel. He never knew about the reunion until Saturday afternoon, he dropped what he was doing and came over. He had not had contact with anyone and did not know the Association existed. "Mel" Mellinger heard he lived in the area and was finally able to locate him.

Why don't you give it some thought? Make next year's reunion your first reunion. TRY IT, YOU'LL LIKE IT!!!

We want to thank everyone that contributed toward making the hospitality room successful at our reunion.

Plea for discarded or unwanted War souvenirs

At the reunion in King of Prussia I made a plea in behalf of the War Memorial Museum, Newport News, Va. for any old, discarded or unwanted souvenirs that you may no longer want or might be in your way.

Several months ago some thieves broke into the museum and stole a considerable number of their foreign exhibits, such as small arms, knives, bayonets, etc. If you have anything that you would like to donate, it makes no difference what it might be—a hat, arm band, knife, jacket, bayonet etc. Anything will be appreciated.

This Museum was founded by American Legion Post Braxton-Perkins No. 25. It was eventually turned over to the City of Newport News, Va. It was Founded in 1923.

The only way they can obtain exhibits is by your gifts. If you have something that you feel you no longer want and don't want it destroyed, this is the place for it to be cared for, for posterity. You will receive a letter of appreciation from the Director, Mr. W.C. Turpin.

Please designate on your gift that you are a member of the "Fighting 69th".

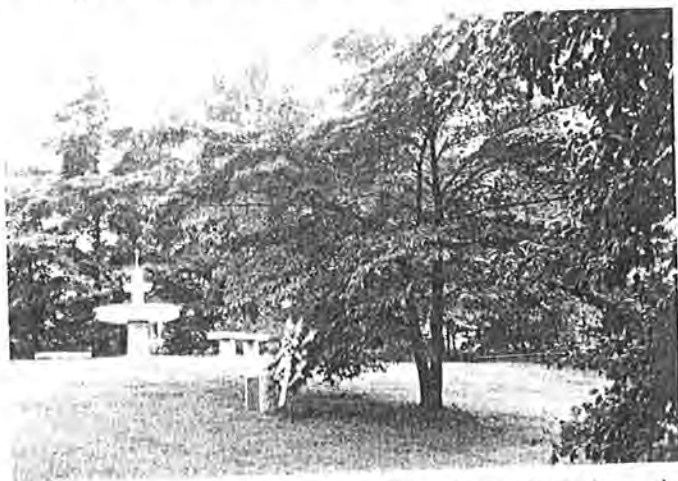
Please send your gift to:
The War Memorial Museum of Virginia
9285 Warwick Boulevard
Huntington Park
Newport News, Virginia 23607

Attn: Mr. W.C. Turpin, Director

Or Send it to me:
William R. Beswick
P.O. Box 576
West Point, Va. 23181

If you have a small arm, such as a pistol. Do not send it, unless you know the postal regulations. If you will drop me a line I will send you directions for mailing it.

Many thanks.



The beautiful landscaped grounds where our "dedicated tree" (The Living Memorial) is located. The Dogwood is between fountain and large tree to the right. The bronze plaque and monument are in front of the Dogwood.

SEND IN YOUR DUES TODAY

WHAT MAKES A BUDDIE FEEL GOOD

After years of sending out news of Co. G, 271 both in the national publication and a Co. G newsletter, your editor received a first word from a former buddie who left us before combat. It is the kind of letter that warms the heart from a fellow member of your company when he mentions so many names that are familiar. Have you ever thought of the men you served with and have you wondered where they were? The way to get interested is send in a letter to your editor or write someone else in your outfit and ask him if he knows. We can be your vehicle in finding some of them. You can write him at his last address or write the chamber of commerce or the chief of police. Even the P.O. will help SOMETIMES. You will be surprised to learn that a long distance call for that area code will locate them. Even if they have moved. Here is the letter I received :

"Dear Loar: Many thanks for the work you have been doing with reference to the 69th Div. Assoc. and particularly the newsletter concerning Co. G, 271.

I was a member of Co. G from early Jan. '44 until Christmas of 1944 when some of us were awakened and told that we would be leaving Co. G and would be sent over to Belgium as replacements. I was one of the buck sergeants in Sgt. Aichele's platoon. I can certainly recall the frustration, disappointments, and even the many tears that were shed as we left. I have said many times since that I saw some of what I have always thought to be the "toughest" men I had ever known shed many tears as we left. As you know so well, we had worked and trained together and had developed a genuine fondness for each other only to end up being separated at the last minute. I joined Co. G in Jan. '44 as a corporal after having failed to make the grade in Inf. School at Ft. Benning. I have felt many times since that must have been a blessing in disguise. I was Dave Scatena's Assistant Squad Leader. Even though I have not seen Dave since 1944 we still send each other Christmas cards each year. I flew over to Pittsburg recently in a private plane and wondered just where Oakmont, Pa. and Dave Scatena were!

After leaving Co. G in December '44 I believe most of us were assigned to the 83rd Division. I joined the 83rd in Belgium and on Jan. 17, '45 received a shrapnel wound serious enough to send me back to England and then to the USA. I completely recovered except for the loss of ten teeth and was discharged Apr. 15, '46.

I have maintained contact with a few of the men I was with at Cp. Shelby—Dave Scatena, Ed Bayus and Wm. McCague. I have their addresses. I lost contact with John McLean about two yrs. ago. I also corresponded with Pete Wickliffe for many years but have not heard from him in about five years. Your newsletters have brought several names to mind. I have heard of some of the Co. G men who were KIA and was sorry to learn this sad news. I have wondered about John Aichele, Sgt. Plugge, Sgt. Nelson and many others. I recall Sgt. Lingenfelter, Draa, Pounders, and Shorty Reynolds. I hadn't thought of him in years until I read one of the bulletins and then I recalled that Shorty could make more noise in the mornings when he woke us up than any little fellow I had ever known. I recall Maneuvers

shortly after I joined Co. G in the Desoto National Forest where there was an abundance of "fat lightwood" that we could burn when the situation was not too "tactical." I also remember Fred Hanf (?) and Hooper, Lt. Roman, Capt. Doan, Curtis and McCoppen. McCoppen's sense of responsibility he felt in getting us ready for combat and how he seemed to have a very high regard for most of his men. And I recall Fred Curran, Chris Rasmussen, Hans Beets and Sgt. Carpenter. I'm sure that if I could attend a reunion many more names would come to mind. I would also like to know the location of Chas. Smith who was with us at Shelby. I saw him briefly in Atlanta before I was discharged.

Since my discharge in '46 I have been in Hartsville, S.C., employed by a large seed Co. We are engaged in plant breeding and seed sales for most of the Southern field crops—cotton, tobacco, hybrid corn, soybeans, wheat and oats. I have for the past ten years served as General Farm Manager for Coker's Pedigreed Seed Co. We are presently farming 3500 acres. Am enclosing a check for \$10 for dues. DAVID L. ALLEN, Box 414, Hartsville, S.C. 29550.



The Kurtzmans, need I say more.



General Bolte, General Johnson, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Bolte at reunion, Valley Forge.

JOIN US IN WILMINGTON, DELA. NEXT YEAR

1973 REUNION NEWS

"By George Phillips"

446 "Fighting 69th Infantry Division" members and their families attended the 26th annual reunion held August 23-August 26 at the Valley Forge Hilton, King of Prussia, Pa.

Only surpassed in numbers by the first reunion held in New York City in 1948, this last reunion showed once again what a unique association we have . . . After 26 years, and a lot of water over the dam, this organization continues to grow not only in numbers; but in "SPIRIT".

If you have never attended one of our reunions, you are missing out on a great treat. We could print ten thousand bulletins describing what goes on when men who have not seen each other for years suddenly meet up in the lobby and shake hands . . . and grab each other, yes and a few tears . . . And what a thrill to meet their wives and children. You know some of the wives know a great deal about our times in the service, and they are great at remembering names and places and people that maybe even we have forgotten. This I think is one of the nicest parts of our reunions, and that is one big family. Everyone is so friendly and willing to help.

Before I go too far with this, I want to thank each and everyone who pitched in and helped at the reunion. So many people jumped in and helped at the registration desk, selling souvenirs, seating arrangements, and at the evening functions, and the memorial service and sundry other events that it would be impossible to name each and every person. But it is this kind of spirit that makes for a good reunion and the reunion committee cannot say enough for the unselfish and whole-hearted support it received.

The weather could not have been better and the accommodations at the hotel were superb. The management was ever ready to please and did so many nice things, in the background, that helped to make this reunion a great success.

Do you know that some people are even arriving on the Sunday before the reunion now . . . The committees always arrange for special room prices one week before and one week after so that our members can have a more reasonable vacation.

Once again the hotel was completely sold out to the 69th . . . This year the advance registration was very big, and because of this the hotel was able to accommodate everyone who reserved early. REMEMBER this for next year, when you get your bulletin with the advance registration form, take a few minutes and send it in to the appropriate place. It makes the job easier for the committee and the hotel or motel.

Thursday's activities began with registration in the main lobby, and after many personal reunions ended with our annual "Early Bird" dinner with over 200 in attendance. Many members enjoyed the night club entertainment in the hotel, and many more retreated to their rooms with some of their friends for a chance to talk over bygone days.

Friday began with a Board of Directors meeting at which time 43 officers, directors, and past presidents were in attendance. The years activities were reviewed, plans for the 1974 reunion were discussed and new officers nominated. A report was given by Irv Sarafan, on the overseas memorial program. Wm. Matlach scholarship chairman led discussion on the scholarship fund and announced this years winner Miss Theresa Audino, whose daddy served with the 269th

engineers. Loar Quickle gave a report on the bulletin, and the good response he has gotten for articles and letters from the members. Loar also reported on the TWO upcoming trips which are being planned for the association. A mid-winter cruise in the Caribbean in March of 1974, and a "Return to the Elbe" II in 1975. Clarence Marshall, Membership Chairman reported on his activities, and told us of some of his results in locating long lost 69'ers.

Tours of historic Valley Forge were arranged by the reunion committee for Friday afternoon, while many members and their children enjoyed swimming and tennis at the hotel.

Friday night after cocktails and dinner on their own over 400 members and their wives attended the PX night in the main ballroom. Dancing, and door prizes and many personal reunions make this annual informal gathering one of the highlights of the reunion. Many battles were refought into the wee small hours . . .

Saturday, the main men's business meeting was held with over 150 in attendance . . . Reports were given by Stan Olszewski, Treasurer; Wm. Beswick, Secretary; Loar Quickle, Board Chairman; Wm. Matlach, Scholarship Chairman; Clarence Marshall, Membership Chairman; Lester Milich, Nominating Committee. Harold Starry, Chaplain, gave the invocation . . . A welcome to all new attendees was given by President George Phillips . . .

The ladies auxiliary held their annual meeting with over 125 ladies present . . . They were treated to a floral decorating demonstration. Prizes were given and coffee and pastry was served. President Edith Carbonari presented the new officers to the membership. Serving as president for the next year will be Virginia Weston, and Secretary Treasurer will be Doris Ober. The ladies honored the association "Sunshine Girl" Katherine Reynolds for her devoted efforts in behalf of the 69th. Kate mails out, each year, over 5000 birthday and anniversary cards to the members and children of the "Fighting 69th". The ladies again this year made bed covers and afghans which are to be presented to Veteran in VA hospitals . . .



A most kind and wonderful woman, Helen Milich, wife of Lester, 569th Signal Co. at Reunion Valley Forge.

FINANCIAL STATUS "A-O.K."!

MORE OF SERVICE 272

JOSEPH E. MILEUR, JR., Sv. 272 and P.O. Box 582, Cox City, Okla. Wife: Cecelia, and daughters: Barbara and Mary plus sons Mike, Pat and Mark. He is retired from Civil Service in Washington, D.C. for 1 year now and returned to his home town raising cattle and is now Mayor of his town.

VIRGIL JONES, Sv. 272 and Rte #2 Lakewood Terrace, Blakely, Ga. Wife: Betty and Son Ronald Edw. and daughters: Barbara Dianne and Teressa Gail. Has been in banking for the past 20 yrs. Presently is president of Bank of Early, Blakely, Ga.

CLARENCE MARSHALL, Hqs and Hqs Co., Div. Headquarters says of the list sent in by Eddie Gildner that we need more of these kind of lists and both of us agree that there must be many members who have a complete list of the buddies they had in the service. Please note the number of deceased have increased recently. Would you believe there are literally thousands not on our roster. We keep picking them up but . . . not fast enough. Out of the Service Co. 272 list there were 134 Names and addresses (all old) and 35 of them were on the present roster. 3 of them were deceased, leaving a total of 96 to check out. Believe me, it takes a lot of effort on our wonderful Membership Chairman's time to do all the writing, folding, licking envs., mailing, answering and paying return postage to find a possible 12 to 18 members from this list or any other list, for that matter. However, it is great on Clarence's part to be so enthusiastic in this line of endeavor.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

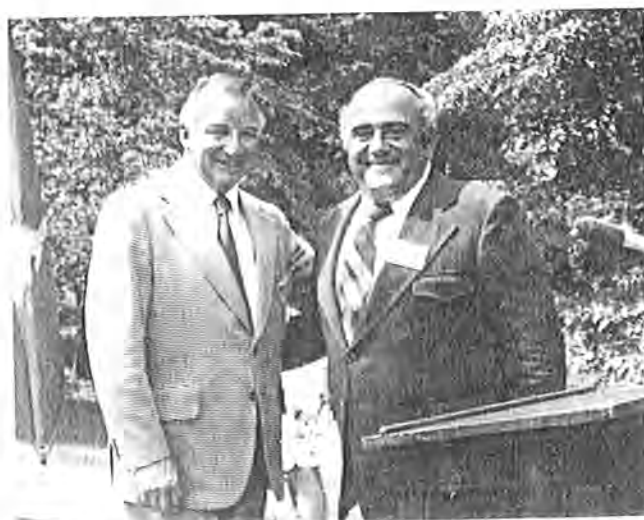
AUGUST 1, 1972—AUGUST 15, 1973

	TOTAL	OPERATING	SCHOLARSHIP
Cash Balance 8/1/72	\$11,771.94	\$ 3,125.18	\$ 8,646.76
Receipts 8/1/72-8/15/73			
Dues	2,980.00	2,980.00	
Dues Ladies Auxiliary	175.50	175.50	
Contributing Members	2,069.00	2,069.00	
Mdse. Sales	228.46	228.46	
Scholarship Contrib.	1,512.00		1,512.00
1972 Reunion Receipts	4,588.00	4,588.00	
1973 Reunion Receipts	635.00	635.00	
Interest on Savings	600.57	129.38	471.19
Total Receipts	\$12,788.53	\$10,805.34	\$ 1,983.19
Total Balance & Receipts	\$24,560.47	\$13,930.52	\$10,629.95
Disbursements 8/1/72-8/15/73			
Printing & Stationery	\$ 239.08	\$ 239.08	\$
Plates & Mailing List	1,030.92	1,030.92	
Postage	1,065.16	1,065.16	
Bulletin Printing	2,321.74	2,321.74	
Mdse. Purchases	662.67	662.67	
Scholarship Payment	500.00		500.00
T. V. Drawing Purchase	235.00		235.00
Flowers—Overseas Cmtry.	100.00	100.00	
1972 Reunion Payments	3,833.93	3,833.93	
1972 Ladies Aux. Payments	240.30	240.30	
Administrative Expenses	144.74	144.74	
Plaques and Ring	260.92	260.92	
Bank Service Charge	16.77	16.77	
Total Disbursements	\$10,651.23	\$ 9,916.23	\$ 735.00
Net Receipts over Disburse.	2,137.30	889.11	1,248.19
Balance 8/15/73	\$13,909.21	\$ 4,014.29	\$ 9,894.95
ON DEPOSIT 8/15/73			
Bank Balance New Britain Bank & Trust Co.			\$ 853.30
Bank Balance People Savings Bank			13,055.94
Total Cash in Banks—8/15/73			\$13,909.24

Respectfully submitted
Stanley J. Olszewski, Treasurer
Fighting 69th Inf. Division

When members request lists of their outfit membership from Clarence Marshall, they should make good use of them. It takes Clarence untold hours to type up a roster. If you only want it for your own use, and not to help increase the roster by searching for new members or intend writing to them to pep them up for better attendance at the reunion, then you are wasting his time and yours. This has been done by some members and they have not made use of them.

Did you know it is amazing that year after year our we have announcements of our reunion in Legion and VFW and each year we continue to add members who did not know of our organization.



Past President, George Phillips, and the new Al Carbonari.

SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION FOR NEXT YEAR

Saturday afternoon at 1:30 a convoy of over 150 cars filled with members and guests left the hotel to travel the six miles to Valley Forge for the annual memorial service . . .

Under beautiful skies and in a truly magnificent area we all gathered to memorialize all who served with the 69th Infantry Division. The association dedicated a Freedom Tree in the form of a Dogwood and unveiled a bronze plaque embedded in granite for all future generations to see . . .

President George Phillips was master of ceremonies . . . Chaplain Starry led over 500 participants in prayer. Loar Quickle led the Pledge of Allegiance . . . The colors were presented and Charles L. Bolte, General, USA (Ret), former Vice Chief of Staff and the original commander of the 69th Infantry Division, presented, on behalf of the association, the living memorial to the Freedoms Foundation . . . Harold K. Johnson, General, USA (Ret), President of Freedoms Foundation, and former Chief of Staff, accepted on behalf of the Foundation.

After the unveiling many pictures were taken and tours were made of the Medal of Honor Grove and museum.

Saturday night in the Grand Ballroom 420 attended the annual banquet. Master of ceremonies was Bob Silberg. General Bolte was guest speaker. He reviewed the days of training at Camp Shelby, and presented a gold 69th Division ring to Clarence Marshall for his efforts in raising the association membership to a new high of over 4400 members on the roster . . . Awards were presented by President Phillips for their outstanding work in behalf of the association to, Past President Sam Woolf, Albert Carbonari, Stanley Olszewski, William Beswick, Loar Quickle, Clarence Marshall, Edith Carbonari, and Kate Reynolds . . .

The new officers of 1973-1974 were presented to the members . . . President, Albert Carbonari; Vice-Presidents, Stan Olszewski, and William Beswick; Treasurer, John Moriarty; Secretary, Bruce Young; Membership Chairman, Clarence Marshall; Chairman of the Board, Loar Quickle; Auditor, Anthony Keller; Chaplain, Harold Starry; Scholarship Chairman, Lester Milich . . .

The 661 TD's and the 269th Engineers has the largest groups at the reunion. Other units represented were the 777th Tk Bn; 271st Inf.; 272nd Inf.; 273rd Inf.; Div Hqs . . . 69th MP's.; 569th Sig. Bn.; 769th Ord.; 724th FA.; 879th FA.; 880th FA.; and the 369th Medical Bn.

It was generally agreed that it was one of the best reunions ever. Some familiar faces were missing, and we hope only for this year; but a lot of new People attended for their first time, and promised to see us again next year. Lets make it even more successful by all joining with the new officers to make it a reunion to remember always.

ENGINEERS STILL ROLLING BY FRANK NEMETH

Received a nice "Thank You" letter from the "Mother of the Engineers". Robbie McGregor, who couldn't attend the Reunion this year and she wished to thank all the men for the beautiful flowers sent to her and wishing her well. She says she'll see us next year if it is close by. We all missed her and also Dottie and Stuart. It was a fine Reunion and most

men brought their lovely wives and I only hope they all enjoyed it as much as we did. I wish to thank all of them for putting up with all those stories and training days in Shelby.

"H & S Co."

They really had a nice turn out with 12 men attending and only ANDY FEDOR, LEON SWEDLOW AND JOHN KUREY all enjoyed their first Reunion ever. Col. HOLMLIN brought the Batt. colors which we displayed in our Engineer Hospitality Room. Major EIBLING remembered to bring his photo album of H & S Co., so now we are going to start a Battalion Album of all the companies. STEVE SOLTIS brought his lovely bride to her first Reunion, first of many we hope. MAX WEINZIERL flew in from Florida after returning from a European trip. CHUCK HERRING (also "B" Co.) says his big project in N.C. should be ready in 1975, so maybe our Reunion will be in N.C. real soon. LOU STEINBRUNNER moved out of Philly and now lives in the county and really enjoys the good clean air! JOHN HAWLEY was his usual happy go lucky self and always has a good time. ANDY FEDOR sure has a fine memory for names and places of where we went and he sure wanted to see JONES, but just missed him. JOHN KUREY'S wife sent John to the Reunion even tho she came home from the hospital on the day he left, looking forward to seeing her next year and hope all is well! BERT BROWN made it as usual but somehow he got away after the banquet and I did not get a photo of him and his lovely wife . . . next year? SHARPLESS JONES drove up from Delaware for the day but couldn't stay because his wife was ill. See you both next year and hope all is well.

"A Co."

It was good to see BOB TURNER attend and know he came thru a serious operation in good shape, he sure looked and acted like his old self. JOE MONTELEONE made it, little late but he made it, Joe never misses tho! JOHN BULLER sure looked good and I'd swear he's getting younger every year! WALT GOEBEN and his guest FRANK ESLINGER had a nice time & I'm sure Walt will invite them to Wilmington for next year. BOB KAMPING dropped in for a evening of fun on Fri. nite and he promised to make it next year.

"B Co."

We had our usual good turn out but I thought we would do better since so many of the men live close by. I thought ED-DIE DAVIS, HERM BURKETT, DAVE McCALLUM, STAN MILEWSKI, DAN EVERS, JIM RILEY, MIKE O'CONNOR would surely make it. JOHN PONTIERI our leader kept us all in line and took roll call each morning. STANLEY AUK attended and I think he should have been a Medic, he sure did a good job when it was needed! AL WINCHESTER sure has a good memory of those Shelby days and overseas also and are hard to believe, believe me! DALE HIGHFIELD had a good time except for a hamburger that didn't want him too, it made him ill for awhile, but a true Engr. he over came it. HENRY MORESI sure did surprise us when he showed up for the Banquet, it was good to see him and his family again, he was let down a little because HERM BURKETT WASN'T there. FRANCIS LEWIS stopped in on his way to N.J. and spent the day with us, too bad a lot of the men were on the tour at the

time so he didn't get to see them, he really would have liked to have seen DAVE McCALLUM tho he said. Of course I attended, FRANK NEMETH, and must say these Reunions are just too short, it seems like you just get there and then you're saying, "See ya next year."!!

"C Co."

Had only two men out and it seems like JERRY RODELLI makes it every year, he brings along a guest, JOSEPH KOUBEK, who also is an adopted Engr. now! JOHN AUDINO looks like he's still too young to go into the army, must be that good living up in Patterson, N.J. JOHN'S

daughter THERESA was selected as the 69th Scholarship Award winner. This is the third time the 269th Engr. Bn. was so honored in the past few years. John hopes to make more Reunions and if his work schedule changes, I'm sure he will. I am sure there were a lot more "C" Co. guys around who would attend if someone just asked them too! Hope STEVE PUCHAN is feeling better and makes it next year.

DAVE COE A-Co., attended and his wife said he took some beautiful pictures while in Europe and maybe some day he'll bring them for us to see at a Reunion.

ROSTER OF REUNION ATTENDEES

DIVISION HEADQUARTERS

Gen. Chas L. Bolte and wife
 Jos. O. Wright and wife Eleanor
 Robt. E. Myers
 Clarence Marshall
 Jim Kehew
 W.O. 'Dutch' Hawn and wife Jeanne
 Ted Edstrom and wife Rosemarie
 Walter D. Doernbach, Jr. and wife Ann
 Anthony Dastra
 Ronald K. Curtis and wife Colleen
 Albert Crisp and wife Henrietta
 Andrew F. Casper and wife Mary-Catherine
 Dr. Leon Braverman (Med. Det.) wife Ruth
 Fred Avery and wife Lois

271ST INFANTRY REGIMENT

Med. Det.

Francis L. Burrows and wife Lee
 Harry R. Ritter, Jr. and wife Audrey

Hdqs Co.

Albert Carbonari and wife Edith
 Robt. C. Maxwell and wife Geraldine

Service Co.

Jos. A. Dube and wife Agnes

Anti-Tank

Sidney Joseph and wife Natalie
 Geo. Weston and wife Virginia

A Co.

Samuel Popkins and wife Christine
 and daughter Tina.
 Jerry Rokita and wife Bea
 Roy Sloan and wife Madge

D Co.

Herb Eissmann and wife Florence
 Merrill C. Embick (also B, D, & hqs 1st Bn)
 Paul B. McCombs and wife Margie
 Theodore Snyder and wife Cynthia
 Ted Snyder

E Co.

Irving Gotkin and wife Etta
 Paul Shadle
 Charles Senosk and wife Marian

G Co.

Santo Crupi and wife Theresa
 R. H. Daniel
 Chas. Eckler and wife Dorothy
 Geo. Gresck and wife Inga
 Jos. A. Giglietta and wife Florence
 Clarence Goon and wife Lena
 Nat Green and wife Rhoda
 Henry McDougall
 Dan Malinowski, wife Rita and son
 Jerry and his wife Judi
 Geo. E. Phillips and wife Agnes
 Loar L. Quickle, wife Adele and
 children, Dawn and Loren
 Dudley G. Reynolds and wife, Catherine
 David G. Scatena, wife, Mary and
 boys: Eddie, Dave and Mark
 Clarence Jensen and wife Shirley
 Stanley Lucki also 2nd Bn. Hqs.
 Lester Weinberg

H Co.

James L. Buie and wife Evelyn
 Arnold T. Fox and wife Anna
 John B. Hayes and wife Helen
 Walter J. Jeskiewicz and wife Vaughn
 Chas. Kooles and wife Louise
 Michael Kutzmonich
 Albert Panara and wife Eleanor
 Cy Rockhold

2nd Bn. Hqs.

Robt. Maxwell
 Morris Greenberg
 Stanley Lucki (Also G Co)

K Co.

Asa Cowden

L Co.

Albert Schreiber & wife Catherine

FIGHTING 69th INFANTRY DIVISION

M Co 271

Irving Moses and wife Edith
W. C. Sheavly and wife Reba
Samuel M. Talley and wife Helen

272ND INF. REGT.

(Regt. Hqs. Co.)

Charles Veiga

C Co.

Earl A. Ike and wife Valerie
Sam Paranka and wife Cecilia
Arthur Caola (also Gerald Emmons)

E Co.

Anthony F. Keller and wife Florence
Milton Lutes and wife
J. Kenneth Shayne
Tom Smith
Chester A. Yastrzemski and daughter Betsy
(also Will Goodheim and wife Maxine)

F Co.

Herb Callaway
Frank Castaldo and wife Marie
Francis E. Fournier and wife Eva
James S. Henry and wife Peach
Wm. J. Herron
Wm. R. Szymczyk

G 272

Anders B. Barakat, Jr. & wife
Clarence F. Burke and wife Edna
Wm. Lilien and wife Miriam
Wm. R. Phillips
(also Michael Kertis, wife Mary,
Chuck Burke, Nick Kelly)

H Co.

Lewis R. Shaw and wife Rosemary
Al Haag

2nd Bn. Hqs.

Harold M. Starry and wife Dot
and son Michael
(Also H. Mermelstein)

I Co.

Leon J. Ebert and wife Sally
Wendell H. Freeman and wife Sally
Forrest Frentress
James D. Herbison and wife Marie
Robt. J. Kurtzman and wife Vivian
L. A. "Pat" Lushbaugh and wife Janice
Ed McDonnell
Thos. J. Reardon and wife Jeanne
Andrew Rebick and wife Mary

K Co.

Edward Gottfried and wife Mildred

272 Medics

Ray Strauss and wife Maralyn
Murry Galuten and wife Iris

Anti-Tank Co.

Harry G. Austin, Jr. and wife Roseann
and son Harry III and Douglas
Geo. Shapiro and wife Jeanne and
daughter Beth
Robt. H. Silberg and wife Evelyn

273RD INF. REGT.

2nd Bn. Hqs.

Jack Goldman

E Co.

Frank E. Gooding
Bill Matlach and wife Jane and
son Billy
Frank Reemsnyder
Earl Witzleb, Jr. and wife Dorothy

F Co.

Charles R. Euton and wife Louise
Sam Woolf and wife Anne

Sv. Co.

Stanley J. Olszewski and wife Wanda and
daughter Diane and friend Luann
Irving Berkowitz and wife Anne

Hqs. Co. 273

Robt. L. Ober and wife Doris
Ben A. Foy and wife Rachel
Lester O. Muhler
George Devitt

Hqs. 1st Bn

John Bawduniak

G Co.

Alfred H. Fickes and wife Agnes
Myron S. Nicgorski also H273, wife Dot
Amos G. Shippen

H Co.

Jake Stark, Jr. and wife Violet
Raymond T. Szkudlarek and wife Helen

I Co.

Howard E. Kohler and wife Margaret

L Co.

R. A. Wennes and wife Marian

M. Co.

Glen A. Yeager and wife Jean

273 MED. DET.

Howard H. Hoover and wife Lou
W. C. Albright

A Co. 273

H. Ray Fahrner

I Co. 273

George Houseal
Howard Kohler

269TH ENGINEERS

H & S Co.

Walter Holmlin and wife Ruth
James A. Eibling and wife Marjorie
Bertram B. Brown and wife Mildred
Andrew J. Fedor and wife Irene
John T. Hawley and wife Elizabeth
Charles "Chuck" Herring and wife Lotty
John Kurey and wife Renee
Leon Swedlow and wife Rose
Ludwig Steinbrunner and wife Hazel
Max Weinzierl also Sharpless Jones

A Co.

R. E. "Bob" Turner and wife Elfrieda
John A. Buller and wife Midge
Bob Kamping
Joe Monteleone and wife Chris
Stephen Sholtis and wife Mary
David Coe and wife Elsie
Walter Goeben and wife Loretta

B Co.

Albert Winchester and wife Helen
Stanley Auk and wife Ruth
Dale E. Highfield and wife Regina
Frank Nemeth and wife Ted
John Pontieri and wife Louise

C Co.

John J. Audino and wife Annette and
daughter Theresa
Gerald Rodelli and wife Eleanor
Frank Estler and wife Ruby (Guests)
and . . . Walter Goche
H. Moresi

SPECIAL FORCES

M. P. Platoon

John J. Moriarty (also Frank Williams) & wife
Lawrence Van Iseghem and wife Marge

569th Signal

Earl Ambrester and wife Margie
Bernard B. Bosley and wife Marguerite
Kenneth Manning and wife Hester
Lester J. Milich and wife Helen
Seymour Nash and wife Doris
Curtis E. Peterson and wife Evelyn
Sid Spectorman and wife Martha
Kenneth Steinel and wife Helen

769th Ord.

B. A. Humphreys and wife Irene
Irving Sarafan and wife Shirley
Jos. W. Selb and wife Vera
Ray Van Brocklin and wife Frances
Milton Halainen and wife Esta
Morton Keiser and wife Eleanor
(Outfit Unknown)

777 TANK BN.

Arthur A. Capaccio, wife Helen
Raymond C. Eshelman
John Minnucci

John M. Vergot
Charley White

777th Medics

Joseph G. Potoy and wife Stephanie

879TH FIELD ARTILLERY

Bruce L. Young and wife Mary
John Fattrosso and wife Nancy (C)
Harold Fletcher and wife Emily
Ralph La Greco and wife Margaret

724 F.A.

Walter A. Dennis and wife Alison
John Heliseva and wife Gladys
Victor A. Losco
Clarence W. Miles and wife Carmella
Walter Mormello and wife Rosalie
Frank Patterson
Lou Psaltis and wife Chucki and
daughters Claudia and Susan
John W. Turner and wife Neta
Anthony Visconti and wife Grace
and two (2) guests
Enrico D'Angelo and wife Anne

881 F.A.

D. Carl Barone and wife Kay
John P. Suprano and wife Marie

Hqs. Co. DIVARTY

Wm. C. Herle and wife Madeleine



Another field of Coker 201 is checked by Farm Manager David Allen. Note bottom to top fruiting and strong erect stalks.

BE AMONG THE ATTENDEES NEXT YEAR

661ST TANK BN.

Chas. Yannul and wife Catherine
 Ralph Venable and wife Martha
 Jack Sutor and wife Jane
 Geo. H. Straley and wife Dorothy
 Wm. E. Snidow and wife Ellen
 Robert F. Shull and wife Ann
 John T. Sherlock Jr. and wife Leora
 and children Laurin, Moira and Lisa
 Col. Gilbert J. Romero, Rtd.
 Jos. E. Reid and wife Hazel
 Marcel Pugsley and wife Carol
 Jack Porter and wife Betty Jane
 Anthony J. Polito and wife Mary
 Elwin Patterson
 Garland O'Roark and wife Frances
 Frank O'Keefe and wife Mabel
 Guy W. Nowels
 Wm. Monagle and wife Irene
 Warren J. Mitchell and wife Dorothy
 Donald B. Miller
 John Menkins and wife
 Millard E. Mellinger, Sr. and wife Ruth
 Walter W. McFarland

James T. Leach and wife Lena
 Bill King and wife Kathleen
 Joe Jenei and wife Marian
 Jack D. Inch and wife Mary
 R. Eric Hughes and wife Irene
 Harold Hicks and wife Peggy
 John Haeberle and wife Jeannette
 Walter Grossman and wife Norma
 Thomas J. Gearhart and wife Irene
 Richard Furman and wife Thelma
 Allan Farrar and wife Nina
 C. W. Dawson and wife Margaret
 Leslie C. Cook and wife Betty
 Ralph Bragg and wife Chris & son Mark
 Cliff Blank and wife Dolly
 Wm. R. Beswick and wife Jo
 Peter Besket and wife Carolyn
 Gene Bernadini and wife Evelyn
 Sylvanus Baker and wife Betty
 Floyd Austin
 Robt. A. Anderson
 Peter Leva
 Nelson Leaman
 Henry Newstein



Murray Galuten M-272 and "Doc" Strauss Hqs. and Hqs. getting financial advice from retired broker, Al Schreiber L-271.



Eddie & Marge Gildner relaxing aboard ship on Fly-Cruise in Caribbean last March.



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