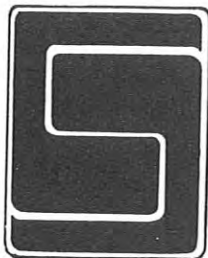


# FIGHTING 69TH INFANTRY DIVISION ★★★★ *Association, Inc.*



## bulletin

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The cover picture helps to remind us of the tremendous impact made on the world and how the news spread around the world. It shows our own Lt. Robertson and his counterpart, the Russian officer, when they first met in April 1945, 29 years ago. Next year will be the 30th anniversary. As far as we can ascertain, the price is still around \$1000. a person for making this tour once again. Please fill out the return sheet in this issue if you are genuinely interested. Even fill it in without the down payment if you are truly interested. We can take it later. Help us plan. Without participants, it is impossible. If you want to go and want changes made, write to Loar Quickle as soon as possible and fill out the return sheet. The Russians are now willing to cooperate with us at this time. Plus the return to the Elbe Tour, we also are recruiting for the Hawaiian flight. The price is right and your fellowship and good times are assured on both groups. Ask anyone who has ever been on a tour with us and let them verify what good times 69ers have when a group travels or just meets. Another thing . . . . . come to the reunion this year and learn for yourself . . . . our president, Al Carbonari, has worked hard getting us a favorable deal in room prices and meals and we will have several functions worth participating in at the du Pont Hotel. Let us hear from you. . . . .

Send all news to Loar L. Quickle, 512 S. Main Street, Pennington, N.J. 08534

# HELP US PAY FOR MEMORIAL

The 69th Infantry Division can be proud of the Living Memorial which was dedicated at our annual reunion held this past August in Valley Forge, Pa.

Our editor Loar Quickle and myself have received many letters and notes praising the association for this project. Those of you who live in close proximity to Freedoms Foundation should mark your calendars to coincide with the flowering of our beautiful dogwood tree, and make another visit to this historical location. If you were not at the reunion, stop first at the administration building, and they will show you the way to our memorial. Don't forget to bring your camera. This foundation is known world-wide, and many people spend a week or two at the seminars presented by the foundation. It is rapidly completing the beautiful Medal of Honor Grove, which will honor every recipient. This grove comprises fiftytwo acres, one for each state, Purerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. It will be visited by many thousands of people during our country's bi-centennial celebration, and all who pass by will note the tree and plaque dedicated to all who served with the "Fighting 69th Infantry Division".

George E. Phillips  
G-271

The ladies auxiliary held a raffle at the 1973 reunion and collected \$148 which was turned over to our treasurer to help offset the cost of the Freedoms Foundation memorial. Needless to say the cost of this tribute was great, and donations are respectfully requested. Please make out your check to the 69th Infantry Division Association and note that it is to be used for the purpose of helping to pay for the memorial. If every member sent in \$2.00 we would be able to pay it off this year.

## HELP US PAY FOR THE MEMORIAL

At the Valley Forge Reunion, the Board of Directors and the Membership in turn passed a resolution for us to make an effort to collect voluntary contributions to pay for the Memorial dedicated to you (our membership). Now is your chance to help out for what is called a living Memorial; it is done in granite and bronze, is large and will recognize your outfit forever. Please fill in the return sheet below and send in your contribution to help us defray expenses which cost us in the neighborhood of \$1500. \$1000. of which is for the cost of keeping up the maintenance of the grounds and tree. PLEASE HELP US, any little bit will help.

Dear Loar:

I don't know exactly how to write what I feel about the 69th Infantry Division Association except to say that being associated with such a fine group of men and ladies has been one of the high points in Agnes' and my life. We have thoroughly enjoyed all of the fine get togethers we have had over the years and all the visits and meetings. I thought that when we made our move to Florida all these things were over or at least they would diminish. Lo and behold it is not the case.

First of all Bill Seal and Cecil Fernandez, two old "buddies" from our own G-271 are just around the corner, literally, here in St. Petersburg. Then too, our good friend Sol Rosenblitt is just across "Alligator Alley" in Hallendale, and we had the pleasure of his and Miriams wonderful hospitality on a flying visit to the east coast. Murray and Iris Galuten stopped in to say hello, as did Stanley and Ruth Auk. It looks like the Auks will be moving down Tampa way in the near future. Al and Edith Carbonari were here in St. Pete at Thanksgiving time and we had a fine evening together and went out to dinner. And just a few days before New Years Day Dick Barlup and his new bride Gail from Enola, Pa. called us and we spent a too short evening with them. She is a wonderful girl and we wish them both the very best. Dick is making arrangements for next years reunion already, so you will all be able to meet her. And of course our very first visitors were "The Quickles" and this is how it should be, because there has been a lot of water under the bridge since you first took this young boy under your wing at Camp Shelby. I hope your next trip will be more leisurely and that we can get that fishing in which we didn't have time for.

So I guess what I am trying to say is, that distance really doesn't make a lot of difference when you have such wonderful friends. We have had many nice letters and Christmas cards and phone calls in the past months, and each one brings to mind a fond memory.

I don't know what the energy crisis will do to some of the future plans which have been discussed for the Association; but knowing how the officers work so hard to make things run smoothly, I'm sure we don't have to worry.

Give our best to everyone up north.

Your buddie,  
George

TEAR OFF HERE AND SEND TO OUR TREASURER: JOHN MORIARTY, PINE LANE, BROOKFIELD, MASS. 01506

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ OUTFIT \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the LIVING MEMORIAL AT VALLEY FORGE and am sending in my check for the above amount. Make checks payable to the 69th MEMORIAL FUND. NOTE! We do not collect enough dues each year to really pay for this out of the General Fund. We do need your help.

## FIGHTING 69th INFANTRY DIVISION

### S-T-R-E-A-K-I-N-G - - - TANK DESTROYERS!!!

#### "661st" TANK DESTROYER BN.

By Bill Beswick

The annual GET-TO-GETHER of the 661st T.D.'s. was held at the Coachman Inn, Harrisburg, Va. on October 6th and 7th 1973.

There were sixty people present for our Saturday night banquet, which was served buffet style. The food was really out of this world. The entire weekend was enjoyed by everyone.

Phil Ferrel added to the event by his wit and jokes. He is bound to have the world's best wife, to put up with his jokes, I'm sure she bears the brunt of most of them. Of course Jean Ferrel is tops. I'm sure all of Phil's army buddies remember him for his wit.

Garland and Frances O'Roark really worked hard to make this an enjoyable affair. I believe they enjoy working on something of this nature. We all give them our sincerest THANKS.

We missed some of our regular attendees due to illness, some of these were Paul and Louise Cole (Rcn), Harold and Elsie Curtwright (B Co.) and Rev. Billy Clyburn and his charming wife Hazel (A Co.). In all three instances it was their wives that were ill, we all wish them a speedy recovery. We wondered what happened to Burnell and Louise Scott.

Two door prizes of a bushel of apples each were won by "Mel" Mellinger (Hq. Co.) and Sylvanus "Bud" Baker (A Co.), a third prize of a table center piece was won by Garland and Frances O'Roark's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Larry (Brenda) O'Roark, this reminded me of Carmen Miranda's hats, but very pretty.

Some of these people were talking about and looking forward to the forth coming "TOUR of EUROPE", some are planning to go. This should be a very interesting tour, especially on to Torgau and the Elbe River. I do remember that the First Platoon, "B Co." 661st T.D.'s. were there. At

#### "ARE YOU THIS MAN?"

*Are you this man, or do you recognize him? This picture was taken at TORGAU, GERMANY in front of the 273rd Regimental C.P. He was swimming in one of the creeks leading to the ELBE RIVER, and in April yet!!*



this late date, I'm not sure which Infantry Regiment we were attached to at this time, but I believe it was the 273rd. This should be a tour to remember.

Bill Beswick

#### REUNION AT WILMINGTON IN 1974

The year 1974 starts our second thirty years. If the next thirty is as good to some of us as the past thirty has been, many of us should still be around to attend quite a few reunions yet. Of course we don't know how many more we will be able to attend. If you have been putting off and just thinking about attending one of these reunions, why don't you attend this year at the Dupont Hotel in Wilmington, Delaware (IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK). Write to one, two or three of your old army buddies and have him join you there. You can have your own small reunion within the reunion.

If all of us could get just one of our friends to attend, just look at the reunion we would have. So many of us put it off year after year, always with the thought, "I'll go next year". Some people say "What will I wear?" Your wife might say "I don't have anything to wear". Well, to sum it up simply, we don't care what you wear, we can make it one of those affairs such as a "Come as you are". Just so you come. Don't forget, we all used to have the similar work clothes and Sunday suits of khaki and O.D. We've seen each other at our best and most at our worst.

I have not met the first person yet that has been sorry that they had attended a reunion. Everyone has their anxieties, and wonders what to expect. All of us has, so come on and try it. YOU'LL LIKE IT!!!

Bill Beswick

*Eds. Note! Can't help commenting! If Bill Beswick lived in Princeton, can you imagine how many streakers he would be inviting. However, we might enjoy seeing Mel Mellinger, Garland O'Roark or Ralph Bragg S-T-R-E-A-K... He DID say come as you are..... Loar*

#### RECOGNIZE THIS PICTURE?

*This is a picture that needs no explanation. It was taken at the time, not realizing the significance of the occasion, April 1945. Another one thirty years later, I wonder???*





## CO. G-271 NEEDS ATTENDANCE BOOST!

## COMPANY "G", 271st REGIMENT

Last Reunion we had a very good turnout in Valley Forge. Since our National President was our own **GEO. PHILLIPS** many of us thought we would have a much better turn-out. We all missed **JOE** and **ESTELLE STAR**, thus far no news on why they did not come. And, we were only a stone's throw away from them.

Everyone that attends still ache for a look at **BUD CURTIS**. Goodness, his kids must be out of high school by now. How about Capt., just this once to share a few laughs with the fellows that love you. On the subject of Captains, we have not heard from, about or where Capt. Mac is located. He seemed to have disappeared. His bulletins are being returned from his old Brooklyn address.

Our Shorty Reynolds wife **KATE**, in case you don't know, is the 69th Sunshine girl and she was honored by our president last year with a beautiful plaque praising her for the work she has done in Good and Welfare. For those of you who have attended reunions know that she sends out birthday cards, anniversary and to the children too. She writes beautiful verses on all. What a gal and worker for the Association. Besides **JOE STAR**, **DANNY MALINOWSKI** is a member of the National Board of Directors. Danny's son and daughter-in-law are members and attend every year. We were disappointed in many of our Philadelphia members in not taking advantage of the affair being in their own back yard. What about it fellows? How did you enjoy the article about **DAVID ALLEN** of Hartsville, S.C.? He is really something. Try to make a reunion sometime, Dave.

**ADELE, LOAR** and daughter **DAWN QUICKLE** made the second Fly-Cruise to the Carib this past March and had a ball. Half the ship is writing the young girls we had along. A niece and friend of Dawn's accompanied them. We all sincerely missed the **PHILLIPS** on this one. Next year we hope to go to Hawaii with a good sized crowd of 69'ers. Some more of you try to make it and the Return to the Elbe too. I won't reprint the names of those attending as the list was in the first issue. George Phillips did not know Clarence Goon. Forgive him as he had too much pressure on him in details of the Reunion.

**LE ROY HONEA** G-272 and 100 Bolivar, No. Marshall, Texas 75670 writes John Moriarty our Treasurer: "Dear John: Guess you have a number of dues paying members! Sorry I'm not active in attending the annual 'get togethers', but I just love the West!

The news that is sent out once in awhile is really enjoyed, but I would like to have more. I must admit that I recognize only one or two names. All in all, keep up the good work. Yours truly.

**MARCEL F. CLOUTIER** M-271 and 4647 Northern Cir., Dayton, Ohio 45424 writes: Dear Sirs: "I have just received my Bulletin, Vol. 27, No. 1 for Oct. 1973. You did an outstanding job as usual and the "Living Memorial" looks great! However, isn't that 69th Inf. Div. insignia colored in-correctly? If my memory serves me right, it is supposed to be a red 6 and a blue 9? That on the bulletin appears to be the reverse. Sincerely.

*Eds. Note: You are absolutely correct and the monument or memorial has been done correctly. It just happens the bronze plaque is done in color and when taken in color and reduced to black and white, red color always has a greyish tint to it or even darker. You would never appreciate this done in black and white but in color you would absolutely revel in its color and beauty. Perhaps some day we will be able to show it in color so all the membership can really appreciate it. The entire background of the plaque is in red, making it tremendously outstanding in appearance. By the way, the plaque will last forever; it is about 3/4" thick. It was really done in good taste. 69'ers everywhere would be proud in seeing it. I hope in a future issue to show the tree in color, that is, the one dedicated behind the plaque.*

**ROBERT B. PULLIAM**, Div. Hqs. Co. and Box 5, Jackson, Wyoming 83001. "Dear Clarence: have found two former members of the 69th in Wyoming.

I placed the decal on the back of my trailer house and station wagon. This brought them to light.

I would like three sets of the decal for auto . . . etc. Will be glad to pay for same. I am sure we will have two new members soon.

Would like to contact members in Wyoming.

Bob



Father Pete Quinn. Mass for over 6000 German prisoners. For most of them the first time in over 5 years.



Co. G-271 wives, left to right front. Mary Scatena and Rita Malinowski. Rear: Florence Giglietta.

COME TO REUNION THIS YEAR --- 1975 MAY BE TOO LATE!

EARL ARMBRESTER PASSES AWAY

EARL ARMBRESTER, 569th Signal Co., one of our regular attendees of the annual reunions passed away in December 1973. Both Earl and his wife Marge have been one of the most popular couples ever to attend. All of us who got to know them after the war have always referred to them as the Martinsburg group. They hailed from eastern West Virginia and seemed to always be in the middle of everything that went on at the reunion.

The following letter was received by your editor from BRUCE YOUNG, our secretary and the 879th F.A.

Dear Loar:

"Hope this finds you and lovely family in the best of health and enjoying the holiday season.

Mary and I are fine except for a shocking experience last week. On December 3rd, late at night, we received word that our Buddy, "Earl Armbruster" suddenly passed away. You know how close Earl, Kenny Manning and myself and our wives have been since before Camp Shelby.

Earl and Margie were at home the night of December 3rd. Margie had to get something at the store. Earl was doing some work when she left and was on the divan when she returned a short time later. It was his heart.

As things will be, the next day Mary and I left Perry Point, Kenny and Hester left Martinsburg, West Virginia and we met on the road to Bedford, Pa.

We stayed with Margie and family until after the burial on December 6th.

Margie held up real good and I think she helped the rest of us.

Margie's address is: Meadowbrook Terrace, Box 57, Bedford, Pa. 15522.

All Fighting 69ers everywhere send Margie our profound sympathy and wish her the best. He will be so definitely missed by those who have been regulars at reunions.

The following letter was mailed to Clarence Marshall: "Dear Sir: I wonder if you could do me a favor when you have your reunion? After WW II we had a Msg. Rainor join us at the Findley, Ohio Recruiting Station. He was a Lt. in the Field Arty. with the 69th Inf. Div. and his home town was Dayton, Ohio.

Would you post a notice on the bulletin board so that either he or someone that knows him have him write to me. I certainly would appreciate any help you can give me. Henry M. Wagner, US Army Ret., Rt. #1, Box 84A, Los Molinos, California 96055."

How about some of you Canton, O. members look up someone in his family and let this good man know where he is located? I am sure he would appreciate it very much. Perhaps someone from one of the Field Arty. Batteries can remember and he may even be closer than we think.

Would you believe we get many many requests for our patches, and histories from all over the world. Someone must have thought we did a good job fighting for the freedom we now enjoy.

WALTER E. DOERNBACH, Div. Hqs. Co. wrote a letter that would take up two pages regarding his 'Mini Reunion, with some of his company buddies and their wives. He was on vacation and went out in the middle west. After getting there called up Ronald K. Curtis in Granger, Iowa. Curtis suggested he get in touch with more of their buddies and arrange for a get-together. They first met Dave Anderson of St. Paul Minn., picked them up at the motel that evening and went out to John Reynold's house and from there to the Legion Hall and had cocktails, dinner and danced until 1:30 A.M. The next day they went shopping with Dave Anderson's wife (with sight-seeing thrown in); of course this was Minneapolis. By the time this was over they had found that Curtis and Romane Weis from Webster, Wisc. had checked in to join them. The Mini Reunion was arranged by Ronald Curtis and it goes to show what can be done with a little effort. They went out to Dave Anderson's house and from what Walt said, they must have had some kind of dinner prepared by Mrs. Anderson.

They reminisced about the war, and can you imagine the excitement. They had not seen each other since the War. Curtis brought along a picture album dating from Camp Shelby to the end of the war. Walt says: "At the Valley Forge reunion, due to the efforts of our CO, Bob Myers, Lt. Hahn from Denver, Tony Dastra from Reading, Pa., Albert Crisp from McAfee, N.J., Joe Wright from Forsyth, Mo. and Miller Harris from Phila., PA, attended. Some of these fellows I send Christmas cards to and the above mentioned, I haven't seen since 1945; does anyone have any doubts that we had a wonderful time? If you are doubtful, why don't you sit down and write to your buddies that you have not seen in a long time and make arrangements to go to the next reunion in Wilmington, Del. and I am sure there will be no doubts afterwards."

They had a terrible time getting Bob Myers on the phone but finally succeeded. There were six of them on extensions listening to Bob from Arizona. Bob said if he had known of the plans he would have flown in. Walt thinks more of the fellows should follow this example and get together for mini reunions... He says it takes planning but is worth every minute put into it. Walt writes: "I am writing this letter a few days before the Northeast Branch have their dinner dance meeting at the famous Nassau Inn in Princeton, N.J. and will give this letter to Loar Quickle. This is another example of comradeship among our 69th buddies and their families. You fellows who do not participate in any of the between-reunion activities can see what you are missing. Make it a point to be a part of the next one. Make your reservations now so you won't miss the fun. I understand they may be short of rooms. So get busy and meet our friends and buddies at the du Pont Hotel in Wilmington, Delaware this August.

## 661st TANK DESTROYERS HAVE RECORD ATTENDANCE

BRIG. GEN. GUS G. NAGY, Can. Co. 273 and 1104 Burns Avenue, Duquesne, Pa. 15110 writes to John Moriarty: "Dear John: Enclosed is my renewal for another year. Sure enjoy reading the news about the 69th Div.

I joined the Division April 1943 just out of Benning OCS and was assigned S-2 - 3rd Bn., 273. Was also adjutant in 3rd and 1st Bn. I rounded out my active reserve as the commandant of the Pan U.S.A.R. School and was promoted to Brig. Gen. Feb. 1, 1973 in the Penna. Guard.

My best to you and all who are trying to keep the 69th Association intact.

Gus G. Nagy . . .

ROBERT MYERS, Hdqs. Co., Div. Hqs. and Box 555, Sun City, Arizona 85351. Dear Loar: "Just a note before the publication of the pre-reunion bulletin for 1974 in Delaware which I plan to attend.

I'm sure you are aware of the true thrill and enjoyment I have experienced in attendance at the past two reunions. This has resulted in a genuine enthusiasm and desire to contribute toward making each subsequent reunion an even greater joy and success to more of our true buddies.

Accordingly, I invite a notice in the pre-1974 reunion bulletin requesting a response to the thought of holding our 1975 reunion away from the eastern seaboard. The enclosed map will show my reasons for this request as reflected in mail I have received from my boys. In addition, I have been disappointed at attendance from those in near proximity of the reunion site in the past two years. I'm in hopes 1974 in Delaware will correct this.

Al Carbonari and I visited the management at Mountain Shadows in Phoenix last November. They made us a terrific deal if we used their very plush facilities in 1975. I will equally support a reunion site at any other location our active membership requests.

Your able support is recognized and solicited and I look forward to seeing you and your lovely wife in Delaware in 1974. Warm regards,"

Bob Myers

*Eds. Note! We would all like to go out west for a reunion. We made a survey not too long ago and found out there would only be 50 persons attending if we went west. The membership west of the Mississippi did not even give us a good response. The 50 included the wives. It must be noted that more than 80 percent of our membership is living on the east coast, including as far down as Virginia. I do believe there are some companies in our 69th that have a large membership in certain areas other than the east coast. Every time we went out to the fringe of the 80 percent I quoted such as Atlanta and Cleveland the attendance fell off tremendously. However, times may be different now. You bring it up at the next reunion and let's thrash it out. Bob, I want the entire membership to know what a wonderful job you have done in bringing our Hqs. Co. men to the reunion. You have been fantastic. Keep it up.*

## BILL BESWICK 661ST T.D.ers SPEAKS

"Dear Loar: Just a few lines today, hoping that all your family are just fine. I am enclosing a letter like I sent out to our 661st members."

The letter reads: "Dear Fellow 661'ers: The annual reunion of the 661st T.D.ers 777th Tank Bn. and the 69th Inf. Div. Assoc. will be held at the du Pont Hotel, Wilmington, Del., Aug. 15, 16, 17 and 18, 1974.

You are urged to attend and meet some of you old army friends. Isn't there someone that you have often thought about and would like to see again? Write to them and have them meet you in Wilmington. That's what the reunions are all about.

Loar Quickle, G-271, 69th Div. is organizing a tour of Europe for July 1975. Have you thought about returning for a visit, then on to Torgau on the Elbe River, where we met the Russians in April 1945, 30 short years ago? (Seems like a dream, doesn't it?) Give some thought and join in the three week tour. There are several 661'ers planning to remake the journey. Two of our group went on the last one 10 years ago.

How about it? Can't we expect the pleasure of your company at the reunion this August? WE'LL LOOK FOR YOU!"

## OUR SUNSHINE GIRL

KATE REYNOLDS, G-271 writes: Dear Adele and Loar: "I would appreciate you putting the following notice in the next bulletin.

"DUE TO PAPER SHORTAGES AND STRIKES I DID NOT RECEIVE THE NEW ORDER OF CARDS AND ENVELOPES UNTIL NOVEMBER 29th '73. SOME OF THE PEOPLE ON THE BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY LIST THEREFORE, ONLY RECEIVED LITTLE NOTES FOR THEIR SPECIAL OCCASIONS. PLEASE ACCEPT MY APOLOGIES. WILL DO BETTER THE NEXT TIME AROUND.

Kate . . .

EDGAR LEWIS RCN. Co. 661st T.D.Bn and Rte. #3, Coshocton, Ohio 43812. Dear Sir: I am enclosing a postal money order for \$3. in payment of annual dues.

I am interested in hearing from any of the boys and officers of Rcn. Co. I enjoy reading your publication.

Would like to see the part of Germany we went through during the war. Thanking you, I remain, Respectfully yours.

EARL W. TRACY, JR., 6800 Park Ten Blvd., San Antonio, Texas 78213 and K-272. "Dear Loar: Thank you for your letter of October 8th. I think that you and some of the other fellows have really done a fantastic job on the organization and maintenance of the Div. Assoc. I remember that in talking to Gen. Reinhardt some years ago, he was quite proud of the fact that this Div. Assoc. was formed and that it had done as well as it has. He was also quite grateful to you and a few other fellows who have done so much work in the organization. I am writing to Clarence Marshall in care of the 69th Div. Assoc. and hope to get a list of K-272 members.

Thanks again for the information.

Earl



SOMETIME SOON! 777th TANKERS WILL BUST OUT ALL OVER!

PAUL McLEAN, HQS TROOP AND 124 LEMMON AVE., PEMBERTON, N.J. 08068 writes: Dear Sir: "I have been in touch with Clarence Marshall about a company book from the Fighting 69th. During the War I was with Hqs. Troop. During the battle of the bulge I carried ammo up to the Rhine River to Ft. Errinbreitstein.

As I told Mr. Marshall, someone stole my history of the 69th. He told me at one time you had a few left. If there is any way to get one with the back on or off, I would appreciate it. Yours truly . . . "

A copy was sent to Paul right away . . .

ROBERT L. ABNEY, Rte. #1, Harrison, Ark. 72601 and 777th Tand Bn. writes: "Dear Sir: I notice in the legion magazine that the 777th is having a reunion. I think I noticed last year they held one too.

I was in this Bn. from its start at Cp. Gordon, Ga. until it was disbanded at C. Luis Obispo, Cal. I was surprised somewhat at their having a reunion after so long but most of the boys had been together for 3 years, and we all felt like brothers.

I was a member of Co. C headquarters Platoon in Europe and drove the 105 MM assault gun tank with Sgt. FRED COLLINS of Pittsfield, Mass. as Commander. I hear from him at Christmas time and I have visited and heard from a number of the boys in my area of the U.S. Later, if you get this letter and want to know, I will write you of the ones I have heard from. I think of the old 3-7's often and of all the officers and men. After 30 we are not boys anymore and I suppose several are deceased. I remember Col. Zwiebel and our Co. Officers, Capt. Bragg, Lt. Ferguson, Bothfield, Fieroben and others I don't recall just now.

I doubt I could make the reunion, with gas problems as it is, etc., but I would certainly like to know anything about the boys, especially Co. C., the ones I knew best.

Any news about the boys or anything I would be glad to know, if it is your policy to answer mail, I'm sure you have a lot of it.

Thank you very kindly and give my regards and address to any boys who might remember me."

*Eds. Note! Bob, you were a part of the 69th Inf. Div. in combat and that is why our Association is making every effort for you and your firends to be a part of it. We already have the organization and it is a good one. This affords you and the rest of your 777th Tankers the opportunity to write as you have. Keep furnishing us with names and addresses and you will find instead of 8 or 10 couples coming, you will have 50 or 60 in a couple of years. We fought together, let us all play together.*

JOHN PASQUINO, 777th Tank Bn., 2105 S. Rundle, Lansing, Mi. 48910. "Dear Sir: I have not received the 69th Div. Bulletin for several months. Do you still have it? I enjoy reading all about our buddies very much.

GEORGE L. DENDLE, 21 Clyde Street, West Pittston, Pa. 18643 and 777th T.Bn. Dear Mr. Marshall: "What is the date for the reunion of the 777th Tank Bn. and where will it be held? . . .

RALPH KIKER, Box 208, Haven, Kan. 67543 and 777th Tank B. "Read in the American Legion magazine where the 777th Tank Bn. was having a reunion. I was in Hqs. Co. from the start to the finish. Would like to know where and when this will be. I need the proper forms to fill out and what I need to do.

Can you send me the names and addresses of any Hqs. Co. men that are going this year?

BENNIE H. AASEN, Co. L-273 and Bethel Lutheran Home, Williston, N.D. 58801. Dear Mr. Moriarty: "Enclosed find my check for the amount of \$10. I hope this is correct.

It is certainly good to have contact with the 69th division again and hope that in this way I will be able to locate some of the fellows that I knew. Thank you, yours truly . . . "

Anyone remembering Bennie, please write to him . . .

EUGENE EINHOUSE . . . No address in letter. "Dear Clarence: I read about a reunion of the 69th Inf. Div. in the March issue of the VFW magazine. Please send me more information about this meeting, if you can.

I was a member of the 271st Regt. so if this group is included I might like to attend.

DAVID S. STEELE, 416 No. Main St., Allison, Iowa 50602-B-881st Arty. "I am writing in regards to the August Reunion. I was in the 69th Div. 881st F.A. Bn., Batt. B. Will this group be at the Reunion? If so, would you please give me some information on the details of the Reunion in the self addressed envelope? Thank you."

RUSSEL W. MENGEL, Dir., Voluntary Sv., Veterans Administration Hospital, Lebanon, Pa. . . . Dear Mrs. Starry, "We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to you and the Auxiliary for the toilet articles, stamps, cards, pens, checkers, puzzle books, and candy donated to the Lebanon VA Hospital.

The hospital staff joins in thanking you and the members of your organization for your thoughtfulness and sincere interest in the welfare of the hospitalized veterans. Sincerely yours,"

THOMAS O'NEILL, 351 Kohner Ct., Santa Clara, Calif. 95050 and G-272 "Dear John: I seek a favor. Would you please contact your membership rolls and see if you can find the location of my good friend whom I have lost contact with.

Lt. Robert Levy, H-272

If you locate, please forward address to me as soon as possible. Thank you."

If not on roster, send Clarence his last address and he may try to locate him.

## GREAT WORK!! LADIES AUXILIARY!!

LARRY VAN ISEGHEM, 69th MP Platoon and 3505 Middle Cheshire Rd., Canandaigua, N.Y. 14424. Dear Loar: "It's been a long time since our last reunion and I did so want to write earlier about the good time my wife, Marge, and I had at the reunion. It was GREAT.

However, the main reason for writing and again I'm sorry it wasn't sooner, is to convey the thanks of the Veterans Administration Hospital here in Canandaigua to Harry and Dottie Starry and the whole Division Auxiliary upon the presentation of the wheelchair lap robe and pillow.

Mr. Arden Collins, Director of the VA Facility, remarked that this project is very much appreciated as lap robes are needed by all hospitals caring for the elderly patients. They would take all that they could get.

Mr. Collins had a picture taken of the presentation showing myself, Mr. Collins, and a resident of the Nursing Home Care Unit at the VA Hospital. I am enclosing a copy herewith.

Incidentally, this is a small world. Mr. Gilliar, the patient recipient of the robe, served with the 5th Inf. Div. in France in WW I and Mr. Collins was a Captain with the 5th Corps Arty. which was in support of our Division many times from the Rhine, through Kassel and to Leipzig. We had a great deal to talk about.

Hope to see all again at the next reunion. Best Wishes, Larry."

JACK JONES, 217 Dabney St., Orange, Va. and A-271 ... Dear Loar: "I sent Sol (Rosenblitt) a card today

with a note which I hope will cheer him up. This is most distressing news. I hope and pray they will be able to pull him through. The 69th reunions wouldn't be the same without old Sol!

We are O.K. ... David is working in Mass. so we're home alone now. How quickly they grow up and leave you.

Hope things are fine with you and Adele. Am looking forward to Wilmington in August and hope to see you all then. Margaret sends her very best. Jack."

D. J. SCHINDEHETTE, 69th QM Co. and 31229 Nantucket Row, Bay Village, O. 44140 ... Gentlemen: "I read with great interest in October's Bulletin Hy Goldstein's article concerning Wayne Springer's family.

Reading the article brought back a lot of fond memories to my wife and me, as we were Connie's and Wayne's nextdoor neighbors in Hattiesburg and developed a great friendship with them. We corresponded with Connie after the war, but somehow during our subsequent moves around the country we lost her address.

We would like to reestablish contact with Connie and would greatly appreciate anything you can do in sending us her present address. I am enclosing \$5.00 covering this year's dues. I wish I could express what a fine job I think the past and present officers are doing for our great association."



WW II 69TH INFANTRY DIVISION AUXILIARY REMEMBER VETERANS AT CANADAIGUA VA HOSPITAL

Shown above is Mr. Lawrence VanIseghem, Right, representative of WW II 69th Infantry Division, presenting wheelchair robe and pillow to Mr. John L. Gilliar, resident of the Nursing Home Care Unit at VA Hospital, Canandaigua, in the presence of Mr. A. L. Collins, Hospital Director, Left.



## WE NEED MORE MINI REUNIONS

E. A. JANUSKI, 1176 S. Myrtle Ave., Kankakee, Ill. 60901 and The Mortell Co., same address. "Dear Mr. Marshall: Please advise if the 69th Div. Reunion scheduled for August refers to the 69th Inf. Div. of World War II.

If so, will appreciate your sending me the details. Very truly yours."

LOREN L. NELSON, 777th Tank Bn. and Norma, N. D. 58766. "Dear Clarence: we noticed in the April issue of the American Legion Magazine that the 777th Tank Bn. was having an outfit reunion in August. I served in the 777th during WW II and would like information concerning this reunion. Thank you."

MRS. GEORGE D. BALLER, Little City Rd., Higganum, Conn. 06441. "Gentlemen: The 69th Div. Bulletin Vol. 27, No. 1, was just delivered and my husband would have enjoyed reading about the reunion. My husband, GEORGE D. BALLER, (Staff Sgt. 569th Sig. Co.) died on Nov. 13, 1973.

One of the greatest disappointments in his life was that he was unable to accompany the 69th Div. overseas due to a back injury that he had received in the Louisiana Maneuvers in July 1941. He had hoped to go with his outfit but was transferred "for the good of the army", and was finally discharged in Sept. 1944, wearing a back brace. We moved here to the country in order for him to recuperate.

Although his back pained him he never let anything get him down until Hodgkins Disease did that this year. Unfortunately most of his G.I. insurance will be used to pay the heavy medical expenses we have had this year, but I would like to send you this check for \$10.00, in his name, to be applied to the Scholarship Fund.

He enjoyed reading the bulletins, Very truly yours."

## PRINTING AND MAIL DELIVERY

Even though the Postal Department brags about improving the mail, it is not just so. Mail for the Northeast Chapter was mailed out six weeks before the event in Princeton from our Pittsburgh address and was not received by many of our members until after the Dinner Dance.

Some of our members in Penna., N.Y., and N.J. do not receive their bulletins for as high as 8 weeks after mailing from Pittsburgh. We hope they improve very soon. You may say, get the bulletins out sooner, however, it takes a long time to get enough material together for a bulletin. Our mail comes from many sources. Most of it is supplied by Clarence Marshall who is our Membership Chairman, from the treasurer, John Moriarty, the Scholarship Chairman, our President, and a few hard workers in some of the units, such as: Bill Beswick, Bill Matlach, Frank Nemeth, Walt Goeben, John Pontieri, Leo McGillen, George Phillips (a plenty) and a number of special contributors every once in a while. It would help if more contributions came from the individual companies. Just write me what is going on to get out Reunion Attendees. I'll take care of the rest. Do it now!

## MINI-REUNION HELD IN DES MOINES, IOWA

JACK R. BOOTS 1440 - 32nd St., Des Moines, Ia. 50311 and I & R Section of Hqs. Co., 3rd Bn., 271st Inf. writes: Dear Loar: "Enclosed is an item for the bulletin . . . had a slight delay in getting a good picture . . . hope this one works O.K.

We hope to be able to get together again and also would like to attend the Division Reunion again. Sincerely. Jack."

On Aug. 11, 1973, a mini-reunion of the I & R Section of Hqs. Co., 3rd Bn., 271st Regt. was held at the home of Jack Boots in Des Moines. It all came about as the result of one of the members' son being married in Dubuque, Iowa on the 11th of August. Communications were established between the members of the section, and all but three were able to make it. There was a buffet supper, old times and events were discussed until way into the night. This was the first time since the end of the war that some of these men had seen each other, although they have been in constant communication with each other for the past 26 years. Two of the members, Merrill Werts and Bob Gordier have been back to Germany and traveled the same roads that we traveled during the war. They were able to give us up-to-date information about the condition of that part of Germany and how it compares with the time we were there. They also had very good slides and pictures to show. On Sunday there was a barbecue in the back yard with steaks as the main part of the meal. Pictures were taken and talk of another get-together filled the air. All in all, those in attendance had a real good time. Those in attendance were:

MERRILL and DOROTHY WERTS, Junction City, Kan.

FRED and SANDE JACKSON, Evansville, Ind.

CALEB and BONNIE CHAPMAN, So. Sioux City, Nebr.

BOB and BETTY GORDIER, Minneapolis, Minn.

RAY (Barney) BARNETT, Canoga Park, Ca.

JACK and MARY BOOTS, Des Moines, the hosts. The Boots' children, Carol and Sam Wiese, Dean Boots, Harry and Anne Clark, Hendersonville, N.C. and their children: Susan, James and Shirley.

The picture below shows the men and their wives after the dinner on Sunday.



Mini-Reunion at Jack R. Boots Home

## SUPPORT OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**LYLE WAYNE AMER**, 515 Washington, Fort Scott, Kan. 6601 and B-n Tank Bn. Wife's name, Ethiel, Children: Carolyn, Diana and Jerry. Lyle is a Postal Employee. A Staff Sg. In.

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**ROBERT R. BENTLEY, SR.**, 19 E. Elm, Mercersburg, Pa., 1236 and Hqs Co. Tank Bn. states his wife's name is Margaret and his children, Robert, Jr., Ida Jean Bryan, Gary L. and Brenda. He is employed with Lowengart and Sons and is a machine operator. Besides children shown above, Bob has raised two foster children. One died three years ago at 39. His daughter, Brenda, is blind and is 21 years old. Entered Service in April, '49, left states December 1, 1944, left Germany June 30, 1945.

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**REGGIE O. VINSON** Rte. #1, West Point, Miss. and was a member of MP's. . . .

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## OUR LATEST SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Although our first news bulletin of this year announced that our 1973 Scholarship Award winner was Theresa Audino, little additional information was given about this outstanding young lady.

Theresa is the daughter of **JOHN AUDINO**, C-269 Engrs. She is a graduate of John F. Kennedy High School, Patterson, N.J., where she compiled a very fine scholastic record, ranking third in a class of 565. In addition to being an exceptional student, Theresa has participated in diversified extra-curricular activities covering the areas of journalism, dramatics, foreign languages, science and athletics. She was a member of the National Honor Society and represented her senior class in the school student government. Theresa plans to major in Dental Hygiene in her future studies at college. We are certain Theresa will continue to be a source of pride to her family and to our association, in the tradition of all our former award recipients.

As announced in previous bulletins, the 69th Inf. Div. Assoc. Scholarship Award is offered each year to children of former 69'ers. The total award is \$500. paid in four annual installments of \$125. . . For the child to be eligible, the 69er must have paid his dues for at least two of the last three years. So-o-o, 69ers . . . make sure your dues are up-to-date, and pay up your back dues if you are delinquent.

The Award is made primarily on the basis of scholastic ability. All applications are reviewed and analyzed by our consultant and advisor, Mary Drew, who is associated with the Educational Testing Service (College Board Div.), Princeton, N.J. Mary evaluates all applications submitted and presents her recommendations to our Scholarship Committee. Based on Mary's professional analysis the committee then makes the final selection of the award winner or winners. The Scholarship Committee is composed of the past presidents of the Association, together with the current President and Treasurer.

Announcements of the award and presentation of the initial \$125. payment generally takes place at the annual reunion. Subsequent payments are made annually as long as the recipient maintains satisfactory college grades.

We wish to emphasize that the scholarship program is financed entirely by the donations from our members. Please do not forget this worthy cause next time you pay your dues.

This year entrants must send their request to:

**LESTER MILICH**, 1402 Hopper Ave.

Fair Lawn, N.J. 07410

By . . . Chairman: William Matlach

*Eds. Note! It may be too late for you to apply from this information, however, we did have it in the first bulletin. The article above by Bill Matlach, gives the full details of how to apply, etc. Bill is our permanent chairman but took a leave of absence for this year. He is correct in saying this is a worthy cause. We plead with those of you who can well afford to send in a substantial contribution for this worthy cause. I might say, our goal is to build our fund up to an amount that will sustain it forever. At last announcement we have a very good start on this goal. We have a living memorial now, as you have read, let's make sure our Scholarship Fund becomes another memorial to our wonderful organization. H-E-L-P ! !.*

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*Theresa Audio, our 1973 Scholarship Award Winner*

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**DONALD W. DURST**, Anti-Tank 271 and 8 Glenview Terrace, La Vale, Md. 21502 writes: "I am writing requesting all the information you can supply me with concerning the Return to The Elbe Tour of 1975. Donald was a former member of Anti Tank Co. 271 Inf. We are interested but of course, we'll have to know more about it. We'd like to know the price on the itinerary shown in the June Bulletin. Sincerely, Emily and Donald."

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This bulletin will contain some information as well as the one before this one had some. We must have more commitments if it is to be a reality. Many members are interested but non-committed. Loar.

# FIGHTING 69th INFANTRY DIVISION



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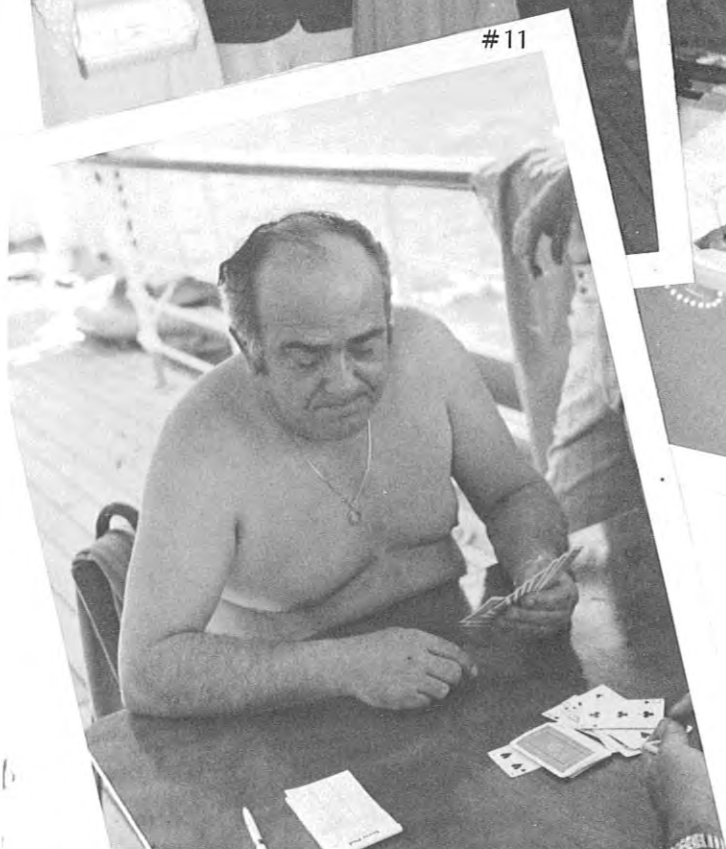
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27 69'ers made the Fly-Cruise of the Caribbean this year and the pictures on this page depict some of the more leisurely moments. All agreed they had unforgettable moments. Picture #5 shows JOHN & ELSIE LEDWIDGE having fun with JOHN MORIARTY. #6 shows RAY FAHRNER, KEN STEINEL, JOHN MORIARTY AND KEN'S Wife, HELEN. #7 is BILL and MIRIAM LILIEN. #8 is ROBERT & DORIS OBER, joshing with RAY FAHRNER. #9 is JEAN AND GEORGE SHAPIRO and ADELE QUICKLE. #10 is RUTH and STAN AUK when visiting the GEORGE PHILLIPS in St. Pete. #11 is our own President, AL CARBONARI enjoying a good game of cards with his old cronies from New Haven area.





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