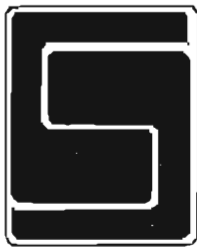


# FIGHTING 69TH INFANTRY DIVISION

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ELBE RIVER BRIDGE SINCE BEING REBUILT.....

The above pictures will bring back memories from April 25, 1945 of the famous meeting of Lt. Robertson's Patrol with his Russian Counterparts. This is one of the first pictures, if not the first, taken by Americans from a vantage point in the Castle window in which Robertson and his men viewed the Russians across the Elbe River. The Russians fired on them when they were spotted. Another photograph to be published will show where the pocked stone was repaired. It is plainly visible from the outside . . .

The East German Democratic Republic have opened the castle as a museum and one large hall has been devoted to the Famous Meeting. However, they failed to mount an American Flag alongside the large blown-up picture of General Reinhardt and the Russian General marching toward the River with hundreds of reporters, soldiers et al following. It is somewhat imposing. It is also good to report that 90% of the pictures were American copies. It would be better if the American and 69th Division flags were represented. I am sure everyone on the tour last summer will agree it was worth the cost of the tour just to be back there once again.

We were told by the Battle Monuments Commission Supervisor at the two (2) cemeteries we visited in Belgium and The Netherlands, that we are the only individual infantry division that honor our dead every year. This is done by placing a long stem red rosebud upright on every 69th soldier killed in action (those left buried over there) every April 25th each year. If you care to make contributions in memory of someone, or just a plain donation, send to John Moriarty our treasurer and so designate. We would appreciate every dollar given. It costs in the neighborhood of \$250. a year to keep this custom going.

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

## THE 1975 REUNION

For some reason or other, as we get older, members come in greater numbers early to the reunions. This year more came on Sunday before, others came on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before the official activities began. Some of the officers always come early to make preparations for the rush.

Our Golf tourney under the guidance of **CHUCK HERING** got off to a good start and according to the gossip, it was a lot of fun.

It is your editor's opinion, we had the best Early Bird dinner, since it began. Your president, **AL CARBONARI**, put in a lot of planning for it, and, we got to see the beautiful musical with an excellent cast for the price of just the dinner. Many people were very complimentary about it. The registration room was the focal point for all kinds of fellowship. Many new attendees hung around until someone showed up from their outfit.

One of the highlights of the attendance was the fact the 273rd regiment for the first time had a big turnout. In the past it was the 271st, now the 272nd and 273rd are increasing in numbers. If you attended in the past and did not have buddies there, try it now. But you should get in touch with your own buddies and let them know you are going to come.

For some of us who have worked hard in getting the 777th interested in their combat buddies, it was really heartwarming to see the wonderful attendance at this one. They swear they will have many more in 1976. Hear that you Tankers . . . Another big surprise was the attendance of so many Artillery members. The 724th Battalion lead the way. Someone must have been working very hard for 1975. They too, promised to have a larger attendance in '76.

As usual, the 661st TD's lead the way as far as a battalion was concerned. They had their usual big time. The 269th Engineers were right behind them. As far as companies were concerned, E-271, G-271, H-271, I-272, Hqs & Hqs, Div. Hdqs., lead the way in attendance. All of them promised a larger for our Reunion at the Brandywine Hilton near Chester, Pa. and Wilmington, Dela.

One of the most heart warming happenings was the sight of **GENERAL CHARLES E. BOLTE** arriving on Friday. I believe it is the first time other than a Saturday arrival by one of our Generals. He immediately put on his bathing trunks and took a dip in the pool. General Bolte mixes with the membership as though he were nothing but a former plain GI. Now you know why everyone loves him.

The Memorial Service was lead by General Bolte and our president **Al Carbonari** and it was very unique this time in that it was held inside at the General Douglas MacArthur Museum in Norfolk, Va. We had State Police escort us from Lake Wright Motor Hotel to the Museum down town.

All the local arrangements were made for the ceremony, plus the tours, by local area members, **JACK GOLDMAN** and **WILLIAM BESWICK**.

Window in Castle still shows damage where Bill Robertson was fired on. In foreground is Van Brocklin and Thysen .....

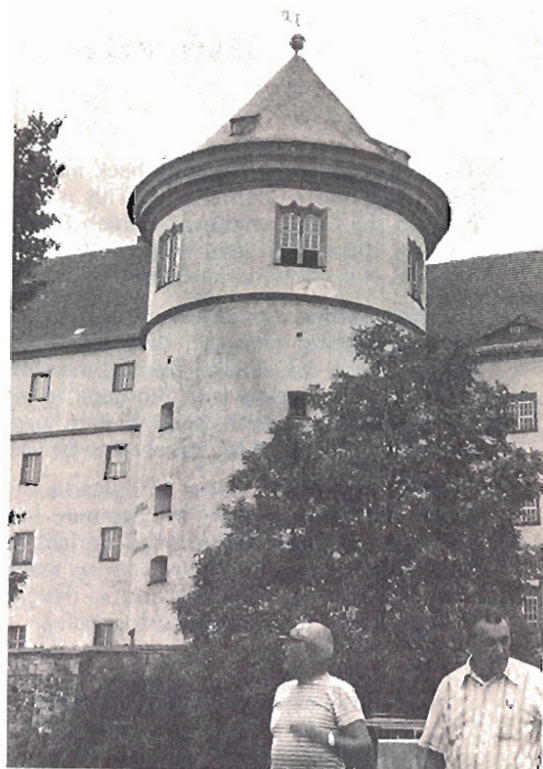
## OUR PLANS ARE BIG FOR 1976 REUNION

Our plans for the Reunion in 1976 are in the making by your president, **STANLEY OLSZEWSKI**, who was elected president at Virginia Beach, Va. at the last one. Stan and other officers are working very hard to make this one the largest since the turn-out at the first one. We have always drawn well in Philadelphia and this one is nearby as was Valley Forge. It is to be held at the Brandywine Hilton, Wilmington, Del. Don't let the name of Wilmington confuse you as the Hilton is in Delaware just across the Border of Pennsylvania, close by Chester. It can be easily reached from Philadelphia which is 20 minutes away, via route 13 or I-95. If you come down from the north take the N.J. Turnpike down to Chester, Pa. or I-295 in Jersey which is free. I-295 is the best way to travel if you are coming down from that area. Change from the Turnpike to I-295 at Burlington. The bridge at Chester is more accessible to 295 than the Turnpike. The Hilton is just a couple of miles after leaving Chester. The Room Rent is the same as promised at the Valley Forge Hilton who reneged on their price. By the way all major hotels in the Philadelphia area are getting from \$36. per day double and up. It is now reported that all the hotels in the area are sold out. If you stay a week (7 days) in the Brandywine and explore the exhibitions, etc. in the area in depth, they will charge you for 6 days or nights and the 7th one is free. This at our very good price of \$22. per night.

Because Philadelphia is the national Centennial city in 1976, we are going to extend our Reunion one day, beginning on Wednesday, August 18, 1976 thru Sunday, August 22. We intend to have a tour of Philadelphia on that Day, plus a night at the Brandywine Race Track in the evening. Many members have requested this at times when we are in cities where races are held.

There is to be the usual Early Bird Dinner Thursday evening, The Fellowship night with dancing, etc. on Friday evening, the usual meetings for business and the Banquet and dance on Saturday and Memorial Services at Valley Forge, Pa., with Sunday the Get-A-Way Day.

We will have more complete details in the next bulletin





## DO YOU KNOW HARRY AUSTIN AT 272?

Every once in awhile we run some sort of a commendation on one of our members and this one is on Harry. To give a short background on his efforts in the Fighting 69th Inf. Div. Assoc., let me say that Harry was one of the main forces back in 1962 when the association was sort of reorganized with a membership campaign and new methods employed to build up nest egg in our wonderful Scholarship Program. Harry personally solicited funds from his friends and suppliers. The amounts he received aided us in giving two Scholarships one year and two the next year. Ever since he gave us his assistance in the program it has prospered and is on real good grounds.

This year, Harry, Jr. won one of the Scholarship awards. We think it was great! Harry, Sr. should be justly proud. Harry's wife, Roseann, has always been active in the Ladies Auxillary too. The following was sent in by the Pittsburgh Branch of our National Association.

### 69TH INFANTRY DIVISION PITTSBURGH PEOPLE

HARRY G. AUSTIN, has been installed as president of the Smaller Manufacturers Council, a trade association of nearly 600 small manufacturing companies. Austin is president of James Austin Co. of Mars, Pa. was installed at the groups 30th Annual Banquet on October 3, 1975.

GEORGE J. ROUP was elected and installed as Surgeant at Arms at American Legion Post No. 351 for the 21st consecutive year. He is also chairman of Graves Memorial, the Memorial Day marking of over 2500 graves at Pittsburgh's Homewood Cemetery.

Back to Harry Austin . . . The copy of an article sent me by one of the Pittsburgh members certainly typifys HARRY SUSTIN AS WE ALL IN THE 69TH Association know him. Harry, congratulations are in order from all of us. The article appears on this page . . .



RUSSIAN MONUMENT ON THE ELBE . . .

Front Row: Jos. Patay, William Snidow, Loar Quickle, Cliff Blank and Jim Opp. Second Row: Ray Van Brodtklin, Millard Carter, Robert Anderson, John Moriarty, Jos. Selb, Ed Stagg, Ray Fahrner and Bill Lien. Last Row: Donald Durst, Ray Wolthoff, Walter Hart and Jack Thyssen

# Boss gives bonus, workers clean up

MARS (UPI) — What do you say to a boss who gives you a week's bonus because the company recorded the highest annual sales in its history?

The 160 employees of the Austin Co., a manufacturer of household cleaning products, 23 miles north of Pittsburgh, showed their gratitude by cleaning up the plant, weeding, planting and improving the property on their own time.

"Everybody went along with the idea," said Walter Chiplock, foreman of the blow mold department.

### All Day

"Some of us began working at dawn and were relieved by others at noon. The second clean-up crew worked until dusk. We thought this was the best way of showing our appreciation for the Austin's generosity."

Harry Austin, president of the firm, was surprised by the tribute.

"Our gross sales for the fiscal year ending June 30 hit \$6 million, the highest ever," Austin said. "We decided to give the workers the extra week's pay so they could help the economy of the community. We were startled by the workers' response to the bonus."

This Butler County community is located in a fertile agricultural area. The merchants in Mars and the surrounding towns said the bonus helped improve the economy.

### Cleaned Debris

The workers cleaned the debris from Break Neck Creek that runs alongside the Austin plant. They removed the trash from the banks and then entered the plant where they cleaned the equipment.

The Austin firm has a tradition of innovations. Several years ago it instituted a four-day, 40-hour week to permit employees to enjoy the weekend. An "Explorer" program was instituted which provides on-the-job training for high school students interested in computers.

Under a continuing education program, any employee wishing to enroll in colleges in Butler and Allegheny counties will receive funds from the company for the first semester tuition.

HAVE YOU CONTRIBUTED YET  
TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND ????????

## STAN OLSZEWSKI — NEW PRESIDENT

President AL CARBONARI awarded plaques of achievement and faithful service to the Fighting 69th member workers, who were: Katherine Reynolds, our "Sunshine Girl," Col. Robert Meyers, the spark plug for the western members and the Hqs. & Hqs. Co. Division member responsible for their wonderful turn-out the past few years.

Our new president, STANLEY OLSZEWSKI, presented a plaque to Albert Carbonari for the wonderful work he had done the past two years. Two other plaques are being held until the members show up at the next reunion.

It is good that our presidents give awards to the members responsible for the work they have done in keeping our association alive. We are very fortunate to have members such as them to give enough of their time to keep us alive. They have done a good job of devotion and development of our organization . . .

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## SAUL SHERMAN PASSES AWAY

Saul Sherman whom many of us new very well because along with his wife, Ursula, participated in the first Return to the Elbe in 1965. They both were very wonderful persons as many of us can attest to from our many conversations during the tour. Saul was an engineer working on a project when he was evidently electrocuted in an accident. Ursula sent along a check for the Scholarship Fund as a donation to Saul's memory. God Bless You Ursula.

MARVIN E. KAHLE/Co. D. 273 Reg. T-5

362 4th St. Gaylord, Minn., 55334

Wife - Grace

Children - Patricia, Pauline, Thomas, David, Michael

"Chiropractor, 25 years. Two daughters married. Two sons in the Navy. One son in school."

PHILIP L. KORNER, JR. (Deceased)

206 Clifton St., Kernersville, N. C., 27284

"Deceased — January 12, 1974"

(Mrs. Philip L. Korner, Jr.)

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*Former 69th Members that are Deceased —*

*Hq. Divarty*

*Philip Korner, 206 Clifton, Kernersville, N. C.*

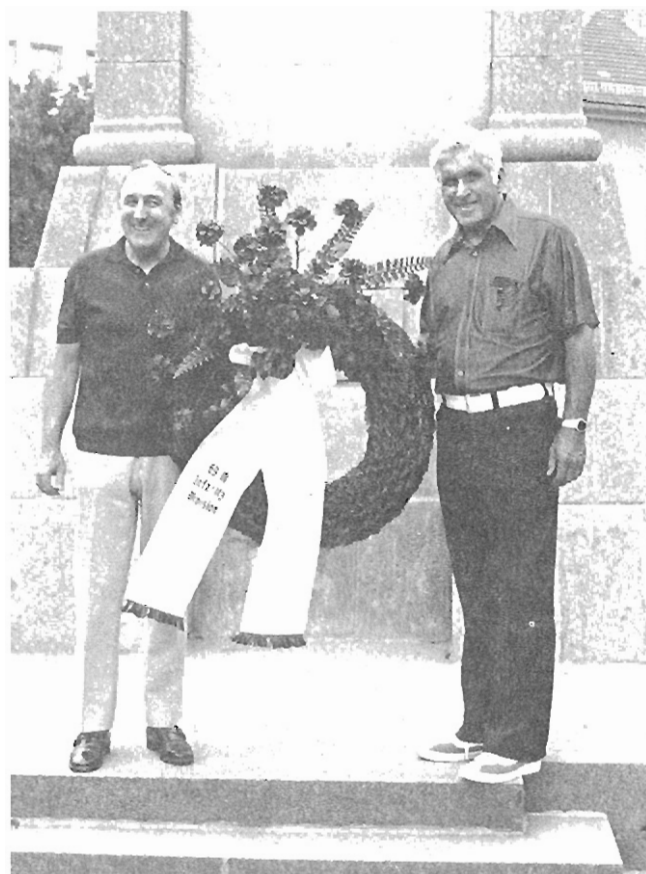
*Branislaw Gruin, 411 Main St., Steelton, Pa.*

*James Copeland, 806 Hill St., Archbald, Pa. (D-273)*

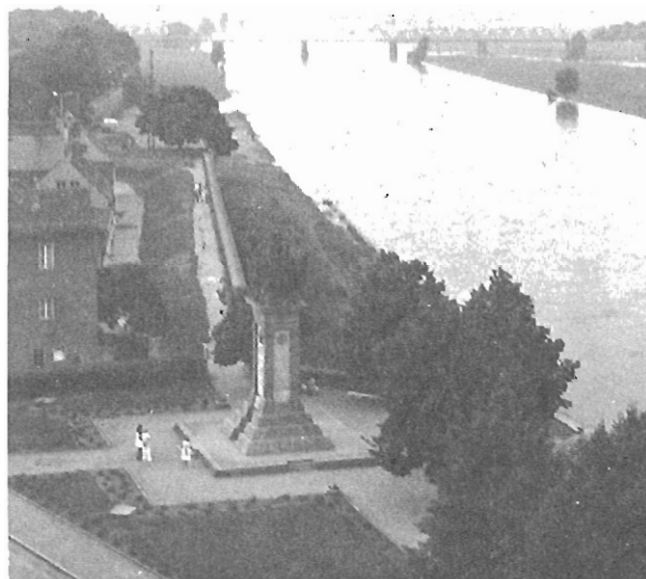
*John E. Loyless, 10 Edendale Avenue, Providence, R. I.*

*Henry Kaminski, 117 E. Saylor St., Atlas, Pa.*

Looking down Elbe from window in Torgau  
Palace from which Lt. Robertson was fired  
on by Russian Soldiers.....



John Moriarty and Joe Selb just before laying  
the wreath in ceremony at Torgau in July '75



Dear Mr. Witzleb: "I am writing to you in response to your very nice letter you sent to my father, Edwin Myers. I am his son, Donnie. Unfortunately, Dad died on July 17, 1971. I'm sure he would have loved to attend the reunion of the Fighting 69th and see his buddies. I am moving out west in a few days and I pass near McKeesport, Ill., look you up. Thanks again for your friendly letter. Sincerely, Donnie."

EDWIN MYERS was from Winchester, Va., and served with E-273.

VERNON WIRTH  
8330 W. Concordia Ave., Milwaukee, Wis., 53222  
(414)442-9664

"Just received the July issue of the Legion Magazine and I saw the notice of a reunion for August of the "Lucky Triple Sevens." Sort of a coincidence as I have been going through some of my old papers on preparing a short article for our Milwaukee paper of an issue they plan to publish sometime later this year on what it was like in WWII. Having been a member of Co. A. since the Bn. was formed out of the 10th A. R. Div., I would sure like information concerning the reunion and would pass it along to a number of the former members living in the Milw. Chicago and mid West area as I keep in touch with at least a dozen of them. Hoping to hear from you soon so I can see if I can't get some from here to attend."

P. H. SHIRLOCK  
5879 Walnut Avenue, Chino, Cal., 91710  
"I am writing in regards to the reunion of the 69th Div. I was a member of the 769th Ord. and am interested in possibly attending. Also would appreciate it if you could supply me with the names and addresses of the members of the 69th who reside in Southern Calif. Thanking you in advance. Sincerely, PHS."

RICHARD NEBIOLO  
121 Dune Lane, Barnegat, NJ, 08005  
"I was a T-4 Sgt. in Service Co. "Mechanic" 273rd Inf. 69th Div., would like very much for all information, seems a very long time but would be very interesting since I never checked on the outfit before. Thanking you. R. N."

ARTHUR L. RICHART  
2004 N. Bay Drive, Warsaw, Ind., 46580  
"I read your plea for shoulder patches in the June '75 69th bulletin. I can't help very much but am enclosing three of them - I had to save a couple just for old memoirs. I joined the 69th on May 6, 1944 at Camp Shelby, went overseas with them and when the 69th was deactivated I was sent to the 29th and stayed overseas another year. There is certainly a lot of memories to be re-hashed and I enjoy the 69th bulletin very much except I don't recognize very many names. I expect though that is because my old outfit, 69th QM Co. is not too active in the organization. Hope you can use the patches to good advantage. Regards, ALR 69 QMC"

JOHN YOUNG, SR.  
39 Stonewall Drive, West Chester, Ohio, 45069  
"Will you please send me particulars on up coming reunion of 69th Div. in August. Thank you. I am - was a member of 69th in WWII."

ANDREW LA PATKA  
211 W. Fairmont Ave., New Castle, Pa., 16105  
"I am writing about the article in the New Castle Pa. newspaper about the 69th Div. and the units attached to them during the second World War when they met the Russians in Germany. I would like to get more information about the Reunion being held in Norfolk, Va. in August. This is the first time I knew about such a Reunion. I was a member of Co. D 777th Tk Bn attached to the 69th Div. During the campaign when the link up with the Russians was made. I know of a

few others who were with us in that campaign. I would like to go after 30 years that is why I would like more information. Thank you, Andy."

From our "Sunshine Girl" - SHORTY & KATE  
Dear Adele & Loar: "Hope this finds you both feeling well. Sure did miss you Adele at the Reunion. We enjoyed ourselves all but for the heat. Since we don't have air conditioning at the house it didn't bother me too much. We have another grandson born yesterday in Baltimore, 8 lbs., 22 oz., Jason Ryan. Were glad this one was a boy because they said they only wanted 2 children. Am glad they have someone to carry the Reynolds name. Guess you have a grandchild by now. Loar said Loren's wife was expecting. Just wanted to write you a note to tell you we missed you. Have to write to Mary Seatina. She was going in the hospital on Monday, August 25th. She looks terrible. She promised to let us know what they found out but hasn't yet so guess I'll have to jar her memory. Write & let us know how you are doing. Love, Shorty & Kate."

FRANCIS T. MARSHALL/"A" 879th F. A.  
Rt. 3, Box 419, Reidsville, N. C., 27320  
"Just after the war we got a small book on the history of the 69th Div. When you go to the reunion in a couple of weeks suggest the idea that we have a bigger, more complete history published. There are still most of the men living and this would be a good time to develop the project. Gen. Bolte could tell how to get some of the Army photos. Then have a campaign to get the men to send in photos of places and outfits, at least some of them could be used. Also, have as many as will to write up events and adventures they had during the 69th days and have the best included in the book. This book would be the 69th as we remember in photo and stories. 30 years have passed already, don't wait too long. Sincerely, FTM"

ELIZABETH DETRICK  
3181 Chestnut St., Murrysville, Pa., 15668  
"Please excuse my rather belated response to your letter of August 3, 1975. I would appreciate it very much if you would change my name on your addressograph plate to "Elizabeth Detrick." My address remains the same as it was before I remarried. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of the correspondence and news items that I receive and I'm especially grateful that I still have the privilege of contributing to your worthwhile scholarship fund on behalf of my late husband. Sincerely, E. D."

X BOBBIE RAY JONES/Co. D. 273 Inf. PFC  
Box 663, 111 W. 10th, Texas, 79086 (Sunray)  
Wife - Reta Ruth Jones  
Children - Bobbie, Jr., Brenda Ruth, Gary Neal, Ronnie Joe.  
"Married in 1947, one son Mgr of Dumas Tex Airport, one son in college in Okla. Daughter married, I have my own Crop Spraying Co. I run three airplanes. I have been a flight instructor and Comm. pilot since 1950. I don't remember very many guys that I was with. I have seen Robert Harris that was in my Co. He did live in Roanoke, Texas but it has been so long I was very glad to hear from you. Maybe I will remember some of the men if I see their names. Boy that has been a long time. Hoping to hear from you. Sincerely, Bobbie."

LLOYD A. HULBREST  
1530 N.W. 88th Ave., Portland, Or., 97229  
Wife - Helen  
Children - Ernest, Tim  
"Worked 23 years for Oregon Steel Mill now disabled with a bad back. Have one son married and one going to Portland Community College."

**P.H. SHIRLOCK**

Calif. Correctional Officers Assoc.

(7/24/75) Dear Clarence: It was with a great deal of pleasure I received your letter and the June 69th bulletin. I also have received a letter from Hugh Arnott who lives in Northern Calif. Surprisingly enough we both are state employee and are going to get together soon, as I have a son I visit often living in the same area. We migrated to Calif. from Conn. almost 20 years ago and lost touch with war time buddies after attending one reunion in New York many years ago. I have been in contact with one 769th Ord. friend whom also lives in Southern Calif. His name is Joe Zuffante, formerly of Boston. I would appreciate any information regarding membership and regret that the Va. trip will not be possible this year but I have already sent a letter to Bob Meyers in Sun City and am anticipating the West Coast area in 1977. Sincerely, P.H.S."

**STAN THOMPSON**

2712 S. 17th St., Phila., Pa., 19145

(5/7/75) Dear 69er: "You have finally found me after all these years. In fact years ago I inquired if there was an Association being formed and I was interested in joining and also getting a Division History book: if they were going to print one I heard nothing so I joined the 29th Division Association. After all these years I have forgotten names, places and things. When I was sent as a replacement to the 29th Division, I met a neighborhood buddy of mine, which is now the Adjutor of the Phila. Post-Post 92. You did not sign your name to the note that was enclosed with the February Bulletin so I do not know who to thank but I am interested in joining the Association. Maybe not as an active member but proud to be associated with the old Division. When my father sold our house on Spring Garden St., we left the new address for mail to be forwarded at the Post Office. I do not understand why they "tossed the mail out." Hope to hear from you real soon. Thanks again, S. T. " P.S.: My buddy (The Post Adjutant) Jim McClellan asked me if he could have the "bulletin", he'll send the 29er to you. Thank you again!

**D. ANDERSON**

2063 Marion St., St. Paul, Minn., 55113

Hi Capt. Bob: "I will drop you a few lines before you leave for this years Reunion. I think it would be a good idea to hold next years meet in the West. I'm sure a lot of the boys in the Midwest and West would attend and I don't think it would make that much difference to the boys in the East that want to attend. Once you get on a plane distance doesn't mean much. I know I would try and make it. We have a lot of friends in Phoenix we have always planned to visit so that would be another reason to go. I got a kick out of the last bulletin. They gave us quite a write up about our 'Mini Reunion'. Too bad you didn't know about it so could have been there. Really it all happened pretty fast. I guess thats the best way to get things done. I hadn't seen Walt since I left the service but he hadn't changed much. He can still sting a little bull. We had a real nice visit and hope we can do it again. We plan on going down to see Ronie sometime this fall. It is only about 200 miles to his place from here. I always thought he was tops and so is his wife. We have quite a change in weather here the last days. It has been hot and dry but the last 2 days we have had rain and the temp is down to 55, feels good tho. I'm still busy and working 50 or 58 hours a week, the Company I work for is small but growing. They have built on twice since I moved up. My family loves this area and I guess that means a lot. Well Bob, guess this will be all for now. Say hello to the boys at the reunion. As ever, Dave."

**MRS. WILLIAM R. (Joyce L. Phillips) PHILLIPS**

910 Strath Haven Ave., Swarthmore, Pa., 19081

Dear Loar: "Unfortunately, Bill and I will not be able to join you and the others on the European trip this July. Bill has not

been well since Christmas and at the present time is in bed with a horrible case of flu. The doctor does not think it advisable for him to take such a strenuous trip-particularly out of the country. We both are very disappointed that we are unable to make the trip. We'll be thinking about you and hope that all have a wonderful time. Sincerely . . ."

**JAMES A. EIBLING**

1380 Camelot Drive, Columbus, Ohio, 43220

Dear Loar: "Because I was wearing my 69th Division tie clasp to a solar energy meeting in Charlottesville, Va. I found another 69th Division member (Paul Duckworth, 272 Inf. Regt.) who did not know that we had an "Association." I am sure he would be eager to hear from a 272 buddy and to join our unit. Probably he would be interested in the Reunion in Va. Beach, Aug. 21-24. His address is Paul F. Duckworth, 2310 Langhorne Rd., Lynchburg, Va., 24501 - Ph. 804-847-9192. Thank you and my best wishes to you." P.S.: By now I guess you know I'll not make the trip to the Elbe because of business problems.

**R. R. SHAY**

RD 3, Box 265, Emlenton, Pa., 16373

Dear Mr. Marshall: "In reading the June 1975 issue of the VFW magazine, I found the 69th Inf. Div. was having a reunion in Norfolk, Va. of this year. My husband, Russell R. Shay, was a Staff Sgt. in the 69th Inf. Div. in the 271 Regt. Co. K. He was in the service from 1944 to 1946. We have watched both the VFW and the Legion magazines for this reunion. We would like very much to come down for this reunion. We could leave here on the 22nd of August and return on the 24th. Please send any information we need concerning reservations and etc. Thank you very much, Russell R. Shay."

Sir: "Please send me as much literature as possible on the 69th Div. Also information as to the upcoming reunion in Va. Beach. I am a native of Lancaster, Pa. having enlisted in the Army April 1940." This note and a check for dues sent to me by John J. DeVink, 301 Dearborn St., Hattiesburg, Miss., 39401, no unit given. Must have seen our ad in a Vets Magazine - Clarence

**CLARENCE F. BURKE/'G' 272nd**

1813 James St. Monroeville, Pa., 15146

Dear Clarence: "Ever since the Wilmington Reunion I had intended dropping you a line about the listing of Association members. At Wilmington, I browsed through the listing that was available at the registration table but as I recall this was sorted by Zip Code. The thought occurred to me that if the list could be key-punched onto std IBM cards we could then sort and generate lists by name, outfit, state, etc. which I felt might be more convenient. If you do not now have this capability I'd like to try and dot it, if you could provide me with a copy of the existing list or at least let me know or borrow (enough to make a copy). If you feel this is a worthwhile thought then send list to my home address given above. If you have any questions, you can reach me at home 824-8374 or work 256-5376. Sincerely yours, CFB."

*Ed's note: Burke did have a new roster in the method he proposed at this years Reunion and it was really great!*

**DON & EMILY DURST**

8 Glenview Terrace, La Vale, Md., 21502

Dear Loar & Adele: "A short note to say Hi and to say thanks for all the advance planning and arranging you must have done to make the Fighting 69th Tour of Europe such a lovely experience for us. It is probably the only occasion we would have ever had to meet and enjoy all the 69th men and their wives who were with us there. We had such a pleasant vacation that returning to our normal pace of life will be filled with lovely memories of our tour. Again Thanks, Sincerely, Don & Emily Durst."



ROBERT A. PARSONS/Bn. Hq. 777th Tk. Bn. Corporal  
RD 1, Palmerton, Pa., 18071

Wife - Sophie

Children - Robert Jr., Patricia Ann, Joanne

"Went back to work for New Jersey Zinc Co., after discharge.

Had been in Army Reserve, Federalized in 1950 and 1951 as  
Cadre for 318th Tk. Bn. to Camp Polk, La. Love trout and bass  
fishing. Sure would love to join the Association."

GLEN H. BOOKMYER/Co. D. 273 Regiment  
301 Front St., Upper Sandusky, Ohio, 43351

Wife - Sally Irene, Deceased 9/11/71

Daughter - Teresa Daulton

Grandchildren - Jennifer, Christopher

"Chemical Business, Bit Chemical Company, Owner, Chlorine,  
soaps, iodine, and other laundry supplies."

VIRGIL W. MUELLER/D. 273

759 2nd St., S.W., Perham, Minn., 56573

Wife - Allene

"I have worked for the State of Minn. as District Forester at  
several locations since discharge from Army."

STANLEY G. THOMPSON/Co. E, 273 Reg. ? 1945, Corp.  
2712 S. 17th St., Philadelphia, Pa., 19145

ARTHUR L. AYRES, SR./Co. D. 273

135 Western Ave., Morristown, N.J., 07960

Wife - Kathe B.

Children - Arthur L. Jr., Kenneth B., Adrienne Lee

"I am now working on the Bicentennial Project at Joskey  
Hollow Park, constructing Rest Area's. I have been in Labor  
Unions for last 25 years in the Morristown area for Industrial  
Buildings. Am moving to Florida in October for the winter  
months. I have been a volunteer fireman for the past 27 years.  
I have one grandchild. My temporary address will be 171 N.W.,  
Midway Blvd., Port Charlotte, Fla., 33950."

S/Sgt. JOHN E. LOYLESS/D. 273

Deceased July 10, 1970

"We regret to inform you that S/Sgt. John E. Loyless died  
July 10, 1970. He was living at that time in Glendora, Calif.  
His widow's present address is 402 Poppy Lane, Glendora,  
Calif. 91740. John was a wonderful person loved by all.  
Sister-in-law, Ruby M. DiMose."

JAMES E. ROGERSON/273 Inf. Div. Cpl.

Rt. 1, Kenly, North Carolina, 27542

Wife - Creeia O'Neal

Children - Ellen Watson, Anne Williams, James E. Jr.,  
Nancy Faber

"Children married - 4 granddaughters (5,3,2,1). Have been  
actively engaged in farming since my discharge. Also have a  
full time business in a General Store selling groceries, hardware,  
feeds, seed, and fertilizer."

JOSEPH T. KASSEL/Hdq. & Hdq. Co. T/5

405 Anderson Ave., Phoenixville, Pa., 19460

Wife - Ida Divarty

Children - John, William, Elizabeth

"All my children are married, two grandchildren. I am a Chief  
Draftsman for Giambrune's Drafting, Lansdale, Pa. Worked  
with Boy Scouts and Youth Organizations plus 9 years on area  
school board."

CHARLES E. HOEFER/Co. D. 273 Inf. S/Sgt.

RD 1, Box 364, Red Hook, N.Y., 12571

Wife - Bertha C.

Children - Paul C., John A.

"Been Dairy farming since discharge to '73. Sold herd and am  
now raising heifers beef, grain and hay. Son Paul is working the  
farm mostly. I am working part-time for a Case Equipment  
dealer in Red Hook. John is a farmer and helps out around the  
place on which he also raises Appatousa horses."

MICHAEL J. O'MALIA, SR./D.Co. 1st Bn. 273 Inf.

709 High St., Petersburg, Va., 23803

Wife - Ruth

Son - Michael J. Jr.

"U. S. Army Retired."

STEPHEN E. BRION/D. Co. 273 Inf.

63 Ontario St., Corning, N.Y., 14830

Wife - Marian

Children - Cathy, 18 and Gary, 15

"Locomotive Engineer on Penn Central Railroad."

THOMAS K. BLACK/Co. D. 273 Inf.

Rt. 2, Box 160, Jefferson, Iowa, 50129

Wife - Leolz

Son - Thomas K. III and Robert F.

"Graduated University of Missouri, B.S. in Business  
Administration, Farm Mgr. and Operator."

WILLIAM JOHN HILL/Co. D. 273, Sgt. 1st.

3331 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis, Minn., 55408

Wife - Ida B. Hill

Children - John, William, Robert, Mary M.

"Son John C. Hill is in the Service. I served in the Korean  
conflict, have been employed by Chicago and Northwestern  
R. R. since discharge in 1951."

PAUL CORNBEIN/Co. D. 273 Inf., Pvt.

431 Vanderbilt Ave., Niagara Falls, N.Y., 14305

Wife - Elaine

Children - Herschel, Joel, Lance, Lori

"School Teacher, Real Estate Salesman."

ROBERT EDWARD HARRIS/Co. D. 273 Inf. P. F. C.

600 Main St., P.O. Box 148, Roanoke, Tx., 76262

Wife - Mary R.

Daughter - Donna R.

CHARLES L. ENSMINGER/D. 273, Staff Sargent

2511 Royal View Dr., Allison Park, Pa., 15101

Wife - Noralee

Children - Debbilee, Charles Jr., Jeffrey

JAMES EDWARD ADCOCK/Hq. 69th Art. P.F.C.

Rt. 3, Iuka, Miss., 38852

Wife - Beatrice

Daughter - Linda

"Farming, public working but am now retired due to bad  
health. Just fishing some, my wife and me. I haul one."

*Hello John:* Hope this short letter finds you in the best of  
health. I'm sorry I missed the reunion, you won't believe it  
but I went to Hotel Dupont the following weekend thinking  
it was the weekend of August 23. I even had a hotel reserva-  
tion. Where is the reunion next year? Hope to see you then,  
I miss the old gang, I always look forward to seeing all the  
fellows. Your pal, Mike Kutzmonich, Wapwallopen, Pa.

ARTHUR L. RICHART

2004 N. Bay Drive, Warsaw, Ind., 46580

"I was with the 69th Division, Q.M. as a Lt. at Shelby for  
about eight months - went overseas with the Div. England  
and then Belgium, France and Germany. When the 69th  
disbanded I went to the 29th Div. and from there to various  
service companies until August of 1946 when I was separated  
from the service. With about 15 mos. with the 69th. I saw a  
lot of men come and go and I remember so few - perhaps  
someone remembers me. Enclosed find check for 1974-75  
dues and the Scholarship Fund."

NICHOLAS LODEN/

174 Carlton Ave., E., Rutherford, N.J., 07073

"Hello John, I met you at the Wilmington Reunion. That  
was my 1st, I had a very nice time. Also was introduced to  
Loar, Stanley, Al, Clarence. Pardon the first names, but

**RICHARD SCHARPHORN**

3717 Byron Center Ave., South, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49509  
would like to hear from his former buddies who served with him  
in A-271. Especially Dean Hurley of Buchanan, Mich.

**JOHN W. HERRICK/V.** Ac. Sec. 5, 2nd floor, Bath, N.Y., 14810  
B-879

"Sir: I am a resident at the V.A. Center in Bath, N.Y. I have a  
nervous disorder. I have been refused twice for a pension which  
I think is unfair. I served with the 879th F.A. all thru the E.T.O.  
and spent six months in Berlin after the war. My claim number  
is C-15-466-764. Would it be possible for the Div. Assoc. to help  
me with this? Yours truly, John W. Herrick."

**CARL FRITCH**

Rt. 1, Mertztown, Pa.

"Sorry about my dues being late. Enclosed find check. Would  
like to report the death of my 569th buddy, Peter Labyak. We  
were together in Radio Sec. from activation to the Elbe. I visited  
with him last fall in Summit Hill, Pa. (his home). A month or  
so later he passed away while trying to assist his mother who had  
fallen downstairs he suffered a heart attack. As a result both Pete  
and his mother were dead when help arrived. Would enjoy hear-  
ing from members in the Radio Section 569 Signal Co. Really  
enjoy your publication. Carl A. Fritch, Radio 569 Sig. . ."

**M/M RAYMOND WOLTHOFF**

5609, 14th Ave., South, St. Petersburg, Fla., 33707

"Dear John: Just a short note hoping this finds you recovered  
from our trip to Europe and well rested for the Reunion at  
Lake Wright, Va. Beach. I've held off writing before this, hop-  
ing we'd make the reunion but find now it will be impossible  
at this time to ask for more time off. So now I'm planning our  
vacation around next year's reunion '76 in Phila. Enclosed are  
a few pictures of our trip, thought you'd like them for remem-  
brances and also a sheet with all our addresses and including  
wife's names. Now at least I'll expect a Christmas card and if  
ever in Fla. around St. Pete be sure and give us a call. As soon  
as you know how much dues are for the coming year kindly  
inform us and a check to cover the amount will be mailed so  
Ray can have a current dues card. Sending Ray Fahrnu some  
pictures. We'll be thinking of you all at the Reunion. As the  
saying goes, "Have a drink for us! Your friends of the Fighting  
69th, Ray & Alice Wolthoff."

**DOLLY & CLIFF BLANK**

Victoria, Texas

"John: The tour of Europe July 1975 was a great holiday trip  
for us. We want you to know it's great to meet people like you  
and the entire 69th tour group. It was such fun and we are  
pleased to have been a part of it. Thank you for helping make  
our trip well worth while and we sincerely hope we can join the  
69th again for another vacation. We want to keep in touch.  
It was not possible for us to attend the Reunion in Norfolk.  
We were there in '72 and really enjoyed it. The tour was very  
interesting and we hope to meet the entire group again. Your  
Texas friends, Dolly & Cliff Blank."

*From the girl the Chamber of Commerce sent to help at the  
Registration Desk in Lake Wright.*

"Dear John: Thanks so much for your hospitality and the  
money. I really enjoyed working with the Fighting 69th. Your  
group was one of the best I've worked for. Never a dull moment,  
thanks to you. I hope your group enjoyed your stay and would  
like to return. Please disregard the misspelled words and bad  
grammar but that's one of my worst subjects. The next time  
you're in the area for another reunion I would be glad to work  
for you again. Thanks much and see you later. Sincerely yours,  
Mary. (Have a nice day)."

**GENE TABACCHI/B-881**

349 E. Second St., Beaver, Pa., 15009 (letter for) Clarence

Marshall, 69th Inf. Div. Assoc., 101 Stephen St., New Kensington,  
Pa., 15068.

"Dear Clarence: The literature may already have been forwarded  
and missed by me, but to the best of my knowledge I haven't  
seen anything pertaining to application for the 69th scholarship.  
I am keenly interested in it this year. I have a daughter who is a  
junior at Clarion State; twins who are seniors at Beaver Area  
High School, and another son who is a high school sophomore.  
My daughter Paula who will graduate in June from Beaver  
Area High School, I feel is worthy of consideration for the  
scholarship at the present time. The end of the second six week  
period, she ranks second in a class of 323. She's a band member,  
National Honor Society Member, a past top achiever in Junior  
Achievement, active in other school and church related organiza-  
tions. While keeping busy, she still manages to work from 16 to  
24 hours a week in a local pizza shop and has done so for the  
past 13 months. I am city editor of the local newspaper and my  
wife is in her first year as a special education teacher. Never the  
less paying for four college educations is going to be a struggle.  
Struggle or not, we will see that they are educated, but I feel  
Paula deserves, by dint of her record a shot at a scholarship. If  
you could direct me to the proper party for obtaining a  
scholarship application for my daughter I would be most grate-  
ful. Sincerely, Gene Tabacchi."

**DAVID K. WITTMAN**

1935 Burlington Ave., Billings, Montana, 59102

(Letter to Mr. Marshall)

"In our local newspaper there appeared a small article telling of  
the Reunion of our Division in Torgau, Germany. Had I known  
of this sooner I would have gone but I'm sure its too late now  
to be making any plans. However, I would like to get on the  
mailing list so I would be able to attend any other reunions that  
may come up. I was with the Headquarters Co. 272 Bn.  
Respectfully, David K. Wittman."

**KEITH K. RICHARDS/RA 17154615, M/S Sgt. (Ret)**

402 Dean Drive, Widefield, Co., 80911

(Letter to Mr. Marshall)

"Sir, After reading in the July issue of the VFW that the 777th  
(Blackjack Bn.) was having a reunion, it brought back memories.  
I was an original member of the battalion when it was activated  
at Camp Gordon, Ga. from the 1st BN. 3 Arm'd Reg't, 10th  
Arm'd Div. and sent to the Armored Test Board at Fort Knox,  
Ky. Being later cadred to another unit which ended up in the PTO.  
I've often wondered, and with your assistance, can find out  
whatever happened to some of the personnel of Co. "C" such as:  
Capt. Leo J. Naun (spelling)  
1st Sgt. Charles R. Rafferety  
Sgt. Metro Laboski (My tank commander)  
Sgt. Walter Malinowski (Plt. Sgt.)  
Cpl. Fry (Tank crew member)  
Pfc. Boos (Tank crew member)  
Due to incapacitation I cannot attend any reunions, however, I  
would like to know where I could receive the official historical  
activities of the Battalion from activation to deactivation as  
well as addresses of those I've listed above. Yours in Camaraderie,  
Keith Richards."

**GEORGE VASIL**

30 Blanchard Drive, Southbridge, Mass., 01550

"Dear Clarence, I was a member of the 69th Inf. Div. with the  
881st F. A. Bn. Battery "C". Having learned of the Reunion on  
August 21-24 at Norfolk, Va. would appreciate information  
about same. Please send full particulars, expected attendance,  
etc. Thank you, George Vasil."

**RAYMOND F. GRUEZKE/C-271 (Deceased Jan. '75)**

103 Monmouth Rd., Oakhurst, N.J.,

"Loar L. Quickle, Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your "Fighting  
69th Infantry Division" newspaper, this is to inform you that



Ray passed away in January '75. He was always proud to have been a part of the Fighting 69th. He never had the time or money to join you at your happy Reunions as he was a Meth. Minister and very busy in it for 21 years but he thought about it a few times. Thank you for your papers and interest in the past but you can now take him off your list or note different address. Sincerely, Mrs. R. F. Gruezke, 201 Oakhurst Rd., Oakhurst, N.J."

**BILL ROLLYSON**

704 Ludlow St., Takoma Park, Maryland, 20012

Mr. Marshall: While glancing through my old home town paper in Hinton, W. Va., I luckily came across a short notice of an impending Fighting 69th Reunion in Targau, Germany in August. I spent a couple of years in B. Co. (4th platoon) of the 272nd Reg. and in turn was at Targau I used to be on a mailing list from the 69th Association after WWII but since moving to Md. my mail has probably been messed up thru the years but I would be interested in particulars concerning the Reunion on the Elbe next month. I would appreciate hearing from you if possible as I would like to renew some old friendships in the Division I am still proud of. Sincerely and Fraternally, Bill Rollyson."

**ALFRED J. BLAIN**

24 Mt. Royal St., Chicopee, Mass., 01020

"Mr. Clarence Marshall, My outfit was Cannon Co. 271st Inf. 69th Div. We were under General Hodges 1st Army. Would like to know if any one from the 271st Inf. B. Battery Cannon Co. will be at this reunion would like to hear from you. Thank you, Alfred J. Blain."

**ARTHUR J. RUSS, JR.**

48 Cliff, Canajoharie, N.Y., 13317

7/18/75

"Dear Sir: I was in the Fighting 69th from Miss. to Germany so I and my wife will be at the Reunion August 21, 1975, so will you enter us in. Yours truly, AJR."

**EDDIE DYKMAN/69th Div. and 98th Div.**

134 Rutgers Pl., Nutley, N.J., 07110

"Dear Buddy: I like your letters from 69ers and members as per your June '75 issue and would like to see you keep it up. I was attached to the 273rd Hq. Bn. Med. and also B. Co. for 18 months to close of WWII. I have lost my mailing list and would like to have those G. I.'s that remember this Company Aid Medic ("Nose") to contact me for memories sake. Prior to getting married I was very active in Country-Western Music as "Barney B. Montana—The Sap of the Saddle." Now with two daughters, Wand and Pamela, and wife Lucy, I have settled down to working for Givavoan Corp. of Clifton. Belong to VFW Post 2867 Garfield and the American Legion Post 382 Montclair. I will make one of your 69th Reunions yet! You can quote my letter or adjust for publication. Thank you and keep going with the 69th Inf. Assoc. P. S. My buddy, Sheriff Wm. Spurrier of Marengo, Iowa 52301 gets our Bulletin and is very grateful where as he is trying to stir up interest in the 98th Inf. Div. especially in the 323rd Medics. He wishes to establish something similar to ours. E. D."

**JOHN J. ARBUCKLE**

P.O. Box 205 Easthampton, Mass. 01027 (7/15/75)

"Dear Clarence: Very glad to hear of a reunion being planned for the 69th Div. Veterans. I was a member of the 879th Field Artillery Battalion at Camp Shelby and on into Germany. I would appreciate it if you could send me details of the reunion and whether there are any other 69th veterans in the Mass. or Conn. areas that may be going to the reunion. John Arbuckle."

**MAE STRAUSS**

"Dear Loar: I am not sure if you have MG Spurgeon Neal on your mailing list. 369 Med. Bn. Co. C. He is CO of the Health

Services Command, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Tx. Last year it was my son's wedding on August 17th, this year it's my nephew . . . but I'll still try to make it. May Strauss."

**ANDREW LA PATKA**

(7/16/75) "Received your letter and the Bulletin this morning and sure was glad to hear from you about the reunion in Norfolk, Va. I had a phone call from Mrs. Merle Kelly after she had called you and told us what you had said. We expect to go to the reunion together in Va. next month. We may not get there the first two days but at least the last two, Fri. & Sat. or Sun. Mr. Kelly works yet but I don't. I had to retire from U. S. Steel because they had closed the plant down. So I don't have to worry about taking time off. I had 38 years service anyway. I am passing along the names & the last addresses I have from the two other fellows I know that were in my Co. Expect to see you in Norfolk next month.

Mr. Merle S. Tool, 1417 Taylor St., Corona, Ca. 91720, Alex Lasseigne, Rt. 2, Box 484, Cutt Off La. Thank you, Andrew La Patka."

**ARTHUR L. RICHART**

2004 N. Bay Drive, Warsaw, Ind., 46580

(7/15/75) "Dear Mr. Quickle: I enjoy very much reading each copy of the 69th bulletin and think all of you who get it out are doing a grand job for us on the side lines. I am enclosing a clipping from the local paper which has something very much to do with the 69th — perhaps you already have this information but in case you don't here it is. I am retired now from an accounting job and living here with my wife in Warsaw, Ind. During the war, I was with the 69th QM Co. from early May of 1944 when I, with about all of the Company was transferred to the 29th when it deactivated in June of 1945. I have lost tract of everyone who I knew in the Company and it would be a pleasure to hear from any one who remembers me. Sincerely, ALR."

**DONALD M. BOYD**

55 Highland Park Drive, Chesterfield, Mo., 63017

(5/8/75) Dear Mr. Marshall: Please send me information concerning plans for a reunion of the 69th Inf. Div. on 21-24, August as announced in the May issue of the Officer. During WWII, I was executive officer of the 273rd Inf. Reg. Hq. Co. I am still an Army Reserve Officer, commanding the 5137th US Army Corps., in St. Louis with the rank of Colonel. Sincerely, DMB."

**DONALD B. WILBERT**

2 Greenwich Drive, Greenacres City, Fla., 33460

Gentlemen: Appreciate getting the bulletin but I notice that the 273rd Regt. is conspicuous by its absence. I was an outsider who was assigned to 1st Bn. Hq. Co., 273rd Regt. about a week before the outfit shipped out from Camp Shelby. When we reached England I was assigned to drive jeep for Lt. Robertson, and drove for him and his squad until the day the outfit took off for Leipzig. While Lt. Robertson was an excellent officer to serve under, believe me, I was glad to be relieved as his jeep driver because he was fearless and a daredevil, while I had come out of detached office work, with no basic training and he often scared me stiff. As a result of being relieved and shortly thereafter transferring to the APO I lost contact with Lt. Robertson and would appreciate if you would print his present address. After the war, I returned to work in the Harrisburg, Pa., Post Office, where I was fortunate enough to rise to position of Chief Accountant. After just about 37 years service I retired on June 30, 1973 and moved to Florida. If any of the former members of the 1st Bn. Hq. Co. 273 or of the APO read this I would appreciate hearing from them. (Please correct my address plate from 272 to '273') Sincerely, D. B. Wilbert."

they are a swell bunch of nice guys. Oh, yes, Bob Meyers, he's something, he's the greatest. If possible, I would attend further reunions. I'm sending you my dues for 74-75, also, a little something for the memorial. By the way is there any chance of getting a 69th Div. decal. Also, a 777 Tk, Bn. decal for my car. Again I'm saying it was nice meeting you at Wilmington, also the rest of the boys. Would like to hear from you soon. Yours, Nicholas."

**CLIFFORD GRAYS/Deceased 1/2/75**

"Dear friends, After receiving the reminder in the mail of remittance of membership in the 69th, I thought I should inform you of my husband, Clifford Grays, death on January 2nd of this year. Clifford suffered his first heart attack in December of 1967 and suffered several attacks of Angina and coronary in the years after. He had been permanently disabled since his 2nd attack in November 1968 and was confined here in his home in Laurens, N.J. since that time. Clifford had enjoyed hearing of news from his former outfit through the years and had often expressed the wish of being able to attend one of the reunions and perhaps meet with some of his old buddies from WWII, but Cliffs disabling disease made it impossible for him to travel. I met Cliff in 1945 after the war in Denmark in the town of Svendborg where he was stationed as a Medic after his transfer to the 29th and I joined him here in the States in 1947. We had six children, 2 boys and 4 girls of whom the youngest is now just 9. We also have 3 beautiful grandchildren. Cliff often spoke of his experiences while in the 69th and I only wish it had been possible for us to have joined all of you at one of the reunions. I don't know if there are any members who remember Clifford, but I thought you should know the circumstances in case his name ever was brought up. Wishing you and the Fighting 69th the best in the future. Sincerely, Ann Gray."

**H.C. EISSMANN**

34 Radcliffe Avenue, W. Paterson, N.J., 07425

"Hi Loar, Just a short note to thank you for your trouble and effort in securing my refund for the Hawaii trip. Florence and I were very disappointed that we couldn't go, but that's life. I've been laid-off twice now from the job and hired back twice. I am now working for the Court Appointed Receiver, how long this will last is a guess, just hoping for the best. Best regards to all. Healy."

**BERTRAM B. BROWN/Deceased 11/5/74**

8627 Trabue Road, Richmond, Va., 23235

"Dear Mr. Moriarty, I am sorry to have to tell you that Bert passed away, 11/5/74. He wasn't feeling well when we attended the reunion, but we had no idea his condition was serious at that time. His death has been most difficult for me to adjust to and to really accept. Sorry the news didn't reach you sooner. Sincerely, Mildred Brown."

**JAMES A. EBLING**

1380 Camelot Drive, Columbus, Ohio, 43220

"Dear Loar: Thanks for sending 2 copies of the 69th History, I plan to take them with me. I'll send a check to the Scholarship Fund, if that's still the way you prefer. Mel Mellinger sent the tie clasps so I'm all set. Thanks for your help. I hope the reunion is as good as all the rest have been. Sure regret missing it. Jim"

**EARL KINNEY/Hq's. 271st Inf.**

"Hi Loar & Adele: A line or so to let you know I'm still here in sunny warm Florida and enjoying my retirement. Sorry we didn't get a chance when you were in St. Pete to get together. I'll just have to quit putting off to Xmas this keeping up with the 271st Pers. Sect. I've had my Air Force brothers family kids to keep me busy and young but they were transferred to Alaska for 3 years in September. So it's really quiet around here. I get out just about every day for 4-5 mile walk, keeping weight about 185 or less. The oldest son, my other brother and I are

batching it right now. I figured when I retired I could get around as I pleased but gas shortage last winter and I really like this place and climate so much I hate to go elsewhere. The good Lord willing maybe I can get up enough gumption to make the reunion next year. Anyway the next time you make the Florida scene please drop in. I would be pleased to see both of you, and if you are anywhere near maybe I could stir myself long enough to try and get there. I was just checking out last years Xmas cards only heard from 18 of the fellows down from the past year lowest ever. Old age or the time I guess. I find it hard to believe it will be 30 years next year since we won that war and went our own ways. Time flies they say. I sure hope this finds you and Adele in good health and may you continue in the same. Best wishes, Earl Kinney."

**JEROME B. WESLER/Hq. 1st Bn. 271st**

"Have recently been elected President of Friedman Bag Co. in Los Angeles. Have been with the firm for 35 years."

**JAMES LIGUERI**

2080 Baird Road, Penfield, N.Y., 14526

who formerly served with A-Bat. 881 was the father of an 8 lb. 8 oz. boy on October 19th. Sons name is Raymond James.

**COL. JOHN D. AUSTIN**

61 N. E. Croop Lane, Port Charlotte, Fla., 33950

Phone 813-629-6023 — Jack Jones

"Dear Loar: Sorry to have been out of touch for so long. Hope this finds you and your family O.K. and ready for Xmas. Have not yet heard where the next reunion will be but am working on the A-271 men and hope to get a good crowd this year. Have talked to Frank Christie and Jack Wrigley. Sam Popkins was down to see us not long ago. Would you please list Col. Austins address in the next bulletin and ask the A-271 men to write to him. Best regards, Jack Jones."

**ORVILLE D. WEINGART/D. 273**

12730 Goslen Road, Salem, Ohio, 44460

Wife - Elouise

Son - Ronald

"Working in Die Shops as a machinist before service and all the years after. Look forward to 2 weeks every 6 months spending in Fla. Hope to attend a reunion in the future. I have a list of all names of the men in D. Co. 273 Inf. sent by Capt. Taylor Co. after I got home in 1946, if you'd like maybe I can get a copy made."

**JOHN J. MORIARTY**

Lake Quabag, Brookfield, Mass., 01506

9/20/75

**PLEASE NOTE DUES INCREASE...**

Regular dues has been increased from \$3.00 to \$5.00 effective for the 1975-76 year. This increase is necessary due to the ever rising costs of postage and printing. The Annual Meeting at the 1974 Reunion took note of this and desiring to continue providing at least 2 and possibly 3 bulletins to all our members each year, voted the dues increase as noted above. Incidentally, we sent out two dues notices each year and they are sent to EVERYBODY whether you have paid or not. This is done because it is the cheapest way to handle it. The notices are addressed from our master plate file just as the Bulletins are, and sent out under the Bulk Main privilege. So if you have sent your dues, simply ignore the second notice. Finally, you should know that the dues year runs from Reunion to Reunion; that is from August to August. Thus, the current dues year is from September 1, 1975 to August 31, 1976. No organization can function without some financial help - dues is our only source, please keep it coming! Treasurer.

# REUNION 1976 – AUGUST 15 thru 22, 1976

Please fill out the return sheet below if you intend to come to the Reunion at the Brandywine Hilton, in August 1976. It is best you reserve as soon as possible to insure being in the Brandywine as they are offering us 175 rooms, unless something drastic changes in their plans. They rent out 50 rooms on a permanent basis to the duPont Co. They have reserved 50 rooms for us with the same kind of commitment with a nearby Motel which is comparable to their rooms. All reservations will be made by the Hilton as the same man owns both places. However, when the first 175 are sold out, they will go to the nearby motel. We have visited the motel and can guarantee closeness to the Hilton and it is definitely a very good one. So . . . make your reservation now!!! As you know Philadelphia Hotels and Motels are sold out even now so extra people, late reservers will have to take whatever they can in the summer of 1976 . . . DO IT NOW, HEAR? Also, this is the last reunion in the east until 1978. Even if you only intend to come one day such as Friday or Saturday, give us the benefit of making prior arrangements with the Hotel. We had 60 persons show up at Valley Forge after 4 p.m. on Saturday and it created a havoc for all of us as the hotel was not prepared. . . Not their fault, however. Children sleeping in same room with parents free.

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