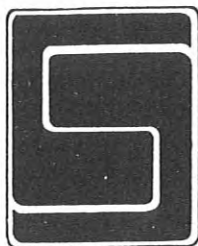


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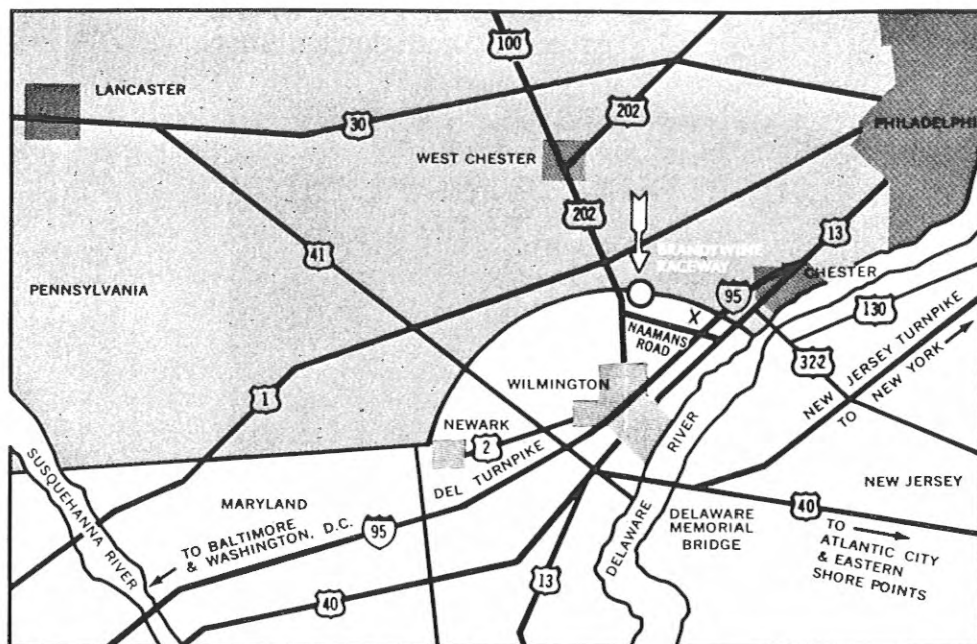
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### A "FIGHTING 69ER" — GUEST OF SOVIET UNION

Dr. William Robertson was named by your 69th Association to represent us at the huge VE Day Celebration in Moscow last May 8, 1975 . . . 30 years after the war. The Fighting 69th was honored in more ways than one, because another member now with the U. S. State Department went along on the tour as a State Department representative. He was Igor Belousevitch, who was also a member of one of the patrols that met the Russians on the Elbe in 1945.

If you feel enthused when you read his report and his meeting with his old counter-part of the Link-up, then you will react as I did.

After 30 years, your association is still making news of the Link-up and having wonderful get-togethers every year. All over the U. S. former member groups are getting together every week. Just read the news and you will know about it. Won't you join us next August when the Reunion is to be at Brandywine?

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Dear Loar:

I just received a December issue of the 69th Division Bulletin and your most appreciated note. Nancy and I were so disturbed to hear about your stroke and Adele's problem, and we are both hoping you are on the road to recovery.

For months, I have been planning to write you about the trip to Moscow last May, but the letter was going to a major project, and along with the usual activities and obligations, it simply got postponed. Nancy and I had a delightful visit with the Olszewskis last fall when they were in town on a business meeting and I promised that I would write at that time. Well, anyway I'll try to make amends now.

I think you already know how the trip came about, and from the early negotiations, it is indeed surprising that the trip ever did come off. I was first contacted by the Russian Embassy in early April, and invited to Moscow for 10 days. There was no mention of an American delegation. Then you called me and told me that the State Department was interested, and I contacted the State Department. There had been plans afoot some two or three months earlier but they had evidently died on the vine. After your tipoff to me and my call to the State Department, the negotiations resumed and within a couple of weeks, a delegation had been selected by the State Department to attend the 30th anniversary ceremonies in Moscow.

On May 1, the delegation gathered at the State Department in Washington for a briefing. The members of the delegation were as follows: (1) Admiral (Retired) Frankel, who was in command of the U. S. Naval Base at Murmansk for over three years during World War II. There were three representatives of the various veterans organizations in the United States: Bob Foster represented the American Legion, John Stang, National Commander of the VFW represented the VFW, and Lyle Pearson represented the Disabled American Veterans. The other three delegates all had some personal contact with the Russians during World War II; Albert Lepausky was the executive officer of a shuttle bombing base in the Ukraine and he is now a professor of political science at the University of California, Berkeley. Igor Belousovitch was the next member of the group, and as you know, Igor is not only a veteran of one of the Elbe patrols, he was in Craig's patrol of the 273rd Regiment, but he was also attending as a representative of the State Department. Igor has worked for the Soviet Section of the State Department for the last 15 years. I was the other member of the delegation. Two of us brought our wives along, and I was delighted to have Nancy accompany me, and Lepausky brought his wife, Roz.

At the State Department, we all got acquainted with each other and we all flew out of Dulles in the afternoon of the first of May on an American carrier. We had a long lay-over in London and then flew British Airlines to Moscow, arriving in the afternoon of the second. We were met by a delegation at the airport including one of the Russian generals who took Berlin and two guide interpreters who stayed with us pretty much throughout our trip. We were hustled through customs and then wisked off to the Rossya Hotel just off Red Square. I should have pointed out earlier that the delegates were sent to Moscow by the U. S. State Department who picked up the tab for our stay in Washington and our air fare to Moscow. Dr. Lepausky and I each paid our wives air fare. While in Russia, we were the guests (including our wives) of the Russian government as represented by the Soviet Veterans Committee.

The occasion itself was a Russian national celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the end of World War II. There were Russian veterans gathered from all over Russia to participate in the festivities. There were also delegations from about 50 other nations (many of them "iron curtain" countries), and approximately 250 delegates from these various other nations. Various groups were going off in different directions most every day, and the entire program was planned by the Soviet Veterans Committee, which is the national Soviet War Veterans Association.

Following is a brief itinerary of our travels in Russia. Our U. S. delegation stayed in Moscow until Sunday, May 4, and then our delegation along with about 70 other members of other delegations were flown to Volgograd (Stalingrad). We were welcomed by the local veterans committee and taken to the Hotel Volgograd where we stayed two nights and were entertained. We were shown a motion picture of the battle of Stalingrad, we went on a tour to the massive monument dedicated to the defense of Stalingrad which consists of an entire hill and an immense statue and a series of shrines, we toured the hydroelectric plant at the Volga River and toured the local steel plant. Generally, all of the various delegates went on these tours together. We were welcomed by the "City Council" and dined well. We laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and we also laid a wreath commemorating the American dead in Russia during World War II. I even gave a short talk in the town square one afternoon, when I was asked to give a story of the "link-up" patrol.

Then, on May 6, we returned to Moscow where we spent the next several days. This was the time of the principal celebrations. By the way, Admiral Frankel had not gone to Stalingrad, but instead had been taken as part of a small delegation to Murmansk, which is a "closed area" in Russia and participated in a dedication ceremony at Murmansk. We all got together then again in Moscow for the main functions. Most of these were official and included a day's deliberations at the National Soviet Veterans Committee Headquarters Building in which many speeches were given and John Stang gave a speech of appreciation on behalf of the American Veterans. We all were awarded a medal struck in celebration of the 30th Anniversary. There were tours of the Kremlin. One remarkable event was the Premier's gala. In the afternoon, we met at the Palace of Congress and listened to two or three hours of speeches including a 45-minute speech by Brezhnev. After this, there was a break for refreshments and then all the delegates attended a "gala" in the evening which included ballet, symphonic orchestra, folk singing and pageantry. The next day there was a celebration in Red Square with the usual multitudes and pageantry and an address from members of the Politburo. Following this, Admiral Frankel and Nancy and I were invited to the Premier's reception in the Palace of Congress which is probably the most sumptuous banquet of a stand-up type that I have ever attended. We met many interesting people, including the Ambassador of Australia, a member of the Politburo, and were only about 15 feet from Brezhnev. We also met Leonov, who was the commander of the Soyuz capsule, and we also met the Russian cosmonaut, Valentina Tereshkova. The delegation was welcomed at the American Ambassador's residence (Spassky's House) one evening for dinner and a reception which was most elegant. There, our delegation met Ambassador and Mrs. Stoessel, Mr. Averell Harriman and also met Mr. Mikoyan, who is about 85 now, and John Eisenhower, the American Ambassador to Belgium.

The delegation's time in Moscow was generally taken up with planned meetings, receptions, tours, etc. However, we all had a little time for ourselves, and Igor Belousovitch and Nancy and I took one afternoon on the Russian underground, we also went to the Moscow Circus, and to a Moscow ballet. One afternoon we had a chance to wander along in Moscow and do some window shopping as well as buy records and books. We took a tour through some of the historical buildings and Gums Department Store, as well as St. Basil's cathedral, which is the famous Russian church at the end of Red Square. With the delegations, we visited Lenin's Tomb.

Interspersed through these various receptions, tours, etc., were several interviews with the Russian press corps and magazines.

A theme recurrently asked was concerning "detante". The Russian press repeatedly asked questions about our reaction to detante. We were always asked questions about our emotions at the time of the link-up patrol, our feelings about the relations between our two nations, etc.

Before we left the United States, Nancy and I had understood we would be visiting Leningrad as well as Moscow and Stalingrad, and we kept asking about the trip to Leningrad. Finally, on May 11, we were part of a small delegation of 13 who were flown to Leningrad (there had already been other delegations there earlier), and included in this delegation were representatives from Syria, Austria, Holland and Italy. Our stay in Leningrad was very brief, but quite fascinating. Once again, we were welcomed at the airport, taken to the town, to the hotel, entertained at a formal luncheon (complete with speeches and toasts), and then a tour of the city. In the tour of the city, we visited the "Aurora" the battleship where the revolution began. The next day we visited the Hermitage Museum and that was a fascinating trip indeed. Tuesday night the 13th, we returned by train (the Red Arrow Express) from Leningrad to Moscow arriving Wednesday morning the 14th, the day our visa expired.

Loar, when I first got to Moscow, I asked about Alexander Sylvashko. I asked the Soviet Veterans Committee and I asked each and every reporter and magazine writer with whom I had any contact. On the morning that we returned to Moscow, May 14, I was welcomed with smiles at the train platform, saying that Sylvashko was in Moscow. After a quick return to our hotel for a shower, a shave and breakfast, we were whisked off to the Soviet Veterans Committee and ushered into a room when flashbulbs popped and there was a lot of milling around. Seated there was Alexander Sylvashko, and I can honestly say that I recognized his face, although our contact 30 years ago had been very brief and we had been unable to communicate at all. We had a pleasant "formal" interview with various generals and the press, and then we returned to the hotel where we had some additional pictures and questions, and then we had a luncheon. That afternoon, we visited as well and then Alexander Sylvashko accompanied us to the airport where our flight was scheduled to leave Moscow at about 4 p.m.

Loar, I think you will realize what an exciting and sentimental occasion it was to see Lt. Sylvashko again. Through all the years, although I have asked several Russian correspondants about him, I have had no contact from him or no information concerning him. Indeed, I did not know if he was even alive. So it was with delight and enthusiasm (perhaps very much like it was in 1945) that I saw him again. Despite the need to communicate through an interpreter, we did have an excellent visit. Alexander Sylvashko is the principal of a secondary school near Minsk in Byelo Russia. He was married just before World War II, and has two grown daughters, and two grandchildren. Both Alexander and I have put on some weight and we had some good fun with that. He told me that his unit had been on the east bank of the Elbe for about two days before we arrived, that afternoon of April 25th. He confirmed the story of the previous German attempt to fool the Russians by dressing as Americans and this explained why they fired at our patrol for a couple of hours before we were able to establish contact. By the way, Lt. Sylvashko was the platoon leader in charge of the platoon just at the edge of the trees near the river, and when he disappeared in the American jeep to go back to the American lines, his conduct was not approved. When he returned the following day to the Russian lines, he got into some sort of trouble and I am not sure quite what it was. Perhaps I will be able to find out later on. You may recall that our small patrol was locked up in a room for an hour after I returned to Division Headquarters because there was some talk for a while of court-martialing us because we had exceeded the patrolling limit. So, both Lt. Sylvashko and I got into trouble.

At any rate, since our return from Moscow, we just received a New Years greeting from the Sylvashkos, and just a week ago I received a long letter from him requesting some correspondence and telling me that he plans on going to Torgau next July. It is almost too bad that the 69th Division trip last year didn't happen to be scheduled next year, because it could be coordinated with Sylvashko's return to Torgau.

As I mentioned, on May 14th, we returned first to London and then took a detour to Scotland, where I wanted to see some relatives many times removed when members of the Robertson clan immigrated to the United States 150 years ago. We had a charming visit in Scotland and then returned to our home in Los Angeles, exhausted and almost requiring another vacation to recuperate.

Loar, I came to discover in Russia that the meeting at Torgau has very tremendous symbolic meaning to the Russians. In many ways, the Russians are very sentimental people and moments like this are romanticized. I was struck by the request that I tell the story of the patrol in Stalingrad, and in Stalingrad was approached by a Soviet veteran who had been at Torgau. The Russian people have really romanticized this little bit of history. I was even recognized on the street in Leningrad. The Russian government had evidently planned this as a monumental celebration of World War II to celebrate the sacrifices that generation made in defending their homeland. There were huge decorations in the three cities that we visited. The entire production was something planned for the Russians and the Russian people to force an appreciation upon them of the sacrifices of the previous generation. There were many sobering moments in both Stalingrad and Leningrad. The terrible sacrifices of the people in Stalingrad in resisting the German advance, and it is hard for Americans to understand that fully 90% of the city of Stalingrad was leveled and was nothing but rubble. Another sobering moment was in Leningrad when we again laid a wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier because it is at a cemetery where some five to seven hundred thousand people are buried who died in the siege of Leningrad. That siege lasted three years, and the people, both soldiers and civilians, were buried in communal graves.

Well now, that seems to me to be a fairly complete report of our trip to Russia. I should mention also that we visited with Pearce Rice the evening that we arrived in Washington and had a most charming visit, although much too brief. Suffice it to say that the entire Russian odyssey in 1975 was a most fascinating and enjoyable experience. I was personally most appreciate



of the efforts the Soviet Veteran's Committee and the press had gone to find Alexander Sylvashko and bring him to Moscow so that we could meet again. We were also, of course, grateful for the hospitality and generosity and the many kindnesses afforded us by our Russian hosts. We are equally grateful to the State Department for making our trip possible.

Loar, I have tried to outline some of the many things that happened in our trip, and I assume you may wish to use some of this for publication in the Bulletin. However, you may have other questions about things I have not covered, reactions, etc., and if you will write, I will be happy to respond.

Again, I am happy to hear that you and your wife are doing well and both Nan and I join in sending you our best wishes. With very highest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

P.S.: I have some press photos of the meeting with Sylvashko and will send to you.

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### **"661st TANK DESTROYER BATTALION"**

**by BILL BESWICK**

The annual Get-to-Gether of the "661" T.D.'s was held at the Sheraton Motor Inn in Harrisonburg, Virginia, October 10 to 12, 1975.

I am certain that everyone had a very enjoyable time. It was one of those times that will long be remembered.

The motel had an indoor pool with an outside atmosphere. Most of us had a room overlooking this area. We had our Friday evening party at poolside. Around 10:30 P.M. one of our beloved comrades (Phil Ferrell) decided to go for an evening swim, with the persuasion of his delightful wife Jean) as she gently but forcefully pushed him in clothes and all. Good old Jean! Oh yes, one more thing. Saturday morning I asked Phil how things went after his swim on Friday night. He said, "Just fine, Jean slept in one bed and I slept in the other." Its like I said, Good old Jean.

Harold and Dottie Starry came in on Saturday morning with Mel and Ruth Mellinger. We enjoyed them very much as Harold gave out with some of his wit and charm at our Saturday night banquet. Ask him sometime about the "Schnauzer."

Emmett Farley came again after being absent for the past three or four years. Glad to have him back again with his charming wife "Chris."

Most of us went up on Massanutten Mountain and went on the Ski lift to get a good look at the changing of the leaves, it was really a sight to behold. A very pleasant afternoon, indeed.

There is one thing that I must not forget and leave out. That was the first motel that I have ever seen that had bed check. About 11:00 P.M. the manager told us that we would have to vacate the pool area and go in our room, which we did. This still did not stop us from enjoying ourselves.

We all want to thank Garland and Frances O'Roark for the fine job they did arranging everything.

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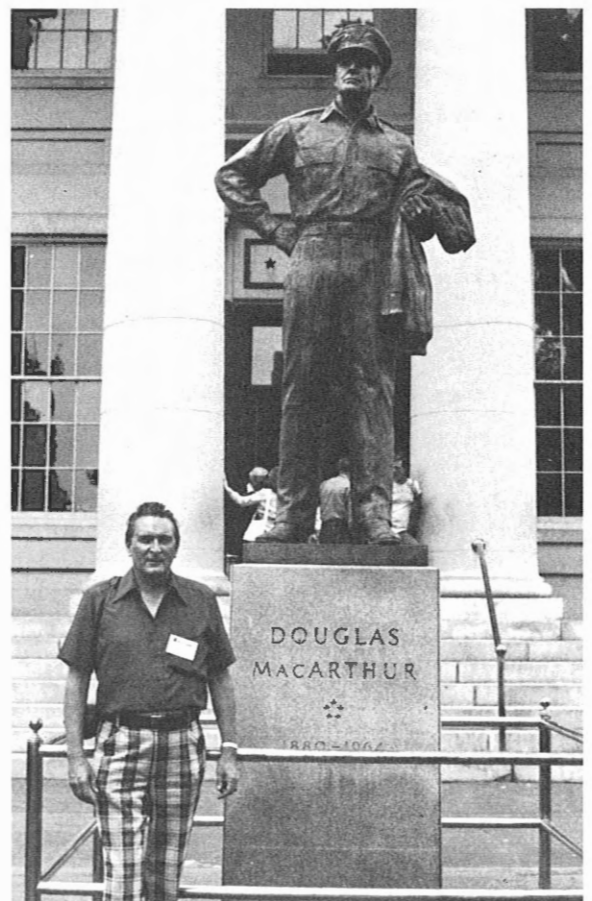
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(Left to Right)  
Sam Popkins, Oswald Taylor,  
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Jack Jones. A-271  
Reunion 1975



William Matlack in front  
of General Douglas MacArthur's  
Memorial in Norfolk, Va.  
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# 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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I wish to make the following reservations \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.50 each for the Reunion at the Brandywine Hilton.  
 Total Amount Enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ No.

The registration fee charged takes care of having bands Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings *plus* Saturday Night Banquet, and, other expenses in running Reunion.

Please give us Co., Reg't., etc. you wish to be seated with: \_\_\_\_\_

DID YOU WRITE OR PHONE YOUR BUDDIES TO JOIN YOU ??????

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Make your reservations whether you send your money in advance or not. We do appreciate the money in advance because it unloads the registration desk at reunion time of a great amount of work . . .

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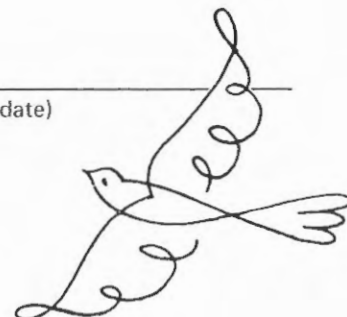
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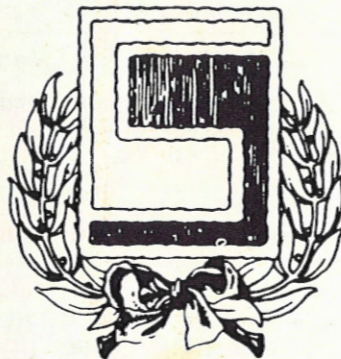
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