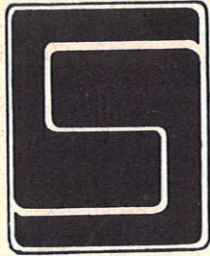


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Above picture was sent in by our good friend and organizer of our member hunting many years ago in California. He says, "This is intended for the Bulletin because it seems to be a very unusual picture. It was given to me by Bill Robertson . . . and, is actually historical. The picture was taken at 4:45 P.M. April 25, 1945. The picture was taken when the actual link-up on the Elbe was taking place. "Note Robertson working his way on lower part of downed structure to meet Russians!" Thanks, Hugh, you always come up with good suggestions. This is what Hugh calls, "Nostalgia . . . 69, WHERE IN THE WORLD?" Send in your photo too!

SEND ALL NEWS TO LOAR L. QUICKLE, 512 S. MAIN ST., PENNINGTON, N.J. 08534

HQ. BTRY 881, F.A. BN., LARRY PANKOP c/o PANKOP DODGE MOTORS, 6th and S. Main, KENDALVILLE, IND. HQ. BTRY & 79. F.A.B. RAYMOND HARTMAN, c/o WARSAW, IND. HQ. BTRY & 79. F.A. BN. I personally have attended 5 Reunions. I would personally appreciate a car decal & so would the other. I hate to trouble you, but do you have any influence over the one who has all the souvenirs. I have written a few times to Princeton, N.J. but get no response. I know you are all doing a tremendous job & take a lot of time but I want so much to get some (pay naturally) & we send as gifts? Could you stir someone up, to send me a list of what is available, and cost? IN MEMORIAM — PLEASE ADD, HARRY E. POWERS — HQ. BTRY, 79 F.A. May 1974, 257 W. Main, Monongahela, Pa. Thanks.

OLIVER A. McCONAHY — A buddy of mine from 269th Combat Eng's of 69th Div. stopped at my home last week after 30 years. He told me the 69th Div. has a Reunion every year. Since I was discharged from Army Jan. 17, 1946, I have not heard one word from the 69th Div. No idea why I was never put on the mailing list, was with HQ. CO. 269th, Cmbt Btn from 1943 to 1946. Please put me on the mailing list. Sincerely.

DON NELSON — I see by the VFW magazine the 69th is having a reunion. Sorry I cannot attend. I came from the 96th Div. Codre to the 69th and was with it until it broke up in Germany. Was in CO. L. 272nd. Would appreciate hearing if any from that company make contact or show. Thanks so much.

HUGH G. ARNOTT — May I suggest that you have a section in each bulletin that is headed: NOSTALGIA-69? And invite all X-69ers to submit their own pictures, with the proper explanation. Maybe you could even have the answers in the next bulletin. It might be very intriguing. Possibly you could ask for identification of each picture printed, by letter. And, publish the names of the correct answerers. Just a thought that could encourage participation. This could be for back page of bulletin. WHERE IN THE WORLD? This picture comes from the files of Wm. D. Robertson, and is an actual picture of him "crawling across the wrecked bridge". He is located about one inch up from the center — and is actually on top of that girder with the square holes. The location of Nicolai Ivanovitch Andreev is not shown. The camera was one of those that we "liberated", and shot was taken by one of Bill's four-man patrol. THIS PICTURE HAS NEVER BEFORE BEEN PUBLISHED. "History of World War II by Francis T. Miller. The junction of the American and Russian Armies was a symbolic event of vast import. 2nd Lt. Wm. D. Robertson headed the four-man patrol of the First Army's newest div., the 69th. The official junction was finally made in the city of Torgau on the Elbe. At 4:45 P.M. on April 25, Robertson crawled halfway across a wrecked bridge to be met by a young soldier of Marshall Ivan S. Konev's First Ukrainian Army, Private Nicolai Ivanovitch Andreev." 4/25/45 Thanks.

WILLIAM H. BLAND — 2112 E. Williamson Ave., Burton, Mich. 48529 — Nat. Aide De Camp, M.O.P.H. I understand that your Veterans Org. or former Div. is having a reunion; and since the Military Order of the Purple Heart needs members, I'd like to request that you run a notice in your newsletter that any verteran who was wounded and received the Purple Heart Medal is eligible to become a member of this unique Org. This is about the only Veterans Org. where all

members have been in combat and were wounded by enemy fire. For further info write to me at the above address and I will be happy to send more info. Thanks.

RICHARD BUCHWALD — 3671 Brush Rd., Richfield, Oh. 44286 — Field Art. Hq. E Hq. Battalion, PFC. Wife: Karin. Children: William, Christian, Michael, Robert. I have been married 15 years. Been working as a machine designer since WWII as a machine designer and used to live in Cleveland, Oh. until 1967, at which time I moved to where I live now. I no longer am called Richard C., my new name is Rick. Would you please correct your address label for me, and add me to your roster. Exactly what is the 69 Inf. Div. Assoc., Inc., and who pays for it?

SHERMAN S. LAWRENCE — Manes Lawrence & Marks, 250 Park Ave. New York, N.Y. 10017. Letter to Mr. Sol Rosenblitt East Beach Blvd., Hallendale, Fa. 33009. Dear Sol: The years are just flying by, and I always remember with great affection those many years we spent together behind the scene and in front of the curtains. I have just found out that you are not feeling well and all I can say is that a toast is in my hand that your health is restored and that everything will go well with you. That old Rosenblitt spirit is your greatest asset. Keep your chin up and I hope that when I get to Fla. I will have a chance to see Miriam and you and drink a toast in person. Keep well, Sincerely.

MRS. RAYMOND WOLTHOFF — 5609 14th Ave. S., St. Petersburg, Fla. 33707. Dear Adele & Loar: Ray and I wish to thank you for the wonderful trip we had in Europe. What did your son's wife have a girl or boy? Congratulations. Geo. Agnes & RAY enjoyed talking with you. I'm finally sending you the list with (wives names) including addresses. We sure are planning on the Reunion in '76 in Phila. Write when you can.

FRED A. PETRIK — 3119 Calif., Topeka, Kans. 6605. 69th Inf. Div. Kensington, Pa. Enclosed find my \$5.00 dues for 1976. I did not join the 69th until the war was about over. I made the first invasion of N. Africa at Casablanca when you were still in training Nov. 8, 1942, 1st Armored Div. You guys sure made up for it when you did there. I made landings 'D' day, on Africa, Sicily, Italy, and France. Just back from hospital after a small heart attack. I was with your 272 'B' Co., but it's so long ago. I can remember a Capt. Moon, every hear from him? What did we gain from all of that? To me that is not the question. It is what we *did* not lose. Come out to God's country for your vacation. What is the overcrowding, smog, etc. that I read about. We don't have it out here S/Sgt. Fred Petrik.

VICTOR B. WALTON — Atty. at Law, 12092 Woodside Ave., Lakeside, Ca. 92040. Enclosed is my check for \$3.00. I am not a member of your association, but would like to join. The check is for annual dues, if more please let me know. I would like to if possible obtain a copy of any and all histories that have been published by the 69th Div. I know one came out right after the war and would like to purchase a copy. Can I purchase same through the Assoc. I was in the 69th in WWII. Please send me a membership application.

RE: JERRY EL TROTTER — 1718 W. 4th St., Sedalia, Mo. 65301, K-271, Hon. Life Member. I wanted you to know Jerry died August 21, 1975 of a heart attack and circulatory problems. He had worked until August 8 when he became ill. At the time of his death he was Sup. of the Physical

Rehab Unit, State of Missouri Workmen's Compensation Dept. He always remembered his friends in the Fighting 69th fondly. All your kindnesses to him were appreciated. Sincerely, Veronica Trotter.

BOB KURTZMAN — 610 W. Maple St., Wilmot, Oh. 44689. I am making a memento for Gen. Bolte in hopes that he will attend the reunion at Brandywine, but I need to know how many stars he has when he retired. Would you please pass this info on to me so I can complete my project, see you in August! Had dinner with the Lushboughs last week, they are fine and we made our reservations together for Brandywine.

K.E. WILLIS — Rt. No. 1, Colcord, Okla. 74338. Could you please forward me Stan Olszewski's home address. I would appreciate knowing the exact date of the Reunion this year. We are trying to co-ordinate our summer plans and since long term reservations are involved we would appreciate your letting us know as soon as possible.

SHORTY and KATE — Sorry to hear about Adele being under the weather. Susannah is a teacher's aid one day a week at the school her boys attend. They are in the 4th and 6th grades. We are hoping to bring them to the reunion this year, they are both interested in history and though this would be a nice visit for them. Linda is substitute teaching and an aid, since November, says there sure is a difference in the way kids act today and when they went to school. Jimmy is going to school part time (Towson College and working at John Hopkins Hosp. Shorty is doing fine but like a few more people thinks he is still a young man and won't slow down. Would it be possible for the 69ers to go as a group to see the Mike Douglas show?

EDGAR WALLS — RR 1, Alnora, Ind. 47529 — A. Co. 273, 1 Bt. PFC. No wife. No children. Co. A.273 Inf. 69th Inf. Div. with them from Camp Chalby, Miss. to the Elbe River in Germany.

JOHN G. LINK — RR 2, Ursa, Ill., 62376 — A-273 Inf. PFC. Wife: Helen M. No children; working in Construction.

JOHN SIDNEY MOORE — Box 165, Blooming Grove, Tx. 76626. A. 273rd Inf. PFC (light machine gunner) Wife: Ruth. Children: Ray, Linda, Ruth. Wife a widow when we married. I married in 1957, children all married, 2 grandsons, Chris & Jon. I am a stockman; cow business is slow here. This is the address of my Army Sgt. Parly J. Paskett, 493 E. 100 So. Prove, Ut. 84601. He suffered a heart attack on November 5, 1975, but has recovered a bit. He has written a book and we have kept in touch.

CLIFFORD C. BLANK — 908 Gardenia Lane, Victoria, Tex. 77901. The tour in Europe was great. We enjoyed being a part of it and especially want to thank you for all you did to make the trip such a success. Dolly & Cliff.

ARCHIE M. MILLSAPS — Finally located addresses of Morris De Geyter & Calvin Fultz. They have never heard of the Association, but would like to know more about it, hope you will contact them. **MORRIS DE GEYTER**, 221 W. 6th St., Mishoeiciko, Ind. **CALVIN E. FULTZ**, Rt. 2, Box 620, Odessa, Tx. 79763. Mr. De Geyter would like to have a copy of the history of the Anti-Tank Co., 271 Inf. by Rubin Levin. Please try to get him one.

CHARLES A. HILL — 658 Lake ST., Negaune, Mich. 49866. I was in the 777th Tk. Bn. attached to the 69th during WWII. Have rec'd communications at times from the Fighting 69th but am seldom home (sailing on lake freighters, truck driving, etc.) so mail is forwarded to me. I lost or misplaced your address but tonight while reading a VFW mag. I ran into your address and am interested in receiving info concerning any periodicals, of other 777th members, etc. Would also like a letter or statement of some kind showing that I ASN (3646240) was in combat with the 69th as a member of the 777th TK Bn. Would appreciate your sending any forms, costs etc. of event magazines etc. concerning the 69th as I feel like a sort of member.

VERNON WIRTH — 8330 W. Concordia Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. 53222. Have been asked if I would send a brief history of 777th TK. Bn. as you might want to enter it in one of your future bulletins. Have tried to give you a brief history, feel free to delete or reword. Have been able to give names and addresses of about 2 dozen former members of A. Co. and Clarence was able to give me addresses of 5 men. James Bidon who I have corresponded with for 10 years and lost track of. That must have been when he moved from S. Dakota to Wash. Most of the members of A. Co. were from the Mid-West, Far-West and South, only a few from the Atlantic Coast states. History — On Sept. 29, 1943 the 777th Tk. Bn. was formed from units of 3rd and 11th Armored Reg. of the 10th Armed Div. at Camp Gordon, Ga. with Lt. Col. Ned T. Norris as Bn. Comm. Oct. 12, 1943, left for Fort Knox, Ky. On arrival there October 13th were assigned to the Armored Test Board. January 8, 1944 were relieved from duty with the Armored Board and assigned to the Armored School as Demonstration Bn. December 7, 1944 left Fort Knox for Camp Kilmer, N.J. with Lt. Col. David T. Zweibel, former Ex. Off. as Bn. Comm. December 16, 1944 board the SS EXPLORER and leave with convoy on December 17, 1944, dropped anchor in the Bay of Liverpool in dense fog. Docked on December 29, and on January 4, 1945 boarded trains for Wimborne Minster, Dorset, Eng. February 5, 1945 mount our tanks and depart for Port of Weymouth to cross English Channel. Debark from the LST at Le Harve, France, Feb. 6 and move to Camp Twenty Grand, Feb. 18, 1945 left for 300 mile trip to Belgium. February 20, 1945 arrived at Gomza Andaumont for duty with the First Army. Feb. 28 attached to the 28th Inf. Div. in the Hurtgen Forest for action at Schleiden, Sistig, Mullenhausen, Zingsheim March 17 Ettringen and on March 19 moved to Wassenach, on Laacher See and attached to the 69th Inf. Div. for the rest of the war in Europe, March 27, 1945 cross the Rhine River on the Victor Bridge to Honnningen and Bendorf to join the 69th Dausenau, Nassau, Bridge Weinahar on the Lahn River captured that afternoon. April 1, Wetzlar and April 3 & 4 Fritzlar and April 4 A. Co. reinforces 80th Inf. Div. in Kassel. April 5 to 9 Lutterberg, Landwerhagen, Witzenhausen Bonapart. Eichenberg, Hann Munden, Heiligenstadt. April 10 to 17 Kungen, Milhausen, Pettstadt, Weisenfels, Quisau, Galditz, Espenheim, Pagan. April 18 to 20 Liberwolkwitz, Leipzig, Eilenberg and the Mulde River, June 15 to 20 Liberwolkwitz, Leipzig, Eilenberg and, leave Leipzig by 40 & 8 for France. June 19 to 28 Camp Twenty Grand. June 30 leave from Le Harve on the USS Wakefield, July 6 1945 dock in Boston Pass through Camp Miles Standish on way to 30 day furlough August 14 to 21 reassembled at Camp San Luis Obispo. On the day the BN was activated both officers and enlisted men started calling it "THE LUCKY TRIPLE SEVERN" and that was

what everyone called it. The Bn. was deactivated some time during the last three months of 45.

BRETSEL L. EVERSON (35084023) Hanover Rd., Silver Creek, N.Y. 14136. As a former member of the 69th Inf. Div. I would like info on joining the Association. I joined the 69th in Camp Shelby, Mi. (272 Inf) just before going to Camp Kilmer and overseas. I was transferred to HQ. CO. (69th Div.) in France and remained there until the Div. came back home. Would also like the address of my former Co. Comm. Capt. Robert E. Myers, HQ. CO. 69th Inf. Div., as I need to contact him concerning service connected disability.

MANKIEWICA MAY RUN — Washington — Political campaign organizer Frank Mankiewica says he will decide whether to run for Congress from Maryland's 8th Dist. Was Former D-273 Member.

JAMES G. GILL Co., INC. — Norfolk, Va. 23517. Here are some pictures taken at Lake Wright. In the larger photo Gen. Bolte had just finished telling us A-271 was the best Co. in the 69th Div.! (Print that and you'll find out how many read the bulletin). This is the first time since 1945 we had seen Jim Parks our 1st Sgt. It was a great Reunion and we had a grand time. Hope for a big big crowd from A-271 next year. Best regards.

D. LACY HARRELL, JR. — 1903 Sherwood Dr., Greenville, N.C. 27834. I have recently read in our local paper of the reunion of the members of the 69th Inf. Div. I trained with the 69th from activation until just before it went overseas. At that time I was transferred to the Air Corps. I was platoon Sgt. of the 3rd platoon, Co. K. 371st Inf. If I am eligible to attend please send me complete info, I am anxious to know if any of the following are planning to attend: T/Sgt. JACK HENDERSON (ASN 32759203) S/Sgt. ROCCO (ASN 32898766) S/Sgt. JANNONE (ASN 329 18490) S/Sgt. BEACH (ASN 332 352 97) Thanks for any info you may send me.

JOHN W. WALTERS — 4012 Stillwell, Lansing, Mich. 48910. Subject 69th Div. Reunion — Please send me info about the reunion and any assoc. or group that may help keep me in touch with some of my old comrades. I may not be able to attend this one but I would like to be able to obtain a current address list that this reunion may create and be added to any list of this type. I was the motor officer of 3rd Bn. 272 Inf. In Europe 1st Lt. John W. Walters 01316350. I kept active in the reserves until 1968 and I am now in the retired group as a Lt. Col. age 55 with 22 years service. Thank you for your work in this special effort. LT. COL. USAR-RET. 517-882-8406.

DR. YAFFA ELIACH, CONSULTANT — 1605 Avenue J., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11230 — I am writing to you on behalf of the Center of Holocaust Studies. One aspect of our work is the collection and documentation of oral histories or survivors from concentration camps. Many of the survivors have indicated that the American soldiers who entered the camps after liberation extended help beyond their duties to alleviate the miserable conditions of these victims of Nazi brutality. We believe it is time to acknowledge the humanitarian acts of the American G.I. Currently there is a high degree of interest in the Holocaust, as evidenced by the great number of college students who elect to take course in this subject. If the story of the G.I.

were to be documented from first hand accounts, it will undoubtedly awaken a pride in our American heritage. At present volunteer researchers working at the center have undertaken this project. We are eager to contact as many ex-GIs as possible, from as broad a background as possible, to ascertain that our record is accurate. Did the members of your Org. serve in Europe during the spring of 1945? If so, we are appealing to you with several requests. Do you have a written account of the battles and of the camps which were liberated? Maps? Do you have a list of members whom we could contact to participate in our project? Are there meetings or reunions? When and where are they held? Thank you for your cooperation. Sincerely Tolclinsky, Ex. Sec.

ROBERT M. NEWBURG — 3025 S. Athol Rd. Athol, Ma. 01331 — Co. D. 273rd Inf. PFC. Wife: Cllice. Children: Eva and Robert Jr. My family is active in the music field and in scouting, my wife is a Nursery School Teacher and is the holder of the Silver Fawn, the highest award for volunteer in scouting. FROM THE DISTAFF SIDE. I hold the equivalent award, The Silver Beaver, for men and am now holding down two jobs in scouting, public relations chairman for the district and chairman of the committee for our local cub pack. I have been employed for nearly 35 years at the Union Twist Drill Div. of Litton Industries here in Athol and do considerable reporting for the local paper The Athol Daily News. My daughter Eva, is teaching vocal music in the Shelburne Falls, Colrain and Buckland Elementary Schools in Wester, Mass. She is holder of the district award of merit for scouting in the Great Trails Council. My son Robert is a senior in High School and is planning to enter college next fall. He is an honor society student with a great flare for music and wants to enter the field of medicine. Both the children have been in the All-State band for several years. He is an Eagle Scout with a palm. As for other members of Co. D. 273rd whom I contact with here are a few addresses that are correct: ALLEN BLACKNAR, Box 118, Pine Plains, N.Y. 12567; CHARLES HOEFER, RFD 1, Box 364, Red Nook, N.Y. 12571; EDWIN MILLER, 1 Delta Ct. Allendale, N.J. 07401. I am particularly in contacting MARVIN KAHLE, last known address that I have 206 Washington Ave., New Ulm, Minn. Perhaps an inquiry such as you are mailing out will dig up his new address. It's great to hear from the 69th again after several years. Good luck in your project. Robert Newbury.

EARL E. WITZLEB, JR. — P.O. Box 69, Champion, Pa. 15622, Phone (412-455-1901 after 7 PM and any time on Sunday. HARRY S. AUSTIN, JR. 69th, 4131 Dickey Rd., Gibsonia, Pa. 15044, EARL E. WITZLEB, JR. Inf. Div. Assoc. P.O. Box 69, Champion, Pa. 15622. CLARENCE MARSHALL, 101 Stephen St., New Kensington, Pa. 15068.

MEMBERS: Harry S. Austin, Jr. Clarence Burke, Merrill Embick, Joe George, Jr., R.F. Grimm, Fred Nouston, Robt. A. Ligman, Milten Lutes, Clarence Marshall, Gus Nagy, Albert Maginonis, Anthony Polite, George Roup, Paul Shadie, Robt. Stewart, John Stewart, Earl E. Witzleb, Jr., Enrico D'Angelo. Hi Fellow Members: As you knew, at least I hope, we do have a tri State (Western Penna., Eastern Ohio and Northern West Va.) chapter of the Fighting 69th Inf. Div. Assoc. It has been known as the Pittsburgh Chapter. Last year in July 1975 we had our first picnic at Harry Austin's home. We thought it was a success and plan another this coming summer just before reunion time in August 1976. This is the first we have done since the reunion was held in Pittsburgh way back in August 1967.

HARRY RITTER, JR. — 271st Med.

It pays to come to Reunion to keep people from talking about you — **WAYNE NELSON**.

JOHN PITNER — 215 Trainer St., Chester Pa. 19013 — Co. E, 272 Inf. Reg. Sgt. Wife: Mary. Children: John, Jr., David Peter, Irene Marie, Joseph Stanley. Wife and I have been married 29 years. I'm on disability pension, grandparents of 3 children. Is it possible to get Co. E. Roster since it was activated back in 1943 until it went to Europe. Would appreciate it deeply and the status of the men if alive or dead.

JOSEPH P. GATTO — 115 Elm Street, Cranford, N.J. 07016 271st — Tec 4. Wife: Rose. Children: Joseph Cecelia. At present Sales — Electrical Supply Company.

HOWARD D. CLEM — 1600 53rd St., Langdale, Ala. 36864. Co. A. 777th Tank, Cpl. Wife: Billie Jean. Children: Amiee, Howard, Jr. I have received a B.S. Degree in Pharmacy in 1948, have worked in the George H. Lanier Memorial Hospital since 1949. I am now Assistant Adm. & Dir. of Pharmacy. Married in 1947. My son Howard, Jr. will receive a B.S. Degree from Auburn U. in June 1976. I do appreciate hearing from the Organization.

RICHARD B. WILBER — 1219 Van Buren Drive, Fort Washington, Forest, Md. 20022. Cannon Co. 273rd 2-45 until combined with or to 29th Inf. Div. Sgt. MR. JOHN MORIARTY, Pine Lane, Brookfield, Mass. 01506.

CHARLES E. CAMPBELL — 1215 Luscombe La., Dravosburg, Pa. 15034. HQ. BTAY DIV. ART. T/S. Wife: Dorothy. Children: Duane, James. Have 2 sons, 1 married. Returned to my old job upon discharge and still there.

JOSEPH M. BERTRAND — P.O. Box 503, Galveston, Tx. 77550. HQ & HQ BTRY, 69th FA, Operation Cpl. (areo Field Lineman). Divorced. Children: Mrs. Louana Jean Hall. I shipped out as a seaman for approx. 1 year. Since 1947 I have been working in Oil Refineries and have been an operator with TCR (Texas City Ref. Inc.) for 21 years. Have one granddaughter Natalie Jeanette, 20 months. I would appreciate news of the 69th Inf. Div. World (Camp Shelby, Miss 1943 to Germany 1945) War II members. I am a member of VFW Pos No. 880, Galveston, Texas.

WILLARD W. BRAKHAGE — Murdock, Minn. 56271, 273rd Inf., T/3. Wife: Frances. Children: Kathryn. Married in 1951. Adopted Kathryn in 1961. Farmed after service — worked for Donavan Construction for 5 years. Last 5 years have been employed for Jack Frost (elevator).

ALVIN J. MARTIN — Bloxom, Va. 23308. 273 Reg., T/5. Wife: Winnie Grace. Children: Philip Martin. (Step Children) Rosemary, Arlene, Michael. Married — 1 child, divorced. Remarried 9 years ago and have been working now for C & P Telephone Co. for 35 years.

RAYMOND HILDENBRAND, SR. — 5905 Agusta St., Phila. Pa. 19149, 69th, 273rd, PFC. Wife: Virginia Ruth. Children: Ray, Jr., Loretta, Robert. Went back to the meat business and living very nicely. I wish more of my Buddies could be doing the same.

ROLAND E. HENDRICKSON — 4931 Lone Oak Rd. S.F., Salem, Or. 97302. Co. D. 273 INF. PFC. Wife: Janice M. Children: Roland, Jr., Dana M., Sue Ann. Have been a

meat cutter for the past 20 years, the last 5 years in business for myself.

EDWIN A. MILLER — 1 Delta Ct., Allendale, N.J. 07401. D-273 Inf. CPL. Wife: Doris. Children: Bruce, 23 yrs., Jeffrey, 20 yrs. Now 58 years old. Married in 1949. Manager Burke Ins. Agency, Teaneck, N.J. Worked for General Fire & Casualty Ins. Co. for 25 yrs. Eldest son, Jeff graduated from Ga. Tech in 1973 and is now employed as electrical engineer by General Dynamics of Pomona, Ca. Youngest son Jeff is a Jr. at Auburn Univ. of Auburn, Ala. Lived in Allendale, N.J. past 18 years which is 25 miles north west of New York City. Wife is keypunch supervisor for Automatic Data Processing of Clifton, N.J. Former buddy — **ROBERT NEWBURY**, S. Sthol Rd. Athol, Mass.

NORBERT GEORGE KOLDE — DECEASED June 21, 1950. HQ. Divarty — Wife: Irma M. Kolde, 2096 Emerald Lane, Eagan, Mn. 55122.

ELLIOTT McCLURE WARD — Rt. 4, Box 417 A, Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643. 273 REG. T.C. 5. Wife: Bessie Ward. Children: E.M. Ward, Jr., Martha Green Well. I have been married for 29 years and I am in Const. Work. I have been in it about all of this time. Don't know if you have name of one of my buddies — **EARL GRIFFIN**, Carbon, Ind., Box 101. Please send me word when the Reunion is the next time.

EDWARD S. KOLH — 8059 Roslyn Ave. Baltimore, Md. 21237. 2nd BN. HQ. CO 273 INF Transportation Sgt. From the beginning at Camp Shelby, Miss to the end of the 69th & assigned to the 29th Div. at Bremerhaven, Germany. Retired from Post Office, Carrier of, then Supervisor. Past Commander Post 6506, VFW and life member. My wife Mildred and I have a travel trailer and we are on the go quite a bit. Four children, youngest 25. We may try to be in the Reunion Area in August to see what goes on.

DONALD BOETZ SCOBIE — DECEASED January 14, 1976. He was a 1st Lt. with the 272 Innf. Div. 69th Div. His serial No. -0-303-820 and was separated at Camp Atterbury. Ind. on July 31, 1946. Mrs. Donald B. Scobie, 465 Allard Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich. 48236.

PARLEY J. PASKETT — 493 E. 100 S. Provo, Utah, 84601. Tour with 69th started back in Camp Shelby. Co. A., 273rd and went all the way through to the historic meeting with the Russians. Great you have a scholarship Fund, appreciate whoever has been so thoughtful and able to put the flowers on graves of our buddies in Belgium. Lost track of nearly all of my Army buddies. Do write to I. Sid Moore in Bloomington, Tx. We were in the mch gun sec. of Co. A, 273. Received my first bulletin about a month ago.

CHESTER W. KERMODE — Atty. at Law. 11073 Barrington Blvd. Parma Hgts., Oh 44130. Understand the dues or newsletter is only \$3.00 and enclosed is my check for that amount. If the cost has increased please advise and I'll mail the balance. Was in Communication Sec. of 273rd Reg. **BEN FOY** has been trying to get me to attend your Reunions and perhaps this year. I can make the meetings. Will you please keep me posted as to time and place.

AL KORMAZ — Here's my dough-like every one else. I enjoy word for word the bulletin. Here are three names not receiving the bulletin. Want you to please get them on the list — Ed. **PAUL FREEL**, 930 S. 26th, South Bend, Ind.

Now we are looking forward to having a winter banquet in the Pittsburgh area. This will be our first and we are looking for it to be a big success. With some 350 letters being mailed we should have a nice turn out by all members, wives, and guest which you may bring. The date set for our first annual banquet will be Saturday, March 27, 1976. We plan it will be at one of 3 locations, either in Monroe Hills, Greentree or the South Hills all on good main highways and easy to reach from your home. To know how to plan on a room size I must hear from all members by Feb. 28, 1976 so do drop me a line at once. The price to cover dinner, entertainment and some postage will be \$12.00 single and \$23.00 a couple. When writing me mail a check for your cost and also a self-addressed envelope so that I may get a letter back to you on the final arrangements. Please do put a stamp on the envelope and feel free to bring guests. Several couples if you wish. We will set all letter groups at one table so that you may order a bottle and set-ups. This way you will be able to bring a bottle and slip it in. We would like to stay away from a cash bar but can and will have one if you so desire in writing your letter to me. Remember to enclose your checks for \$12.00, \$23.00 or so on if you bring guests. If by chance you can't make it, let me know 10 days (March 17, 1976) in advance and I'll mail your check back to you. We do want to know how many to plan for and this being our first is the reason we ask for your money in advance. In years to come I am sure this will change as we get to know each other. You are all members of the 69th as your name is on the roster and you do get bulletins several times a year so I do suppose you do pay Association dues each year. This is why I feel you all should be interested in our tri State Chapter and come fellowship with each of us this one enjoyable evening of Sat., March 27, 1976. Even if you can't make it or not interested, drop me a line on your feelings and thoughts so that other plans can be made around your thoughts and ideas. Hope to see you all.

ARTHUR LOHRBACH — 14113, Pemberville Rd., Bradner, Ohio 42406. 373 Inf. Sgt., Wife: Eloise. Children: Gayle, Carl. My boys are married, living near here, we have no grandchildren. One son was fatally injured in an auto-truck accident 1946-1956, for 10 years I was farming. Then for 11 years I did farm and drive school bus also. Since 1967 I have been employed by the school Dist. as a custodian. I just can't farm and work at school and do justice to both. Still live here on the farm. Do you have Charles E. Hoefer, RFD Red Hook, N.Y. 12571 on your mailing list? Allen Blackmar (273 Inf.) is in Pine Plains, N.Y. I do not have a street address, but Charles Hoefer could give you that. We were there 3 years ago, to Red Hook, Pine Plains and also Steve Brion at Corning, N.Y. Charles Hoefer (273 Inf.) may also be able to give you another address of some one near by his home area. I can't think of the name of some one now. If I remember correctly this fellow has a band maybe you have these names. Thank you so much.

VERNON WIRTH — 8330 W. Concordia Ave., Milwaukee, Wis. 53222 — Sorry I was unable to attend this years reunion my wife Hilde was ill with phlebitis. I'm trying to get some of the fellows to try to make Phila., Pa. in 1976 with me. Have made Milwaukee my home since I was discharged in Sept. 1945. Just retired after working for the Borden Co. for 30 years as a retail milk man. Have two married daughters, Sandy and Judy Charlson. Was fortunate to get back to Europe in 1965, went as chaperon with Milwaukee Continental Youth Band Group of boys and girls average age 16 years. Spent 32 days touring 5 countries and West Berlin with concerts in 18 cities. Judy

was a member of band in 1960 when they won the American Legion Jr. Band competition in Miami Beach, also in 1961 when they marched in President Kennedy's Inaugural Parade. I figured my whole trip was shot when I fell asleep in the bus and missed seeing where we crossed the Rhine on the Victor Bridge. Never woke up until we were in Remagen. The 10th Armored Div. had their 24th Reunion here in Milwaukee on Labor Day weekend. Got to see some old buddies I hadn't seen in 32 years, also 3 members from 777 who live only a short distance away came for final day. They would try to make the reunion in 1977 in Arizona so we could visit S. Calif. where we spent year and a half. Would appreciate very much if you could supply me with the dates for the 1976 reunion so I can contact these fellows about trying to make it, perhaps plan their vacations for that time.

"ENGINE-EARS"

FRANK NEMETH REPORTS:

The 269th Engineers are looking forward to another fine 69th Reunion at Brandywine this year. Just hope everyone has turned in their reservations, this is a brand new and clean hotel!!!

Wrote to the Hotel about our 269th Engrs' Hospitality Room, but so far I haven't heard from them, but I understand it has been taken care of. Most people seem to like the idea of the Hospitality Room, especially the women (Ha Ha!!!). . .

At the last Reunion I learned we lost two good friends in Bert Brown, H & S., and Steve Puchan, Co. C. and have since heard that Elmer Egolf, Co. A. and George Hess, Co. B. have also passed away.

Received a letter from Darvin Tomlinson who sent me the address of Otto Frey, H & S. Co., who I wrote to and he sent me the addresses of Chas. Griffin and Wilbert Morrical who I wrote to but so far they haven't written back, so, I can't tell you what Co. they were in.

Johnnie Pontieri had a series of serious operations since our last Reunion and I'm happy to report he is getting along just fine & is looking forward to our next Reunion to see his old buddies! I'm sorry if this sounds like a Co. B report but most all my mail comes from that company since I hear quite regularly from Ernie Buceaga, Jim Sears, Sid Poirrier, Gene Huggins, John Pontieri, Stuart McGregor, Chuck Herring, so let me hear from you other guys regardless of what Co. you were in. See Ya in August, Frank . . .



Jack Jones, A-271
Harry Austin, A.T.-271
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O.H. BROUSSARD, HQS. 1st Bx. 273
Came all the way from Texas to Reunion
in a wheel chair: (NOT REALLY) He
came with Eleanor, his wife, and son
and daughter-in-law — — — — —



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AT MEMORIAL CEREMONY IN NORFOLK,
VIRGINIA IN 1975. (Left to Right)
Jack Goldman, William Filien, Rabbi Ernst M.
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and former President Al Carbonari.



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