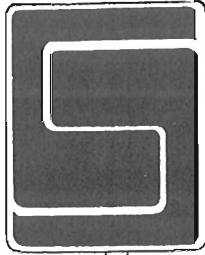


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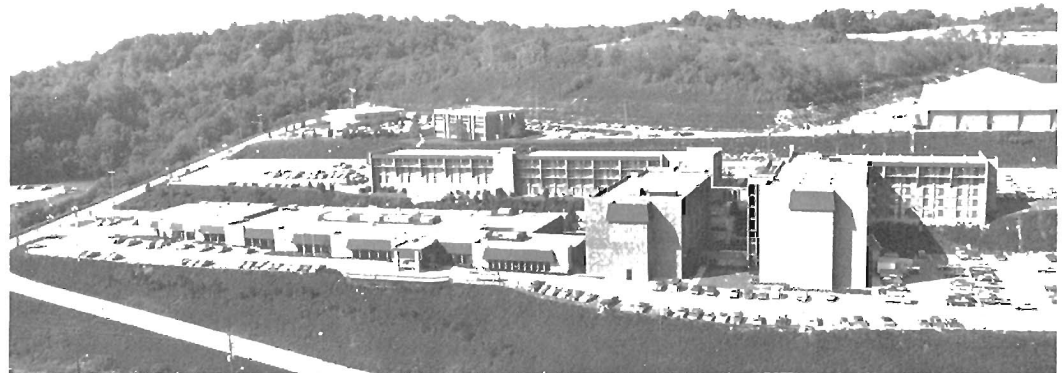
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## Pittsburgh — Someplace Special

Well I guess it's time to move on. We have been standing here since the last bulletin, so *Let's go!* For a minute take another look down the Ohio River, then across to Three Rivers Stadium, and back over our shoulders getting another peek at the Golden Triangle. That big building in the background standing 62 stories high is the U. S. Steel Building. (There is a nice lounge and restaurant on that 62nd floor which you might want to try. At the same time you can get a look at the city, country, and state. You can see for 50 miles from the windows, looking into three other states, they say.) Into our vehicle we go and across the Fort Pitt Bridge, through the Fort Pitt Tunnel, and start up the hill. Now we go from a downtown city look to a suburban atmosphere. As we approach the top of the hill just a couple minutes from where we started, we watch for the Greentree Exit and off to our right we go, keeping to the left and following the Crafton signs. At the bottom of the grade we stop for the stop sign, make a left turn down the hill to the red light, then another left and almost immediately a right onto Mansfield Avenue West. Soon we pass the Holiday Inn and ahead of us, bearing to the right, is Marriott Drive. Up we go and there it is -- The Marriott -- our headquarters for a few days or, we hope, a full week. You will like the rooms, the coffee shop, the restaurant, Trolley Bar Lounge, and the many other things to do: swimming, game room, tennis courts, and so on. So do have a wonderful time while you are here and enjoy yourself with your family and other 69th buddies and their families. YES, FROM ALL THE PITTSBURGH 69ers WE SAY *WELCOME* TO THE MARRIOTT AND PITTSBURGH AND WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA. HAVE A BALL!

### EDITOR'S NOTE

From all the officers we do wish all 69th members and families a Happy Easter. Remember April 15th is Income Tax deadline. It would be nice to use your refund check to pay your way along with your lady to the Pittsburgh reunion in August. Hope your piggy banks are getting full, as we are only six months away from reunion time. The baseball game Wednesday, the early bird Thursday ride on The Party Liner on the three rivers of Pittsburgh, and the dinner dance Saturday evening seem to be the high spots of this reunion. I am sure you will enjoy the Fisher Body Plant tour and any other one that you might select from the list given. It is also nice to take a ride into Pittsburgh at night and then to go up Mt. Washington and see it again from a different location. We really want one and all to have a fine stay here in Pittsburgh and do socialize with your buddies from World War Two and their families.

**NEWS FOR BULLETIN: SEND TO EARL WITZLEB, JR. OR CLARENCE MARSHALL**

# News From The Editor's Desk

We have received a communication from **Mrs. Phyllis A. Muije**, 6558 Roswell Road, NE., Apt. 7-I, Atlanta, Georgia 30328, and she is interested in the activities of the "Tryhard White Fox Company," which to those of you who do not know was Company F-273rd Infantry Regiment. She was especially interested in their exploits between December 1, 1944, and May 8, 1945. Mrs. Muije was referred to former **Lt. Earl Glegg**, **Lt. Archibald Farrar**, **First Sgt. Lawrence Sonksen**, and enlisted men **Charles Euton** and **Sam Woolf**. In a later letter she stated that she had been in contact with former **Lt. Earl Glegg**, and that he had been very helpful. She said that he had mentioned a former **Capt. Baucum**, but unfortunately the latter has never been on our Association mailing roster. If any of you who read this article could give us a lead as to where we might locate **Capt. Baucum**, we would appreciate it. Mrs. Muije intends to contact the others who we have referred her to. Any other members from F-Company 273 who might be able to help, please contact this lady at the above address.

**Everett L. Sharp**, 119 Luther Avenue, Liverpool, N.Y. 13088, F-271st, writes to express his thanks to **Loar, John**, **William Matlach**, **Stan**, and all the other members in attendance for the enjoyable reunion which they attended at the Brandywine Hilton in 1976. We were unable to attend the 1977 reunion in Scottsdale, Arizona, but hope there was a large attendance for the reunion and that hopefully among those attending there was a nice representation of Fox Company 271st Infantry. My name being listed in the Bulletin following the 1976 reunion resulted in my hearing from a former company buddy; **Thomas L. Scott**, 2000 Hill Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104. I shall be interested in hearing the details about the 1978 reunion. Mr. Sharp also stated that he was interested in obtaining a copy of the pictorial History Book of the 69th Infantry Division.

**Woodrow C. Mitchell**, 654 Grenfell Street, Houston, Texas 77076, A-724th. Am sending check for 77-78 dues, etc. I wanted to attend the get-together you held in Arizona this year, but just couldn't make it. My wife's health wouldn't permit it. The part I played in the 69th Division was — I was one of the cadre from the 96th Division in Camp Adair, Oregon, who was transferred to Camp Shelby to help activate the 69th. I was a buck sergeant in the 724th Field Artillery, and went overseas with them. I was wounded on April 15, 1945, and was sent by plane to a hospital in Paris, then on to England, and back to the states by boat, in July of 1945, and spent time in a hospital in Temple, Texas. I was discharged on disability in February of 1946. I retired in February of 1976, as an ornamental iron worker and am in good health. I wrote to my former Battery Commander after finding his name listed in one of the books you sent me. **Capt. Franklin Diekman** paid me a visit from his home town Chicago, Illinois, this past February, and we spent a few hours together. A regular bullfest and a very enjoyable one. He brought me up to date on what happened after I was wounded. **Capt. Diekman** was one of the finest officers that I ever served under. The voice of experience now talking, as I was in three different Artillery Units and Divisions, the 69th being the last. I had a total of 8 years service. **Capt. Diekman** advised me that there was a History Book printed of the 69th Division after the war, and I would like to get a copy of it. I hope I can make the next reunion.

In a later communication Mr. Mitchell sent along a check for one of our History Books which was promptly sent to him. He was also sent a list of addresses of men from his battery in the 724th, so that he could stir-up some interest in attending the 1978 reunion in Pittsburgh. Mr. Mitchell sent along two names and addresses for our roster. **William J. Walsh**, 13105 E. 10th Avenue, Spokane, Washington 99216, and **Raymond Warren** of Perry, Oklahoma. We regretfully had to advise Mr. Mitchell that Mr. Warren had been on our roster, and just recently passed away.

**Dean J. Schmitt**, Box 4104, Olympia, Washington 98501, L-271st, writes: A friend of my niece, **Robert Fridell**, returned in August from a reunion of the 69th Division. I didn't know that he had been in the 69th. I was a member of Co. L-271st Infantry from Shelby to the end.

Can you give me any information on joining the Association? [Editors Note: Mr. Schmitt was sent the information which he requested and is now on our mailing roster].

**Robert L. Kremin**, 3604 Howlett Hill Road, Camillus, N.Y. 13031, K-271st. It seems a shame, but in 30 years I have only attended four reunions. I'll admit they were in the lexicon "Balls." I'll never forget skinny-dipping at the Harrisburg Downtown. People were killing themselves to cram into the porches in the lounge to get a glimpse of us.

I have a request for information on the following four men: **Capt. Herbert Pickett**, **Pfc. Berton Becker**, **S/Sgt. Norman C. Harry**, and **S/Sgt. Joe Fleming**. [Editors Note: The only one of these four that we have on our mailing roster is S/Sgt. Harry. If anyone reading this article has addresses for the others, please send them to the Editor and also to Mr. Kremin].

**David Goldstein**, 5006 NW. 58th Street, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33319, 569th Sig. Just finished reading our 69th Bulletin, and as usual enjoyed hearing about the Division activities. I'm sorry to admit that I haven't been to a reunion since the original ones in New York — way back when. I just missed the Mountain Shadows Reunion because I had to close some business transactions. Finally, I am all done working and retired, so I hope to be able to get to see some of our old friends again soon. I noticed that the 569th Signal Company had four names listed as having been at the Mountain Shadows Reunion. I would appreciate their names and addresses if possible, as I would like to correspond with them.

I noticed that the list contained **Fred Fenn**. Is he the former **Col. Fenn**? I hope so!!! I have been in touch with **Carl Fritch** of Mertztown, Pennsylvania, and **Archie Harris** of Sheffield, Pennsylvania.

If any 69er's are in Florida near Ft. Lauderdale, please let me know. [Editor's Note: Have advised Mr. Goldstein that there are thirteen 69er's living in, or very near Ft. Lauderdale, and a total of 154 living in the state of Florida. Also sent him the addresses which he requested].

This interesting information has been passed on to us:

You may be interested in the following: **Reagan V. Brown**, Co. F-272nd, and **Dorman H. Winfrey**, Hq. Divarty, are State agency heads in Texas. Brown is Commissioner of the Agriculture, and Winfrey is Director of the Texas State Library. Both are from the same home town Henderson, Texas — trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi — served with the Division in Europe, but never made contact until after the War ended.

**John B. Mulroy**, 123 W. Elbon Road, Parkside, Pennsylvania 19015, Ser. 273rd, writes: I was in the 69th from beginning to end, but do not hear from many old buddies.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Successful New Year. Mr. Mulroy sent along ten dollars for dues.

The following from **Sam Woolf**, 241 Waverly Road, Scarsdale, N.Y. 10583, F-273rd. First of all I would like to congratulate you for a fine Bulletin. Secondly, I was broken-up by the passing of **Doc Braverman** and **Col. Landis**. They will be missed by all. Thirdly, I want to wish you and your family a Happy and Healthy New Year.

There is no news from the New York Chapter, as it has been inactive for many years. What we really need is a fireball to get it started again.

Anne and I are looking forward to coming to Pittsburgh in August. Looking at the list of Conventions since 1948, I only missed one, in Cleveland.

That's about all from here. Keep up the good work, and regards to all in Pittsburgh.

Kate Reynolds our "Sunshine Lady," sends along the following:

**To the Ladies Auxiliary of the 69th Division Association?**

I wish to thank you all for the check you sent me. Would also like to thank all who sent Christmas cards, and for the Birthday cards I received in December.

Some were early, some were late, but believe me they were very much appreciated.

Sorry we missed the reunion in Arizona. Hoping all goes well and we can make it to Pittsburgh in 1978.

Thanks again,

Kate Reynolds

*The Sunshine Girl*

**Philip Colombo**, 156-20 65th Avenue, Flushing, N.Y. 11367, Hq. 879th, writes: I would like to say that the Bulletin of October 1977 was just like holding my clipboard and reading the names of my old buddies in the motor pool. There were more than half of the names on my list, and when I say old buddies it seems that is just how it is now. They must all be in the grandfather age bracket. The next time I get out to Ohio I will get in touch with one of them like "The Greek." **Al Kormazis**. Also in the far western corner of Ohio, **Howard Daniels**. I hope to hear from some of these old boys soon.

The following from: **Earl W. Walters**, P.O. Box 304, Landisville, Pennsylvania 17538, Hq. 3rd Bn. 273rd. Gave up plastering trade eleven years ago to become a Postal Clerk in the Lancaster, Pennsylvania Post Office.

Bruce, my son, served in the Army two years in the states, and one year on Fire Island, off the coast of Anchorage, Alaska. He is also a Postal Clerk in the Landisville Post Office. Karen Sue, my daughter, was a National Honor Student in high school. She had two years at Hood College in Maryland, and is now enrolled at Millersville State. The "Better-half" is a secretary to the Librarian in Landisville High School. We will be married 32 years come April 14, 1978. Had our ups and downs, but a lot more fortunate than many others, and as Lutherans we are thankful for the many good things which we have been blessed with. *[Editor's Note: Mr. Walters sent along an interesting article which he wrote for the newspaper concerning a local bit of history about his area in Pennsylvania. We hope that space will permit the use of all, or part of it in one of our future Bulletins].*

**Norman Schmidt**, Box 154, Wimbledon, North Dakota 58492, F-272nd. First, here is a genuine fine compliment on the recent issue of the 69th Infantry Division Bulletin.

Could you send me a list of the names you have in F-272nd who did not attend the reunion in Scottsdale, Arizona. I have recently found a number of names I had written in a book, of buddies at Camp Shelby, with addresses which might help. I will compare with what you send, and mail back the ones which you don't have. *[Editor's Note: Mr. Schmidt was sent a list of the men which we have addresses for from F-272nd, and we hope that he can come up with some new ones to bolster our roster].*

**William E. Johnson**, R.D. No. 4, Box 42-A, Millsboro, Delaware 19966, 769th Ord., writes: Just received the latest Bulletin. Would like to continue membership. See you in Pittsburgh.

**Edward Dykman**, 134 Rutgers Place, Nutley, N.J. 07110, 1st Bn. Medics 273rd.

Dear Buddy:

May I congratulate you and yours for the very best format of the new edited Bulletin ever put out, as per Volume 31, No. 1, October to December 1977.

I have been with your outfit since Camp Shelby, through the ETO, and discharge. In spirit I have been at all of your reunions, and just might make the 1978 one in Pittsburgh. I still have buddies of the 273rd, 1st Bn. Medics. Some are in Penn-

sylvania -- such as **Dick Lesher**, **Sam Ickes**, **Ed Gubanic** and a few who I have lost track of.

This summer I ran into **Dick Dickerson** in Easton, Maryland. The two of us and our wives had a glorious 3 day and night ball.

I have been exchanging Christmas cards every year with those on my mailing list. My 69th Division Decal on the side window of my car is prominently displayed, but curiously no one has ever approached me from our outfit to ask what unit I was in, or where I lived. I find this very down-hearted, as I have put up notices on the bulletin boards of the VFW and the American Legion, to which I have belonged since 1946. I thought I would run into someone in our Tri-State area. The fact that I wasn't much to mingle with the G.I.'s while in service, has handicapped me in remembering names, faces and incidents -- and the good and bad times. In civilian life I was active in entertainment with a C & W Band. I have retired from playing clubs, but do a solo act in V.A. Hospitals and the Red Cross, through programs maintained by both the VFW and Legion Post of Garfield, and Montclair, N.J.

Just celebrated 25th Wedding Anniversary with wife Lucy, and 2 daughters: Pamela and Wanda.

Enclosed is my check for 1978 dues. *[Editors Note: We advised Mr. Dykman that his buddy Dick Lesher now resides in New Orleans, Louisiana].*

A letter from **Rose** and **Leon Swedlow**, 69-59 197th Street, Flushing, N.Y., 269th Eng.

We received the Bulletin today, and it was the most informative and best written one yet. *Congratulations!* I would appreciate it if you could put the President of the 1978 Ladies Auxiliary in touch with me. I had volunteered to speak at the 1976 meeting, but plans were changed. Leon and I could not attend the 1977 reunion, however, we will if all goes well, be at the 1978 Pennsylvania meeting.

If the board wishes, I could give an interesting lecture to the women at their Saturday morning meeting. The subject would be on Interior Design, a course which I have been teaching for 16 years, to adults for the New York Board of Education. I also give lectures to local organizations on the same subject. I would enjoy offering this to the Fighting 69th, and would waive any fee. The only thing I would need is some advance notice so that I could gear the talk to the diversified backgrounds of the group.

**This note also came with Mrs. Swedlow's letter**

In January of 1977, Leon and I vacationed in Florida. On the trip down from New York we were graciously entertained by **Chuck Herring** and his wife Lotty, who offered us southern hospitality of a one-night stay at their Wilmington, N.C., home with dinner out.

In St. Petersburg, Florida, we took in some night life with another 69th Engineer buddy **Max Weinzierl** and his friend Marie.

**Warren Alford**, 6944 Fleur de Lis Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana 70124, 69th QM and Div. Hq. -- **New Orleans, Louisiana, for 1979.** States he sent **Bob Myers** information for hotel situation in New Orleans. No mention in the Bulletin about the letter from the Mayor of New Orleans, and Lt. Governor of Louisiana inviting the 69th to come. How come? It should at least get honorable mention. Glad to see more news in the Bulletin. *[Editor's Note: I don't know who received the letters from the Mayor and Lt. Governor, but if we receive them we will find room to publish them].*

**Albert Bukovec**, 146 E. 272nd St. Euclid, Ohio 44132 -- B-724. If at all possible, please send me the mailing roster for "Baker Battery" 724th Field Artillery Bn. For the past several years I have been toying with the idea of having a Battery Reunion here in the Cleveland area. Shortly after the war we had several reunions in Philadelphia, Brooklyn, and Garfield, N. J. Now with the 69th Reunion in Pittsburgh my plan is to have our Get-together during the division

reunion. I have some addresses and thought you might be able to help with some more. I will send personal letters to all we can locate and see if we can have a great turnout. [Editor's Note]: Mr. Bukovec was sent the addresses that the Association has for his Battery; and in turn he was asked to send us the addresses that he has so that we can check and see if they are on our mailing roster.

**Dread M. Mattox**, 2014 Blackthorne, Champaign, Ill. 61820 G-272 wrote in to give us his corrected address. He stated that he had no news to send along, but that one of these years he was going to make a National Reunion.

**Fernando Magnon**, 2090 E. College Ave. State College, Pa. 16801 -- AT-273. Mr. Magnon requested addresses for his former Company Commander, Capt. Desmul, Bernard Inland, and Cpl. Shannon. He stated that he was with the 69th Division from the beginning to the end. He was known as Sgt. Maggy in the service. Ex Sgt. Magnon is now 71 years old and states that he will see us in Pittsburgh this coming August. [Editor's Note]: Our Association only had the address for Capt. Desmul which he requested. If anyone can help with the others, please contact the Editor.

Our treasurer received the following from **Mr. & Mrs. Chris P. Fox**, 1107 Kelly Way, El Paso, Texas 79902:

Dear Mr. Witzleb.

Mrs. Fox and I were so pleased to receive your notice and also the Honorary Membership Card. Equally so, we are pleased to know that your meeting over in Phoenix was pleasing as well as a change of pace. I have a suggestion to offer, just a suggestion because I don't want to be in a position of "butting in". Why don't we pass up those Russians who have no love for us, and on the next visit go to England where the regiments and division spent good days among good people who have always been on our team, and are there today strong as they can be. To you and your family, Mrs. Fox and I and our daughters send good wishes for the Holiday Season and hope that our paths will cross some day. [Editor's Note]: Mr. and Mrs. Fox are the parents of Lt. Chris P. Fox, Jr. who was a platoon Officer of G-Company 273rd Inf. Reg. and who was killed in action with our Division.

We were very sorry to receive this information from: **Mrs. George D. Taylor**, P. O. Box 651, St. Michaels, Md. 21663. Mrs. Taylor is the wife of George D. Taylor who served with companies K -L- & M of the 271st Inf. Regt. She has advised us that her husband has been ill since May of 1975 and has been in a local nursing home since October 3, 1977. He had attended quite a few reunions prior to his illness. Both of them were on the Return Trip to Europe in 1969. Mrs. Taylor wished us great success with our reunion in Pittsburgh in 1978 and continuation of growth in membership in our Association. [Editor's Note]: How about some of you fellows who served with Mr. Taylor writing him. Also, those of you who were on the trip to Europe with them.

**Willard N. Beecher**, 2220 Glenmoor Road, N. Clearwater, Florida 33516 G-273 writes as follows: I really enjoyed the current "Bulletin" (Vol. 31, No. 1). Seriously contemplated the trip to Mountain Shadows; but just couldn't make it. Hope to make Pittsburgh in August. Would like to ask several personal favors. I would like the address of Leonard Langdon listed in the Bulletin as attending the reunion in Scottsdale, Arizona. I believe we roomed together in Germany 32 years ago. I would like to drop him a line. Can you send me an address for Robert Ainley whose son was a 1977 Scholarship Award winner. He served in G-273 and I would like to contact him. My third and last request is for two decals for my auto windows. Will be glad to pay for them. My wife and I are very personal friends of Barbara and Anees "Bearcat" Barakat whose daughter was also a Scholarship Award winner. May I say that Sara is indeed a very deserving winner and a true academician. Our personal thanks to the Scholarship Committee. [Editor's Note]: All of

Mr. Beecher's requests were taken care of; and we hope to see him in Pittsburgh in August.

We received a short communication from **Arthur L. Ayres**, Sr. -- Q 10, 44 Center Grove Road, Dover, N. J. 07801 -- D-273. He enclosed his dues, and stated that he had missed not getting our Newsletter lately. He has never attended any of our reunions, but hopes to do so in the future. Wanted us to say hello to all of the fellows from Company D-273. Mr. Ayres says he often thinks of them.

## Bronze Star Medal

Did you know that you are entitled to the Bronze Star Medal if you have been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, or the Combat Medical Badge, during your time in service? This is true as the following extract from Army Regulations show.

This information was furnished to us by Col. A. R. Datnoff former Commanding Officer of AT-271st.

**2-14 Bronze Star Medal** The Bronze Star Medal is awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity in or with the Army of the United States after 6, December, 1941, distinguished himself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service, not involving participation in aerial flight, in connection with military operations against an armed enemy; while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.

a. **Heroism.** Award may be made for acts of heroism, performed under circumstances described above, which are a lesser degree than required for the award of the Silver Star.

b. **Meritorious achievement or meritorious service.**

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2. **Award may be made on letter application to** -- The Center Manager, National Personnel Record Center, GSA, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63132 [enclosing documentary evidence, if possible] to each member of the **Armed Forces of the United States** who after 6, December 1941, has been cited in orders or awarded a certificate for exemplary conduct in ground combat against an armed enemy between 7, December, 1941 and 2, September, 1945, inclusive, or whose meritorious achievement has been otherwise confirmed by documents executed prior to 1, July, 1947. For this purpose an award of the **Combat Infantryman Badge** or **Combat Medical Badge** is considered as a citation in orders. Documents executed since 4, August, 1944, in connection with recommendations for the award of decorations of higher degree than the Bronze Star Medal will not be used as the basis for an award under the provisions of this paragraph.

## 69TH DIVISION CRUISE

A one week 69th Division cruise aboard the "Carnivale" to San Juan, St. Thomas, St. Maarten, and other stops is scheduled for April 29, 1978. Members will fly to Miami to board the ship and return by airplane to New York. Other flight cities are available upon request. For more information, you should write our 69th members Al and Edith Carbonari -- 271 Bank Street -- Seymour, Conn. 06483 immediately as they do have a deadline date for the planned cruise. Better still, give them a call at area code 203-888-0545, and do it today! Don't put it off if you are interested. If you write, it would be nice if you mailed them a check towards a deposit. They will send the information needed right back to you.

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## Make Your Plans NOW for the Pittsburgh Reunion

Return this form with the tour information form to Earl Witzleb. Let us know what you want to do in Pittsburgh in August.

Earl: I (We) are coming to the reunion and have reserved with the Marriott. We plan to arrive and do the following:

Sunday, August 13	On your own	
Monday, August 14	On your own — see Page 6	
Tuesday, August 15	Meadowlands Race Track — see Page 6	
Wednesday, August 16	Kick-off day — we would like everyone here	
	Baseball Game — Pittsburgh Pirates and Cincinnati Reds (Big Red Machine)	
	7:30 p.m.	
Thursday, August 17	Tour Fisher Body Plant — West Mifflin — 12:00 noon. Bus Ticket	\$ 3.00
	Early Bird — Party Liner (On the Three Rivers) Bus shuttle begins 6:00 p.m.	
	Dinner, Dancing, Drinking and Socializing.	\$14.00
Friday, August 18	Golf Tournament with Chuck Herring 9:30 a.m.	
	Shopping Trip — South Hills Village with Dorothy Witzleb — 10:00 a.m.	
	Directors Meeting with President Moriarty 3:00 p.m.	
	Beer Party Buffet (Chuck Wagon) — 7:00 p.m.	\$10.00
	Beer Party (Registration Ticket) — 8:30 p.m.	
Saturday, August 19	Men's General Meeting* — 10:00 a.m.	
	Ladies' General Meeting* — 10:00 a.m.	
	*Coffee and Rolls — 9:00 a.m.	
	Memorial Service with George Roup	
	Point Park or Marriott Flagpole — 2:00 p.m. Bus Shuttle begins 1:00 p.m.	
	Banquet Dinner-Dance — Main Ball Room	
	Cocktail Hour (Cash bar) — 6:45 p.m.	
	Dinner (Roast Top Sirloin of Beef) — 7:30 p.m.	
	Dancing, Drinking, Socializing — 9:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.	\$16.00
Sunday, August 20	Relaxing day or departures — Good by's	
Monday, August 21	See you next year Good by.	

A registration fee of \$2.00 will be assessed. This ticket is good for the beer party beginning at 8:30 p.m. The beer party buffet is optional.

No money is required at this time, but you can send a part or all of your expected amount.

# Your President Writes

The holidays are over and I hope you all enjoyed them as much as I did. It is always a very hectic time, but family and friends make it so worthwhile. May I take this opportunity to wish that you all enjoy a very happy and healthy 1978.

The highlight of our association year is the annual reunion held in August of each year. The 1977 reunion was unique, first because it was held in Scottsdale, Arizona, for the first time in these many years away from the East Coast; and, secondly because it has to be ranked as one of the very best we have ever had. Many of our members who came west for the first time made extended trips throughout the western states and to the Pacific, and enjoyed themselves very much. The committee in charge of the reunion did an outstanding job of making advance arrangements for rooms, meeting facilities, transportation from airport, train and bus stations; manning the Registration Desk, and being always available with warm western hospitality and friendship. To my old "Capt." Bob Myers and all his committee, headed up by Frank See and their wives who assisted, my most sincere thanks for a job well done, and for your friendship.

You have already received one bulletin in this new format and I think you will agree that Earl Witzleb and Clarence Marshall have done a great job in putting it together. It is a very difficult task, and takes a lot of time and work. My congratulations to them, and thanks to our Board Chairman Loar Quickle for all his work in the past on this project, as well as his advice and assistance in so many

Association duties.

The 1978 reunion will be in Pittsburgh, and Earl Witzleb tells me he will outdo the Arizona reunion in numbers and facilities. Good luck, Earl, it will be tough! All members will be receiving information on the reunion and I urge all who can to attend. You will enjoy it, I know.

The 69th Division Association is a great organization, and that includes without reservation the 661st T. D. Battalion and the 777th Tank Battalion. I am extremely proud to serve as its President after four (difficult) years as treasurer, and will try to serve you all as faithfully and well as our past Presidents.

John J. Moriarty  
President

## SEND A CARD OR NOTE

I have received only two sick call letters since the last bulletin so I hope we are all in good health and enjoying the New Year to the hilt.

Mrs. Arnott writes that Hugh is very ill. He had a heart attack November 3, 1977. His address is: Mr. Hugh G. Arnott, 1010 Shady Brook Lane, Napa, California 94558. Hope you are much improved now and getting back to your usual form.

Resley Glenn, who was the driver for General Bolte during his Army stay, had serious surgery just after he returned home from the Arizona reunion this past August, 1977. Hope you are back on your feet again, Resley, and doing good. You may write him a note or card to: Mr. Resley Glenn, P. O. Box 1113, Springfield, Oregon 97477.

## Tours Available at the Pittsburgh Reunion

Earl — We also want to do the following if enough members make arrangements for the following tours on either Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday. Prices could change slightly.

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| 1   | Meadowlands Harness Race Track — Dinner and racing  | \$ |       |
|     | Just racing (9 races)   | \$ |       |
| 2.  | Fallingwater House Tour — six hours — per person  | \$ |       |
|     | A drive through the scenic Laurel Mountains to Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural masterpiece with a stop for lunch at a quiet mountain inn before returning to the Marriott.   |    |       |
| 2a. | The above with a stop at Ohiopyle Falls Park for a picnic lunch.  | \$ | 19.00 |
| 3.  | Old Economy Village Tour — Three Hours — Per Person   | \$ | 10.00 |
|     | A ride by bus down the Ohio River for a guided tour of the early 19th century communal settlement.  |    |       |
| 3a. | The above with a stop for lunch either at the Granary on the premises or at a clever old German restaurant before returning to the Marriott.  | \$ | 18.00 |
| 4.  | Pittsburgh City Tour — Two and one half hours — Per Person  | \$ | 8.00  |
|     | This shows the highlights of the Golden Triangle and features a ride on one of our unique inclines. A tour of our cultural center in Oakland with a stop at any one of a number of places including Scaife Gallery, Helen Clay Frick Gallery, nationality rooms at the University of Pittsburgh, or Heinz Hall. |    |       |
| 4a. | The above with luncheon on top of Mt. Washington or at a private club in Three Rivers Stadium.  | \$ | 19.00 |
| 5.  | A tour of Hartwood Acres, the county owned country estate of the Lawrence family with perhaps luncheon at a nearby country club.  | \$ |       |
| 6.  | A visit to the fashionable Shadyside section of Pittsburgh to browse through the unique shops and galleries on Walnut Street.   | \$ |       |
| 7.  | Tour of a coal mine -- with lunch — Four Hours Per Person   | \$ | 19.00 |
| 8.  | Tour of a glass factory -- with lunch — Four Hours  | \$ | 19.00 |
| 9.  | An historical tour, including colorful Ft. Pitt Museum and block house and a tour of several privately owned Victorian townhouses in the restoration area on Pittsburgh's north side.   | \$ |       |

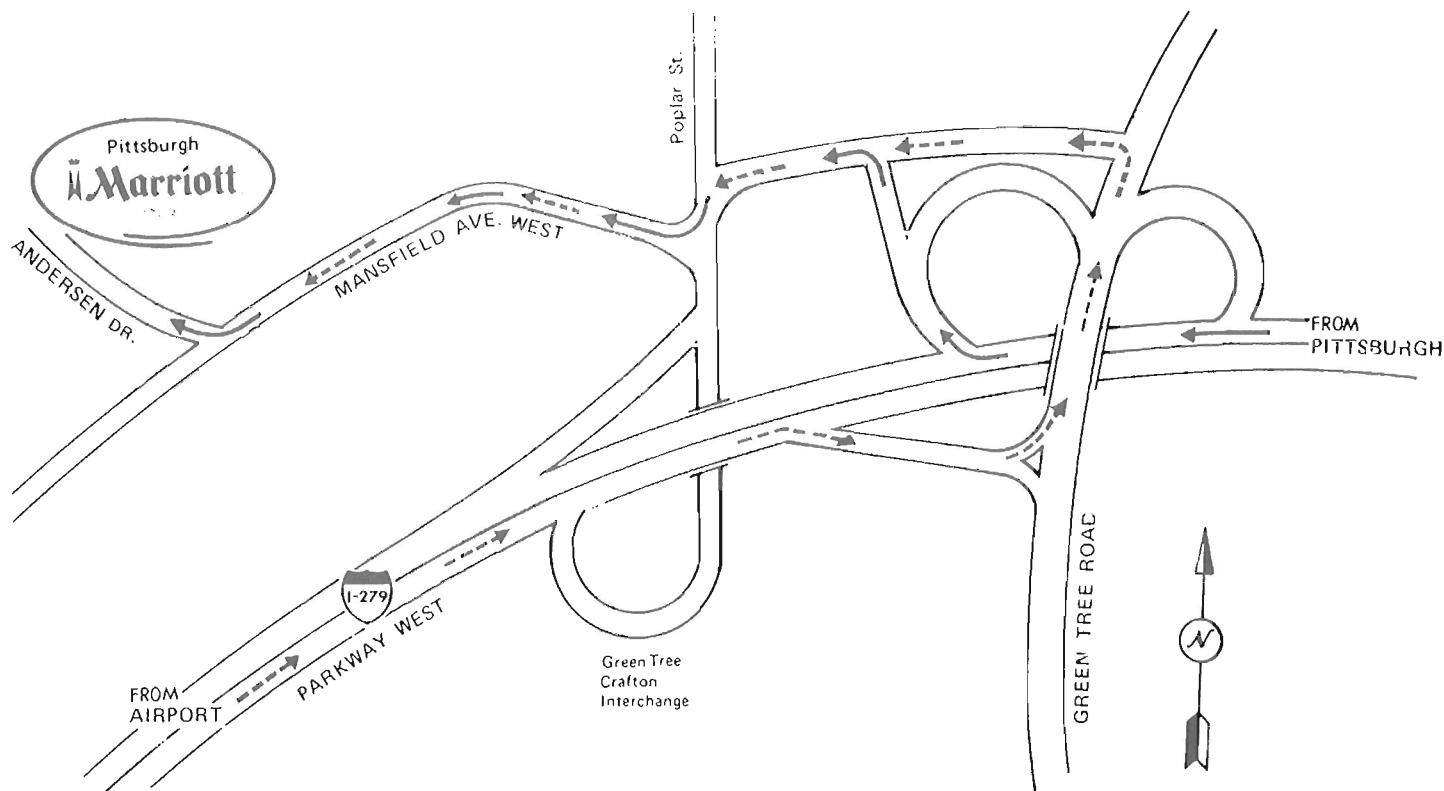
Each tour must have 40 persons before they can operate. We want to please you, our guest 69th buddies and families, in Pittsburgh, so let us know what you want to do. Mail this form to: Earl E. Witzleb, Jr.

Post Office Box 69 Drawer M  
Champion, Pa. 15622

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City, State, & Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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## William L. Thomas Suffers Fatal Heart Attack

**An article of interest to former members of Headquarters Battery 879th Field Artillery.**

This article is relative to your former Commanding Officer, Captain William L. Thomas. He was First Lieutenant William L. Thomas when he was transferred from the 96th Infantry Division at Camp Adair, Oregon, to the 69th Infantry Division at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

On July 20, 1943, he was promoted to Captain. As Commanding Officer of this unit, he shared in all of their training and on the 29th of November, 1944, he went overseas with them on the SS LeJuenne. On January 21st, 1945, this unit moved by LST from England to LeHarve, France. From there it was to Rouen, and Marchais, France; Eiberinger, Belgium; and into combat on the Siegfried Line.

The first day of action was February 12th, 1945. After 15 days of sustained action this unit along with the rest of the 69th Division severed the first belt of the Siegfried Line, and on the first day of combat took a record 200 prisoners.

The 879th Field Artillery moved swiftly across Germany, passing through such towns as Coblenz, Remagen, Cologne,

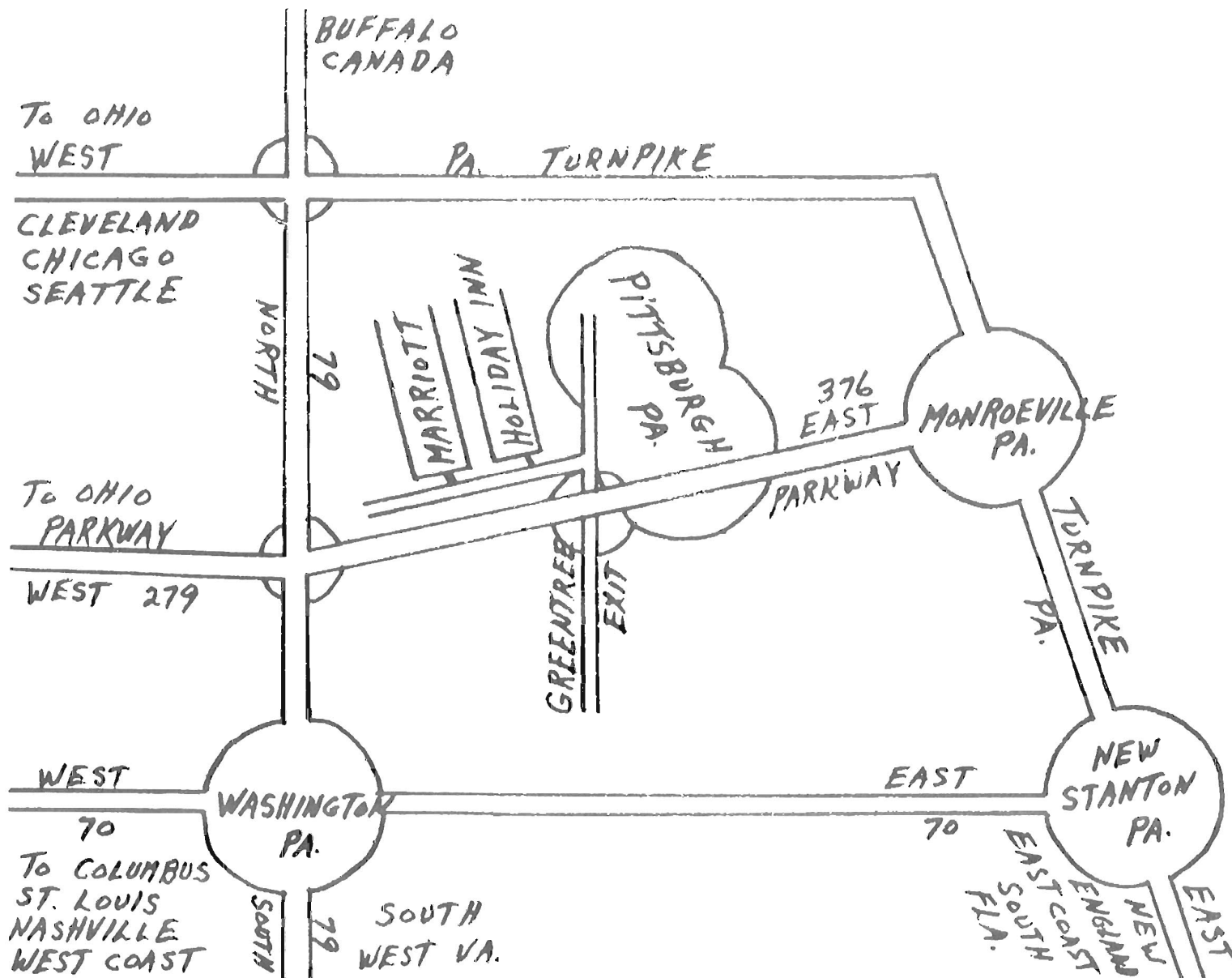
Kassel, Leipzig, Eilenberg and Colditz. It was one unit which crossed the Rhine River at three different times.

On April 21st, 1945, Capt. Thomas heard on his radio that some soldiers of the 69th Division had made contact with the Russians. At that time his unit was stationed around Colditz. On April 25th, 1945, the official link-up was made at Torgau, on the Elbe River. At this point Capt. Thomas received furlough time, and was in Paris, France, March 8th, which was V-E Day.

After serving on various duties Capt. Thomas and his unit moved to Camp Lucky Strike on August 24th, 1945. This was a staging area to get the men back home. High-point men were assembled in this unit and it took a train from Bebra, Germany, to LeHavre, France. On September 7th, 1945, they embarked on the SS Santa Rosa, arriving in New York on September 14th, 1945. From there it was to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, where the 69th Infantry Division was deactivated.

Captain Thomas remained in the service, and after serving 24 years, retired in November of 1960, at Fort Meade, Maryland, as a Lt. Colonel in the Artillery.

*[Editor's Note: We regret to have to pass on this information. Colonel William L. Thomas had a fatal heart attack in July of 1975. I am sure his widow, Mrs. William L. Thomas, 3518 Fiske Terrace, Silver Spring, Maryland 20906, would enjoy hearing from any of the former members of his unit.]*



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# Division Association Chapter Meetings

## • Tri-State [Pittsburgh] Chapter —

Plans are running smoothly for the August 13 to 20, 1978 Pittsburgh reunion, which is our annual national affair. Several meetings are scheduled in the coming months with our Annual banquet in April. Meetings are as follows:

Sunday, February 26, 1978 at 2:00 p.m. — Marriott — General Meeting  
Saturday, April 1, 1978, Annual banquet — Marriott — Happy Hour 6:30 — Dinner 7:30  
Sunday, May 21, 1978, at 2:00 p.m. — Marriott — General Meeting  
Sunday, August 6, 1978, at 2:00 p.m. — Marriott — Final General Meeting

Earl I (we) are coming to the Pittsburgh Chapter Annual Banquet so make reservation(s) for:  
Name  
Wife  
Guest

Address  
City & State  
Telephone Zip

I know it is on Saturday evening, April 1 and would like to stay over at the Marriott that night, going home on Sunday, so make arrangements for me on this also. Enclosed find a check to cover the cost.

Banquet \$15.00 per person	at \$15.00	\$
Room \$28.00 Single or Double	at \$28.00	\$
Total Amount		\$

We will enjoy the same dinner at our banquet that we will have at the reunion banquet in August. After our dinner for you and those coming some distance we will have a short discussion on the reunion. Then you are on your own. You may filter over to one of the two lounges for a drink or two and enjoy the entertainment. Those of you coming a distance may want to see Pittsburgh at night. It is a sight to be seen going down Greentree hill on the parkway and through the Fort Pitt Tunnel only to have the Golden Triangle pop right into your eyes with all the lights and sights. Then too, you will want to backtrack and go up on top of Mt. Washington to get another look at the city. Hope to see you and your lady on banquet night.

## • Harrisburg Chapter —

Did not hear from Harold Stary or anyone else from that group, but we are expecting news to come from Central-Pennsylvania. Do know that they had their annual fall dinner last October 15 in Carlisle, Pennsylvania having a nice program and an evening of fine entertainment. Buddies, let us know what you would like in the bulletins and it will be in there as we get it.

## • Arizona Chapter, Phoenix, Arizona —

Bob Myers tells me he will have a letter out to all westerners any day now on their dinner meeting to be held at Mountain Shadows. Dates and times weren't certain, but you have probably heard from Bob by now. He plans several dinner meetings to keep active in the west and says he will have the largest group ever from the west at the Pittsburgh reunion.

## • New York Chapter —

No report. Hoping to hear from someone on the east coast soon.

## • Virginia Chapter —

Not organized as yet, according to Bill Beswick. He and

Tom Maupin, Charlottesville, Virginia, plan to get one going.

## • 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion

The 69th Infantry Division Association reunion in Phoenix, Arizona will long be remembered by many of us. All of us for different reasons, I am sure.

Preceding the Phoenix reunion, the "661st T.D's" with 12 strong descended on Colonel and Mrs. Donald B. Miller's home in Prescott, Arizona for a most delightful cocktail hour, or I should say two hours on Tuesday, August 16th from 5 to 7 p.m. followed by a lovely dinner hosted by Colonel and Mrs. Miller at the Prescott Country Club. Colonel Miller led the convoy (just as he always did, way back in the '40's) to the club, where he received quite a surprise. All the waiters and servers (who, I might add, all made us feel quite welcome) had procured helmet liners, web belts, canteens, boots and jackets and served us on the old five compartment mess trays that they had obtained from the local National Guard. Can you imagine Don's (as we have all affectionately learned to call him) expression of surprise when he saw all those people in garb that he learned to know in his thirty years of military service.

I believe Don expected about fifteen or twenty people to come to his home for cocktails. Can you imagine his surprise when he found out that seventy-two people were coming? I believe I can safely say that he enjoyed every delightful minute of it. Both Don and Mrs. Miller were most gracious and delightful hosts. Everyone present will long remember this special and memorable occasion.

Most of us saw many sights in Arizona, including the Grand Canyon, Montezuma Castle and Oak Creek Canyon between Sedona and Jerome, Arizona. Don't forget to be sure to see Oak Creek Canyon if you are ever in Arizona. In fact, some of us saw sights that others did not. Ask the Garland O'Roarks and Bill Beswicks about their trip to California and the trip they took out in the Arizona desert, boy what an experience!

There were several fellows that had not attended a reunion before, we hope they will all return again. They were: Maj. Joel White, Lt. Verle McNealy, Lt. Robert Leon Stone, Lt. Gerald Albertson, Capt. Eugene Oja, Sgt. George McPherson, T/Sgt. John Schonenberger, Vance Bortel, CWO Earl Lazar, Mack Marbury, Melvin Johnson, Arthur Hartwig, Harold Adelmyer, in fact more than I thought.

There were thirty-four officers in the "661st" T.D's in WWII. Can you imagine that ten of them (just about 30%) showed up at the 1977 reunion? Those officers in attendance, not already listed, are: Col. Wm. J. King, Lt. Tony Polito, Lt. Guy W. Nowels, Lt. Gilbert Romero, and last but by no means the least, Colonel Donald B. Miller, Commanding 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion.

All the rest have attended previous reunions.

Wm. E. Snidow	John Haeberle
Millard Mellinger	Marcel Pugsley
Walter Grossman	Clarence "Bill" Dawson
Robert Anderson	Wayne Allen
Garland O'Roark	Joe Jenei
Bill Beswick	Clifford Blank
Ralph Bragg	Paul Cole
John Olchak	Carlo Scampini
Warren Mitchell	

In all, there were fifteen states represented at the 1977 reunion.

We all wish the best of health to Walter W. McFarland, who had made reservations and had to cancel due to what I understand was an emergency operation. Good luck, Walt, we all hope you are on the mend by now.

Start making your plans now and we will see you in

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania around the last part of April. Information will follow to all '661ers" later on concerning dates and the location. Also, think about a "661" Get-together in Austin, Texas in the not too distant future. How about it in the next year or two? How about 1979 or 1980?

Do remember the August reunion in Pittsburgh. We want 100 per cent turnout for this affair.

Editor's Note: Thanks for your news, Bill Beswick. Hope I may be invited to your April Get-together.

#### •Other Chapters -

We need to hear from the engineers and to get chapters started from the mid west (Denver, Colorado), the South (Florida, Georgia, and Alabama), a Great Lakes chapter from one of the cities around the lakes, and an Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware chapter.

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## A Note from Gordon K. Kjos

Dear Bob:

I made a promise to myself that when I got back home to Minnesota I would write you a letter and also send you a copy of the picture I took at the Banquet of you and your wife. The picture turned out good, and I thought you perhaps would like to have a copy of it.

I want to add that my first impression of the 69th Association reunions was great. I went out there not really knowing what to expect, but went out with an open mind knowing that I could maybe not find what I would like to expect to find, but we did find it great. Perhaps the only disappointment was that no one from the Finance Section other than myself was present. I think this is what has kept me from attending any of the eastern ones in the last 12 to 14 years that I have been a member of the Association. I usually look in the 69th Association bulletin to see who has attended from Div Hq each year, but have never seen anyone from the finance section except perhaps Col. Andelman some years ago. I did write to Bill Scully in San Francisco early this summer, but he said he could not make it. I also wrote to Joe Walters in Palisades, California but did not get any reply from him.

I think you did a bang up job in putting this reunion together. It takes a lot of time and hard work. If I had known what kind of a place Mountain Shadows was I would have made it a point to have come for the Thursday night early bird dinner also. Hotel to me means a big brick building and Mountain Shadows was something else. I hated to leave the place on the Monday morning afterwards, but our vacation schedule said if we were to go the California and see Disneyland and other points of interest we had to move on. We spent a week in the southern part of California around the Los Angeles area, then a week to travel back home.

When I say you did a great job on this reunion, I mean every word of it. I did hear some uncomplimentary remarks at the membership meeting that Saturday morning, but then you cannot please everyone. I found no problem in finding the hotel as was pointed out by one fellow. I feel if you can read a map, you find your way. I drove up to it like I had been doing it every day in the year. A wonderful job, Bob, and you can pass that on to the fellows in charge for next year.

While in California, we drove over to Camp Roberts on the coast. This is where I got my basic training during the winter of January, February, and March of '42. After that I was sent down the coast to Camp San Luis Obispo for 3 months, attached to the 7th Div. as Cadre for the 96th Div. Left there the latter part of July for Camp Adair, Oregon to get the 96th Div. going. Left there in April of 1943 as a part

of Cadre for the 69th Division in Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Stayed with the 69th from there on until I was discharged from the Army in September of 1945. I worked in the Finance Section all the time.

I wish we would have had a few more days to spend in the Los Angeles area. I like Lawrence Welk's TV show and would have been interested in seeing one of his shows out there, or even the motel-restaurant he has down toward San Diego, but you can't take in everything.

My present hobby is being a member of Toastmasters International. I will soon have 5 years in on this. I am a past President of our local club in Red Wing. Currently I am an Area Governor of Toastmasters International in the part of Minnesota where Red Wing fits in. I have 4 clubs in my area. I find this interesting as I don't have any options on being a public speaker. My other hobby is playing the Organ, which I have been doing since 1955. I find a great deal of pleasure from this. I have played in public a few times, but this is mostly a hobby. I like to play dinner background music and such. I got involved in this through the V.F.W. I am a life member of the V.F.W., have been a continuous member since January, 1946, and a life member since August, 1968. Kind of looks like I will have to sign off about here.

Sincerely,  
Gordon Kjos

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## DUES 1977-1978

I don't want to harp on dues many more times, but our dues year is from August reunion to the following August reunion. If you send in dues in June or July, it is only good until the August reunion, which is the third weekend in August. This means you have paid dues for only two months. If we are on schedule, two dues notices are mailed out each year. The first right after our reunion. This should come out in September. We were late this year. The second comes out in February, 1978, which you have probably received by now. Our procedure, and best policy, is to pay your dues at the national reunion each year and then you can forget the two notices. If you miss the reunion, then you should pay your dues on the first notice in September. If we don't hear from you, the second reminder goes out, with all members receiving both notices. If you have paid your dues either at the reunion or on the first dues notice, ignore the other, or write us a letter about yourself and family, using the envelope. They do cost money. To those who have written me about paying dues at the reunion in Arizona, I understand, but the notices go out automatically. It would cost money to pull names out of the file, then put them back in. By the way, if your address changes, please let Clarence Marshall know immediately, as a returned piece of mail costs us twenty-five cents. Help us keep our files correct and up to date. May I suggest several ways of paying dues.

Number 1	Contributory dues which includes two dollars for scholarship fund.		
	Contributory dues	\$10.00	
	Ladies Auxiliary	1.50	Total Amount \$11.50
Number 2	Annual dues		
	Annual dues	\$ 5.00	
	Ladies Auxiliary	1.50	Total Amount \$ 6.50
	Scholarship Fund	2.00	Total Amount \$ 8.50

Ladies dues are very important along with the member dues since this money is used by our sunshine lady in doing her part for the Association. Kate Reynolds mails birthday cards, anniversary cards, and get well cards to member families during the course of a year. She needs cards and stamps all the time. The way Kate gets your name and address is through registration at our annual reunions, the

next one being held in Pittsburgh August 13 to 20, 1978. She does a real good job for us.

How about this dues letter—Sir: I haven't been receiving the 69th bulletin recently and believe I know why. Here are my dues for 1977-1978 in the form of a check for \$10.00 and hope this puts me back in good graces again. Sorry I'm so late with the check, but I lost or misplaced your dues notice—(Shame on you)—signs of old age, I guess. I thoroughly enjoy the bulletins and digest each issue completely. I'm an old platoon leader of the 69th QM and was with them from Shelby to the transfer to the 29th and then Army of Occupation for another year.

Regards  
Arthur L. Richhart  
Warsaw, Indiana

Editor's Note: Hope you can make the Pittsburgh reunion and pay your dues on time. Nice letter, old buddy. We do need the dues to put out bulletins. We will put three out this year, hopefully four if the dues come in properly. Only about 30% of our membership roster pays dues yearly. Many pay once every couple years or so. We do need the support of all members to make our organization roll along smoothly. To each member, try your best to pay dues from here on out. Let us hear from you and do use both dues envelopes, even if it is just a letter.

## *Scenes from the 1977 Reunion at Mountain Shadows Scottsdale, Arizona*



General Bolte, William Snidow, Stan Olszewski, members of the Board of Directors and Color Guard at Memorial Service.



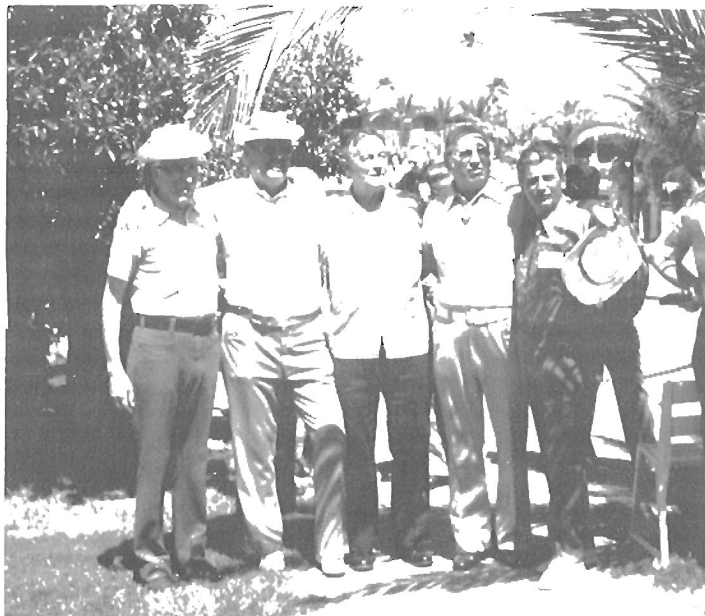
Earl Witzleb near his quarters at Mountain Shadows.



Resley Glenn, Mrs. Bolte, General Bolte, and Hazel Glenn.



Frank See, John Gradowski, Stan Olszewski, Sam Woolf and Ray Fahrner.



Frank See, John Gradowski, Nick Loden, and General Bolte.



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