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## bulletin

Boston . . .

*A Modern City . . . With a Historic Past*

Site of Our 1979 Reunion



### Fellow Members — 69th Infantry Division Association:

The picture above is the Boston Park Plaza Hotel, Arlington Street at Park Square, Boston, Massachusetts. It is the place where our 1979 Reunion will be held, from August 12 to 19. During this week of meeting together we will find that most of the activities will begin on Wednesday, August 15th.

We are now at the mid-summer season and are hoping that you, your lady, and family are enjoying it to the fullest extent. **We sincerely hope that your vacation plans are centered around attending our Reunion in Boston.** Boston is *"A Modern City . . . With a Historic Past."* There is much to do in this great city, as well as visiting other New England States, all of which are "A Vacation Wonderland."

We are hopeful, and especially want to see all the 114 Members from Massachusetts, the 18 Members from Rhode Island — the 21 Members from New Hampshire — the 21 Members from Maine — the 6 Members from Vermont and the 87 Members from Connecticut.

So, it's on to Boston . . . from August 12 to 19. Let's make Boston **"A Hopping City"** for a week.

[Editor's Note: Reservation Forms and further information regarding the 1979 Reunion, a map of the city, and further Hotel Information appear on the inside pages of this issue of the Bulletin].

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## Editor's Note

As a Co-Editor of this Bulletin, I wish to thank the 69th Infantry Division Association, and especially the Tri-State Pittsburgh Group of 69ers, for the many telephone calls, cards and good wishes which I received while I was confined in the hospital following the accident which I recently incurred.

During my time of recuperation, your many well wishes were so appreciated, and indeed gave me much inspiration during my long days of confinement.

Once again, in my time of distress, it was Bob Myers who spread the word, and all of my friends of the 69th Division responded.

A special vote of thanks to Marion and Paul Shadle, Marie and John Suprano, and Vickie and George Gallagher who visited me personally in the hospital.

I am well on the road to recovery now, and I hope to be completely up-to-par when we all meet for the Boston Reunion in August. I am indeed looking forward to seeing all of you in Boston.

Clarence Marshall

## News From The Editor's Desk

**Earl M. Weinburg**, P. O. Box 118, Troy, Kansas 66083, Hq. Co, G-4: Here are my dues for 1978 - 1979. I was a Cadre for the 69th Infantry Division when it was activated at Camp Shelby, Miss., assigned to G-4 Section.

I retired from the Army in 1956. After 20 years in the service, I went to work for the United States Civil Service, and in 1972 again retired at Ft. Leavenworth, Ks.

Would like to hear from members of Hq. Co. 69th Infantry Division, and members of G-4 Section.

Haven't been to any Reunions as yet, but always think of members of Hq. Company.

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**J. L. Theisen**, 4465 No. Shore Drive, Mound, Minn. 55364, Med 272: Just a line for now, but I have found another buddy who you can add to the Roster List — **John J. Salazar**, 2026 Bristow, Kansas City, Ks. 66103, Med. 272.

On receiving my first phone call from him, at 1:30 in the morning, I did not get his zip code. I guess I wasn't awake enough to think of it.

I found my old book with a lot of the fellows' names and addresses in it. Meanwhile a friend of mine was going to Kansas City, and I asked him to bring back a phone book for that area. He did, and then I made a few phone calls and finally traced John down that way.

Hope to see you in Boston this year. No weddings coming up this year that I know of.

Thanks, for the Anniversary Card. Just got done with the 33rd.

Been thinking of spending a day at the Telephone Company to see if I can locate a few more of our Buddies. Will send the results, if I hit any.

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**Joe Ruane**, 13 Tree Tops Lane, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12603, L-272: I have never been able to attend any of the 69th Division Reunions, but this year we'll be able to make it.

I was able to contact a few former members of Company L-272, and they were not aware that the Association was in existence. They hope to be able to get to the Reunion too. I'll enclose their names and would appreciate it if you would send them the information on joining, and a copy of the latest Bulletin describing the Boston Reunion.

In the last Bulletin you mentioned the "69" decals, but I hadn't noticed that until after I mailed in my dues. You also didn't mention the cost. If you would send one, I'll mail back whatever it costs. Maybe it will attract a few more strays.

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**John J. Cupina**, 5 Hazel St., Binghamton, N.Y. 13905, A-Co., 271 Inf.: I have just received my 69th Association Bulletin, and have recently sent in my dues. I would like to get a "69" decal, also information on obtaining a "69th Division History," and also a "69" emblem. Also, do you have shoulder patches?

I also see in the Past President's Column, the name of **Albert Carbonari**. Do you have his home address? I would like to write to him and see if he is the same person I took basic training with at Camp Wheeler, Ga.

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**Millicent Reed** writes:

Enclosed is my check for \$5.00 towards dues for 1978-1979.

I enjoy receiving the 69th Bulletins, and hope this small amount covers the postage and printing costs.

It has been quite a while since I have seen my friends at a Reunion, so this is the way I keep in touch.

Much continued success.

[Editor's Note: Miss Reed made one of the trips back to Europe with our Association, and has been a part of us ever since. We have missed you at the Reunions lately. Hope you can attend one soon again].

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**James D. Sharpe**, 531 N. Main St., Oshkosh, Wis. 54901, E-271: I am one who would like a copy of the 29th History Book.

After being transferred there, I was put into Division Headquarters, and was one of about 5 who started digging through the orders, and other information to try to organize the history.

Also, do we have a 69th History Book which is available for purchase. If so, how can I get one?

P.S.: Will get some pictures together and write an informative letter later.

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**Norman Schmidt**, Wimbledon, North Dakota: Dear Friend Clarence: I just read through the late 69th Bulletin. I note that your mother had passed away, so am sending a late card of sympathy to you and your sister.

A Special Notice, for those who wish a copy of the 29th Infantry Division History Book. Seems interesting to me. I wonder if this book is close to what the 69th put out, and at the same or close price. Does it contain several pictures?

I often wondered where a person could get a list of Division History Books, or Units, which are available, and also their prices. I was thinking of the Armored Divisions, as I have a few friends interested in these.

Enclosing currency for your Stamp Fund.

P.S.: Will send you a definite order for the 29th Infantry History Book promptly, after I hear from you.

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**Bob Myers** writes: I'm writing this letter for publication as regards to our Organic TOE 69th Infantry Division Ren. Troop. I have always felt close to this troop since it was the unit I was supposed to be a part of when I reported in at Camp Shelby. I was Cavalry trained from Pvt. to 1st Lt., and still hold a dear spot in my heart for the Cavalry.

I'm sure, if he were alive today, my good friend **Max Thurmond**, would join me in inviting our own **Recon Troop** to join us at our 1980 69th Division Reunion in New Orleans.

Whatever requirements your troop requires to include meeting rooms, hospitality room, etc., to maintain your established and commendable unit . . . pride can be maintained, and I feel you will expand your Reunion enjoyment.

Hope to see you in New Orleans, with a record attendance.

*[Editor's Note: Bob, I sure do hope the Recon boys take a liking to your letter and not only show up in New Orleans, but also appear in Boston this year].*

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**Arthur Toro, Jr.**, Florida: I enjoyed very much receiving your letter to Co.-E, 273rd members. The Bulletin has been forwarded to me here, from my home in Florida, and I am up-to-date on my dues, so the only thing I can do is to send you my regrets as to the Reunion, because Boston is rather a long distance from Madrid.

I do wish you and all the other old E-Co. members a most pleasant Reunion.

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**Norman C. Gibbs**, 35 Oakwood Hills Drive, East Islip, N.Y. 11730: It's indeed a small world! My new boss at American Electric Power, **Gene B. Hale**, V-P Personnel, a veteran of the 69th, passed on his copy of the latest Bulletin to me — it was the first inkling I had that the Association existed.

Please send me information concerning dues, getting on the mailing list, etc. I'm also interested in how to obtain 69th Division History Books, emblems and souvenirs.

My association with the 69th was not long — I joined the 271st, "G" Company, in February, 1945, as an 18 year old replacement — but I still "identify" with it. I notice that the names reported in the Bulletin give the regimental identity; assume it would be too much to hope for that you list association members by Company, too. It's been so long that I can hardly remember "G" Company personnel!

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**George J. Roup**, Pittsburgh, Pa., A-269 Engineers: Well, I've finally found some time to drop you a few lines. Frances and myself are doing fairly well, except for my eyes which are failing me badly, and I don't do much extra driving, especially at night. This is the extra reason why I have not been able to attend any of your recent get-togethers.

I received the Bulletin on Tuesday. Several items interested me. First, I see that **Frank Packard** was found and brought into the fold. He was our jeep driver and was the topic of a conversation at the Reunion in Pittsburgh. Second, "In Our Time of Sorrow" . . . in recent years many comrades and good friends have passed away, and some of them we did not know about until months later. Just this past year I almost sent a Christmas card to a comrade who had passed away. I had sent a card once before to a comrade who was deceased.

I have noted that **John R. Simons**, A-269E, died in 1973. His obit appeared in the Bulletin, June Volume 27 No. 3, 1974. Again his obit appeared in the February Bulletin Volume 28 No. 1, 1975 . . . and then again in this past Bulletin — January, February, March, April, Vol. 32 No. 1, 1979. To the casual observer it would appear that we are losing a lot of our people. It would put a friend, or comrade in an awkward position if they had only read his obit for the first time in this past Bulletin, and per chance would have only now corresponded with the family.

It was with great pleasure to see that our Association is getting interested in Veteran's Hospitals. I have been to all three of our Hospitals, on occasions when our American Legion has held parties, etc., for the men. I was sorry to read that you were unable to go to the Highland Drive Veteran's Administration Hospital. The VA is touchy on this name. Back on August 6, 1975, I was at the dedication of this name change. The lady who is in charge of Legion Volunteer work at this hospital is the Past President of our Legion Auxiliary, and a close friend of ours. You would need a computer to figure the hours she has put in volunteer service, in the 25 years the hospital has been open. My wife is acquainted with the ladies at the other two hospitals.

With Memorial Day coming . . . I will have to start rounding-up volunteers for the placing of markers and flags on the 1,500 Veteran Graves at the Homewood Cemetery. This has been a project of mine for about 28 years. Back in 1976, I was presented with a Silver Plaque for my years of service in this and other projects.

As I mentioned above, it is heart warming to hear that we are going into the field of helping Veterans. Through the years we should have put some thought towards our own comrades.

Finally, "Sick Call" . . . it was good to see that **Milt Halainen** is hail and hearty. He is an adopted Engineer.

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**David Goldstein**, 5006 N.W. 58th St. Tam, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33319, 569 Sig. Co.: I already paid my dues and would appreciate receiving a few decals so I can put them on my cars.

If it's possible for you to sell the "69" jersey mentioned in your Association Bulletin, please let me know the sizes and cost involved.

Sorry I won't be able to attend the Boston meeting, but do hope one of these days to be able to join our Buddies at a meeting in Florida.

Best of luck in all your endeavors and give my regards to all our 69th Buddies.

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**Wilma G. Thomas [Mrs. Wm. L.]**, Hq. Btry. 879: Since I am interested in history, and being a widow, it is not possible to get to the Reunions of the 69th Division . . . could I buy a history of the 69th Division from you?

Also, was there a history of Camp Shelby, Miss., ever printed or available. If you will let me know the cost of these items I will send you a check . . . or any other items available.

P.S.: My son, Major James L. Thomas, who was just an infant when we were at Camp Shelby, Miss., is being transferred from a Professor at the Air Force Academy, Co., to Dover, Delaware, where he will be flying the C-5-Fl — (our largest plane), flying supplies to NATO. Maybe one of these days I can get him to accompany me to one of the Reunions.

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**Ormond E. Cecil**, 803 Gramercy Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43612: I sent my dues in already, and Saturday I received our Bulletin which I really enjoy. I would like a car emblem, also would like to know about getting the souvenir stock. Could you tell me where I could get a "69" patch?

Here is a little about myself:

AT Tank Co. 272 Inf., Reg., Ormond E. Cecil was a Sgt. He was riding with **George Shapiro** during a bad rain storm in Germany, when all at once the jeep took a nice slide down a hill. George was driving . . . guess who drove the rest of the time?

I am a retired Potato Chip and Milk Routeman with a Teamster Pension, and now work in a bank mailroom. Have a daughter and son and seven grandchildren.

Best of Luck, to all!



**Stephen F. Martin**, 306 W. Union Ave., Bound Brook, N.J. 08805, Div. Hq.: Just received the January, February, March and April Bulletin. I was very surprised when my eyes caught the "Special Notice" . . . in regards to the "29th Infantry Division." About the only oddity was I went from the 69th Division to the 29th. I've been trying for about six years to get a copy of this History Book of the 29th Division.

If this is: "29th Let's Go," Author, J. H. Ewing; Published, Infantry Journal Press, Washington, D.C.; Published in 1948; Out of Publication 1950 . . . then send my name to whoever is conducting the survey.

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**Joe H. McMurry, Jr.**, 1585 Hollywood Dr., Jackson, Tenn. 38301, I-Co 271: I have been receiving the 69th Bulletin for some years, and always enjoy each issue.

I joined the Division in France after four months training at Macon, Ga.

Could you send me the names of anyone who would have been in the 1st Platoon of I-Co. 271.

Since the war, I graduated from the University of Illinois, bought livestock for Swift & Company for 20 years, and am presently working for the State of Tennessee, Division of River Basins, which is a flood and erosion control project.

Someday I hope to attend a Reunion, since I have a daughter living in Allentown, Pa.

Much success to you in future Reunions. It was a pleasure to have served with you.

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## Help! Help! Help!

From your Treasurer comes an urgent call to some Members of the 69th Infantry Division Association! We are fast running out of Dues Notice Envelopes. You know the ones that come out in the Fall, and the Second Notice which comes out during the first month, or so, after Christmas.

I don't like that style, neither does the printer, and neither does the addresser . . . so I am looking for a new type of Dues Notice Envelope. The last ones which went out had to be stapled by the addresser.

If anyone has a good sample of a Dues Notice Envelope, please send it on to me, **Earl Witzleb, Box 69, Champion, Pennsylvania 15622**. Surely we have a member in the Office Supply Business, or working for a Paper Company, who could fill me in on a good Dues Notice Envelope. I would also be interested in knowing the address of where they can be ordered.

If you can help me I would indeed appreciate it. As you know we are to endeavor to help each other out when we can.

Now, once again, to all the members who can't read, this is how it goes . . . If you attend our Reunions . . . This year's Reunion to be held in Boston, Massachusetts . . . And you pay your dues for the new dues year [which goes from Reunion to Reunion, or a one year period, from August to August], ignore the First and Second Dues Notices. If you didn't attend the Reunion, pay your dues on the First Notice which comes out in the fall of the year, and also ignore the Second Notice. If you didn't attend the Reunion and didn't pay your dues on the First Notice, then pay your dues on the Second Notice which comes out just after Christmas, or the New Year. These two notices are mailed out by our addresser to all members. It would be too costly to take out member names after they pay dues and put them back in the files for each other mailing, such as the mailing of Bulletins. Read the envelope, it tells you to ignore this notice if you have already paid your dues for the dues year. [A Communication Schedule is listed on Page 17].

I might add we would like to see all members pay dues on the First Notice. Hopefully you will pay the Contributory Dues, plus Dues for Your Lady. Otherwise, pay the Regular Dues, plus Dues for Your Lady.

We need more of the 4,700 Association Members to pay Dues, as we would like to put out a Bulletin each quarter next year. We feel by doing this publication each quarter of the year that you would be kept more up-to-date with the activities, and communications to the Association.

If anyone has a picture which would make a good Cover Page, we are looking for a couple of them. We are also looking for good news items, especially of the different Groups, Chapters and Company gatherings. If we can get your dates at least a year in advance, we can publish them in a Bulletin which could help make your Group or Company Banquets a little bigger, and perhaps more new faces would be appearing at these events.

Would you believe that the 75th Division had nearly 1,600 members for their week and Banquet last year in Denver, Colorado. No reason why the 69th Division can't do the same. The 75th Division claims as they grow older, the membership keeps getting bigger, as Old Buddies want to see their pals again, and at a Division Reunion it is the most likely place where they might meet.

At the Reunions, we do have a great time . . . fun and fellowship.

## Accidents Do Happen

Last March 15, a Thursday, our Membership Chairman was taking his usual walk from his home to the Post Office, or town, as he usually does, but tripped on a snow fence and fell.

Yes, our own **Clarence Marshall** on a cold snowy day tripped and fell over a snow fence which had been pushed over, probably by a snow plow, the evening before.

The fall hospitalized him. Clarence suffered a broken hip and an elbow. Clarence was in the hospital for a month and was discharged on Easter Sunday, April 15th. He was staying with friends but is coming along slowly. He is now walking without any help, but his elbow is mending slowly.

He missed the Tri-State Spring Weekend, but plans to be in Boston in August.

He is a little behind in his mail, so if you are expecting a letter from Clarence, just be a little patient. His sister, Gladys, is helping him some with his correspondence on the weekends.

If you wish to send Clarence a note or card, send them to his home address: 101 Stephen Street, New Kensington, Pa. 15068.

We do wish him well, we can't afford to lose his services to the Association. He makes for a good Membership Chairman, and has been successful in increasing the number of members on our Roster List each year.

## Our Sunshine Lady Receives Letter From Ernest W. Rowe

The following letter was recently sent to our Sunshine Lady, **Catherine E. Reynolds** —

Dear Catherine:

Many thanks for the continuous flow of Birthday Cards to the Rowe Family. It is a wonderfully way to be remembered by the 69th Division. "Your dedication is terrific."

Enclosed is \$5.00 for use, by you, for the "Marshall Postage Fund."

Don't know when your Birthday is . . . nor whether the Sunshine Lady sends herself a card or not, but on behalf of the Rowes . . . "Happy Birthday — whenever it is."

P.S.: Suggest you remove our three young adults from your list . . . Karen, Barbara and Brian, as they no longer reside at home and are scattered throughout the U.S. — California, New Mexico and Rhode Island.

**E. W. Rowe, Co.-I, 273rd  
Wilmington, Delaware**

## Edward V. Baron Writes Regarding 69th Division Band

The following letter was written to Editor Earl Witzleb . . .

Dear Earl:

Receiving the Bulletin is quite nice, and I enjoy reading it. I have not, however, noticed any news of any of my former Band Member Buddies. Perhaps I am the only one on your mailing list.

Earl, I feel I should send you my copy of the "History of the 69th Division Band," and refer you to one of the members, **Eugene F. Gober**, 39 Woodland Avenue, Keene, New Hampshire, 03431.

Eugene sends Christmas cards to some of the members, and could be of help to you. I am enclosing a list his wife sent to me in a Christmas card, 2 years ago.

**James deMond** was a University Professor in a Kansas school, before his entry into the service. He played the Baritone Horn, Trumpet and Violin in the band. He wrote the "History Book of the 69th Division Band" while we were in Germany. I helped set the type. All Band Members received 5 copies, plus some special service.

Earl, for all I know, this may be the only copy left. I sent a Christmas card with a note to James deMond, to an address which Gene sent me this past Christmas. Jim did not answer my note. The address I have for **James deMond** is 3208 Fernway Drive, Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39401.

Perhaps you would have better luck contacting Jim.

I played Clarinet in the Band, and was sent to the 29th Infantry Division Band, along with the other members who did not have enough points to come home. I enjoyed the trips to Denmark, etc., as member of this Band. Returning home with an Honorable Discharge, was the wonderment and the answer of my prayers.

I had a good job, a Local 373 Perth Amboy Musician Union Card. My wife, Betty, and I are now the proud grandparents of 7 Grandchildren.

Our children are happily married.

Little did I dream that the W. T. Grant Company, whom I worked for, would, or could go bankrupt. Little did I dream I would have to work so hard, for so little, at my age of 60 years. I am grateful though that I least I have a job.

I am a member of V.F.W. Post 2636 — Iselin, N.J., also Pup Tent S.O.L. 13 of the Military Order of the Cooties.

Earl, I never felt the conditions in our country would be like they are now, and that some Vets would have it so rough in their later years.

Best Wishes, to all the members of the 69th Division Association. May God Bless all of you.

Edward B. Baron

Edward V. Baron  
106 Canal Street  
Iselin, N.J. 08830

*[Editor's Note: I wish all your band members read your letter, as it would be nice, in my way of thinking, to let the 69th Band play a big part in our Reunions, starting in Boston].*

## Victor A. DeCarlo of Uniontown, Pa. Writes

Two items which I thought you could mention in the Bulletin.

While making arrangements for a funeral for a veteran, his wife brought in the Honorable Discharge, for me to do her Veteran benefit for her. He was a member of the 69th Division. He had never heard of the Bulletin, or any of our activities. She was very upset, because he would have attended, or would have been active had he known. He was very proud of his outfit and talked of it many times.

They were originally from Uniontown, Pa., and moved to Elyria, Ohio. He died in Ohio, and she brought him home for burial. His name and outfit is as follows:

**T/5 Charles E. Rider, Jr. — Co. M, 273rd Inf. Regt.**

Her address is, **Mrs. Thelma Rider**, 285 Hawthorn St., Elyria, Ohio 44035.

The other item I wish to inform you about is as follows:

I took my basic in Blanding, Florida, with **Doyle Osen**. We went overseas. After we got home, we always corresponded, especially at the Christmas season. Doyle's wife, **Mickey**, always did the writing.

Doyle was from Mitchell, South Dakota. They had five children. Doyle was, for many years, with the J. C. Penny Corp. Then they moved to Casper, Wyoming, than to Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Over the years they always were going to make a trip to the East Coast, and stop in for a visit, but that never materialized. I had been invited to the weddings of their children, and of course could never make it. Also, was invited by their children for Doyle and Mickey's 25th Wedding Anniversary.

About six months ago I received a Memorial Card, informing me that Doyle's wife, Mickey, had passed away. A month or so later I decided to telephone him and during our conversation, I mentioned that I had been to the Pittsburgh Reunion, last August. Of course he let me know that he is also a former member of the 69th Division. He had never discussed it. I also was very surprised. Told him all about our Reunions and the times that we had attending them. He has never heard of the 69th Division Alumni Association. Please see that he gets a Bulletin. He will try to make it to Boston.

**Doyle Osen, Co.-L, 273 Inf., 840 Virginia Court, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82001.**

## Plaque Available



The above photograph is of our 8" x 10" Plaque, which is available for \$21.95.

If you are interested, contact National Headquarters for details.

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69th Div. Band

## The Battle Goes On . . . Who is The Oldest Member Of Our Association?

A letter written in rebuttal to the one which appeared in our last Bulletin, from Earl F. Hunt.

Mr. Edmund L. Petersen, of Morris, Ill., B-272, writes to Joe Ewing Bayard, Iowa, also of B-272.

I won again, I'm not the old man of the 69th. If you have the address of Earl F. Hunt, send it to me. I would like to write and tell him that I have never rolled the square cubes. However, he is correct about the payday crap game in our dayroom. Companies A and C came over to clean-up on B Company.

One night one of our cooks, or K.P's, was hot. He could do no wrong, and he knew it. He was very young and his Mother needed help. So, he worked the boys over. Whenever he would have \$100 or \$200, I would have him give it to me. I would take it over to the Orderly Room, and give it to the Officer-of-the-Day, in his Mother's name, to be sent to her the next day.

He did have a big night and had a pocket full of receipts with his Mother's name on them.

Without contributions from A and C Company, his take would not have been very great. I think I drew \$10 per month over the pay table. Most everyone at that time, in the Army, was in the same fix.

Enclosed are copies of the Old Man Contest from the recent Division Booklet. I will be looking forward to hearing from you and getting Earl's address.

## Still a Mystery



We ran this picture in our last Bulletin, asking for help in identifying the men who appear in it. We got help all right, from four different members of our Association . . . but all four were different. Here is what we received.

Charles H. Pierson sent us this:

1st Squad, light machine gun section weapons platoon Company E-272. Kneeling at left, is a fellow by the name of Cameron. Behind the Russian, is a man named Sills. Kneeling at center, holding the dog is myself. Kneeling at right, is Ignieri. Leaning against the sign, is Al Roberts. Standing far right, is Skaggs.

Edwin S. Clay, Jr., passed this along:

Men in the photo are from Hqs. Co. 272, I&R Platoon. Kneeling at left, Charles Casgrain III. In center, Leonard Brooks with dog. Man behind Russian, Danny Dean. Standing far right, Malcolm Crabtree. Can't identify the other two men.

Morton M. Vitriol sees it this way:

Third Platoon, Co. E-272. Kneeling at left, Chester Yastrzemski, our Secretary. Center holding dog, Irvin Schaeffer. Kneeling right, Potter. Left to right in rear, Sgt. Jolly, Formosa and Shores.

Terry Jonethis, last but not least, writes:

I believe this is the gang from C-273. I am on lower right kneeling, and behind me is George Gardin.

[Editor's Note: We know for sure that all four can't be right. My nod goes to Mr. Pierson because he came up with names for all six men, and should be able to recognize himself. So if any more of you have any other ideas, or can verify any one of these four, please write National Headquarters.]

## From a Former Member of the 69th Recon . . .

In the latest issue of the Bulletin, you indicated that copies of the 29th Inf. Division History may be available, if enough interest were generated.

Please include my name on your list wanting a copy, if they become available.

I was not a 29th member who transferred to the 69th. Just the opposite. I was a trooper in the 69th Recon, who with about 50 others, transferred to the 29th Recon in June 1945. We remained in the Bremen area until early in 1946, and were then shipped to various and many locations until we found ourselves in Camp Top Hat at Antwerp, Belgium. From there it was the good USA, and discharge. I actually received my discharge on April Fool's Day, 1946, and they haven't called me back yet.

I was assigned to the 69th Recon in April 1944, after taking basic in Camp Roberts, ASTP at City College, New York. Airborne at Fort Bragg, and even a 30 day stint in the Air Corps at Kessler Field, Miss.

After leaving Shelby, Recon was stationed in Camp Lopscombe near Winchester, England. We shared the camp with part of the 272nd. Then on to the Continent as the Division went and the climax of the meeting with the Russians at the Elbe.

For a time after the meeting, Recon served as an elite escort for General Reinhardt. We escorted his M-20 Armored Car and his staff, and other brass to Torgau. We also served as escort when Generals Hodges and Bradley made their visits to Torgau to exchange toasts and presents with the Russian Commanders.

During part of May and June of 1945, Recon was located in Naumberg and Bad Kosen, Germany, which we pretty well ran things our way with a "little" help from a MG detachment. At a later date this area was turned over to the Russians.

I have been able to visit and be visited by several of my Recon Buddies, but as yet have been unable to attend a Recon, or Division Reunion. I keep thinking that maybe next year I'll make it. As you no doubt know, Recon is having a Reunion this year in Silver Springs, Maryland, the weekend prior to the Division Reunion.

I have many vivid and never to be forgotten memories of the fellows in the 69th, mainly of course of the Recon. From the exercises in the DeSota National Forest, and Shelby to the Elbe, friends were made that will never be forgotten even though we may never see them again.

As a lot of us no doubt are, I have become quite a WW II buff, and am always happy to be able to add to my library, especially of the European conflict. This is part of my reason for wanting a copy of the 29th History.

You might say that I'm still involved with the Military. I am employed by the Contractor Operator of an Army Ammunition Plant, which produces small arms ammunition. We operate the plant for the Department of the Army, and of course, Uncle Sam is our only customer.

Quite by chance I found that another of our employees is also a veteran who put some time in with the 69th in Europe. He apparently was attached to several different units in the Division, and in May 1945, was serving with the 273rd. He had some copies of the "Fighting 69th Sentinel," and also a history of the 273rd. He has requested that I ask you to send him an application for membership in the 69th Association.

His name and address is: **Boyard M. Mikulic**, 207 W. Westminster, Blue Springs, Missouri 64015.

Please send him a membership application and add my name to the list of those desiring a History of the 29th.

Signed: **Harold L. Gardner**, 2929 Mason, Independence, Missouri 64052

## From Wayne E. McGourty

Received the most recent issue of the Bulletin and it produced some thinking. Went to my photo album and found some photos that at my time of life, and state of health would be of more benefit to the Association than to me.

I was originally assigned to the 69th, from Harmon Army Hospital, Longview, Texas, per SO #248, Harmon General Hospital, 27 Oct. 1943. My first assignment within the Division was Co. G, 272nd. Had hardly set my bags down when walking in the Company Street, was Sgt. Virgil A. Chapek, Hutchinson, Minn., who was in the 2nd Platoon of Co. B, 133rd, I had the 3rd plat. He was wounded at Fondouk Pass same day as me. We were returned to ZOI on same Hospital Ship, which was still a trooper, the USAT Acadia. At any rate I'd also seen the Division Chemical Warfare Office, Lt. Col. Stu Grummon, whom I'd served with in the 133rd Reg., at Camp Claiborne, La., in 1941. Through him I was assigned to Headquarters for duty with G-3, per SO #152, dated 1 Nov. '43, so you can see my period in the 272nd was brief.

My duty with the G-3 was terminated by the advent of one Major Conran, Vice Lt. Col. Fagg (I think), and I was sort of a Christmas present to Major William Crossman, Div. Ord. Officer, and one of the finest officers in the Division. Had the pleasure of serving with Major Crossman and DOO until I was rejected as not POR qualified.

Letter Orders were cut and I was reassigned to 2nd Army Hqs. (G-3), Memphis, effective 6 June '44. However, Capt. Pauzek, CO 769th Ord. Co., would not return me to Shelby in time to make the EDCSA, and sure enough, by the time I reached Shelby on June 8, they turned me down for POR qualification. I figured they would, but also knowing the Army, if I'd have been in Memphis, when this was discovered, I would most likely have stayed with 2nd Army, or some local station complement. At any rate, shortly after we returned from the field I was reassigned to Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, per Letter Order, dated 22 Sept. '44.

Sorry, did not mean to get so lengthy about my tour of duty with the 69th. While there, my duties in G-3 brought me in daily contact with General Bolte (he later took command of my old division, the 34th, in Italy). I visited him one or twice in the Pentagon, and we did correspond some. Had the pleasure of driving General Reinhardt during my duty with the DOO since we had a 4X4 Command Car (w/ flags that is), in which he would troop the division at parade, and often time request I return him to Division Headquarters, he generally rode up front with me. By the way, I met him in 1940, when he was commanding the 20th Infantry Regiment during the 4th Army Maneuvers in August . . . The various orders I've cited above also have many more names on them of members of the Division moving in and out, and about the Division.

My intent was to send the enclosed photos for your use. Names as I can recall are on the reverse of each photo. Perhaps some day, time and place will combine, and I can make a Division Reunion. Although I spent some 11 months in the Division, I do recall it vividly, as well as many anecdotes concerning members thereof!

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| Monday, August 13    | — <input type="checkbox"/> Early Arrivals — On Your Own  |
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| Wednesday, August 15 | — <input type="checkbox"/> Night Baseball Game (Boston Red Sox vs Minnesota)   |
| Thursday, August 16  | — <input type="checkbox"/> Early Bird — Reception — Cash Bar — 6:00 P.M.<br>Buffet Dinner — 7:00 P.M. — \$12.50<br>(Hungarian Paprika Goulasch — Boston Baked Scrod)   |
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Note: All prices are per person — Registration fee will be \$2.50 per person, which includes your ticket for PX Beer Party night.

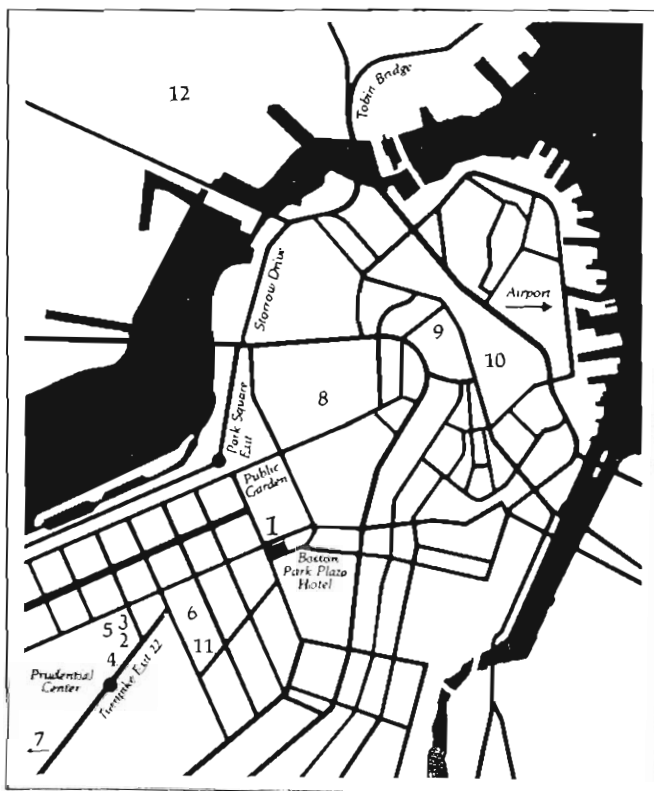
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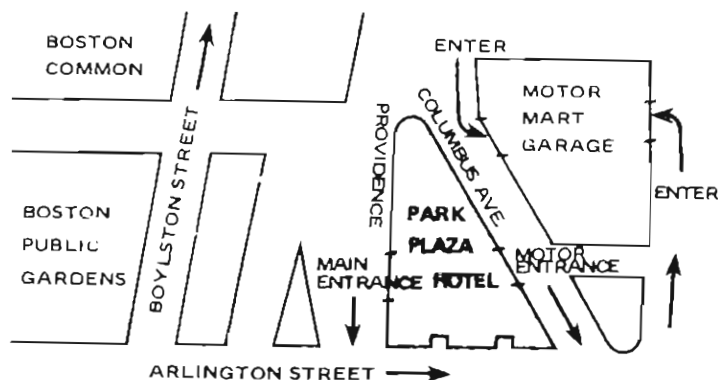
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## Former Members of Service Co. 271



W. O. Ethan Purdue, Sgt. Cunningham.



Senosk, Kipper, Pilfold and Abernathy.



Oscar Andrews.



Railroad Station, Bremen.



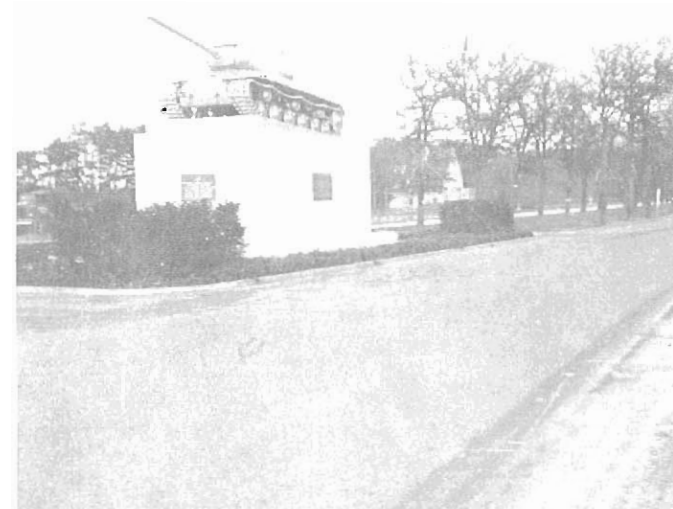
Navy Bus in front of Red Cross Club, Bremen.



Maurice Kipper and Charles Potter.



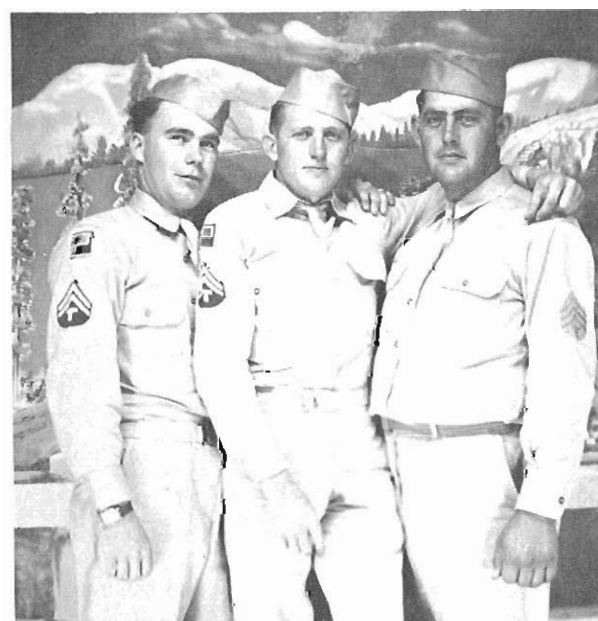
Price, Senosk, Aker, Abernathy and Pilfold.



Berlin, Germany.



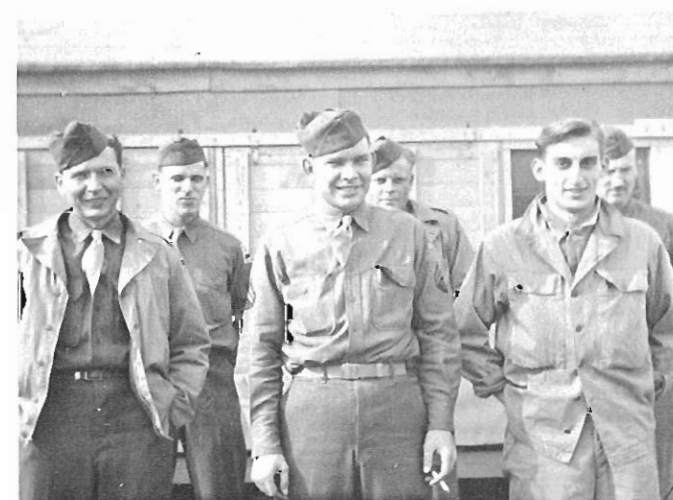
Apartment house in Berlin.



Andrews, Kelly and Potter.



Cpl. George Kelly.



[First Row]: Orris, Unknown and Wingrofski.  
[Second Row]: Courtier, Brown and Findeisen.  
[Photo furnished by Wayne McGourty. 769 Ord. [LM].



T/3 Brown, T/Sgt. Bishop, Sgt. McGourty and Unknown.  
[Photo furnished by Wayne McGourty. 769 Ord. [LM].

[Photos of Ser. Co. 271, furnished by Mrs. Charles Potter]

## Last Round for 1978 Pittsburgh Reunion

*Note: The photos shown below, courtesy of William Matlach, Co. E, 273rd Inf., from West Islip, New York.*



724th Field Artillery. The man at extreme right is Denman Ayres, who missed the 1977 Reunion due to undergoing open heart surgery.



Miscellaneous group, perhaps Div. Hq. It includes several from Arizona.



Registration desk at Pittsburgh. [Left to Right]: Dorothy Witzleb, Marion Shadle, Lottie Herring and Robert Ellis.



General Bolte with Ann Reinhardt Stevenson (General Reinhardt's daughter), and Ted Snyder (D-271), who can still wear his original G.I. jacket. Ted's son is one of this year's Scholarship winners.



Colorguard at the Memorial Ceremony. Glenn Vanderlaan, in full Scots regalia, provides music.



Co. E-273: [Left to Right]: Lucille and Frank Dionne, Jane and Bill Matlach, Dave Dunlap (Company Commander), Fred Huston, Dot and Earl Witzleb.



# 69th Infantry Division Combat Record

Listed below are some facts about the 69th Infantry Division in combat, which perhaps many of you never knew. True, you served with the Division, but things moved so fast that there was no time to keep records. Most of these facts were compiled after VE Day.

## 69th Box Score

Distance covered in combat ..... 400 Miles  
Towns captured ..... More than 1000, including  
the great city of Leipzig  
German prisoners taken ..... 35,000  
Allied prisoners freed ..... over 26,500  
Foreign slaves liberated ..... Many thousands  
In addition the 69th overran one-third of the Nazi's  
toxic gas supply.

On March 27, 1945, troops from the 69th Division stormed and captured Fort Ehrenbreitstein, which symbolized a victorious re-entry by American Troops into Germany. On April 6, 1945, a special Army Day Ceremony, attended by General Omar Bradley, during which the American Flag was raised over the Fort. It was the same flag that had been lowered from the Fort in January 1923, when the last troops from World War I departed. The flag was flown in from Washington, for the special occasion.

On across Germany the 69th swept until the final link-up at three separate points on the Elbe, with the Soviets. In May of 1945, on the second anniversary of the 69th Division, congratulatory letters were received from several of the Army's leading Generals, including General Dwight Eisenhower and General Omar Bradley. The 69th Division had done more than its share for the cause of freedom.

[Editor's Note: We are grateful to the widow of "Juggy" Powers, [H&S 879], who furnished us with a copy of the "The Fighting 69th Sentinel," dated May 15, 1945, from which the above information was taken].

## Letters Regarding Reunions

The following letter was received from Robert W. Mottaz, 4546 Toyon Road, Riverside, CA 92504.

My wife Ingre and I made so many friends at the last Reunion in Pittsburgh, that they're too numerous to count. Friends like James Stankovich and his son, the Gaylords, the John Supranos, and so many, many others. I thought I would write this note to let them know how happy they made us feel.

While in Pittsburgh, and noting how few there were from Fox Co. 273, I thought that I would copy every name on the 273 Roster, and write to each one to see if I could get them to join us this year. There were about thirty names on the list . . . but I wrote to each and every one. I told them about the good time we all had in Pittsburgh, and told them that we could have just as good a time in Boston in 1979.

I received only one reply from my efforts, and that was from (Lt.) Archibald Farrar. He said that he had attended a meeting on an earlier occasion, and that the memories of those days "over there" were too much, and so he declined my invitation. He sent his apology, however.

I certainly wish that others would join us though. Sure it is painful sometimes when you think of a close Buddy getting it, but then no one ever said that it was going to be easy. I know, because I had to write a letter to one of my Buddy's wife, after he was killed, and that sure isn't an easy thing to do. But, I'm glad because I could put that personal touch in it.

Now about the Reunions themselves. I wish that I could have known about them long ago, because I would have joined right away. I have never enjoyed anything so much as these gatherings. To those of you who were so close last year, a special hello, and we'll see you in Boston.

The following letter was received from Jake Stark.

Dear Earl:

A little note to let you know that we sure were glad to see you again. We sure had a great time last year in Pittsburgh, thanks to all of you. Please say hello to George and wife. Also, thanks a million for traveling so far to come to one of our get-togethers. Hope you had a nice trip home.

Co.-H 273rd Infantry had its biggest Reunion since Atlantic City when 10 Co.-H men attended.

## At the Pittsburgh Reunion

1. John Adams, Jr., Rockingham, N.C.
2. Samuel Grubbs, Allison Park, Pa.
3. George Bogdowiesz, Bridgeville, Pa.
4. Joseph Roznar, West Hartford, Conn.
5. Charles Leskus, Bethel Park, Pa.
6. Michael Masullo, Pittsburgh, Pa.
7. Russ Keyser, (Former Lt.), Pittsburgh, Pa.
8. Homer Kemp, McKeesport, Pa.
9. Ray Szkudlarek, Toledo, Ohio
10. Jake Stark, Jr., Steelton, Pa.

Ray Szkudlarek and myself have attended the last 10 Reunions and we do not want to miss anymore.

Adams, Bogdowiesz, Leskus, Keyser and Kemp at the 1st Reunion and haven't seen since 1945.

Grubb and Masullo, we saw at Pittsburgh Reunion 11 years ago.

Roznar we saw at the Reunion in New Haven, Conn.

Hope to see more Co.-H men in Boston. Szkudlarek and I will be there.

## Division Association Chapter (Group) Meetings Across the United States

### ARIZONA — WESTERN UNITED STATES GROUP

Leonard C. Halpenny writes:

A luncheon meeting of Western 69er's was held in Tucson, on Armed Forces Day, May 19, at the Iron Mask Restaurant. In spite of the gasoline shortage, the following were able to attend:

Bob Myers, Division HQ, Sun City  
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Ellis, A-271, Tucson  
Mr. & Mrs. John Havey, First Bn.-273, Phoenix  
Frank Campaigne, B-271, Sun City  
Mr. & Mrs. Louis DeLao, Cannon Co.-273, Safford  
Mr. & Mrs. David Delorey, Anti-Tank Co.-273, Scottsdale  
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Edminster, B-271, Tucson  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Gildner, Service Co.-272, California  
Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Griffin, H&S Co.-269, Scottsdale  
Mr. & Mrs. Len Halpenny, H&S Co.-269, Tucson  
Mr. & Mrs. William Ruebsamen, A Bn.-724, Phoenix  
Victor Woo, Division QM, San Francisco

Bob Myers brought us up-to-date on plans for the Boston Reunion, and the New Orleans Reunion. After lunch we all sat and gossiped until 4:00 o'clock. We all agreed to continue with the Regional get-togethers on a once-a-year basis, alternating between Phoenix and Tucson.

We hope to spread the word even more widely for subsequent meetings and find more 69er's in the West.

[Editor's Note: Sounds like you had a great day. Sorry Dot and I couldn't be there, but our hearts and frame of mind were with you Western friends. Hopefully, you will get more members from other areas, and be able to spread out from the Phoenix - Tucson area . . . possibly to neighboring states such as Texas, New Mexico, Utah, California, etc. Chris Fox from El Paso, Texas, should take note. I am sure he would be a good member and not too far away, either].



## CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH

Our group enjoyed our Annual Spring Dinner Meeting, Saturday, April 21st, at the "Villa Leo" in New Cumberland. We certainly enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship.

There were 18 in attendance. The following persons attended:

Sam & Helen Talley  
Harold & Lou Hoover  
Jake & Viola Stark  
Bill & Betty Foster  
Paul McCombs & wife Margie - (President of the Ladies' Auxiliary)

We welcomed two newcomers into our group. Carl and Bernice Macknair of McClure, Pa., and Robert and Helen Baer of Leesport, Pa.

We were honored to have two couples as our guests, from the Tri-State Group. George and Vickie Gallagher from Beaver, Pa., and Earl and Dorothy Witzleb from Champion, Pa. Earl is our Treasurer of the 69th Division. He is also Co-Editor of our Bulletin.

After enjoying a fine dinner, Witzlebs and Gallaghers visited with the Fosters, and also enjoyed a Sunday morning breakfast with them.

Our plans for the future include a picnic in July. Many of our members are planning on attending the Annual Reunion in Boston. Hope to see all of you there.

We would certainly hope that more of you 69er's would join us in our activities in Central Pennsylvania.

The Gallaghers and Witzlebs also had a tour of Bill Foster's Shop in New Cumberland.

*[Editor's Note: Dot and I along with George and Vickie Gallagher enjoyed our short stay with the Central Pennsylvania friends. Our weekend was a good one, weather wise, and thankful that Three Mile Island didn't act-up again. You know we were only about seven miles away.]*

*Our afternoon tour by Mr. Bill was most enjoyable, going by the island, taking a look at the stacks, and the stop-over at the Host Inn. This would make an excellent Reunion Site for your group to bring up at the General Meeting. With its 500 rooms, located in a suburban area [which we go for], just a couple miles off the Pennsylvania Turnpike, near Middletown International Airport, with direct flights from all over the United States. A great tour area of the Dutch Country and Gettysburg, and the Inn had all the conveniences we look for: swimming pool, tennis courts, several lounges, golf course, etc., which make for a good spot to hold a Reunion.*

*Do let us know your schedule of events for a year ahead, so that we can publish it, with the hopes of getting more new members interested in your group. Note the Schedule of Events of the Tri-State Group.*

*You did have your share of 69th Staff Members at your Spring Dinner, in the person of: Margie McCombs, Auxiliary President; myself, Earl Witzleb, Jr., Treasurer; George Gallagher, Director; Jacob Stark, Director, and Howard Hoover, Director.*

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Victor A. DeCarlo, Uniontown, Pennsylvania — Chairman of our Spring Weekend — writes:

Finally have a chance to write you as I promised. Have been busy ever since I last saw you. I have a visitation going on now. I just came back in the office to get this information out to you. It will be in bits and pieces, but I do hope it all falls into place and makes sense.

Needless to say, I enjoyed the weekend as much as anyone. I know that I was tied-up to a point, but I am very accustomed to doing things that way. Everytime I have plans, I can be sure that I will be busy, if I did not get busy, I would think that something was wrong. As I said, I enjoyed everyone's company. I am just sorry that we did not have more of a turn-out, but I had, however, telephoned everyone who was on the list which you sent me.

### Attending in Uniontown:

Earl & Dorothy Witzleb, Champion, Pa.

Victor A. DeCarlo, Uniontown, Pa.

George & Vickie Gallagher, Beaver, Pa.

Fred & Eunice Huston, Wellsville, Ohio

John & Marie Suprano, New Kensington, Pa.

Paul & Marian Shadle, New Kensington, Pa.

Milt & Dorothy Lutes, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Joseph & Zola George, Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Enrico & Ann D'Angelo, Saltsburg, Pa.

Peter & Helen Garstecki, Uniontown, Pa.

Frank Lucci, Republic, Pa.

Mr. & Mrs. John H. Gideon, Carmichaels, Pa. *[The couple was at the bar and joined us later at the table].*

Lawrence J. Giust, Canton, Ohio *[He met the Gideons and and also later, joined us at the table].*

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Johns — *[Daughter and Son-in-law of the D'Angelos, who joined us for the trip to Falling Waters, and Ohiopyle Falls].*

I'm almost sure that is the rundown on everyone. I hope I did not leave anyone out.

I am sure that you know that the Newmans were to join us for Falling Waters, but had to change their plans, for business reasons. They got busy and just could not swing it. They telephoned me, and told me to tell everyone hello, with regrets for not being able to see us. Newmans are from Grantsville, Maryland.

Thank you for the beautiful card. We will have to get together again soon, but not for a \$16.00 Chicken Dinner.

I am going to try to get to Boston . . . will do my best.

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### Marie and John Suprano write:

Sure was a pleasant weekend for us in Uniontown. Thanks for all your work. I know you two do work hard for the Pittsburgh Group. Of course, if it wasn't for you we would not have had such a pleasant weekend, because for many years no one ever did a thing.

The Warren Kunkles from Fort Wayne, Indiana, called the DeAngelos on Sunday night, to say the reason they could not make it was that their daughter had a special test to take, otherwise they would have been there. They have made their reservations for the Boston Reunion . . . and do thank you.

I would like to thank both Earl and Clarence for such a great job they are doing on our Bulletin. Clarence has really been concerned about getting the Bulletin out, even with him being as bad off as he has been, due to his accident. We sure did miss him at our Pittsburgh Spring Weekend. We want to thank Vic DeCarlo for such a great time, and the great job he did . . . the trip to Fallingwaters and Ohiopyle. A greater host we could never find . . . and that beautiful, delicious dinner which Vic had for us before our departure. He is really a dear and would make a great President for the Assoriation, someday.

Thank you for the picture of myself, Jim Ligauri and Jim Stonkanich, in our last Bulletin, as that was our first time to meet in 35 years. I saw Jim at the last Pittsburgh Reunion 10 years ago.

*[Editor's Note: What a weekend, which, I know we all enjoyed very much, plus the fact that it went all too fast for us to even say good-bye's . . . only see you at the next one.]*

If you readers of this issue of the Bulletin noticed, one of our faithful members wasn't with us, in the person of, Clarence Marshall. Clarence met with an accident in March, and is still recovering. I am sure he will be at our next Fall Weekend, plus the Boston Reunion in August.

I must say for all of us, to Vic, that it was a well planned weekend, which will rival any of our Friday to Sunday National Reunions of the 50's and 60's. Thanks loads, Vic! Might I just give a run-down of our weekend to all our readers.

We gathered Friday evening around the dinner hour, with some of the members having dinner at the Inn, while others had eaten earlier. Our headquarters was the Mt. Vernon Inn in Uniontown, and we did have "A Barrel of Fun" at our Spring Weekend. We did run a little behind schedule with the shopping trip getting on the way at 8:00 P.M. We men started our Chit-Chat, taking over a corner of the Inn, and then joined later by the ladies, shortly after 10:00 P.M. Interesting discussions of the Division Association, and our country, the United States, were discussed over a few drinks, lasting into the wee hours of the morning.

Saturday morning found me sleeping late, while others went back to Uniontown Mall, and still others went sight-seeing. Some just relaxed, and had an early lunch, getting ready for our afternoon activities.

At 1:00 P.M., Victor DeCarlo led the car pool to Ohiopyle Falls, where a picture taking session of the scenic area took place. We then left for Fallingwaters, for a tour of that home and area. Arriving back at headquarters late, we had to hurry to get ready for the Dinner Banquet. A cocktail hour and a perfect dinner of Prime Rib was enjoyed by all. Our business meeting followed with most everyone saying they will make Boston, but don't approve of the Banquet Dinner of Chicken. In the discussion of the New Orleans Reunion for 1980, most Pittsburgers prefer the Airport Hilton over the Marriott. Many would like to go back West soon, to either Arizona, at Mountain Shadows, or Colorado, at Colorado Springs, or Denver. We also have been told that the Air Force Academy, during the summer, can be used for Military organizations. Most all also approved of a Reunion in the future at the Host Inn, in Central Pennsylvania.

Everyone was brought up-to-date on Clarence Marshall, whom we missed . . . this was the first time Clarence had ever been absent from any of our functions.

Members were reminded of our Fall Weekend in Pittsburgh, November 2, 3 and 4, with details incomplete at the present time. Fall functions haven't been released yet in the Pittsburgh area, plus we probably will add a trip to one of our Veteran's Hospitals on this same weekend. Indications are that we have our headquarters at the Sheraton South on Route 19, South. A letter will be mailed to members, as well as a schedule of events in the next Bulletin.

For our Spring Banquet Weekend in 1980, on May 2, 3, and 4, we will have Co-hosts. Fred and Eunice Huston, and George and Vickie Gallagher will handle it all. They plan a border line headquarters near Ohio and Pennsylvania, in hopes of getting many Ohio members, plus Pennsylvanian and West Virginia members. They have plans for a night at the Race Track at Waterford Downs, Chester, West Virginia. We believe in moving around, so as to get to all areas of our members.

The orchestra started to play, so our meeting ended with dancing and fellowship following.

Sunday morning found some of our members going to church, as most members should do, while others took in more sight seeing, going to Fort Necessity Battlefield and Braddocks Grave, which are located in the same area.

We broke camp at Mt. Vernon Inn, took the city of Uniontown, and captured the DeCarlo Mansion. A little re-organization, and the group took-off for the State Music Hall to hear Don Williams, a top country western male singer. Returning to the DeCarlo Mansion, we all sat down to a Spaghetti Dinner, DeCarlo Style. We missed Lottie and Chuck Hering from Wilmington, North Carolina, as well as the Warren Kunkle's from Fort Wayne, Indiana, who would have been newcomers to our Tri-State Group.

So you see, the Tri-State Group welcomes all 69er members, no matter where you live in the country, or world. No good-bye's were given, just "See you in Boston in August, and Pittsburgh in November."

## Richard Bell Watertown, South Dakota Writes . . .



Greetings, from the "Land of the Sioux." I really enjoy the 69th Bulletin. After the war, I returned home to South Dakota, and have been in the printing business ever since. For 6 years I owned a small weekly newspaper. Now, I work for a commercial printing plant, doing color separating, and making plates for full-color printing, and operate color cameras for the Graphic Arts.

My old company, Co.-D, 272nd, has a Reunion every two years, and I have been to two of them. Next summer we meet in Chicago.

I am sending along two pictures, if you would like to put them in the Bulletin. One is myself, sitting in my jeep, in the railroad yards at Weisenfels. The other picture is of D Company drivers, pictured in the Eifel, almost on the German-Belgian border.

The guys are: Jim Steel, Jim Waugh, Wilbur Shields, LaComb, Nelson, Ted Junkins, Bell (myself), Ray Evans, Adams, and the bottom guy is Dillon.

About a year and a half ago, I had a heart attack, and was off work for 2 months. I have recovered pretty well, although I certainly do not have the stamina I used to have. It makes a person think about his more youthful days, and Camp Shelby, when we were really in good shape.

Those pictures of the 777 Tank Battalion, in the last Bulletin, were great. I was one of the jeep drivers on the motorized point that night we started through the woods, east of Kassel, and ran into the German tanks, and our tanks and TDs moved up to help us out, on the road to Witzhausen. It sure was noisy around our point for a while. It got so dark, the rifle companies moved past us, and kept up the advance on foot, after our tank destroyers forced the German tanks back.

Keep up the good work on the Bulletin.

**Richard W. Bell**, 120 6th Street, S.E., Watertown, South Dakota 57201.

*[Editor's Note: Sure was nice receiving your letter which makes good news for our Bulletin, and makes me want to ask a question or two.]*

*Nice that Company D 272nd has your own Reunion and will be in Chicago this summer. If you fellows would keep in touch with me, we could publish all your news which goes out to about 4,700 members. It may make your group grow, since we have 80 of your members on our Roster. Possibly you and your other Buddies have member names we don't have, so send your list on to me so that I can check them out. I'll be happy to return your list, or send me a copy of it.*

*Why don't you fellows plan to come to a National Reunion in full force, to make our crowd a little larger, so that we might have fun and fellowship together?*

*Presently Headquarters, Engineers, 661 T.D.'s, Company G 271st, the Field Artillery boys, and many others make up our happy gang. This year we meet in Boston, Massachusetts, at the Park Plaza Hotel, and next year we meet in New Orleans. Try us once, and you'll return to many more Reunions, I am sure. Pittsburgh Reunion was really great last year, and a good Reunion for first-timers.*

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## Board of Directors Meeting May 20, 1979

The Board of Directors meeting was held on May 20, 1979, at 1:50 P.M., at the Marriott Hotel, Stamford, Connecticut. Present were: President, John Moriarty; Secretary, Chet Yastrzemski; Past Presidents, Bill Matlach, Sam Woolf, Stan Olszewski, Jerry Rodelli, Irvin Sarafan and Ray Fahrner.

The meeting was called by President Moriarty, for the purpose of discussing the Scholarship Applications for 1979, and for discussion and exchange of ideas by the Board Members on items of importance which face the Association.

William Matlach stated that he would send, or deliver, the Histories of the 69th, to Clarence Marshall. Clarence is recovering from injuries sustained by a fall, and is limited in his activities.

Letters were read from Earl Witzleb, Paul Shadle and others, giving their thoughts and ideas for the betterment of the Association. Ideas were discussed by Board Members, and the hope for all was that we pull together to strengthen and perpetuate the 69th.

The plans for the Boston Reunion were given by Stan Olszewski, which included room rates, food, Early Bird Buffet, transportation, hospitality room, etc.

Stan Olszewski, and committee, checked out the different hotels in New Orleans, for the 1980 Reunion, and stated their final choice would be at the Marriott Hotel. Room rates would be \$44.00 for either a single, double, triple or quad. Discussion by the members on the Reunion site with all merits being taken into consideration. Motion made by Ray Fahrner, seconded by Jerry Rodelli, that President Moriarty be authorized to sign a contract with the Marriott Hotel. All in favor, and so carried. Future sites to be discussed at the Annual Reunion with members present.

Bill Matlach was in touch with Sherm Lawrence, who advises we are still a bon-a-fide incorporated non profit organization. Irvin Sarafan to contact Sol Rosenblitt to obtain previous minutes so that any changes in the past can be revised and brought up to date, and presented to the membership. President Moriarty to appoint committee to study Constitution and By-Laws.

President Moriarty stated that the nomination committee shall consist of a minimum of five members: one each from 271 Reg., 272 Reg., 273 Reg., Division Artillery, and from Division Special Troops and Attached Units.

Bill Matlach stated the Scholarship Committee consists of President, Executive Vice President and Past Presidents. A proposed Amendment on eligibility for Scholarship was discussed, and shall be published in the Bulletin.

Motion was made by Jerry Rodelli, and seconded by Ray Fahrner, that lunch bill be paid by the Association. All in favor, and so carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Chester Yastrzemski  
Secretary

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## Scholarship Fund

As most of you know, the 69th Infantry Division Association maintains a Welfare and Scholarship Fund which is used to grant Scholarship Awards competitively, to outstanding students about to graduate from high school, before continuing in college, technical school, school of nursing or other advanced studies. Currently the award has been \$150 per year for a total of up to \$600, assuming the student continues studies for four years.

In response to inquiries from several members, the following is the text of the Trust Agreement which provides for the control and management of the awards:

This Trust Agreement made this 3rd day of August, 1966, by and between the 69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC., a New York membership corporation with its principal office at 19 Barberry Road, West Islip, New York, hereinafter referred to as Settler and the President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer and all past presidents of the said 69th Infantry Division Association, Inc., hereinafter individually and jointly referred to as Trustees.

WHEREAS the Settler has established a Welfare and Scholarship Fund for its members, and wives, and children of its members, and widows, and children of deceased members, and

WHEREAS it is the intention of this Trust Agreement to set up all funds now or hereafter earmarked for welfare and scholarship purposes, and

WHEREAS it is the intention of the Settler to give honor to its comrades in arms, and wives, widows and children of its comrades in arms and to help when necessary, and to extend at all times to recognized scholars a sum of money in appreciation of those students' scholarship.

## NOW, THEREFORE,

1. The Settler does hereby set apart from its general funds the sum of \$3,391.44 in its Welfare and Scholarship Fund into which shall be deposited all funds heretofore received and hereafter to be received by the Settler without co-mingling with other funds of the Settler.

2. That the Welfare and Scholarship Funds shall not be drawn except on order of any two of the Trustees and in such amounts as the Trustees en banc shall determine.

3. In no event shall more than \$50.00 be expended on behalf of any one member of the Settler or any wife, widow or child of any member of the Settler without the written approval of the Board of Directors of the Settler.

4. That the Trustees shall in their discretion at a meeting called for such purposed set up scholarships for the children of members or of deceased members of the Settler, all in accordance with such plans and formula as they may develop but in no event is there to be expended in any one year more than 20% of the total funds held at the beginning of that year without the prior written approval of the Board of Directors of the Settler.

5. Annual accountings shall be made to the Settler of all moneys received and expended.

6. The President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer and all of the Past Presidents of the Settler shall be the Trustees, and at least five of the Trustees then living shall be necessary as a quorum for any meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hand, and seals, the date and year first above written.

69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.

By: Harold M. Starry, President

Attested:

By: Sol Rosenblitt, Secretary

E. F. Reinhardt

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Sol Rosenblitt

For further information, or for applications for the 1980 award selection, write to our Scholarship Committee Chairman:

**William Matlach**

19 Barberry Road

West Islip, N.Y. 11795

## Communication Schedule

### September 28, 1979

First Dues Notice should be in the mail to all members.

### October 6, 1979

Deadline for news for Bulletin number 1 Volume 33

September — October — November — December, 1979

### January 11, 1980

Second Dues Notice should be in the mail to all members

(If you paid your dues on the First Notice, ignore this one)

### January 12, 1980

Deadline for news for Bulletin Number 2 Volume 33

January — February — March — April, 1980

### May 3, 1980

Deadline for news for Bulletin Number 3 Volume 33

May — June — July — August, 1980

*NOTE: Bulletins should be in the mail to all members one month to six weeks after the news deadline.*

## Army Sergeants Association

The Army Sergeants Association (TASA), represents all U.S. Army enlisted personnel, has been founded with Headquarters in the Washington, D.C. area. TASA is a patriotic, nonprofit organization for the Active, Reserve, National Guard Soldiers and Retirees. Its purposes are to assist in maintaining a strong national defense, to secure public recognition of the vital contribution the enlisted corps makes to the nation's security, and to improve the quality of life for soldiers and their families.

From its Washington base, TASA represents enlisted interests at the seat of government and keeps its members informed of developments affecting them. Although not a "gimme" organization, it will work to prevent erosion of earned benefits and to help in overcoming inequities.

Unlike the Air Force which has the 120,000 member Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA), the Army has no society solely to represent its enlisted persons.

The Army Sergeants Association will have chapters at Army installations throughout the world, and will offer benefit programs on a nonprofit basis in an effort to save members money. Like AFSA, operating expenses will be met from dues only.

Persons joining TASA in its first year will be Charter Members, paying twelve dollars Annual Dues. The dues for all members will rise to fifteen dollars in 1980.

For further information write the Army Sergeants Association, Post Office Box 34930, Washington, D.C. 20034.



Pictured above are W. G. and Ann (Reinhardt) Stevenson from North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. They are shown holding their first Grandchild, Mindy Crista. Both Grandparents were at our 1978 Pittsburgh Reunion. Ann is the daughter of General Reinhardt.

Picture was sent in by **Chris Fox** (Texas). Texas was General Reinhardt's home state. Chris hopes that the 69er's have not forgotten him.



# Calendar of Coming Events

## JULY, 1979 [Date Unknown]

### Central Pennsylvania Branch Picnic

#### For information write:

Bill and Betty Foster  
803 Elkwood Drive  
New Cumberland, Pennsylvania 17070  
Home Phone: (717) 774-2396  
Office Phone: (717) 774-0870

## JUNE — JULY — AUGUST, 1979 [Date Unknown]

### Company D, 272 Infantry Reunion

Chicago, Illinois

#### For information write:

Richard W. Bell  
120 6th Street, S.E.  
Watertown, South Dakota 57201

## AUGUST 12 to 19, 1979

### 69th Infantry Division Association Annual Reunion

Main Attractions: August 15 to 19

Boston Park Plaza Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts

#### Send Room Reservations to:

Boston Park Plaza Hotel  
64 Arlington Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02117

#### Send Event Reservations to:

Stanley Olszewski  
212 McClintock Street  
New Britain, Connecticut 06053

## NOVEMBER 2, 3, 4, 1979

### Tri-State Group — Fall Weekend

Sheraton Motor Inn - South  
U.S. Route 19 — At Fort Couch Road  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

#### For information write:

Earl E. Witzleb, Jr.  
P.O. Box 69  
Champion, Pennsylvania 15622  
Phone: (412) 455-2901 (Evenings and Weekends)

*Details in next Bulletin.*

*Hopefully a trip and program to a Veteran's Hospital in Pittsburgh. Some of the singers we had at Beer Party Night, in Pittsburgh, will join us.*

## OCTOBER — NOVEMBER, 1979 [Date Unknown]

### Central Pennsylvania Branch — Fall Banquet

#### For information write:

Bill and Betty Foster  
803 Elkwood Drive  
New Cumberland, Pennsylvania 17070  
Home Phone: (717) 774-2396  
Office Phone: (717) 774-0870

*Bulletin needs more information on this.*

## APRIL — MAY, 1980 [Date Unknown]

### 661 Tank Destroyers Reunion

Pilgrimage back to Fort Hood  
Austin, Texas

#### For information write:

William "Bill" Beswick  
P.O. Box 576  
West Point, Virginia 23181

or

Robert L. Stone  
3803 Eastledge Drive  
Austin, Texas 78731

*More information needed on this for the Bulletin.*

## MAY 2, 3, 4, 1980

### Tri-State Spring Weekend

Border line of Ohio & Pennsylvania

**Chairmen:** Fred Huston and George Gallagher

*Will feature a trip to the Waterford Race Track, Chester, West Virginia.*

*More details in future Bulletin and/or letter.*

## MAY, 1980

### Arizona Group Dinner Banquet

*More details in future Bulletins and/or letter.*

## AUGUST 10 to 17, 1980

### 69th Infantry Division Association Annual Reunion

New Orleans, Louisiana

*Details to follow after the Boston Reunion.*

## AUGUST 16 to 23, 1981

### 69th Infantry Division Association Annual Reunion

*Site to be chosen in Boston.*

## AUGUST 15 to 22, 1982

### 69th Infantry Division Association Annual Reunion

*Site to be discussed in Boston*

## Ray Wolthoff Writes . . .

I regret to inform you of the passing of another 69'er. Max Sallee, Co. M, 272 Inf., on April 19, 1979. I went to his funeral, and my wife, and I, are still in contact with Ruth, Max's widow.

Max was formerly from Columbus, Ohio, but at the time of his death he resided at 248 Laguna Ct., St. Augustine Shores, Fla. 32084.

Max and I were in the same company, and attended a number of Reunions. We also enjoyed visiting each other in Florida.

My wife and I were in Pittsburgh last year and had a fine time. Hope to see you in Boston . . . The best to you and all 69'er's.



Main Street Corner, Bremen, Germany.

## Reprints of Regimental Histories Proposed

Over the past several years, the Association has received a number of requests for copies of "Trespass Against Them", **A Story of the 271st Infantry Regiment and History of the Battle Axe Regiment of the Fighting 69 (272d)**. Both of these books were originally published in Europe in 1945. The 271st book has 91 pages and no photos and the 272d history has 176 pages with a number of photos.

We have recently been contacted by The Battery Press of Nashville, Tennessee, a private publisher specializing in World War II unit history reprints. They have already re-issued twenty unit histories and have a number of collectors who support their program. Some of these individuals would be willing to help offset the cost of reprinting the 271st and 272d books if our members were also interested in them.

If you want a copy of either of these histories, please check the space provided on the coupon below and return it to the Association by September 1, 1979. If there is sufficient interest to consider these books, The Battery Press will contact you directly with further details. One other book under consideration by this firm is **Conquer: The Story of the Ninth Army**, originally published in 1947 by Infantry Journal Press, and has 406 pages, 52 photos, and 18 maps in a 6" x 9" format. The 69th Division was part of the Ninth Army during our combat service and this book is considered one of the best Army histories of the war. The anticipated price for a hard cover edition is \$20.00 postpaid. If you are interested in this book, check the space on the coupon below and you will be contacted when they are ready to proceed. **SEND NO MONEY.**

There are many young collectors and historians who are interested in World War II history. Your support will help publicize our Division's history by bringing these books back into print.

To: 69th Fighting Infantry Division Association  
101 Stephen Street  
New Kensington, PA 15068

I am interested in the books checked below. Please have more information sent to me

\_\_\_\_\_ 271st Regiment History

\_\_\_\_\_ 272d Regiment History

\_\_\_\_\_ 9th Army History

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## USO

World Headquarters, 1146 19th St., N. W., Washington, D.C.  
20036 • [202] 862-0700

This is a letter from an old friend. During World War II, Korea and Vietnam, Americans who served their country knew the USO.

It was a home away from home. It was a USO Show. It was a place for a soldier to rest between trains, or planes, or buses. It was a dance, or a friendly smile. It was a bit of refreshment in some pretty tough places. Whatever it was, it showed that Americans at home still cared. They still do.

Lots of parents and wives are saying goodbye — and the USO is still saying hello. Our mission has changed a bit. We're spending more time and effort with the overseas families of young soldiers. They live on the economy and that's difficult, especially in West Germany and Japan.

We're sending shows all over the world, and they're good shows. And we're sending shows to veterans hospitalized in VA Medical Centers too. That's a new part of our mission. It's one that those old soldiers really enjoy. Last year, we sent quality shows to 102 of the 172 VA Medical Centers. We'd like to do more and we will if we can obtain added support.

We think the Fighting 69th Infantry Division Association would like to bring a ration of music and mirth to old comrades who need help. We'd be pleased to hook-up with you as partners. The performers are selected, auditioned volunteers who are not paid. We do pay for their transportation, lodging, meals and personal needs en route. USO Shows professionals audition, select and send individual performers, or splendid show troupes, to visit bedridden veterans in their rooms, to sing and play music in the rooms and wards, and present a musical variety show in the hospital auditorium. Average cost for a medical center visit by an individual performer is \$250. For a show troupe, the average cost is \$750. Costs will be more or less, depending on local costs and distance to be traveled.

Could we as partners undertake a project to bring this form of musical therapy to a VA Medical Center?

The Fighting 69th Division Association will be credited, and we'll invite one of your representatives nearest the Medical Center to introduce the program. In case you believe the price tag is too high, consider combining with another association of your choice in a joint effort.

Could we hear from you soon, and we'll crank up our Shows people.

Sincerely,

James A. Herbert  
BG USA (Ret.)  
Assistant Director  
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