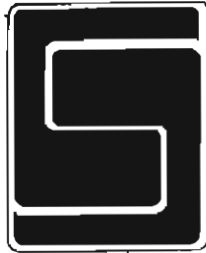


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General Charles L. Bolte



Pictured above is General Charles L. Bolte addressing the Troops on "Activation Day."

15 May 1943 . . . A new Unit, the 69th Infantry Division was born at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

There, in the shadows of DeSoto National Forest, the 69th Infantry Division, grew into a fighting team. Eighteen months of drilling, training, maneuvers, correcting and changing, sending out replacements, (The Division furnished over 15,000 men, and furnished a number of officers, equivalent to 100% of its total strength), receiving new men, then . . . more training and maneuvers.

It is a proven fact that few, if any, Divisions received more or better training than we did. For two hot summers, and a cold winter, we carried on. During the summer days . . . dust and heat. During the nights . . . chiggers, wood ticks and mosquitoes were our constant companions. Through the cold winter, which brought rain and mud, we continued to train. We worked hard, but we also played. There were diversionary periods, passes, leaves and furloughs. We went to Hattiesburg, which was about 10 miles away . . . or had a good time in New Orleans, which was about two hours away, by road or rail.

During the course of our training we had a change in command. General E. F. Reinhardt took over for General Charles L. Bolte, who was transferred to another Division.

We reached our goal, when on 31 October 1944, we departed for the staging area . . . then the boat trip overseas . . . and combat.

News From The Editor's Desk

Ralph R. Snyder, 1214 Lukens Avenue, Woodlyn, Pa. 19094, C-272: I just read your latest Bulletin, and I would like to hear from some of the fellows that were in C-272, when the 69th was activated in Camp Shelby, Miss., in May of 1943. I was with this company for about one year, and then I was shipped out as a replacement.

I went overseas in June of 1944, on the U.S.S. Billy Mitchell, and later on joined the 80th Infantry Division.

While in Camp Shelby, I helped out in the Supply Store, under **Sgt. Goggins**, and became quite friendly with **Sgt. John Ohl**, of the Mess Hall.

Sgt. Ohl passed away a few years ago.

My wife and I attended the Reunion in Wilmington, Del., but haven't been to any since.

Charles E. Gaut, 1020 Cedar Avenue, Knoxville, Tenn. 37914, F-272: I am very interested in a copy of the reprint of the 272nd Regimental History Book. I have been writing everywhere trying to find out how to obtain one.

I have been writing to **Capt. Callaway** in Crockett, Tex., and he told me that he and some other fellows from F-Company went back, and toured the old battle sites in Germany. I sent Capt. Callaway a photo of three guys from F-Company, shaking hands with the Russians, on the wrecked bridge over the Elbe. I hope he brings it to the Reunion in August. It would be a good photo to put in the Bulletin sometime in the future. It came from a hard back book printed in 1945. This book was full of photos taken by UPI, Signal Corp, AP and many other news people, who covered the War. It also contained many maps. It had a picture of General Eisenhower and General Patton together. I found this book in a used book store in Nashville. I just wish I could get it reprinted so that it would be available for more 69er's.

The May, June, July, August issue of the Bulletin was very interesting. I am still looking at the nice pictures of the guys. I just wish time would stand still, as the guys look so good. We are all in our 50's or 60's now . . . so time waits for no man.

Edwin J. Weiss, 75-59 196th Street, Flushing, N.Y. 11366, A&P Platoon, 1st Bn. 271st Regt.: Enclosed are a couple of pictures taken in Eilenburg, Germany, of the A&P Platoon, 271st Regt., 1st Bn. **Doug Doran** was our Platoon Sgt., and **Joe King** our Buck Sgt. I realize the pictures are not too good, but if they can be used, I will dig out some more.

Your Bulletin this month is the best I've seen, and you are to be complimented for a job well done.

I am now semi-retired, after 32 years in the Real Estate and Insurance Business. I just sold out to a larger company, and have been taking it easy for the last year. I am getting bored doing nothing, and was thinking of re-enlisting.

As far as finding the oldest member of our Association . . . I think you have done a good job. Now, I think you should have a contest to find the youngest living member, who actually was in combat with the Fighting 69th. I'll start off with giving you my date of birth: April 14, 1924. I am sure there are a lot younger than I am, but this is a start.

Hoping to see you at the next Reunion.

Would you believe my stock broker just called me and told me IBM stock just traded at 69? I bought another 100 shares.

[Editor's Note: Mr. Weiss's pictures appear elsewhere in our Bulletin. Also, we think we have already found the youngest member of our Association, in Chuck Moore, who served in E-271].

William N. L. Hutchinson, Jr., 160 Sansome Street, San Francisco, Calif. 94104, Hq. Divarty: I have read the 69th Infantry Division publication for some time, and look forward with pleasure to receiving them.

I joined the 881st Field Artillery Bn., under **Lt. Col William P. Brooks**, in April 1944. Some time after that, I was transferred to Division Artillery Headquarters as Aide-de-Camp, to **Brig. Gen. Robert V. Maraist [Uncle Bob]**, along with **Bob Sylva**, who had been in the 724th.

I am in the stock brokerage business in San Francisco, where I have been since the early 1950's.

I regret to say that I do not see many of my old friends from the 69th Division, and I did not know if there were many of them living in the San Francisco Bay Area.

I see **Bob Sylva** of Honolulu, from time to time, when he comes to San Francisco. I would like to hear from any other old friends, and would like very much to get together with them if they ever come to this part of the world.

I was pleased to read the letter from **Al Faison**, which appeared in one of the recent Division publications. I knew Al well, since in addition to my duties as an Aide to General Maraist, I also flew as an Air Observer with the Division Artillery Pilots, from the time we moved into the line in Krinkelt, until the end of the War. I used to fly with **George Leonard**, in particular, and I wonder if anyone has heard from him in recent years.

General and Mrs. Maraist were in San Francisco around 1960, and I had dinner with them at that time. I have not seen him after that, although when I was in New Orleans earlier this year, I tried to locate him or his family, but was unable to do so.

Keep up the good work with the Association. All those who read the publication appreciate very much the conscientious work you are doing. My very best regards.

Robert J. Albert, Rt. 1, Rensselaer, N.Y. 12144, K-271: I have received the Bulletin (Vol 32 No. 3) and have read it carefully, but I see no mention of the dollar amount for dues. I am enclosing a check for \$5.00, and if it is more, let me know.

I am sorry that I will not be able to attend the Reunion.

The only one I have remained in contact with is; **David L. Thomas**, 10464 Indiana Lake Boulevard, Indianapolis, Ind. 46236. He was First Scout, and I was Second Scout in our Squad.

I close, hoping the Reunion is a Big Success!

Robert Helstrom, 5049 15th Avenue S., Minneapolis, Minn. 55417, Med.-272: Sorry to be late in getting in my dues, but with retiring, remarrying and moving, I have had little time for anything else. Can't beat retirement, but it sure keeps a fellow busy.

I enjoy reading the Bulletin, and am sorry that I have never made one of the Reunions. Maybe now, God willing, I will.

Homer A. Young, 1105 Five Forks Road, Virginia Beach, Va. 23455, Ser.-271: I have been able to contact a former 69er who was not aware of the Association. Please send him information regarding membership, etc. He is : **Gene E. Abernathy**, RFD 1, Farmland, Ind. 43740, Ser.-271.

I would like to purchase one of the 271st Regimental History Books and also the 8" x 10" 69th Plaque.

I have been retired three years, but still do some work as a Petroleum Distribution and Engineering Consultant in the Virginia area.

James G. Jolly, 4893 East Carmen, Fresno, Calif. 93727, L-273: Please send me a list of the names and addresses that you have on hand for former members of Co. L-273rd Infantry.

I realize that your time is currently being taken up with plans for the Annual Reunion, so complying with my request can be put off until afterwards.

It is my intention to try and organize some kind of a get-together with people who served in that Unit. Can you give me any advice or guidance on doing this?

Also, do you know of any sources for Division patches and regimental crests?

Thank you, for your help, and best wishes for the Reunion.

At this year's Reunion, your Editor, who also doubles as **Membership Chairman**, found a booklet titled, "Til We Meet Again." This book was edited by the **Commanding Officer of Company B, 369th Medics**.

In it there was a long list of old addresses of men who had served in that Unit. This was a prize package to a Membership Chairman, and I sent out mail to these men trying to relocate them. To date I have been successful in finding six of them. I will list their names and addresses here, in case someone might be interested in contacting them:

William A. Watson, P.O. Box 965, Tombstone, Ariz. 85638

Edward A. Nye, 10 Randi Road, Enola, Pa. 17025

Sherman Howard, P.O. Box 18, 404 Cedar Street,
Loyall, Ky. 40854

Lehman Blackwell, R. No. 1, Warm Springs, Ark. 72478

Elwood N. Chesley, Box 71, Kingfield, Ma. 04947

Wilmer J. Vivant, Onamia, Minn. 56359

[Editor's Note: Elsewhere in this issue of our Bulletin, you will note pictures of Gustav Sussmann, who was a visitor to our Reunion this year. Mr. Sussmann is from West Germany, and is writing a manuscript on German History, dating as far back as 800AD. He was interested in the part our Division played in the victory of World War II.]

Your Editor had corresponded with him prior to the Reunion, and had put him in touch with members of our Association whom I thought could help him.

Mr. Sussmann expressed a desire to come and meet with us, and to talk to the fellows personally. He related some very interesting experiences. He informed us that he was a soldier in the German Army, during World War II, but only fought against the American Forces, one day. After that he was transferred to the Russian front, and his body showed scars of many wounds that he had suffered.

We were grateful to **Irv Gotkin** and **Ed Lucci**, for being interpreters for Mr. Sussmann, who had a very limited use of our language.

Since his return home, Mr. Sussmann has written and invited me to come and visit with him in his home.

We certainly owe "A Vote of Thanks," to our Past President, John Moriarty, along with Stan and Wanda Olszewski and their staff, for their tremendous efforts. I know they went home 'dog-tired.' Others should be recognized for their volunteer contributions, to include: Ray Fahrner, Victor Woo, Dottie Witzleb, Marion Shadle; Col. Damron's son, Tom, Adam Manz, Joe Wright and Dave Anderson. I pray I did not leave someone out. We cannot omit our official 'bag-piper,' "Piper Glenn B. Vanderlaan."

Being elected as your president is a real honor, and almost overwhelming to me. I thank all of you responsible for this position of responsibility which I accept as a true challenge.

In my mind the highlights of our Association boil-down to three major accomplishments:

First — To conduct a most successful and well planned Reunion, with maximum attendance. **The forthcoming Reunion — August 17 - 24, 1980, in New Orleans, La.,** will be such a Reunion, and we're aiming for 1000 in attendance. Co-chairmen will be **Frank See** from the Arizona Gang in Mountain Shadows, and **Paul Shadle** from that great Pittsburgh Group. The work force will combine those volunteers from these two experienced groups, with others from the New Orleans area to include our own **Warren Alford**.

A personal letter from **Dr. Sumner A. Russman** resulted in my first attendance at the first Lake Wight Reunion. Through **Clarence Marshall** we have available Unit Rosters, as well as State Rosters, to assist you in contacting your buddies to attend after all these many years. **I solicit your help and support to build and motivate attendance.** Special recognition is planned for what is hoped will be a record number of first time attendees.

Second — Our annual accomplishments are the issuance of three, or more, Bulletins each year. I look forward to the arrival of each Bulletin, and read it cover to cover before I do anything else. To continue this Bulletin, we need to receive Dues from all of you who can afford five dollars a year. **Dues run from Reunion to Reunion, whereas some notices received should be ignored if already paid.**

Third — Of our major accomplishments, is our Scholarship Program, for which we must all be proud when we see the results achieved by many who have been selected.

I invite your personal letters, comments, and/or criticisms at any time, and promise a personal answer to each.

Through our Bulletin, I hope to keep you informed as to what is going on, as effects all our interests.

As justifiably proud BBB's, we know the success of any endeavor is the result of a lot of hard work and sacrifice. As proud Veterans, we know that the more horses pulling the wagon . . . the lighter the load. I hope we will all make a special effort to pull 1000-plus to New Orleans by mail, telephone, visits and pony express, to our former Buddies.

Respectfully yours,
Bob Myers

Our President Writes . . .



Robert "Bob" Myers

I sincerely hope that all who attended our fine Reunion had a great time. I particularly hope the several attending for their first time, had the best time of all.

Auxiliary President Writes . . .



Mary Balzano

Hi, Ladies:

Just a few lines to let the ladies know, "I had a great time in Boston, and am looking forward to see all of them in New Orleans, next year."

I hope to do a good job as your President in the year of 1979-1980.

Things are fine here in Cleveland, Ohio.

I wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a great New Year.

Sincerely,
Mary Balzano
636 Radford Drive
Highland Heights, Ohio 44143

From the Family of Our Former "Sunshine Lady"

Dear 69er's:

As some of you already know, on July 18, 1979, my wife, our mother and grandmother, and your "Sunshine Lady," passed away. This is to say "Thank You," for all the enjoyment and love you've shown her over the past years. She loved the 69th, with all her heart. The only thing that ranked before it, in her heart, was her family. She looked forward to the Reunions each year, and to seeing everyone.

Mother enjoyed being your "Sunshine Lady," and the name couldn't have been more suited for her. She was the light in all of our lives, and we miss her very much.

Her loss, to us, is a very heavy burden right now, but with God's help and love, and the love and help from friends, such as the 69th, we'll somehow endure.

Thanks again, for being her friend and loving her the way you do.

Love to all,
"Shorty" Reynolds
Susannah, Victor, Robbie & Glenn Mitchell
Linda and Russ Edwards
Jimmy, Carole, Heather and Jason

An Open Letter to All 69er's Who Receive the Bulletin

"Let's get with it!"

The Reunion will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, in August of 1980. Let's make this one the best ever. Save your nickels, dimes and quarters, plus some dollars.

Get your 'Old Buddies' together. Call them . . . Write them . . . Anything you can think of to get them to New Orleans next August.

Let's swell the ranks, as we once did. Let's show General Bolte, once again, that we are the best. He was a good teacher. We will show him we learned the lesson which he taught us: **UNITY**, otherwise, we could not have done what we did in Europe. We have a whole year to do this . . . So, "Let's get with it!"

A Civil War general once said: "To Win — you have to get there First, with the Mostest." — That's what we did in Europe, so, let's get to New Orleans with "The Mostest Ever." "Let's don't let ourselves down, and come on down."

Warren Alford
6944 Fleur de Lis Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana 70124

Note of Thanks

We wish to extend our "Sincere Thanks," to all of our friends in the Fighting 69th, for the "Love Gift" which was delivered to me, after the Reunion in Boston, by a devoted member and his lovely wife, Bob and Evelyn Silberg.

It was a total surprise, I just couldn't believe it!

It's this type of kindness and love shown by you fellow 69er's, that has helped me endure this burden easier each day.

Our family's "Sincere Thanks" goes to our beloved General Charles E. Bolte and Mrs. Bolte for their kindness in coming to the funeral, along with Victor DeCarlo.

Words alone cannot express my feeling for such wonderful friends. Also, I want to thank all of those who sent Sympathy Cards. That helped a lot to know that someone else cared.

Sincerely,
Dudley "Shorty" Reynolds

It Pays to Advertise

Each year, prior to our Reunion we send out a News Release to 667 Newspapers across the country, and also place an announcement in 10 different Veterans' Magazines. After all of the years which have past, one would think that all of the former members of our Division would know about our Association. However, such is not the case, since once again this year, we have reached many new men.

Listed below are their names and addresses, and comments:

Earl W. Anderson, 608 W. Washington Street, Urbana, Ill.
61801, Medics 272

James E. Bunker, 24655 Yellowstone Trail, Excelsior,
Minn. 55331, Medics 272

Frank Spooner, R. R. 3, Grinnell, Iowa 50112, Medics 272

Anton J. Perushek, 139 S. Central Avenue, Ely, Minn.
55731, K-271: I returned home in 1946, and then re-enlisted in 1948, and returned to Germany with the 1st Infantry Division. Discharged again in 1950, I went to work with a mining company.

James P. VanSchoick, Jr., 88 McLean Avenue, Manasquan,
N.J. 08736, 272nd Regt.: I was unable to attend the 69th Reunion, but I am interested in hearing about it.

Is General Reinhardt still living? Did you have a good turnout? If you have any literature I would appreciate receiving same.

I retired from the Army Reserve in 1971, as a Major. I belong to the Retired Group of Fort Monmouth, N.J.

Robert E. Hollister, 112 Wisconsin Street, Rochester,
N.Y. 14609

Arthur Keplar, Jr., Route 2, Nelsonville, Ohio 45764

Mitchell D. Porter, 454 W. Washington, Kingstown, Ind.
46148, E-272

Bernard P. Kurdt, Bedford Lane, Fishkill, N.Y. 12524,
C-271: As a replacement member of the 69th during the period January 45 to June 45, I would like to know more about the Reunion in Boston.

Genaro C. Fernandez, 5225 Echo Valley, N.W., Canton,
Ohio 44720: I was very happy to read about the Fighting 69th Infantry Division Association holding its 32nd Reunion. Would you please forward me more information on the 69th?

Orville R. Reed, 907 N. Indiana Avenue, Kankakee, Ill.
60901

LTC Dante C. Demio, 2957 Fascination Circle, Colorado
Springs, Colo. 80917, I-272: I was a member of I-Company,
272nd Infantry Regiment, 69th Division, Fort Dix, N.J., during 1954. Although my association with the 69th was relatively short, I always considered that period of my 23-year Army career, a rewarding one.

Please forward me details on membership qualifications.

William R. Neagle, 22 Enlow Court, Battle Creek, Mich. 49015, Medics 369: Read an article in the Battle Creek Michigan Enquirer News, regarding a Reunion of the 69th Infantry Division in Boston, Mass., in August.

I was attached to the 369th Medical Unit and was discharged with the rank of Major.

Raymond J. Lynch, 9 Timothy Avenue, N., Warren, Pa. 16365: Would like more information regarding the Fighting 69th Infantry Division Association's 32nd annual Reunion. Have never attended a Reunion before, and thinking seriously of it this year.

John McLaughlin, 217 E. Oak Street, Shenandoah, Pa. 17976

Joseph M. Elkins, 15 Tenakill Road, Cresskill, N.J. 07626: I understand the 69th Infantry Division is having a Reunion in Boston, August 12-19. I would appreciate receiving further information about this affair.

I served in the 69th for nearly three years, but lost track of the Association some years ago.

William J. Kimmel, RD. 3, Box 251, Pine Grove, Pa. 17963, Div. Hq.: Saw your announcement of a Reunion of the 69th Infantry Division in the Pottsville Republican. I can not make it this year, as I already had my vacation picked.

I served from May 1943, till early in the spring of 1944, with the defense platoon of Division Headquarters Company.

George Magura, RD 3, Box 258, Sewickley, Pa. 15143, Regt. Hq. 273

Gerald T. Corley, 427 E. 89th Street, New York, N.Y. 10028, L-272: I was a former S/Sgt., 3rd Platoon, 3rd Squad, L-Company 272, and am interested in getting more details of the up-coming Reunion.

I also have two remaining children of college age, and would like to hear more about the scholarship.

Robert W. Jerram, R.R. 6, Box 213, Anderson, Ind. 46011, 269 Eng: I read, with much interest, an announcement in our newspaper, concerning a Reunion of the 69th Infantry Division.

I was a member of the 269th Engineers.

Will you please send me a schedule of events?

Hollis A. Durant, Bunker Hill Avenue, Stratham, N.H. 03885: I recently read in the newspaper that you are planning a 69th Infantry Division Reunion.

I served with the 459th AAA AW Bn., which was attached to your Division. Would be interested in knowing if anyone else from this outfit has ever contacted you.

James Vanore, 9506 Convent Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. 19114

Tommy L. Nixon, 515 Fairview Road, Centerville, Utah 84014: I am writing in reference to an ad in one of the papers, concerning a Reunion of the Fighting 69th Infantry Division.

I was in the Division at Camp Shelby, Miss., prior to its assignment overseas. I was sent as a replacement to the 87th (Golden Acorn) Division at Fort Jackson, in mid 1944, and went overseas with them.

All I can really remember about the 69th is ice storms and dry bivouac in the hills out of Hattiesburg.

I still have some of the old patches and memorabilia.

Sure do wish you the greatest Reunion, and wish all the guys the best.

Thomas R. Smith, 102 South Center Meadow Lane, Marshalltown, Iowa 50158

David L. Thomas, 10464, Indian Lake Boulevard, Indianapolis, Ind. 46236, K-271

Vernal Matheney, General Delivery, Box 61, Bell City, Mo. 63735, Medics 272

Gene E. Abernathy, RFD 1, Farmland, Ind. 43740, Ser. 271

Richard Spaulding, 291 Mountain Street, Sharon, Mass. 02067, K-273

Frank Pidgeon, 2852 Clyde Avenue, Schenectady, N.Y. 12306, G-271

Curtis "Beemer" Herring



Curtis "Beemer" Herring — Photo by Chuck Herring.

The following letter from a young man who has won the hearts of many of our 69er's, who attend the Reunions each year:

Dear Mr. Myers, and all 69er's:

It is hard for me to inform you of an unexpected occurrence, but it hurts me more than you. Due to my interest in attending West Point, which I hope to be a part of in '82, I have had to make a sacrifice. This whole summer I have been attending summer school at the local high school, to excel in my mathematics. I made a "B" in Geometry.

As you know, to go to West Point you have to have brawn as well as brains. To do this, last year I decided to try my luck at football. I have to have a good physical sport to enter, and as of right now I only have golf and marksmanship from R.O.T.C.

I had a long talk with the head football coach about my situation, and he said that it would be impossible for him to make an exception to the rules about football and vacations. He told me to make a decision to either play football or to go on vacation. It was a hard decision to make, not having a vacation all year, or to go to West Point, which has been my long time goal in life. In the end I have chosen football. I deeply regret this decision, but it was one that had to be made. I will miss my vacation because I have been looking forward to seeing you, and all of the Division members, for which I have strong feelings.

I really looked forward to seeing the baseball game and the flight. I would like you to pass this letter around to all who are mentioned. It is hard for me to remember all of the people that I have met over the years, but I hope that no feelings are hurt for not mentioning their names, but I am thinking about all of the Division members.

I would like to thank the following personally. Mr. John Moriarty, Mr. Ray Fahrner, Mr. Frank Nemeth, Mr. Frank See, Mr. Woo, Mr. Matlach, Mr. Clarence Marshall, Mr. (Col.) Damron, Mr. Chet Yastrzemeski, and all of the members of the infamous Division that made my days with them the most enjoyable.

I would like to thank, with the most sincerity, you for making my days at Arizona, the most happiest of the vacations. I thank you for "taking me under your wing." Again, I would like to thank the Division and all of its members for all that has been done for me. These are the people that make up the body of the Division, because you can not have all Chiefs and no Indians.

Thank you very much, and enjoy the Reunion to the fullest.

Giving you my sincerest and warmest regards,

Love always,

Curtis "Beemer" Herring

Atmospheric Nuclear Test Participation 1945 - 1962

The following is a News Release from the Defense Nuclear Agency, Public Affairs Office, Washington, D.C. 20305 — Phone: 325-7095/7306 — Dated: 1 October 1979 —

For over a year the Department of Defense has been attempting to identify former military and civilian Defense personnel who participated in the atmospheric nuclear tests conducted from 1945 to 1962. The Defense Nuclear Agency is the Executive Agent for this program.

If you participated in these tests, which were held largely in Nevada and at Bikini and Enewetak atolls in the Pacific, you are urged to contact the Defense Nuclear Agency if you have not done so in 1978-1979.

The Defense Nuclear Agency is attempting to reconstruct a complete history of the atmospheric nuclear test program, including names of participants and any radiation doses they received. One of the purposes of this effort is to enable the National Academy of Sciences and other scientific organizations to determine if there are health hazards resulting from participation in the tests.

Based upon research to date, it is believed that radiation exposures were low. While medical science has no proof that exposure to radiation levels as low as these is hazardous to health, it is generally assumed by scientists that even low levels of exposure carry some slight risk. There is, however, some disagreement within the scientific community about the magnitude of this risk.

If you were a participant in the atmospheric nuclear test program, and you have not already done so, you are urged to contact the Defense Nuclear Agency at toll-free number 800-336-3068 in continental United States; from Virginia, outside the Washington, D.C. area, call toll-free 800-572-6845; from Alaska (or Virginia in the Washington, D.C. area) call 202-274-9161 (collect, if long distance); from Hawaii call collect 808-422-9213. Or write to Defense Nuclear Agency, Washington, D.C. 20305.

If you are concerned that your possible exposure may have adversely affected your health, you are urged either to consult your doctor or, if you are a former serviceman, to contact the nearest Veterans Administration Hospital, where you may obtain a physical examination at Government expense.

New Orleans Marriott — 1980



Pictured above are: Paul Shadle, Co-Chairman in New Orleans, with Frank See, selling hats, plackets and license plates with wife Marion and Dorothy Witzlob, at the Boston Reunion.

Our 1980 Reunion will be at "The New Orleans Marriott," Canal and Chartres Streets, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Tentative plans call for a day at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Mississippi on Wednesday: A Directors Meeting, Thursday afternoon: Our Early Bird, Thursday evening, with a cruise on the Mississippi River; Friday morning will be devoted to our Second Board Meeting, and Friday evening, Dinner is a time for companies, units or groups, to be together at another restaurant site. Friday evening, beginning at 9:00 P.M. — till??? — is our Beer Party at the Marriott. Saturday morning, will have the two General Meetings — one for the men and one for the ladies, and finally Saturday evening will be our main Banquet Dinner Dance.

Do join us for the August 17 to 24, 1980, week in New Orleans, as we will do things on our own Monday and Tuesday.

Ready For New Orleans?

Dear 69er's:

At the Boston Reunion (which was great), quite a few people asked me if I would put together a trip similar to when we went to Phoenix, and Las Vegas.

I would like to propose the following suggestions: (The most important thing I must know is how many are interested, and which is preferred).

My first suggestion is to fly from New York and Philadelphia or Pittsburgh, either by charter plane or regular schedule flights. (Some times it is less expensive to fly regular schedule with the discount fares). When we arrive in New Orleans, we all attend the Reunion, as planned, and when it is over we can bus to either Biloxi or Gulf Port, and stay at a resort for a few days.

My second suggestion is that we bus, starting somewhere in New England and pick up passengers on the way — New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and tour by bus to New Orleans. On our way down, and/or, back, we can do such things as stopping in Williamsburg, Atlanta, Nashville-Oak Ridge, Luray Caverns, drive along the Blue Ridge Mountains, and another different route to return.

These are only some areas where we can visit. Please understand that I must know how many are interested, and for how long, before I can put together a definite trip.

Please fill out the following and Mail to us:

Edith and Al Carbonari
271 Bank Street
Seymour, Connecticut 06483

_____ I am interested in the first suggestion and would like to stay _____ days at a resort.

_____ I am interested in the second suggestion and would like the trip to be _____ days long, totally.

Please mail the above back, even though you are not certain, but think you may possibly join us, as soon as possible. [Some places, such as Nashville, are booked as much as a year in advance]. Will be looking for your reply.



Your Treasurer . . . Membership Chairman and . . . Co-Editors of the Bulletin



Earl Witzleb and Clarence Marshall — Photo by Chuck Herring

Pictured above on the left is yours truly, Earl E. "Skip" Witzleb, Jr., *Treasurer*, and on the right; Clarence Marshall, *Membership Chairman and Co-Editor of the Bulletin*, along with myself.

We are wearing our 69th Blue and White hats with the Red Six and Blue Nine in the front, along with our White Plackets with the Red Six and Blue Nine above the pocket.

Clarence is interested in hearing from members with old addresses, as his desire is to increase our present Membership Roster of 4,800 to 6,000 members by Reunion time in New Orleans on August 17 - 24, 1980.

I might add that I would like to hear from the 4,800 members with your Annual Dues which are now payable. Dues are \$5.00 for a Regular Membership, \$10.00 for a Contributing Member which includes \$2.00 for the Scholarship Fund and \$1.50 for Your Lady which entitles her to membership in our gals' great Auxiliary.

Members, don't be too upset if in October you received a Dues Notice envelope saying Third Request. Really this is the First Notice for the dues year of 1979-1980. This was the result of a misunderstanding with the printer. Also, we want to use up our old stock of dues envelopes, so the last several hundred on our Roster will not receive an envelope this time. I am one of those, but we will receive a dues envelope when the Second Notice goes out in January 1980, and at that time the first several hundred of our members will not receive dues envelopes. We hope to have a better style of dues envelopes in this coming year. I might add also, that this year your dues card will have a slight change and is red in color. If you have a red dues card you are in good standing for the 1979-1980 dues year.

Oh yes, you do want a hat; or a placket; or a license plate; or a large red, white and blue golf umbrella. We are now taking orders and will mail your order to you after receiving your order and your check. Prices are as follows:

Adjustable Hats	\$ 5.00
Small, Medium and Large Plackets	9.00
Extra Large Plackets	10.00
Extra, Extra Large Plackets	11.00
Extra, Extra, Extra Large Plackets ...	Not Presently available

License Plates made of Aluminum

Umbrellas Orders only for delivery at New Orleans
(Cost of Umbrella will be announced in the next Bulletin)

For Mail Orders: add \$2.00 for the first item ordered, and \$1.00 for each additional item, to cover the cost of Postage and Insurance.

It has been suggested that before putting your License Plate on your car, that you would give it a coating of clear varnish, in order to protect it.

We also have other Souvenir Items which will soon be available, hopefully by the time the next Bulletin is published.

A change is being made in this department, and when finalized, a listing and prices will be published, along with the address where you should direct your orders.

When ordering Hats, Plackets, License Plates and Umbrellas, send order to:

Dorothy Witzleb
Drawer M
Champion, Pennsylvania 15622

When paying your Dues, you may also request a Red Six and Blue Nine - Car Decal for your car. Otherwise they cost \$1.00 for two.

Incidentally, the Umbrellas will have a big Red Six and Blue Nine imprinted on one of the white sections of the umbrella.

Earl E. "Skip" Witzleb, Jr.

Meeting of Officers and Board of Directors August 17, 1979, Boston, Massachusetts

President John J. Moriarty called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

Present: Vice President, Bob Myers; Treasurer, Earl Witzleb; Secretary, Chet Yastrzemski; Frank Nemeth, Chuck Herring, Vernon Wirth, Paul Shadle, George Gallagher, Bill Beswick, General Charles Bolte, Anthony Keller, Ray Fahrner, Paul McCombs, Murry Galuten, Clarence Marshall, Walter Doernbach, Albert Carbonari, William Matlach, James Henry, Irving Sarafan and Sam Woolf.

Moment of silence for departed members, especially for Kate Reynolds who had done so much for the Association.

President Moriarty introduced General Bolte to the membership.

Reading of Board of Directors Meeting held in Stamford, Connecticut. Motion made and seconded that minutes be accepted as read. So carried.

Communications: It was mentioned that John Gradomski was ill and on the way to recovery. President Moriarty mentioned that a film clip of the 69th was shown on TV of the program G.I. Diary, Warren Alford sent letter from New Orleans and the committee is working in that area.

Earl Witzleb submitted the Treasurer's Report. Motion was made and seconded that Treasurer's Report be accepted. So carried.

Tony Keller, Auditor, verified the report and stated that Earl had done a real fine job. He also stated that if members paid their Dues on time, it would save money in having to send out dues notices.

Clarence Marshall gave a report on membership. He stated that the old figure was 4,726, and the new figure of the Roster is 4,783, or a gain of 57. A vote of thanks was given to Clarence, with applause.

Bill Matlach reported on the Scholarship Committee. He stated that the Scholarship Trust Agreement was printed in the Bulletin, in August of 1966. A check of past minutes showed a resolution that would include child, grand-children and step-children. Discussions were held on the pro and con of a scholarship. Sherm Lawrence, Attorney, recommended that such a resolution be presented to the general membership. The members present by a hand vote were, 6 yea votes and 9 nay votes; and not to be presented to the general membership. Bill stated that the committee raised the scholarship from \$150 per year, to \$200 per year, and the total from \$600 to \$800.

Nominating Committee: Slate of officers to be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Reunion site for 1980, is to be the Marriott, New Orleans, Louisiana. 1981 and 1982 Reunion sites to be suggested by membership. George Gallagher reported that money was made at the Pittsburgh Reunion by a hard working committee who got involved in matters so that the membership was aware of the activities available to them. Stan Olszewski gave data on New Orleans Reunion site for 1980. Earl Witzleb reported for Bill Foster, who had to leave the Reunion due to death in the family. Bill suggested New Cumberland, Pennsylvania for the 1981 Reunion. A show of hands, unanimously, that we hold the 1981 Reunion in Pennsylvania.

Reunion: Bob Myers reported on Mountain Shadows, Scottsdale, Arizona. There was a show of hands for approval for Reunion in Arizona, in 1982.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Bill Beswick proposed that a Quorum of the Board of Directors be increased from 3 to 7 members present. It was stated that a resolution would have to be presented and that it then would be brought up at next year's Reunion. Motion was made and seconded, and so carried. It was also recommended that a study be done on the feasibility of disbanding the Scholarship. President Moriarty stated that in the future it would be taken into consideration. Earl Witzleb suggested that a roll call be taken prior to Director's Meeting. He also mentioned that the Board of Directors meet the same week as the Annual Reunion. Both subjects were tabled for future consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Chet Yastrzemski
Executive Secretary

Annual Meeting of General Membership August 18, 1979, Boston Park Plaza Boston, Massachusetts

President John Moriarty called the meeting to order at 10:15 A.M.

Invocation was given by Rev. Milnes.

Minutes of the meeting held on August 20, 1978, at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, were read and approved. So carried.

Treasurer's Report: Earl Witzleb gave a fine report and again had done an excellent job. Motion made and seconded, that the report be accepted. So carried.

Auditor's Report: Tony Keller verified report and stated all was in order.

Communications: It was reported by President Moriarty, that Ben Foy and John Gradomski were ill and on the way to recovery. A letter was read from the family of deceased Kate Reynolds. A standing ovation was given by the members to honor our beloved Kate. The Department Of The Army sent a letter of a salute on the occasion of our Reunion. Warren Alford sent a letter from New Orleans on the pending Reunion.

Membership Report was given by Clarence Marshall. On the Roster he stated there were on the old list 4,726 members, and the new list consisted of 4,783 members, for a gain of 57. We had lost about 57 members in the past year. Clarence stated that Marge McCombs is our new Sunshine Lady. Members expressed their thanks to Clarence.

Chapter Reports:

661TD: Bill Beswick stated that 77 persons had a get-together and had a fine dinner and that this had been the largest gathering.

Central Pennsylvania: Earl Witzleb reported that Bill Foster and the group had a Spring gathering. In the Tri-State they had a gathering in Uniontown and the next one would be in Pittsburgh. George Gallagher would be chairman of the next affair in May of 1980.

Western Division: Bob Myers reported that John Moriarty and Joe Wright were in Arizona in January and attended with other members. Victor Woo reported on the activities in Arizona.

Scholarship Committee: Bill Matlach reported the committee had met in May, with the respective winners: Sandra Bareford, Regina Moward and David Scatena.

First time attendees were introduced to the membership.

Flower Fund: Irving Sarafan reported on the Overseas Cemeteries Flower Fund. Discussion was held on how the money was to be used. Irving suggested that monies be directed by the organization in Europe. Tony Keller stated that as Auditor, the monies be directed from the states as we have done a good job of handling it here. No further action taken.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Bill Matlach stated that the scholarship was raised from \$150 to \$200 per year, and total from \$600 to \$800. Motion was made and seconded to approve raise by the committee. So carried.

General Bolte greeted the membership and was given an ovation.

Reunion: Stan Olszewski gave report on the New Orleans Reunion to be held August 10-17, 1980. A discussion was held on holding the cost down so that more members are able to attend, and that many are retired. It was stated by the President that this is always taken into consideration, and other factors in the Reunion site.

1981 Reunion Site: Earl Witzleb reported for Bill Foster on holding a Reunion in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania. Motion was made and seconded that the 1981 Reunion be held in Pennsylvania. By a show of hands the motion was carried. Irv Sarafan suggested that a Reunion be held in New York City. No action taken at this time. Bob Myers suggested that a future Reunion be held in Scottsdale, Arizona. Vernon Wirth suggested that Milwaukee, Wisconsin, be considered as a future site. It was suggested that a notice be put in the Bulletin so that members could put in their choice of Reunion sites.

Bob Silberg stated that the Association should establish a welfare fund where a stated sum would be paid upon the death of a member. It was stated by a member that the Association should take into consideration of disbanding the Scholarship program. President Moriarty stated he would appoint a committee to study both subjects. Motion was made and seconded for a study, and so carried.

Nomination Committee: Nominations were presented by Murry Galuten.

President: Bob Myers

Vice President: Chet Yastrzemski

Treasurer: Earl Witzleb

Secretary: Frank Nemeth

A motion was made from the floor that Nomination Committees recommendation be set aside and each post be taken separately. Motion was made, and seconded.

President: Bob Myers. Motion was made and seconded that the Secretary cast one ballot for Bob Myers for President. So carried.

Vice President: Motion was made and seconded that the name of Chuck Herring be presented for Vice President and also Chet Yastrzemski. Candidates were asked to leave the room, and a hand vote was taken with majority vote for Chet Yastrzemski for Vice President. So carried.

Treasurer: Earl Witzleb. Motion was made and seconded that the Secretary cast one ballot for Witzleb for Treasurer. So carried.

Secretary: Motion was made and seconded that the name of Chuck Herring be presented for Secretary. Chuck Herring declined the motion. Motion was made and seconded that the Secretary cast one ballot for Frank Nemeth for the post of Secretary. So carried.

Irv Gotkin recommended that an appropriate plaque be given to the family in remembrance of Kate Reynolds. Motion made and seconded, and so carried.

Memorial Service: President Moriarty stated that services would be held at 1:00 P.M., at the monument in the Park.

Motion was made and seconded to thank the out-going slate of officers for a job well done.

Motion to adjourn at 12:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Chet Yastrzemski
Executive Secretary

Glenn L. Felner Writes About His Return Trip to Europe

The Brenner Park Hotel was beautiful and they changed the German Mark at the rate of \$2.15, which is about 7½% better than the banks for American guests, \$100.00 per day, per person. The hotel personnel was very courteous, and the hotel itself is beautiful and the food excellent.

The next day, Monday, we motored to Heidelberg, which we found to be far livelier than Baden Baden, because of the college students and the much younger age group. The city had changed the past 32 years, as the main street is now a walking section near the University campus, and adjacent to the famous Heidelberg Schloss. The rooms were starkly modern and were we to go again, would much prefer an older hotel. Heidelberg is a beautiful area and more time should be spent there.

We drove through to Frankfurt and I tried to look up Trudy Konenberg, a survivor of a concentration camp whom I had helped in 1945, but could not find her. We then drove on to Assmanshausen-Am-Rhine and to the Hotel Zwi Mohr, which means two moors, and found they were closed for lunch. I rang the bell and the owner's grandson came to the door. I explained to him that I had stayed there during the war. He then let us in. They cooked us an excellent lunch, and went thru my scrapbook and were extremely friendly, showing us the room I had lived in for several weeks. We left and continued on thru Marburg, and stayed at the Hotel Am Kurhaus, directly across from the city proper, with a beautiful view of Marburg. The hotel was an old one, and just after the war, was headquarters for the French army in the area. We toured the old city of Marburg with narrow streets, churches and small stores. Then the next morning we started East and came to the checkpoint between West and East Germany.

The East German Border Guards carefully checked our papers, automobile and our reservation in Leipzig, and finally gave us a visa. I changed from West German money to East German Marks on one-to-one basis at the border. The dramatic atmospheric difference between West and East became apparent almost at once as we began our drive into East Germany. Along a 3 to 5 mile imaginary border we could see Guards with binoculars scanning the area and Guards with sentry dogs patrolling the roads and the fences. All around the border were 12ft. electrified fences with Guard Towers erected at various places. Because our car was a BMW, I had a DK for Denmark sticker, we constantly were stared at as we drove through towns.

We drove up to Weimar with its dramatic monument on a high level of land commanding a fantastic view of the Weimar

plains. We then proceeded on to Buchenwald and saw the remains of the concentration camp with its dog kennels, barbed wire and various monuments erected by the Germans and Russians . . . The wooden stockade barracks I had seen when we liberated the camp.

We then drove on to Leipzig, checking into the Leipzig Am Ring Hotel which was constructed in the usual sparse modern architecture and decorating.

The hotel personnel were very friendly and we were probably the only Americans in the entire hotel.

We had dinner in the hotel and enjoyed excellent food, more moderately priced than West Germany. The people gave us all furtive glances and some not so furtive. Next day we piled into the car and drove to Weissenfels, the scene of one of my divisions big battles, and where I captured Germans.

We saw the railroad yard where we were pinned down, firing our mortars across the river to the German positions. We went to a hotel for lunch only to find out we were too late. However, they did serve us what appeared to be chicken ala king with mushrooms on an open faced toast sandwich which was excellent, especially with local Leipziger beer.

We returned to Leipzig and the next day decided to go shopping only to learn that on Saturday all shops close at 12:00. The Department Stores seem to have more merchandise for men, and fewer customers than the ladies section. Racks of womens' clothing were roped off with the customers queuing up for their single turn at looking at the clothes. Either they must be very leery of shoplifters, or have an odd technique of merchandising. Prices seemed again less costly than West Germany. We left Leipzig, driving through Meissen and seeing the Meissen porcelain factory and museum, and then on to Dresden.

In Dresden, we went to the famous Green Vault Museum on our introduction from Al Perlmutter to the head of the museum. Since it was the Directors day off, the secretary saw to it that we had a free entry as well as not having to wait in line, which was certainly VIP treatment.

From Dresden we drove through East Berlin, seeing new modern buildings and had dinner at the Hotel Metropol. Again, facing the problem of the restaurant in the hotel accepting only West German marks, while a few will accept East German Marks. We drove thru Checkpoint Charlie, witnessing the careful inspection of a car with mirrors underneath and dipsticks in the gas tank, and inspection of the seats to make certain we were not concealing an East German who wanted to escape confinement of Communism.

We checked into the Hotel Kempinski, which seemed to cater to English speaking guests. The traffic in Berlin, I found to be most confusing because many streets are concentric circles running into each other, and not going East, West, North or South . . . so we were constantly getting lost.

Next day we drove to Brandenburg gate and saw the East German Guards in their Control Towers on the opposite side of the wall, and we saw the Reichstag and other Control Tower remnants of the Hitler era. After 2 days in Berlin (certainly the barest of appetizers), we drove thru Hamburg to Pittsgarden where we put the car on a ferry across the Straights to Denmark, and one-half hour later we were in Copenhagen checking into the Scandinavian Hotel — a modern hotel about a mile from the center, excellent for jogging. Incidentally, I saw no joggers in East Germany, a few in Denmark and a few in Baden Baden. I may have been the first running thru the streets of Leipzig.

The Danish food was also very good and inexpensive. They have wonderful shopping and an open attitude on sex, and sex shops. From Denmark, we had a long drive to Hanover which was a delightful city, where we spent the night. In Hanover we went through a very interesting museum of early German Architecture and clothing worn by German royalty, and old automobiles and bicycles.

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By-Laws of the 69th Infantry Division Association

Fellow Members:

The following are the By-Laws of our fine Association. I would advise you to keep this copy, as it probably will be the only time offered to our membership.

We know that Amendments have been made to the By-Laws through the years, but have been misplaced somewhere as our present Secretary does not have any record of these changes.

TO ALL PAST SECRETARIES:

Please check your desk, closets, or whatever, and see if you have any secretarial records of our organization, which are collecting dust. If so, and you are willing to part with them for a while, or forever, do send them to our President, Robert "Bob" Myers, as he is going to have a By-Law Committee to revise and up-date our present By-Laws.

Remember, any Article or part of these By-Laws which you would like to see Amended, may be done by submitting your recommendation in writing and sending it to our Secretary, Frank Nemeth. The addresses of both our President and Secretary appear on the left side of the cover page of this Bulletin.

Any recommended changes to the By-Laws must be in the hands of the Secretary at least 60 days before our General Meeting at our next Reunion in order to be acted upon in the current year. Otherwise, changes must wait for a full fiscal year, or the following year at our Reunion's General Meeting.

I might also mention that in our last Bulletin, we had our Scholarship Fund Trust Agreement published. If you feel changes should be made in this fund, you should write either to our Secretary, or Sam Woolf, our new Scholarship Chairman. Changes in the Scholarship Fund will be considered by our Past Presidents at the Scholarship Meeting which is held in the month of May, each year.

The following are our By-Laws, as they presently stand:

CONSTITUTION OF THE SIXTY-NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

We, the former members and associates of the 69th Infantry Division, in order to perpetuate the friendships born of a common danger and to maintain these bonds forever, to provide for the general welfare of its members and to secure and keep fast the blessings of liberty and democracy to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution for the 69th Infantry Division Association.

ARTICLE I

The NAME of the Association shall be:

**The Sixty-Ninth Infantry
Division Association**

ARTICLE II

The OBJECTS of the Association shall be:

- To aid and benefit the members of the Association.
- To perpetuate the brilliant record and achievements of the 69th Infantry Division and to assist the units which formed the Division in maintaining the spirit that animated it.
- To promote social relationships between the members of the Association.

- This Association shall be absolutely non-political and non-sectarian, and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principle, nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment.
- This is a civilian organization in which military rank shall not exist.

ARTICLE III

THE MEMBERSHIP in the Association shall be as follows:

(a) Active Members.

- All individuals who at any time served with the 69th Infantry Division in WORLD WAR II or in units which were attached to the Division in WORLD WAR II, and who subscribe to this constitution and by-laws (except those excluded in subparagraph (c) of this Article) shall be eligible to active membership in the Association. Upon the death of an active member, his or her membership shall be available to his or her heirs of blood relation.
- All individuals who at any time served with the 69th Infantry Division in World War II or in units attached to the Division in World War II and who were seriously and permanently disabled by virtue of wounds received as a result of combat or incident thereto, shall upon application be entitled to an active life membership in the 69th Infantry Division Association, and shall have the same rights and privileges as any other active member of the Association.
- The Board of Directors of the Association or any of its branches are vested with the sole and exclusive discretion of determining whether or not an applicant is entitled to membership under the provision hereinabove mentioned and its decision shall be final.

(b) Honorary Members.

The Board of Directors of the Association or of any of its branches are authorized to nominate and elect Honorary Members of the Association or its branches respectively. However, Honorary Members of the National Association must be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

Honorary Members have not the right to vote, pay dues, or hold office.

(c) Exception to Membership.

No individual who has been dishonorably separated from the service or who has been convicted in civil life, of an offense involving moral turpitude, shall be eligible to hold membership in this Association.

ARTICLE IV

THE MANAGEMENT of the Association shall be by a President, Vice-President (not to exceed three), a Secretary-Treasurer and a Board of Directors (not to exceed eighteen); in addition to other members of the board, the officers of the Association shall be members of the board ex-officio.

ARTICLE V

THE ELECTION of the management shall be as follows:

- The officers of the Association shall be elected by the members at the annual meeting and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.
- The Board of Directors shall be elected by the members at the annual meeting of the Association and shall hold office for a period of three years as hereinafter provided. At each annual meeting one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the members of the Board of Directors will be elected for three years, excepting, however, the first annual meeting whereat the original Board of Directors elected shall be equally divided into three (3) classes, one class to be elected for a period of three (3) years; one class to be elected for a period of two (2) years, and one class to be elected for one (1) year.

- (c) Vacancies on the board occurring through causes other than expiration of the terms of office will be filled by election at the succeeding annual meeting of the Association.
- (d) The Secretary-Treasurer shall be empowered to employ any personnel necessary to carry on the work of the Association, subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of not less than three or more than five members of the Board of Directors may be appointed by the board to have all the powers of the board, between meetings of the board, and the President shall have the right to call any and all meetings of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS shall be the duties usually pertaining to their respective offices.

ARTICLE VIII

MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION shall be held annually at such times and places as the Board of Directors may appoint. At least thirty days before the date of any meeting, the Secretary-Treasurer shall post the last post office address of each member a notice of the meeting.

ARTICLE IX

QUORUM of the Association at any meeting shall be twenty members. Three members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum of the board.

ARTICLE X

EXPULSION. Any member may be expelled by the Board of Directors for causes stated in Article III, Section (c).

ARTICLE XI

VOTING. The Board of Directors shall fix the detailed method of voting, but the right of proxy shall not be denied.

ARTICLE XII

DUES. The Board of Directors shall fix the dues which shall be payable in advance. Life members shall be exempted from dues.

ARTICLE XIII

BRANCH SOCIETIES. One or more branch societies may be formed in each State or Sector of a State or Sector consisting of a group of States on approval of the Executive Committee, provided that such Branch Society has at least ten members. The name of such branch shall have the following designation: "..... Branch of the 69th Infantry Division Association," prefixing the name of the State or Sector. All branch Societies shall, wherever possible, adopt the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association.

ARTICLE XIV

AUXILIARY. There may be associated with this organization and subordinate thereto, Auxiliary Branches to be composed of the wives, mothers and daughters who are eighteen years of age or older of those members of the 69th Division who are entitled to active membership. These Branches are to be governed in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the parent Association.

ARTICLE XV

AMENDMENTS. The constitution may be altered, amended, or added to at any meeting of the members, after one month's notice thereof has been mailed to all members and a copy of the proposed amendments enclosed with the notice. No amendments shall become effective unless receiving the affirmative votes of two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the votes cast at such meetings.

BY-LAWS OF THE SIXTY-NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

Officers

Section 1. President.

The President shall preside at the Annual Convention reunion and at all meetings of the Board of Directors, of which he shall be chairman. He is charged with the direction of all affairs pertaining to the Association between the annual conventions and reunions; he shall from time to time call meetings of the Board of Directors; appoint all committees; make arrangements for annual conventions and reunions; be responsible for the location and operation of the headquarters office of the Association, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors; have authority to incur such incidental expenses as may be necessary. He shall make an annual report to the Association.

Section 2. Vice-Presidents.

There shall not be more than three Vice-Presidents.

All Vice-Presidents shall be members of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall designate one Vice-President who shall perform the duties of the President during his absence or disability.

Section 3. Secretary-Treasurer.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall have charge of all records pertaining to the Association, including those of the Board of Directors, and he shall be a member of the Board of Directors. He shall receive and receipt for and be custodian of all funds of any nature whatsoever due the Association and such contributions as may be made to it and deposit same in the name of the Association in a bank or banks or a trust company or companies to be designated by the Board of Directors. He shall draw checks in payment of all bills and claims against the Association when such bills and claims have been certified to him by the President. He shall employ such clerical assistance and other personnel for and on behalf of the Association as may be necessary, subject to the approval of the Board of the Association shall begin at the conclusion of the reunion at which elected and shall furnish such bonds as may be required by the Board of Directors, the premium of which shall be paid from funds of the Association. He shall make an annual report to the convention or reunion.

Section 4. Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President (not to exceed three), the Secretary-Treasurer, and those members (not to exceed eighteen) elected by the membership. The Board of Directors, during the interval between conventions, shall carry out the policies adopted by the Association. The Board of Directors shall have authority to call a special convention of the Association by a majority vote of the Board. The Board shall have authority to designate the time and place of each annual convention and reunion. The Board shall have authority to set the amount of membership dues.

Section 5. Executive Committee.

In the event that the Board of Directors shall appoint an Executive Committee as is provided for in Article VI of the Constitution, then and in such event the executive committee shall have the right, without limitation, to act or cause to be done anything that the Board of Directors could, by provisions of the Constitution and these By-Laws, act upon or cause to be done; excepting, however, that the Board of Directors shall have the right to specifically limit the actions of the Executive Committee if the board shall deem such limitation or limitations necessary. In addition to the members of the Executive Committee, the President or acting

President of the Association shall be a sixth member and said President or acting President shall always be chairman of the Executive Committee.

Section 6. Term of Office

The term of office of all officers and directors of the Association shall begin at the conclusion of the convention at which they are elected, and shall continue until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

ARTICLE II

Standing Committee

Section 1. Resolutions Committee.

The Resolutions Committee shall be appointed by the President and shall consider all resolutions presented and make its recommendations to the convention. Nothing contained in this section shall preclude the submission of resolutions from the floor.

Section 2. Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee shall consist of not less than five (5) members to be appointed by the President and shall include one (1) former member of each of the following units: (1) 271st Infantry Regiment; (2) 272nd Infantry Regiment; (3) 273rd Infantry Regiment; (4) Division Artillery and (5) Division Special Troops and attached units. This committee shall report to the convention its recommendations for nominations for officers of the Association for the ensuing term.

Section 3. Convention Committee.

The Convention Committee shall be appointed by the President and shall be residents of the city, or the vicinity thereof, in which the next Annual Convention is to be held. Subject to direction and approval of the Board of Directors, the committee shall be in charge of arrangements for the Annual Convention.

Section 4. Chairmen of Standing Committees.

The Chairmen of the several standing committees shall be appointed by the President of the Association from the membership of the respective committees.

ARTICLE III

Membership Dues

Section 1. Dues.

The amount of membership dues shall be set by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The dues period shall be the interval between the close of the annual convention and the end of the succeeding annual convention, and shall be payable at any time preceding the Annual Convention.

ARTICLE IV

Order of Business

The order of business shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, except as herein modified. The order of business and program for each convention shall be arranged by the President of the Association.

ARTICLE V

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall commence on September 1 and terminate on August 31 of the following year.

ARTICLE VI

Branch Societies

Section 1.

Local Chapters of this Association may be formed by not fewer than ten eligible members of the Association in any State or Sector thereof. Not more than one local chapter shall be formed in any one community.

Section 2.

Petitions for organization of Branch Societies shall be addressed to the President of the Association, who shall submit same to the next meeting of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have final authority to approve

any and all such petitions. Upon approval of a petition by the Board of Directors, the President shall issue a charter for such Branch Societies.

Section 3.

The Constitution and By-Laws of each Branch Society shall contain nothing inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association. A copy of the By-Laws and Constitutions of each local chapter, with amendments thereto, shall be filed with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association. Each Branch Society shall file with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association the names and addresses of all officers of such Branch Society.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of eligible members attending any regular annual or special convention of the Association.

*The Officers
and
Board Members
of the
Fighting 69th Association
wish for you and your families
A Happy Thanksgiving,
A Merry Christmas
and
A Happy and
Healthful New Year*

GLENN L. FELNER WRITES . . . [Continued from Page 9]

From Hanover, we drove thru Duesseldorf on to Spa, Belgium, checking into the Hotel Cardinal, which must have been several hundred years old, and located in the center of town. It had an ancient open cage for an elevator. The rooms were large and comfortable, though the walls were like paper because of the ventilating systems used. Aside from the language, Belgium differed from Denmark and Germany in the sense that the streets and yards were kept spotless in Germany, but not so in Belgium, and perhaps we saw our first slum section in Spa.

The next day I took a trip to Malmady, and looked at the scene of the Massacre by Piper, commander of the panzer division, that killed American prisoners of war. That evening the Koolans from Antwerp drove in to have dinner with us at a French restaurant — service was extremely slow, food was good, and the prices high. The following day we took a drive thru the countryside, went swimming at one of the hotels, and just relaxed . . . then prepared for departure.

While loading the car, we had one of our cases ripped off, containing cameras and gifts. A sad note of departure.

Money Talks

Just a little chit-chat from your Treasurer. If you didn't read the left hand side of your cover sheet, I just want to say some changes appear with our officers. John J. Moriarty of Brookfield, Massachusetts, has completed his two one-year terms as President, and now becomes a Past President. He will serve on the Scholarship Committee, along with all other Past Presidents.

Sam Woolf now becomes the Scholarship Committee Chairman, taking over for William "Bill" Matlach, who wants to take a rest after serving for years in most officers positions.

Robert "Bob" Myers from Sun City, Arizona, becomes our new President for 1979-1980, and it is the first time a westerner has held that office. Chester Yasurzenski becomes our new Vice President, and Frank Nemeth, our new Secretary.

The Ladies Auxiliary will now have three officials on the cover sheet in the names of: Mary Balzano, the new President; Emily Fletcher, Secretary, and Margie McCombs, our new Sunshine Lady. It has been overlooked for many years, not to have our Sunshine Lady listed on the cover sheet.

Our own Katie Reynolds handled the Sunshine Lady's duties for many years . . . doing an outstanding job, until her death. It sure was shocking to realize that Katie's name had never been listed on the front page of our Bulletin.

Boston was a nice Reunion once it got off the ground floor. It was slow starting, but once the tempo picked up, all members attending had a good time. Wanda Olszewski did a terrific job on the registration desk with the help of Stan's sister, and sister's girl friend. A job well done, ladies.

I haven't received our Registration Sheets as yet so you, who attended the Boston Reunion, will have your names listed in the next issue of the Bulletin. Likewise, those who paid dues in Boston, will be late in getting your dues card as I do not have the list of names for those of you who paid. This year our Dues Card will take on a new look and will be red in color. If you have a red card, your dues are paid for 1979-1980.

It was most enjoyable having an outstanding band for the evening in closing out the Boston Reunion at our Saturday night Banquet Dinner Dance.

If you would like to have one of our Reunions held in your area, you must present your city, program, access to transportation, and have a committee of least ten to handle the chores; to the membership at the General Meeting during a Reunion. Our President, Bob Myers, can send you all details required upon request. We are looking for a location in 1982 which will

be selected in New Orleans.

Clarence Marshall has history books for sale at \$5.00 each, by writing him at:

Clarence Marshall
101 Stephen Street
New Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068

To all you Scholarship students who are entitled to a check from the 69th Scholarship Fund, I want you to know your check will be in the mail to you very shortly if you have not already received it. A 25% increase will be in the amount of these checks, as the amount to each student will be \$200 instead of \$150 as in previous years. What with Bill Matlach being out of town every week, due to his work assignments and only being home on week-ends, plus the change over of Sam Woolf as the new chairman of the Scholarship Fund, all of this accounts for any delays in our being in contact with you. So, Dads, do tell your son or daughter, the check will soon be on its way to them.

Our expenses keep going up each year and is the reason why I ask each member of the association to, "Pay your Dues, plus your Ladies Dues."

For our dues year of 1978-1979 which just passed, we paid:

- \$4.00 per member, to publish the **Bulletins**.
- .50 per member, to send out **Dues Notices**.
- .30 was the **Treasurer's expense** for each member.
- .40 was the **Membership Chairman's expense** for each member.
- .50 was the cost of **Bulk Rate Postage from Pittsburgh**, per each member.
- .35 was the expense of our **Sunshine Lady**, for mailing birthday and anniversary cards to members.
- \$6.05 is the total cost per member, and this doesn't include miscellaneous bills which must be paid, so you see, it does take at least a **Regular Dues plus your Lady's Dues** to meet our expenses per member. It would be nice to receive all **Contributory Dues, plus your Lady's Dues**. We could do so much more for our great association, with more members paying dues each year, thus this cost problem would be reduced greatly for our cause.

I hope that my end of this publication of the Bulletin turns out satisfactory to each of you readers, as I have done it while watching the third and fourth games of the World Series on TV, and you know now, what the Birds were doing to the Pirates' ball team at that time.

In closing this chit-chat, I just want to say, we will be getting into the Holiday Season of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. In behalf of the Co-Editors of the Bulletin, all of the Officers of our great 69th Division Association listed on the cover page, and from all our 4,800 members . . . may we just exchange our Seasons Greetings to one and all of us through this news Bulletin.

Do have a Thankful Thanksgiving, a Very Joyous Christmas, and a very Prosperous New Year in 1980.

See you in New Orleans . . . "As We Are Family . . . Aren't We."

2. Plan with a Unit Buddy.

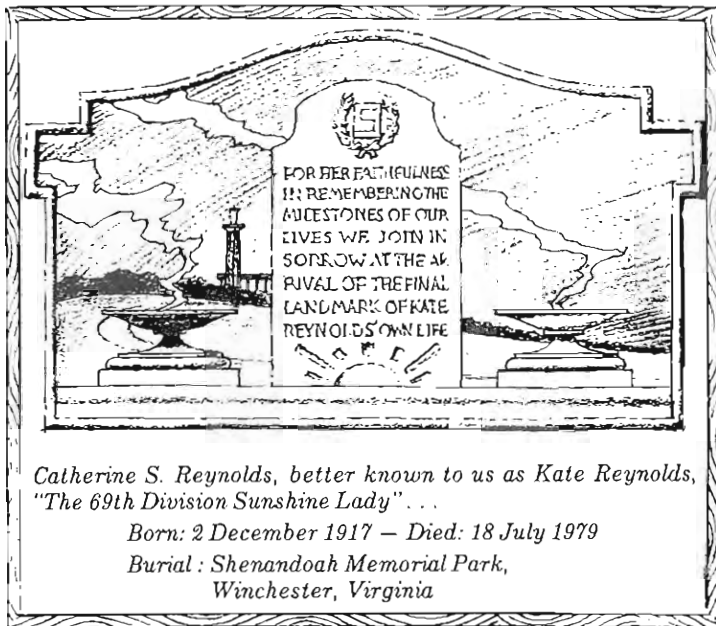
3. Save for a 69th Reunion.

The pennies, nickles, dimes and quarters really do add up in a coffee can.

Take care, and the best of health to each of you and your families!

Earl Witzleb, Jr.
Co-Editor and Treasurer

General Pays Respects . . . Vic DeCarlo Writes . . .



*Catherine S. Reynolds, better known to us as Kate Reynolds,
"The 69th Division Sunshine Lady" . . .*

Born: 2 December 1917 — Died: 18 July 1979

*Burial: Shenandoah Memorial Park,
Winchester, Virginia*

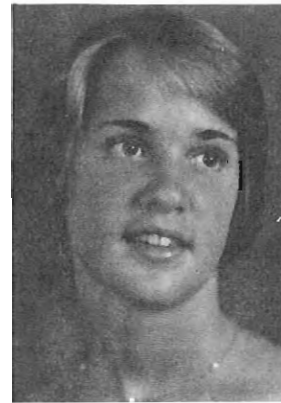
After a three hour trip . . . I arrived at the Funeral Home, about an hour before time for Kate Reynold's services were to begin. I just could not help reminiscing, thinking of the first time I met her. Of course, Shorty was in G Company, 271st, and we were both in the same Squad, and he was our Squad Leader. So, when I finally started attending our Reunions, I finally had the pleasure of meeting Kate. In the years that followed, I never attended a Reunion, but when our "Sunshine Lady" was there; always with a smile and she especially knew everyone by name — which she never forgot. I must say, that of all the persons attending the Reunions, she always was the center of activity. We all got to know their children, and of their late grandchildren, whom they brought along. Incidentally Kate's family home is nearby, and when visiting her family, they always stopped in for a visit or overnight. Her 69th Division was the main topic of conversation.

Her services were just as we knew Kate, there was not an empty chair in the Funeral Home, and floral tributes were sent from everywhere. Her Minister was very impressive, and the service short. I knew as I sat there, knowing her as I did, she was so proud to know that General and Mrs. Charles Bolte, honored her by attending her funeral.

As I was leaving the cemetery, I just could not go over and say anything to Shorty. I felt that there was nothing I could say. As you who knew her, and received, year after year, your 69th Birthday Greeting as faithful as the day rolled around. "She was our Sunshine."

THE ASSOCIATION PRESENTS THREE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Scholarship Committee met this past May to review applications received for the 1979 Scholarship Award. After examining the scholastic records of all applicants, evaluating their narrative answers to application questions regarding their thoughts on various topics, and guided by the recommendations of our professional advisor, Mary Drew Spelman, three applicats were selected to receive awards. We take great pleasure in presenting them at this time.



Sandra Lynn Bareford

Sandra Lynn Bareford lives in Downingtown, Pennsylvania, and is the daughter of Sheila and **Mark Bareford** Mark is a former member of the 569th Signal Company.

Sandra ranks close to the top of her class of 493 and had to obtain exceptional grades to achieve this. She has been taking honors courses, and in the field of Mathematics has progressed up to and including Calculus. She is a member of the National Honor Society, and has been active in the high school Spanish Club, Band (Concert and Marching), Wind Ensemble, and Who's Who in Foreign Languages. In athletics, she has participated in volleyball and bowling. Outside of school, she has been a member of the Hopewell Methodist Youth Group, the Youth Choir, Handbell Choir, and the Auxiliary to East Brandywine Fire Company. Sandra intends to study Chemistry and Biology, and hope to become a Chemist in a hospital laboratory, or a Forensic Chemist in a police laboratory.



Regina Mowad

Regina Mowad is the daughter of Mildred and **John Mowad** of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. John is a former member of H-272.

Regina compiled an outstanding academic record, emphasizing the fields of Science and Mathematics, including Advanced Chemistry and Advanced Physics. She is a member of the National Honor Society, and has been active in the high school Conservation Club, Health Careers Club, Astronomy Club, BSA Medical Explorers, Senior-Junior Class Play, and has been a member of the Staff of the High School Newspaper, and the High School Yearbook. Regina plans to take a Six-Year Family Physician course to become a Family Physician. She has been accepted into the Cooperative Family Practice Physician Education Program, conducted by Gannon College and Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia.

David Scatena is the son of Mary and **David Scatena** of Oakmont, Pennsylvania. The senior David is a former member of G-271.

The junior David ranks third in his Senior Class, having a near perfect record of grades. His high school curriculum has placed heavy emphasis on the sciences, including two years of

Chemistry, two years of Physics, Mathematics through Calculus, and just for good measure, five years of the French Language. He is a member of the National Honor Society and a participant in the High School "Gifted" Program. He has been active in the Junior-Senior Class Play, a member of the Tennis Team, and Captain of the Cross Country Team. In college, David plans to major in Space Sciences, and would like to eventually work in government or industry, in the space program. With this in mind he will commence his studies at Florida Institute of Technology.

As you can see, they are all outstanding students, and we are proud to present them with the 1979 Scholarship Award . . . and, incidentally, as proposed by the Scholarship Committee, and approved by the general membership at the Boston Reunion, the monetary amount of the award has been increased to \$200 each year for four years . . . for a total of \$800. This increase came about to try to counteract the effects of inflation during the past few years.

69er's: If you have a child who is about to graduate from high school and enter college, why not have him or her send for an application and compete for an award? For further information write to our Scholarship Committee Chairman:

Sam Woolf
241 Waverly Road
Scarsdale, New York 10583

News From Previous Scholarship Winners

Ted Snyder (D-271), writes of his daughter's graduation from college: "Leslie Snyder was graduated Magna Cum Laude from Suny, Albany, in December 1978, (early) after completing her BA with six months of study at the University of Copenhagen on a foreign exchange program, majoring in mathematics, government and communications. She has been employed as a radio news reporter and is currently handling advertising for the Spa City Spectator in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. She is planning graduate work when her career develops further. She appreciated the \$600 scholarship she won in 1975."

Now, Magna Cum Laude honors are rare indeed, but not surprising for Leslie Snyder. The Scholarship Committee remembers the unbelievable high school transcript she submitted as an applicant for the Scholarship Award: an absolute straight "A" high school record — not a single "B" in four years! — And, topping off many extracurricular activities, she spent nearly seven hours a day for two years as Program Director of WKWZ-FM, responsible for producing sixty hours air time per week and organizing and planning the work of 200 other students! Her selection for a Scholarship Award by the committee was immediate and unanimous. With such a fine educational foundation established, we know there are great things ahead for Leslie.

Our Scholarship Chairman received a letter from another award winner, **Jeffrey D. Seagraves**. Jeffrey writes:

"I would again like to thank you and the membership for my Scholarship Award. Words do not adequately express my feelings as this award has been very helpful over the years. With the continual rise in tuition, room and board, and all educational costs, it keeps most students busy just attempting to break even with their finances. In this respect, the 69th Division should again be commended for having this outstanding scholarship fund.

My father's health has not changed much, and he is doing about as well as can be expected, considering his condition. For this, both my mother and myself are very grateful.

To bring you up to date concerning myself, I am presently completing my fourth year in Pharmacy School, and I will graduate next year, upon completion of my fifth year. The curriculum for pharmacy school runs over a five year period. I

am presently involved in two pharmacy professional organizations: Student American Pharmaceutical Association and the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association. When not in school, I am employed at Rea and Derick, Inc., as a certified Pharmacy Intern. As you can well imagine, I am usually very busy.

Once again, my thanks to each and every member of the Association!"

Jeffrey refers to the health of his father, **Claude Seagraves**, who has been permanently disabled since he underwent open heart surgery in 1972. Perhaps Claude's buddies can drop him a line and let him know they're rooting for him. His address:

Claude Seagraves
600 Pearl Boulevard
Montoursville, Pennsylvania 17754

A New Book By A 29er: "Raven's Ghosts"



Harry David Renner, Co. B, 115th Infantry and 29th Ranger Bn., WWII and the dust cover of his new book "Raven's Ghosts."

Harry David Renner of 310 Bryan Place, Hagerstown, Md. 21740, a long time member of Hq. Post No. 8, is the author of a new book, "Raven's Ghosts."

Although it is fiction you will relate to memories of our days in the 29th in training and combat when you read it.

The background is England, Scotland and France and is authentic in color and detail because Renner was there.

He served in Co. B, 115th Infantry, and the 29th Ranger Bn. under Major Randy Millholland. He landed with B Co. at Omaha Beach on D-Day and was wounded near St. Lo. He spent a total of 20 years in the Army and the Maryland National Guard.

[Editor's Note: I've read *Raven's Ghosts* and enjoyed it very much. It is packed with action, a narrative fiction interwoven with the actual historical facts of the Invasion of Normandy, June 6, 1944, and the times surrounding it.

While not directly about the 29th, it covers an era in which we were involved and the places many of us were, with an insight into Ranger training, pre-invasion raids and the landing before D-Day by Sgt. Raven and his ghosts, a squad of mixed interesting characters, as they blow up ammo dumps, capture German Generals, lead the French Resistance on a wild campaign of blood and thunder laying the groundwork for D-Day and H-Hour, with a surprise ending.

Raven and his ghosts could well have been a squad of 29th Rangers had not the Bn. been inactivated].

Division Association Chapter (Group) Meetings Across the United States

ARIZONA — WESTERN UNITED STATES GROUP

No Report — Let us hear from you Buddy Leonard Halpenny.

269 ENGINEERS GROUP [COMMAND POST]

Many thanks, to Earl and Clarence, and all concerned for the consistently beautiful Bulletins — they are a joy to receive.

The highlight of the Reunion for the 269th Engineers was the re-conditioned jeep in the hotel lobby. Frank Packard (who was Lt. Ray Lottie's Driver) is the proud possessor of this jeep. This was Packard's first Reunion.



Pictured Left to Right around the jeep are: Jerry Rodelli, Frank Nemeth, Ray Lottie, Frank Packard, Sharpie Jones and John Hawley. — Photo by Chuck Herring.

In attendance at the Reunion were:

Foster, Bill and Betty H/S Co.
Hawley, John and Elizabeth H/S Co.
Herring, Chuck and Lotty H/S Co.
Jones, Sharpie and Helen H/S Co.
Buller, John and Midge A-Co.
Hull and Leona A-Co.
Lottie, Ray and Ruth A-Co.
Monteleonie, Joe and Chris A-Co.
Packard, Frank and Grace A-Co.
Nemeth, Frank and Ted B-Co.
Pontieri, John and Lou B-Co.
Rodelli, Gerald and Elenore C-Co.

Sorry to say, there were quite a few whom we missed this year: Stanley and Ruth Auk; James and Marjorie Eibling; Dan and Helen Evers; Andy and Irene Fedor; Walter and Loretta Goeben; Max and Sophie Goodman; Leonard and Corkie Halpenny; Dale and Regina Highfield; Walter Holmlin; Oliver McConahy and Leo McGillon (both of whom have been ill. We hope, sincerely, you both are on the mend).

Stuart and Dorothy McGregor; George and Frances Roup; James Riley; James Sears; Stephen and Mary Sholtis; Leon and Rose Swedlow; Leroy and Florence Tobias; Joe and Dorothy Vioral (didn't get to sing you a Happy Birthday this year, Joe); Ray Weekly; Max Weinzierl; plus the ones we may have unintentionally omitted.

Some were present at a great personal sacrifice — John Hawley had a broken foot and came on crutches, but smiling. Chuck Herring was there after having very serious back surgery. Although both were in pain, both were present.

A sad note to share with all who know and love Bill and Betty Foster. They arrived on Tuesday, August 14, 1979. That night Betty received a call from home saying her Daddy had passed away. They left early Wednesday morning.

Boston, Big and Bustling — loved Quincy Market — beautiful old and new architecture blending in this historic city.

269th ENGINEERS COMPANY B

A few days after returning from the Reunion in Boston, where it was good to see some of our old Buddies and their wives, I received a call and learned to our sorrow that we lost a real friend, **Stuart McGregor**, had passed away. He will be missed by all the 69er's, and especially the Engineers. Our "Deepest Sympathy," to his lovely wife, Dottie.

Dan and Helen Evers were missed, but we learned they had been in Hawaii and were unable to attend the Reunion, but they plan to be in New Orleans. We should have a real good turn out from "B-Company," since the Southern boys promised to show up; Johnnie Jones and Sid Porrier. I'm sure Bill Sears will try and make it to see them. I will try and write to all the rest of the guys from the 'Deep South' . . . like "Hocky" Alien and all the guys from Florida.

See you in New Orleans.

Frank Nemeth

272nd COMPANY D

The following is a letter written to Earl, from Richard Bell.

Earl:

Received my pictures back, and a nice letter. This will surprise you, but the fellow who was the 'spark plug' behind our Company D Reunions' was our Company Mail Clerk, and lives 12 miles from you. He wrote after receiving the last Bulletin and said he would try to see you. He has lists of addresses and news of our get-togethers.

He is: Nick Etze
511 Washinton Street
Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania 15666

In 1955, I was on a trip with my family through your area, and visited Nick in Mt. Pleasant. This was after I had sold my small weekly newspaper.

I think the Bulletins are improving through the years, and also as the fellows get older. I believe they are more interested in Reunions, and talking over old times. I find this true also in the American Legion . . . the older you get, the more interesting it gets to meet with the fellows.

I always wondered where our higher-up officers originated from, and was interested in the comments of those who served with General Rheinhart in World War I. I had no idea he was in that war. Perhaps it would be interesting to others too, to have a short biography in a Bulletin of Bolte and Rheinhart. Maybe simpler to suggest than to do the research! Bolte went to Italy and took over the local National Guard Division from here, the 34th Red Bull Division, which was the first U.S. Division in the ETO, landing in Ireland, and later invading Algiers. I know a lot of the guys who were in that division. A few of them ended up with the 69th and went overseas again with us. **Ted Junkins**, our Motor Sergeant, was one of them, and there were others, who had returned home on rotation, and went back overseas again.

Our June 1979 Reunion was held at Crystal Lake, Illinois, and McHenry, Illinois, the home of our old First Sergeant. About 15 couples attended, and we really had fun. Nick Etze can give you news of that and future reunions.

Thanks again for your nice letter.

Sincerely,
Richard Bell

661st TANK DESTROYER BATTALLION

It surely appeared that everyone in attendance had a terrific time at the 661st T.D.'s Get-together in Harrisonburg, Virginia, in May.

We had the largest crowd that we have ever had. We had 77 people to sit down at our Saturday Night Banquet. Boy, that was truly a fine meal.

There were 6 new-comers this year who had never attended a 661st T.D. Get-Together before. They were: **K. D. Davis** of Macon, Georgia; **Bob Jasper** of Vandergrift, Pennsylvania; **Joseph Reddick** of Bardwell, Kentucky; **George Myers** of Uniontown, Pennsylvania; **Ralph Grubbs** of Winchester, Virginia and **John Sherlock** of Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Twelve states were represented.

We welcomed the return of **Burnell** and **Louise Scott**, after an absence of a couple of years due to the health of Burnell.

Frances and **Garland O'Roark** presented each of the ladies present with a 'red carnation corsage,' in honor of Mother's Day (This being the week-end of the 661st Get-Together).

Come on out and visit with some of your old Buddies. You'll be glad you did!

We were sorry, indeed, that our adopted Buddy and 661'er **Harold Starry** and his delightful wife, **Dottie**, were unable to attend . . . Maybe next time.

Bill Beswick

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH

[Editor's Note: Received word from Bill and Betty Foster, that they will have their Fall Banquet at the Embers, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, on October 20, 1979. It will be too late to go to this gathering by the time you receive this Bulletin, but I do hope you had a good turn out and an enjoyable evening with all the members and wives from Central Pennsylvania, our neighboring group.]

By the way, Central Pennsylvania Branch will host our 1981 Reunion, August 9 to 16, at the Host Inn, Exit 19, of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, which gets us into Dutch Country and Hershey Park, Hershey, Pennsylvania.]



TRI-STATE GROUP

The Tri-State Group returned home from the Boston Reunion, and started our new year off fast by having a Picnic at Clarence Marshall's cottage in Clarion, Pennsylvania, alongside the Clarion River, on Sunday, September 16th. Most arrived around noon on a cool sunny fall day, ready for a treat of fine food and the works, while socializing with each other. The gang is gathered in the living room of the cottage, behind the 69th Cake, which went fast for dessert. Those in attendance shown in the picture were happy to have new comers . . .

Our thanks to Gladys, Bob, Bill and Clarence, as perfect hosts, during our stay at the cottage.

Before you get this Bulletin, we will have our Second Outing of the new young year. Our Fall Week-end will have taken place on November 2, 3 and 4, at the Sheraton South, Route 19, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Friday evening was a shopping trip to South Hills Village Mall, for the ladies, followed by a Birthday Party for Lottie Herring, who came all the way from Wilmington, North Carolina, with Chuck for the week-end. Saturday afternoon the gang went to Aspinwall Veteran's Hospital, where they played Bingo with the Veterans and treated them to a snack before returning to the hotel for our Banquet Dinner Meeting. Sunday we took a Fall Foliage River Cruise up the Allegheny River, seeing Pennsylvania at its finest.

We have over 1,000 members in our Tri-State area which consists of Western Pennsylvania, Western Maryland, Eastern Ohio, and Southwestern New York, and the panhandle and Northern West Virginia. It sure is disturbing when a member can't take the time to answer the letter he receives from our group, stating that he is either coming or not coming to our Fall or Spring Week-end. One hundred and eighteen letters were mailed out for the Uniontown Week-end, and one hundred and twenty nine were mailed out for our Pittsburgh Week-end. The response has been about twenty-five per cent of the letters mailed. Surely a 15 cent stamp isn't the reason you don't answer, as we did enclose envelopes in the last letter. For our next Spring Outing we will try some new names, as we just don't have the finances to send to all members in the area each time.



Russell and Reba Shay, and son **Kevin**
Emlenton, Pennsylvania

Paul and Marion Shadle
New Kensington, Pennsylvania

John and Marie Suprano
New Kensington, Pennsylvania

Enrico and Ann D'Angelo
Saltsburg, Pennsylvania

George and Vickie Gallagher
Beaver, Pennsylvania

Clarence Marshall [Host]
New Kensington, Pennsylvania

Earl and Dorothy Witzleb, Jr.
Champion, Pennsylvania

Not shown in Picture above:

Robert and Gladys Braun
[Sister and Brother-in-law to Clarence]
Clarion, Pennsylvania

William Harmon
[Friend of the Braun's]
Clarion, Pennsylvania

***** CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS AND COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE *****

JANUARY 11, 1980

Second Dues Notice should be in the mail to all members
[If you have a Red Dues Card for 1979-1980, then ignore
this notice]
[Use your envelope for a letter to the Treasurer or
Membership Chairman]

JANUARY 12, 1980

Deadline for news for Bulletin Number 2 Volume 33
[January - February - March - April, 1980]
[All news and material for the New Orleans Reunion
should be at Box 69]

APRIL 19, 1980

Central Pennsylvania Branch - Spring Banquet
Elk's, Carlisle, Pennsylvania
For information write or call:
Bill and Betty Foster
803 Elkwood Drive
New Cumberland, Pennsylvania 17070
Home: 717/774-2396
Office: 717/774-0870
[Please send news information at earliest convenience]

APRIL - MAY, 1980

661st Tank Destroyer's Reunion
Pilgrimage back to Fort Hood, Austin, Texas
For information write:
William "Bill" Beswick
Post Office Box 576
West Point, Virginia 23181
or
Robert L. Stone
3803 Eastledge Drive
Austin, Texas 78731

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mation to Box 69]

MAY 3, 1980

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MAY 2, 3 and 4, 1980

Pittsburgh Tri-State Spring Week-End
(Site to be in either Ohio, West Virginia or
Pennsylvania)
Co-Chairpersons:
Fred and Eunice Huston
801 Riverside Avenue
Wellsville, Ohio 43968
Phone: 216, 532-4070
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84 D Street - Van Buren Homes
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MAY, 1980

Arizona - Western Group Dinner Banquet
For information write or call:
Robert "Bob" Myers
10453 Cumberland Drive
Sun City, Arizona 85351
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Leonard C. Halpenny
3038 Santa Barbara Avenue
Tucson, Arizona 85711

[All 69er's welcome, especially those from neighboring
west and mid-western states]
[Please more information requested at Box 69]

AUGUST 17 to 24, 1980

69th Infantry Division Association Annual Reunion
New Orleans Marriott
Canal and Chartres Streets
New Orleans, Louisiana
Co-Chairpersons:
Mr. and Mrs. Franklin See
Arizona Group
3003 Moss Avenue
Midland, Texas 79701

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shadle
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1504 Greensburg Road
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Warren Alford
6944 Fluer De Lis Drive
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[All details and information will be in our next issue of
the Bulletin]

AUGUST 9 to 16, 1981

69th Infantry Division Association Annual Reunion
Host Inn
Exit 19, Pennsylvania Turnpike
[Hershey Park and Dutch Country Area, Central
Pennsylvania]
Chairpersons:
William "Bill" and Betty Foster

AUGUST, 1982

Reunion site to be chosen in New Orleans.
[An eastern city is being sought, such as Richmond,
or Roanoke, Virginia; Wilmington, North Carolina;
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and other cities members
might so choose. NOTE: a several member Reunion
Committee is needed when a sight is chosen].

AUGUST, 1983

Reunion Site to be chosen in New Orleans.
[Mountain Shadows, Scottsdale, Arizona, is leading the
pack of other western cities].
[Editor's note: Box 69 is in Champion, Pennsylvania 15622
- Do Write: P. Plan with a Unit Buddy.
S. Save for the 69th Reunion.

At The Boston Reunion



Irv Gotkin, Gustav Sussmann and Ed Lucci



Tom Damron and Col. Jim Damron.



*[Pictured in the Foreground]: Vernon Wirth. [Left to Right]:
Ed Lucci, Bill Matlach, Irv Gotkin, Gustav Sussmann, Bill
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*A&P Platoon, 1st Bn., 271st Regt., Eilenburg, Germany
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Last Chance

We ran the following coupon in our last Bulletin giving everyone a chance to express their desire for a reprint of our **Regimental History Books**.

Thus far the response hasn't been great enough to make it feasible to have reprints made.

There will be a reprint of the **9th Army Book** at the end of this year and those who want it will be notified when it is available. So if you want one for the **271st** or **272nd Regiment**, you had better get on the ball and get this coupon in to National Headquarters. There will be no more effort in the future to get reprints of these books.

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