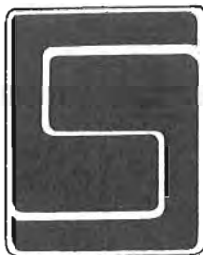


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Thursday, August 21	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Friday, August 22	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Saturday, August 23	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sunday, August 24	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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I/we plan to be at the New Orleans Marriott for the 1980 Reunion, and plan to attend the following activities . . . so count on me/us. Number in our party will be _____ Adults _____ Children _____ Guest(s).

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Area Code: _____ Unit _____

Guest(s) _____ & _____

Sunday, August 17 — ☐ Early Arrivals — On Your Own

Monday, August 18 — ☐ Early Arrivals — On Your Own
Registration & Hospitality Room 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Registration Fee \$5.00 Per Person _____ Persons \$ _____

Tuesday, August 19 — ☐ Early Arrivals — On Your Own
Registration & Hospitality Room 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Wednesday, August 20 — ☐ Bus Trip to Camp Shelby, including Lunch, 9:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.
Cost per person \$16.00 _____ Persons \$ _____

Thursday, August 21 — ☐ *Registration and Hospitality Room 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.*
Board of Directors Meeting 1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.
Early Bird Boat Ride, including Music and Food 6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.
Cost Per Person \$16.00 _____ Persons \$ _____
[Taxi available for those not wanting to walk 15/20 minutes]

Friday, August 22 — ☐ Golf Tournament — City Park North Course, 3 miles from Marriott.
Pre-Registration at Registration Desk with Chuck Herring
Green Fees \$4.00 — Electric Carts \$9.50 _____ Persons \$ _____
Registration and Hospitality Room 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
2nd Board of Directors Meeting 2:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.
Dinner or Supper — On Your Own. [Advisable time for Group, Companies, Units, or whatever, to have your own outings].
PX Beer Party Dance 9:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. Registration Ticket needed.

Saturday, August 23 — ☐ Men's General Meeting 10:00 A.M. to Noon
Ladies' General Meeting 10:00 A.M. to Noon
[Coffee and Rolls — Both Meetings — 9:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.]
Registration and Hospitality Room 10:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
New Orleans No Host Cocktail Party 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Memorial Service in Banquet Room
[Please be seated on time] 7:30 P.M. to 7:45 P.M.
Banquet and Dinner Dance 7:45 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.
[Prime Rib and the Works]
Cost Per Person \$20.00 _____ Persons \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Sunday, August 24 — Farewells and Departures. See you in 81.

Monday, August 25 — Farewells and Departures. See you in 81.

It is most important that we receive your Reservation as far ahead as possible. This is necessary to meet advance requirements at the bus and boat commitments, and it also affects the Reunion Committee in being able to plan for unit seating, advance publishing of who is coming from what Unit, and seek to assign rooms by Unit, per floor.

We have only a maximum of 300 Rooms, at present. After this, the over-flow will be at the nearby Monte DeLeone. We hope for a record attendance in New Orleans of 600 plus.

When you Register at the Marriott, tell them you are with the 69th Infantry Division Association, to help speed things along.

Tours That Are Available

Make intentions known to Paul and Marion Shadle, as some tours must be reserved two weeks in advance and must have a minimum of 35 to 43 persons.

1. A Walking Tour of the French Quarter, taking two hours, with a minimum of 15 persons. \$3.00 per person.
2. The above Tour; adding one historic house, taking two and one-half hours, with a minimum of 15 persons. \$5.00 per person.
3. A Walking Tour of the Lower Garden District, or Garden District, taking two hours, with a minimum of 15 persons. \$3.00 per person.
4. The above Tour, with a home visit, with a minimum of 15 persons. \$5.00 per person.
5. A Boat Tour in the afternoon, that goes as far as Chalmette Battlefield, which was the scene of the Battle of New Orleans, in 1815. Time and price of tour unknown, but must have a minimum of 15 persons.
6. An Antique Shopping Tour along Magazine Street, using local buses for transportation, taking two and one-half to three hours, with a minimum of 15 persons. \$8.00 per person.
7. A Bus Tour which covers all the points of the above tours, taking two and one-half to three hours, with a minimum of 30 to 43 persons. Must be reserved two weeks in advance of our New Orleans Reunion. \$7.00 per person.
8. A City Bus Tour which would include a visit to Longvue Gardens, taking three hours. minimum of 30 to 43 persons. \$10.00 per person.
9. A City Bus Tour to include a visit to one of the large homes in the Garden District, taking three hours, with a minimum of 30 to 43 persons. \$12.00 per person.
10. A Plantation Tour which goes into the country-side with a minimum of 30 to 43 persons, taking three to three and one-half hours. Punch or coffee will be served. \$14.00 per person.

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Note: All Bus Tours must be reserved two weeks in advance of our Reunion and cannot be cancelled, as we shall have to pay for their use even if we don't use them. Prices have gone up since our last Bulletin was published, so do count on paying an extra buck or two when the time arrives in August. Tours will be conducted by **Mrs. Mildred Costa** and **Martha Douglas**.

Martha will be in our Hospitality Room as much as possible, to answer questions and give advice to those asking for it. I understand that Mildred will be the guest speaker for the program of the Ladies' Auxiliary General Meeting, on Saturday.

Our Walking Tours will be able to add members with a day or two notice, and we can cancel with a day's notice. So, members, do get your Registration Sheets to Paul now, as it appears it will be too late to make any arrangements on tours when we arrive in New Orleans. This is due to commitments on buses and guides.

Reservation List of Members Coming to 1980 Reunion

We thought it might be a matter of interest to some of you, to know the names of those who have made reservations for the Reunion, at the time of this publication of the Bulletin. Come, join them at our 1980 Reunion, "Way down yonder in New Orleans, in the Land of Dreamy Dreams"...

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Auk
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 Huntsville, Ala.
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 West Point, Miss.
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 G-272nd
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 769th Ord.
 Div. Art.
 Hq. Se. & 879th FA.
 724th FA. Bat.
 724th FA.
 Eng.
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Mr. & Mrs. Frank See	Midland, Texas	777th
Mr. Victor Woo	Oakland, Calif.	69th Q.M.
Mr. Victor DeCarlo	Uniontown, Pa.	271st

Nice to Hear From Our Overseas Members

Arquitecto Gaudi, 5
Madrid 16, Spain
April 15, 1980

Dear Mr. Witzleb:

Enclosed find my check for renewal of my membership in the 69th Infantry Division Association. Sorry I live too far away to get to the reunions, but it's nice to read about them in the newsletters, and who knows, maybe one of these days I'll time my trips to the U.S. to make it to a reunion.

In January, I went to England on business and having a free day, took a train down to Winchester, to do a bit of reminiscing. It was a great day! In my wandering around the town, I got up to our old barracks there, and although no one is allowed in the grounds, it is possible to visit the museum they've set up. It's up over the mess hall we used when we were there. Many of the old buildings are the same, but a couple of them have been replaced by more modern ones.

The barracks are the headquarters for the Royal Green Jackets Regiment, quite a distinguished outfit. The museum is primarily concerned with them.

I got to talking to the curator (sorry, but I didn't catch his name), and he, a retired military man, had actually been there with one of the British outfits at the same time we were there, and remembered us. We had quite a long visit. He showed me a picture of Eisenhower and Churchill there (before our time) for some dedicatory ceremony.

It occurred to me later, that the 69th really ought to have a memento of some kind in the museum — perhaps a picture of when we were there. I don't have such a picture, but perhaps someone in the association does, and would like to contribute it. If so, I think if you just sent it to: Curator, Royal Green Jackets Regimental Museum, Romsey Road, Winchester, England, it would get there. I pass this thought along to whoever might like to do something about it.

All best wishes to the Association for this 1979-80 period and to the Reunion this year.

Sincerely,

George P. McCallum
Co. D., 271st Inf.

[Editor's Note: Very nice letter, George. I am sure some discussion will come up at the New Orleans Reunion on something for the museum at the the Royal Green Jackets Regiment at Winchester, England].

News From The Editor's Desk

First off, congratulations are in order for **Enrico D'Angelo** of C-880, FA., Saltsburg, Pa., who recently retired from the coal mine after 43 years of service.

He was honored by family and friends at a 62nd Birthday and Retirement Party, which was really a big surprise to him.

[Editor's Note: Imagine walking in the coal mines for 43 years, and he still looks like he is 43 years old].

We also wish to extend our "Best Wishes" and "A Speedy Recovery," to **Leroy Tobias** of Reading, Pa., **Frank Lucci** of Republic, Pa., **William Matlach** of West Islip, N.Y., **Chuck Herring** of Wilmington, N.C., and to all of the rest of our members (whose names we do not have at this time), who are at the present time "Just a little bit under the weather."

Now on with the correspondence which we have received since the publication of our last Bulletin —

Charles L. Moore, E-271: I wanted to drop you a line to inform you that I have found a 69th member right here in North Canton, Ohio. His picture and write-up were in our Sunday newspaper. He is retiring from the Canton Repository, our local newspaper.

He was an artilleryman in the 69th. His name is: **Richard J. Paumier**, 605 Bachtel Street, E., North Canton, Ohio 44720.

I called him and told him of the Reunions. He seemed interested. I told him I was going to write to you, to get him on the mailing list, and get a current Bulletin sent to him.

See you in New Orleans.

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Homer Rager, G-273rd: Sent along \$5.00 for the Postage Fund. I think the Bulletin is great, and explains everything that I want to know.

The wife and I will attend the Tri-State Group on May 2, 3 and 4. Also plan to be in New Orleans for the Reunion, so will see you there.

I also visit in Irwin, Pa., quite often; which is relatively close to New Kensington, Champion and Donegal, Pa. Hope to call or visit you sometime. Will talk about it next time I see you.

[Editor's Note: Homer and his wife did attend the Tri-State Group Meeting, and we had an ideal weekend weather-wise, and a very enjoyable time, while together].

William Slusher, Hq. 3rd Bn. 272nd: Would like to hear from men who formerly served in this Unit . . . specifically the communications platoon.

I have been with South West Bell Telephone Company for 34 years.

[Editor's Note: In your communication you state that we were in error in listing **Frank J. Hazzard** as deceased. That was the information we received from the Post Office, on his returned mail. If you know of his whereabouts we certainly would appreciate it if you would pass it on to National Headquarters, as he has been removed from our Mailing Roster].

Harry Levitt, Hq. 272nd: My wife and I are looking forward to the August Reunion in New Orleans. Please send all available information.

Are there any 69er's in my new area of Cranbury, N.J.? If so, I would like to contact them.

[Editor's Note: Mr. Levitt was sent listings for his immediate area. **Ray Knudsen**, who also served in Hq. 272nd lives in Newfield, N.J., which according to the Zip Code can't be too far from you].

"A Note of Thanks" directed to **Mr. Loar Quickle**, Board Chairman, was received from **Mrs. Stuart McGregor**.

Stuart McGregor, who served with B-269th Engineers, passed away on September 20, 1979.

"The Note of Thanks" reads as follows:

"We received a beautiful dish garden centered with a lovely orchid, from all of the Engineers of the 69th Division. The cards and letters which we have received have meant so much to us at this time. We wish to thank you for your expressions of Sympathy in the Bulletin."

Brig. Gen. J. M. Gibson, Ret., I&R Platoon, 271st Inf.: Enclosed is a check for \$7.50 which I understand is sufficient to get me started in The 69th Infantry Division Association, and also permits my wife to be a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

I've corresponded with the Association President Robert Myers, and have told him that I served in the I&R Platoon, 271st Infantry, at Camp Shelby, from May 1943 to May 1944, at which time I was sent overseas as an individual replacement.

I am looking forward to being a member of The Fighting 69th, again.

We received the following from **Mrs. Bernard Dukowitz** of Saint Cloud, Minn.:

"I wish to inform you that my husband, **Bernard Dukowitz**, passed away on October 9, 1979, after an illness of eight months.

He died of cancer at the age of 61. He is survived by his wife of thirty-nine years, ten children and fifteen grandchildren.

He fought with the 69th Division in Company G-271st.

He always wanted to go to one of the Reunions, but never took the time; and now, it is too late."

Mrs. Hilda Dukowitz

James Hibbits, F-273rd and B-269th Engineers: I have never been to a 69th Reunion, nor have I been in contact with anyone from my old outfit, except **L. M. Nigra**, 636 W. 174th Street, New York, N.Y. 10033. We were both in B-Co., 269th Combat Engineers from Camp Shelby, to the end.

After the war, I took advantage of the G.I. Bill, and got a Master's Degree in Chemistry at St. Louis University. I am now Manager of The Department of Chemical and Physical Testing for Owens Illinois, at Toledo, Ohio.

One thing I am curious about. I transferred to the 269th from F-Co., 273rd Regiment. While in the Infantry, I qualified for the Infantry Badge, but never received it. This was not important at the time, but after the war, when people were being sent home according to the number of points they had, the lack of having this badge made it necessary for me to stay in Germany longer. I did not come home with the 69th. I was in Paris on a pass, and when I returned the 69th had gone home, and I was shuttled around Germany, until I had enough points. Anyway, the loss of the badge and the rifle insignia, indicating combat, has ticked-me-off for years. My question is, can I get the badge now? I'll never wear it, but I earned it the hard way.

That's all for now, and best wishes to the organization. Maybe, some day, I'll make one of the Reunions and re-live old times. I have many pictures taken in Shelby and Europe, and they might be interesting to some of the men.

[Editor's Note: If anyone knows the address to write, in order to secure awards which you are entitled to, please contact National Headquarters].

Thomas L. Hayes, son of **John R. Hayes**, who served with A-369th, writes:

"I would like to inform your organization of the death of my Father, a fellow 69th soldier.

"After an illness of two years, my Father died of a heart attack. He hung on till the end, tough and strong, as the soldiers of the 69th did during the war. He talked much about the 69th and I wondered if you could give me some information on his Unit, and also the man whom he saved to get the Bronze Star. He also talked about a **Thomas Money** of Kentucky. If you could give me any information on the latter I would appreciate it.

"Also, my Mother enjoys the Bulletin and would like to receive them all of the time.

"Could you also tell me how to get information so I could get my Father's medals and citations. The original ones were stolen some years ago, and my Father always talked about getting them replaced."

[Editor's Note: If there is anyone in our Association reading the above, and who knew **John R. Hayes** in A-369th Medics, and can help his son, please contact him at the following address: **Thomas L. Hayes**, R.D. No. 5, Centerton Road, Bridgeton, N.J. 08302].

Alex "Big Greek" Kormas [Kormazis] and his Headquarters Battery Group from the 879th Field Artillery Battalion, held a Reunion in Lima, Ohio, on May 3 and 4, 1980.

They were looking forward to having in attendance: **Raymond "Shorty" Hartman** from Leesburg, Indiana; **Robert Hoch** from Fremont, Ohio; **Dale Kizer** from Lima, Ohio; and **"Pug" Daniels** from Cridersville, Ohio.

The Reunion was for a weekend . . . no wives permitted, so that they could really talk, and hoist a few for the old gang, and toast the ones that we know are gone, namely: **"Juggy" Powers**; **Dave Oberst**; **Capt. Thomas**, our Battery Commander, **J. McGinnis**, and all the others who we were not aware of.

"Big Al" had their program drawn up just like a day in the Army, many years ago. It was much too lengthy to insert here. Their Reunion was a joyful one of Buddies, Comrades and friendships that only those who have served together in combat can understand. In closing it off "Big Al" states: "As we march along through the remaining years of life, the days we were together become more precious, and when we see one another it is not rare to hug each other . . . smile . . . laugh . . .

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and tears in your eyes, on departure. We know, and we have earned the right to call each other 'BUDDY' which was earned the hard way. Bless, 'em, Oh Lord!"

A FOLLOW-UP ON THE MINI REUNION OF HEADQUARTERS BATTERY 879th FIELD ARTILLERY

We met at noon on May 3rd, and proceeded to have a great time. The five of us in attendance were: **R. S. Hoch**, Fremont, Ohio (Mail call); **Dale Kizer**, Lima, Ohio; "**Pug**" **Virgil Daniels**, Lima, Ohio; "**Shorty**" **Ray Hartman**, Leesburg, Indiana; "**Big Al**" **Kormas [Kormazis]**, Cleveland, Ohio.

A great time was had by all, and until we broke-up on Sunday, we fought the War from our draft call to discharge, and did not cover half of those three years . . . so it will be continued next year.

Since we left our wives at home, there was loosening of lips and relaxation . . . Hoch and Big Al — sipping on assorted alcoholic beverages . . . we laughed and reminisced from our first glimpses of Shelby and basic . . . How on the first pass we had to know the General Orders and show our First Sergeant our supply issue of "*you know what*" . . . in case we ran into "Bad Women!" Needless to say, there were no women in town. Laughing about the long lines of shots . . . sore arms . . . first time trying to put on leggings . . . putting up pup tents for the first time . . . inspections . . . guard mount . . . drill and hikes. Most of all it was the Camaraderie or Buddies getting together . . . and no matter how many years have passed, that deep intense feeling of young lads, who became soldiers and served together under extremely adverse conditions, welded us together, and permanently to remain "A Great Legion of Men" who can look each other in the eye and say . . . "**Buddy.**"

Unfortunately, some of the group are not in the best of health, but in spirit absolutely tip-top. There were some serious moments also, such as, we are all appalled by the attitude of the young people today. Draft dodging, etc., the events of the oil situation, the mixing of women in the Armed Forces, the extreme lack of discipline in today's Army, the 'foul-up' of the Hostage rescue, economic situation, weak President, etc. So, there was a serious aspect to this occasion.

Now, to one of the great moments of our Reunion. We got on the phone to our former **First Sgt., E. J. Stark**. We had to try a few times to get through to him, but finally did. It was a great moment and thrill. Truly, if you think we were thrilled, he surpassed us all in his being genuinely touched and thrilled. A few of his words were, "*You'll never know how happy this makes me.*" We each conversed with him and it was remarkable, as he had no premonition of our going to call him. He spouted off names of guys and places, just like it was nothing. As we each took our turn on the phone, others would shout in the background, choice items that **Sgt. Stark** could plainly hear, such as: "*Fall In*" . . . "*Detail, Tenchut*" . . . "*Cover Down*" . . . "*Forward, March*" . . . "*Detail, Halt*" . . . "*Hut-twup-trup-fouh!*" We agreed later, that at this moment how much we loved our First Sergeant, and to hear him say "*We had the best outfit in the Army*" made all the drills, hikes, K.P., fatigue duty, all worthwhile. **Sgt. Stark's** final words again, "*You'll never know how happy this makes me, and if ever in the area, his home is ours.*" To sum it up, it was not "*Old Soldiers Fading Away*," but Buddies fulfilling again that deep comradeship that only those who went through what we did can feel toward each other and to our group, the 69th Infantry.

Truly, we sincerely hope that this may inspire other small groups to get together for the first time, as we did, and you will then realize how wonderful it is. Or, get on the phone and call up your "Old Buddy" and say "Hi!"

[Editor's Note: **Edward J. Stark**, former **First Sgt. of Headquarters Battery 879th FA.**, stated it would be the greatest thrill of his life, if he could once again 'March his men'. Also, he would like to hear from the men of his former Unit. His address: **Edward J. Stark, 1430 W. San Jose, Fresno, Calif. 93711.**

Our President Comes Into Your Home Again

Hello, Again!

By the time this Bulletin reaches you, the New Orleans Reunion will be just around the corner. From early reports from **Paul Shadle**, it appears we will have a great turn-out, and an outstanding Reunion.

In keeping with my desire to keep all of our members informed, I can report that many of our members have worked hard to accomplish the following of interest to us all:

1. Reunion detail planning and work force in New Orleans is all set with only final reply from the Honor Guard for our Memorial Service outstanding. I am awaiting a reply from the Adjutant General of the National Guard in Louisiana.

2. The recommendations of our Resolutions Committee for up-dating our Constitution and By-Laws appear elsewhere in this Bulletin. These matters will be offered the entire membership for consideration and appropriate vote in New Orleans.

3. The Committee for Consideration of the Future of Our Scholarship Program, continues to seek comments and recommendations from all our members, to incorporate in their considerations and/or recommendations in New Orleans.

4. Our Scholarship Chairman, **Sam Woolf**, met with his committee on May 18th, to select winners to be announced in New Orleans.

5. The proposal by the Hq. 7th Army Staff Officer to re-designate the Berlin Brigade as the Fighting 69th, continues to be staffed at DA level. **General Bolte** is monitoring this action.

6. I am in receipt of a recent Staff Proposal whereby all records of military personnel excluding outstanding persons, will be destroyed 75 years following their discharge, separation or retirement. At New Orleans, I submit that we prepare a reply in behalf of our membership on the proposal. **General Bolte** joins me in a strong feeling . . . we should not approve.

On the matter of Board Members to be elected at New Orleans: I solicit recommendations from each of our Regiments, Divarty, Special Troops, 661st TD's, 777th Tank Battalion, 269th Engineers, for the member of their unit recommended. Those recommended should be members who attend Reunions with regularity, which includes many of our faithful who have never before had the opportunity to be involved and serve.

FUTURE REUNIONS—We must plan ahead to ensure proper detailed planning toward the selection of future Reunion sites. It is important for us to know and publish the next two to three sites selected. Any proposals for future Reunion sites must be supported by a minimum of details worked out in advance, between the member(s) submitting such proposal. A basic guideline is available by return mail, for those who request it from me. For our 1981 Reunion, we will go to the Host Inn, in the Dutch Country, near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. **Bill and Betty Foster** are Chair-persons for this Reunion, assisted by the Central Pennsylvania Group. For 1982 and 1983, no sites have been determined. I am hopeful we can arrive at these decisions in New Orleans. I am currently aware of the following site recommendations that will be offered with detailed information:

1. Mountain Shadows, Scottsdale, Arizona.
2. Marriott Marco Beach Resort Hotel, Marco Island, Florida.
3. Marriott, Orlando, Florida (Near Disney Land, Sea World, etc.).
4. Marriott, St. Louis, Missouri (2 facilities).
5. Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
6. Hopefully from someone in the area of Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Finally, on Reunion sites: we gain a whole lot in resort type amenities when we meet at the super resort places in their off-season. Likewise, we pay the most for the least, when we meet at a facility during their peak seasons. Thus, we might start to look at later fall dates in Northern and NE areas.

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OUR PRESIDENT COMES INTO YOUR HOME

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Again, I seek your response, comments, recommendations, and am looking forward to seeing a record attendance in New Orleans.

Bob Myers
President

[Editor's Note: Now that you have been informed three times during the year, of our Association's progress, by our President, why not come to New Orleans, and meet him personally. I am sure your ideas and thoughts generated into his mind, along with the Board Members, will make for a better Association for years to come.]

Resolutions/By-Law Amendments

Your Resolutions/By-Law Committee has been working for a year now, trying to up-date our By-Laws to make it fit the times, for over the years things do change. The committee would like to make as many of the following changes as time will permit in New Orleans, and has asked all members to read them for your consideration in New Orleans. Especially, those members who are planning on being in New Orleans, do study them out and compare with the By-Laws you should have, which were published in an earlier edition of the Bulletin . . . so that your thoughts can be included.

Knowing that it will take several years to really adjust and bring the By-Laws to where they should be, our committee has recommended the following:

1. There is a real need to spell out the allocation of Complimentary rooms at reunions.
2. A By-Law is needed that requires the Reunion Chairman to turn over to the Treasurer all monies collected at the end of each day of the Reunion. Further, that the Treasurer shall make proper record of this money, which shall be deposited each day to our account with the Reunion facility, for safe keeping. Finally, that final settlement with the Reunion facility be completed in no less than 5 days following conclusion of the Reunion.
3. In absence of written records of matters voted for in previous Reunions, it is suggested we take action to ensure that those matters we can recall be made a part of our Constitution and/or By-Laws, in a proper manner and duly recorded. For example, we voted at Lake Wright in Virginia, to pay for Clarence Marshall's room. Also, we voted in the past to extend Scholarships to grandchildren, adopted children and foster children. I'm sure other items previously approved by General Meetings can be recalled, and merit confirming or reconsideration actions duly recorded:
4. There is a strong membership demand to review our Scholarship program and its future.
5. We need to spell-out those appointments to be made by the President.
6. There is need to review and up-date our Constitution and By-Laws in the following areas:
 - a. Do we want 6 or 7 Board Members each year: Article IV.
 - b. Are officers elected for one or two years? Article V.
 - c. By what authority — and do we need a Chairman of the Board?
 - d. Should not all Past Presidents be official, voting and recognized Life-time Members of the Board. Article I, Section 4.
 - e. Why do we need an Executive Committee? Article VI.
 - f. The quorums in Article IX needs review. We will vote on a new Board quorum in New Orleans.
 - g. How long since we have had a chairman of Standing Committees — Do we need one? Article II, Section 4.

7. The word **Convention** should be entirely eliminated, wherever it appears in the Constitution and By-Laws. It is not a Convention but a **Reunion**.

8. Article III, [a] Active Members:

Paragraph 1: "Upon the death of an active member, his membership shall be available to his heirs of blood relation. We have eliminated "or her" in two places in that one sentence. We had no females in the 69th Infantry Division, therefore, "or her" is not applicable.

Article III, Sub. Paragraph [b] Honorary Members:

2nd Paragraph reads: "Honorary Members have not the right to vote, pay dues or hold office."

This should read: "Honorary Members do not have the right to vote, nor hold office." The paying of dues may be done on a voluntary basis, which would insure their receiving a Bulletin.

Article III, Sub Paragraph [d] Associate Members:

The Board of Directors of the Association would be authorized to approve the sons (of members of the 69th Division Association) as being Associate Members of the 69th Infantry Division Association. Associate Members do not have the right to vote, nor hold any office, but are required to pay yearly dues.

9. Article IV

The Management of the Association shall be by a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Board of Directors (not to exceed eighteen); in addition to the other members of the Board. The Past Presidents of the Association shall be members of the Board ex-officio.

10. Article V

[a] *Now reads:* "One Year."

We propose: The Officers of the Association shall be elected by the members at the Annual Meeting, and shall hold office for two years, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

By-Laws of the 69th Infantry Division Association, Section 3:

The Secretary shall be a member of the Board of Directors. The duties of the Secretary are administrative. He should be efficient and well informed.

The Secretary makes and keeps a record of all business transacted at each meeting at the Reunion. The Secretary should have a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws. Upon completion of his term in office (two years), the Secretary should transfer all of his secretarial records to the incoming Secretary.

11. Article I, Section 4, Treasurer

The Treasurer should 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. The Treasurer's duties 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 the funds of the Association. He shall make an Annual Report at the Reunion. The Treasurer should receive from the Reunion Chairman, all monies collected at the end of each day of the Reunion. The Treasurer shall make proper record of this money which shall be deposited each day to our account with the Reunion facility for safe keeping. The Treasurer shall make final settlement with the Reunion facility to be completed in no less than five (5) days following the conclusion of the Reunion.

12. Board of Directors, Section 5

The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-

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President (not to exceed three), the Secretary, the Treasurer and those members (not to exceed eighteen), elected by the membership. The Board of Directors should consist of one member from each of the following Units: Division Special Troops, Division Artillery, 269th Engineers, 271st Infantry Regiment, 272nd Infantry Regiment, 273rd Infantry Regiment, one from the 661 TD or one from the 777 TD. The Board of Directors, during the interval between Reunions, shall carry out the policies adopted by the Association. The Board of Directors shall have authority to call a special Reunion of the Association by a majority vote of the Board. The Board shall have authority to designate the time and place of each Annual Reunion. The Board shall have authority to set the amount of membership dues.

13. Article II, Section 2, Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall consist of not less than seven (7) 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, (5) Division Special Troops, (6) 269th Engineers, (7) 661 TD or 777 TD.

[Editor's Note: Board Members read, make notes, and be ready to express your opinion on subject changes from the Committee, as time will be limited at the Reunion, and I am sure we also want to enjoy ourselves in New Orleans.]

Fellow members, since we usually only have a two to two and one-half hour General Membership Meeting, if there are any By-Law changes you wish made, express your feelings to a Director so that he can bring them up at one or both of the Board Meetings to be held this year at our Reunion. These Board Meetings will be held on Thursday and Friday afternoons.

I believe Chuck Herring, Chairman of this committee, will have a committee meeting earlier in the week for his crew.]

Scholarship Committee Meets

Sunday, May 18, 1980, at 1:00 P.M., at Nassau Inn, Princeton, New Jersey, a group of Past Presidents met to decide the Scholarship winners for this year, to be awarded at the New Orleans Reunion on Saturday, August 23, during the Banquet hour. Chairman Sam Woolf, was displeased with the turn-out of the Past Presidents, claiming at least three more should have showed up. The session lasted most of the afternoon, found many accomplishments reached. **Mary Drew** from Princeton, our Advisor to the Scholarships, was present saying that the field of applications was very close in scholastic standards and tops at their respective schools. Besides Mary Drew in attendance at the meeting were Past Presidents:

Samuel Woolf, Chairman, Scarsdale, N.Y., Co. F-273rd.

Loar Quickle, Pennington, N.J., Co. G-271st.

William Matlach, West Islip, N.Y., Co. E-273rd.

Earl E. Witzleb, Jr., Treasurer, Champion, Pa., Co. E-273rd.

Seymour Nash, Member, Lakewood, N.J., Signal Co.

Edson Stagg, Member, Flemington, N.J., Co. G-273rd.

Wives of each member were present, making a total of thirteen for the day. Sure was nice to see and have Bill Matlach present as he was leaving on Tuesday, with wife, Jane, for Phoenix, Arizona, and a heart by-pass operation. The operation was successful and I am sure by the time you get this Bulletin Bill will be back home, so do send a card to him. His address is under "Sick Call" article in this Bulletin.

Of the twelve Past Presidents, only eight remain in the eastern part of the states, accounting for the decline in attendance for this meeting. Two of those eight had weddings to attend. Three Past Presidents now live in the south and one in the mid-west.

Money Talks

By Earl Witzleb, Jr., Treasurer



County Trust, Donegal, Pennsylvania

My final moments of a little 'chit-chat' to you, members of the great Fighting 69th Infantry Division Association. It appears to me, as we get older, we are getting stronger . . . as a nice group of young BBB's. We now have four active Groups meeting once or twice a year between Reunion week, and I do believe another two will be active, shortly. The Central Pennsylvania group had twenty at their Spring Banquet . . . down somewhat from other banquets, but this can be expected at times.

Our Tri-State (Pittsburgh) Group had thirty-one present for our Spring Weekend, with nine new faces, with great expectations that we will grow in eastern Ohio, when our Spring Weekend of 1981 will be in the Akron area.

The 661 Tank Destroyers had their Pilgrimage to Fort Hood in Austin, Texas, but no word yet on how they fared, but well I am sure. *[They have reported, Page 18, Column one].*

The Arizona (Western Group) has not reported yet but early word says that they expect forty-seven for the two-day gathering at Mountain Shadows. This is the first time for the Arizona boys to expand from just a dinner affair to a weekend.

They are expanding out of Arizona also, as one couple is attending from Colorado, one from California and several from Texas. I understand **Victor Woo** will be absent from this weekend, due to work, or California would have had another representative there.

The 880 Boys are trying to get things started and have a weekend planned in August, in Ohio. We hope to hear from them also, to get our "Division Association Chapter (Group) Meetings Across the United States" in a much more readable exciting news-worthy column.

Just can't forget our Recon Gang of BBB's either, as they have been active for years and will meet in Virginia, in August. We are hopeful the Recon Group will join the National Reunion next August 1981, at the Host Inn near Hershey, and Dutch Country of Pennsylvania, just off the Pennsylvania Turnpike at Exit 19.

Some talk was made and some early preparations were made for the New York Chapter to get active once again, but has not worked out yet. Then too, we do know of other Companies that have Reunions every couple years. And, yes we do expect a nice, large turn-out for our Annual Reunion this year in New Orleans.

Time is running out, as we draw closer to August 1980, so I urge you members of our great Association to sit down as soon as you finish reading this article and fill in the Reservation Sheets on pages two and three of this Bulletin, and get them in to **Paul Shadle** and the Marriott immediately. We do not want any members left out, due to late registration, as we must make close commitments in late July.

We must know who is going to Camp Shelby and on the Natchez Early Bird Boat Ride, which is most important. We are hoping to see all our member Buddies and Ladies from the south, mid-west, and all parts of our nation, as New Orleans will be one of the 'Tops of Reunions' and there are many more to look forward to in the years to come. Really, it is a must to make a Reunion for the good times of friendship and socializing, discussing the past, present and future, mixed in with our tours, Early Bird, Beer Party, and enjoyable Saturday Banquet

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Look Out, New Orleans!!! Here we come, again! This picture was taken 37 years ago on the first three-day pass, at Camp Shelby. [Left to Right]: John Suprano, Perry, Unknown and Clarien Kelly. Hoping to see all of these guys, once again, in New Orleans, and hope this French Casino Theatre Club, 1428 Canal Street, is still there. It would be a great Anniversary Party!!!

Photo furnished by John Suprano



Ben Jakubowski behind the wheel of a 769th Ordnance Jeep.



Calvin Bryant, D-273rd, poses with a Buddy. Calvin is on the Left, and his Buddy is not identified.



Dave Anderson, former Mess Sergeant, EM Mess Hall, Division Headquarters Company, would like to have these two men identified.



Leon Rosenberg would like to know where the two men in the picture are today. [Left to Right]: Joe Fiegleman and Haskell Goodman.

Company B 269th Engineer Combat Battalion 1st Squad, 1st Platoon



Hal Kerster, Leo Nigra, Placido Sanchez, John Corley, Lum Critchfield, Joseph Epstein, Robert Ritchey, A.J. Fox, Alfred Leirness, Ed Reeber, Fidel Sanchez, Madison Jones and Dale Thorp.

The above picture furnished by **Ed Reeber**, who retired from Detroit Ball Bearing Company in January of 1975, after almost thirty years, working in the Detroit, Michigan, area, as Office Manager.

Ed moved to Florida in September of 1976, and then started to work as a salesman in a local automotive parts house. "I found this more interesting than fishing," he says. "Changed jobs last fall and am now employed by Citrus World's Hickory Branch Corp. This is one of the growers of citrus, who have approximately 5000 acres of groves. I take care of stocking parts, buying parts, etc., for over 100 pieces of equipment."

"I often wonder where the other 12 fellows in this picture are. But, we did come from all over the United States."



The above photo furnished by Bretsell L. Everson

This picture was shot in England soon after arrival in 1944. Some of the people in my hut. All members of 2nd Bn. 272. Are you in here? Do you know anyone?

[Left to Right]: 1st, [?]; 2nd, Omar Shipe; 3rd, Edward Bowers; 4th, [?]; 5th, [?]; 6th, [?]; 7th, Luther Snell; 8th, Harold Starry; 9th, Gilbert Maton.

The above photo furnished by Bretsell L. Everson

Night. Yes, if you attend one Reunion you will not miss another . . . and will no doubt arrange a Reunion with your vacation plans.

What can be better than making the south and New Orleans your best vacation ever, along with the Reunion tossed in for an extra show. I am sure Paul is waiting for your reservation now. Early commitments will be published in this Bulletin, so look for a Buddy's name listed, and if he isn't listed there, write him a note asking why he hasn't signed-up for New Orleans.

Looking over a Bulletin published following the Pittsburgh Reunion a couple years back, I find that three members from Company E-271st attended, four from Company E-272nd, and four from Company E-273rd, were in Pittsburgh. Now, we need all the members from Company E-271st, 272nd and 273rd to come to the New Orleans Marriott to form the largest group at a Reunion. Let's get going with a Big E-Group. Can I expect you in my room each day of Reunion week?

Had a letter from **Godfrey Slimmer, Jr.**, Buckshutem, N.J. saying he enjoys reading the Bulletin, but seldom sees any mention of the 881st. My only answer to this is that your Buddies will have to send me in some news to publish. Besides letters from members with news for the Bulletin, I am always searching for news to make the Division Association Chapter (Group) Meetings Across the United States, and Calendar Of Coming Events and Communication Schedule a worthwhile number of pages of good newsy-news for our members to read, and to keep them up-dated in events to come. Also, my Co-Buddy in putting out this Bulletin, **Clarence Marshall**, is always looking for good news and information for his News From The Editor's Desk article. We are always looking for pictures to spice-up the Bulletin, to make it look worth your time to read and enjoy. All members can help to make this a top news Bulletin.

In closing, I just might add that Dottie and myself, enjoyed the weekend at the Scholarship Meeting with Sammy and the others. Being advised by **Mary Drew**, our Past Presidents do a superb job in selecting our Scholarship winners. This was my first at these meetings, so I was the "rookie" and learned a lot, especially how close all applicants that we receive are graded. We then spent Sunday evening with the **Edson Staggs**, who provided a real nice evening for us. Most of Monday we visited with the **Foster's**, checking-out a little more with the Host Inn, to make our 1981 Reunion in Pennsylvania, a well worthwhile one to attend. **Bill** and **Betty Foster** are our 1981 Reunion Chairpersons. You too, can hold a Reunion in your area by writing our President Robert "Bob" E. Myers, whose address is on the cover of the Bulletin, to find out the requirements for holding a Reunion. We will be in New Orleans in 1980, Host, Inn, Pennsylvania in 1981, and who knows where in future years. 1982 and 1983, at present, will be selected from three locations in Florida, one in St. Louis, one in Kansas City, one in Milwaukee, and one in Mountain Shadows, Arizona.

So, until August, and to be exact August 17 to 24, at the New Orleans Marriott, right on Canal Street. I'll be looking forward to seeing each and every one of you members, plus your lady and entire family . . . as we in the 69th are family, you know.

Have a tremendous summer, enjoying the weather and also that vacation that takes you to New Orleans. Drive safely, have a nice flight, and, Oh, yes, get those sheets of paper to **Paul Shadle** for your activities and to the Marriott for your room. We don't want anyone left out at New Orleans. Soooooooo . . . See you there . . . Good Buddy!

Past President and Charter Member Sol Rosenblitt Passes Away

I have the misfortune to inform you and all of the members of the 69th, that Sol Rosenblitt passed away.

In talking to Sol's brother he informed me that on the very day he died he kept talking about his Buddies in the 69th. This was very typical of Sol. When **Morris Yegelwel** and **Sonny Baron** visited Sol, after his first leg amputation, he kept talking about the 69th and all of his Buddies.

Sol had never forgotten, and was very proud to be a Sixty-Niner.

Last week Sol had to have his other leg amputated and I guess that was just too much. He suffered a cardiac arrest.

If you look back on the History of the 69th you will find not only that Solly was a Past president of the National Organization, but also one of its Charter Members. I feel Solly did more for the 69th than any man in the organization. I will certainly miss him, and I know all who ever came in contact with him, will miss him.

For those who care to contribute in his memory, the organization closest to his heart, along with the 69th is:

Queens Hemophilia Guild
c/o Rosenblitt (Bldg. 1, Apt. 403)
2201 S. Ocean Drive
Hollywood, Florida 33019

Sincerely,

Murray Zyne

A Sentimental Journey Back to 1945 Europe

We flew to Brussels this past July, and toured the charming medieval towns of Ghent, Bruges and Ostend. Then, we drove to the Malmedy battlefield area, where we visited a family I had last seen in 1945, during the fighting in World War II. My 69th Infantry Division machine gun Infantry squad stopped at a cobblestone (ca. 1775) barn and farmhouse during a snowstorm. Several families were huddled there, since their houses had been destroyed earlier. My buddies and I slept in the hayloft above the cows and we spent several days there chatting in French and German, with the families in this French-German border area, before moving forward into the German Seigfried line.

On this return visit, their seventeen-year old daughter, now fifty-one years old, greeted us and introduced her husband (a former Italian soldier liberated by the Russians eventually), and their four daughters (aged thirteen, sixteen, seventeen and thirty). The aged owner was there to remember, and to greet us. I brought my descriptive V-mail Army letters which my Mother had saved, and they were translated into French that day by a doctor-nephew caring for his ailing uncle, as we sipped tea. We then toured the former battlefield area, now a beautiful, national park with hundreds of vacationers (with camper vehicles or brilliantly colored tents) all enjoying the beauty of the woods and lakes.

We then accompanied our friends as they attended a local wedding at City Hall, followed by a lovely church ceremony, and a wedding reception afterwards. We were the unusual out-of-town guests, as we enjoyed the dancing, including a mixer where dancers join a large circle and a couple moves to the center to dance, bow low and kiss. Lots of drinking and dancing to continuous recorded music of folk, rock, disco, jazz and fox-trot, till midnight.

From Belgium, we drove through the vineyards and wine country of Moselle Valley, and into the castle area along the Rhine, which I saw during fighting into Germany. We also saw and visited the French chateaux country in the Loire Valley. But, we also made an important visit to Dachau.

Located 10 miles outside of Munich, Dachau was a pleasant resort town in 1933, when the Nazis established the notorious concentration camp on the edge of town, to handle "objectionable people for dispersal to other places." About 40,000 people were killed there and memorialized by monuments and plaques from Jewish, Catholic and British groups (Four British women soldiers were brutally killed by their Nazi jailers).

Liberated by U.S. troops in 1945, the site was preserved with the walls, barbed-wire and gas chambers, remaining intact, and two of thirty barracks were rebuilt along with the administration building which is now a museum, documenting the Nazi horrors. The site is now called a "Place of Memory." It was hard to find any directional signs to the camp location on the edge of the town of Dachau, as the Germans don't consider it a proud attraction. I said a prayer at the Jewish memorial, and then spoke to an older German woman, who expressed sadness that very young people were not interested in this part of German history. (Young people have been impressed by "Holocaust," however). An interesting eerie feeling overcame me as we completed a tour of the gas chamber area. At five o'clock, the gates were locked and our group had ten anxious minutes waiting behind barbed-wire while the German guard was located to unlock the gate to free us from Dachau.

Ted and Cynthia Snyder

Sick Call . . . We Are Thinking of You . . .

Hope by the time this publication of the Bulletin reaches you, that our buddy members; **Frank Lucci** of Republic, Pennsylvania; and **Jerry Santilli** of Verona, Pennsylvania, have recovered from their recent illnesses, and are well on their way to good health again. It sure would be nice to hear from someone of the members' families, regarding their progress. The addresses of these two members were printed in the last Bulletin.

We would appreciate knowing of any of our other members who are on the 'Sick List' so that we could inform your buddies about you.

Received word on a few more good buddies, and want to pass the information along to all of you members. First, let me say, that my Platoon Leader, **William "Bill" Matlach** had a heart attack, a while back . . . didn't listen to the doctor, and had a second one. Bill had to go to Phoenix, Arizona, on May 20th, for a by-pass operation on his heart. He and his lovely wife, Jane, should be home in a month, so drop him a card with a note, as I am sure Bill would be pleased to hear from all his friends in the 69th Association. Bill is a New Yorker and lives at: 19 Barberry Road, West Islip, New York 11795.

Another heart attack and a back injury have side-lined an Engineer for the time being. **Chuck Herring**, a regular attendee at the Reunions, is taking care of himself, getting in shape to be in New Orleans, in August. Chuck was to be at the Central Pennsylvania Group Spring Banquet, and also the Tri-State Weekend, but had to cancel due to his illness. Chuck and Lottie Herring, along with their family live at: 214 North 22nd Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401.

Just a few days before our Tri-State Weekend, a Recon member had a heart attack, so one of our faithfuls missed it. **Joseph George**, 3751 Willett Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15227, would appreciate a card from all his buddies to speed his recovery, so that he can be in New Orleans with his wife, Zola, to visit with his buddies, especially those of the Recon gang living in the south, who will not make their Richmond, Virginia, Weekend.

Received word from **Mrs. R. Berry**, an aunt to **Roy H. Clark**, 208 Warham Street, Syracuse, New York 13208, that he had a massive heart attack on March 23. Roy should be home resting now, so all his buddies do send a card. He is another Recon boy.

The Late Edward R. Murrow Broadcasts From Germany Sunday, April 22, 1945

The following was broadcast nationwide by the late CBS Correspondent, Edward R. Murrow, from Germany on Sunday, April 22, 1945—

"Tell them resistance was slight" . . . that's what a G.I. shouted to us as we entered Leipzig. There were two tankers dead at the corner. Somebody had covered them with a blanket. There was a sniper working somewhere in the next block. Four boys went out to deal with him, and then there was silence. The Gestapo Headquarters had been evacuated in a great hurry, but they had taken all of their files with them. Down in the Air Raid Shelter the floor was covered with money . . . Belgian . . . Polish . . . Hungarian. Wherever the Germans had been the money was ankle deep . . . and it was dirty . . . and had no meaning. The Germans were fighting for a bridge. They were doing what they have done for many days . . . firing off a few bazookas . . . killing a few boys . . . and then surrendering. There is no desperation about this German defense . . . they shoot till they are about to be killed . . . and then they give up. I have seen them do it at Leipzig and Nuremburg. But, let me tell you about the taking of Leipzig, and the town hall. At sixteen forty-five, on Wednesday, they lined up the tanks and the boys draped themselves around them. They were part of the Sixty-Ninth Division. It was about a thousand yards to the city hall. There were one hundred and eighty-five men on the outside of the tanks. They started down the street . . . there were thirteen tanks and five tank destroyers. They were in columns moving down a single street. When they began to roll they were hit with bazookas, and machine guns. When they turned the corner the wounded slipped off. The medium tanks were traveling about thirty miles an hour, and no man turned back. Lt. Ken Wilder started with a total of thirty-nine men and when he reached the city hall they had eight. They had a company of infantry riding on the tanks, one hundred and eighty-five men. Sixty-eight reached the city hall. The tanks were marked with machine gun fire, and they were splattered with blood. An hour after reaching the city hall, those boys were driving German cars and motorcycles about the streets. They had done some looting in city hall, mostly stuff they could drink, or use. We were sitting outside and a sniper's bullet broke a pane of glass in a window. A doughboy said "*My, My, somebody done broke a window.*" "*Things are getting rough around here . . . folks are destroying things.*"

The Germans had given up. A few had shot themselves. One said he couldn't be taken prisoner by the Americans, and he must commit suicide. A young lieutenant said there's a gun, and he slipped the clip out of a forty-five. The German took it and shot himself, just under the right ear.

In the basement of the city hall, German civilians were looting food. The underground rooms were filled with rifles, grenades, bazookas, food and wine.

The day we took Leipzig, there was a fairly stiff wind blowing and the air was filled with dust, heavy red-brick dust, that filled the eyes and nostrils. The shelling had caused no fire, as there was nothing left to burn. The city had been killed by bombings and it was merely a dusty uneven desert. Not far away in Leuna, there is another kind of desert, acres and acres of twisted rusted pipe, huge tanks ripped open, steel girders pointing to the sky. Leuna was the greatest petroleum plant in Germany. I have just been looking at some dusty notes made in Leipzig. The names of some of the boys who were in that thousand-yard dash down streets that they named suicide alley: Lt. Arch Farrar of Sommerville, Georgia, who was in the lead tank. He had twenty-five left out of thirty and thought himself lucky. Staff Sgt. John Fitzgerald from Chicago said he wished his wife knew he was O.K. He hadn't had much time to write, what with fighting and traveling.

The Germans in Leipzig were beaten, but their bullets killed men just as though they were not beaten. As this war rolls forward, it would be well to remember that.

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To the best of our knowledge, this is the first time this has ever been published.

Days of Remembrance

By Francis T. Tomaczuk

I visited the Auschwitz Concentration Camp in Oswiecim, Poland, on three occasions. Each time was more depressing than the previous. This museum, maintained by the Polish government as more than a reminder of man's bestiality to man, should be visited by everyone going to Poland.

It is not pleasant. It is bare. The buildings are close together, but the areas between 'streets' are wide.

"Arbeiten maks frei" reads the entrance sign. I walked through, slowly, and read in many places the haunting names of those whose blood blessed the ground on which it dropped. I thought of the Blessed Maximilian Kolbe, who gave his life for a man who still lives. I saw the eyeglasses, the valises, the false teeth, the small possessions taken from Christians and Jews who were deprived of humanity before they were slowly and agonizingly put to death.

I looked. In a small cell I sat as a prisoner would, unable to stand. I know how lucky I was to live in a land of freedom. Other people left, and my thoughts went back many years.

It was a day in April 1945. Somehow my friend and I, separated from our forces by enemy action, joined a British group. In a few days we were to meet the 58th Russian Division at the River Elbe. But now, we, members of the 271st regiment of the 69th Infantry Division, came with some British troops to a small town, and then, to a place my mind will never forget because of what my eyes saw, my ears heard, and my mind wept for.

Buchenwald, Buchenwald Concentration Camp.

Tall men, weighing less than 90 pounds; women, shapeless, gaunt, sallow-complected; children with expressions that saw death not life. Grim allied soldiers.

We talked with the prisoners, most of whom were Polish. Many were Polish Jews. Many were Polish Catholics. Many were Polish Protestants.

I shared my lunch, which calmly they divided equally. (I still remember the same group fighting over a dropped cigarette butt). They talked of their families, hoping their wives, their children, would still be alive.

With them as guides we 'toured' the place. The Nazi bums were under guard. The conscienceless men and women were still insistent upon receiving their rations of food, but the food master sergeant somehow seemed to remember how to ration food the way the prisoners had received their daily meager ounces.

We saw lampshades made of human skin. We were told and saw pictures of experiments, in which women had their calves cut away to be sewn onto other's legs.

We talked to a survivor who was forced three times to jump naked into a pool during winter. When he and others became exhausted, they would be pulled out, warmed, fed, and brought back to normality. Then the very respected German doctors would repeat the experiment. Several died the second time; more the third time. This man did not die because the fourth experiment could not be held. The pool had frozen into ice.

When prisoners arrived, they were given examinations. Those with gold teeth had them extracted, without novocaine. Gold rimmed glasses were taken. Rings were taken and fat fingers were lost if the ring would not come off.

Recalcitrant prisoners were put into small cells where they would starve to death. Others were put into pits, from which they would be dragged up by sharp piercing spikes, put on a slab, and while still alive but muscularly helpless, slid into a furnace, too weak to cry out in even feeble protest.

A lament was told. "A woman with a precious baby in her arms was told to keep the child quiet. She tried. She even put her hand over the child's mouth. Then she pleaded with the Nazi. It was her blunder. The prisoner who told me the story said, 'The guard yelled at her, called her vile names. Then he said, 'If you can't keep the bastard quiet, I can,' and with his club, beat the child on the head, killing it instantly. The woman went crazy, and no one could take the child from her. It was the last I saw of her. I hope they killed her, but they may have let her be alive so that she would grieve while they laughed. You should kill the Nazis now today."

We saw a gas chamber. When too many arrived for the housing — six deep above on bed space, and two in a single bed — they were told to undress and take showers. Mothers were forced to be naked with male children. Then they were led to the Cyklon chambers, and met merciful death.

In one of their most bestial tortures, sons were given guns with one bullet and told to shoot their mothers or fathers. To induce them to do so, they were placed onto electric connections to their most intimate parts. Shocks were induced, extremely painful, yet not painful enough to bring unconsciousness.

We went outdoors. A team of British doctors had arrived.

Beside a large trench, more than 1,000 cadavers were placed, like so much timber piled up. A bulldozer came noisily, ready to push the bodies into a common limed pit.

The British doctors, however, stopped the procedure. They insisted that every single body be given a death certificate. Chaplains prayed. Thank God! Among the more than 1,000 cadavers, some thirteen were found to be still alive.

A few days later we learned that General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Commander of the Allied Forces, forced all able bodied Germans, regardless of age, to walk through the Buchenwald and other concentration camps.

Indeed, we saw how the Germans were affected. Many cried. Many cursed Hitler, bringing them to the shame of the world. In orderly groups, many women prayed the rosary, kneeling for the Our Father and ten Hail Marys, and saying all thirty parts of the Rosary.

The Germans were subdued by their guilt.

Many of the prisoners were now released. Some, lucky to be alive, had not had a bath for two years. Their toilet needs, they said, were a two-minute time allotment daily. There had been no toilet paper.

The American Army (the best in the world) set up large air tents into which they installed showers. However, the Poles, Frenchmen and Russians refused to enter, being afraid of being gassed. As one of the volunteers, speaking Polish, some Hungarian, and very little Russian, I had to undress and naked lead a group into the showers. They luxuriated in the hot water, the smell of clean soap. I took no less than ten showers that day. When we all left the tent, fresh clothing was theirs. GI laughter and my 'old' uniform was mine.

Russian ladies had advice for the Americans: Attack Stalin now and the whole Russian army will go against him. He is as despised as Hitler.

The roads are filled with Poles, Russians, Frenchmen, Hungarians . . .

"Are you all right, sir?" asked a Polish guard. Again I was back in Oswiecim. Slowly I rose and went to the exit.

How Poland suffered. How mankind suffered, just because someone did not care for the rights of man. If the Polish Army had not fought Hitler's Third Reich, there would not be a Jew alive in Europe today — nor any other free man . . .

A Questionable Letter

Dear Earl:

I enjoyed reading this Bulletin even more than I have the previous ones. Makes me feel as if I were there, and I wish that I were.

Being active in the American Legion, I find that each session of the 69th Reunion, it happens to be at opposite ends of the country from the American Legion. Last year the American Legion was in Texas, this year 1980, it will be in Boston, and the next 1981, will be in Hawaii.

True, I sometimes could miss one of them, but my wife, Nina, is also very active. She is serving this year as the Executive Vice President of the Department of Indiana, and will next year be the President, and it is imperative for her to attend the next two Conventions.

In 1975-1976, I served as the Department Commander of the American Legion and have been in a position of delegate to the National Convention.

We both are looking forward to the time, when we can attend the 69th. I am retired now and do have time if the distance was not so far apart.

Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Al

[Editor's Note: This letter puzzles me, as I lost the envelope to it, so Al, when you read your letter here in the Bulletin, drop me a post card. Sorry, about that. I enjoyed reading your letter and it makes me ask a question that I hope many members will answer for us.

It seems that every once in awhile I get a letter from a member stating the American Legion Convention and our Reunion are at the same time. Now, I wonder how many members we have that attend the Legion Convention, rather than the 69th Reunion. If you are a 69th member and attend the American Legion Convention, do drop me a post card, so stating. Yes, we are at opposite ends as you will be in Boston this year, while we enjoy the sunny south in New Orleans. Hopefully, we will meet soon, after you and your wife serve your terms for the Legion. We do have many Legion members that come to our 69th Reunions each year.

Now, I also question why the picture was with this letter. Maybe you can clue me on this too, Al, or did I just foul up on this picture?

This picture and letter might help the 880th Field Artillery boys as I think you are looking for a Heidemann and a Cliniff.



Camp Shelby, Mississippi
September, 1943

Left to Right: Murphy, Quigley, Heidemann, Cliniff
Battery C., 880 Field Artillery, 69th Infantry Division

Ernest W. Jackson Served in B-Battery 880th Field Artillery Writes . . .

I was drafted in Jacksonville, Florida, in May 1943, and was sent to Camp Blanding, about 40 miles from there, for

induction. Then, I was sent to Camp Shelby and joined the 69th, in May 1943. I was at Camp Shelby with the 69th for about 18 months, and went to England in December 1944, with the 69th. I stayed with the 69th until we met the Russians on the Elbe River in Germany.

I was sent back for an operation right after that. My lip had become infected with a skin cancer from the sun. I was six weeks in leaving England for the states, but finally got a hospital ship for the states. It only took the ship four days to cross, where, when we went over in convoy, it took us about fifteen days. I landed at the same base (Camp Kilmer), which we had left from. We got on a hospital train and went to a hospital in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, but after two weeks there, they decided I didn't need a bone hospital and sent me to another one at Hot Springs, Arkansas. They gave me a thirty day leave and I reported back to Hot Springs, where after two weeks I had the operation. It took me several weeks to recoup, and they gave me a forty-five day leave and said that I should report to an Army Post in San Antonio, Texas.

I worked there for about three months, figuring Army payrolls. While I was there the Captain made me a Sergeant. (I was one of the few who were never a P.F.C., having gone from a private to a gunner Corporal, two weeks after I had been in the army). After I had been there for about three months, I was transferred to a German P.O.W. Camp at Ft. Bliss in El Paso, Texas.

I stayed there for about a week and went to a side camp that had about 200 P.O.W.'s there. I was a Buck Sergeant, but I acted as 1st Sergeant at the side camp. We had about fourteen enlisted men and a Captain besides the German P.O.W.'s. I stayed there for about three months and got enough points to get out. I went back to the Fort in El Paso and got discharged.

I went to my home in Jacksonville and back with G.M.A.C. After working in Jacksonville about three months, I was sent to Thomasville, Georgia, on July 1st and stayed there until the last of 1947. I married a Thomasville girl while there. We went to Jacksonville the latter part of 1947, and worked there for about five or six months and we were sent to Albany, Georgia, in 1948. I have been in Albany since then, except for about seven years when I was in Waycross, Georgia, from 1955 to 1963. I have three children; a girl who is thirty-one, married and lives out in Tucson, Arizona; a boy who is twenty-nine, married and lives in Dawson, Georgia; and a boy who is twenty-three and stays with me all the time. I had a stroke in 1975.

Regards to all,

Ernest W. Jackson
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A NOTICE WHICH WE REGRET TO PRINT . . .

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO EXPRESSED YOUR
DESIRE FOR A REPRINT OF THE REGIMENTAL
HISTORIES OF THE 271st AND 272nd —

We regret to inform you that this will not come about. The Battery Press Inc., of Nashville, Tenn., claimed there was not enough interest shown to warrant them to do a reprint, price-wise.

They have made a reprint of "CONQUER," — "THE STORY OF THE NINTH ARMY, 1944-1945," and it is available directly from them.

For those of you who checked this book on your coupon, you should receive word directly from the Battery Press about its availability.

First Reunion Of C Battery of 880th BN.

Mr. Lowell (Mac) McFarlin and Mr. Bob (Willie) Williams, friends since those eventful days in basic training and in Europe, talked often in their reminiscing of locating other members of Battery C. This year, rather than just talking, they put into motion plans for the first reunion. Meeting at Mac's home in Jeromesville, Ohio, on Saturday, April 19, the following were in attendance to complete plans, which had already been tentatively arranged. Serving as hostess were Mac's lovely wife, Marjorie, and Willie's wife, Irene, from Lorain, Ohio; others assisting with the plans were Enrico and Anne D'Angelo of Saltsburg, Pennsylvania; Dr. Lewis Pugh and Fern of Cadiz, Ohio; Wayne and Jane Murphy from Mansfield, Ohio; and John and Marjorie Clark of Canton, Ohio.

It was decided to go ahead for this, the first organizational meeting, to be held August 22, 23 and 24, and in the future dates will be selected that will not conflict with the National reunion.

The First Reunion for C Battery 880th Artillery Bn., will be held at St. Clairsville, Ohio, area (little Switzerland of Ohio) and is located on Interstate 70, 10 miles west of Wheeling, West Virginia.

There are motels in the St. Clairsville area, and excellent facilities for campers in nearby Cadiz, Ohio (pup tents and mess kits are not needed!). The nearest commercial airport is in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, area, and another would be the Akron-Canton Airport. There will be golf for those interested, glass plants and strip mines for touring, and plenty of other items to keep guests occupied.

There will be a hospitality room at the St. Clairsville Holiday Inn on Friday evening, August 22nd. We will all dine together on Saturday night, August 23, at the Holiday Inn, and the next day we'll have an all-day picnic (excluding breakfast) at a park in Cadiz, which happens to be the home of L. G. Pugh. If you wish to come earlier than Friday, or stay later than Sunday, there is plenty to do in the area to keep your interest.

Any of the readers who were members of Battery C of the 880th, and who may not have been contacted by either "Mac" McFarlin or Dr. L. G. Pugh, are asked to write to either, at the following addresses:

Mr. Lowell McFarlin, 89 North High Street, Jeromesville, Ohio 44840 — or

Dr. L. G. Pugh, R.D. No. 4, Cadiz, Ohio 43907.

Call or write any of your buddies that live close to you and encourage them to come, or come together!

THE FOLLOWING MEN FROM C-880 HAVE RECENTLY
BEEN RELOCATED BY MR. McFARLIN AND HIS
FRIENDS —

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They have also learned that the following men who were never members of our association are deceased —

Delbert Hiatt
Robert Gauvain
William Ford Peoples
Prosper DeWulf

George Williamson, Jr.
James H. Boggs
Wayne Crook
Louis Marino

Clifford Anderson, Jr.
John Workman

Division Association Chapter (Group) Meetings Across the United States

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH

c/o John T. Hawley
330 East Fort Street
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John is now Chairman of the Central Pennsylvania Branch and all mail concerning this fine group should be directed his way.

Twenty attended the Chapter's Spring Dinner Banquet at the Embers Restaurant in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, April 19, 1980. The ham dinner was prepared very well and enjoyed by all. Guest speaker, **Al Kern** and wife from Carlisle, a retiree from the Carlisle War College, gave a very interesting history of that college. We could have listened to him all evening.

Other discussion was on the 1980 Reunion in New Orleans, and the 1981 Reunion, to be hosted by the Central Pennsylvania Branch. **Bill Foster**, Chairman, has preliminary details on this Reunion well on its way, and has asked for needed help from all members.

Others attending this Dinner Meeting were:

John T. Hawley and wife, Shippensburg, Pa., 269th Engineers
Janice Donley (Daughter of John), Carlisle, Pa.
C. L. MacNair and wife, McClure, Pa.
Earl W. Walters and wife, Landisville, Pa. 273rd Hq.
Robert L. Baer, Jr., and wife, Leesport, Pa. Co. C. 273rd
W. H. Foster, Jr., and wife, New Cumberland, Pa. 269th Eng.
Harold Starry and wife, Carlisle, Pa., 272nd Hq.
Doris Ober, Elizabethtown, Pa.
Oliver A. McConahy and wife, New Castle, Pa., 269th Eng.
Earl E. Witzleb, Jr. and wife, Champion, Pa., Co. E. 273rd

John reported the next group gathering will be the Annual Picnic in Carlisle, on Sunday, July 20, 1980. It was also recommended for the Fall Banquet in November, and the Spring Banquet in April, 1981, that it should be held at the Host Inn, site of the 1981 Reunion, as part of the planning sessions.

All 69th members living within 100 to 150 miles of Carlisle are most welcome to join the Central Pennsylvania Group, as your help will be needed to make the 1981 Reunion a success. All central and eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia members of the 69th, write John for more information to this group and to get on the mailing list.

TRI-STATE [PITTSBURGH] GROUP

Western Pennsylvania and Maryland,
Eastern Ohio and Southwestern New York,
Panhandle and Northern West Virginia

R.D. No. 1, Box 477, Acme, Pennsylvania 15610

All mail for the Tri-State Group should be directed to **Earl Witzleb, Jr.**, at the address above.

Thirty-one members attended the Spring Weekend at the Willows Motel, on Route 60, Industry, Pennsylvania, along the beautiful Ohio River, near the Ohio line.

Those attending were:

George and Vickie Gallagher, Beaver, Pa., 69th M.P.
Fred and Eunice Huston, Wellsville, Ohio, Co. E. 273rd
Vic DeCarlo, Uniontown, Pa., Co. G. 271st
Bill and Betty Foster, New Cumberland, Pa., 269th Eng.
Clarence Marshall, New Kensington, Pa. 69th Hq.
Paul and Marion Shadle, New Kensington, Pa., Co. E. 271st
Al and Charlotte Naginonis, Aliquippa, Pa., Co. M. 272nd
Oliver and Vi McConahy, New Castle, Pa., 269th Eng.
Walter and Vivian Doernbach, Egg Harbor, N.J. 69th Hq.
Lewis and Stella Ellsworth, Steubenville, Ohio, 69th Recon
Noble Casey, Akron, Ohio — A new member not only to our group, but also the 69th Roster gained a new member
Enrico and Ann D'Angelo, Saltsburg, Pa., 880th FA - C. Bat.
John and Marie Suprano, New Kensington, Pa., 881st FA - A. Bat.

Robert and Rose Buttermore, Rochester, Pa., Div. Hq.
Homer and Marie Rager, Akron, Ohio, Co. G. 273rd
Robert and Ann Kurtzman, Wilmet, Ohio, Co. I. 272nd
Earl and Dorothy Witzleb, Jr., Champion, Pa., Co. E. 273rd

Another beautiful weekend was had in western Pennsylvania, with the group calling it an "Educational Weekend." Twenty gathered Friday evening in the lounge for a relaxing and sociable evening planned very well by George, Vickie, Eunice and Fred. It was busy, busy, busy, as Vickie had everyone up and out for a trip over to the Bruce Mansfield Power Station, for a tour of that plant at Shippensburg in the morning. We could not get cleared to tour the nuclear plant, so we went through the coal operated one. This plant makes all the electricity for eastern Ohio, including Cleveland and parts of Pennsylvania. Hustling back for lunch at 1:00 P.M., we then hopped into the same vehicles, driving to New Brighton and LaPie Winery, where a good time was had by all, after touring the place of "sipping to one's delight." Eyes began to glow, and I believe the Fosters bought the place out. Bill's shop was probably a winery for days, instead of a generator, alternator and electric starter shop.

Getting back to the motel we didn't have much time to get ready for the Dinner Banquet Meeting. It was the first time that we were able to have three choices for our dinners, all of which were prepared perfectly. Most of us enjoyed the roast beef.

The program moved along swiftly, with Bill Foster briefing our group on the 1981 Host Inn Reunion. Paul Shadle then discussed the New Orleans 1980 Reunion, with most Tri-Staters saying they planned on being in New Orleans in August. We will co-host this Reunion with the Arizona Group. Paul Shadle asked to be relieved of his duties as host for our Fall Weekend. This was granted since he has many responsibilities with the New Orleans Reunion. Earl Witzleb will make plans for this weekend, helped by Clarence Marshall, the D'Angelo's and the Suprano's. We will gather the weekend of November 7, 8 and 9, at the Sheraton Inn in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Besides the Dinner Banquet, several tours will be taken, including; a trip to Fort Ligonier; probably a glass factory and a coal mine. If time permits, we may even go to Seven Springs Ski Resort, for a few hours.

Looking ahead a year, we are going to Ohio for the first weekend of May, in 1981, hosted by Robert and Ann Kurtzman. They will make their own committee, hoping to get many members from the Akron, Canton and Youngstown area. They plan for a trip to the Football Hall of Fame.

We are a moving group as "We Are Family," you know.

Closing our weekend, many members went to church Sunday morning, then to brunch at noon, with so much to eat, one didn't know what to start with. At 1:30 P.M., Vickie led the car pool to Ambridge, Pennsylvania, where we toured Old Economy, an early settlement village built by George Rapp. Of interest regarding this tour, is the fact that, one of our members is a distant relative of the Rapps. He is Walter Doernbach from Egg Harbor, New Jersey. Walter had with him a history of that family, which I do believe the people at Old Economy would like to have had.

At 4:15 P.M., we said our goodbyes, and headed for home, with the thought in mind of looking forward to meeting again in New Orleans.

A last reminder . . . if you are interested in joining us at our Fall Weekend in Greensburg, do write to Earl Witzleb, asking to be put on the mailing roster, as we will not have another Bulletin out before this gathering. We are looking forward to seeing many new faces, along with their lady from, Greensburg, Connellsville, Uniontown, Johnstown, Altoona, Ligonier, Mt. Pleasant, and all other cities and towns which extend into eastern Ohio, Maryland, northern West Virginia and southwestern New York state. [Continued on Page 18]

661st TANK DESTROYERS

The week beginning May 12, was the Annual Get-Together of the 661st TD's in Austin and Fort Hood, Texas. It was a week we will always remember, especially Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 17, 1980.

Col. Donald B. Miller, Ret., was with us as we returned to Fort Hood for our eighth time. (From what I understand, many former 661'ers do not know that the 661st TD. Bn., returned to Fort Hood again, from Camp Shelby, after returning from Europe, before we were disbanded. Many of us were sent to our separation centers from Hood).

The proverbial Red Carpet was rolled out for us as we arrived at Hood aboard buses, an escort boarded at the main gate and took us to the III Corps Headquarters where we were welcomed, given some literature and briefed on some of our latest military equipment. We then viewed all the latest armored vehicles and saw the new A-10 ground support jet airplane (it's unbelievable) in action. We were then given escorted tours of our old barracks and training areas. Some of the areas were recognizable and some were not. (Boy, how it's grown).

Doctor LeGrand Wooley, Battalion Surgeon, came this year with his charming wife. They hail from Pebble Beach, California.

We had fifteen of our former officers (out of thirty-three). Former Capt. Wm. J. King of "B" Company was accompanied by his son, Capt. Bill King, his wife and young son, who is now stationed at Fort Hood, and a very nice young officer.

We had lunch at the Bachelor Officers Dining Hall. What a difference in the food now. But, oh well, everything is changing.

We had eighty-four people to attend our Annual Banquet, held in Austin. That was quite a crowd. There were nine First Timers and eighteen states represented.

Officers present were: [*Denotes First Timers]:

*Dr. LeGrand Wooley, *George Reaves, *James McAlexander, *Joe Marquis, Col. Miller, Wm. J. King, Tony Polito, Earl Lazar, Gilbert Romero, Guy Nowels, John Sherlock, Verle McNealy, Leon Stone and Gerald Albertson.

Also, First Timers: *Arthur Athey, *Stanley Green, *George Cook, *Edward Golden, *John (Kluchinovick) Keyson, Ralph Bragg, Bill Snidow, Garland O'Roark, Millard Mellinger, Nelson Leaman, Bob Jasper, Elvin Patterson, Jules Slopek, Clifford Blank, Wayne Allen, Floyd Austin, Warren Mitchell, Steve Forgas, Mack Marbury, Bob Anderson, Frank Sindlinger, Paul Cole, Joe Jenei, Jim Leach, Mike Kotnik, John Olchak, Billy Clyburn, Bill Dawson, Marcel Pugsley and Bill Beswick. Also in attendance were many of the wives of we 661er's. See you in New Orleans.

Think Williamsburg, Virginia, in 1981.

[Editor's Note: Nice show, Bill, eighty-four is a good show. I hope you have them all coming to New Orleans in August, with their Ladies and families. This would really make for a nice Reunion turn-out, with the many new faces we expect to see from our southern states. Hope I get an invite to Williamsburg in '81].

69th SCORE BOARD

Who is on first . . . Who is in the lead

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You take it from here for the 1979-1980 scores.

Tri-State [Pittsburgh] Group

Clarence Marshall's cottage
September, Sunday 17 attended
November Fall Weekend 23 attended
May Spring Weekend 31 attended

Central Pennsylvania Branch

April Spring Banquet 20 attended

Arizona [Western States] Group

May Spring Weekend 43 attended

661st Tank Destroyer's

May Get-Together Week 84 attended

August 17 to 24. New Orleans Annual Reunion of the 69th

Let's think 600 plus attending

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Ladies' Auxiliary



Emily Fletcher, Ladies' Auxiliary Secretary

Emily is enjoying one of the nicer sunny afternoons in her back yard, out in Havertown, Pennsylvania, and is wishing all 69'ers and their Ladies, along with the other members of their families, a very enjoyable summer, and summer vacation.

She hopes that you Ladies, who are the boss of the family, insist that your vacation plans include a trip to New Orleans, in August, as she is looking forward to meeting all of you, at that time.

Emily says, that the Ladies should have a very nice General Meeting, and there will be a guest speaker, Mrs. Mildred Costa, who is a southerner, presenting the program.



A-Company, 272nd Regiment, falling out for Parade Formation, on the First Birthday of the 69th Division.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS AND COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE

JULY 20, 1980

Central Pennsylvania Branch
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Carlisle, Pennsylvania

For information write —

John T. Hawley
330 East Fort Street
Shippensburg, Pa. 17257

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_____ Put me on your mailing list for the Fall & Spring Banquets

I am: _____

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AUGUST 8, 9 and 10, 1980

69th Recon Reunion
Richmond, Virginia

For information write or call:

Lewis G. Pickett
Doswell, Virginia 23047
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Michael P. Moscaritolo
575 Sherman Avenue
Roselle, N.J. 07203
Phone: (201) 245-8159

_____ Please send me information on your Weekend Reunion

I am: _____

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AUGUST 17 to 24, 1980

69th Infantry Division Association
Annual Reunion
New Orleans Marriott
Canal and Chartres Streets
New Orleans, Louisiana

[Main Attractions Begin August 20 to 23, 1980]

Co-Chairpersons —

Mr. and Mrs. Frank See
Arizona Group
3003 Moss Avenue
Midland, Texas 79701

or

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shadle
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I am: _____

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[Editor's Note: Read Pages 2, 3 and 4 of this Bulletin for details, then write Paul Shadle and the Marriott].

SEPTEMBER 20, 1980

Deadline for news material and pictures for Bulletin No. 1,
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December 1980.

Don't waste, they cost money — use an old dues notice envelope for mailing in news for the Bulletins.

NOVEMBER 7, 8 and 9, 1980

Tri-State Fall Weekend

[Probable Site]:

Sheraton Inn

Greensburg, Pennsylvania

[At Westmoreland Mall, Route 30, East of Greensburg]

For information write or call —

Earl E. Witzleb, Jr.
R.D. No. 1, Box 477
Acme, Pennsylvania 15610

Phone: (412) 455-2901 [Evenings or Weekends]

_____ Put me on your mailing list

_____ I am interested in your Fall Weekend

_____ I am interested in your 1981 Spring Weekend in Ohio

I am: _____

Phone: _____

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MAY 1, 2 and 3, 1981

Tri-State Spring Weekend

Akron, Ohio [Probable Site]

For information write —

Robert "Bill" and Ann Kurtzman
610 West Maple Street
Wilmot, Ohio 44689

_____ I am interested in the Tri-State Group

_____ I would like to help on your committee

_____ Please have me put on your mailing list

I am: _____

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69th Infantry Division Association Annual Reunion
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[Exit 19, Pennsylvania Turnpike]

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