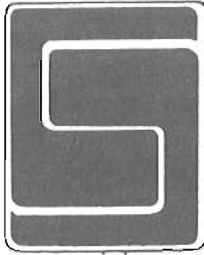


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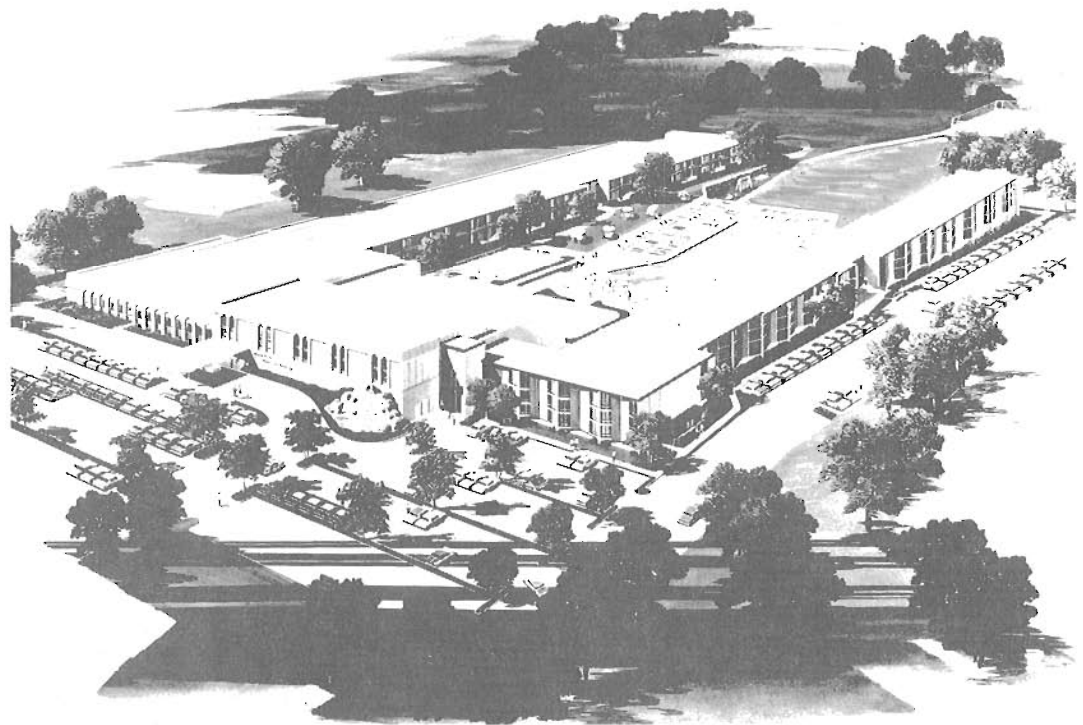
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## Mrs. Adelaide P. Bolte Writes . And, Also, General Charles L. Bolte . . .

As always, it was a delight to be with the 69er's, and their wives, in New Orleans. Each year that passes brings us closer to one another, even though I am probably one of the few who participated in the "Siege of Hattiesburg."

My husband, I am sure, feels that he reached the growth of his career in the military, in activating and training the 69th. No one, except me, will ever know the bitter heartache it brought to him when he was not allowed to take it overseas.

Each year, as we grow more ancient of days, and greyer headed, the spirit of comradeship, not only amongst the men, but amongst us women too, grows dearer. And, if the 'old man with the scythe', now breathing down our necks, does not catch us, we'll see you in Hershey-Harrisburg, at the Host Inn.

The very best of the New Year, to you all.

*Adelaide Bolte*

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### And, now, the General speaks, as his thoughts bring us all to Hershey-Harrisburg, in 1981 —

The near approach of Christmas, and thereon, the end of the year of the New Orleans Reunion, I look back on that event with the satisfaction, pleasure, and — I'll emphasize — with pride, as I did with the ones in Boston, Pittsburgh, Wilmington, Phoenix, Wilmington, Norfolk — and before! Now, with the coming year we look forward to Harrisburg.

I am thankful for my being able, with my Army-born spouse, to get to the Reunions. I need hardly reiterate that my unique period of experience with the newly activated 69th Infantry Division in May 1943, to June 1944, was at the peak of dedication. I had returned from over a year in England, at the embryo headquarters of the American Command to come, and sent to the newly activated 91st Division, at Camp White, Oregon. After a few brief months I was called East, and directed to activate and conduct the training of the only division to be activated that month — the 69th Infantry Division, at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Well, you who were there and are here, know the story of that! I had been an Infantry Captain in the 4th Division, and was wounded in the Meuse-Argonne Battle, in 1918, and I was determined to train for the battlefield, so that missions would be accomplished with maximum degree of survivability, consistent therewith.

It was like a mortal blow to me, when I was ordered to proceed to Europe without saying farewell to my Staff. The saving morsel, was to know that Ducky Rienhardt was to succeed me, at his request. And, I felt I could take some bit of pride in the battlefield accomplishments of the Division. And, it is a source of great satisfaction, and pleasure, to meet at the Reunions, and I hope for the future.

Will be eighty-six, this one!

*General Charles L. Bolte*

[Editor's Note: The General, and his lovely wife, Adelaide, reside at 6631 Wakefield Drive, Apartment 903, Alexandria, Virginia 22307].



"BLESSED EASTER"

## Bob Myers, Our President, Says . . . It's Go, For Host Inn



*Bob Myers*

### Hello, Again:

The personal letter from General and Mrs. Bolte, published in this Bulletin, should motivate every proud "BBB" to join them, and all of us, at our forthcoming Reunion — August 9 thru 16, at the Host Inn, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

I regret we were delayed in publishing advance details of our 1981 Reunion, which appears in this Bulletin. Like most of you — I too would prefer less expensive rooms. However, I am advised that these are **superior in quality** and that each room provides a refrigerator. **If this is true**, we're actually looking at about \$60 to \$75 additional cost, per couple. Proper use of the refrigerator can curtail some breakfast and other food costs. I sincerely hope you can plan, and budget, to ensure you are among the record attendance expected to share deluxe living, and a great time, amongst the "BBB's", and their wives and families.

Elsewhere in this Bulletin are instructions for your advance reservations and other commitments, while in attendance. Our Reunion Committee must know your desires, in advance, to ensure a well organized and successful Reunion. Unit seating, unit billeting, and assurance that we can all eat together at scheduled events, are based on advance information received.

Reunion costs, per member, are the same in many areas, whether there are fifty or one thousand in attendance. Accordingly, the more members that attend, means we get more for less money.

We will offer special recognition, as we did in New Orleans, for the First Time Attendees, with the "Yellow Ribbon." We will have a record supply on hand. We are now old enough to be well behaved — we drink less — sleep more — and thoroughly enjoy the unmatched bonds of our training and combat friendships of years gone by.

See you in Hershey-Harrisburg!

*Bob Myers*

## News From The Editor's Desk

*by — Clarence Marshall*

**Mrs. William O'Donovan**, 479 Ninth Avenue, Troy, N.Y. 12182: My husband, **William O'Donovan, Sr.**, passed away on September 10, 1980. He died suddenly. He served as Captain of "B" Company, 273rd Infantry, in Germany, during World War II. He had looked forward to having his picture published in the Fighting 69th Bulletin. Unfortunately, it was included in the issue which arrived yesterday, January 5, 1981.

He was holding his Company's Guidon, in the picture. My husband was very proud to have served in such a historical outfit.

**Thomas L. Scott**, 2000 Hill, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48104, F-271: I was a member of F-Company, 271st, from March 1944,

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until the end of the war. My Squad Leaders was **George Schreiber**, who lived in Pottstown, Pa. If you have his address, I would appreciate you sending it to me. I have been a member of the Association since 1947.

[Editor's Note: *George Schreiber is not on our current Mailing Roster. If anyone can help, please contact National Headquarters.*]

**Frank J. Balicky**, 212 Edgewood Court, Virginia Beach, Va. 23452, K-271st: Have received a letter from the 69th Division Association, requesting an address correction. I had been trying to get in touch, as I had been curious, etc. I served with the 271st Infantry Regiment, from August 1944, and mustered out from Europe in May of 1946. I rejoined the Army, during the Korean conflict, and finally retired in August of 1975.

I have made my home in Virginia Beach, as I retired from Fort Storey.

The letter from your Association, I picked up while visiting in Johnstown, Pa., which was my former hometown.

I am writing to let you know I am still alive and well.

Please send me some information. It has been a long time ago — 36 years. Maybe some of my K-Company, 271st Buddies are still hanging in there.

**Edgar Lewis**, Rt. No. 3, Coshocton, Ohio 43812, Recon 661st: I received the 69th Bulletin, a few days ago, and after reading it, I decided to write you, as a last try, to ask if you might be able to furnish me with names and addresses of any of the men in Recon 661st, TD Bn. I served with them while they were overseas, and attached to the 69th Division. Our tour of duty ended up at Leipzig, and the meeting with the Russians.

I have some pictures that were taken in Germany, including one of the Monument of Nations. If you could use any of these pictures in the Bulletin, I would be glad to let you look at them.

There was a Polish boy, by the name of **Theodore Sabulsky**, who was from Sharon, Pa. I have tried to get hold of him several times, but did not succeed.

If I can be of any help to you and the 69th, please write me, anytime. I was discharged at Camp Shelby, Miss., October 9, 1945, at the age of thirty-six.

[Editor's Note: *Mr. Lewis was provided with a list of names and addresses for Recon 661st, and also advised that Ted Sabulsky now lives in Wheatland, Pa., which is close to Sharon, Pa.*]

**Bretsell L. Everson**, Hanover Road, Silver Creek, N.Y. 14136, Div. Hq.: Just a note to wish you and yours a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

I have another name for your list. **Eugene Butterfield**, 22449 Lake Road, Rocky River, Ohio 44116, Combat Platoon, Div. Hq. Company. He called me on December 29th, and we had a long talk. He wants you to send him a copy of the Bulletin which had his picture in it (Vol 33 No. 2). I am sure that we can get him as a new member, and maybe he has addresses of other Div. Hq. members. I consider this a very fortunate find.

I am doing pretty well, after my heart attach last February. Betty and I are hoping to make the '81 Reunion. We should try to get more Div. Hq. members there, and I am going to work on 2nd Bn., 272nd, as well. Also, this year, I am going to make a more concerted effort in relocating my lost Military Records.

**James A. Bristol**, 1932 Troxell Street, Allentown, Pa. 18103, 777th Tk. Bn.: I would like information on the Reunion of the 69th Infantry Division.

I served in the 777th Tank Bn., which was attached to the 69th, in combat.

[Editor's Note: *In a later correspondence from Mr. Bristol, he advised us that his complete unit listing was D-777th Tank Bn. He desired more information about the costs for this year's Reunion, which appears elsewhere in this issue of the Bulletin.*]

*He also desired addresses for the men from his unit, so that he could contact them about attending the Reunion.*

**Henry H. Shumate**, 518 Woodhurst Drive, Nashville, Tenn. 37220: Working in construction, as a heavy equipment operator.

I have lived in Nashville, since discharge. I have been married for thirty-one years.

**Lawrence W. Roeder**, 943 Palatka Road, Louisville, Ky. 40214, C-269th: Thank you for the Bulletin and information on the Reunion. I was unable to arrange my schedule to be able to attend. I trust you had a great meeting.

I am listing the names of men I can recall, to see if you have any information about them. **Robert Butcher**, West Virginia; **Ray Weekly**, West Virginia; **Tommy Hunt**, Memphis, Tenn.; **Stephan Puchan**, Steubenville, Ohio; **Robert DeNecola**, New Jersey; **Anthony Guzzo**, New Jersey; **Clyde Smiley**, Wilkes Barre, Pa.

[Editor's Note: *Mr. Roeder was provided addresses for the five of these men which we have on our Roster. We do not have Mr. DeNecola listed and Anthony Guzzo is deceased.*]

**William H. B. Haines**, 54 Gibson Road, Asheville, N.C. 28804, AT-273rd: I am thankful that my old buddy, **Adolf Bahlkow**, sent you my name and address. I did attend a Reunion in 1952, in Atlanta, Ga., and then never did hear any more about the Association, so figured that it had gone out of existence.

I was glad to hear that you are still alive and prospering, and appreciated receiving a copy of Bulletin, Vol. 34 No. 1.

I would very much like to become a member of the Association, and pay the dues, if you will let me know what they are.

I remember that there was not another soul from AT-273rd at the 1952 Reunion, and no one at all there that I knew. General Reinhardt was there, and addressed the Banquet. Like someone wrote in your Bulletin: "I wish there could be more interest from the Anti-Tank Companies."

In addition to **Adolf Bahlkow**, I still exchange Christmas cards with my Squad Leader, **S/Sgt. William A. Lance**, who was the finest Sergeant that I had in World War II. His address is: 7818 Tances Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45243.

Also, another good buddy from AT-273rd is: **Alan J. Plank**, 12 Cocks Lane, Locust Valley, N.Y. 11560.

It's good to be in touch with the Fighting 69th again, after about twenty-eight years.

I retired this past January, 1980, from the U.S. Forest Service, at the age of fifty-five, after thirty-one years of service.

[Editor's Note: *In a later correspondence from Mr. Haines, he requested addresses for Howard Hugus, John Rezendes, Anthony Sylvia, and Glenn Vanderlaan, which were passed on to him.*]

**Raymond T. Naylor**, 1504 E. McBarry, Tampa, Fla. 33601, Hq.-272nd: Recently, I learned of your Association, through **Bert Jaffe**, who I located through a New York phone book.

I am a former member of Regimental Headquarters, 272nd, I&R Platoon. I served with that unit for three years.

Over the years, I kept track of about seven members of our eighteen-men Core Unit. **Mr. Lord**, whom you mentioned, was particularly close to me in the Platoon we served. We can add two good addresses to your Roster: **Maury Kelisky**, 70 San Andres Way, San Francisco, Calif. 94127, and **George W. Brewer**, 1954 - 19th Avenue, Greeley, Colo. 80631.

**Adolf P. Bahlkow**, 8 Tanbark Road, Sudbury, Mass. 01776, AT-273rd: Recently, I heard of the 69th Division Reunion in New Orleans. Until then I was unaware that the Association existed.

I was a member of the Anti-Tank Company, 273rd Infantry, from Camp Shelby, to the end of the War.

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I would like more information about the Association, particularly if anyone from my old outfit belongs.

*[Editor's Note: Mr. Bahlkow was a member of our Association, many years back, but somewhere along the line, the Post Office had returned his mail, marked that he was deceased, so he was removed from our Roster. Needless to say, they had him confused with his father, and we are glad to have him back as a member].*

**William J. Kimmel**, R.D. No. 3, Box 251 Pine Grove, Pa. 17963, Div.-Hq.: I read in one of the 69th Bulletins that you are interested in knowing the whereabouts of former members. I have listed the names and addresses of four men who were former members of the Regiments, but I don't know which ones.

They are: **David Wise**, 117 Willow Street, Schuylkill Haven, Pa. 17972; **Daniel Zimmerman**, R.D. No. 3, Pine Grove, Pa. 17963; **Earl Monger**, R.D. No. 4, Pine Grove, Pa. 17963; and **Earl H. Miller**, 127 N. Tulpehocken Street, Pine Grove, Pa. 17963.

I am also enclosing a picture which was taken in the spring of 1944, during field training at Camp Shelby.

I always look forward to the Bulletin, as it brings back many memories.

*[Editor's Note: Mr. Kimmel's picture appears elsewhere in this issue of the Bulletin].*

**Mrs. John G. Croke**, 521 Forestway Drive, Buffalo Grove, Ill. 60090: Sorry it has taken so long to inform you that my husband **John G. Croke**, passed away after a massive heart attack, on June 23, 1979. He was sixty-two years of age and had suffered eleven heart attacks in the past eighteen years.

He is survived by two daughters, six grandchildren, and his wife of thirty-nine years. He was a wonderful man, and always put others before himself. We all miss him very much, but content ourselves with the thought that he is receiving his heavenly reward for all of the unselfish deeds he performed on earth.

**Merrill C. Embick**, P.O. Box 3053, Williamsport, Pa. 17701 Hq. 1st Bn., B-D 271st: Just a note to tell you I ran into **Pete Mangone**, in Pittsburgh, two or three weeks ago, and asked him about the correctness of the address I sent you for him. He told me that the one I sent you is his correct address, and the one that you had, was an old one.

Pete told me that before he became an MP, he served with one of the Rifle Companies.

I wish I could have made it to New Orleans this past year, but I was just getting settled after my move. I moved here to Williamsport, because I intend to practice a little law in my last years, on a leisurely basis. I retired from my job with the NLRB and thought this town might be a good prospect. I was born here, and most of my family and relatives live within a fifty-mile radius.

My son had been going to Penn State, but has now graduated.

I know I'm giving up many years in Pittsburgh, but I guess I'm just a small-town boy at heart. Williamsport has about 40,000 people, and some diversified industry; so we will see what happens.

I am glad that you had a nice visit to New Orleans, and Shelby. Everything seems like a million years ago.

I also have another address for you: **Judge A. Lee Chandler**, P.O. Box 9, Darlington, S.C. 29532. "Arch" was a Lieutenant in Company D-271st, and was wounded at Hollerath, Germany. I never knew what happened to him after the War, until I obtained his address this past Christmas. I had heard that he became a lawyer, but I never knew where. Please send him a Bulletin.

**Daniel L. Bolton**, 7 Dalecrest Court, No. 204 Timonium, Md. 21093, 69th Div. Band: Sorry I didn't answer your letter sooner. I wanted to wait until after the Holidays, to see the

Christmas cards that I would get. There are not too many names that I can add to your list. You already had **Ed Baron's** and **Eugene Gober's** address, and I have learned that **Leonard Cipra** passed away last year.

I originally joined the 69th Division at Camp Shelby, and was assigned to the Field Artillery. I transferred to the 271st Infantry Regiment Band, which later joined with the 273rd Infantry Band, to become the 69th Division Band. The two Units were originally National Guard Units; the 271st from Lubbock, Texas, and the 273rd from Manchester, N.H.

**Eugene Gober** should be able to help with the New England Unit, but I have no information on the Texas Unit.

I had quite a surprise the other night when I went to a dance of the "Big Bands" in downtown Baltimore, and ran into a man, from our table, who had served with the 69th Division. His name and address: **C. E. Lintz**, 9813 Gunforge Road, Perry Hall, Md. 21128. We talked about the up-coming Reunion at Host Inn. I will probably see him again, as we both belong to the local "Big Band" Association.

## Members of the 69th Division And Attached Units Relocated Since Our Last Bulletin

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## Meeting of Officers and Board of Directors 69th Infantry Division Assoc. August 21, 1980, New Orleans, Louisiana

*[Editor's Note: Under the headline "Our President's Remarks" in the last publication of the Bulletin, he stated that these minutes appeared elsewhere in that issue. Space did not permit the printing at that time, and so we are sending them along to you in this issue of the Bulletin].*

President Myers called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

Present: Vice President, Chet Yastrzemski; Treasurer, Earl Witzleb; Auditor, Tony Keller; Cliff Blank, Frank See, Victor Woo, Robert Ellis, Howard Hoover, Bill Matlach, Ted Edstrom, A. C. Faison, Paul Shadle, George Gallagher, Ray Fahrner, Robert Kurtzman, Walt Doernbach, William Snidow, Sam Woolf, Clarence Marshall, and Frank Nemeth, who arrived late.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said by the membership.

Prayer was said by the Chaplain, William Snidow.

Reading of the 1979 Boston Minutes were adjourned, due to the absence of the Secretary.

Scholarship Committee Report — Sammy Woolf, Chairman:

Eleven applications were received, three finalists were selected as follows:

1. Jeanette Marie Tukis, Fair Haven, N.J.
2. Nora Ann Herbison, Cornwall on the Hudson, N.J.
3. Mary Ellen Soderstrom, Cherry Hill, N.J.

Motion to accept confirmation of Board of Directors as appointed by President Myers, seconded and so carried.

Treasurer's Report — Earl Witzleb reported on Association funds, and passed out sheets on the Financial Status. Motion to accept, seconded and so carried.

Auditor's Report — Tony Keller verified the Treasurer's Report. Discussion on matters held by the members present. All in favor, and so carried.

Resolutions Committee — Chuck Herring reported on the workings of his committee.

President Myers gave a report on the 69th Brigade and reported that there is already a 69th Mechanized Brigade. Follow-up to be checked with General Bolte.

Resolution was made to give a 'vote of thanks' to all the people involved in the 69th Tour to Camp Shelby, Miss., and Hattiesburg, Miss. Joe Wright to handle the matter.

Resolutions Committee - By-Laws:

All were approved up to Section No. 9, Article No. IV, no Second Vice President, Past Presidents will be non-voting, and act only as advisors.

Section No. 10 — Approved.

Section No. 11 — To be rewritten, and the word "less" changed to "more", and five days changed to read fourteen days.

Section No. 12 — Changed Board Members to twenty-four, instead of eighteen, and add one from the 661st T.D., and one from the 777th Tk. Bn.

Section No. 12 — As written except "and", instead of "or" for 661st T.D. and 777th Tk. Bn.

Motion to accept the Resolutions Committee Report, with the exceptions as noted in the minutes, seconded and so carried.

Membership Committee — Clarence Marshall reported we now have 4,860 members. We gained 77 new members on the rolls, even with our losses.

Reunion Sites: Long discussions on looking into moving our Reunion dates to May or September, for better rates and to make it easier for our fixed income members. Six sites were discussed and a committee was formed to look into choosing the best sites and dates for up-coming Reunions.

Meeting adjourned until 9:30 A.M., August 22, 1980, due to the length of the meeting.

**August 22, 1980**

Meeting called to order by President Myers at 9:45 A.M.

Prayer by the Chaplain, William Snidow.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, by the membership.

Present: President Myers; Vice President, Chet Yastrzemski; Treasurer, Earl Witzleb; Auditor, Tony Keller; Secretary, Frank Nemeth; Cliff Blank, Frank See, Victor Woo, Robert Ellis, Howard Hoover, William Matlach, Ted Edstrom, A.C. Faison, Joe Wright, Paul Shadle, George Gallagher, Ray Fahrner, Robert Kurtzman, Walt Doernbach, William Snidow, Sam Woolf and Clarence Marshall.

Article IV — That Past Presidents of the Association should not be voting members of the Executive Board. Motion by Joe Wright, that all part being OK to be accepted, and those not, to be worked on, seconded and carried.

Frank See would like members to give his committee some feed-back on their feelings regarding the future of the Scholarship Fund.

After some discussion on the matter of the Welfare and Death Benefit Committee, motion was made by Joe Wright, not to consider any Welfare or Death Benefits. Seconded by Victor Woo, and so carried.

President Myers read a letter from General Bolte on his feelings about destroying Army Personnel Records. President Bob Myers made a motion to support General Bolte's letter and feelings, that no records be destroyed. Seconded by Paul Shadle, and so carried.

Letter read by Joe Wright, thanking the people of Hattiesburg and Camp Shelby for everything . . . gifts, refreshments and hospitality. Motion to adopt letter, by Frank See, and seconded by Bill Beswick, and so carried.

Motion by Bill Beswick, that a Quorum for the Board of Directors be increased to eight members, exclusive of the Officers. Seconded by Walt Doernbach, and so carried.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and so carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Frank C. Nemeth*

*Executive Secretary*

# Annual Meeting of General Membership 69th Infantry Division Assoc. August 23, 1980, Marriott Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana

President Myers called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M., August 23, 1980.

Invocation was given by Chaplain, William Snidow.

Pledge of Allegiance by members, led by Warren Alford.

Minutes of the meeting held in Boston, Mass., on August 18, 1979, were read, approved and carried.

General Bolte was introduced to the membership, and received a standing ovation.

Membership — Clarence Marshall reported we now have 4,860 members. Gained 77 and lost 50 since last report.

Treasurer's Report — Earl Witzleb reported on our funds and passed out copies of Financial Report. Approved, seconded and carried.

Auditor — Tony Keller reported on the funds. A lengthy discussion was held on the Ginnie May Fund of 1978.

Resolution - By-Law Committee — Chairman, Chuck Herring, stated a meeting was held on August 21, 1980, and a lot of work went into their report. Motion was made to accept the report of the Resolution Committee, with changes to be published in the forthcoming issue of the Bulletin, seconded and carried.

Motion to have eight Board of Directors, one each to be selected from their own Units, seconded and carried, after much discussion.

Nominating Committee — Bill Matlach, Chairman, Recommended:

President	— Bob Myers
Vice President	— Chet Yastrzemski
Secretary	— Frank Nemeth
Treasurer	— Earl Witzleb
Chairman of the Board	— Loar Quickle

The eight new Board Members were read to the membership:

Div. HQ/Special Troops	— Sumner Russman
271st	— Robert Ellis
272nd	— Herb Callaway
273rd	— Jacob Stark
Div. Artillery	— Robert Bement
269th	— Ray Lottie
661st	— William Snidow
777th	— Vernon Wirth

After a lengthy discussion, motion to accept recommendations of Nominating Committee and close nominations was seconded, and so carried, and slate elected by acclamation.

Scholarship Committee — Chairman Sam Woolf, reported they received eleven applications, and awarded three (3) to the following:

1. Jeanette Marie Tukis
2. Nora Ann Herbison
3. Mary Ellen Soderstrom

Future of Scholarship and Welfare Committee — Chairman Frank See would like members to write and let their feelings be known, so the committee would be aware of their opinions. Motion made to continue the function on the Scholarship, and cease on the Welfare Committee, seconded and so carried.

Reunion Sites: Bill Beswick reported six sites for 1982: Scottsdale, Ariz.; Marco Island, Fla.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Cape May, N.J.; Richmond, Va.; Orlando, Fla. After the voting, the chosen site was Milwaukee, Wisc., for 1982, and Scottsdale, Ariz., in 1983.

Bill Foster reported everything is ready for 1981, at the Host Inn, in Harrisburg, Pa.

Flower Fund — Irv Serafan, no change, same as last year.

Chapter Reports:

Western Pa. — Earl Witzleb reported they had two good Get-togethers in May and September. Had a good time. Next Get-together in May, all are welcome.

Central Pa. — Two Get-togethers. Twenty at the first one and fifteen at the second.

661st — Fort Hood, Austin, Tex., in May. Large turn-out and a good time. Next Get-together will be in April, in Williamsburg, Va. All are welcome.

Golf Tournament — Chairman, Chuck Herring

Golf Gross — Frank Perry

Low Net — Charles Goodhart

Low Putts — Marshall Moore

69th Brigade in Berlin, will not occur.

Military Records — All records to be destroyed after seventy-five years. Motion to keep all records intact, seconded and so carried.

Old Business — None.

New Business — None.

Bus Trip to Camp Shelby — Joe Wright read a letter sent to the papers and people of Hattiesburg. Motion carried. Merle Douglas stated it was a real pleasure to arrange the trip, and would be glad to do it again. Floor recognized Pittman, from Hattiesburg.

New members were recognized.

Memorial Services — To be held at Banquet with a thirty-four-piece Marine Band. Asked all to be there.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Frank C. Nemeth*  
*Executive Secretary*

## Dottie and Me



*Earl and Dottie Witzleb*

### Hello Again:

You should have the Second Request for Dues Payment by now. If you paid your Dues in New Orleans, or with the First Notice, disregard the Second Request. Dues extend from Reunion-to-Reunion, and are a White Card for this year - 1980-1981.

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Do get your Registration Form, arrival time and dates to Bill Foster, as soon as possible. We expect our largest turn-out for this Reunion, since it is in the central, and most populated section of our membership.

At the Reunion watch for Committee Members wearing White and Red Ribbons, if you have any questions or might want some directions. Also, watch for the Yellow and Blue Ribbons, which indicate "First Timers" at the Reunion. Make them welcome, like it has never been done before. We want to be "Family", and want them to come back to the Reunions to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Scottsdale, Arizona.

At last year's Reunion, if you missed the "First Time Memorial Service," before the Saturday Night Banquet, at the Marriott Inn in New Orleans, I have been told by Bill Foster and his Committee, that a repeat will take place this year, at The Host Inn. The Memorial Service will be held fifteen minutes before the Dinner, and I understand it will be presented by the 28th Division Keystone State Band. It is really something to see, and to be able to participate in.

The price of the Dutch Country Tour at this year's Reunion is a steal, and will be an enjoyable day for one and all. We hope each member can make it for the whole week of the Reunion . . . but if not, part of the week will be just fine . . . but do attend with your lady and family.

**ONE OF THE QUESTIONS THAT HAS BEEN COMING TO ME IN RECENT LETTERS IS: "Do we have to stay at the Host Inn, or can we stay at another motel?" The reason for this question is, some members feel they can get a better room price at other locations in the area. MY ANSWER TO THIS IS: "Our over-flow motel will be the Marriott which is located across the street from the Host Inn, and prices should be the same." "If you care to drive and commute ten, fifteen, or more miles, to attend our events — and can get better room rates — DO SO!"** We just want you to attend — take in the Tours — the Early Bird — PX Beer Party — Memorial Service, and the Banquet Dinner Dance. I am sure we can't tell you where to bed-down, but I do know you will miss a lot of the fun and socialability at parties which are held in the rooms of members and buddies, if you do not stay with the crowd. Bring your golf clubs and enter the Golf Tournament, then spend the rest of the day at Hershey Park with your wife and/or family. We can all have "Get-togethers" at pool-side, anytime. Move around and socialize, win another friend or friends, for life. I am sure that, regardless of what Unit you are with, you can, and will, find someone from another Unit who you will look forward to seeing, each year, at the Reunions. I might suggest you try and "Buddy-Up" with another member who you are friends with, as each room has two double beds, and also a refrigerator, which really counts for the price of the room rates. You could bring in some goodies, keep them fresh in the refrigerator, and have breakfast or lunch in your room. This will save considerable cost to you, and would cut some of your expenses in half, if you double-up with another buddy, or couple.

Sorry, for the lateness of the last publication of the Bulletin, but our printer's crew came up with a lot of sickness, as the flu had been going around, at that time, and is still doing so. All members should have received their Bulletins by the end of December. We hope to get this No. 2 Bulletin out on time, as it is right on schedule, at present. No. 3 Bulletin will be out in the spring, or early summer.

If any of you members should be driving to the Reunion this summer, and are traveling across the state of Pennsylvania via the Pennsylvania Turnpike, Dottie and I live at Exit 9, Donegal. We are home most evenings and weekends, and do extend an invite to stop and see us, even if it is for a minute.

In case one doesn't know, I am the Treasurer of the 69th Association, and Dottie is my wife, and doing a superb job. as my "Right Hand Gal." She is a good assistant, and also handles the duties of sending out the Plackets, Hats, and License Plates, which were listed on Page 8, of the last Bulletin, Volume 34, No.1 — September, October, November and

December, 1980. I am sorry to say, but at the present time, we are having trouble in getting Hats, so those of you who have ordered Hats, just be patient and we'll get your order to you soon, I hope.

I might say to the "Newer Members," that I have a lot of back copies of the last two issues of the Bulletin: Volume 33, No. 3 — May, June, July, August, 1980; and Volume 34, No. 1 — September, October, November, December, 1980; and will be happy to send them on to you, if you write and ask for them. Also, have some Bulletins that go further back, for the last three years, if you wish a copy of them.

Yes, I am also Co-editor of this, Our Bulletin, along with Clarence Marshall. We do hope our news and material, along with some pictures, are what you are wanting to see published. Any ideas which might be helpful to us, in putting out a better Bulletin, will be greatly appreciated, as we will take them under consideration. I might add, that Clarence also doubles as Membership Chairman for the Association, and is always looking for new and old addresses of 69th Members, who may not be on our Mailing List. So, if you have any in the attic — do Blow off the dust and send them on to Clarence. He is near the 4900 mark of members and hoping to set the 5000 mark by Reunion time. Don't think the addresses are too old, because if you read Frank Nemeth's column under 269th Engineer, you will find out that he took an address of twenty-five years ago, to a German pal, and received an answer.

In closing, I have a good one to add. When Dottie and I got married, I picked-up many new relatives. Uncles, Aunts, Cousins, and the whole bit, as she did on my side, too. One of our Uncles and an Aunt, along with their family, live in Tenn., and another Aunt and Uncle live in Florida. We always send a copy of the 69th Bulletin to Uncle George, in Tenn., as he enjoyed it so very much when he was on a vacation trip to our home, a few years back. This past summer, Uncle Jimmy who is from Florida (Frank, he worked at Fairless before his retirement) visited with Uncle George, and saw the 69th Bulletin. Uncle Jimmy made it known that he was in the 69th Division during World War II, and the word got passed on to me. In return, Clarence Marshall got his address, and Uncle Jimmy is now on our Roster. We hope he can make the Reunion at the Host Inn, this year. We do want to see all 69th Members and their lovely lady, along with members of your family, at the Host Inn, this coming August.

## Past Presidents



*Loar L. Quickle*



*George E. Phillips, and wife.*

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Two Past Presidents meet, just about a year ago, at the home of George Phillips, in Florida.

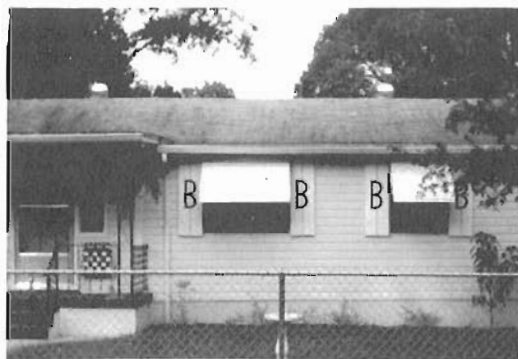
Loar Quickle made the trip to visit George, and I am sure they talked much about the 69th Division Association.

It would be nice, if we could get a table, or two, at this year's Reunion, of Past Presidents, and their lovely ladies.

We have twelve Past Presidents living, which would make for three front tables at the Host Inn.

For your information, all officers' names and Units are listed on the front cover page of each issue of the Bulletin.

## BBBBB



**BUT, THERE ARE FOUR B's!**

F. X. Davis, D-Company, 271st Infantry, writes:

Saw this house in Orange City, Florida, and had to stop and take a picture.

He said we might show it around to other 69er's, and we are.

Thanks, loads, we appreciate it.

F. X. — I take it the "F" is for Fred, who lives with his wife and family, in Largo, Florida.

## Another Colonel Writes

Colonel Carl Q. Christol writes, he was a guest of the Rockefeller Foundation at its Center for Scholars at Bellagio, Italy, in August, 1980. He was engaged in research and writing in the field of international resource law.

He is Professor of International Law and Political Science, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif.

He served in the G-3 Section, Division Hq., from Camp Shelby, through Leipzig, and beyond.

[Editor's Note: This makes no less than three colonels that we have heard from in this issue of the Bulletin: Colonel Carl Q. Christo, Colonel Richard A. Foy, and, oh yes, our own President, Colonel Robert E. Myers. Also, in this issue is a letter from our General Charles L. Bolte, and his boss, Mrs. Adelaide Bolte].

## Battery C-880th F.A. Group Meeting

Saturday, January 30th, John and Marjorie Clark of Canton, Ohio, entertained the Planning Committee of "C" Battery, and their wives.

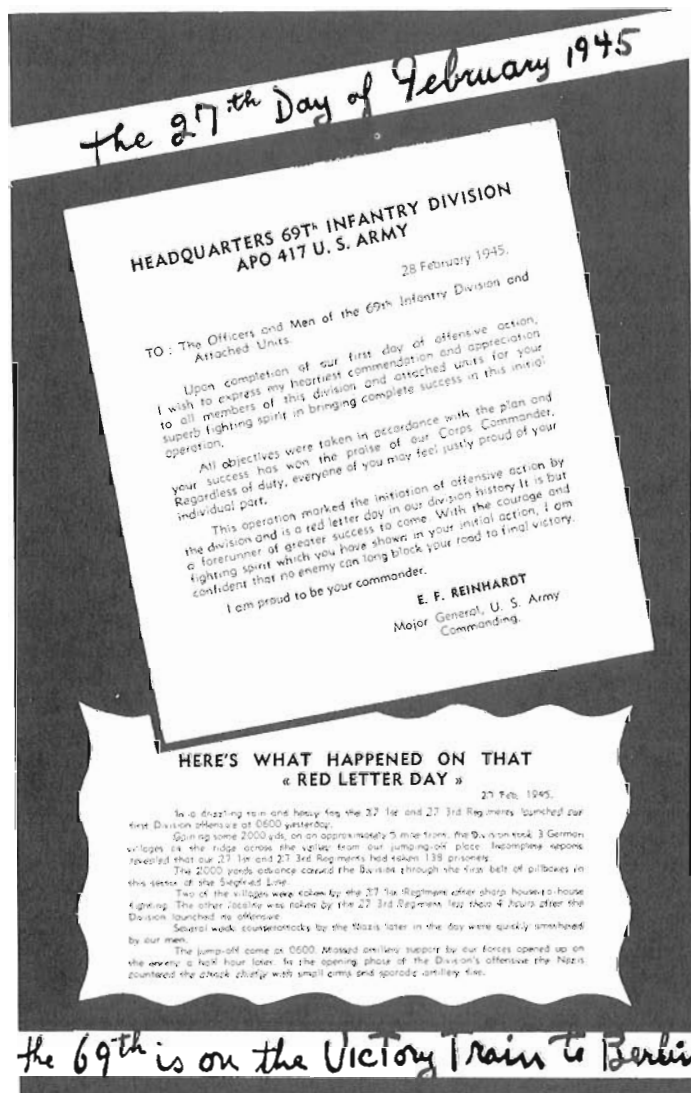
Those attending were: Bob and Irene Williams of Lorain, Ohio; Lew and Fern Pugh of Cadiz, Ohio; Wayne and Jayne Murphy of Mansfield, Ohio; Enrico and Anne D'Angelo of Saltsburg, Pennsylvania; and Lowell and Marjorie McFarlin of Jeromesville, Ohio.

The afternoon and evening were spent in conversation, and snacking. Thoughts and ideas were discussed in planning for the forthcoming Reunion in Harrisburg.

John and Marjorie then took us to the Horn of Plenty Smorgasbord for a delicious Buffet Dinner.

We certainly appreciated their gracious hospitality.

## Easter Card . . . GI Style



This was the only Easter Card available for John Suprano of A-881st, to send home in 1945.



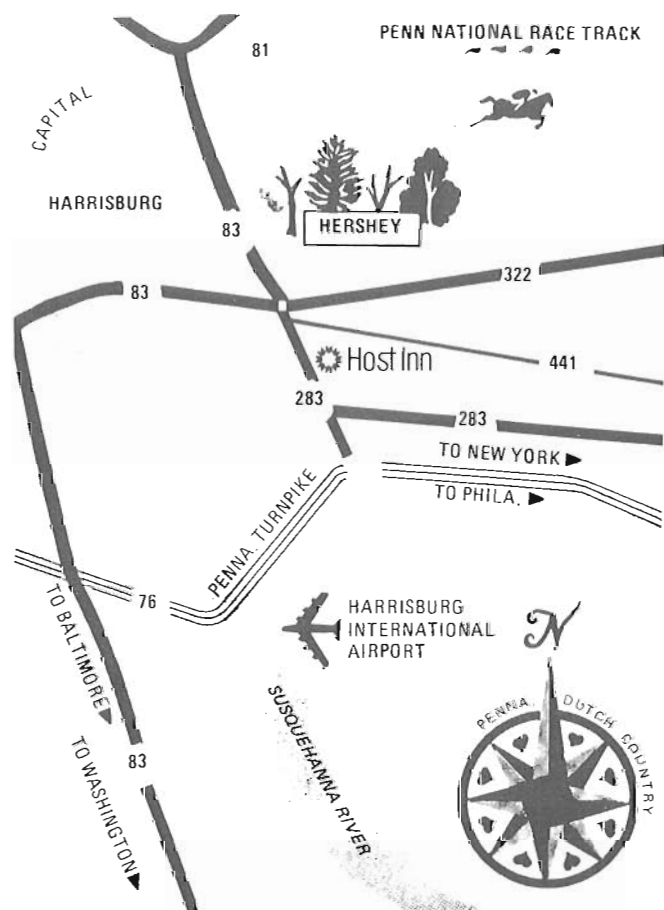
[Left to Right]: Pete Sopko, Cpl. Beuthin, Bill Kimmel. [Kneeling]: Bill Fisher.

Photo furnished by — Bill Kimmel



# Tentative Program for Host Inn Reunion

The map shown below, shows how to get to the Host Inn — Hershey-Harrisburg, as you near the area, and also directions are given from various sections of the country.



## From New York:

Take New Jersey Turnpike South to Exit 6, Pennsylvania Turnpike. Travel West to Exit 19. Go North on I-283 1 mile. Exit at Pa. 441.

## From Philadelphia:

Travel West on Pennsylvania Turnpike to Exit 19. Go North on I-283 1 mile. Exit at Pa. 441.

## From Pittsburgh and Points West:

Travel East on Pennsylvania Turnpike to Exit 19. Go North on I-283 1 mile. Exit at Pa. 441.

## From Baltimore and Washington:

Go North on I-83 to Pennsylvania Turnpike. Travel East on Turnpike to Exit 19. Go North on I-283 1 mile. Exit at Pa. 441.

## From Upper New York State and Canada:

Travel South on I-81 to I-83. Take I-83 5 miles to I-283. Go South on I-283 1 mile. Exit at Pa. 441.

## By Air:

Harrisburg International Airport is served by Allegheny and TWA airlines, and is only five minutes from Host Inn.

**HOST INN - Harrisburg**  
**Interstate 283 and Pennsylvania Route 441**  
**4751 Lindle Road**  
**Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17111**  
**Telephone: 717/939-7841**

You will find printed in this issue of the Bulletin (on two pages — back to back) the Registration Form and Prices for all Events for the week of our 69th Division Association Annual Reunion. Do complete the form, filling in your choices of events which you, your wife, and family plan to participate in. This will serve as your Registration Form, which means it will save you time when you arrive at the Host Inn, as it will already be finished. You can make changes, upon your arrival at the Reunion, or at any other time, just so long as it is two days in advance of the Event.

The information on the reverse side of the Registration Form will inform us of how you are coming to the Host Inn, date and time of arrival, and the address you want your confirmation mailed to.

Also listed, will be prices for Program Advertisements, which you might want to purchase, to let members know what kind of business you are in. You might also solicit Ads from friends or relatives, who are in business and would like to be part of our Souvenir Program Book for the Reunion. I am sure each Advertiser will get a copy of this Program Book from the Association.

If you wish to have only your name listed in the Program Book, along with your Unit, there will be a page for this information.

When you are sure you have all the information filled-in on both sides of these forms, **including copy for your Ad which you are buying**, mail to **Bill Foster**, who will handle it all, when he receives it from you. Forms can be found on Pages 15 and 16 of this issue. Just tear the page out neatly and mail.

By filling in your forms now, Bill and the Host Inn will be able to control room arrangements, keeping most Units such as Recon Troops, 661st T.D.'s, Engineers, 880th Field Artillery, etc., as close together as possible.

**Mail in your Reservations EARLY — As they are on a "FIRST COME — FIRST SERVE" basis.** Overflow will be at the Marriott Inn, just across the street, and within a two-minute walking distance. **Bill and Betty Foster's address is:**

**W. R. & Betty Foster**  
**803 Elkwood Drive**  
**New Cumberland, Pennsylvania 17070**

## AND NOW FOR THE TENTATIVE PROGRAM WHICH WILL BE COMPLETELY CONFIRMED IN OUR NEXT AND FINAL BULLETIN BEFORE THE REUNION —

Sunday, August 9	Early Arrivals — On your own
Monday, August 10	Early Arrivals — On your own
Tuesday, August 11	Registration and Hospitality Room — 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Registration and Hospitality Room — 7:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. A Night at Penn National Race Track (On your own, go in private cars, and Dutch Treat)
Wednesday, August 12	Registration and Hospitality Room — 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Gettysburg Tour — Meet in lobby and board busses at 8:30 A.M. Trip will be about 8 hours, and will include, if possible a stop at IKE's Farm. A box lunch will be included.

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Evening on your own. Good time for Units to get together for Dinner at another restaurant, and Caucus Night to select a Director Member

Thursday, August 13 Registration and Hospitality Room — 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.  
Registration and Hospitality Room — 7:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.  
A day at Hershey Park and Chocolate World  
(Go in private cars on your own. Suggested to go to Chocolate World first, and then to the park. Details at Registration Desk).  
Board of Directors and Officers Meeting — 1:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.  
Golf Tournament with Chuck Herring — Morning Tee Off's  
(Go in private cars to the local golf course. Details at Registration Desk).  
Early Bird Dinner Theater — 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.  
(Show to be announced in next Bulletin)

Friday, August 14 Registration and Hospitality Room — 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.  
Registration and Hospitality Room — 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.  
Board of Directors and Officers Meeting (If needed)  
Pennsylvania Dutch Country Tour. Meet in lobby and board busses at 8:30 A.M. Trip will be about 7 or 8 hours, and will include a ride on the Strasburg Railroad, and Lunch at the Strasburg Inn.  
(This is the "Winner" of our Reunion)  
PX Beer Party — Dance — 9:00 P.M. until ???  
Registration ticket to be used for this Event.  
(Another good night for Groups and Units to have their Get-together at another restaurant; then return to the Beer Party).

Saturday, August 15 Registration and Hospitality Room — 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.  
**No further Registrations after 4:00 P.M. — Sorry!**  
Men's Membership General Meeting — 10:00 A.M.  
Ladies' General Business Meeting — 10:00 A.M.  
(Coffee at both meetings listed above)  
Saturday Afternoon — Relax at pool-side  
Saturday Night Cocktail Party (Cash Bar) — 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.  
MEMORIAL SERVICE — 7:30 P.M.  
(Please be seated before 7:30 P.M. for this solemn and brief service)  
Banquet and Dinner Dance — 7:45 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.  
(Top Sirloin and the Works)

Sunday, August 16 Farewells and Departures — All Day — See you in '82!

Monday, August 17 Farewells and Departures — See you in Milwaukee

See you at the Host Inn, Thursday Evening, for the Early Bird Dinner Theater. This should be a musical.

## Were You A Witness to the Talent of our 69th Division when this Review was Presented ???

S.S.O.

# "GRIN AND BARE IT"

A  
MUSICAL  
REVUE

THE FIGHTING 69TH  
SPECIAL SERVICE OFFICE  
PRESENTS

## "GRIN AND BARE IT"

A MUSICAL REVUE  
with

Miss Jean De Hond	Living Hahn
Robert Silberg	Paul D. Shiga
Alfred Lehman	Carlos Terreforte
Alan Hermas	Charles Veiga
Jack Schneider	Sam Spina

Orchestrations Robert Smith Musical Direction Paul Lovett	Costumes Alfred Lehman Robert Silberg Charles Veiga
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— Orchestra —  
Paul Lovett—Leader

Joseph Robinson	269 Med. Br.
Ervinette Sullivan	269 Med. Br.
Gardner Hitchcock	269 Eng.
Edward Campbell	269 Eng.
Carlos Terreforte	69 Recon Tr.
Anthony Ratta	273 Inf.
Frank Hudson	272 Inf.
Howard Wells	273 Inf.

We would like to thank the various units for their co-operation in making this production possible

### Programme:

- 1 OVERTURE
- 2 SOUTH AMERICAN WAY
- 3 BUTCHER BOY
- 4 LECTURE AND DEMONSTRATION
- 5 THE THREE HEP-CATS
- 6 LADY TAKING A BATH
- 7 MISS LENA DE HOND
- 8 NAUGHTY NINETIES
- 9 AMERICAN PATROL
- 10 IMPERSONATIONS OF THE STARS
- 11 LITTLE DUTCH BOY AND GIRL
- 12 PANTOMIME IN PARIS
- 13 FINALE

# The Last Ten Reunion Sites And the Next Three Sites

Following are the last ten Reunion sites which the 69th Infantry Division Association has offered to each of you, our members, and your families. How many have you attended? ? ?

1971 — Harrisburg, Pa. .... Holiday Inn Town  
1972 — Norfolk, Va. .... Lake Wright Motel  
1973 — King of Prussia, Pa. .... Valley Forge Hilton  
1974 — Wilmington, Del. .... DuPont Hotel  
1975 — Norfolk, Va. .... Lake Wright Motel  
1976 — Claymont, Del. .... Brandywine Hilton  
1977 — Scottsdale, Ariz. .... Mountain Shadows Country Club  
1978 — Pittsburgh, Pa. .... Greentree Marriott Inn  
1979 — Boston, Mass. .... The Boston Park Plaza Hotel  
1980 — New Orleans, La. .... Marriott Inn - Canal Street

Now will you be at the next three Reunions which are upcoming? ? ?

1981 — Hershey-Harrisburg Aug. 9-16 Host Inn  
1982 — Milwaukee, Wisc. Aug. 15-22 Ramada Inn -  
Airport

1983 — Scottsdale, Ariz. May 22-29 Mountain Shadows  
Country Club

1984 — Site will probably be in the east. Do note the month change for the 1983 Reunion, at Mountain Shadows. The Board and Membership of the Association, this past summer in New Orleans, approved the change of months, if it is more beneficial to the 69th Association in being able to secure better prices on room rates, in view of the fact that it is an "off-season tour date."

It has been suggested, and felt that most children of the members are now grown, therefore, the change in month of the year would not interfere with the children/home problem. However, the change in month of year for the Reunion would mean that expenses would be less to the members for the Reunions, and thus we could anticipate a better turn-out of the membership.

Would you like to have a Reunion in your area? Where would that be? What kind of prices can you get? What kind of activities could you present to the membership? Could you get a committee to run the Reunion, which would consist of at least ten members and their wives? IF SO — Write me, and tell me about it: Earl Witzleb, Jr., Box 69, Champion, Pa. 15622.

## 880th F.A. and Company B-272nd Heard From



Viewing a ballgame in Gilfershausen, Germany, are [Left to Right]: Harold Hoarn, New Egypt, N.J.; George Couchman, location unknown; M/Sgt. William Burgess, Norfolk, Va.; John P. Masters, Bell, Calif.; Neno Sassone, Osyka, Miss.; Wayne Stanford, Athambra, Calif.; and in the front, Joe Scheer.

Thanks for your extremely interesting letter received with my Christmas mail today.

I learned yesterday that I got lucky and passed the Enrolled I.R.S. Agents' Exam, taken in October, 1980. Now, I expect to expand my part-time practitioner's practice and enlist more clients. I'm an officer and very active in my local chapter of the Independent Accountants' Association of Illinois.

Just for fun, I'm enclosing a picture of the 69th Buddies, taken at Gilfershausen, Germany, while taking time out for a ballgame. I have quite a quantity of 69th pictures, which were provided by Robert W. Uher, of Wickliffe, Ohio, when I requested he make prints and send them to me. Maybe, I'm putting Bob "on the spot" by telling you this. I took some pictures during those years, but he carried his camera around as much as his carbine, and the pictures were returned to him after the war.

I was with the 69th Division all the way from Shelby, to the end of the war. Our 880th F.A. Bn., was right near the link-up at Torgau, on the Elbe River, in April 1945, when we met the Russians. Even spent time in the Army of Occupation, until about twenty-five of us were flown back to England, to attend University of Reading, for three to four months. I returned to Camp Kilmer, N.J., in January 1946, to be discharged.

Your plans for Reunion in Milwaukee, come very close to my home, just north of Chicago. I hope I can be there.

Current lifestyle includes raising five papooses on an accountant's take-home. Most are grown now, and two have left the nest. (R.N.) Nancy (27), married a teacher in Milwaukee; Alice (25), married to Scott Nelson, in Masters Program at University of Illinois, Champaign — she acts as Publicity Editor for Parkland College. Doreen (23) - (Daughter three) — a junior at National College of Education, Evanston. Richard (21), a Glazer for Gerber Glass & Trim, Elk Grove, Village, Ill., and David (17), a senior in Glenbrook South High School.

Time marches on . . .

Sincerely,

Stanley W. Bratt  
Hq.-880th F.A. Bn.

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Joe Ewing writes of two 1980 Summer Activities he participated in, plus his memories of his postal years of service, and starts by saying . . .

We did survive the political ballyhoo, and now must wait to see if someone else can straighten out the mess. Perhaps they could if we would let them.

As for myself, the year started in a rather calm fashion, although the 1979 Christmas season did tire me. (Never thought I would admit that). Our community and my class were looking forward to an Alumni Banquet and a Class Reunion in July. The alumni gathering was superb beyond all expectations. The Class Reunion was held the next day in my home, with eighteen of the twenty-eight living members present. Spouses and one teacher — total thirty-three, which made a full house! We had a delicious meal, lots of visiting, and a great time.

It was January 2, 1942, when I started working in the post-office. The weather was so bad that it was ten days later that I got out home, for the first time. The Army found out that I was still warm in October of 1942, and decided three years later, that they no longer needed me. On November 21, 1980, I decided to apply for retirement from the Postmaster job, making a total of almost thirty-nine years of Federal Service.

I plan to spend the winter relaxing, and going HAH! — at the alarm clock.

Back in 1942, there was a lot of romance in the work — giving the farmers a several day accumulation of mail when they could finally get into town, helping sort the pouch full of Christmas mail that had been lost in a snowdrift — they threw the mail bags from moving trains in those days — and cancel-

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ling stamps on letters to be delivered world wide. All mail moved by train and by plane for the GI's overseas. Now it is truck and plane for transportation. So different from the present day hassle. I have so many pleasant and happy memories from my association with the public over those many years. I shall miss the people.

My hope and prayer is that all have a pleasant 1981.

Yours,

**Joe Ewing**

Company B-272nd Infantry

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## Time Passes By, Quickly

Dear Mr. Witzleb, Jr.:

I am sorry to write and tell you that **Harold Zoss**, my husband, passed away April 10, 1980, of a cardiac arrest.

We were planning to come to the convention this coming year in Harrisburg, our first, and were looking forward to meeting some of Harold's old colleagues. We should never have waited so long to decide to do this.

Time waits for no one!

Very truly yours,

**Frances Zoss**

P.S.: Harold was a member of Headquarters 273rd Infantry Regiment, and lived with his wife, in Waterbury, Conn.

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## From Gordon S. Mohr

Another first communication, from a truant member, with some bad news and good news.

Received a letter from **Eileen Casdorff**, informing me of **S/Sgt. Ernest "Zeke" Casdorff**, D-Company, 273rd — passed away June 5, 1979. This might have been in the Bulletin, and I missed it?

I came across the enclosed article in the Buffalo paper, regarding **Frank Mankiewicz**. He was lecturing at the University, and after not seeing the man in over thirty-five years, decided to attend. We had been together from Camp Shelby, until after the War, and even attended Biarritz University, in southern France, for nine wonderful weeks. **Bob "Bobo" Gardener**, was probably his closest friend — as we always called them the Intellectual Jeep Drivers.

Anyway, after the lecture, I bounced up on the platform — with some reservations, almost sure I had the wrong man, and confronted him with pictures of our 'Old Gang'. He did recognize "Bobo", but I received a polite acknowledgment, and a comment . . . "Shades of the past" . . .

Well, anyway, I have enclosed the clipping which does add more prominence to our illustrious group of great guys who still retain ties that will never be broken.

**Gordon S. Mohr — D-273rd**  
Box 533, Hamburg, N.Y. 14075

[Editor's Note: The copy of the lecture by Frank Mankiewicz appears on Page 14 of this issue of the Bulletin].

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## Sick Call

Chris P. Fox, an Honorary Member of the 69th, is out of the hospital and well on the way to recovery. A "Get Well," or "Hope You Are Feeling Better" card is in order, and should be mailed to: Chris P. Fox, 1107 Kelly Way, El Paso, Texas 79902.

## Shall We Pause, For A Minute

*Amen.*

One of the great tributes our 69th Division Association does is to put a "rose" on each of the graves that are known to us, at the Military Cemeteries Overseas.

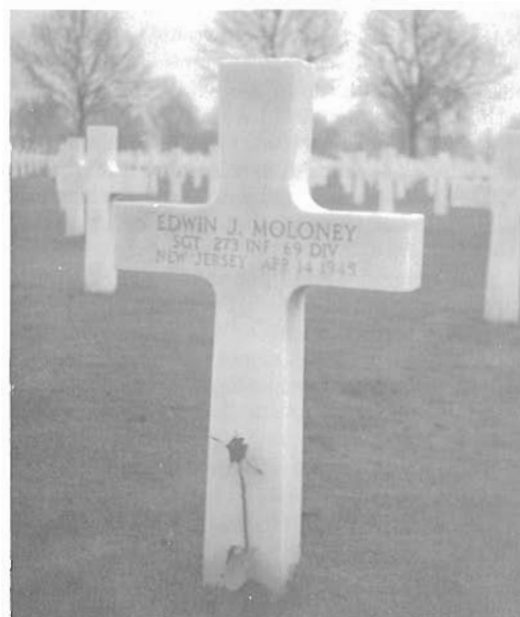
At the Henri-Chapelle Cemetery, there are fifty-three graves, and at the Netherlands Cemetery, there are ninety-two graves.

The next decorations will be on April 25, 1981.

Our Association has an "Overseas Flower Fund" which is handled by our own Irving Sarafan, through The American Battle Monuments Commission European Office.

We do pause, at each of our yearly Reunions, to pay respect to our Comrades who have been brave heroes to us, not only in Military Cemeteries in Europe, but also those who are in cemeteries in the United States. We also pay respects to those of our Comrades who have returned to our country alive, but have since passed on.

Our "In Memoriam" page of our Bulletin informs you of this sad story . . . the living . . . three times a year.



*Edwin J. Moloney*  
*Netherlands*



*Curtis Field*  
*Henri-Chapelle* [Continued on Page 13]

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If the next-of-kin, or some relative, can be located, I will be happy to mail photos of them. Just write me, Earl Witzleb, Jr., Box 69, Drawer M, Champion, Pa. 15622.

I would appreciate it if any member of the 69th Association can help me locate relatives of not only the two Comrades' Memorials pictured above, but I also have eight others I would like to contact.

#### At The Netherlands

*Edwin J. Moloney  
Harry W. Biggerstaff  
Arther G. F. Vreeland  
Robert L. Bryan  
Jackson J. James*

#### At Henri-Chapelle

*Curtis Field  
Weldon M. Graham  
Scott J. Lankford  
Richard H. Bowes  
Theodore J. Dorosh*

## From Guy Winfrey



[Left to Right]: Ted "Deacon" Vincent, Guy Winfrey and Delmar "Elijah" Jennings.

Sorry, we couldn't make it to New Orleans, but we hope to be in Harrisburg this year.

The picture above was taken at our "mini-Convention." The caption lists the attendees.

In the background of the picture, ribbons are seen, which "Deacon" Vincent won for raising and showing horses on his ranch at Rt. 3, Hartford, Kentucky.

Elijah Jennings shows a little gain in weight. He put the weight on after he attended the Bell Laboratories in New Jersey. Bell System of Indiana then paid him for what he knew, not for what he did . . . or so he thought.

The photo above was taken by "Deacon" Vincent's wife, Glen. If you are ever close to Hartford — go see them. She will make you feel that you are the finest Soldier she ever fed.

We battled the War from Shelby to Leipzig, but mostly we learned that Elijah wrote his wife more than anyone in the entire 269th Battalion. "Deacon" said, every time Jennings got \$3.00 ahead, he had to quit and write his wife. Elijah insisted it was because "Deacon" would get mad when you checked a lock to him.

We hope that through this picture appearing in the Bulletin, it might help us to locate **A. J. Simoneson** ["Augie"]. He was 1st Sgt., after **Sgt. Harold Blackburn**. Also, would like to locate **Ralph Samples**. He was the last Supply Sgt., before we were sent home.

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MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Enclosed is my check for 80-81 Dues, and a little extra for postage and printing of the Bulletin.

Keep up the good work.

**Guy M. Winfrey**  
2927 Creekwood Road  
Norfolk, Va. 23518  
A-269th

## A Member in Need Of Assistance

Hanover Road,  
Silver Creek, N.Y. 14136  
January 28, 1981

Dear Clarence:

Thank you, for sending me the article from B.V.A. Magazine on discharge reviews. I appreciate your concern, but a discharge review is not the answer to my dilemma. You see, Clarence, I have an HONORABLE DISCHARGE. I also have a Good Conduct Medal (15 June, 1945), The Combat Infantryman Badge (1 May, 1945), The Bronze Star (7 April, 1978), as well as the other awards and badges issued during our stint in Europe. I have also just related this information to Bob Myers. What I am trying to locate is my medical records, as well as all records pertaining to my most unusual situation from July 15, 1945, through 15 August, 1945. I would hope that some readers would be able to shed some light on this matter. If they would have entrusted my records to me, I would have made damn sure that they would have been secure. The Army would 'for sure' hold a G.I. responsible for the likes of a canteen cup, but a ton of brass can do what they want with your Army Records.

I am mainly looking for my medical records, while ill and treated at Krinkelt, Belgium, in February, 1945; in Bad Ems, Germany, a little while later (I was ill and left there for treatment and didn't catch up with the company until Kassel); in Naunhof, Germany, in June, 1945.

I would like to know where my records are pertaining to the period from July 15, 1945 - August 15, 1945. I would also like to know why the Division left me high and dry, when I rejoined them the day before leaving for the U.S.A. I also believe that I have some pay coming, that was not given to me because of these situations. I do know that I have in my file, a document signed by one of our officers that is false, and that it was never delivered to me, as sworn by that officer.

I really believe that there are some readers out there, that could give me some answers or could lend some information, on means of getting the answers to these situations. I would hope that the Association would take a good look at their By-Laws and implement means of helping former Division Members, in their quest for information concerning their records and rights that should be forthcoming.

Thank you again, Clarence, for your concern. I hope to see you at the Reunion, if all goes well . . .

Sincerely,

**Bretsell L. Everson**  
Hq. 2nd Bn., 272nd and Hq. Co.

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SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA



# TV Creates Our Heroes, Mankiewicz Laments Loudly



*Frank Mankiewicz*

The president is in the Rose Garden presenting four individuals with the nation's highest civilian award. One recipient is a famous American novelist, another a naval strategist who is considered the grandfather of the nuclear submarine. The third individual is the now-retired opera superstar, Beverly Sills, and the last, the widow of John Wayne, accepting the award on behalf of her late husband.

Frank Mankiewicz, attorney, author, syndicated national columnist and former Press Secretary to Bobby Kennedy, began his Fenton lecture presentation last Wednesday, with this vignette, then asked his audience if something about it seemed a bit off-kilter. "Why is John Wayne getting the Medal of Freedom?" he groused. "Sure," declared Mankiewicz, "Wayne was a decent man," a "patriot," but not exactly in the same ballpark as the other distinguished awardees.

What he concluded was that Wayne was obviously presented the award because he "singlehandedly captured cattle rustlers, took Iwo Jima, and tamed the West." In other words, he explained, Wayne was being honored for his portrayals of heroes, and the fact that he was only a paid actor made little difference to most people.

## Not an isolated example —

Mankiewicz frankly found that scary, especially since the Wayne example isn't an isolated incident in his view. How can Robert Young speak so authoritatively on the effect of caffeine, ("The answer, of course, is that he used to be a well-known doctor"). Or why did the Philadelphia Bar Association invite actor John Houseman (from "Paper Chase") to address their group? The reason, Mankiewicz quipped, is that "they couldn't get Raymond Burr."

Mankiewicz then ventured that if Ronald Reagan had ever played the zany, silver-haired newscaster, Ted Knight, or the wacko, bordering on neurotic Frank Burns (from "MASH"), he wouldn't stand a chance in politics. Instead, Reagan usually played the "best friend" type who helped old ladies cross the street or saved their homesteads.

That's why Carter made a major political blunder in trying to portray Reagan, "as the bad guy who will take us to war," he observed. James Mason would have fit the warmonger role well, he kidded, but never Ronald Reagan.

"There is a barrier beyond which politics won't go," Mankiewicz thundered.

What this all indicates, he explained, is that "prodigious TV-watching" has had an immense, yet often unrecognized influence on our behavior. It gives viewers a picture of society that may not be realistic, and often jacks-up our expectations.

As an example, he noted, that insurance carriers believe the "Marcus Welby syndrome" is responsible for the rash of malpractice suits filed several years ago. The TV audience, respecting the kindly, unassuming doctor (who never spoke about fees, always put his patients in private rooms, and appeared at the home of the sick only moments after receiving an emergency phone message), began to think his actions mirrored reality when, in fact, they didn't come close. Even big city detective squads admit they often conduct certain facets of their crime investigations in ways that the public (through watching "Columbo" or "Cannon") has come to expect. In the vast majority of cases, maintained Mankiewicz, outlining where dead bodies fall on the floor, browsing through mug shots or using line-ups do little to solve a criminal investigation. Invariably, what will clinch a case, is eye-witness testimony or the fact that the victim can recognize the criminal.

## TV means business

The public should always remember, Mankiewicz asserted, that the "purpose of TV is not to inform but to deliver the largest possible audience to advertisers." Network news is no exception. During "news" programs, where film stories are selected for visual impact, the "trivial drives out the serious." At most, journalists have 75 seconds to report on a subject, regardless of complexity or significance, he lamented.

Because of the constraints of TV, Mankiewicz said, political candidates don't even bother addressing controversial issues in a relevant way, and, in fact, avoid it. Since 1960, when TV started infiltrating politics, "campaigns have been drained of any serious content," he charged. What Americans now see are politicians who talk in safe cliches and posture before cameras for one precious minute of air time.

Mankiewicz used the format of the Carter-Reagan debate to underscore his point. He wondered aloud how the electorate could make an intelligent choice for President when both men neglected to address really important issues. Instead of being presented with hard facts about controversial topics, the TV viewer is relegated to making a decision based on a visceral feeling about or image of a candidate. See what it gets us!



[Back Row - Standing - Left to Right]: George Baillie, Vito Montalbano, Unknown. [Kneeling - Front Row - Left to Right]: Joe Ciaverello, Sgt. Custer, Sy Heller — A-881st.

*Photo furnished by Sy Heller*

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

We are interested in all news from Chapters, Groups, Branches, Companies, Regiments, and whatever, for this column, as it may help build up your event[s]. Mail your date[s], location, banquet cost, and room rates, plus a good write-up, to Box 69, Drawer M, Champion, Pennsylvania 15622, as early as possible. Then follow through with a write-up immediately after the event[s].

## 69th CAVALRY RECON TROOP

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## Dear Recons:

In August of 1981, we are going to meet in **Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**. For thirty years, we have met at a place of our own choosing, independent of the Division. This time, we are going to meet at the same time and at the same place with the Division. We will have our own hospitality room and we will be quartered in the same area, but we will share the major functions with the Division.

This is a great opportunity to again see the men with whom you shared so much of your time, your laughter, and your heartaches. Many of these men are still laughing, and you can once again laugh with them. Each year takes its toll, but it is not too late for many of us. You will find that the years have not made us strangers; indeed, the bond is an even closer one than previously. I think that those who have made these Reunions will agree that a relationship among these men exists, which can only be described as **true friendship**, neatly seasoned with time. I'll wager that all of the friendships that you have made in post-recon-years, cannot equal the number of friends that will be gathered in one room — come this next August.

If you attend, it will be a monument in your life. You will be all the better for it, and you will enrich the experience for others.

**Make your plans now and "HAVE SOME FUN IN '81 — DRINK A TOAST AT THE HOST — WITH THE FOLKS YOU LOVE MOST."**

Sincerely,

**Hap Stambaugh**

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## To All the Men in the 69th Division Recon Troop:

This is your old Buddy, Joe George. Now, hear this — it is getting close to the time of the year when we should be thinking about making plans to come to the **Reunion in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on August 9 to 16, 1981.**

As you have seen in the past Bulletins, there are many of our old Army Buddies you would be happy to see. The men who do attend are very disappointed that some of their Buddies don't attend. We had men who came a long distance just to see some of their Buddies. As we all know it is expensive, but you have a whole year to plan and save for this occasion. I believe it is a wonderful idea for us to get together with the Division this year, along with our wives, which will be enjoyable.

I have attended many Division Reunions in the past, and have enjoyed every one of them. I can assure you that our group will have more activities in store for you this year. There will be Sight Seeing Tours, Auto Trips, Hospitality Rooms, where you can join others and chat over a drink, or two — Early Bird Dinners, Beer Night, Dancing to a good band, etc. Our Troop Commander, **Boyd Ellsworth**, and his wife, have attended several Division Reunions, and have enjoyed them very much.

Now what do you think of this? **Mike and Mary Moscaritolo, Harold and Maxine Stambaugh, Joe and Zola George** will be on the committee this year. This won't be an easy job, since we have to contact each Trooper and his wife, to get all the necessary information we need. I am happy to say, I am on pension and have plenty of time. It is very disappointing when requests for information are mailed out to everyone, and we receive no answers. It will be greatly appreciated if you reply immediately, upon receipt of the information, so that reservations can be booked early, in order to have sufficient rooms for everyone.

We would all like to be as close together as possible, and not have to be scattered to other hotels. Hopefully, the Recon Troops will occupy the third floor, which is on the side of the pool — I had occupied the same location in the hotel and enjoyed it very much. The Hotel (The Host Inn), is easy to find from any direction — you can use an airplane, train, bus, drive your own car, hitch-hike or mule train — it doesn't matter, as long as you are present.

My dear wife, Zola, will manage the souvenir table, since she is new with our outfit, I would like to tell you that she is a red-head and a wonderful person — I'm sure you will all like her.

Zola and I went to visit **Bill and Mary Jane Dingey**. They are doing fine. They treated us to dinner and had a few beers — we had a good time together. Thanks, again, Bill and Mary Jane.

To all Recon men living near Canton, Ohio, please come and enjoy a weekend with the **Tri-State Spring Weekend**. There will be some of your Buddies attending: **Mr. & Mrs. Joe George, Mr. & Mrs. Ellsworth, Mr. & Mrs. Walker, Mr. & Mrs. Kreiser**, and others. We can all enjoy ourselves and talk over old times.

Please check the Bulletin for the correct date.

To all the Recon men who received Christmas cards from me — and didn't answer — I would appreciate hearing from you, for our records. I'm sure that all the others would like to know about you also.

If anyone would like to have a listing of all the Recon Troops, please write to me and I will mail you a copy.

See you all in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania!

Sincerely, your friend,

**Joseph A. George, Jr.**

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## 661st TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

**William "Bill" and Jo Beswick**

**P.O. Box 576**

**West Point, Virginia 23181**

**Telephone: 804/843-2696**

The Annual Get-together of the 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion, will be held at the **Ramada Inn - West, 3052 Richmond Road [U.S. Rt. 60], Williamsburg, Virginia 23185, on April 13-19, 1981.**

So, come on to Williamsburg! This is the place where it all began — way back in the early 1600's. Come, visit and take the tours of Early America, Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown. You will find it interesting and exciting. There is also

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Busch Gardens, with the Old Country theme of England, France, Germany and Italy, and all loaded with rides and exciting shows! You truly won't want to miss this on **Saturday, April 18, 1981!**

Tell your friends that you will meet them in Williamsburg, Virginia. You will never forget it!

- Monday, April 13** — Welcoming Friends with Cocktails  
**Tuesday, April 14** — On Your Own  
**Wednesday, April 15** — Visit Yorktown  
**Thursday, April 16** — 9:00 A.M., Tour Jamestown (3½ hrs.)  
Afternoon — Visit the Williamsburg Pottery (On your own).  
**Friday, April 17** — 9:00 A.M., Tour Williamsburg. Lots of tours are available at the Information Center, or you can visit on your own, to suit yourself, as far as time is concerned. This is more economical.  
**Friday Evening** — 7:00 P.M., Tour of a modern Paper Mill in operation. No charge. Leave motel about 7:00 P.M. It is about a twenty minute ride and worth your time.  
**Saturday, April 18** — 9:00 A.M., visit Busch Gardens and the Old Country at your leisure. Return to motel by 6:00 P.M.  
**Saturday Evening** — 7:30 P.M., Buffet Banquet (return as often as you want). \$10.00, including tax and gratuity.  
**Sunday, April 19** — Departures and Farewells

There are enough interesting places in this area to keep you on the go the entire week. For example: Mariner's Museum, U.S. Rt. 60, Warwick, Va.; NASA Visitor Center, Langley Field, Hampton, Va.; Newport News War Memorial Museum on U.S. Rt. 60, Newport News, Va. These are all within twenty or thirty minutes drive, and well worth your time.

Well, that's all for this time. I hope to see you in Williamsburg, Virginia. Don't forget to have your friends meet you there!

#### GET-TOGETHER 661st TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

April 13-19, 1981

Reservations — [Fill Out and Mail To]:

Ramada Inn - West

3052 Richmond Road [U.S. Rt. 60]

Box KG

Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

Phone: 804/229-0260

[Most rooms have two double beds, except singles. Check your preference]:

☐ Single — \$28.00 ☐ Triple — \$32.00

☐ Double — \$30.00 ☐ Quads — \$34.00

Date of Arrival \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Departure \_\_\_\_\_

Confirm \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your Reservations by March 30, 1981. Reservations will be held until 6:00 P.M. If you expect to arrive later than 6:00 P.M., please enclose the first night's lodging — Thanks.

[Editor's Note: Bill will be happy to answer all questions regarding this week in Virginia. Do write, telling of your plans for the week and what tours you will be taking in. At the Saturday Evening Banquet, discussions will tell of the National Reunion at Host Inn, Hershey-Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Robert E. Myers, President of the National 69th Association, is expecting a large representation from the 661st T.D.'s, to rival those of the Recon Troopers. He also states that he expects his Headquarters gang to match totals with these two groups].

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#### 880th FIELD ARTILLERY — C-BATTERY

No word or report has been received from this Group, for this issue of the Bulletin, but we do know they will be at the Host Inn, in full force.

Under the leadership of **Lowell McFarlin** and **Lewis Pugh**, this Group had their "First Ever Reunion" last August, 1980, in St. Clairsville, Ohio, and had a great turn-out of twenty-two members, many of their wives, and a few of their children, making a total of over forty.

At their General Discussion Meeting, they did agree to try a National Reunion in 1981. We are happy to hear this from Lowell and know that they, along with the Recon Troopers, will expand our turn-out with a record number of "First Timers". The "Yellow and Blue Ribbons" will shine at the Host.

[Editor's Note: As Editor of this Bulletin, may I suggest you get your reservations in early, to our **Chairman, Bill Foster**, so that he can block-off a Group of rooms for your fine group. A few of you may even want an Ad in the Souvenir Program Booklet. All Reunion information can be found in this issue of the Bulletin.

Now, I wonder who will have the larger turnout in August? Will it be C-Battery, 880th F.A., or the Recon Troops, or the 661st T.D.'s, or Headquarters 69th, or the Westerners, or a Company in one of the three Infantry Regiments, or the Central Pennsylvania Branch, or my own Tri-State Group, hailing from Ohio and Pennsylvania.

See you all at Host Inn in August].

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#### CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH

John T. and Elizabeth Hawley

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Central Pennsylvania Branch of the 69th Infantry Division Association held its Fall Banquet at the Host Inn, on Saturday, November 1, 1980, which is the site of the 1981 Annual Division Reunion. **Bill Hawley**, Chairman, called the business meeting to order, immediately after the dinner was over, with everyone's "food sack" bulging, especially from the best dessert ever eaten. Main discussion, needless to say, was the coming Reunion, with two members of the Recon boys present. **Bill Foster** gave a run-down of the events scheduled, and named Committee Members to handle each function.

Handling the Registration Desk will be the charming **Doris Ober** and her crew, who announced immediately that besides the Daily Registrations from 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., the desk will be opened at least two evenings, from 7:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M., for those arriving late, and need the last minute necessary information for following events. A tentative schedule of events will be listed in this issue of the Bulletin. Bill Foster announced that all reservations for the Host Inn room accommodations, the weekly events, and the ads for the programs should be directed to him at 803 Elkwood Drive, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania 17070.

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Forty-one attended this Dinner Meeting. They were as follows:

**Joseph A. and Zola George, Jr.**, Pittsburgh, Pa. — 69th Recon  
**Daniel and Helen Evers**, Chester, Pa. — 269th Eng.  
**Millard E. and Ruth R. Mellinger, Sr.**, Wrightsville, Pa. —  
661st Tank Destroyers

**Jake and Violet Stark, Jr.**, Steelton, Pa. — H-Co., 273rd Inf.

**Ray Pugliese**, Steelton, Pa. — A-Co., 273rd Inf.

**Earl E. and Dorothy Witzleb, Jr.**, Champion, Pa.

E-Co., 273rd Inf.

**Earl W. and Anna K. Walters**, Landisville, Pa. —

Hq. 273rd Inf.

**Paul B. and Marge R. McCombs**, West Chester, Pa. —

D-Co., 271st Inf.

**Doris S. Ober**, Elizabethtown, Pa.

**Howard H. and Johnie Lon Hoover**, Halifax, Pa. — 273rd Med.

**Sharpless W. and Helen M. Jones**, Dover, Del. — 269th Eng.

**Harold E. and Emily E. Fletcher**, Havertown, Pa. — 879th FA.

**Jim and Peaches Henry**, Chester, Pa. — F-Co., 272nd Inf.

**C. L. and Berniece Macknair**, McClure, Pa. — I-Co., 273rd Inf.

**Harold and Dottie Starry**, Carlisle, Pa. — Hq. 272nd Inf.

**Bill and Jo Beswick**, West Point, Va. — 661st TD

**James G. Kehew**, Camp Hill, Pa. — 69th Div. Hq.

**Michael and Mary Moscaritolo**, Roselle, N.J. — 69th Recon

**John T. and Elizabeth Hawley**, Shippensburg, Pa. — 269th  
Eng.

**William and Betty Foster**, New Cumberland, Pa. — 269th Eng.

**Howard E. and Margaret Kohler**, Red Lion, Pa. —

I-Co., 273rd Inf.

**W. C. and Beba B. Sheavley**, Reistertown, Md. —

M-Co., 271st Inf.

**George W. and Vickie Gallagher**, along with **Ray and Helen Szkudlarek**, were No-shows, due to illness, in both cases, I believe. Also, note that we have at least four cases where two members attended from the same Units. Sooooo — Hey, Baltimore, Washington, Frederick, Hagerstown, York, Lancaster, Harrisburg, Reading Allentown, Philadelphia, and all the member cities in the area of Host Inn — Hershey-Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, do attend the **Central Branch - Spring Banquet Meeting on Saturday, April 25, 1981, at the Host Inn.**

Final plans will be discussed for the coming Reunion, and help is needed by this group. John or Bill can make room arrangements if you plan on staying over until Sunday. If you are interested in receiving a notice — do write to **John Hawley**, whose address is listed above.

We hope to see you at this important Get-together.

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#### ARIZONA [WESTERN] GROUP

**Leonard C. Halpenny**, *Chairman*

3938 East Santa Barbara

Tucson, Arizona 85711

Telephone: 602/327-7412

The weekend of **Saturday, May 23**, and **Sunday, May 24**, 1981, is a big one for the **Westerners**, as they make plans to attend the National Reunion at Host Inn, Hershey-Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in August of this year. The following are details and prices — as of this printing.

Town: **Tuscon, Arizona**

Place: **Hilton Inn**

Arrival: **Afternoon of Friday, May 22, 1981, or  
Morning of Saturday, May 23, 1981**

Departure: **Sunday Morning, May 24, 1981**

Overnight

Accommodations: for **Friday Night**, and/or **Saturday Night**  
and **Sunday Night**, if desired:

Single: \$22.00

Double: \$28.00

Luncheon: **At Iron Mask Restaurant |where we met  
two years ago|**

Day: **Saturday, May 23, 1981**

Arrival Time: **11:00 A.M. - 12 Noon**

Luncheon: **12:30 P.M.**

Menu and price: **To be finalized by March 1, 1981**

Dinner: **At Hilton Inn — Poolside —**

**Banquet Table Setting**

Day: **Saturday, May 23, 1981**

Hour: **7:30 P.M.**

Menu: **Choice of following:**

**Sirloin Tips — \$ 8.50**

**London Broil — \$ 9.25**

**Prime Rib — \$12.50**

[Price including tax and 15% Gratuity]

NOTE: We must collectively decide what Entree to select, for it will have to be **One Entree Only — for all of us**. Please give me some feedback, everyone — by **March 1, 1981**. Coffee, tea or milk is included in the price. **Drinks:** On your own at the bars. We hope to set up a between-times Hospitality Room.

A copy of the above information is being sent to each member of the **Western Gang** on our mailing list. By the end of February, I will send out another letter accompanied by a Room Reservation Postcard, to be sent directly to the Hilton. We have firm reservations for 15 rooms, which will remain firm until May 2. On May 2, any unreserved rooms will be released, and requests received after that date will be filled on a space available basis. By the end of February we will have a firm menu, and firm price for the Iron Mask Luncheon.

**Leonard C. Halpenny**

**BULLETIN READERS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CLIP  
AND MAIL THE FOLLOWING COUPON:**

Mail to: **Leonard C. Halpenny**

3938 East Santa Barbara

Tucson, Arizona 85711

Telephone: 602/327-7412

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**I want to know more about the Western Gang.**

## MOVING

Please print your new address below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this form and your old address label to  
National Headquarters, 101 Stephen Street, New  
Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068.

Please allow six weeks advance notice.

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## 269th ENGINEERS, COMPANY B

**Frank Nemeth**

**66 Gaping Roack Road**

**Levittown, Pennsylvania 19057**

**Telephone: 215/945-3809**

Hope everyone had a nice Holiday, and it was good to hear from you all, once again. It was good to know you're all doing well, healthwise and everything.

I heard from **Wolfgang Dunow** who lives in **Eberswalde, Germany**, which is in the Russian sector and near Berlin, Germany.

I don't know how many of you remember Wolf, but he was just a young boy who we had working in the Mess Hall on K.P., in Bremen, or Bremenhaven. When we left, he went to Berlin with us, and worked there, and it got him closer to home and his family.

When I returned to the states, I wrote him, and sent him a couple of packages of old clothes and stuff. Well, after about twenty-five years, I found his old address and wrote him, and sure enough, I heard from him. He is now married, and has a married daughter, and is a proud Grandpop, and one of these days, I'm going to try and get over to see him, once again!

Well, it's getting closer to Reunion time, and from all the mail I've received, it sounds like the 269th will be out in full force, so be sure to reserve your room early.

See you all in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, at the Host Inn, in August, 1981.



*Wolfgang Dunow*



*Wolf and I [Frank Nemeth]. I was on guard at the time. He is a good Kraut.*

[Editor's Note: Frank also asks to have the following letter published, which he should have had hanging on the Bulletin Board in New Orleans. I'll do so, as it makes for good reading. I take it that **Richard Foy** lives in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, so he can make the 1981 Reunion at Host Inn. And, I see he is a business man in the building business, so he can purchase an ad in our Reunion Souvenir Program Booklet].

**The letter reads as follows:**

**Dear Frank:**

Since I am unable to attend the Reunion in New Orleans; I am sending this letter of information for your convention Bulletin Board, or for any other publication that may be distributed during the Reunion.

I am a former Platoon Leader from the 272nd Infantry, having served with the First Bn. Hq., A and C Companies. Most of my time was spent in C-Company as Weapons Platoon Leader. **T/Sgt. John Schultz** was my Platoon Sergeant. I look fondly back on all my experiences in World War II, with the 69th Infantry Division. I am still in the Army Reserve, but I will be retired soon because I now have over thirty-seven years service, and cannot be promoted to Brigadier General unless World War III starts, real soon.

Since leaving the 69th, August, 1945, I served with the 26th, 83rd, 42nd Infantry Divisions in Austria, until 1947. I never was discharged because I joined the Army Reserve in 1947, and have been on duty about fifty times since 1947. It has been a grand experience, as well as having the consolation of being a patriotic citizen. I believe that a lot of my patriotism was implanted in me during my service with C-Company. Recently, I was awarded The Meritorious Service Medal by The Department of The Army, which mentioned my service in the 69th, in the Citation of Service.

I am now an Adjutant General Branch assignee, because I commanded an AG Unit for eight years, in the Reserve. However, I am still eligible to transfer back to Infantry if assigned to an Infantry Unit. I am requesting assignment to the 69th again, if it is activated again before I reach age sixty, in 1983.

I would appreciate hearing from all my old Buddies; God Bless Them.

Have a wonderful time in New Orleans, but don't drink the coffee.

Cordially,

**Richard A. Foy, Colonel, AGC-USAR**

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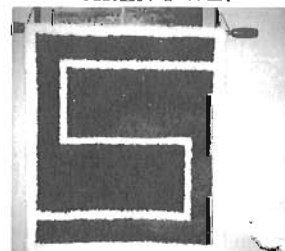
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**WE ARE THE GROUP  
THAT IS  
"FAMILY"  
AREN'T WE?**



*Our wall hanging 69th Symbol of a great group will be seen in our Hospitality Room at our Spring and Fall Weekends, as well as the Annual Reunions of the 69th Division Association. At our Fall Weekend, at Sheraton North, Pittsburgh, last November **Homer Rager** from Akron, Ohio, presented it to our group. It was made for us by his wife, **Marie Rager**, and*





*Homer and Marie Rager*

At our Fall Weekend, at the Sheraton North, in Pittsburgh, last November 7, 8 and 9, 1980, our goal fell short, and at the same time, we are behind on the 69th Score Board.

Those attending the Weekend, which was one that will be remembered for many years, are as follows, with home-town and Unit listed.

**Jim and Jane Lynch**, North Warren, Pa. — Cannon Co. 271st  
**Joseph A. and Zola George, Jr.**, Pittsburgh, Pa. — 69th Rec.  
**Lewis B. and Stella Ellsworth**, Steubenville, Ohio — 69th Rec.  
**Robert J. and Vivian Kurtzman**, Wilmot, Ohio —  
 I-Co., 272nd Inf.  
**George and Vickie Gallagher**, Beaver, Pa. — 69th Q.M.  
**W. "Bill" R. and Betty Foster**, New Cumberland, Pa. —  
 269th Eng.  
**Earl E. and Dorothy A. Witzleb, Jr.**, Champion, Pa. —  
 E-Co., 273rd Inf.  
**Robert G. and Jean Shaffer**, Massillon, Ohio — 272nd Inf.  
**John P. and Marie Suprano**, New Kensington, Pa. — 881st FA.  
**Paul N. and Marion Shadle**, New Kensington, Pa. —  
 E-Co., 271st Inf.  
**Clarence Marshall**, New Kensington, Pa. — 69th Div. Hq.  
**Warren L. and Betty J. Kunkel**, Fort Wayne, Ind. —  
 880th F.A.  
**Enrico and Ann D'Angelo**, Saltsburg, Pa. — 880th F.A.  
**Homer Rager**, Akron, Ohio — G-Co., 273rd Inf.  
**Noble P. Casey**, Akron, Ohio —  
**Clarence F. Burke**, Monroeville, Pa. — G-Co., 272nd Inf.  
**Milton and Dorothy Lutes**, Pittsburgh, Pa. — E-Co., 272nd Inf.  
**Sam and Rosemarie DiGirolamo**, Pittsburgh, Pa. —  
 E-Co., 272nd Inf.  
**Victor A. DeCarlo**, Uniontown, Pa. — G-Co., 271st Inf.  
**Arthur and [Wife - ?] Seidenstricker**, Allison Park, Pa. —  
 273rd Hq.

Thirty-five attended, a little short of our fifty to sixty goal. **Walter E. and Ann K. Doernbach, Sr.**, were No-show due to the illness of Walter. We do hope both Walter and Ann are in good health now. These folks lost their home while attending the New Orleans Reunion, last August, 1980.

Our Weekend started with a social evening — Friday — in our Hospitality Room. Fourteen were present, going over plans for attending the National 69th Reunion at Host Inn.

**The Ellsworths** agreed to take charge of our **Fall Weekend** this year — **November 6, 7 and 8, 1981**, to be held in **Wheeling, West Virginia**.

Saturday found the football game being cancelled, due to the lack of interest, and the Phipps Conservatory Tour called off since it didn't open until a week later. The girls, under the guidance of Dottie Witzleb, did have an afternoon Shopping Trip to Northway Mall. The men had another Bull Session in the Hospitality Room. The evening activities picked-up, as we all attended a Dinner Show at the Huke Lau. **Bill Foster**, I am happy to report, enjoyed the Hawaiian food so well that he also ate half of Betty's and mine. The Hawaiian Show was tops — acclaimed as the best in the United States. Our own **Joe George** got in the act too. We just might see Joe put on an act at the National Reunion. This, along with our Piper, **Glenn Vanderlaan**

from Kalamazoo, Michigan, is well worth the trip to the Reunion. After the Hawaiian Show, we were entertained by Tiny Tim, singing "*Tip-Toe Through The Tulips*." He was terrific and sang a medley of songs for twenty-five minutes, without stopping.

We then retired to our Hospitality Room for a few more — whatever — and a short meeting.

We were most appreciative to **Ann and Enrico D'Angelo**, for the many door prizes they drummed-up for our group. Believe it or not, but some were able to take home two pretty good prizes, and I do believe each couple received at least one prize.

Sunday morning found some of our members going to church, and others just catching-up on sleep. After a 1:00 P.M. Brunch, we bade our farewells until we will see each other at our **Spring Weekend in May, 1981**.



*Joe George in the Hawaiian Show*

All roads lead to **Canton, Ohio**, and the **Sheraton Inn, Belden Village**, for the 69th Division Association's **Tri-State Group's Annual Spring Outing**, on **May 1, 2 and 3, 1981**.

Arrive on Friday and visit old friends and meet some new ones in the Hospitality Room. Bring your favorite beverage and add it to our friendly Tri-State bar, which never runs dry. **Noble Casey**, who works for Coca Cola, promises that we will not run out of refreshments, and that the bar stays open as long as someone is there. Friday evening enjoy dinner at the Brown Derby Restaurant at the Inn, or at one of the thirty restaurants in the area. Ask us and we'll tell you how to get to them. Many are within walking distance of the Sheraton. We are your committee, so speak out on what you want to know of our area.

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Call or write any of the above for additional information. Confirmation and a map showing how to reach the Sheraton Inn will be sent to you as soon as your reservation request is received.

Saturday at 1:00 P.M., we plan a motorcade to the Football Hall of Fame. **Bob Shaffer** will be your guide to see that you get there and back, without getting lost. For all the football widows, there will be hourly transportation, to and from the Belden Village Mall. For the rest of you, the Hospitality Room will be open all day, or you can relax at the indoor pool, whirlpool, or sauna.

Saturday Evening Banquet will be at 7:00 P.M., in the Court of Two Sisters Room, with your pre-designated choice of Boston Strip Steak or Filet Mignon, and all the trimmings. A short Business Meeting will follow dinner, with the main discussion learning all the details concerning the Association's Reunion at Host Inn, Hershey-Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. This great week takes place August 9 thru 16, 1981, with the main attractions beginning Wednesday. Present plans will have **Bill and Betty Foster**, Chairpersons, with us to answer all your questions on that area. Details will be forth-coming in Bulletin 2, which should be in your home now.

Sunday morning partake of the beautiful Breakfast Buffet at the Brown Derby, before departing for home. See you all here in May, in Harrisburg in August, and later for our **Fall Weekend in Wheeling, West Virginia**.

The following package for your May Weekend enjoyment is as follows:

One Room, single or double occupancy, two nights at \$110.00, which includes Saturday Night Banquet, ticket(s) to the Hall of Fame, and your choice of a bottle of champagne, wine, or cheese basket.

One room, single or double occupancy, Saturday night at \$75.00, which includes Saturday Night Banquet, ticket(s) to the Hall of Fame, if you arrive on time (before noon), and your choice of a bottle of champagne, wine, or cheese basket.

Sorry, no single package price could be arranged for a room, so either accept the above or try to double-up with a friend to save a few bucks. Single room rate is \$35.00, plus tax per night. You will also need Hall of Fame cost, and Saturday Banquet price.

**I/we wish to reserve the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_ persons Friday and Saturday night package at \$110.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ persons Saturday night package only at \$75.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Check One: ☐ Champagne ☐ Wine  
☐ Cheese Basket

[Sorry, no refunds if Football Hall of Fame ticket[s] not desired]

\_\_\_\_\_ single room at \$35.00 per night if desired \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ persons for Banquet only. I/we live in the area and it would be needless to stay at the Sheraton. \$16.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Football Hall of Fame tickets at \$2.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to Postage Fund \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Entree Choices:**

Boston Strip Steak — No. \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Rare ☐ Med.  
☐ Well

Filet Mignon No. \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Rare ☐ Med.  
☐ Well

[The restaurant is not responsible for Well Done Steaks]

**Reservations should be made no later than April 10, 1981, if possible.**

**Advance Deposit** (which we do), or Credit Card

\_\_\_\_\_ and Number \_\_\_\_\_ is requested by the Sheraton Inn. All checks should be made payable to **Robert J. Kurtzman**, and mailed along with Reservation Requests to:

**Robert J. Kurtzman**  
610 West Maple Street  
Wilmot, Ohio 44689

OFFICIAL MEMBER OF TRI-STATE GROUP

**I/we will be in Canton, Ohio, for the May 1, 2 and 3, 1981, Spring Weekend.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Area Code): \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary By Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Children living at home: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Our General to be Hospitalized

On May 11, our General Charles L. Bolte will enter Walter Reed Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland, near Washington, D.C., for a hip operation. He will have one or two, but most likely, both hips operated on. The General plans on being at the Host Inn in August, for our 1981 Division Reunion. Hopefully, he will not need the cane any longer, and our prayers ask for a "Speedy Recovery." See you at the Host Inn, General, and bring the family along.

## Yank Helps Russian Girl



AP Wirephoto

Staff Sgt. Sam Paranka of 5604 Archmere Avenue S.W., helps Russian Girl, M.P. Sgt. Karina Galeizevna Gaifudinova from Astrakhan, adjust her arm band. Photo by William C. Allen, AP photographer with the Wartime Still Picture Pool.

The above picture appeared in The Cleveland Plain Dealer Newspaper in 1945. Furnished by **Mrs. Samuel Paranka**.

# CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS AND COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE

May I just make a note to all Leaders of Chapters, Groups, Branches, Companies, Regiments, Recons, Artillery, and T.D.'s to get your Activities Schedules in to Box 69, Champion, Pennsylvania, as early as possible. We try to work at least a year ahead, as we only put out three Bulletins a year. When mailing in this information, do send your organization name, person in charge [Chairman], address, city, state, zip, telephone numbers [including area code], dates, location, and anything else that you feel might be of interest for the outfit to know. This may also bring a new face, or two, to your group.

## APRIL 13 to 19, 1981

661st Tank Destroyers  
Ramada Inn West  
3052 Richmond Road [U.S. Route 60]  
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185  
William "Bill" and Jo Bestwick  
P.O. Box 576  
West Point, Virginia 23181  
Telephone: 804/843-2696

## APRIL 25, 1981

Central Pennsylvania Branch Spring Banquet Meeting  
Host Inn — Exit 19, Pennsylvania Turnpike  
John and Elizabeth Hawley  
330 East Fort Street  
Shippensburg, Pennsylvania 17257  
Telephone: 717/530-2974

## MAY 1, 1981

Deadline for New Material and Pictures for Bulletin  
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## MAY 1, 2, 3, 1981

Tri-State Spring Weekend  
Sheraton Inn, Belden Village  
Canton, Ohio  
Robert and Vivian Kurtzman, *Chairpersons*  
610 West Maple Street  
Wilmot, Ohio 44689  
Telephone: 216/359-5487

## MAY 23, 24, 1981

Arizona Group  
Hilton Inn  
Tucson, Arizona  
Leonard and Corky Halpenny, *Chairpersons*  
3938 East Santa Barbara  
Tucson, Arizona 85711  
Telephone: 602/327-7412

## AUGUST 9 to 16, 1981 [All Week]

[Main Attractions Begin — August 12, 1981]

69th Infantry Division Association Annual Reunion  
Host Inn  
Exit 19, Pennsylvania Turnpike  
[Dutch Country of Central Pennsylvania]

Routes L-283 and 441  
Hershey-Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17111  
W. "Bill" R. and Betty Foster, *Chairpersons*  
803 Elkwood Drive  
New Cumberland, Pennsylvania 17070  
Telephone: 717/774-2396 (Home)  
717/774-0870 (Office)

## A FRIENDLY REMINDER

When completing Page 15 with as much detail as possible, and Page 16 the same way, with 1981 Host Inn Reunion Information, send it all to Bill Foster. Make sure you have your Flight Number and Arrival Time, what you want in your Ad, if you are buying one, and what activities you plan on taking in, while at the Reunion. This will speed things up Reunion Week at the Registration Desk. Check-in Time is 2:00 P.M., and Check-out Time is 12 Noon. Sooooo . . . send it all to: W. R. "Bill" Foster at 803 Elkwood Drive, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania 17070. This will enable Bill to get rooms in certain areas of the Host Inn for each Unit, as best possible. If you want on the first floor, mention this also. See you at the Host Inn in August.

## NOVEMBER 6, 7, 8, 1981

Tri-State Fall Weekend  
Wheeling, West Virginia  
[Wheeling National Jamboree]

Lewis and Stella Ellsworth, *Chairpersons*  
R.R. No. 1, Knoxville Road  
Steubenville, Ohio 43952  
Telephone: 614/282-2327

## MAY 7, 8, 9, 1982

Tri-State Spring Weekend  
Pennsylvania or Maryland

[Please Note: This date can change, as we will attempt to have the site as far east in Pennsylvania or Maryland, so that we can have a joint gathering with the Central Pennsylvania Branch. Our invitation will be given them on April 25, 1981].

Seven Springs Ski Area, or Grantsville, Maryland, are favored choices at present

Earl and Dottie Witzleb, Jr., *Chairpersons*  
R.D. No. 1, Box 477  
Acme, Pennsylvania 15610  
Telephone: 412/455-2901

## AUGUST 15 to 22, 1982

69th Infantry Division Association Annual Reunion  
Ramada Inn - Airport  
6401 South 13th Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53221  
[Cheese and Beer]

Vernon Wirth, *Chairman*  
8330 West Concordia Avenue  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53222  
Telephone: 414/442-9664

## NOVEMBER 5, 6, 7, 1982

Tri-State Fall Weekend  
Maryland and Ohio, leading choices, at present.  
Donald and Ruth Newman, *Chairpersons* — Maryland  
Robert and Vivian Kurtzman, *Chairpersons* — Ohio

## MAY 22 to 29, 1983 [Month Change]

69th Infantry Division Association Annual Reunion  
Mountain Shadows  
Scottsdale, Arizona

[Relax With Us at Pool Side]

Robert "Bob" and Elva Myers, *Chairpersons*  
10453 Cumberland Drive  
Sun City, Arizona 85351  
Telephone: 602/977-1952 (Home)  
602/975-2270 (Office)



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John Hill  
Vincent Sabio  
Frank Struble  
Paul Thompson