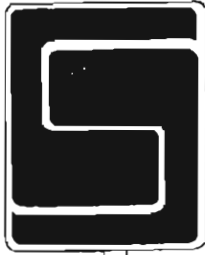


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Margie McCombs, *Sunshine Lady*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Loar Quickle, *Board Chairman* 271

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Howard Hoover 271
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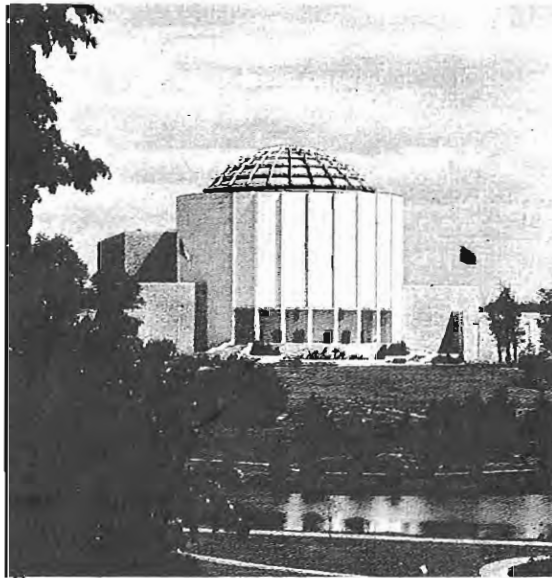
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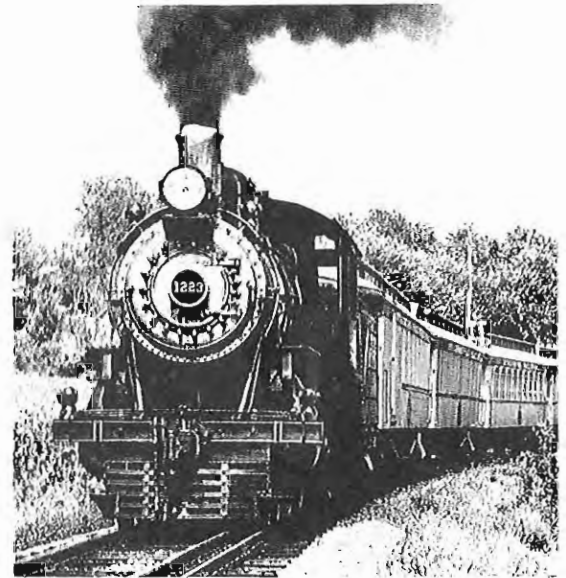
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* Hyman E. Goldstein, N.Y. 272 Inf.
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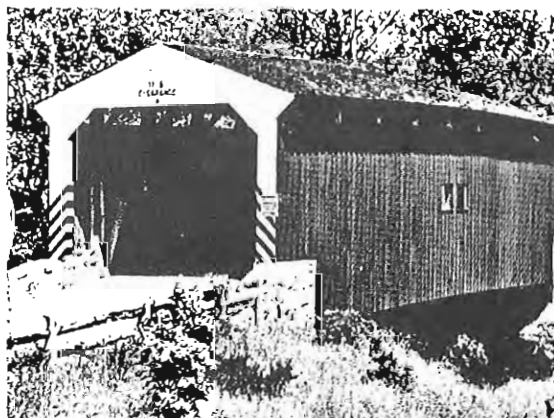
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Hershey Park Memorial



Strausburg Railroad



Covered Bridge



Amish Farm House

Constitution and By-Laws

The proposed amendments to our Constitution and By-Laws of the 69th Infantry Division Association are printed here in this Bulletin, so that you may consider the changes which will be brought before the membership of our Association at our Annual Meeting on August 15, 1981, at 10:00 A.M., during our Reunion at the Host Inn, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

PLEASE NOTE:

The items in the Constitution and By-Laws which appear here in **bold type** are the newly proposed changes and additions to our rules and regulations of the Association.

It is further proposed that we **delete** Article VI in our Constitution, and Section 6 of Article I in our By-Laws.

If you wish to compare these changes with the original Constitution and By-Laws, refer to your old Bulletin, Volume 33 No. 1, September - October - November - December, 1979. General Bolte's picture appeared on the cover page of that Bulletin.

What with the hectic well-planned program during the Reunion, it is planned that a Resolutions/By-Law Committee meeting be held Wednesday evening, August 12, 1981, at 7:00 P.M., in Chuck Herring's room. This meeting will be subject to change if necessary.

CONSTITUTION OF THE SIXTY-NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION, INC.

PREAMBLE

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

ARTICLE I

the NAME of the Association shall be:

The Sixty-Ninth Infantry Division Association,
Incorporated.

ARTICLE II

The OBJECTS of the Association shall be:

(a) To aid and benefit the members of the Association.

(b) To perpetuate the brilliant record and achievements of the 69th Infantry Division and to assist the units which formed the Division in maintaining the spirit that animated it.

(c) To promote social relationships between the members of the Association.

(d) This Association shall be absolutely non-political and non-sectarian, and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principle, nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment.

(e) This is a civilian organization in which military rank shall not exist.

ARTICLE III

The MEMBERSHIP in the Association shall be as follows:

(a) Active Members.

1. All individuals who at any time served with the 69th Infantry Division in WORLD WAR II or in units which were attached to the Division in WORLD WAR II, and who sub-

scribe to this constitution and by-laws (except those excluded in subparagraph [d] of this Article) shall be eligible to active membership in the Association. **Upon notification of the death of an active member to the Association, his membership shall be made available to his heirs who must be of blood relation.**

2. All individuals who at any time served with the 69th Infantry Division in World War II or in units attached to the Division in World War II and who were seriously and permanently disabled by virtue of wounds received as a result of combat or incident thereto, shall upon application be entitled to an active life membership in the 69th Infantry Division Association, and shall have the same rights and privileges as any other active member of the Association.

3. The Board of Directors of the Association or any of its branches are vested with the sole and exclusive discretion of determining whether or not an applicant is entitled to membership under the provision herein above mentioned and its decision shall be final.

(b) Honorary Members.

The Board of Directors of the Association or of any of its branches are authorized to nominate and elect Honorary Members of the Association or its branches respectively. However, Honorary Members of the National Association must be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. **Honorary members shall not be entitled to vote or hold elective or appointive offices, but shall be extended the privilege to pay dues, as assessed, and may receive the official Bulletin of the Association.**

(c) Associate Members.

The Board of Directors shall be authorized to approve as an Associate Member, the son[s] of an Active Member. An Associate Member shall not be entitled to vote or hold elective or appointive offices, but shall be required to pay dues, as assessed, in order to remain in good standing and receive the official Bulletin of the Association.

(d) Exception to Membership.

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

ARTICLE IV

The management of the Association shall be by a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Board of Directors [not to exceed twenty-four].

ARTICLE V

The ELECTION OF THE MANAGEMENT shall be as follows:

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

(b) The Board of Directors shall be elected by the members at the Annual Meeting of the Association, and shall hold office for a period of three years as hereinafter provided. At each Annual Meeting one-third (1/3) of the members of the Board of Directors will be elected for three years, excepting, however, the first Annual Meeting whereat the original Board of Directors elected shall be equally divided into three (3) classes, one class to be elected for a period of three (3) years; one class to be elected for a period of two (2) years, and one class to be elected for one (1) year.

(c) Vacancies on the Board occurring through causes other than expiration of the terms of office will be filled by election at the succeeding Annual Meeting of the Association.

(d) The Secretary-Treasurer shall be empowered to employ any personnel necessary to carry on the work of the Association, subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

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[e] All Past Presidents shall automatically become Honorary Members of the Board of Directors but without the right to vote. Their primary function will be in an advisory capacity to the Board.

ARTICLE VI

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

ARTICLE VII

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

ARTICLE VIII

MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION shall be held annually at such times and places as the Board of Directors may select. At least thirty days before the date of any meeting, the Secretary-Treasurer shall notify each member of the meeting by letter or notice in the official Bulletin.

ARTICLE IX

Quorum of the Association at any meeting shall be forty-five members. Twelve members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum of the Board.

ARTICLE X

EXPULSION. Any member may be expelled by the Board of Directors for causes stated in Article III, Section [d].

ARTICLE XI

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

ARTICLE XII

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

ARTICLE XIII

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

ARTICLE XIV

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

ARTICLE XV

AMENDMENTS. The Constitution may be altered, amended, or added to at any meeting of the members, after one month's notice thereof has been mailed to all members and a copy of the proposed amendments enclosed with the notice.

No amendments shall become effective unless receiving the affirmative votes of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast at such meetings at which a quorum is present.

BY-LAWS OF THE SIXTY-NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I OFFICERS

Section 1. President.

The President shall preside at the Annual Reunion and at all meetings of the Board of Directors, of which he shall be chairman. He is charged with the direction of all affairs pertaining to the Association between the Annual Reunions; he shall from time to time call meetings of the Board of Directors and/or keep them informed by mail or telephone. The President shall appoint the Membership Chairman; Scholarship Chairman; Chaplain and Co-Chaplain, and Auditor. He shall also appoint all committees; make arrangements for Annual Reunions, and be responsible for the location and operation of the Headquarters Office of the Association, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. The President shall have the authority to incur such incidental expenses as may be necessary. He shall make an Annual Report to the Association.

Section 2. Vice President

There shall not be more than one Vice President. The Vice President shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and shall perform the duties of the President during his absence or disability.

Section 3. Secretary

The duties of the Secretary are administrative. He should be efficient and well informed. The Secretary makes and keeps a record of all business transacted at each meeting at the Reunion. The Secretary should have a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws. Upon completion of his term in office [two years], the Secretary should transfer all of his secretarial records to the incoming Secretary.

Section 4. Treasurer.

The Treasurer should be a member of the Board of Directors. He shall receive and receipt for, and be custodian of all funds of any nature whatsoever due the Association, and such contributions as may be made to it, and deposit same in the name of the Association in a bank or banks, or a trust company or companies, to be designated by the Board of Directors. He shall draw checks in payment of all bills and claims against the Association, when such bills and claims have been certified to him by the President. He shall employ such clerical assistance and other personnel for and on behalf of the Association as may be necessary, subject to the approval of the Board of the Association. The Treasurer's duties shall begin at the conclusion of the Reunion at which elected, and shall furnish such bonds as may be required by the Board of Directors, the premium of which shall be paid from the funds of the Association. He shall make an Annual Report at the Reunion. The Treasurer should receive from the Reunion Chairman, all monies collected at the end of each day of the Reunion. The Treasurer shall make proper record of this money which shall be deposited each day to our account with the Reunion facility for safe keeping. The Treasurer shall make final statement with the Reunion facility to be completed in no more than fourteen [14] days following the conclusion of the Reunion.

Section 5. Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and those members not to

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exceed twenty-four elected by the membership, with eight elected each year to serve a three [3] year term. Membership each year shall include a representative from: Division Headquarters — Special Troops; 271st Infantry Regiment; 272nd Infantry Regiment; 273rd Infantry Regiment; Division Artillery; 269th Combat Engineers; 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion; and the 777th Tank Battalion. The Board of Directors, during the intervals between Reunions, shall carry out the policies adopted by the Association.

The Board shall have authority to designate the time and place of each Annual Reunion [subject to approval of the General Membership at the Annual Reunion]. The Board shall have the authority to set the amount of Annual Membership Dues.

Section 6. Executive Committee.

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

Section 7. Term of Office.

The term of office for all elected Officers of the Association (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) shall be for two years beginning at the conclusion of the Reunion at which they were elected and shall continue until their successors are duly elected.

ARTICLE II STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. Resolutions Committee.

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

Section 2. Nominations Committee.

The Nominations Committee shall consist of not less than eight members to be appointed by the President and shall include one representative from: Division Headquarters — Special Troops; 271st Infantry Regiment; 272nd Infantry Regiment; 273rd Infantry Regiment; Divarty; 269th Combat Engineers Battalion. 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion; and 777th Tank Battalion. This committee shall report to the Reunion its recommendations for Officers and new Board Members of the Association for the ensuing term.

Section 3. Reunion Committee.

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

Section 4. Chairmen of Standing Committees.

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

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP DUES

Section 1. Dues.

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

ARTICLE IV ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

ARTICLE V FISCAL YEAR

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

ARTICLE VI BRANCH SOCIETIES

Section 1.

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

Section 2.

Petitions for organization of Branch Societies shall be addressed to the President of the Association, who shall submit same to the next meeting of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have final authority to approve any and all such petitions. Upon approval of a petition by the Board of Directors, the President shall issue a charter for such Branch Societies.

Section 3.

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

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the Quorum of eligible members attending any Annual Reunion of the Association.



Ferry over Weser Canal, operated by the Engineers.

Bob Myers, Our President, Says, Looking Forward To Seeing You and Your Lovely Lady at Host Inn



Bob Myers

This letter will be my last from this office since late August 1979. I find it hard to believe it will soon be two years ago. I have enjoyed my term because so many of you have offered and contributed such tremendous and unselfish support. I can never thank you enough for myself and for our entire membership as well. I look forward to returning to the troops as another proud member enjoying the associations and friendships so dear to all of us. I will support those who follow in office.

Accomplishments we have achieved are worthy of note. We have become a "National Organization" with Officers and Board representation which now includes: California, Missouri, Arizona, Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Wisconsin and Ohio. Business matters of our Association have been published so all our membership might know what's going on, and be prepared to vote as an informed member. Our Resolutions Committee made superior progress in up-dating our Constitution and

By-Laws, which are published in this issue of this Bulletin.

We have selected **Reunion Sites three years ahead**. This should promote advance planning to attend by many, many more of our members.

We conducted a very successful Reunion in New Orleans which included that unforgettable return to Camp Shelby and Hattiesburg. Our Financial Report of the New Orleans Reunion also appears in this issue of the Bulletin.

We will have our own 69th Infantry Divarty Recon Troop represented, plus the 880th Artillery present for the first time, present for the first time.

Looking ahead to our forthcoming Reunion we should be looking toward the following:

1. Election of Officers and eight new members of the Board.

2. Establishment of a reliable and workable Souvenir Committee. I feel three couples (or 6 persons) are needed and M/M Bill Sheavly have offered to help.

3. We need a Finance Committee, under proper-control, to guide us in investments of our funds to ensure the highest safe earnings available.

4. We need a Reunion Site Selection Committee.

5. We should select a Reunion Site for 1984. Such selection should be an Eastern U.S.A. site, following the 1983 Reunion at Mountain Shadows in Scottsdale, Arizona. To date I've received no request for the information-data form to be completed for submission of a request for a Reunion Site.

6. Both the Resolutions and future of our Scholarship Committees should continue to serve the best interests of us all.

With more than 800 of our membership residing in Pennsylvania, plus the density of our membership population within 300 miles of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania — I anticipate we will have a record attendance at this Reunion and will be the "Best Reunion to date"!

I look forward to seeing you in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,
Bob Myers

1980 New Orleans Financial Report

Item or Event	Expense	Income
Camp Shelby Trip		\$ 2,107.00
Busses	925.00	
Lunch — William Carey College	451.00	
Registration — PX Beer Party Dance		1,365.00
Beer and Soft Drinks	455.91	
Band	500.00	
Early Bird Boat Ride	2,672.63	3,482.00
Banquet Dinner Dance		5,200.00
Dinners	5,028.00	
Band	500.00	
Administrative Expenses		
Printing Name Tags, Tickets, Registration Forms, and Ribbons	161.48	
Advance Committee to New Orleans, October 1979 — Myers, See, and Blank	334.00	
Clarence Marshall's Room — Seven days	332.64	
Coffee — General Meetings on Saturday	195.04	
Ladie's Auxiliary	15.00	
Mrs. Costa — Tours	11.93	
Refunds		
Fletcher — Shelby Trip	32.00	
Vicidomina — Banquet	40.00	
Week Long Activities Total	\$11,654.63	\$12,154.00
Net Profit		\$ 499.37
Donation		
Bank of Hattiesburg — Guy Rodgers		\$ 200.00

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 9 and 10 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

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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- Resolutions/By-Laws Committee meeting — 7:00 P.M. — Chuck Herring's room
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.
Golf Tournament with Chuck Herring — Early Morning Tee Offs
(Go in private cars to the local golf course. Details at Registration Desk).
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.
Early Bird Dinner Theater — 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
[Show will be a comedy]
- 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.

Days of Yore . . .

These four photographs were taken at our Association's First Reunion in 1948. The location was the Park Central Hotel. There were no identifications on these pictures, so if you spot yourself in one of them you were "A Real First Timer".

The photographs were furnished by the late Col. James C. Damron of Division Headquarters Company.





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C-269th Engineers Baseball Team — Camp Shelby 1944

Make Reservations Now For 1981 69th Division Association Reunion

All Reservations for the 1981 Host Inn — Hershey-Harrisburg Reunion should be directed to our chairman:

Mr. W. "Bill" R. Foster

803 Elkwood Drive

New Cumberland, Pennsylvania 17070

Telephones: 717/774-2396 — [Home — Evenings and Weekends]

717/774-0870 — [Office — Day Time — Monday thru Friday]

Bill:

I/we plan to arrive Harrisburg International Airport as follows: _____

I/we plan on driving to the Host Inn and arrive as follows: _____

I/we plan on taking the bus _____ and arrive as follows: _____

I/we plan on taking a train _____ and arrive as follows: _____

Room Rates are: \$48.00 per day/night for: Singles, Doubles, Triples, Quadruples

I/we want _____ Rooms at the Host Inn. _____ Adjoining, if possible.

Arrival	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Flight No.	Departure
Sunday, August 9	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Monday, August 10	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tuesday, August 11	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Wednesday, August 12	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Thursday, August 13	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Friday, August 14	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Saturday, August 15	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sunday, August 16	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Monday, August 17	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Number in Our Party Will Be: _____ Adults _____ Children _____ Guest(s)

Please have Host Inn Mail Confirmation To:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Registration Form is on the reverse side of this page. By filling it in now, it will save time at the Registration Desk at the Reunion, as you will already be Pre-registered. You can make changes on any activity when you arrive at the Reunion, by going to the Cashier's Desk. A Program will be given you, along with your Name Tag, and a Yellow Ribbon, if you are a "First Timer."

You may place a Business Ad or Have Your Name[s] and Unit listed in the Program Book, by letting Bill know your desires, no later than JULY 1, 1981. So do act now on all matters.

I/we want the following:

Member (husband and wife) Name and Unit	— \$ 2.00	\$ _____
1/4 Page Ad from Members and Units	— 5.00	_____
1/2 Page Ad from Members and Units	— 10.00	_____
Full Page Ad from Members and Units	— 19.00	_____
1/4 Page Ad from Your Business or Business Card	— 7.50	_____
1/2 Page Ad from your Business or a Friend's Business	— 15.00	_____
Full Page Ad from Your Business or a Friend's Business	— 25.00	_____

Total Amount Enclosed

\$ _____

Send all information to Bill Foster at the above address.

Make checks payable to the 69th Infantry Division Association. Please make separate checks for the Ads and Registration Information.

69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 1981 REUNION
661st TANK DESTROYER BATTALION — 777th TANK BATTALION
- ANNUAL REUNION -

City: Host Inn — Hershey-Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Date: August 9 thru 16, 1981

I/we plan to be at the Reunion, and plan to attend the following activities . . . so count on me/us.

Number in our party will be _____ Adults _____ Children _____ Guest(s)

Name: _____ Wife: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Area Code/Telephone No.: _____ Unit: _____

Guest(_____) Room No.: _____

I am a New Member: _____ This is My First Time Reunion: _____

I have attended _____ Reunions: _____ Our Room No.: _____

Did you drive your car, and is it available if needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

	Per Person	Number Attending	Amount
Registration (Good for PX Beer Party)	\$ 5.00		\$ _____
Monday Activity —	\$ _____		\$ _____
Tuesday Activity —	\$ _____		\$ _____
Wednesday Activity — Gettysburg Tour	\$ 27.00		\$ _____
Thursday Activity — Hershey Park & Chocolate World	\$ 10.00		\$ _____
Thursday Activity — Early Bird Dinner	\$ 17.00		\$ _____
Friday Activity — Pennsylvania Dutch Country Tour	\$ 19.00		\$ _____
Friday Activity — PX Beer Party	\$ Your Registration Ticket		
Saturday Activity — Banquet (Seating by Units)	\$ 17.00		\$ _____
		Sub Total	\$ _____

Dues — Effective from Reunion to Reunion:

Regular Membership	\$ 5.00	\$ _____
Contributory Membership (Includes \$2.00 for Scholarship Fund)	\$ 10.00	\$ _____
Ladies Auxiliary	\$ 2.00	\$ _____

Sub Total \$ _____

Total Amount \$ _____

If this is your First Reunion, and you have not given this information before, please, do fill in below.

This information is for our "Sunshine Girl," Margie McCombs, who will send greetings to you, on special occasions. It is also suggested Regular Reunion Attendees up-date this information periodically — *Thank You, Kindly!*

Member's Birthday: _____ Wife's Birthday: _____
Name Date

Wedding Anniversary: _____

Children Living at Home: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Birthday: _____ Birthday: _____

News From The Editor's Desk

Robert J. Ambrose, 81 Stillwell Road, Leonardo, N.J. 07737, 569th Sig.: I read in the American Legion Magazine that the 69th Infantry Division is having a Reunion in August 1981, in Harrisburg, Pa. I was in the 69th Division (569th Signal Co.), when it was activated in Camp Shelby, Miss., and completed training and went overseas with it.

I would appreciate getting the details of the Reunion and would especially like to know if you have a Roster of men who had served in the 569th Signal Company and are members of the Association. Would like to hear as soon as convenient for you.

Arthur B. Wilmoth, 6323 Woodson Street, Shawnee Mission, Kans. 66202: Current issue of the American Legion Magazine carried some information about a proposed 69th Infantry Division Reunion during August at Harrisburg, Pa. What can you tell me about the proposed plans for the Reunion?

Michael Maccarone, 172-03 Effington Avenue, Flushing, N.Y. 11358, B-880th: I happened to look through one of the American Legion Magazines (April issue), and I noted the Reunion of the 69th Infantry Division. I am very interested in knowing the details of it. Please send me all of the information that I need to know. I would also like to know if the wives are allowed to participate.

LeRoy J. Dress, 2850 Warm Springs Road, Chambersburg, Pa. 17201: Please send particulars of the 69th Infantry Division Reunion in August 1981, at Harrisburg, Pa.

Harold W. Nitz, 13975 Hazelridge, Detroit, Mich. 48205, Hq.-2nd Bn. 273rd: Would appreciate any information in regard to the 69th Infantry Division Reunion. I read the notice in my copy of the American Legion Magazine.

I was S/Sgt. with Hq.-Co., 2nd Bn., 273rd. Would you kindly forward any data as to date, time and accommodations. Hoping to hear from you soon.

Earl Weaver, R.D. No. 1, Box 106, Warriors Mark, Pa. 16877, D-777th: Employed at Cerro Brass Company in Bedford, Pa. I have five children and seven grandchildren.

I would like to know if Al Toro is still around. I believe his last address was Newark, N.J. There was also a **Biddle** from Tyrone, Pa. I have forgotten his name.

[Editor's Note: Mr. Weaver was provided Paul Biddle's address. Al Toro we have not been able to relocate. In a later correspondence Mr. Weaver sent along a list of names and old addresses from D-Company 777th Tank Bn., but unfortunately it was a duplicate of one that we already had].

Clair M. Plank, P.O. Box 35, Mount Union, Pa. 17066, D-777th: I have just the one daughter. After discharge I went back to my old job with Harbison-Walker.

Gustav Cohan, 30 Main Street, Bradford, Pa. 16701, D-777th: Opened a Jewelry Store, established October 1948, and have been in the same operation since, in Bradford, Pa.

I have a complete Roster of the original Company.

[Editor's Note: Mr. Cohan's Roster was also identical to the one that we already had].

Robert C. Johnson, P.O. Box 27, Strandburg, S.D. 57265, D-777th: Postmaster since 1957. Married May 25, 1968. Two children: Twila, 11 years; and Ruel, 10 years. Active in church and community work.

Elmer Brownsberger, 38 S. Main Street, Manheim, Pa. 17545, D-777th: In 1972 I made a return trip back to Germany, and revisited many of the old places that the 777th was in during the War.

In 1973 I retired from the Fuller Company Manheim Plant after almost forty-five years of service.

Barney W. Baliles, 2404 N. Dickerson St., Arlington, Va. 22207, D-777th: In reply to your letter of February 1981, I was

a member of the 10th Armored Division, and also the 777th Tank Battalion.

I telephoned **Marion Calloway**, and we will be coming to the Reunion together.

Thank you very much for writing me. I look forward to the Reunion — August 9th to 16th.

Thomas C. Graves, 8101 Pine Tree Lane, West Palm Beach, Fla. 33406, F-273rd: In the American Legion Magazine of April 1980, there was a notice of the Reunion of the 69th Infantry Division, and as a former member of Co. F-273rd, I am interested in learning more about your Association. Any information that you can furnish me would be appreciated.

Mrs. Elvy Neer, 5942 Lawrence Road, Everson, Wash. 98247: My husband was in Camp Shelby and went overseas with the 69th Division, and was very proud to be one of them.

Will you please send us some information on how we can purchase decals and patches, and also the book that has been published about the Division.

We are retired now. We owned and operated a Cedar Shale Mill for twenty-one years. We made Cedar Roofing Material.

We would like to have more information about the 69th Infantry Division Association.

Al Kormas, 10301 Lake Avenue, Apt. 726, Cleveland, Ohio 44102, Hq. 879th: How are you? Expect to see you in Canton when I join and meet the Tri-State gang for the first time.

Got another 69'er who never knew about the Association. I would appreciate it if he would be sent some extra past Bulletins and a decal for his car. He is: **Phil Sparacino**, 5760 N. 80th, Milwaukee, Wisc. 53218, Hq.-881st. I discovered him in a phone directory and called him. We had lost contact thirty years ago.

See you, and thanks for all that you do. New Orleans was great.

Stanley Crouch, 4650 Rumpke Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45245, H&S-880th: Hi! Really appreciate the Bulletins and the work you do to make it possible. In the last edition you printed a letter from an Old Buddy, **Stanley Bratt** of the 880th F.A. Bn. Could you please send me his address so I could write him?

Walter D. Poore, 328 East 1st, Greensburg, Ind. 47240, AT-272nd: I would like to see if I can get a History Book. I was in Anti-Tank Company 272nd Regiment at Camp Shelby in 1943 and 1944.

I would like to get in touch with the men who served with me. I am going to try to get to the Reunion this summer.

Perhaps if you print this, some of my former Buddies might write me.

Bruce J. Srout, 101 S. Stewart, Geneseo, Ill. 61254, I-272nd: I just learned in a Christmas card from another old 69'er Buddy that he didn't know of the Association. His name and address is: **Bing T. Poon**, 1434 Kennedy St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20011, E-271st. I am sure that he would like to join the Association, and would appreciate hearing from you. I sent him a copy of an old Bulletin.

I heard recently from **Bob Kurtzman** and **Pat Lushbaugh** about holding an I-Company, 272nd Reunion. I replied that I thought it was a great idea. I also sent them addresses of some other Buddies which they didn't have. I'm sure they will send them on to you. They have a pretty good list by now.

Hope to see you all in '81.

William J. Bawden, 130 Dover, Pontiac, Mich. 48054, Hq.-881st: According to the latest 69th Infantry Division Bulletin it is possible that you may have a list of names and addresses for Headquarters Battery 881st-F.A. Bn. I was in the 881st and would appreciate being able to contact the fellows you may have on the list.

Certainly enjoy the Bulletin.

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William N. L., Hutchinson, Jr., 1000 Green Street, San Francisco, Calif. 94133, Hq.-Div.: Thank you for your letter of January 26, 1981, and for your efforts trying to locate **Eugene Johnson**. I believe that he was actually in the 880th Field Artillery Battalion rather than in Division Artillery Headquarters.

Also, thanks for sending the names of the personnel which appeared in the Division Artillery Headquarters Battery picture. I did not join Division Artillery until June of 1944, and prior to that he had been in Division Headquarters. Neither Herle or myself were actually part of Headquarters Battery, since we were both on the Division Artillery Staff. I was an aide-de-camp to **Brig. Gen. Robert V. Maraist**, and Herle was the Assistant S1-S4.

Is there some section of the Department of the Army that I could write in order to try to locate Eugene Johnson? I would appreciate it if you could let me know.

I hope I am able to meet you at the next Reunion, but in the meantime. Thank You Kindly, for all of your help.

[Editor's Note: If any reader can help us relocate Eugene Johnson, a former Artillery man, please contact Mr. Hutchinson or National Headquarters].

Maurice Kasen, 2705 Regis Drive, Boulder, Colo. 80303, D-777th: Thank you for your letter of March 16, 1981. I got your address from **Frank (Kim) Packard**, who contacted me regarding authenticating an M4A3 Tank he is restoring, based on Always Julie. I suspect that your previous letter to me was delivered to my relatives in Two Harbors, and got lost somewhere. If you have reason to believe that **Clinton Esslinger** is still living in Bowen, Ill., I'd like the photograph sent to him after you are finished with it. Otherwise you can keep it if you wish.

The photograph was taken either at Holzhausen which is a suburb of Leipzig or at Naunhof, just east of Leipzig. It is one of the best preserved of a series I took on 9 x 12 cm glass plates, developing them under blankets at night.

[Editor's Note: We hope to use Mr. Kasen's photograph on the front cover of our next Bulletin].

Ray Bobber, 2419 N. Division Street, Appleton, Wisc. 54911, Ser. 881st: Please send me information on the 69th Infantry Division Reunion planned for August, as per the American Legion Magazine.

William H. Smith, 746 Aston Martin Drive, Lindenwold, N.J. 08021, I-273rd: I have been trying to find out if the 69th had any Reunions. I just found out last week that the next Reunion will be held in Lancaster County.

I was with the 69th when it was activated. I left the Division when de-activated to re-enlist in November of 1945. I was in Company I 273rd Infantry Regiment, 1st Platoon - 4th Squad. I was First Scout of the Company and Battalion.

A Buddy of mine from New Jersey and I would like to attend the Reunion, with our wives. We would be there the 14th, 15th and 16th.

I would also like a list of members who served in I and K Companies - 273rd Infantry.

I only saw one Buddy's name in one of your Bulletins that a friend gave me. Please enter me on your mailing list.

Hope to see you at the Reunion in August.

William B. Hairston, Jr., 2540 Aberdeen Road, Birmingham, Ala. 35223, K-272nd: It has been a pleasure for me to receive the various publications of the 69th Infantry Division Association. It brings alive faded memories of good and bad. I personally appreciate the devotion, this historic moment, as a present reality in our lives.

Bill L. Harbert of K-272nd and myself have maintained a very close relationship since the Leaf River days. Each year we resolve to attend one of the Reunions. Unfortunately the press of the moment cancels those plans.

Bill has received world-wide renown in the engineering field. As a part of his work he has had the opportunity to revisit some of our shrines in Germany. Perhaps a letter to him would produce an article for your publication.

Elmer Brownsberger, 38 S. Main Street Manheim, Pa. 17545, D-777th: Received your Bulletin this morning. I would have written to you sooner but I was trying to get in contact with some of the fellows from D-Company 777th Tank Battalion.

I saw in your Bulletin that **James Bristol** had informed you that we had two **Goodman's** in our Company. **Capt. Robert Goodman** was our Company Commander, and there was a **Lt. Clarence Goodman**. I am trying hard to get these men together.

I got in contact with "**Mickey**" **Marsyada** of Hazelton, Pa. He told me that he is going to retire in April, and after that he will have more time to try and relocate some of our fellows.

I was the oldest man in the Company, and they didn't want to take me overseas. They wanted to send me to Armored School, but I told them my school days were over. I went to the hospital for two months, and when released rejoined the Company and went overseas with them. I was never sorry because they were a good bunch.

I will try to get in touch with **Jim Bristol** tonight. **Ammon Schenenberger** lives here in my home town, and I understand that he isn't in too good health right now.

I hope that we can make it to Harrisburg. See you there in August.

[Editor's Note: Michael Marsyada whom Mr. Brownsberger mentioned in his letter was a new addition to our Mailing Roster].

J. Tutt Snodgrass, c/o Amick & Helm, 200 Speed Bldg., Louisville, Ky. 40202, 273rd: I note a letter in the Louisville Courier-Journal stating that there will be a Reunion of the 69th Division at Harrisburg, Pa., in August.

Please send me any particulars about the meeting. I was a member of the 273rd Regiment and might possibly attend.

James D. Carroll, 2221 Barrywood Road, Huntsville, Ala. 35810: There was a short notice in the April 19, 1981, edition of the Huntsville Alabama Times, concerning the 34th Annual Reunion of the 69th Division, scheduled for 9th to 16th of August. This notice stated that additional information could be obtained from you. I would appreciate all the information available concerning this Reunion.

Thomas H. Travis, 459 Randolph Street, Napa, Calif. 94558, Hq.-880th: In the Bulletin I just received is a letter by **Stanley W. Bratt**. Will you kindly furnish me with his address? I am anxious to contact him as we were together in Hq.-880th.

George E. Couchman, 160 S. 10th Street, Wythesville, Va. 24382, Hq.-880th: I was in the 69th Division Headquarters Battery, 880th Field Artillery, supporting the 272nd Infantry Regiment. Is this outfit included in your Reunion? If so, I would like more information about it.

Thank you, very much, for your time and consideration.

Roy M. Darnold, R.R. No. 2, Box 304, Madison, Ind. 47250, K-273rd: I am writing you in regard to The Fighting 69th Infantry Division Association Reunion. I saw your letter in the Louisville, Kentucky, Courier-Journal and thought I should write you and see what information is available, as I might be able to attend.

I was a member of Company K-273rd Infantry from December 1944, through most of 1945. My home town was Campbellsburg, Kentucky, but I have lived the last thirty-three years on a farm near Madison, Ind. I am a tobacco farmer.

Just recently I found out that a friend I had in the service, from Bentleyville, Pa., had passed away back in 1972 or 74.

I'll be waiting for whatever information you can send me.

Harry F. Anderson, P.O. Box 223, Geneva, Ind. 46740, L-273rd: Please send me any information you might have

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concerning the Reunion, and any information you may have on Company L-273rd Infantry. I was with the 69th Infantry Division when it was formed at Camp Shelby and was with it until the War was over.

C. Frank Carey, 2133 Peters Road, Reading, Pa. 19601, F-271st: I most certainly would like some further information about the up-coming Reunion of the Fighting 69th Infantry Division. Having served in two Wars, both the Big II and Korean, my fondest memories of both remain with Company F-271st Infantry Regiment. I served with this wonderful group of soldiers from Camp Shelby until the end of the War.

I also remember, with fondness and respect, the nickname given us at Camp Shelby, Miss. — "Bolte's Bivouacing Bastards". Do you remember?

I am looking forward to meeting you in Harrisburg this August. Feel free to call me collect if you would like to talk to an "Old 69'er".

Jack H. Hartzog, 104 Chickasaw Place, Jacksonville, Ark. 72076, L-273rd: I have only recently learned that there is a 69th Infantry Division Association, and that you are the one to contact regarding membership, etc.

During WORLD WAR II, I was in Company L-273rd Infantry from October 1944, until late December 1944. I was one of the ones who learned on Christmas Day 1944, that I was being shipped out to become a replacement in one of the divisions that were shot-up badly in the Battle of the Bulge. I ended up in the 78th Infantry Division with which I stayed until after the War was over.

I would appreciate any information you have on becoming a member of your Association. I would like to know if you have a list of current addresses for men who formerly served in L-273rd.

I am the Civilian Personnel Officer at Little Rock, located here at Jacksonville, which is only about 12 miles from Little Rock, Ark. I have over thirty-two years Federal Service, including my two years in the Army during World War II.

Robert E. Linscott, 9 Hemlock Road, Hingham, Mass. 02043, C-777th: I am retired from the Hingham Fire Department. Our son, Gerard, is a Captain in the Department. We have two grandchildren; a boy 10, and a girl 4.

Dottie and Me



Earl and Dottie Witzleb

Another year is about over as you read this third issue of the Bulletin for 1980-1981. **Have you paid your dues so that the Bulletins may keep coming to you — as they have for the past four years?** Over the past four years, we have had three issues of the Bulletin, each year, which ranged between 16 to 24 pages, with news of your Buddies and our Association, keeping you informed as never before.

Soon, as a matter of fact in August, our **New Dues Year will begin. The new Dues Card for 1981-1982 will be a Blue Card.** It would be nice if you can pay your dues at the Reunion this year at the Host Inn, or at least by the First Dues Notice.

Speaking of the Host Inn, our Reunion Site for '81, August 9 thru 16. I am happy to report that it looks like a good year to show-up and meet "*Old Buddies*"! The feeling is that this year's Reunion in Harrisburg will be one with a **record attendance**. Do make your reservations with **Bill Foster**, our Chairman of the Reunion. One will find it difficult to find enough time to take in all of the wonderful tours and fascinating sites of the Pennsylvania Dutch Country, during the week of our Reunion. The Strasburg Train Ride and the Gettysburg Trip will take care of two days. You will want to do things on your own — meet in the various Hospitality Rooms, visit Hershey Park, attend all the functions of the Reunion, and then on Saturday, just sit back after the Memorial Service and enjoy your Banquet Dinner Dance, and then wonder . . . where did the week go?

By the way, especially those members from the Eastern half of the country, this is your year to take advantage of coming to the Reunion, as the site for the 1982 Reunion will be in the Mid-West, Milwaukee, Wisconsin — and in 1983 the Reunion will be in the West, at Mountain Shadows in Scottsdale, Arizona. We are looking for a Reunion Site for 1984, and possibly one for 1985. We are looking forward to two good locations, for presentation to the membership. To date, our President Bob Myers, has not had any inquiry for those two particular years.

Dottie and I enjoyed our stay with the 661st Tank Destroyers in Williamsburg, Virginia, in April, and hope to see all of these same faces at the Reunion in August, plus more.

The Doc really knew how to bring a good Tank Destroyer Reunion to a finale. The trip to Bill Beswick's Paper Factory, was well worth the trip. Was glad to see the Halainen's coming all the way from Troy, New Hampshire, for the Central Pennsylvania Spring Banquet. The Central Pennsylvania Group are our Hosts for the 1981 Reunion at the Host Inn in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Can't really express my feeling of gratitude to the Tri-State Group for the wonderful Spring Weekend. All **sixty-seven of us** were one "*Big Happy Family*," cared for by a Committee composed of the **Kurtzman's, Casey's, Shaffers's,** and **Homer Rager**, who treated us "*royally*."

Our Score Board keeps getting better each year, with the Division Association **Chapter Groups Meetings Across the United States**, with such Chapter Group Reunions as the Recon, 880th F.A., and many more which you can read about in this issue of the Bulletin, under the heading of "**Division Association Chapter [Group] Meetings Across the United States**". One of the main purposes of these gatherings is to get the Association Members in a smaller geographical area better acquainted with each other, and in turn hope that this may encourage many more to attend the Annual Division Association Reunion, and make that event bigger and better every year.

I am happy to report that on May 15, 1981, **General Bolte** came through his first hip operation with flying colors, and in early June he will have the other hip taken care of, at **Walter Reed Army Medical Center** in Washington, D.C. He plans on being at the Host Inn for the Reunion. This alone should encourage more members to put forth an extra effort to attend the Reunion in August. It would be nice if you would drop the General a card, or a note, at the **Walter Reed Army Medical Center**. It would certainly help him to pass the time until he returns to his home in Alexandria, Virginia.

Dottie and I hope that all of you will have a good summer and enjoyable vacations, hoping that one of those vacations will bring you to The Host Inn in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in August. Should you be traveling through Pennsylvania this summer via the Pennsylvania Turnpike, and should be in the area of Exit No. 9 on the turnpike — do stop off and visit with us. We are home most every evening and on the weekends . . . so if you're in the area — dial us at 455-2901.

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Might just say to each of you members of our fine Association, that this is **YOUR** 69th Division Association — so let us hear from you. Remember, we now have eight members on the Board of Directors coming from each of the Infantry Regiments [271st · 272nd · 273rd], one from Division Headquarters and Service Companies, one from the Divarty [Artillery], and one each from the 269th Engineers, 661st Tank Destroyers, and 777th. Make sure you get in on the caucuses at the Reunion to help choose your man to represent you for the next three years. This is also Election Year for Officers, along with eight Directors, so do be present at the Reunion. Revisions to our Constitution and By-Laws of the Association will be discussed and voted upon.

All members living in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, area, and neighboring states, can be a part of the 1982 Reunion Committee by contacting Vernon Wirth at 414/442-9664. I am sure he will be happy to have your assistance.

Guess that's it for this time. So . . . until we see you in Harrisburg at the Host Inn, from August 9 to 16, which is only a few short weeks from now. take care, be good, and travel safely.

P.S. May I just extend an invitation to all Company E. 273rd Members to join me, Bill Matlach, Fred Huston, Art Madderson, Francis Dionne, and Charles "Pappy" Shimp at this year's Reunion. I am sure Joe Naticak, Walter Llewellyn, Frank Reemsnyder, Joe Aiello, Cecil Beshore, Fred Dicke, Chuck Meilwas, and Davisson Dunlap will be there. This makes for a group of fourteen, which I am sure can be doubled. Don't forget to bring the "Lady of the House."

Earl Witzleb

Commission Seeking Former or Present Members of the Armed Forces Who Have Received Battlefield Commissions

The National Order of Battlefield Commissions is seeking former, or present members of the Armed Services who received a "Battlefield Commission", at any time or place.

This includes those received for "Gallantry In Action" or similar commendation and is inclusive for personnel who received such commission for service on land, sea, or in the air.

Army, Marine, Naval, Air, and Coast Guard personnel are eligible.

Forward all inquiries to:

Mr. Wallace Weyant
Box 191, Route 1
Bowling Green, Virginia 22427

Only For Tank Destroyers

DEAR FELLOW 661'ers —

It's just me again, [Bill Beswick], trying to encourage all 661'ers to once again come on out and enjoy yourselves at the 69th Infantry Division Association's Annual Reunion. I am sure that you will find many interesting things to do and see in the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, area. Hershey Park and the Chocolate Factory are close by, as well as Gettysburg.

At one time we had a very large crowd of 661'ers attending the Reunions. In fact, I believe it was one of the largest

groups to turn out for this event. So, why not "Come On" — and "Let's Do It Again."

Why don't each one of you 661'ers sit down, write a Buddy — and "Let's Meet Him at the Host Inn in Harrisburg."

Give it a great big try!

Sincerely,

Bill

Beemer Jots a Note . . .

Dear Mr. Myers, President of the 69th Infantry Division:

On April 25, 1981, I received a letter from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, that I was not selected for admission at West Point.

I would like to thank you and all of the 69'ers for their loyal support when I needed it most.

I hope that this letter finds you in the best of health.

Sincerely,

Curtis Herring

Vernon Wirth Writes to Members of 777th Tank Battalion

During the past two years, I have received numerous letters from former 777th Tankers, who had seen the Reunion Notices, for the first time, in one of the veteran's magazines. Most had already made vacation plans, and were not able to attend.

This year, with the Reunion being held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, it is expected that there will be a large turnout, as over 50% of the Members who are on the Mailing List, live within 500 miles of the Host Inn. Almost forty Members live in the state of Pennsylvania alone, and are only four to five hours driving time away. This is your chance to make it for the "First Time." I am sure you will enjoy the Reunion and will also make a lot of new friends. If you have never attended a Reunion, and worry about not knowing anyone there — you have nothing to worry about — because the Reunion Committee will introduce you to those present.

It was not until two years ago that I attended my first Reunion, held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1978, and that was after I first heard of the 777th being included in the 69th Infantry Division Association and their Annual Reunion. I arrived there in Pittsburgh, not knowing a single person there. I had corresponded with Clarence Marshall for two years. Within a very short time after arriving at the Reunion, I had made a number of friends. One of the attendees at the Reunion, upon hearing that I had served in the 11th Cavalry asked me if I knew a certain Sergeant. It turned out that he was my Platoon Sergeant when I first entered the Army in February 1941. Later on, another member of the A-Company and other members of our Battalion arrived, and a good time was enjoyed by all.

By attending the Reunion, it will also give all of you Tankers a chance to discuss a topic that many have written and talked about for the last few years. A RETURN TRIP TO FORT KNOX. I had that opportunity in 1979. The Post has changed a lot since we left there on December 7, 1944. Our old barracks and the area around Brooks Field looks just like it did that rainy morning, as we marched to board the train for the beginning of our trip to Europe.

Here's hoping to see many of you at the Host Inn in August — some for the first time, and others after many years.

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If any of you 777th Tankers have names and addresses of members of our Battalion — current or old — please forward them to either Clarence Marshall or myself, so that we can get them on our Mailing List.

Sincerely,
Vernon Wirth
8330 W. Concordia Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53222
414/442-9664

Col. James C. Damron Passed Away 10 March 1981

To the Officers and Men
Fighting 69th Infantry Division —

As many of you know, Col. James C. Damron passed away on 10 March 1981. He passed with dignity and honor. As a family we could not think of a greater honor and tribute to Dad than to ask that donations be sent to the Association Scholarship Fund in lieu of flowers at the funeral.

I knew most of you before I met you at the Boston Reunion in 1979. Dad often spoke of the men he served with in the 69th, and I grew up listening to his stories of all the exploits he and others were involved in. Dad loved the 69th and had great pride in all it stood for. It was this pride and love that helped sustain Dad in his later life. It was this pride and love that enabled his family to endure our great loss.

On behalf of the family, I want to thank each and every one of you who shared our loss. The beautiful flowers from the Association were close to Dad in the end. God bless you all.

Sincerely,
Thomas C. Damron, Ph.D.

Lowell McFarlin — C-880th Writes Our President . . .

I received the Rosters you were kind enough to prepare, and sent to me, and I thank you very much. This business of searching for our Comrades of long ago is certainly one of the most exciting things I have ever been involved in.

Clarence Marshall supplied me with a list of twenty-seven addresses of the men he had found, and we started from there. As of right now we are up to sixty men, and I have two more located, but don't have the addresses, as yet. This total does not include the sixteen men we have located who are now deceased, and some of those were real shockers.

I have found just recently since the last Bulletin, that the men of the 69th Division Association are also very willing to help us. I contacted six men whose names I found in the Bulletin, who lived in a town close to where we were searching, and I have had four answers and a phone call from one. They have located one deceased member, two new men, and possibly one more man.

I have gone over this list you sent and noticed several possibilities, so I am anxious to get started. I notice you served in Division Headquarters. I am sure you know Clyde Ware. Clyde and I went into the service together, from Ohio. I was with him when an officer asked him what he did in civilian life, Clyde's reply was that he was a secretary, and quickly told him how many words he could type per minute. The officer could hardly believe it. When our names were called-off as to what Unit we were to report to, Clyde was sent to Division Headquarters and I was real fortunate, and put in C-Battery, 880th

Field Artillery. That was in May of 1943, and I was there until after the War. Then I went to the 29th Division and later to the 78th Division in Berlin, for six months.

If all goes well, we will see you in Harrisburg.

Scholarship Chairman, Sam Woolf, Passes This Along To Earl Witzleb

Just got off the telephone with Seymour Nash, and he informed me that Joe Kovarik's wife, Sally, passed away on Saturday. There is no formal service, but I thought that you might want to mention this in our next issue of the Bulletin.

Enclosed is his address for anyone who might want it.

They were a great couple, and very active with the New York Chapter. You could always depend on both of them for anything.

The address:

Mr. Joseph Kovarik
Buckingham Drive
Leisure Village
West Lake Hurst, N.J. 08733

Dr. Sumner Russman Vacations In Hawaii

This past February, Dr. Sumner Russman of Oklahoma City, spent nine days on the island of Oahu, Hawaii. He stated there were many sights, good food, good company, and fun.

While there, he visited with Bob Sylva who served in our Division Artillery. Much of their conversation went back to the days of the 69th.

Russman urged Mr. Sylva to try and make one of our Reunions, and he stated that he may make it to Arizona in 1983.



Shipyards at Vegs, Germany

PAY YOUR DUES EARLY
for
1981 - 1982

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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This is the first time I have written a letter to all of the 69th Recon Troopers since we were in Europe.

We have been graciously invited by Bob Myers, President of the 69th Division Association, and many others, to attend the Association's Reunion at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, August 9-16, 1981.

Most of us will not be able to attend the complete five days but let us try at least for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Our Reunion Committee, **Hap Stambaugh, Mike Moscaritolo** and **Joe George, Jr.**, has assured me that Recon Troop will have their own Hospitality Room, so there will be plenty of time to shoot the breeze with one another, as well as to renew acquaintances with other members of the Division Association.

There also seem to be many and varied trips and points of interest in this section of Pennsylvania.

General Bolte normally makes the Reunions, so this would also be an excellent opportunity to see and discuss things in general, with a Grand Gentleman. General Bolte honored us (Recon Troop) at one of our Reunions in Silver Springs, Maryland. I know all of us were honored by having him present.

I was unable to attend our Reunion in Virginia last year, but I certainly hope to see you this year at Harrisburg.

Mike Moscaritolo has offered a free haircut to any Trooper coming this year. After 36 years I certainly don't want to miss that offer.

See you in Harrisburg, at the Host Inn.

L. Boyd Ellsworth
Former C.O. 69th Recon Troop

1982 Reunion Committee

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

Gaylord Thomas, Assistant to Chairman
432 Doty Street
Waupun, Wisconsin 53963

Saturday afternoon, March 28, 1981, the first General Meeting of the 1982 Milwaukee Reunion Committee was held under the direction of its chairman, Vernon Wirth.

Those who attended were:

Vernon and Hildegard Wirth — A-Co. 777th
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Franklyn and Eleanor Showers — C-Co. 777th
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Gaylord Thomas — Headquarters 777th
Waupun, Wisconsin

Raymond and Emily Fischer — B-Co. 661st TD
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Eugene and Ethel Pierron — Recon 661st
Belgium, Wisconsin

Curt and Evelyn Peterson — 569th Sig.
Madison, Wisconsin

Francis and Zita Enright — A-Battery, 881st FA
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dale Scott — 272nd Ser.
Jefferson, Wisconsin

Plans were started on the program for the week-long Reunion with the main attractions beginning Tuesday or Wednesday. The theme for the Mid-West Reunion will be "Cheese and Beer," since this is what Wisconsin is noted for. More details of room rates, Early Bird, Beer Party, and Dinner Banquet Dance will be forthcoming in future Bulletins. **Ramada Inn - Airport, Milwaukee, Wisconsin**, will be headquarters for the events, with many Side Tours available.

The next meeting scheduled will be the middle of July, probably on a Friday evening. An invitation is extended to all 69th Members living in Wisconsin and surrounding states, to join this committee for the purpose of making the Milwaukee Reunion a success. Interested members should write or call Vernon or Gaylord, at the addresses listed above.

[Editor's Note: Vernon, do send me your future meeting dates and where they will be held, presumably at the Ramada Inn. Any other information you wish to be passed along to the members can be done through future Bulletins. Remember only three more Bulletin publications will be issued before your Reunion. So, members, do get behind Vernon and Gaylord, as well as the rest of the Committee, and make Milwaukee a fine week-long affair. You can't find a better place to meet Old Buddies and their lady, for socializing and fellowship, than at a Reunion. We look for a fine turnout from the Mid-West, as well as from the East, West, and South. Expect to see you at Host Inn, Hershey-Harrisburg, August 9 through 16 — then we'll talk about Milwaukee].

Tri-State Group

**Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio,
Maryland, New York and West Virginia**

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

Acme, Pennsylvania 15610

Telephone: 412/455-2901 [Evenings and Weekends]

WE ARE THE FAMILY GROUP!

A beautiful weekend was once again in store for our Tri-State Group's Spring Gathering in Canton, Ohio. Not only
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were the birds singing, the trees budding, and the farmers turning their soil, but also the Tri-State Group was alive, with a record turnout and many new faces.

At this time, let us give a run-down of the Attendee's who enjoyed the socializing and fellowship of a fine group of 69'ers.

Dell and Mary Balzano — Ser. 879th [First Timers]
Highland Heights, Ohio

Warren and Donna Boli — Co.-I, 271st [First Timers]
Canton, Ohio

Lauren and Elaine Brown — A-Co., 369th Med. [First Timers]
Akron, Ohio

Noble and Rosemary Casey — Co.-C, 273rd
Akron, Ohio

Ward and Sally Chorpennig — Hq. 271st Inf. [First Time]
Tallmadge, Ohio

Enrico and Anne D'Angelo — C-Bat., 880th FA
Saltsburg, Pennsylvania

Walter and Ann Doernbach — Div. Hq.
Egg Harbor City, N.J.

William and Mary Eakins — Co.-L, 271st [First Time]
Canton, Ohio

Ted and Rosemarie Edstrom — Div. Hq. [First Time]
Fairview Park, Ohio

Lewis and Stella Ellsworth — Recon
Steubenville, Ohio

John and Edie Fairchild — Co.-C, 273rd [First Time]
Cambridge, Ohio

W. "Bill" R. and Betty Foster — 269th Eng.
New Cumberland, Pa.

Wendell and Sally Freeman — Co.-I, 272th [First Time]
Lawrenceville, Ga.

George and Vickie Gallagher — 69th QM & MP
Beaver, Pa.

Joseph and Zola George, Jr. — Recon
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Fred and Eunice Huston — Co.-E, 273rd
Wellsville, Ohio

Alex and Margaret Kormas — Hq. 879th [First Time]
Cleveland, Ohio

Robert and Vivian Kurtzman — Co.-I, 272nd
Wilmot, Ohio

Edwin and Helen Lohmann — [First Time]

L. "Pat" A. and Jan Lushbaugh — Co.-I, 272nd [First Time]
Funkstown, Md.

Adam Manz — Div. Hq. [First Time]
Ellwood City, Pa.

Clarence Marshall — Div. Hq.
New Kensington, Pa.

Robert and Carol McMillan — Co.-I, 271st [First Time]
Stow, Ohio

Charles and Kathy Moore — E-Co., 271st
North Canton, Ohio

Albert and Charlotte Naginonis — Co.-M, 272nd
Aliquippa, Pa.

Dr. Lewis and Fern Pugh — C-Bat., 880th FA [First Time]
Cadiz, Ohio

Homer Rager — Co.-G, 273rd
Akron, Ohio

Steve Kunchak — 269th Eng. & 29th [First Time]

Emil Paoletta — Hq. 880th FA [First Time]

North Royalton, Ohio

Paul and Marion Shadle — Co.-E, 271st
New Kensington, Pa.

Robert and Jean Shaffer — Co.-C, 272nd
Massillon, Ohio

John and Marie Suprano — A-Bat., 881st FA
New Kensington, Pa.

Robert and Jackie Tasker — Co.-C, 272nd [First Time]
Carrollton, Ohio

William J. Tener — A-Bat., 881st FA [First Time]
Homestead, Pa.

Robert Uher — Hq. 880th FA [First Time]

Wickliffe, Ohio

Earl and Dorothy Witzleb, Jr. — Co.-E, 273rd
Champion, Pa.

Michael and Ilene Oravitz — Guests of Gallaghers
Beaver Falls, Pa.

A grand total of sixty-seven for the weekend. We did, and I'll repeat, we did miss a lot of old faces, especially those from Pennsylvania, which we hope to see at both Host Inn at Harrisburg, in August, and again at Oglebay Park, Wheeling, West Virginia, in November. Haven't had a member yet from West Virginia, but do hope to see a few soon.

Going much too fast — the weekend started out with the usual gathering at the Hospitality Room on Friday evening, as members arrived. Old Casey was right, the bar never did run dry the entire weekend, with a nice stock of supplies. Casey and Coca Cola supplied the set-ups and soft drinks, which we were most thankful for.

Might just say too, the name tags went over big.

Saturday morning found most of us hanging around the Hospitality Room until it was time to go to the Football Hall of Fame. Dottie managed to do a little selling of hats, plackets, and license plates. At 1:00 P.M. sharp, the car caravan left for the Hall of Fame, under the guidance of Shaffer and Kurtzman. Returning back to the Sheraton, a little time for relaxing, and then it was time for the big evening. Our Banquet Dinner was well prepared with everyone enjoying their steak and fine goodies. A short meeting on Tri-State plans, which were as follows, after the dinner.

1. Bill Foster briefed the group on the National Reunion at Host Inn.

2. Boyd Ellsworth discussed our Fall Weekend at Wheeling, West Virginia.

3. Next Spring's Weekend of May 7, 8, and 9, 1982, will be in charge of the Witzleb's and D'Angelo's. An area near Bedford, Somerset, or Ligonier, Pennsylvania, will be selected. We will have a joint weekend with the Central Pennsylvania Branch next spring.

4. Our Fall Weekend of November 5, 6, and 7, 1982, is still up-for-grabs.

5. Since the Division Association will hold an early National Reunion at Mountain Shadows, Scottsdale, Arizona, in May of 1983, our Tri-State Group will cancel both Spring and Fall Weekends in 1983. In place of these events a Four-day Weekend is planned for August 25, 26, 27, 28, 1983, in New Philadelphia, Ohio, with Bob and Vivian Kurtzman, Chairpersons. Naturally, their fine Committee of Casey's, Shaffer's and Rager, who did an outstanding job this year, will be in toe.

6. Charles Moore, one of our fine members, along with his lovely wife Kathy, visited with us for a short time Saturday. Chuck isn't up-to-par at present, and we do wish him a speedy "Get Well Soon", so that he can join us again real soon. You might send a card or note to Chuck at: 6744 Middlebranch Road, North Canton, Ohio 44721.

7. We want to express our thanks to four Newcomers to the Tri-State Group, and the Freeman's coming from Georgia, furnished all the snakes for our Hospitality Room, and the Lushbaugh's who did our last newsletter and will do our printing for the next letter due in the mail in September.

8. A "Thank You", to Adam Manz for the American Flag donation.

Meeting was adjourned with the announcement that Tri-State members can have breakfast free of charge, by turning in their name tag with their bill at the Cashier's register, provided they have breakfast before 11:30 A.M. We then retired to the Hospitality Room.

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A brief run-down of our Fall Weekend, which will be chaired by Boyd and Stella Ellsworth — November 6, 7, 8, 1981, will be as follows:

1. We will stay at Oglebay Park Lodge. Room rates will be \$48.00 per night.
2. Hospitality Room will be provided.
3. One or two Tours will be provided.
4. Saturday Banquet will be early on Saturday, so that the Group can take in the second show at the Wheeling Jamboree. You might drop Boyd a card now at: R.D. No. 1, Knoxville Road, Steubenville, Ohio 43952, telling him you plan to attend. Tickets for the show will be \$8.00 per person.
5. This will be the only announcement in a Bulletin. Those living in Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia, as well as our many other state members will receive a newsletter in September.

661st Tank Destroyer Battalion

William "Bill" and Jo Beswick
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West Point, Virginia 23181
Telephone: 804/843-2696

[Editor's Note: A week that, well, just went too fast in "dear Old Virginia." Dottie and I enjoyed every minute and day of it, and just wondered where the time went. We did go off on our own to NASA Space Center, which is quite interesting, and Bill's Paper Mill was well worth the time spent there, Friday evening].

(Now, I'll let Bill tell it like it happened for the fifty-six who attended).

A Reunion in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, should be a must for everyone, especially during the middle of April, when the azaleas, tulips and flower gardens are bursting out all over town. The gardens are perfectly beautiful with the background of the Colonial Days of early America, the old brick buildings, the brick walls, sidewalks, etc. It is almost hard to imagine, without seeing it. Also, don't forget the spectacular dogwood and red-bud trees, that line the wooded areas around the countryside.

The 661st TD'ers motored to Yorktown, Virginia, on the beautiful Colonial Parkway, which was dotted with dogwood and red-bud trees along the beautiful and wide expanse of the York River, on Wednesday, April 15, where Cornwallis and his Red Coats fought with the few stalwart Americans during the American Revolution. We trudged the old Battlefields and Forts, where so many Americans died, while defeating the British, for our Independence, and which we now enjoy. For a few brief instants, we all lived in the not too distant past.

On Thursday, April 16, we went on the Colonial Parkway, in the opposite direction, to Jamestown, Virginia, where Captain John Smith made his landing with the first permanent English settlement in the "new world", in 1607. We observed glass being blown and made, as it was made in colonial days.

We saw, and were permitted to go aboard, one of the three replicas of the ships that made the first trip here from England, very small indeed. Jamestown lies along the banks of the James River.

On Friday, April 17, we toured Williamsburg and the gardens in all their beauty. There is so much that can be said about this lovely town, it would be hard for me to begin.

I guess you might think that I am prejudiced about this area, and I must admit that I am.

On Friday night, we formed a convoy of nine cars and took a trip to West Point, to take a tour of the two very large paper

machines, each one a block and a half long. I can honestly say that I believed everyone enjoyed the tour. I heard many comments about the trip. I guess some of our 661'ers can now look at a piece of paper and imagine how it is made.

We all took a trip, at one time or another, on our way to the Williamsburg Pottery, at Lightfoot, Virginia. In fact, some of the group took two or three trips out. If you've never been, and are in the area, you should go if you have the opportunity. You can buy almost anything you want. In fact, you can spend a day or two just looking.

On Saturday, most of the TD's visited Busch Gardens, the lucky ones, at least. Some of us were unable to get in. They closed the gates in the early afternoon. I read in the paper a couple of days later, that it was the largest crowd that they had ever had, in excess of 25,000 people.

One thing I must not forget. Some of the early arrivals went to the famous "Nick's Seafood Pavilion" at Yorktown, Virginia, on Thursday night. It was a truly fine meal and fabulous restaurant. I can say that was the first time I have ever been served more than I could eat.

Eric and Irene Hughes joined us in Williamsburg, after an absence of about seven years. It was really nice seeing them again. They hail from Ellenton, Florida.

There was one new "First Timer". Thomas Knick from Lexington, Virginia. We were glad to see him, after so many years.

I really enjoyed seeing all the people this year, and I hope they all enjoyed themselves as much as Jo and I.

Several of the couples had never been to Virginia before, and I hope that they saw just enough of it to want to return again.

We want to thank Col. Bob Doupe (Formerly Bn. Motor Officer of the 661st), for his generous contribution towards helping furnish the Hospitality Room in Williamsburg. Bob was supposed to stop by and have some refreshments with us, but for some reason he was unable to attend. We're sorry, Bob, do try again.

[Editor's Note: Bill didn't "blow his horn enough" about the Saturday Night Banquet. It was one of the best Buffets we have ever been privileged to attend. The beef was out of this world, and all you could eat, too. After our bellies were filled, all 661 TD'ers, along with guests and lovely ladies, returned to the Hospitality Room, which was well stocked by Col. Bob Doupe and others, for one last one — two — or three. Some time after 1:00 A.M., Sunday, when "Doc" Wolley's shrilling whistle stopped everyone, his lovely wife, Sally, spoke-up, out of the silence, "I'm on my way" . . . another fine 661st Tank Destroyer Battalion Reunion came to an end].

Those who attended the 1981, 661st TD'ers Reunion were:

Headquarters Company:

LeGrand "Doc" and Sally Wolley, Battalion Surgeon
Pepple Beach, Calif.
Eric and Irene Hughes, Ellenton, Fla
Jim and Betty Binder, Bethlehem, Pa.
Bob Jasper, Vandergrift, Pa.
Millard and Ruth Mellinger, Wrightsville, Pa.

Recon Company:

Burnell and Louise Scott, Warsaw, Va.

"A" Company:

Bob and June Anderson, McPherson, Kans.
Elvin "Pat" Patterson, Apollo, Pa.
Walter and Edna Jamerson, Lynchburg, Va.
Clarence "Bill" and Margaret Dawson, Nathalie, Va.
Thomas Knick, Lexington, Va.

"B" Company:

Salvatore "Sal" and Chris Cucchiaro, Allegany, N.Y.
Nelson Leaman, Mountville, Pa.

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Charles "Doom" and Louise Rodgers, James Creek, Pa.
William and Ellen Snidow, Pembroke, Va.
Frank and Maureen Sindlinger, South Bend, Ind.
James and Lena Leach, Stuart, Va.
K. D. and Vickie Davis, Macon, Ga.
Garland and Frances O'Roark, Hinton, Va.
Bill and Jo Beswick, West Point, Va.

"C" Company:

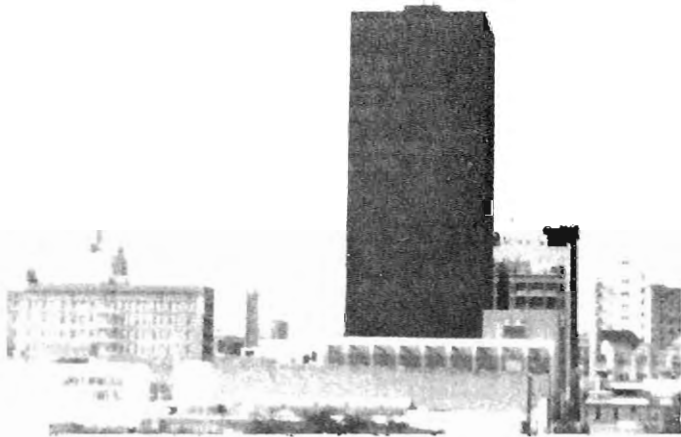
Stanley and Gertrude Green, Battle Creek, Mich.
George "Edd" and Verna Cook, Temple, Texas
Joe and Pat Slopek, Munroe Falls, Ohio
Charles and Gladys Hollenback, Selingsgrove, Pa.
Steve and Anne Forgas, Seven Hills, Ohio
Marcel "Pugs" and Carol Pugsley, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Linwood and Florence Hobgood, Richmond, Va.

Gusets:

Charlie and Mickey Williams, Pembroke, Va.
[Guests of Bill Snidow]
Joe and "his wife" Hodnett, Nathalie, Va.
[Guests of Bill Dawson]

Members of the 69th:

Earl and Dottie Witzleb, Acme, Pa.
[Guests of 661st TD'ers]



The photo above shows a view of the skyline, overlooking the city of Austin, Texas. The tall building in the center is Austin National Bank. Leon Stone, is the President of the bank. Leon hosted the 1980 TD'ers Reunion, which featured the trip back to Fort Hood, Texas.



Leon Stone and wife, along with Joe Marquis and wife, at the Austin-Fort Hood, Texas, Reunion.

Looking ahead to 1982, the following information is available:

661st Tank Destroyer Battalion Reunion
April 26 to May 1, 1982
Quality Inn - Anaheim
Anaheim, Calif.

[Rates now — Single \$38.00 — Double \$46.00 — Subject to a possible 10 to 15% increase].

More information to come later.

ARIZONA [WESTERN] GROUP

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No report until the next publication of the Bulletin. This Group meets on **May 23, 24, 1982, at Hilton Inn, Tucson, Arizona.**

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH

John T. and Elizabeth Hawley
330 East Fort Street
Shippensburg, Pennsylvania 17257
Telephone: 717/530-2974

Spring Banquet material not received for this publication of the Bulletin.

Calling All Syracuse University A.S.T.P. Members!

So far as I know, the fellows who spent seven wonderful months on the Campus of Syracuse University in the Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP), in 1943-44, and then were sent to the 69th in Camp Shelby, have never had a Reunion. What better time to start than this year at the 69th Reunion in Harrisburg?

Two of us, at least, will be there — **Frank Reemsnyder and myself [Jim Kehew]** — both of whom were in the German Area and Language Program. We hope more of you who are members of the Division Association will be there too. We have a lot to talk over — how tough it was going to class and doing all that homework, while the Buddies we had left in our former Units were sweating it out in combat, or on maneuvers in Tennessee, etc.! What a let-down when the Program was scrapped, not long before we were to graduate as Local Government Administrators in occupied Europe, and most of us were sent back to the Infantry! *From the ivy-clad atmosphere of university campus to the bugs and heat of Mississippi!*

If you can't make the Reunion — Let's hear from you. Maybe we can get together by mail.

Jim Kehew
413 Appletree Road
Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011
717/761-3388

[Editor's Note: We hope you can come up with a dozen members, Jim. When mailing your Registration Form to Bill, Foster, just tell him you are one of Jim Kehew ASTP Friends, and he'll try to keep you close by with your rooms].

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 organizations 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.

AUGUST 9 to 16, 1981 [All Week]

[Main Attractions Begin — August 12, 1981]

69th Infantry Division Association Annual Reunion

Host Inn - Harrisburg

Exit 19, Pennsylvania Turnpike

Interstate 283 and Pennsylvania Route 441

4751 Lindle Road

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17111

Telephone: 717/939-7841

[Dutch Country of Central Pennsylvania]

W. "Bill" 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 9 with as much detail as possible, and Page 10 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

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.

SEPTEMBER 5, 1981

Deadline for Material and Pictures for Bulletin

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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

APRIL 26 thru MAY 1, 1982

661st Tank Destroyer Battalion Reunion

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Anaheim, California

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MAY 7, 8, 9, 1982

Tri-State Spring Weekend

Site - Unknown

Pennsylvania or Maryland

[Guest - Central Pennsylvania Branch]

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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

Site - Unknown

[Keep reading your Bulletin carefully]

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

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602/975-2270 (Office)

AUGUST 25, 26, 27, 28, 1983

Tri-State Spring and Fall Weekend

[Combined Spring and Fall Weekends in 1983]

Site — New Philadelphia, Ohio

Robert and Vivian Kurtzman, Chairpersons

610 West Maple Street

Wilmot, Ohio 44689

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SEE YOU

at the

1981 BIG REUNION — HOST INN

Bob Myers, President

Earl Witzleb and Clarence Marshall, Editors

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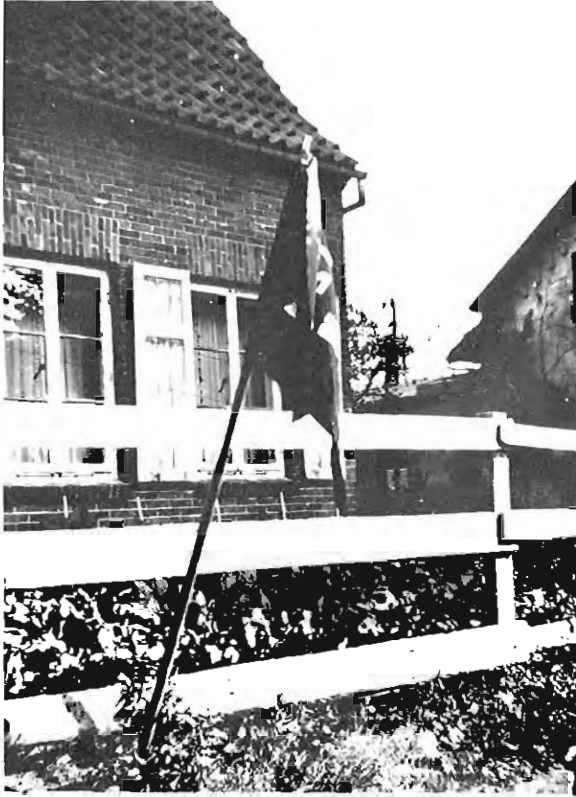
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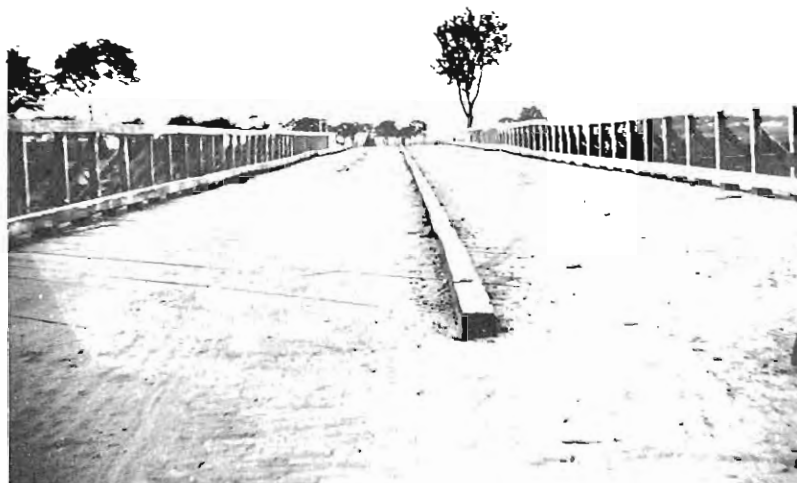
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