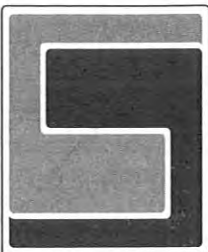


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Mildred Siegel, widow of **Sidney Siegel**, 110 S. Vista St., Los Angeles, CA 90036-2708—Company HQ, 881st: My husband **Sidney Siegel** was in the 69th Infantry Division during World War II. He passed away in April 2005. He had a successful career as an aerospace engineer. We had been married for 54 years and have four wonderful children. Sidney had written an autobiography of his life and one of the chapters was "Into the Bulge" I thought that you would like to use this article in your Bulletin.

(Look for it in this edition).

Mrs. Paul H. Eagon (Elaine), 1435 North Avenue, Waukegan, IL. 60085-1871—Company I, 273rd: Enclosed are a couple of photos I thought you might like to use in the bulletin. Paul had donated a Sauer pistol he won in a poker game coming home from Germany on the Pomona Victory.

The Mississippi Armed Forces Museum at Camp Shelby sent him some pictures of their display.

(Look for them in this edition).

Jim Mynes, 1411 Regency Blvd. SE, Decatur, Alabama 35601—Company K, 273rd Infantry, 2nd Squad & 2nd Platoon: My buddy, **Ralph** was a member of the 2nd platoon 2nd squad, was killed 18 February 1945. He was on a recon patrol with **Dwight Brooks**, platoon leader and **Charles Podlak**, Plt. Sgt. Upon returning they walked into a mine field. **Lt. Brooks & Sgt. Podlak** were walking wounded. **PFC Bishop** was killed instantly. As it was reported. **Bishop** was first listed as MIA and later **Capt. Wilson** asked for volunteers to recover **Bishop's** body. **Charles McBroom** and I volunteered. We recovered his body under fire and we fired back and the shooting stopped...

In November 2010, a couple nephews called my home stating their mother **Sylvia Bishop Wright** wanted to talk to me about her brother **Ralph Bishop**.

Mrs. Wright called me from Georgia, said she found out about me through the 69th Association's bulletins. She was the youngest of 11 children and **Ralph** was her idol. She was 7 years old when the family heard about **Ralph's** death in 1945. **Ralph** was 19 years old and he called her "**Tater Rabbit**". All these years I never knew the whereabouts of **Ralph's** family, except that he was from Georgia.

A note from **Jim** to: **Mrs. Sylvia Bishop Wright**, 837 Waddel Road, Woodbury, Georgia 30293:

Your phone call made me happy and very proud that I served in the Army with your brother **Ralph Bishop**, he was a great young man and soldier from Georgia. All the events going back 65 years are a little clouded now.

Thank you so much for calling me your hero! The real hero was your brother; He volunteered for the patrol that cost him his life. He was returning from a patrol through an enemy mine field.

It's men like your brother **Ralph** that made our country great. He was on a three (3) man patrol behind enemy lines seeking information. It was classified as a "Racon" patrol, which takes a smart and intelligent soldier to perform, because you are behind enemy lines.

I've enclosed printed documentation on how to obtain your brothers medals.

A Message from Our President Robert F. Crowe

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In the last bulletin, Volume #65, No.1, the centerfold photo shows a group of "good old boys" from years ago.

Check each face to see how many you remember and how many you have forgotten.

There is one thing wrong with this photo—some of you are not in it. Come to the next reunion in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in September and help expand the photo.

You can also help boost the attendance by calling on those you have addresses and phone numbers on and talk them into coming to the gathering.

Reunion chairman Paul Shadle has placed in this bulletin all the information you will need for yourself, friends and relatives you can talk into attending.

Take care and see you in September!

KEEP THOSE LETTERS,
ARTICLES, AND PHOTOS
FLOWING IN

Personal Journal

Continued from Vol. 65, No. 1

Submitted By: **Thomas H. Clews**
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March 1, 1945

The 272nd Regiment received orders to relieve units of the 273rd Regiment, during the occupation of these positions we were subject to small arms, mortar, machine gun and artillery fire.

March 2, 1945

We moved up to positions in the woods to wait for darkness. At dusk we moved out of the woods, across the top of the ridge and down an open road, across the fields. Off on the distant ridges we could see our "time fire" bursting over the German positions.

You would be surprised at the thoughts that go through one's mind at a time like this. If they could see us we would be sitting ducks.

Everyone was moving as quickly as possible with all our gear, and no one was saying a thing.

It took us about 2 hours to reach our positions. We had 3 houses to occupy at a road intersection just on the edge of the town of Resheid.

Sgt. Plasky's machine gun was supposed to be set up in an abandoned pill box in a draw but there was no way to protect it in the event of a counterattack. We set up the gun on a table in a window of the house closest to the road.

It didn't take long for the Germans to figure out we had occupied these buildings. During the early hours they started dropping mortar fire on us. The houses were hit several times but no casualties were taken.

March 4, 1945

It snowed on and off during the night and there was about 6 inches on the ground. We were under mortar fire most of the day.

After dark we moved out beyond the intersection to dig positions for a defense because we knew they would try to retake the intersection. The sky had cleared and it was very cold. There was no moon—But there was a billion stars.

After about an hour of digging we were suddenly ordered to stop and move back to the houses. Someone had discovered the field we were digging in was a Mine Field.

Got a letter and a package from home.

March 5, 1945

A messenger from Company Headquarters was wounded by mortar fire.

That night I was on a detail to go back to Battalion and help bring hot chow and machine gun ammo up to our positions. On the way back the Germans must have spotted us because they cut loose on us with automatic fire. They were firing a lot of tracer ammunition. It was like the 4th of July. The fire was ineffective and we got back to the houses.

March 6, 1945

Sgt. Plasky and I were on watch on our gun in the window when we spotted activity near a couple of pill boxes to our distant front. We thought the Germans had fled these positions, so we called for an artillery strike. An observer from Cannon Company observed and plotted these positions and we watched as about a half dozen rounds were dropped on them. We saw no further movement in the area.

I got two more boxes in the mail—one from Mom and one from Aunt Sadie.

March 7, 1945

During the late night of March 6 and early morning of March 7, the regiment attacked thru the Seigfried Line. The advance was difficult because of the pitch black night and the snow cover, the numerous mines and booby traps and road blocks. Our mission was to pass thru the 1st and 2nd Battalions who had moved out earlier that night as Security.

Mine casualties were suffered and some vehicles were lost.

All equipment and ammunition had to be hand carried because of the mines.

We looked like a column of *one man bands*.

We moved about 7km. to our objective, the town of Dahlem. No resistance was encountered from the town. We set up our machine guns on a hill on the north side of the town. Fox holes were dug.

I pulled a 12-2 am shift with **Tony Traverna** on our gun.

During the night it was decided the hill would have been in a too exposed position, so **Lt. Harrington** pulled the rifle platoon off the hill and back into the town, he forgot about the machine guns. It was dawn before we were relieved and brought back into town.

March 8, 1945

About 1500 we pushed off and made our second attack. Our objective was to take and occupy the towns of Waldorf, Ripsdorf, Hungersdorf, Nonnenbach and Stadtsforstschleim. Except for some small arms fire not much resistance was encountered. Many prisoners were taken.

Everyone was exhausted from carrying all this equipment. 4th Platoon moved into a small farmhouse in Waldorf. Six of us slept on the kitchen floor.

March 9-20, 1945

This was a period of relative quiet. Patrolling was carried out and security maintained. Out posts were established on all roads in the vicinity of Waldorf and Dahlem. A few prisoners were taken, but no active enemy operations were experienced. The weather was beginning to warm up.

March 23, 1945

The 1st and 2nd Battalions were moved up to positions over looking the Rhine River. The 3rd Battalion was placed on temporary assignment to Headquarters Security Command. First Army, to guard rear installations. Our mission was to guard the 381st Quarter Master Gas Depot west of Remagen. This was a captured supply of German Poison Gas.

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This was rear echelon duty—Beer, Movies, Showers and Real BEDS.

March 28, 1945

Today we were relieved from temporary detached duties with the 381st QM Regiment by units of the 28th Infantry Division. The picnic was over.

The 272nd Regiment left Gelsdorf and advanced east, crossing the Rhine River about 8km. north of the city of Koblenz over the "Victory Bridge", the longest tactical bridge ever constructed, thanks to Company E, 270th Combat Engineers.

We moved to the town of Arzbach. Billets here had all the comforts of home.

March 30, 1945

The Regiment was reformed again into the 272nd Combat Team, the following units were attached; Company B, 661st Tank Destroyers Battalion, 3rd Platoon, Company B, 269th Engineer Battalion, Company B, 777th Tank Battalion and the 888th Field Artillery Battalion.

March 31, 1945

Our Mission now as a combat team was to move east and then north to the town of Dehrn on the Lahn River.

Here we found a large cache of Hennessey 4 Star Cognac looted from France by the Germans. Orders were not to touch the prize—Not before everyone had stashed a couple of bottles in their bedrolls.

April 1, 1945

Easter services were held wherever feasible.

April 3, 1945

We left Dehrn on board Tank Destroyers and Tanks. We moved northeast on a night motor march about 70km. to Lohne near Elben. Contact was made with the 273rd Regiment on the north and the 102nd Canadian Army Group on the south. No enemy contact was made.

It rained the whole night long.

April 4, 1945

Motorized Patrols worked an area 5,000 yards to the east of the regiments sector.

We left Lohne on foot to Altenstadt, another 8km. in the rain that has changed to snow. My feet are pretty sore.

April 5, 1945

Well here we go again. We left Altenstadt and started our long and unforgettable march to the city of Kassel, some 40km.

We walked all day. I don't see what kept my legs moving, I know it wasn't me. It has warmed back up and now its real humid. The men are beginning to drop out like flies. They don't just stop and sit down on the side of the road, but fall over in a dead faint. Everybody is having foot problems.

By late evening we reached the town of Bettenhausen on the outskirts of Kassel, the sixth largest city in Germany. We walked and walked over the shattered bricks and debris until we came to the Fulda River. The Bridge across the Fulda was intact and we were to occupy several houses on the far side.

The Battalion secured Bettenhausen by 1930 hours.

The medics spent several hours working on our feet, they were so bad. We lucked out and finally got 10 in 1 rations. Lt. Daniels, Company exec. broke the news that we were going into a five day attack at dawn the next morning. We came under heavy mortar fire during the night.

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Into The Bulge

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Towards the close of the *Battle of the Bulge* my division was commanded to march (in my case to ride) to the front. I was in the communications unit of Headquarters Battery, 881st Artillery Battalion, 69th Infantry Division. The battalion had three shooting batteries each with four 105 millimeter guns. Although the lower echelon soldiers were not informed of battle strategy or the war situation, I later became aware that the German army had forced a salient in the Allied lines on the Western front centered near the confluence of the Franco-Belgian-German border. The military action during the winter of 1944 involving this salient came to be known as the *Battle of the Bulge*. A famous message of this time was spoken by an American general holed up in Bastogne surrounded by the enemy. When asked to surrender, he gave the laconic reply: "Nuts."

We traveled in a long convoy of military vehicles including jeeps, small trucks, large trucks, cannons and their movers, and command cars. We passed through fields and forests on dirt roads. I was seated in the back of a 3/4 ton truck hugging myself to ward off the cold. Through the rear opening of the truck I could see naked trees stabbing the overcast sky with ragged, sharp ended trunks that had been shattered by artillery shells. Bloated dead horses were lying on their sides at the edge of the road. The horses would not deteriorate until the arrival of the warm weather of spring. Crippled tanks and other military vehicles smudged with black smoke were standing askew beside the road. Snow covered the ground on both sides of the road and the ambient temperature was in the 30's (Fahrenheit degrees) during the daytime and in the 20's at night.

We were told earlier that the engineers had probed for and removed land mines ahead of us on the road. Mines were usually cylindrical shaped containers with explosives inside and pressure fuses on top so that if a vehicle ran over the fuse, the mine would explode damaging both vehicle and personnel. The mines were usually hidden just beneath the surface of the ground. What if the engineers had missed a mine? What if my vehicle drove slightly out of line and ran over one of those missed mines? Father used to say that there were no atheists in fox holes; and that war time adage was appropriate to the soldiers passing along these so called mine-cleared roads. I was definitely on edge and fearful as we entered the active war zone.

Night came early, and the army vehicles rolled slowly on using dim and tiny blackout lights lit in front and

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back that could be seen over a short distance. Sentries wearing white gloves stood at road intersections to guide the convoy in the right direction, otherwise the darkness might have caused some serious accidents and dispersal of the convoy.

We arrived at our position somewhere in the Ardennes Forest if in France or the Black Forest if in Germany, and we were told to pitch our tents. After pitching my tent, I was selected as the radio operator together with a group of wiremen and a **Sergeant Ludwig**, to be in charge, to go forward halfway between the Allied and German lines, establish a relay station between the forward artillery observers, the gun batteries, and division headquarters. Wiremen were soldiers trained in maintaining telephone communications. I gathered my sleeping bag and mess kit and boarded a truck that brought us to an abandoned dugout near the dragon teeth of a tank barrier, which was either the French Maginot line or the German Siegfried line. The dragon teeth were concrete structures shaped into a pyramid about eight feet high. The dugout was topped by a crude log structure that rose above ground level about four feet. The exterior was camouflaged with branches of pine needles cut from trees of the surrounding forest. Inside the dugout were seven cots and a stove for heat. Of course we could not use the stove, because in the daytime smoke billowing out of the chimney and at night sparks shooting out of the chimney would have given our position away to the enemy. As a consequence, I could only use body heat to keep warm during my stay at the dugout.

My job at this forward position was to maintain and operate the radio as an alternate means of communication. If the wire lines were severed for any considerable time span between the forward artillery observers and the rear emplaced gun batteries as well as division headquarters, then the radio would be used. The telephone was the primary means of communication because the radio broadcasting could be readily intercepted while wires were less susceptible to enemy ears. The wiremen at the dugout would go out very often to splice lines that had been severed presumably by tanks and trucks running over them. I considered these forays rather dangerous because these men went closer to the front lines. All during my stay at the dugout I could hear artillery shells whistling overhead and in the distance not knowing in which direction they were going and where they would land.

The radio that I operated was powered by the battery from the truck that had brought us to the dugout and which was parked just beside the dugout. I unsnapped the radio from its vehicular mount and carried it into the dugout where it was set up for operation. Two cables were attached to the battery and run from the truck into the dugout and connected to the radio. A relatively short verticle metallic antenna was used for reception and transmission. In order to keep the truck battery from becoming fully discharged, I had to start the truck engine and let it run for about fifteen minutes every two to four hours.

During the second night at the dugout I left my cot to start the engine. Because it was pitch black outside, I had to feel my way to the truck. The night sky was obscured by the winter overcast. This time instead of

turning on the ignition switch to start the engine, I mistakenly turned on the headlights using the adjacent switch. Two bright beams of light zoomed out a long distance in front of me into the dark forest. Surprised at the sudden light, I immediately switched off the headlights hoping that the light did not betray our position.

I had read several years before in "Reader's Digest" of an incident that had occurred during World War I when the British had fooled the Germans into believing that a whole brigade of Allied troops was stationed near the English Channel so that the Germans could not get through to split the Allied lines. An English lieutenant had marched his company back and forth in front of the German line so that the Germans would think there was more than the actual number of soldiers. I had hoped that if the Germans had seen the truck's headlights they would have thought that the Allies were surely in control of the territory. I kept quiet about the incident not wishing to rile or frighten the others out of the dugout. As far as I know, nothing came of this inadvertence.

The next day, the sergeant in charge of the dugout decided that we were vulnerable to marauding enemy soldiers, so he had someone tie to the trees around the dugout a rope border about knee high. Used tin cans with loose stones in them, were attached to the rope every ten feet. Now if someone came in the dark, he would possibly trip over the rope, cause the stones in the cans to rattle, and alert the troops. As a further precaution, soldiers were required to stand guard around the dugout. I was excused from standing guard because I had to monitor radio transmission and charge up the truck's battery.

The sergeant then decided that the noise caused by running the trucks engine was undesirable because it might attract enemy ears. He requested a solution from headquarters. A week had gone by and I was to be relieved from the dugout position. When my relief, **Tom Smith**, arrived, he had brought with him some dry cell batteries to power the radio. Every so often after that, when supplies were transported to the dugout a new supply of dry cell batteries was included.

A further refinement was proposed to increase the quality and distance of radio reception and transmission. Instead of using the built in four foot verticle antenna of the radio, it was decided that an external antenna of the proper length be tied high up between two trees outside the dugout. On applying the formula that incorporated the speed of electromagnetic waves (about 186,000 miles per second) and the frequency of the radio transmission (FM), I figured out the proper wire length. While **Tom** climbed one tree, I unhesitatingly volunteered to climb the opposite tree. **Tom** climbed with the only available leather belt around his waist and a set of iron spikes attached to his legs. We practiced climbing with this equipment once or twice at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. The climber used the spikes to dig in to the wood of the tree as he walked upward. The belt was wrapped around the trunk of the tree and the climber's waist so that he could lean back against the belt to relieve the strain on his arms and to allow their use for other activities. I simultaneously started to climb the other tree with a set of spikes attached to my legs and no leather belt. My end of the antenna wire was tied to the belt of my pants. As I climbed higher and higher up the tree holding

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on for dear life with my bare hands, my arms and shoulders began to tire, not being in condition for this type of activity. Eventually, **Tom** and I reached the proper height. My guess is that we climbed to a height of about 30 feet of branchless trunk. We each then tied his end of the antenna to his tree trunk. **Tom** was able to use both hands to perform the tying task, while I had to hang on to the tree trunk with one hand and manipulate the wire into a knot with the other hand. I then slowly descended engaging the spikes carefully into the trunk one foot at a time. Simultaneously, I moved my hands down the tree one after the other. Since the tree trunk was rough, my hands became scraped, but I kept on going until solid ground was reached. My knees were shaky after that climb and descent. Now as I consider the situation, I find it preposterous and quite dangerous for me to have climbed that tree with just spikes. If my hands had slipped or some bark had come loose, I could have had a serious fall. I should have waited until **Tom** had tied his end up and then used the leather belt in conjunction with the spikes to climb the other tree. My only reward was the knowledge that I had accomplished a given strenuous task even though I would not personally use the antenna.

Guess Who I Am



Here is a Hint: In November 1945 I was 20 years old. (but then again weren't we all?) I was attached to the 269th, Military Police Company of the 1st Allied Airborne Army, Berlin, Germany.

See if you know me from this photo. →

Haven't guessed? Don't fret, keep reading and by the time you've finished you will have found out just who I am.



Your Parcels

Submitted By: **Chester A. Yasterzemski**
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Dear **Chet**,

Last week and yesterday I received your parcels with the CD/DVD's of the US 69th Infantry Division. I can not do more than to say a more than "Warm Thank You." This is also valid for the pleasant words you used for my efforts to support the interests of both American and the Soviet Veterans. Be sure: I did it all really by heart.

All my doing was brought about by the contacts with you veterans which already started more than 20 years ago now. In 1992 one of you 69-ers told me:

"**Heinz**, believe me: We didn't come over the ocean to fight the German people. We came to fight Hitler and the Nazi-regime. Of course, this caused heavy civil losses and we had to see so much misery and destruction between Normandy and Elbe. We also had to see so many of our own comrades being killed in action. But, what the world would have been looking like, if not we, but Hitler was the winner?"

This information was given very sensitively and emotionally. My reply was:

"You must not be so sensitive and emotional. As being a German I completely agree with you without the least doubt. This is not only true for me but for all non-Nazi people, for all honest German people too." I myself suffered considerably under WWII brought about by the Nazis.

Another event happened when I took **Bud Parsons** and his wife together with their daughter Cindy and her family to Dresden in 1993. Just at that time the reconstruction of the Dresden Church of Our Ladies (in German: Frauenkirche) was started. There, in the centre of Dresden, on a great board of about 1.5 by 2 m, was a display of historic photos what the church and its surrounding area were looking like after the heavy Allied bombing on February 13, 1945.

Bud said to me: "**Heinz**, I think there must be a mistake in dating the photos." I had to reply: "Sorry to say, but that is true. Also: the first Allied bomb was dropped on my home-town Chemnitz in February, 1945. The last one with the heavy air raid on the nights of March 5/6, 1945 - and then the centre of Chemnitz and its industrial areas had been devastated nearly completely. The same happened to most of the other industrial centres in Saxony and the central parts of East Germany like the cities of Plauen, Zwickau, Magdeburg, Dessau, and Halle." He replied very thoughtfully: "I trust you. At that time I was a Lieutenant and Platoon Leader. But this is the first time that I am informed of these actions causing a loss of more than 20,000 civilians at Dresden - though I was a reliable officer in our army. That was done at a time when the final victory of the Allies over Hitler had already been determined definitely - and so such an act was far beyond that of any military necessity."

These had not been the only events convincing me to develop the close contacts to you veterans of the US Army and the Soviet Army. I think the basic reason was that we all felt the same: such events may never happen again! That is why I am so thankful for your

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Tuesday, September 13

Breakfast Buffet in Restaurant — Included in your room rate
Hospitality Rooms open
Souvenir Room

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. **Reunion Registration open**
Dinner and evening on your own
7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Hospitality Room open

Wednesday, September 14

Breakfast Buffet in Restaurant — Included in your room rate
Reunion Registration open
"Next Generation"

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. CITY TOUR (description on page 8)
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Hospitality Room open
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. **Reunion Registration open**

Thursday, September 15

Breakfast Buffet in Restaurant — Included in your room rate
Hospitality Room open

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. **Reunion Registration open**
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. "Next Generation"
5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. GATEWAY CLIPPER DINNER CRUISE (description on page 8)

Friday, September 16

Breakfast Buffet in Restaurant — Included in your room rate
RIVERS CASINO TRIP (discription on page 8)

10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Hospitality Room open
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. "Next Generation"

3:30 p.m. Board Meeting
Dinner on your own
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. PX Beer Party

Saturday, September 17

Breakfast Buffet in Restaurant — Included in your room rate
Membership Meeting

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Hospitality Room open
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. FRICK ART AND HISTORICAL CENTER (discription on page 8)
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. "Next Generation"

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour with Cash Bar
7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Memorial Service
7:30 p.m. Banquet served, followed by music and dancing

Sunday, September 18

Breakfast Buffet in Restaurant — Included in your room rate
Farewells and Departures

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69th INFANTRY DIVISION REUNION – TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

CITY TOUR

Wednesday, September 14

Pittsburgh is a city known for its blend of rich ethnic culture and traditions as well as its cosmopolitan appearance. On this tour discover why Pittsburgh is known as “the only city with a front door,” as you approach the downtown area through the Fort Pitt Tunnel. Pittsburgh’s compact eleven square block downtown district is home to numerous Fortune 500 companies and two of the nation’s largest banks. See Point State Park, the city’s birthplace, located at the confluence of Pittsburgh’s three great rivers and the mouth of the Ohio River. Enjoy highlights from the city’s surrounding neighborhoods, such as the view atop Mt. Washington and the thirty foot Tiffany windows in the Calvary Methodist Church on the Northside. Make a stop to tour Saint Anthony’s Chapel which overlooks the Allegheny River and houses the largest collection of Catholic relics outside the Vatican, including a piece from the table of the Last Supper. Enjoy lunch on your own at PPG Place, Pittsburgh’s premier office complex with outstanding shops and restaurants.

9:00 am board bus, 2:00 pm back at hotel

\$40/Person includes bus, guide and tour of Saint Anthony’s. Lunch on your own.

GATEWAY CLIPPER DINNER CRUISE

Thursday, September 15

Ahoy! Welcome aboard the Gateway Clipper for superb dining, scenic views, and great fun. Savor excellent food, live entertainment, and luxurious comfort as you travel the scenic waters of the three rivers of Pittsburgh!

5:30 pm board bus, 9:30 pm back at hotel

\$63/Person includes bus, escort, and Chicken & Ribs Buffet Dinner Cruise.

RIVERS CASINO

Friday, September 16

Enjoy the day at the Rivers Casino, a 450,000 square foot entertainment complex on Pittsburgh’s North Shore. Try your luck on up to 3,000 slots and 86 tables. Choose lunch, on your own, from five restaurants at the Casino. **A photo ID is required for this trip.**

10:30 am board bus, 2:30 pm back at hotel

\$42/Person includes bus and escort. Lunch is not included.

FRICK ART AND HISTORICAL CENTER

Saturday, September 17

After having lunch on your own at the hotel, board a bus for the Frick Art and Historical Center. Clayton, the restored Victorian home of industrialist Henry Clay Frick, is one of the finest home museums in the nation. Set on six acres, the property includes an art museum, an antique car and carriage museum, a cafe, greenhouse, and lush strolling grounds.

1:00 pm board bus, 4:30 pm back at hotel

\$50/Person includes bus, escort, and admission.

DRIVER gratuities ARE included in the tour prices, however GUIDE gratuities are NOT included.

Please plan to be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time.

All trips require a minimum of thirty five people, unless otherwise stated.

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69th INFANTRY DIVISION ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card at www.afr-reg.com/69inf. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before August 11, 2011. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing. Please do not staple or tape your payment to this form.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.
322 Madison Mews
Norfolk, VA 23510
ATTN: 69th INFANTRY DIVISION

OFFICE USE ONLY

Check # _____ Date Received _____
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CUT-OFF DATE IS 8/11/11

	PRICE PER	# of PEOPLE	TOTAL
TOURS			
WEDNESDAY: CITY TOUR	\$ 40		\$
THURSDAY: GATEWAY CLIPPER DINNER CRUISE	\$ 63		\$
FRIDAY: RIVERS CASINO	\$ 42		\$
SATURDAY: FRICK ART AND HISTORICAL CENTER	\$ 50		\$
BEER PARTY AND BANQUET		# of ppl	
		No Charge	
FRIDAY: BEER PARTY <i>(Please indicate # of people attending)</i>			
SATURDAY: BANQUET <i>(Please select your entrée)</i>			
ROAST SIRLOIN OF BEEF	\$ 35		\$
PAN SEARED TILAPIA	\$ 29		\$
MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE			
Includes entertainment and administrative expenses.	\$ 15		\$
DUES—NEW DUES YEAR IS AUGUST 1, 2011 — JULY 31, 2012			
REGULAR MEMBERSHIP	\$ 10		\$
LADIES MEMBERSHIP	\$ 5		\$
POSTAGE AND BULLETIN DONATION (UP TO YOU)			\$
Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.			\$

PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAMETAG

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UNIT _____ NEXT GENERATION? _____ FIRST TIMER? (YES) OR (NO)

SPOUSE NAME (IF ATTENDING) _____

GUEST NAMES _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, ST, ZIP _____ PH. NUMBER () - _____

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____

(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly with hotel)

MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS TRIPS? ☐ YES ☐ NO (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY).

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PH. NUMBER () - _____

For refunds and cancellations please refer to our policies outlined at the bottom of the reunion program. **CANCELLATIONS WILL BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am-5:00pm EASTERN TIME (excluding holidays).** Call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion.

PITTSBURGH AIRPORT MARRIOTT HOTEL – CORAOPOLIS, PA
(412) 788-8800 **(800) 328-9297**

(Please reference the 69th Infantry Division Association Reunion to obtain the special reunion room rate)

The Pittsburgh Airport Marriott is located at 777 Aten Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108. The hotel is located just 10 minutes from the state-of-the-art Pittsburgh International Airport and 20 minutes from Downtown Pittsburgh. *The Pittsburgh Airport Marriott* is in the center of business and cultural diversity. Nearby attractions include Robinson Town Center (less than one mile away) with over 150 restaurants and shops including The Mall at Robinson.

The hotel offers **complimentary** airport transportation and parking. Additionally, we offer **complimentary** transportation to the local mall area and restaurants. There are over 300 stores and restaurants located just 1 mile from the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott.

The Pittsburgh Airport Marriott offers guests access to their indoor pool with whirlpool (open daily 6:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.) and fitness center (open 24 hours daily). Each guest room features an iron/ironing board, coffee maker, hairdryer and high speed internet access (for a fee). The hotel offers handicapped accessible rooms, which are based on availability. Please make this request when making your reservation. The Pittsburgh Airport Marriott is a non-smoking hotel. Check-in time is 3:00 p.m.; check-out time is 12:00 p.m. noon. The Regatta Bar & Grill is a casual, fresh and innovative restaurant and is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Room service is also available from 6:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. on weekdays and 7:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. on the weekends.

The hotel does not have parking at the hotel for RVs. For full hookup services, contact Bennett Acres, located at 72 Bennett Acres Lane, Burgettstown, PA 15021, which is approximately 20 minutes from the hotel. Call the park at (724)947-5210 for information, directions or reservations.

Should you need to rent a wheelchair for the reunion, ScootAround rents both manual and power wheel chairs by the day and week. Please call their toll free number (888) 441-7575 for details.

Vendors, Schedules, and Prices are subject to change.

----- CUT HERE AND MAIL TO THE HOTEL -----

69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION REUNION - HOTEL RESERVATION FORM
REUNION DATES: SEPTEMBER 13-18, 2011

NAME _____ SHARING ROOM W/ _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

TEL. NUMBER(_____) _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEP. DATE _____

OF ROOMS _____ # OF PEOPLE IN ROOM _____

HANDICAP ACCESS _____ 2 BEDS _____ KING BED _____

If room type requested is not available, nearest room type will be assigned.

RATE: \$110 + tax (currently 14%). Rate includes breakfast for two (2) in the Regatta Grill from the buffet.

Rate will be honored three days before and three days after the reunion date, subject to rates and availability.

CUT-OFF DATE: 08/11/11. Reservations received after this date will be processed on space & rate availability.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Deposit is refundable if reservation is canceled by 4:00 p.m. on arrival date and a cancellation number is obtained. If you cancel after 4:00 p.m. on arrival date, you will be assessed 1 night of your room charge.

All reservations must be guaranteed by credit card.

_____ AMEX _____ DINERS _____ VISA _____ MASTER CARD _____ DISCOVER

CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____ EXP. DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____

Mail to: Pittsburgh Airport Marriott, 777 Aten Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108,
****Attn: Reservations****

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YOUR PARCEL (Continued from Page 6)

warm words in the small notice you attached to the parcel.

Furthermore my special interest is:

Do you have available special CD/DVD's dealing with the historic Link-up around Strehle and Torgau, the meeting of the Commanders of the Division, **General Reinhardt** and **Rusakov** at the Bridgehead Torgay on April 26, the meeting of the Commanders of the Army Corps, **General Huebner** and **Major General Baklanov**, in Werdau on April 27, and the meeting of the Commanders of the Army, **Lieutenant-General Hodges** and **General Zhadov**, in Graditz on April 30, the meeting of the Commanders of the 12th US Army Group/ 1st Ukrainian Front, **General Bradley** and **Marshal Koniev**, on May 5.

You told me also with your attached letter "DUE TO AGE OF 85 I DON'T KNOW IF I SHALL RETURN TO GERMANY." I hope your physical and health condition is continuing in the same state as it was when we met on the Elbe River Boat two or three years ago. If you feel so, try to come back again! And if you should come on a private tour together with members of your family, some years younger than you, I am willing to assist you in preparing such a tour as long as I am able to do so. Take this for granted!

We have so many interesting places not only in Berlin, Leipzig, Dresden or Chemnitz, but all around Saxony, especially in my home area the Ore Mountains (bordering to the Czech Republic) too.

Cordially,

Heinz

(Heinz Richter)

***** WWII Items Needed for Torgau Museum

Submitted By: **Heinz Richter**
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04886 Arzberg, Germany

Your WWII items needed for the Torgau Museum

The history museum in the castle at Torgau, Germany (site of the American/Russian Army Linkup) needs your WWII articles for display. So, to help keep the 69th Infantry's legacy alive for the public, please look for the following types of items and donate them for this good cause:

69th Steel Helmet ~ 69th Helmet Liner

All or Part of a Winter Uniform

All or Part of a Summer Uniform

Knapsack ~ Ammo Belt ~ Ammo Pouch

Loose 69th patches

INSIGNIAS for the following:

• **Officers of All Ranks**

• **Collar Pins for Officers of different branches**

• **All ranks of Non-Commissioned Officers**

If you have any of these items you would like to donate, please package them carefully and send them to **Heinz Richter** at the above address.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

The Gun

Submitted By: **Elaine Eagon**
wife of **Paul H. Eagon**
Company I, 273rd
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J.P. Sauer and Son Model 38 H, I won in a poker game

A little history about the pistol: I won it in a poker game on the ship, Pomona Victory, when I came home from the war in Europe, in April, 1946. I had gone over to Europe on the U.S.S. Santa Maria (We soldiers kidded about it maybe being the original) in July, 1944. When I went to Europe, I was in Company I, 3rd Battalion, 273rd Regiment, 69th Infantry Division; I was transferred to Berlin, in November, 1945. I had been transferred from the 69th Division to the 29th in Bremerhaven, and then to the 78th in Berlin.



German Weapons on display at the Mississippi Armed Forces Museum at Camp Shelby

We hope to see
all of you in
Pittsburgh, PA
for our
64th
Annual Reunion
September
13-18, 2011

Greetings From the Next Generation Group

Submitted By: **William H. Sheavly, Jr.**

The 69th Next Generation Group

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NEXT GENERATION NEWS: Springtime greetings from the next Generation Group! We've been hard at work on several fronts and want to give you a quick update:

- *Constitution and By-laws:* A draft of both documents has been sent to our Steering Committee of 20 for their comments and suggestions. The goal is to have these documents uploaded soon to the website for further review by the membership, with final approval/ratification to take place in Pittsburgh, at the Annual Reunion in September. Once both the Constitution and the By-laws are approved at the reunion, application for 501(c)(3) non-profit incorporation. LegalZoom will then be able to handle all filings.
- *Pittsburgh Reunion Plans!* Planning for this year's Annual Reunion in Pittsburgh, September 13-18 has begun. Pittsburgh Airport Marriott will be the site for hotel accommodations and the Reunion dinner. A Hospitality Suite will be at our disposal. Already in the works is an afternoon scenic cruise on the Allegheny and a tour of the Frick Museum, but we need more ideas and suggestions for other activities!! Day trips to nearby local areas; shopping venues; professional baseball, football, hockey games; brewery tours; pub/entertainment crawls; favorite movie showings, etc.-anything is possible, so give us the ideas and we'll come up with the costs, transportation, etc.! Card games board games and general relaxation/camaraderie have already been suggested as ongoing activities for the Hospitality suite. Count on those being provided by The Next Generation Group.
- *Souvenirs and Silent Auction:* Last year's souvenir sales and Silent Auction were very well received! Both will be offered in Pittsburgh again this year, but we need your help with other suggestions and donations. Last year's souvenirs primarily consisted of polo and T-shirts, with ladies earrings, computer mouse pads and tote bags. It's been suggested that souvenir ideas be broadened to include young children ("My Grand Dad is a 69th Infantry Division WWII Veteran" teddy bears); teens, college kids, young adults. We will need to have plenty of time for these suggestions to be selected, ordered and personalized, so please quickly contact The Next Generation Group (www.69nxtgen.org) with your ideas-There's only 4-1/2 months 'til the Reunion! Also, you are encouraged to donate or suggest possible items, pertinent to the 69th Infantry Division, for the silent auction.

- *Membership Update:* As of now, membership stands at 175, and it's growing. Gift memberships from 69th veterans on behalf of their children and grandchildren have been particularly popular. Membership information can be found on the above mentioned website. Our financial strength is good. We have \$2,400.00 in our checking account and no debts!

Color Map of the 69th's Route Across Europe Continues to be Available

At the close of WWII, the 272nd Infantry Regiment printed a history of its movement from the time it left Camp Shelby, MS until the war in Europe ended VE-Day. Among the outstanding features of the history was a four page, fold-out color map drawn by **Werner C. Abken** and **Roland L. Smith** of Company C and Service Company of the regiment. The size of the map extended was about 27 inches by 10 inches.

The map shows the route movement of the 272nd Infantry Regiment from the time it left New York until it reached Torgau, April 26, 1945, where it performed its mission, at that time, guarding the road area between Eilenburg and Torgau, Germany. But it is generally the route taken by the entire 69th Infantry Division and its Attached Units during WWII.

THIS MAP CONTINUES TO BE AVAILABLE.

Order copies of this beautiful map in color about the size as the original, mailed to you rolled in a tube to avoid fold lines. The map is printed on high quality paper suitable for framing - or an excellent replacement for the map in the history book that may have become brittle or frayed with age.

To order a color map of *The 69th's Route Across Europe*, please send \$10.00. Each additional map in the same order will cost only \$5.00. (For example, one map will cost \$10.00, two maps \$15.00, three maps \$20.00 and so on). Order maps for all the members of you family and WWII buff friends.

When ordering, please include the following information:

Your Full Name

Address

69th or attached unit

Email and Telephone number.

Please specify the number of maps you are ordering and allow two weeks for delivery.

Send your order information and payment check or money order to:

Joe Lipsius

69th Infantry Website

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Norcross, GA 30092-1800

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Court of Valor Honoring York County Veterans

Submitted by: **Philip B. Welsh**

Company F, 271st

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The "COURT OF VALOR" honoring 162 of the York County Veterans of which I'm honored to be included and inscribed in the 18,000 pounds of granite. Purple Heart and above only qualified. The two news items tell of the special day of dedication, but being there and having your name read with each of your fellow veterans..... was very emotional. My wife and children and several of my relatives that

live a distance from York were able to be with me....I felt so fortunate.

The cemetery is located across the street from where I lived for 45 years and the Lutheran Church Manor, Kelly Village Campus where I'm presently living with my Frances.



The Bronze Star and Purple Heart

I don't have a picture with me in my army uniform. That left me at Aachen Army field hospital. What you see is what I have. The uniform with the DAV is what I wore serving with the York County Veterans White Rose

Honor Guard, a very rewarding service, I was very proud to be a member.

My father served with the York American Legion Post 127 when he returned from WWI a Navy Veteran in 1921.

The new year is here and now we will see what life will bring. Frances and I wish you and Dottie the very best with good health. I feel honored to find new friends and veterans at that.

Below: Some of Philip's legion patches



*Life Member
Formerly
White Rose
Chapter 28
Recent, West
Shore Chapter 50*

*Life
Member
Post
2493*



*Life Member
Post 390*



Shiloh Post 791

DOES YOUR NAME BELONG ON THIS MONUMENT?



Casualties of War

Submitted by: **Raymond K. Mann**

A&P Platoon, HQ Company, 3rd Battalion, 271st Inf.

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Tomball, Texas 77375-8740

One of the things that irks me about my memories of WWII is my inability to remember the names of small German towns where certain memorable events occurred. This is one of those stories.

The Germans operated a small cement plant adjacent to the railway which ran through this nameless town. Those of us who took part in the invasion of the German homeland know very well that they made effective use of reinforced concrete in their fixed fortifications. This plant represented a small cog in their war effort. The labor needed by the plant was furnished by DPs (displaced persons) drawn from territories overrun by the Nazis. Several hundred Polish, Ukrainian and Russian men, women and children were housed in cramped barracks about half a mile distant from the plant. These people were forced, among other things, to push heavy rock-filled carts along narrow rails leading to the rock crusher.

As our forces approached the town, the guards herded the DPs into the barracks, closed the gate leading into the camp, and fled. As soon as the DPs realized the guards were gone, some of the men ventured into town, where to their delight, they found a huge cask of wine mounted on a railway chassis just sitting on the tracks. Of course, they helped themselves, taking wine and some bread back to camp.

When we arrived, the camp was discovered and Battalion reported the situation to Regiment. For all I know, Regiment may have advised Division. At any rate, it was feared that drunken DPs might take out their grievances on the defenseless townspeople. Years of conscription had reduced the population of these towns to women, children and old men. As a result, we were ordered to guard the wine car and to take the place of the German guards at the camp until our Military Government could take over. What irony! It was a Bizarre experience. Even though we were preventing them from leaving the camp, they treated us more like rock stars than guards. Men and women alike wanted to kiss us, to touch our faces (of course, we were young and handsome then). They admired our weapons and we obliged them by firing at wooden blocks thrown into a nearby stream.

In later years I often wondered what happened to those poor people. I have read that Joseph Stalin, the Soviet dictator, insisted that all DPs be repatriated to their place of origin. Once people had worked for the Germans, even unwillingly, he was said not to trust them. He insisted on their return so that he could either have them executed or send them to Siberian Gulags, where they were worked to death or died of disease and starvation. What a human tragedy!

How fortunate we are to live in this wonderful country, the United States of America!

Camp Shelby 70 Years Ago; Jungle at David, Panama

Submitted By: **Jim Mynes**
Company K, 273rd Infantry Regiment
 1411 Regency Blvd. SE
 Decatur, Alabama 35601



Company Street, Mess Hall, Tents.....Company K
 150th Infantry Regiment, 38th Division.
 c. February 1941



My squad; getting ready & training for the draftees. I storied about my age (I was 15), joined the National Guards 15 July 1940. Then all State National Guard units were federally activated sometime around December 1940. My basic training was conducted at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. August 1940. We used stove pipes as mortars and sticks as machine guns. The only weapons we had were: BAR'S, 03 rifles and 45 pistols. Note the Campaign hats and overcoats. c. April 1941



Pvt. Mynes & Pvt. Blevins

Showing off my new Smith & Wesson 45 Caliber Pistol. Note the dress code, wrapped leggings and blue denims, Sunny day in February 1941. The 150th Infantry was well trained; fully equipped regiment after the Louisiana maneuvers. The Regiment was split from the 38th Division. We were scheduled to be shipped to the Philippine islands: October 1941. But the bombing of Pearl Harbor, changed those orders. The Regiment was scattered around Central & South America. The War Department thought the Panama Canal was the next target for the Japanese invasion.



David, Panama 1942. Jim Mynes, Company K, 150th Infantry, Panama Special Forces. The unit was de-activated April 1944 we were returned to the new Camp Shelby and the 69th as replacements.

The rest is history.

*16 year old, Pvt. Jim Mynes,
 Company K, 150th Infantry
 David, Panama
 c. April 1944*

Memories

Submitted By: **Chester A. Yasterzemski**
Company E, 272nd
 251 A North Main Street
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Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery located in Arnhem, Holland

Large scale of war was fought in this area to protect Antwerp from being seized by Germany. 1st Allied Army made jump into Arnhem. Most of fighting was accomplished by British and Canadian Forces.



Groesbeek Memorial to deceased Canadian and British Forces



Groesbeek Museum located in Arnhem, Holland

69TH INFANTRY DIVISION REUNION ATTENDEES

OCTOBER 12TH THRU 17TH, 2010
SHERATON CHARLESTON AIRPORT HOTEL
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

~MORE MEMORIES FROM THE 63RD ANNUAL REUNION~

Visiting the USS Yorktown.....

Photos sent in by **Larry Crowe**, son of **Robert Crowe**, Company E, 273rd Infantry Regiment.



John Barrette & Lee Wah



Officers at Board Meeting



Mary Wilmont & Jean Ross



William & Dottie Duncan



Fuzzy & Lillie M. Spangler



Melvin Schulz & Robert Crowe



*Chet
Yastrzemski:
Trying to get
that perfect
photo.*

*Earl & Jim
Brittain*



*General
Phillip
Bolte
&
William
Sheavly*

Have you Guessed Who I Am Yet?



Age 20, November 1945



October 2010

Well if you guessed **Chet Yastrzemski** you were correct. Here are a few more photos from Berlin, Germany.

This was the west gate in which vehicles exited the compound. We would check each vehicle for a trip ticket.



Chet on guard duty at OMGUS, Office Military Government, United States. (East Gate)

Building was former Telefonbau, (Telephone Building). Most U.S. Army Officers had their offices within this building. This also included a mess hall and PX.

Wearing my heavy parka with hood for protection against the extreme cold of Berlin.



Above: One of our jeeps in front of HQ on Berliner Strasse.

Left: A jeep heading east toward the exit from the compound.

Submitted by: Chet Yastrzemski

A Message from Paul and Dottie Shadle Membership Chairman and Editor

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Membership Chairman Paul Shadle
and Editor, Dottie Shadle

The reunion in South Carolina is now a memory and we want to make new ones this year in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. We look forward to meeting with old friends and hopefully some new ones also. One of the events is a boat ride for the Early Bird Dinner on Thursday evening

This bulletin contains the information you will need to make your reservations. There will be **no other bulletin** before the reunion. We do plan on sending a reminder in June.

We are looking for suggestions for next year. We will have to have an idea from this year's attendance as to where it will be feasible. A lot of hotels do not want to commit to a small group. We may have to go to a smaller area. WE do need an area that is feasible to get to either by plane or automobile.

If you are NO LONGER interested in receiving the Bulletin in the future, please let us know.

If you are still interested in receiving the Bulletin, please make sure your dues are paid in full and are up to date.



"Taps"

The melody of TAPS was composed by a non-musical (musician with no formal knowledge) nor the technical names of any of the notes. Union General Daniel Butterfield whistled it for Brigadier General Oliver Norton who wrote the notes on the back of an envelope July 2, 1862. The plaintive bugle notes that bring an involuntary lump to the throat typifies our loss and feelings of these two great buglers.

THE WORDS TO "TAPS" SAY IT ALL

Day is done, gone the sun
From the lakes, from the hills,
from the skies.
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.
Thanks and praise for our days
'neath the sun, 'neath the stars,
'neath the sky.
As we go, this we know. God is nigh.

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More Photos from Berlin, Germany 1945

Submitted By: **Chester A. Yasterzemski**
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20 foot guard tower on each corner of the compound where a guard sat to watch the prisoners armed with a .45 Thompson sub machine gun.



American Officers within the compound heading for their offices



One of our members who resided in upstate New York

A Military Policeman at the east exit of the Telefunken Building



Sign at the entrance to the U.S. Berlin District Stockade which held American Soldiers that had committed a crime.



Members of our Military Police Co., Chet Yasterzemski (far right)





the 69th

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I received this photo many years ago from **Al Faison**, he flew artillery observation planes and was the 1984 reunion chairman in Orlando.

I think that Al labeled this photo on the back:

He writes, I believe this is February, 1945, when Division CP was at Murrigen, Belgium.



*Headquarters Staff of the
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Left to Right: S-2 Major Fritz Durham, S-3 Lt. Col. Robert E. Bement, CG Brig. Gen. Robert V. Maraist, EX Lt. Col. Walter E. Johns and S-1 Major ??????(unknown)

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Reunion in
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We will be
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Maybe one of you fellows might recognize (or maybe it is you) S-1 Major on the far right.

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