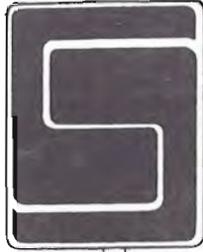


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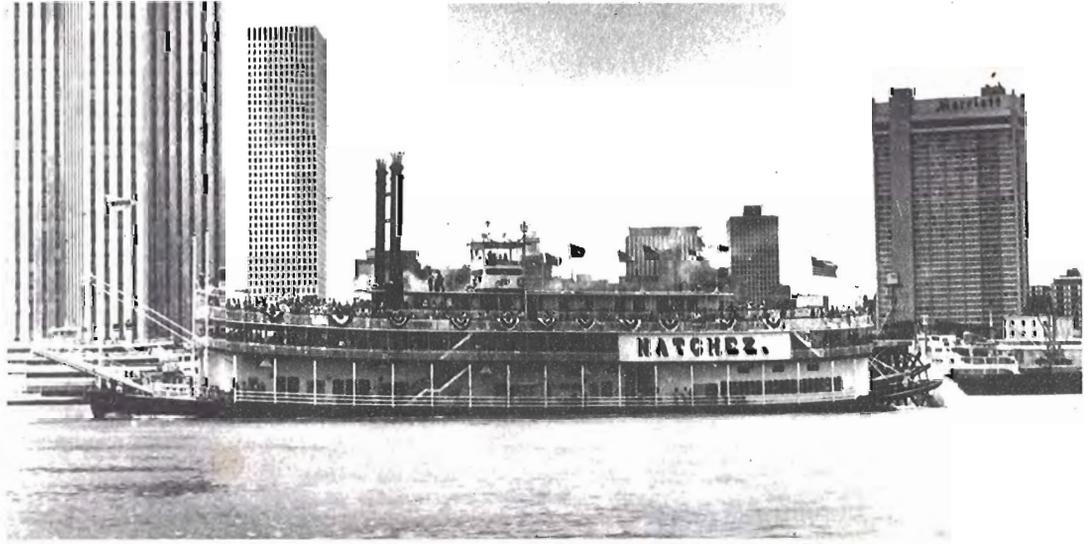
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Welcome to the "Deep South" . . . and most of all, to the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, located on the great Mississippi River. Yes, our 1980 Reunion, August 17th to August 24th, will take us to the Marriott, located on Canal and Chartres Streets, in this famous old city of New Orleans.

Above, in the top picture . . . cruising on the Mississippi River, is the paddle-wheel boat, "Natchez." On Thursday, August 21st, we will be riding on this boat and celebrating our Early Bird Event. Shown in the background of the boat, to the extreme right, you can see the Marriott, with its 1354 rooms . . . towering 41 stories high.

Above, in the bottom picture, is the St. Louis Cathedral, which is one of the many interesting sights we will all want to visit in New Orleans . . . "So, see you in New Orleans!"

# News From The Editor's Desk

The following are communications which we have received since our last publication of the Bulletin:

**James P. Eyster**, 2100 N. Atlantic Avenue, Apt. 1109, Cocoa Beach, Fla. 32931, L-273: I am sending along five dollars for the History Book mentioned in the Bulletin.

Saw the newsreel clips of the Elbe Link-up last month, on a TV series entitled "Big Battles." It's broadcast out of TV Channel 17 in Atlanta, every Saturday, at 11:00 A.M.

I left Toledo, Ohio, in 1979, and am now an Engineer for Rockwell International, working on the Life Support System for the Space Shuttle.

Florida is great. I should have moved here 30 years earlier.

Keep up the good work. Are there any copies available of the History of the 273rd Regiment?

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**Len Braverman**, 730 S.W. 51st Avenue, Margate, Fla. 33068, A-724: Sorry to have missed the 1979 Reunion in Boston. I had a previous commitment to visit my daughter in her new home in California.

Have been in touch with a few of my Old Buddies of Battery A-724 F.A. Battalion. Namely, they are: **Battery Commander, Frank Diekman; F. O. Lt. Marv Fineberg;** and **S/Sgt. Woody Mitchell**, who was wounded at Kitzen and now lives in Houston. I was a Radio Technician and spent some time with Fineberg and **Lt. Winter**, as Forward Observers. They are all looking forward to getting together in New Orleans, and would like to see as many Buddies from Battery A there as possible. "Let's make this one Hell of a Reunion."

I am now living in Florida near 69th Buddies: **Sonny Baron, Murray Zyne and Sol Rosenblitt.**

I have enclosed a picture of Bob Hope and myself, taken in Eisenhower Stadium in Bremen, Germany, in September of 1945.



*Len Braverman and Bob Hope  
Eisenhower Stadium, Bremen, Germany, in September of 1945*

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**Charles W. Otto**, Rt. 5, Box 348, Candler, N.C. 28715, E-271: First let me say how much I enjoy reading the 69th Bulletin each time it is published. Even though I am not able to travel too much, I still feel very close to the 69th Division by reading the Bulletin.

I was shot-up in April of 1945, in Germany. I would do it again for our 'great country'. If it had to be done again, my only request would be, that I would want to be with the great guys of Company E.

Many times I look at the Division picture and wonder how and where each one is today. If **Lt. Sharp** should read this, I would like to tell him what a great guy he was. I was hit the night before the attack on Leipzig.

I would be interested in having the History of the 271st Regiment.

I hope to be able to attend a Reunion, just as soon as one is held a little closer to my home here in North Carolina.

At this Christmas time, we have much to be thankful for. We all shall never forget our Christmas Day in Winchester, England.

**Emil Zerenga**, 33-08 Bell Boulevard, Bayside, N.Y. 11361, A-271: Yesterday, I met a 69th Division Buddy at a friend's home, and much to my surprise, he knew nothing about our organization. His name is **Angelo G. DeMeo**, 12 Holly Tree Lane, Glen Cove, N.Y. 11542. He served in Company C, 273rd Infantry Regiment.

I told him I would get in touch with you, and you would send him the necessary information to become a member. He is anxious to let his Buddies know of his whereabouts, so that perhaps some of them will contact him.

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**Robert F. Wilson**, 230 Greenbriar Drive, Cheshire, Conn. 06410, Hq. 272: The other night it was my privilege to spend an evening with **General Bolte**, fondly reliving some of the training days back at Camp Shelby. He informed me about the Association, and was good enough to send me the Association Bulletin, which went out recently.

I was a Pfc., in Hq. Co., 272nd Infantry Regiment, taking my 'second' basic with the 69th Division. Later I was transferred to the 1262nd Combat Engineers, where I took my third.

Be that as it may, if this qualifies me for membership in the Association, I would consider it a privilege. If not, you can return my remittance in the amount of ten dollars, which is enclosed.

[Editor's Note: Mr. Wilson stated, he wasn't quite sure of his Company and Regiment, so if any of you readers remember him, help us out].

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**Howard C. Bayerle**, 711 S. Jasmine Hill Road, Wetumpka, Ala. 36092, 569 Signal: A belated note of appreciation for the Signal Company men. It is my intention to send Christmas Cards to all of these fellows, and ask them to not only be in New Orleans next August, but to send me current addresses of other Signal Company men.

At present, **Herb Wheeler, Jimmy Combs, Dave Goldstein, Ray Brown** and I plan to attend. When I get more addresses they will be forwarded along to you. "I'll bet any other Company a 'glass of beer,' that we will have more from the Signal Company, than any other Company."

I retired from Brown Williamson Tobacco Company a few years ago. I bought into a business in Montgomery and managed it a while, but could not stand being indoors all of the time, so I am now working part-time as a Salesman for American Chicle.

A couple of months ago I went to a sales meeting in Chicago. While there I called **Joe O'Neill** and found out that he was not in the 69th, but was getting mail from the Association. I also called **Robert Zak** and his new address is: 518 S. Gunderson, Oak Park, Ill. 60304.

I hope you can read this note.

[Editor's Note: Mr. Bayerle sent along addresses for: **Chester Bellick, J. Hapgood Brooks III, Chester McGowan and Harry Schwal.** Mr. McGowan's address was obsolete, Mr. Brooks' address was verified, Mr. Bellick and Mr. Schwal are still pending].

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**Neil P. Corcoran**, 7843 Kedvale Avenue, Skokie, Ill. 60076, C-777th: I am enclosing twenty dollars for dues for myself and **Hugh P. Garrity.** Hugh Garrity and I met at work one day. He is an iron worker and I am a carpenter for the Chicago Park District. I noticed that he had a limp, and I ask him what had happened. He told me that he was wounded in Leipzig, Germany. I told him that I was also there. I was a Tank Commander with the 777th Tank Battalion, and that my tank crew slept in the Mayor's Office, after the night of the surrender of the City of Leipzig.

[Editor's Note: The new name and address for our Roster is: **Hugh P. Garrity, 6941 Niles Terrace, Niles, Ill. 60648, F-272nd.**]

**William J. Heagney**, 16 Swallow Lane, Hauppauge, N.Y. 11787, I-273rd: Received the Association's Bulletin for September through December 1979, and read it with great excitement, enthusiasm, interest and reflection.

I guess I'd have to say that I was involved in the beginning of the 69th. In May 1943, I was assigned to Co.-I, 273rd Infantry, 1st Squad, 3rd Platoon. Captain Bearden was Company Commander and Lieutenant Ryan was Platoon Leader. Basic training, maneuvers and reassignment was completed at Camp Shelby.

At that point and time, I was informed that most likely I would be sent to Engineering School at the University of Alabama; however, I made an attempt to transfer to a Paratroop Training Unit instead. Before either of these two took place, I was on shipping orders up to Ft. Meade, Maryland, and subsequently shipped to the ETO on the Queen Elizabeth, as a Salt Water Corporal.

Arrived in England in 1943, went over to France in mid-1944, and on up through Germany. Returned to the United States in December 1945, and discharged.

I can't say that I have been in touch with many, or any of the originals in Co.-I, 273rd Infantry, but I'd sure like to know their names and addresses if possible.

I am enclosing ten dollars as a Contribution Membership in the Association, which if I read correctly, includes my wife, Lenore.

As for the Reunion in New Orleans this year, I'm thinking seriously about it, and maybe we'll make it. In the meantime, I'll be waiting to hear more about Co.-I, 273rd Infantry.

*[Editor's Note: A list of names and addresses for Co.-I, 273rd Infantry was sent along to Mr. Heagney].*

## Editor Thought He Was Seeing Double

For a while your Editor thought he was seeing double, or should I perhaps say . . . hearing double.

Upon receiving correspondence from a **Calvin Bryant**, of Durham, North Carolina, a quick check of our Roster revealed that we only had an **Alvin Bryant** listed on the Roster.

Calvin had written to secure an address for an old friend of his, Joe Aiello. After four letters, we finally got things straightened out.

**Calvin** and **Alvin** are **twin brothers** who served in Co.-D, 273rd Infantry. Alvin was wounded shortly after the 69th passed through the Siegfried Line, and returned to the States for discharge, on disability.

If anyone is interested in contacting either of these **twin brothers**, their addresses are as follows:

**Alvin Bryant**, 2707 Richwood Road, Durham, N.C. 27705

**Calvin Bryant**, 2405 E. Cornwallis Road, Durham, N.C. 27713

**Merrill C. Embick**, P.O. Box 1502, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15230, D-271: Just a short note to say Hello; and to send along the sad news that we have lost another Comrade, **John Navratil**, a former 69th Division MP. John and I were next door neighbors for several years. One day, while we were talking, we learned that we had both been in the same Division overseas. He moved away from the neighborhood a couple years ago and I had not seen him for about two years. He died of a heart attack, on Thursday, December 6, 1979. John was a fine fellow, and we were good friends and neighbors.

For those of his former Buddies who may be interested about what he had done after the War, he was a Commercial Artist, specializing in advertising illustrations for newspaper advertisements. After the War he had worked for a retail firm in their advertising department here in Pittsburgh, but by 1955, when I first met him and we became neighbors, he had established his own studio and was free-lancing on his own.

The best to you and yours.

**Wayne E. McGourty**, 1485 S. Belford Court, Merritt Island, Fla. 32952, Div.-Hq.: I was a bit surprised to receive the photos I recently sent you. Rather not so recent, since you sent them in July. My, how time passes. My intent was to donate the pictures to the 69th Division Museum, if there was such a reliquary. I have photos and other items which might be of interest to you or to a museum if there is one.

I have, so far, donated many many items to the Quartermaster Museum at Fort Lee, Virginia.

My last years of service were in QMC Graves Registration.

I have also donated items to: The Iowa Adjutant Generals Office, the Grout Museum of Waterloo, Iowa, and considerable areo-space information to the University of Northern Iowa at Cedar Falls, Iowa. It is my intent to get all things of value to such places, rather than having them disposed of by destruction in the event of my demise.

In addition to the items mentioned above, I also have considerable regular 8mm film footage of the 69th Division. I have items for donation to the Transportation Corps Museum, including over 400 feet of movie film. In the case of the 34th Division, with which I served from September 1939 to April 1943, when I was wounded at Fondouk Pass, Tunisia, there is 1000 feet of film. None of this has any interest to my survivors, but will be of interest to former members of the various Units. In the event your Association can use these items, please let me know and I will get them out to you as soon as possible.

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**LeRoy Honea**, Box 1028, Marshall, Texas 75670, G-272: Just read that a little extra is needed, so thought I'd enclose a check.

I will, very likely, be to the Reunion in New Orleans. I am trying to get Ed Curtis from the Dallas-Fort Worth area to come, and anyone else who I remember from around these parts of the country.

I remember we had a Cook from Hackberry, Louisiana, which is a very small town. I haven't heard from him, since I don't know when.

How many did you have from G-Company, 272, in Boston?

Keep up the good work, and the Bulletins are just great.

*[Editor's Note: I suggested to Mr. Honea, that he try to relocate his former Cook in Hackberry, Louisiana. If he still lives there, and the town is small, sometimes it doesn't take much effort to relocate].*

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## A Note To The Editors . . .

Hi, Clarence and Earl:

My wife and I would like to take this occasion to congratulate **Bob Myers** on being elected President of our fine organization. We also think the appointment of **Paul Shadle** and **Victor Woo** to help Co-Chair the New Orleans Reunion was a very good idea. These two fine gentlemen were part of the two finest Reunions ever . . . that is Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Scottsdale, Arizona.

I do not know whose idea it was to put the By-Laws in the Bulletin, but it was a good one. Speaking of By Laws, I found a discrepancy which was not followed - that is, unless an Amendment under Article VII was not included. There was no one Member of Divarty as a Member of Board of Directors, for the fiscal years 1980-1981 or 1981-1982. When the term of **Mr. Denman Ayres** expires . . . that is it. Not taking away from the appointed Directors, who are capable and fine gentlemen, but if you will notice a couple Units are twice represented. It is ironic that a few of whom I would classify as good friends of mine.

Being a member of the B.B.B.'s from its inception to the very end, as an Artillery Man, I feel slighted. A few years back we (Divarty) were always drawing-up the rear. Granted we are not as many, but what is right, is right. In the seating and recognition of Units, we were slighted until a few of us

demanded some recognition. The only real recognition we (Divarty) got in the past several years, was a few years back when all three Scholarship Awards that year were sons and daughters of Divarty Members.

I understand there is to be a Resolution Committee to go over our Rules and By-Laws. If this is so, I wish their names and addresses are put in the Bulletin so that anyone with some ideas may send them in to be evaluated before Convention time.

We also know that New Orleans will be one of the best Reunions yet, as it is in capable hands.

Thank you, for taking time out for my comments. Let's hear from others.

Hope to see you all in New Orleans.

**John P. Suprano**  
Bat. A-881, FA., Bn.

P.S. The past Bulletin was the best ever. Keep up the good work.

## Re: Reprints of The Ninth Army History

A note of interest for those of you who expressed your desire for a reprint of the Ninth Army History . . .

Orders are now being accepted for this book, but not by the 69th Infantry Division Association. Please do not send any checks or money to us. **JUST WRITE National Headquarters and we will advise you of the procedure to go through to secure one of these books.**

They have not been reprinted as yet, but we understand they are in the process of being done. Also available are: "29 Let's Go" and "The Clay Pigeons of St. Lo."

## Former Members of the 69th Division and Attached Units . . . Just Relocated

Listed below are names and addresses of former Members of the 69th Division and attached Units, whom we have just relocated, with some brief comments from a few:

**Thomas R. Smith**, Fidelity Brenton Bank and Trust Company, 102 South Center/Meadow Lane, Marshalltown, Iowa 50158 — Hq. 881st.

**John Dunevich**, 698 Prestley Avenue, Carnegie, Pa. 15106 — A-777th.

**Milton W. Myers**, Box No. 5, Dover, Kansas 66420 — A-777th: Retired from U.S. Army and from State of Kansas. Have been living at this address for the last 10 years. Will try to make a Reunion.

**John W. Brittain**, 9384 Laurel, Fontana, Calif. 92335 — A-777th.

**Robert L. Stone**, Box 14, Geraldine, Mont. 59446 — A-777th.

**John R. Kane**, 2027 Liberty Street, Trenton, N.J. 08629 — B-879th.

**Richard E. Bridwell**, 28 N. Fourth Street, Zanesville, Ohio 43701: It recently came to my attention that your name was used to obtain information about the Annual Reunion of the Fighting 69th Infantry Division. I served in that Unit for a brief time, immediately after the Battle of the Bulge, and am sorry that I had not learned about the Reunions before this time.

Could I be placed on your mailing list, so that in the future we would have knowledge of such functions?

**J. Hapgood Brooks, III**, 1336 Covedale Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238 — 569th Sig.

**Angelo G. DeMeo**, 12 Holly Tree Lane, Glen Cove, N.Y. 11542 — C-273rd.

**James O. Stafford, Jr.**, R.D. No. 1, Box 269, Harrington, Del. 19952 — B-369th: Selling International Harvester Farm Equipment since discharge.

**Russell T. Reed**, R.D. No. 1, Box 25, Wyoming, Del. 19934 — B-369th: Truck driver, Farmer, Used Car Dealer.

**Richard B. Magers**, 11105 Thompson Avenue, Reisterstown, Md. 21136 — Hq. Divarty.

**Joseph Picone**, 2250 North Point, San Francisco, Calif. 94123 — Med. 272nd.

**William B. Wright**, P.O. Box 733, St. Joseph, Mo. 64502 — Med. 272nd.

## Bretsell L. Everson Writes

### AN APPEAL FOR HELP

As some of you readers know, I am searching for my Army Records and some answers to a lot of unanswered questions.

The period of most concern was from June 3, 1945, through August 14, 1945.

The following list of people should be aware of the situation concerning my ordeal at that time.

**Louie N. Rodgers, Capt., Div. Hq.**  
**William A. Rhinehardt, Capt., Sp. Tps.**  
**Andrew Casper, Lt. Col, Sp. Trps.**  
**Ronald F. Ball, T/5, Hq. Hq. Co., AG. Sec.**  
**Sigmund Salacinski, Capt., 69th QM. Co.**  
**Franklin C. Diekman, Capt. 724th, FA. Bn.**  
**Thomas W. Clarke, 1st Lt., 269th Engr. C. Bn.**  
**William A. Steffen, 2nd Lt., Hq. Co.**

I would appreciate hearing from the above mentioned people. I would also like to hear from anyone else who may remember anything about my situation during the aforementioned time.

I am sending along a picture for publication in the Bulletin which I hope will be of interest to some of our Buddies. I have a lot more pictures which were taken overseas of the 69th Division members if you would be interested in printing them in future Bulletins.

I am also enclosing a check for five dollars to help defray expenses for publishing the Bulletin.

**Bretsel L. Everson**  
Hanover Road  
Silver Creek, N.Y. 14136  
Phone: 716/934-3411



Getting a haircut while stationed on an outpost near Krinkelt, Belgium. [Left to Right]: C. E. Max, Joe Del los Rios and Eugene Butterfield, Combat Platoon, Div. Hq. Co.

## Meet Mr. Secretary



Frank C. Nemeth

Frank C. Nemeth is our newly elected Secretary of the 69th Infantry Division Association.

Frank is wearing his 69th Infantry Hat and Placket, which can be purchased by all members. [Information regarding the Hat and Placket was published in our last Bulletin on page 7].

Frank was with the 69th, 269th Engineers from the first day at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. After V-E he was shipped to the 29th Division in Bremen, and then shipped to the 78th Division in Berlin. He came home with the 78th in April of 1946.

Frank heard about the 69th Division Reunions in 1964, and hasn't missed one since. He has enjoyed all Reunions to date, and has made many new friends in the Association.

Frank, as our Secretary, would be a good member to question on Reunions during the past . . . he can give a good briefing of all the latest ones.

Frank will be at our Reunion in New Orleans in August, and would like to meet and see many new faces at this Reunion, most especially those members from the south, mid-west and western states.

Further, Frank will be happy to hear from all of our members, especially regarding changes in the By-Laws of the Association which were published in our last issue of the Bulletin. It is necessary that any changes in the By-Laws be sent in writing to Frank, so that they can be forwarded to the proper committee for the revision of the By-Laws. The Committee Chairman for the Review and Revision of the By-Laws is Charles Herring of Wilmington, North Carolina.

Frank's address is: **Frank C. Nemeth**  
66 Gaping Rock Road  
Levittown, Pennsylvania 19057

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## Briefing From Our President

### Hello, Again:

Since our Reunion in Boston, we have been busy. As a result I feel responsible to let each of you know what is going on, as it affects you and our Association.

October 25-28, 1979, I went to the Marriott Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana, to work out all details to ensure that this coming Reunion will be an outstanding one. I was joined by **Frank See, Cliff Blank, John Gradomski, Warren Alford, Merle Douglas and Martha Douglas**. We worked hard and have completed all details and advance planning required to ensure a great Reunion, as you will see outlined elsewhere in this Bulletin. In New Orleans it is not cheap, and we fought hard to hold down your cost. As a result, it looks as though your cost will be about \$110 (per couple) above the costs in Boston and Pittsburgh. We have 4 days of scheduled activities, starting with 'Our Return to Camp Shelby' on **Wednesday, August 20th**. The Early Bird Boat Ride (includes food and music), and our

one big meal at **The Banquet** actually costs \$19.91. I sincerely hope, in this age of inflation, these costs will not alter a record attendance.

In early October, I received a Staff Study proposal from HQ, 7th Army in Europe which proposed reactivation of the Fighting 69th Infantry Division for assignment to the Berlin Brigade. I immediately dispatched all details to General Bolte, all Officers, all Board Members, and all Past Presidents. By late October, I had heard from about 28 of 38 of these people. They favored the action. At General Bolte's request, I wrote personal letters to the Vice Chief of Staff, GG Berlin Brigade and the USA Brigadier General in charge of Army Historical Section. As of now, we have done all they asked of us. In the words of General Bolte, "It will involve a lot of maneuvering for this to happen, and we can only wait." He is continuing to work on it and is strongly for it.

With publication of our Constitution and By-Laws, I have appointed a Resolutions Committee to study this document and submit proposed recommendations to up-date in time to publish in the May Bulletin. This will allow us to ask for an informed vote in New Orleans, from all of you. Chairman of the Committee is **Chuck Herring, 214 N. 22nd Street, Wilmington, N.C. 28405 — Phone 919/763-3198**. Other members are: **Pat Lushbaugh, Bill Beswick, Davisson Dunlap [Attorney] and John Suprano**. You are invited to write Chuck Herring with any thoughts you have in this matter.

It will be a great help to the New Orleans Reunion Committee, if your reservations to attend are made early — **not later than mid-July 1980**. This cooperation, on your part, will enable the committee to accomplish many things which will make your Reunion more enjoyable. Some of these include:

- a) Advance typing of registrations forms.
- b) Unit seating at the Beer Party and Banquet.
- c) Unit floor assignments in the hotel.
- d) Pre-printing of name tags.
- e) Review Reunion costs to our members. A large attendance can allow them to make some reduction in the published individual costs at the Reunion.

**All cost details related to this Reunion and complimentary room assignments will be published in the Registration Room.**

Also, as voted at our last General Meeting in Boston — I have appointed a committee to study the future of our Scholarship Program and also render their recommendation on **Bob Silberg's** proposal regarding 'cash death benefits to our members.' Chairman is **Frank See, 3003 Moss Avenue, Midland, Texas 79702, Phone: 915/697-5222**. Other members of the Committee are: **Anees Barakat, Herb Callaway, Walt Doernbach, Bill Mialach and Bob Silberg**.

Your thoughts and comments on this matter are also solicited and welcomed.

Finally, I welcome your suggestions and criticisms at any time. I promise a prompt personal reply. I hope, in my term, to keep all our members informed regarding all activities taking place and being considered throughout the year. I feel your personal participation and importance can only result in increased attendance and interest at our Reunions. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in New Orleans.

Warm Regards,

Bob Myers

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## Phil Colombo Writes . . .

I hope that you and yours had a good Christmas, and will have a Happy and Healthy New Year. This goes for all of my old Buddies from the 69th Division.

I have been waiting for a list of names from you, which we talked about when we were up in Boston for the last Reunion. The list of names of all of the members from in-and-around the New York area. I am also waiting to hear from **Sam Woolf** and **George Shapiro**, so we can reactivate the New York Chapter.

We thought that we left the Division after we left the Reunion in Boston, but that wasn't so. We got a phone call from my son, and he told us to turn on our TV to Channel 2. We followed his instructions and, "There were you fellows of the famous Link Up Division on the march." The commentator mentioned several names, one of them being **Pierce Rice**. You could see how young all of our old Buddies looked, and how good. I considered this a tribute to the men of our Division.

In the meantime, I have met a few men who served with us, and they would like to be put on the mailing list and become members of our Association. They are:

**William J. Heagney**, 16 Swallow Lane, Hauppauge, N.Y. 11787 — 69 MP.

**R. E. Delbango**, 65-30 Parsons Boulevard, Flushing, N.Y. 11365 — 69 MP.

**Alex Sheina**, 72-05 Kissena Boulevard, Flushing, N.Y. 11367 — F-272.

I am also sending a few articles for the Bulletin which pertain to some men who are **retired** or about to **retire**. Even today they are talking about Hatties Town [???], and a 'Salute to the Hospitalized Vet'.

[Editor's Note: Mr. Colombo passed along these tid-bits:;

CONFIDENTIAL to "How can we help in Hattiesburg?" . . . By cleaning up your act. Children need models more than they need critics.

### "NO GREATER LOVE"

#### A SALUTE TO HOSPITALIZED VETERANS

WHAT AND WHY . . .

No Greater Love's National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans is a program with a four-fold purpose:

1. To pay tribute and express appreciation to the 80,000 Veterans hospitalized, annually.
2. To establish and promote a continuing awareness of these Americans, and their difficulties.
3. To show recognition to the various groups of the VA Voluntary service which serve hospitalized veterans.
4. To encourage young persons to participate, and interest them in serving as Hospital Volunteers, year-round.

**FEBRUARY 14th HAS BEEN SET ASIDE AS A SPECIAL DAY TO SALUTE HOSPITALIZED VETERANS.**

It will be marked by special activities including personal visits to patients by national and local celebrities, sports stars, Camp Fire Girls, beauty queens, college and high school students, government officials and others.

In this way, the Salute will become a day on which Americans publicly and formally express their gratitude and concern for Hospitalized Veterans.

No Greater Love decided to hold the Salute on Valentine's Day, February 14th, because the theme . . . "**Remembering and Caring for Hospitalized Veterans**" . . . is easily combined with the traditional sentiment of Valentine's Day . . . *Caring, Love and Sharing*.

HISTORY OF THE SALUTE . . .

The first Salute in 1974, was co-sponsored by No Greater Love and the P.O.W. Returnees. These men asked **Carmella LaSpada**, NGL's Founder, what they could do to remember their fellow Veterans. A tribute to our Nation's Hospitalized Veterans was the outgrowth of this interest. During the first Salute, prominent Americans visited patients at some 50 VA Hospitals. Both patients and participating celebrities were thrilled by the extremely successful event and requested that the Salute be repeated annually.

WHAT CAN YOU DO . . .

1. Visit a VA Hospital on February 14th, and show the patients that you care.
2. Encourage participation in No Greater Love's Salute to Hospitalized Veterans, through Church and Community Organizations.

## Money Talks

By Earl Witzleb, Jr., Treasurer



Snow covered County Trust, in Donegal, Pennsylvania.

The picture above is that of County Trust, Donegal, Pennsylvania. This is the place where our Dues Monies are deposited, for payment of the various expenses which our Fighting 69th Division Association has. These expenses being such items as: this Bulletin you are reading; Membership Rosters and changes; Postage for the Treasurer and Membership Chairman, The Sunshine Lady, and many, many more miscellaneous bills.

**We have 4,800 Members on our Roster and less than half, pay dues.**

It is good to get the many Contributing Dues from Members, as it makes our duties easier. One of the big expenses is **publishing at least three good size Bulletins in a year.**

My question to all Members is: "**How do we get the non-paying Members to pay at least the \$5.00 Dues?**"

By the way, Members, you should have a **Red Dues Card for this Dues Year of 1979-1980.**

A letter from the state of Arizona states:

Dear Mr. Witzleb:

Even though I am on a fixed income, and retired from my job in September of 1979, I was able to scrape up five dollars to help you out, for doing a fine job for the Association.

I enjoy reading the Bulletins, which keep getting better with each issue.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and all 69'er Buddies and friends.

**John Kostisak**  
[Unit Unknown]

**Another letter:**

Dear Earl:

Hello, again! Just to let you know I received my Dues Card for 1979-1980.

Thank you, very much, for the prompt service.

I forgot about your Postage Fund, so enclosed please find one dollar.

**Bill Muldoon**  
Co. E, 272nd

**To all Members who attended the 1979 Reunion at the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston, and had paid your dues at that time . . . I am very sorry to be so long, and late, in sending your Dues Card. Really, at this time, I do not know who all paid their Dues in Boston, as I am still waiting on the Registration Forms from the Reunion Chairman.**

Likewise, have not been able to publish the names of the Members who attended the Boston Reunion, in our Bulletin, as the Registration Forms have not yet reached my home!

This also means; that any New Members picked up at the Boston Reunion, are not receiving their first two issues of the Bulletin, which they are entitled to, for without the aforementioned Registration Form, the names of the New Members are not on our Roster.

This also means that without the Registration Forms from Boston, The Sunshine Lady does not have the information she needs to send out Birthday Cards, and by now, several have probably gone by.

**WHY NOT DO ME A FAVOR, AND WRITE:**

**STANLEY OLSEWSKI, 212 McCLINTOCK STREET, NEW BRITAIN, CONN. 06053, who was the 1979 Boston Reunion Chairman, and TELL HIM, TO PLEASE GET THOSE REGISTRATION FORMS TO ME, so that I can do my job in getting your Dues Cards to you, and also get everyone's name on our Roster.**

By not having received this Registration Form, there is another problem which this creates, and that is that I am not able to finalize a 1979 Reunion Report, and I would like to do so for the New Orleans Reunion.

Speaking of New Orleans, I hope this fine bunch of Buddy 69'ers will be there, along with a lot of others. We are members of Company E, 273rd Infantry, who attended the Boston Reunion.



[Left to Right - First Row]: Winnie, Chip and Charles "pappy" Shimp from Monroeville, New Jersey; Jane Matlach from West Islip, New York.

[Second Row - Left to Right]: Lucille and Frank Dionne from Somers, Conn.; Earl and Dottie Witzleb, Jr., from Champion, Pa.; Bill Matlach from West Islip, New York, and Joe Aiello from South Ozone Park, New York.

**Davisson Dunlap**, please take note of your fine crew. Will you be in New Orleans, and will you have most all other Company E, 273rd Members present?

Remember . . . remember the bet you have with our President, Bob Myers, about attendees?

I'll be there, Lord willing, to help you in doing my part.

Speaking of our President, his fine crew of workers are shown relaxing, after having put together the necessary preliminary plans for the New Orleans Reunion. They met last October 1979, in New Orleans at the Marriott Hotel, to get the "ball rolling" for the August 1980 Reunion.



[Front Row - Left to Right]: Merle Douglas, Hattiesbury, Miss.; President Bob Myers, Sun City, Ariz.; Warren Alford, New Orleans, La.

[Back Row - Left to Right]: Cliff Blank, Victoria, Tex.; Frank See, Midland, Tex.; and John Gradomski, Toledo, Ohio.

What with this fine crew shown above working as hard as they did to set-up the Reunion in New Orleans, and the other two fine Group from Arizona and Pittsburgh running the show at the Registration Desk, we should have a near perfect Reunion . . . with all things going and running on schedule. "WE are Family," . . . you know . . . so let's see a record turnout in New Orleans. Will you and your lady be present? Hope so, and bring the family along.

**Please Note:**

**To those Members who have a business, and would like to sponsor a publication of the Bulletin for the good of the 69th Division Association.**

If anyone is interested, please write me a nice letter of yourself, wife, family, service days, present duties and activities, or whatever, and we will publish this information in the Bulletin publication which you sponsor, or would help to sponsor.

Presently, each publication of the Bulletin costs around \$2,500, so if you would choose to sponsor 1/5 of a publication it would cost \$500; 2/5 sponsor would cost \$1,000; 3/5 sponsor \$1,500 and a 4/5 sponsor would cost \$2,000, per issue. I feel certain you would be able to write this Sponsorship Gift off for tax purposes.

Really we do need more members to **pay Dues** to keep our news going to all members. Inflation is starting to hurt us like anything else.

In closing this 'chit-chat', please Buddy Members, when writing or typing a letter make it legible as possible, so that we can use them for our Bulletin material. I really can't make out a lot of the hand written letters, as the characters are too small, and sometimes they are written too closely on small pieces of paper, and frequently the ink or pencils may write very light and it is hard to see.

## A Beautiful Letter

Dear Earl:

I promised our President Bob Myers, that I would write to you regarding our **69th Recon Troop**.

I was sent to Camp Shelby, Miss., on May 12, 1943, and I was present when General Bolte greeted us and activated the 69th Division. I was assigned to the 69th Recon Troop and remained with the Division all the way to meet the Russians at Torgau on the Elbe River. Prior to the Division returning state-side. I was reassigned and I remained with the Army of Occupation until I was discharged in April 1946.

Remaining in Germany allowed me to leisurely do some sightseeing. I also went to Italy and visited the birthplace of my parents and made acquaintances with many cousins. My wife, Mary; and my son, Mickey, and I returned to Europe in 1968, to revisit some of the areas we had covered during the war. I also visited a German family I met after the War and rekindled an old friendship. In fact, we still correspond with one another and exchange gifts. I also returned to Italy to locate an Italian Prisoner of War we liberated. John is living near Venice and we spent an enjoyable four days together, talking of the War years and also sightseeing the countryside. John promised to visit me, but so far he has not been able to make the trip.

Every year since the late 1940's, several of our Recon Troopers started a Mini Reunion and each year another name or two was added to the list, and each year one or two more Troopers would attend. I started attending these Reunions around 1952 or 1953. We have met in Columbus, Dayton, and Cincinnati, Ohio; Pittsburgh, Everett, York, Valley Forge, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Atlantic City and Asbury Park, New Jersey; New York City; Richmond, Virginia; Washington, D.C.; and Silver Springs, Maryland. The Reunions have been held in several cities more than once. It will return to Richmond, Virginia, in 1980. I have committed myself to our National President, Bob Myers, that I will do my best to have

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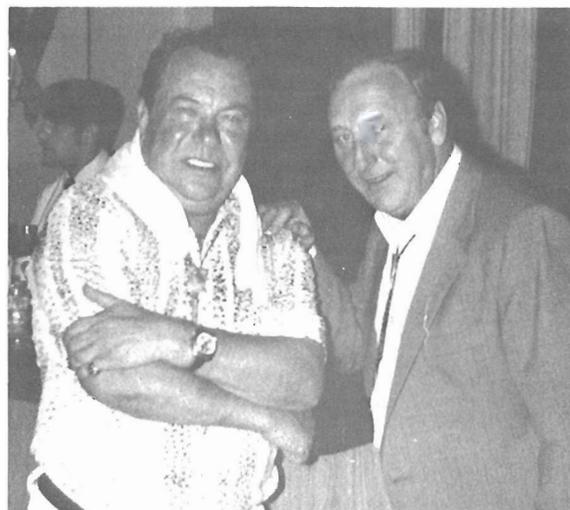
# Scenes From The 1979 Reunion Boston, Massachusetts

*A Modern City . . .*

*With a Historic Past*



*[Left to Right]: Vernon Wirth, Nick Loden, George Dendle, Al Liane and John Vergot, 777th Tank Battalion.*



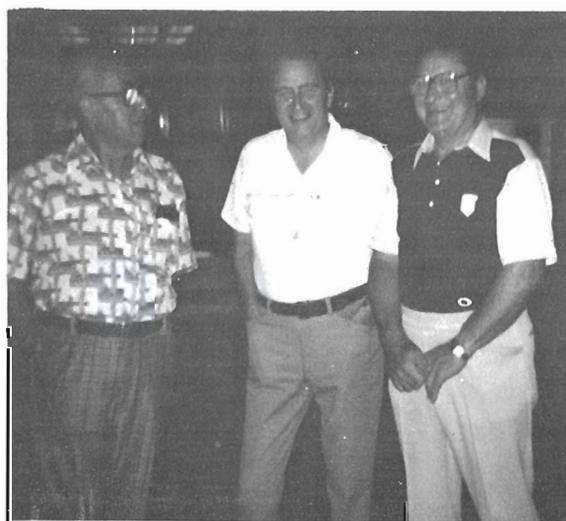
*[Left to Right]: Ray Fahrner and John Moriarty.*



*[Left to Right]: John Moriarty and General Bolte, at Memorial Service.*



*[Left to Right]: John Moriarty, Jo Ann and Nick Loden.*



*[Left to Right]: Clarence Marshall, Bill Matlach and Bob Silberg.*

# Scenes From The 1979 Reunion



*{Left to Right}: Alex Zubrowski, Bill Beswick and Bob Myers.*



*"Piper" Glenn Vanderlaan, leading 69er's to Memorial Service.*

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## A-G Section Division Headquarters Company



*Picture taken at Naunhof, Germany, 1945. Men identified in picture, but not in order are: John Bernero, Archie Brooke, Malcolm Bradley, Robert Hinman, Lloyd Conklin, Charles Argenbright, Adam Manz, Henry Dennis, Charles Derganc, John Speranza, Roger Lund and Lawrence Silvernale.*

*Photo submitted by Adam Manz*

# Make Reservations Now For 1980 New Orleans Reunion

69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 1980 REUNION

New Orleans Marriott  
Canal and Chartres Streets  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70140  
Phone: 504/581-1000

Week of August 17 to 24, 1980 — Main Attractions Begin August 20 to 23, 1980

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**For Room Reservations Mail To:**

New Orleans Marriott  
c/o Reservation Department  
Canal and Chartres Streets  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70140

Attention: Mr. Ed Kelchner

**Room Rates Are:**

- \$ 44.00 — Per day/night for Single, Double, Triple or Quadruple
- \$180.00 — One Bedroom Corner Suites, per day/night
- \$ 50.00 — Additional for Two Bedroom Suite
- \$100.00 — For a Marriott Parlor, Per day/night
- \$ 4.00 — Per day, Marriott Indoor Parking. [Advise in advance if your transportation is a high profile vehicle]

I/we would like to have \_\_\_\_\_ Room(s)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Parlor  
\_\_\_\_\_ One Bedroom Suite  
\_\_\_\_\_ Two Bedroom Suite

**at the 69th Infantry Division Rates**

I/we plan to Arrive:	Departure:
Sunday, August 17 _____	_____
Monday, August 18 _____	_____
Tuesday, August 19 _____	_____
Wednesday, August 20 _____	_____
Thursday, August 21 _____	_____
Friday, August 22 _____	_____
Saturday, August 23 _____	_____

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

**Please Mail Confirmation To:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Airport Transportation:**

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Night Service Slower — Phone: 722-3158
- Marriot To Airport City Limo Service: \$5.00 per person
- Bus and Railroad Station Transportation — Use Taxi

Reserve early as our allotment of rooms is 300, and may not be able to be increased  
Over-flow of Reservations will be at the nearby Monte De Leone

**69th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 1980 REUNION  
NEW ORLEANS MARRIOTT**

**Make Reservations Early For 1980 Reunion, as it is helpful to the Committee**

**For Reunion Reservations Mail To:**

**Mr. and Mrs. Paul N. Shadle**  
1504 Greensburg Road  
New Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068  
Phone: 412/335-9980 [*Evenings and Weekends Only*]

[*Clip Here and Mail*]

I/we plan to be at the New Orleans Marriott for the 1980 Reunion, and plan to attend the following activities . . . so count on me/us. Number in our party will be \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_ Guest(s).

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

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

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Area Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

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|----------------------|---|---|-----------------------|
| Sunday, August 17    | — <input type="checkbox"/> Early Arrivals — On Your Own   |   |                       |
| Monday, August 18    | — <input type="checkbox"/> Early Arrivals — On Your Own<br><i>Registration &amp; Hospitality Room 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.</i>  |   |                       |
| Tuesday, August 19   | — <input type="checkbox"/> Early Arrivals — On Your Own<br><i>Registration &amp; Hospitality Room 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.</i>   |   |                       |
| Wednesday, August 20 | — <input type="checkbox"/> Bus Trip to Camp Shelby, including Lunch, 9:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.<br>Cost per person \$16.00<br><i>Registration and Hospitality Room 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.</i>  | ✓ | Persons \$ <u>32-</u> |
| Thursday, August 21  | — <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Registration and Hospitality Room 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.</i><br>Board of Directors Meeting 1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.<br>Early Bird Boat Ride, including Music and Food 6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.<br>Cost Per Person \$16.00<br><i>[Taxi available for those not wanting to walk 15/20 minutes]</i>   | ✓ | Persons \$ <u>32-</u> |
| Friday, August 22    | — <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Tournament — City Park North Course, 3 miles from Marriott.<br><i>Pre-Registration at Registration Desk with Chuck Herring</i><br>Green Fees \$4.00 — Electric Carts \$9.50<br><i>Registration and Hospitality Room 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.</i><br>2nd Board of Directors Meeting 2:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.<br>Dinner or Supper — On Your Own. [ <i>Advisable time for Group, Companies, Units, or whatever, to have your own outings.</i> ]<br>PX Beer Party Dance 9:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. Registration Ticket needed.<br>Registration Fee \$5.00 Per Person |   | Persons \$ _____      |
| Saturday, August 23  | — <input type="checkbox"/> Men's General Meeting 10:00 A.M. to Noon<br>Ladies' General Meeting 10:00 A.M. to Noon<br><i>[Coffee and Rolls — Both Meetings — 9:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.]</i><br><i>Registration and Hospitality Room 10:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.</i><br>New Orleans Host Cocktail Party 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.<br>Memorial Service in Banquet Room<br><i>[Please be seated on time]</i> 7:30 P.M. to 7:45 P.M.<br>Banquet and Dinner Dance 7:45 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.<br><i>[Prime Rib and the Works]</i><br>Cost Per Person \$20.00  | ✓ | Persons \$ <u>15-</u> |
|                      |   |   | <b>Total</b> \$ _____ |
| Sunday, August 24    | — Farewells and Departures. <i>See you in 81.</i>   |   |                       |
| Monday, August 25    | — Farewells and Departures. <i>See you in 81.</i>   |   |                       |

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

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

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

TOURS THAT ARE AVAILABLE

Make intentions known to Paul and Marion Shadle

Walking Tour of the French Quarter or Garden District in groups of fifteen. Time of tour, two hours. \$3.00 Per Person	✓ 2	Persons	\$ 6
A City Bus Tour which includes the outskirts of the French Quarters and the rest of the City. Time of Tour, two and one-half hours. We must have at least 30 persons to a Bus, and Reservations must be made a week before the Reunion begins in New Orleans. Estimated cost \$6.00 Per Person.	✓ 2	Persons	\$ 12
Plantation Tours which go into the countryside and visit Restored Plantations. Must have a minimum of 30 persons. Reservations must be made a week before the Reunion begins in New Orleans. Estimated cost Per Person \$10.00	✓ 2	Persons	\$ 20
		<b>Total</b>	\$ 38

A BEAUTIFUL LETTER [Continued from Page 7]

the Recon Troop meet jointly with the Division when the Reunion is held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in 1981. This location will be very convenient to many of the Troopers, as we are primarily from the Eastern States, although we have had Troopers come from as far away as Arizona, California, Washington State, Oklahoma, Indiana, Michigan, Florida, West Virginia, Massachusetts, Connecticut and several other states.

We were honored by having General Bolte visit with us for several hours at our last Reunion in Silver Springs, Maryland. It was great to reminisce with General Bolte, of our early days in Shelby where he molded us into a great Division. General Bolte is still in good physical condition and was he ever alert! We wish him many more years of continued good health.

In June 1979, Mary and I went to Sun City, Arizona, for a three week vacation. We had the pleasure of meeting our National President, Bob Myers, and his lovely wife, Elva. We saw each other many times and Bob invited us to a couple of excellent restaurants. Bob was also very helpful in organizing our itinerary so as to better utilize our time while sightseeing. Arizona is a beautiful state (and large, too) and the climate is superb. I have already indicated to Bob that I will attend the Division Reunion the next time it is held in Scottsdale, Arizona.

The Division Association is fortunate in having a person of Bob's caliber as a National President. Bob never stopped talking 69th Division, and knowing the type of person Bob is, our Association, under his leadership, is going one-way, and that is to greater heights. The Recon Troop almost had Bob as our C.O., when we departed for overseas in 1944, but General Reinhardt recognized Bob's ability and decided Bob's command of Division Headquarters was more vital to the 69th. It would have been an honor serving with Bob, but we were fortunate in getting Lewis B. Ellsworth from the battle tested 29th Recon Troop to lead us and the Division safely through combat. Boyd Ellsworth never missed any of our Annual Reunions and we sure enjoy having him and his wife, Stella, with us.

In 1969 my son, Mickey, was fortunate to be the recipient of one of our Annual Scholarship Awards. Mickey went to college at Rutgers University, New Jersey, and took a Pre-Med Course, and he was fortunate to enter Medical School. I am proud to say that in June 1979, he was awarded an M.D. Degree from the New Jersey School of Medicine. He is now serving as a Resident Physician at J.F.K. Hospital, Edison, New Jersey, in the Family Practice Center. (A separate letter from my son is enclosed).

Presently, I am serving as Health Officer and I am in charge of the Health Department in Roselle. I enjoy the challenge very much and have been here since 1964. Mary and I have a wonderful daughter-in-law, Jeannie, who has presented us with two handsome grandsons; Eric, two and one-half years old; and Brian, ten months old. They give us many joyous hours of pleasure and we are fortunate to have them living very near to us.

In closing, I wish to compliment you and the Staff for a very interesting Bulletin. I read it from cover-to-cover. My dues were sent to you earlier and I have received my membership card. I proudly display the 69th Decal on both my cars. It was also an excellent idea to publish the Association By-Laws in the last Bulletin. I have already saved my copy.

If any 69th Recon Troopers read this article, please try to attend our Troop Reunion in Richmond, Virginia, on August 8, 9 and 10, 1980. We miss you! Contact **Louis Picket, Doswell, Virginia**, or if you wish, you may contact me also. **Call collect at 201/245-8159.**

Mary and I wish all our former Buddies and the Association a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

I plan to see you all in New Orleans in 1980.

**Michael Moscaritolo  
Roselle, New Jersey**

[Editor's Note: Mike, what a very nice letter. Sure wish more members would take a little time and drop us a few lines the way you did. I sure would like to have a copy of the Members on your Recon Roster.

It would be very nice to have the Recon Gang join our 69th Division Association in 1981, at the Host Inn, August 9 to 16. It is located in Pennsylvania along the Turnpike at Exit 19. Since many of you fellows are from the east, we hope to see you all there. We will even make the necessary arrangements to put you fellows together on a separate floor at the Inn, if you so wish. I think that is your week-end anyway, for your Reunion.

I can say the General spoke very highly of the Recon Boys at our Reunion last year in Boston, and also said he was very happy and pleased to be a part of you in Silver Springs, last year.

I hope you have a nice turnout in 1980 at Richmond, Virginia, but do remember you are all welcome at the Association Reunion in New Orleans in 1980. We do invite all Recon Members, especially those living in the Deep South, who will not make your Reunion in Richmond, to attend with us. I'll be looking forward to seeing you and family this coming August in New Orleans.

Please do stress to your members to pay National Dues which are five dollars Regular, ten dollars Contributory (which puts two dollars in the Scholarship Fund), and one dollar fifty-cents for your lady to be an Auxiliary Member. Less than half our membership pays dues, but we try to keep all members informed, by sending them all a Bulletin. We only can send Bulletins if the Dues money comes in.

The last two years, plus this year, all Members will have received three nice large Bulletins.

We are happy to hear from our Recon Boys and will publish whatever news you send, if it is at all possible. Once again have a nice 1980 Reunion. I'll also list it under our Calendar of Coming Events. Please be part of us too, Recon Men].

# New Orleans Is Waiting For Us

New Orleans is waiting for us, and to prove that, here are a few letters that tell some of the stories.

The following is a letter written to our President, Bob Myers:

Dear Bob:

My best wishes to you, with hopes that you enjoyed a fine holiday season and the good health you deserve.

I am very depressed about the general situation and our position on the Iran situation, and our overall prestige in the world. I have wished many times that we had Teddy Roosevelt, Harry Truman, or General Douglas MacArthur in the White House. We no doubt would have lost the hostages, but when you storm the beaches you are prepared for the losses, and I haven't seen or heard about many GI's that refused to go "over the top," despite the consequences. They were prepared to take the losses, and did. How many on Red Beach? How many on Heartbreak Hill?

I get real steamed up about it, I just hate to see everything we, and others like us, for years and years past have fought and died for, go down the drain. If we need to wipe Iran off the face of the earth, let's do it, face up to the fact, and re-establish our Nation as a leader, and a do'er, instead of a weak sister . . .

So much for that . . .

I enclosed herewith a recommendation or an article for the Bulletin relative to the Camp Shelby Trip. I am not a newspaper writer, so will not be hurt if the article is re-written, modified, edited, changed, or deleted in any fashion. I am doing my best, and believe we all have that in mind for the betterment of the Association, so carry on. We did get William Winter as governor, so I have already contacted him, and his plans permitting, will go along with anything I suggest. In other words, he had assured me that his schedule permitting, he will be there. And, we are Number One on his schedule. I haven't seen any of his appointments for the National Guard, so as soon as I read of them, I will get into that phase of the program. Colonel Stuart at Camp Shelby is solid, so that much of the plan is positive.

Again, Bob, best wishes for you, and "KEEP 'EM FLYIN" . . .

**Merle Douglas**

*[Editor's Note: I am with you all the way, Merle. We ought to some day stop letting the smaller and weaker countries walk all over us. I feel we should get the draft back, and get our boys and girls trained before it is too late.]*

*You mention Iran, but how about the other 'big bully' that just walked in and took over another little nation? What is up their sleeve? We just can't trust them as they have proven that time and time again. We should be prepared!*

*I am wondering what strength our Association can be of in getting things turned around, by writing letters to our President, Congressmen and Senators. This could be 'food for thought' for our Directors Meeting and General Meeting. We should carry some weight, and would put our Secretary to work writing letters.*

*So much for that, before I get fired-up . . . on with New Orleans.]*

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**Wednesday, August 20th, 1980, will see interested members of the 69th Infantry Division depart New Orleans on chartered bus at 9:00 A.M., for the first group return to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, since the Division left for overseas in November of 1944.**

In the 36 intervening years, Camp Shelby was closed at the end of World War II, after being used as a Demobilization Base, was developed as an Emergency Railhead Facility during the

Korean War, and was reopened in 1954, as an Annual Field Training site for National Guard Units. In 1958, with the first of over eight million dollars in Federal Funds, a schedule of construction was begun, and since that time, 278 Barracks, 74 Mess Halls, 99 Company Administration and Supply Buildings, 16 Battalion Supply Buildings, 22 Battalion Headquarters, 5 Brigade Headquarters, 1 Division Headquarters, 1 Post Hospital, 1 Brigade Dispensary, and 5 Ammunition Supply Igloos have been completed.

Proceeds from the sale of timber and forest products from the complete Military Reservation, of more than 136,000 acres of land, have been used to construct a Chapel, 2 Post Exchanges, 2 Service Clubs, a Theater, a Swimming Pool, and a Field Pavilion for Troop recreation.

The busses will go directly to Camp Headquarters, where a briefing on the present status of the camp will be presented by Colonel Theodore E. Stuart, Training Camp Supervisor, Mississippi National Guard, and his staff will conduct tours for visits to original training areas.

Lunch will be served at the William Carey College Cafeteria in Hattiesburg, where the Veterans will be welcomed by Mississippi Governor William Winter, Hattiesburg Mayor W. L. "Bud" Gerrard, and other local citizens. The Hattiesburg Area Historical Society will provide automobiles and guides for members to re-visit special areas of interest. After a general bus tour of the area, the group will depart to arrive in New Orleans at 5:30 P.M.

**The total cost of the outing will be \$16.00 per person, which includes transportation, and luncheon. Informal cool clothing, sun hats, and short sleeves will be the 'uniform of the day'. M. E. Douglas, 369th Medical Battalion, P.O. Box 308, Hattiesburg, Miss. 39401, is in charge of local arrangement and will appreciate recommendations or special requests.**

*Editor's Note: Merle can also be reached by calling 601/582-1991, or 601/582-5156. Please, Members going to New Orleans . . . do sign-up early for this "Back to Camp Shelby Trip" by filling in your Reunion Registration and sending it off to Paul and Marion Shadle, 1504 Greensburg Road, New Kensington, Pa., 15068, so that Paul can keep Merle Douglas informed as to attendees.]*

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Hello, there:

**New Orleans is really a Fun City — "The City that Care Forgot"** — and if you haven't been here recently you cannot imagine how interesting and enjoyable each day will be, during our Fighting 69th Division Reunion at the Marriott on Canal Street. *Urge all you Ladies to insist that your 'favorite soldier' bring you "Way Down Yonder in New Orleans"!*

Unlike many cities now, Canal Street is still a "main street." The large department stores are still there, although there are branches in many beautiful shopping plazas located throughout the city. Shopping, sightseeing, nightclubbing — everything is alive and kicking — and all within easy walking distance of our hotel. After enjoying the wonderful food, the German custom of "1000 steps" is advisable, anyway, especially at our age!

A super "freebie" is the Ferry Ride from the foot of Canal Street across the Mississippi River to Algiers, and return. The boats are new and comfortable, and the activity on the River is exciting — **and the ride is free.** Young people especially enjoy this.

There is just **so much to see and do!!!** The tours are fabulous: I would recommend the General City Tour by bus, to start with; then plan to devote a morning or afternoon of each day, to one of the Walking Tours; The Antiques Tour and Homes Tour. The other half of the day, we have lots of free time (luckily), to discover on your own, some of the wonderful restaurants, bakeries, shops, and the New Orleans atmosphere — all within a few blocks of our hotel. Our President could not have chosen a better location!

The Walking Tours from our hotel on Canal Street, at the edge of the French Quarter, have a guide for every 15 people — these are to see the historic places and/or patios. They are about two and one-half hours, conducted by New Orleans people, and are just super — even when you live down here, every couple of years you enjoy going to them again. Much of our culture and heritage came to the rest of the country from the French, Spanish and English influences from this Crescent City.

Especially fun, would be the Antiques Tour: Shop after shop of interesting "collectables" which can end up with lunch served in one of the newly restored homes. There is a lovely section around Coliseum Square, where many people are restoring homes — some of these may be visited — I just can't tell you how interesting it is to go inside these — in all stages of repair (or dis-repair). Lunch can be before, or after a tour.

For those who would like an All Day Tour - Out of Town — there are magnificent plantations to be visited along the River and just out of New Orleans. Lunch is served, the countryside is lovely and this is a delightful way to spend a day.

You will be glad to know, New Orleans still has the street car on St. Charles Avenue, and the ride is a "must".

Everyone knows what Bourbon Street is — it's what it used to be, and More! It's there to explore on your own, or there are Night Club Tours. It is best described by the phrase, "Something for Everyone!"

The best of the tour arrangements down here are still pretty much on an individualized and personal basis — some people open their homes or patios, on certain days only — these people work and have other responsibilities just like you and I do — so, to really benefit from the friendly hospitality that a small group allows for, it is necessary to indicate well ahead of time which activities interest you. I can positively say, every man and lady will enjoy any of these activities. So, by all means, **do come to New Orleans and do plan to have a wonderful time!!** See Y'all in August . . .

#### Martha Douglas

*[Editor's Note: Martha is working hard for your stay, and mine, to be the very best while we are in New Orleans, during our Reunion Week of August 17 to 24, 1980. She will be in our Hospitality Room, as much as possible, waiting to talk with all of us 69'ers, and serving us in any way she can, by suggesting and recommending what is best to do, in the short time we will be in the City of New Orleans.*

*Member 69th Buddies, let's make New Orleans our Best Reunion to date, by taking over the City of New Orleans. We are expecting anywhere from 800 to 1,000 Members and their Ladies, along with the rest of the family members.*

*Not only will we have a great Reunion . . . but the location of the Reunion fits in perfect for any vacation plans you have regarding your desire to vacation in the South. We are looking for a large turn-out of Southerners from the Deep-South, as well as those from the West and Mid-Western states. I know the Easterners will turn out strong, as we do want to see Camp Sheby again, and take a boat ride on the 'Great Mississippi River,' on our Early Bird Cruise.*

*Once again, do mail your reservations in early . . . Not only to Paul and Marion Shadle, but also to the Marriott Hotel].*

## Scholarship Meeting

**Sammy Woolf, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, asks all Past Presidents to attend a meeting of that committee on Sunday, May 18, 1980, at the Nassau Inn, Princeton, New Jersey.**

The purpose of the annual meeting is to select a Scholarship winner, or winners, which will be awarded at the General Meeting of the 69th Infantry Division Association, in New Orleans.

Other matters concerning the Scholarship Committee will be discussed at this time also.

The meeting will begin at 1:00 P.M. with a Dutch Treat Luncheon, followed by the meeting. Wives are invited to attend with their husbands, as well as any other members and wives.

**Mary Drew**, our Honorary Member and Advisor to the Scholarship Committee, will be invited to attend, as she is a friend of us all, and tops the field of selecting scholarship winners.

Ann and I, want to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year, hoping to see all Past Presidents and Members of the 69th in May, at the Nassau Inn. Please drop me a note if you will be at the Luncheon and Meeting on May 18, so that necessary arrangements can be made for the day.

Thanks for an early response.

**Sam Woolf**  
241 Waverly Road  
Scarsdale, New York 10583

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Sammy:

I/we will attend your Luncheon Meeting of the Scholarship Committee.

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

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

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Area Code and Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit of the 69th: \_\_\_\_\_

For Past Presidents: \_\_\_\_\_ I/we can't make your Scholarship meeting.

*Sammy asks that if you cannot be in attendance to please write him giving reason, comments, and any suggestions you have to offer for presentation at the Scholarship Meeting. Your letter should be directed to him at your earliest convenience.*

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## Scholarship Winners Write . . .

I am writing to say "Thank You," once again for the assistance you gave me ten years ago.

I was a recipient of your Scholarship Award at that time, when I was just beginning college.

I can say that every bit of help is greatly appreciated when you are a struggling student.

I went on to graduate from Rutgers Medical School in New Jersey. I am now a Family Physician practicing at the John F. Kennedy Family Practice Center in Edison, New Jersey.

I hope you are able to continue helping other students in the same manner as I have been helped.

Sincerely,

**Michael A. Moscaritolo, M.D.**

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I am writing this note of "Thanks," in appreciation of the \$50 increase in my Fighting 69th Infantry Division Scholarship Award.

This increase, in a time of rising college costs, will surely help out.

Thank you, very much, for the extra monies.

Sincerely,

**Greg Jensen**

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

## ARIZONA – WESTERN UNITED STATES GROUP

**Western States 69th Division Luncheon  
Iron Mask Restaurant  
Tucson, Arizona  
May 19, 1979**

Now that we're into 1980, it is appropriate to start planning our **Spring Get-Together** at **Mountain Shadows, Scottsdale, Arizona**. We have chosen **Saturday, May 24, 1980**, for the reason that Mountain Shadows has offered us, for that weekend, **special Deluxe Room Rates of \$30.00 [single or double]**. This rate will prevail if you stay over for one or two extra nights.

In the past we have met for lunch in a private dining room. This year we have the alternative of dinner instead of lunch, on account of the discount offer for overnight stay.

Our primary business at the Get-Together will be to take a head count of those of us who are going to a great Reunion in New Orleans, August 17-24, 1980, at the Marriott.

It will be helpful if you can let me or Bob Myers know by **April 1, 1980**, whether you are coming to the Spring Arizona Get-Together, whether you plan on staying overnight, and whether you prefer a lunch or dinner meeting.

My telephone number is **602/326-1133** (Tucson), and Bob's is **602/977-1952 [home]**, or **602/975-2270 [office]** – **[both in Sun City]**.

Let us all come to Mountain Shadows on May 24th and have as much fun as we did in Tucson last May.

Sincerely yours,

**Leonard C. Halpenny  
269th Engineers**

*[Editor's Note: Hey, why not attend the Western Weekend? Bob and Leonard ask me to especially invite all 69'ers from the Regiments, Headquarters, 661 Tank Destroyers, the Artillery, the Engineers, the Recon Gang, and whomever, as long as you are a "Great 69'er."*

*Yes, you may bring a friend or friends with you. Not only Arizonians but all you Members and Ladies from the Western and Mid-Western States are most welcome. In fact they are expecting a nice turnout from the following states: New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Texas and California. Victor Woo from California will be there.*

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**Mail To: Leonard C. Halpenny  
3938 Santa Barbara Avenue  
Tucson, Arizona 85711**

- Please send more information on your Arizona Spring Weekend Get-Together
- We would like a Lunch and Meeting
- We would like a Dinner Meeting
- We want to stay overnight at the \$30.00 Room Rate

**I/we are:**

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

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

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Area Code & Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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The pictures below were taken at the very successful Arizona - Western States Group Luncheon Meeting, held last May 19, 1979, at Iron Mask Restaurant, Tucson, Arizona.

Photographs submitted by Victor Woo.



*[Seated at the Left side of the table]: Bill Ruebsamen, Pat Ruebsamen, Janet Havey, John Havey and Frank Campaigne.  
[Seated on the Right Side of the table]: Gene Edminster, Gretchen Edminster, Cameraman "Vic Woo," Irene Delao and Louis Delao.*



*[Seated on the Left Side of the table]: Dave Delory, Alice Delory, Polly Griffin, Chuck Griffin and Len Halpenny.  
[Seated on the Right Side of the table]: Marge Gildner, Eddie Gildner, Mr. & Mrs. Frank See [Absent from picture], and Corkey Halpenny.*

## 661st TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

Dear Fellow 661'ers:

We had planned to have all the information to you by December 1, 1979, for the planned Get-Together in Austin, Texas, and Pilgrimage Back to Fort Hood.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have been unable to do so. Leon and Bess Stone's daughter was in a very serious automobile accident, and of course, this took precedent over everything else. I am happy to report that she is now on the road to recovery. Leon was unable to devote the necessary time to make arrangements for our Get-Together, until now.

He is once again working on it with **Cliff Blank** of Victoria, Texas.

I do hope that you have all the necessary information by the time this appears in the Bulletin. I also hope it is not too late for you to make arrangements to return to Fort Hood.

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**SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS WRITE . . .**

*[Continued from Page 14]*

Thank you so much for sending me the 69th Infantry Division Association Scholarship Award.

As you must know, it is very helpful as a college student always needs money for the many bills which we receive.

Once again, I would like to "Thank You," and I will send a copy of my grades, following the spring semester.

Sincerely,

**Sara Barakat**

**TRI-STATE GROUP  
[PITTSBURGH]  
[WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA]**

**Western Maryland — Eastern Ohio  
Southwestern New York  
Panhandle and Northern West Virginia**

*Mailing Address*

**[R.D. No. 1, Box 477, Acme, Pennsylvania 15610]**

Our Tri-State Group is on the "Go"! For more information, or to get your name on the Mailing List, write to the above address. Yes, Sir, our Fall Weekend is long past, but one we will all remember. Many local members were absent, but we still had twenty-three present at our Banquet.

Listed below are the names of those who were in attendance at the Fall Weekend, and as you can see, they came from all over the East.

- Chuck and Lottie Herring, Wilmington, N.C., 269th Eng.
- Joseph and Zola George, Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa., 69th Rec.
- Victor A. DeCarlo, Uniontown, Pa., G-Co., 271st.
- George and Vickie Gallagher, Beaver, Pa., 69th MP, or QM.
- Walter and Ann Doernbach, Egg Harbor, N.J., 69th Div. Hq.
- Robert and Vivian Kurtzman, Wilmot, Ohio, I-Co., 272nd.
- Clarence F. Burke, Monroeville, Pa., G-Co., 272nd.
- W. R. and Betty Foster, New Cumberland, Pa., 269th Eng.
- Raymond and Jane Lynch, North Warren, Pa., Unknown.
- Albert Naginonis and Charlotte, Aliquippa, Pa., M-Co., 272nd.
- Clarence Marshall, New Kensington, Pa., 69th Div. Hq.
- Fred and Eunice Huston, Wellsville, Ohio, E-Co., 273rd.
- Earl and Dorothy Witzleb, Jr., Champion, Pa., E-Co., 273rd.

*Absent — Working Commitment:*

*Gus and Elizabeth Nagy, Duquesne, Pa., 273rd Bn., Hq.*

On Friday, November 2, 1979, thirteen members of the Tri-State Group were on hand for a Dinner Banquet at the Joshua Tree, all of us enjoying our dinner and a variety of jokes. Due to the fact that dinner was served a little later than planned, the Shopping Trip was cancelled, and instead a Birthday Party for Lottie Herring was celebrated. What a time we had in Chuck and Lottie's motel room . . . until the "Wee Small Hours of the Morning." Oh, Yes . . . there was another full-moon that evening and a great night was had by all. In fact it was a good weekend once again for the Tri-Staters in Pittsburgh.



*Pictured above, is the group at Lottie Herrings's Birthday Party.*

*[Front Row - Left to Right]: Joe and Zola George, Lottie Herring, Betty Foster, Vivian Kurtzman and Dorothy Witzleb.*

*[Second Row - Left to Right]: Earl Witzleb, Chuck Herring, Bob Kurtzman, Bill Foster and Clarence Marshall. [Photo submitted by Chuck Herring].*

Saturday morning, November 3rd, found us relaxing in the Witzleb's room, with everyone proof reading No. 1 Bulletin . . . and there were still corrections to be made. At any rate, they did have an early viewing of our Bulletin (minus the pictures).

Saturday afternoon, November 3rd, found ten members of the group going to the Veterans Hospital in Aspinwall, Pennsylvania, treating the Vets to an afternoon of Bingo Games. Then a snack of cookies and coffee was served to the Vets before we said good-bye to them. (The cookies were made by Dorothy Witzleb's mother and her sisters - including a sister-in-law).



*Pictured above is a copy of the sign which was posted at the Veterans Hospital in Aspinwall, Pennsylvania, announcing the events for the day, on Saturday, November 3, 1979.*

The following, is a letter of "Thank You," received by our Tri-State Group. It was sent to us from a patient at the hospital, by the name of Walter Dawida:

November 6, 1979

To: Tri-State 69th Division:

Welcome, to the Aspinwall Veterans Hospital.

May I have the pleasure and privilege of thanking all the people who came to our hospital on Saturday afternoon,

November 3, 1979, to sponsor a Bingo Game, and later on serve refreshments to the patients. The patients who were helped by your people want to thank them for "services rendered" and given to them.

The Bingo Game went over with flying colors, with Canteen Books as prizes to the winners, and more than plenty were on hand, and you can be sure they were spent at our Canteen, for the needs of the patient. Thanks, a million!

Now, the refreshments were to the taste and flavor of all who attended, with the wide variety of "home made" cookies, which were so neatly plattered on our serving pans, by the Ladies, and a good "job well done" and that deserves an extra thanks from all who were present. Thank you, Ladies!

In closing, from all of us to all of you, what better way can I close this letter except "Thank You" . . . and come back again, real soon.

**Walter Dawida**



*Pictured above are those present at the Saturday Night Dinner Meeting, on November 3, 1979.*

[Front Row - Left to Right]: Victor DeCarlo, Dottie and Earl Witzleb.

[Second Row - Left to Right]: Lottie Herring, Ann Doernbach, Charlotte [friend of Albert Naginonis], Eunice Huston, Vivian Kurtzman, Vicke Gallagher, Jane Lynch and Zola George.

[Back Row - Left to Right]: Betty and Bill Foster, Chuck Herring, Walter Doernbach, Clarence Marshall, Albert Naginonis, Fred Huston, Clarence Burke, Bob Kurtzman, George Gallagher, Raymond Lynch and Joe George. [Photo submitted by Chuck Herring].

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Following our visit to the Veterans Hospital in Aspinwall, we returned to the Sheraton South, where we only had time to get ready for our Dinner Meeting, which included a dinner of Roast Top Sirloin of Beef and the works. Twenty-three enjoyed the Dinner. After dinner, we had an interesting meeting, discussing the New Orleans Reunion this coming August, 1980, and there was discussion concerning the questionnaire letter from our President, Bob Myers, stating that the War Department in Washington, D.C., is wanting to activate our 69th Division, as a 69th Regiment in Berlin, Germany. Most were in favor of this, so long as we keep our colors and name. We all felt we should be advised on this matter by General Bolte.

Earl Witzleb told the group that the New Orleans Reunion will be more costly (about \$125.00 per couple) for the week, but that it will be a good one full of fun, excitement, meetings, sightseeing and socializing . . . so save your pennies now.

We occupied 11 rooms in the Sheraton South, and on Sunday morning, "scrimmaged the Pittsburgh Steelers in the lobby" before the team departed for their game at Three Rivers Stadium, that afternoon. "We Are Family" . . . you know. (Dorothy Witzleb was our only casualty . . . banging up her knee)

We then departed the motel for the Wharf in Pittsburgh, where eighteen of us took a six-hour Fall River Cruise up the Allegheny River. Returning to the Wharf, we all said our "Good-bye's" and departed for home, just minutes before the crowd from the football game came rambling through the city.

Now, let's talk about our "Spring Weekend" coming up on **May 2, 3 and 4, 1980**. This weekend will be hosted by **Fred and Eunice Huston; and George and Vickie Gallagher**.

We will gather at the **Willows Motel** on Route 68, in Industry, Pennsylvania. Industry is located between Beaver and Midland, Pennsylvania, on the beautiful Ohio River, not far from the Ohio line . . . so we do want to see all our Ohio members, along with their Lady.

Our committee would like **all Reservations by April 12th**, (even if you aren't certain that you can make the weekend). You may cancel-out any time up until the last two days before the event, or 48 hours, which would be the Wednesday before the "Spring Weekend." It is most important that you do make Reservations as early as possible.

Friday will be a "gathering time" for early arrivals. Saturday afternoon is just listed as a "Surprise Day" for those attending, but I do know it will be an afternoon well spent. Saturday evening will be our Dinner Meeting, with the main discussion being the New Orleans Reunion, since our Group will Co-host with the great Arizona Group, at the New Orleans Reunion. We hope to provide those attending the New Orleans Reunion with a better and more exciting Reunion than ever before.

The Dinner cost will be \$9.50 per person, and the rooms at the motel will be \$20.00 Single, and \$25.00 Double. Each room will have a double and single bed in it, so two singles can double-up in a room if you wish. After our Dinner Meeting, live entertainment will be provided in the Lounge.

On Sunday, May 4th, a Smorgasbord Brunch will begin at noon, and will be available for our Group. At 1:30 P.M., we will depart from the motel, to "Old Economy", in Ambridge, where we will tour through this historical village. After the tour we will say our Good-bye's, and head for home, dreaming of "Sweet New Orleans" . . . The French Quarter . . . and the South . . . come August 1980.

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Please fill in information

and Mail to: **George and Vickie Gallagher**  
**84 D Street - Van Buren Homes**  
**Beaver, Pennsylvania 15009**  
**Phone: 412/744-6539 [Evenings]**

Please reserve me/us a \_\_\_\_\_ Single \$20.00 Room  
 Please reserve me/us a \_\_\_\_\_ Double \$25.00 Room  
 Please reserve the room for \_\_\_\_\_ Friday Night and/or  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Night  
 I would like \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner(s) for the Saturday  
 Dinner Meeting at \$9.50. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Choice of \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Beef/ \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey/  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Veal Parmesan (with the works)  
 I would like \_\_\_\_\_ Tickets for "Old Economy  
 Tour" at \$3.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 I would like \_\_\_\_\_ Tickets for the Smorgasbord  
 Dinner on Sunday at \$6.95 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Enclosed — \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I/we are:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Area Code & Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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**661st TANK DESTROYER BATTALLION**

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As soon as I receive all the information from Cliff and Leon, I will have it in the mail immediately.

I have had quite a number of inquiries about the Get-Together, and have not intentionally ignored them. Just waiting for some information to send you.

**Bill Beswick**

**69th RECON TROOPS  
[National Group]**

No report except a letter from **Michael Moscaritolo**, which is published elsewhere in this issue of the Bulletin.

**NEW YORK CHAPTER**

No report, but yes, I understand they are reorganizing with members from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

**269th ENGINEERS  
[National Group]**

No report. **Chuck Herring** and **Frank Nemeth** . . . let's hear from you.

**CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA BRANCH**

**Saturday, April 19, 1980**, will be the **Spring Banquet** of the **Central Pennsylvania Branch**.

This year, the Banquet will be held at the **Carlisle Elks**.

Very little information has been sent from the Central Pennsylvania Group, but it has been told to me that it will be a Dinner Show . . . a play type in which our own Harold Starry will have a part in the play.

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**For Information Write:**

**Bill and Betty Foster**  
803 Elkwood Drive  
New Cumberland, Pa. 17070

\_\_\_\_\_ Please send me more information regarding the Spring Banquet

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we would like to stay overnight at a Motel

**I/We are:**

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

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

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Area Code and Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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**MOVING**

Please print your new address below:

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

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

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

Please allow six weeks advance notice.

**Sick Call**

It would seem to me that with 4,800 Members on our 69th Association Roster, that surely there are a few of our number on "Sick Call." It is certainly not something to be hoped for, as it would be wonderful if all of us could remain as strong and healthy as we were some 35 years ago. However, if you, or if you know about any of our Buddies being sick and confined at home or in a hospital, we would like to know about it, so that we can pass the information along to all the Members on our Mailing List. I would particularly like to know, and I know we do have some 69th Division men in Veterans Hospitals across this great nation of ours. If you have any information you can pass along regarding the welfare of anyone, please write me at **Box 69, Champion, Pennsylvania 15610**.

**Vic DeCarlo** writes me that one of our Buddies, **Frank Lucci, Box 326, Republic, Pennsylvania 15475**, who was in the **273rd Regiment [Unit Unknown]**, had a stroke last December 1979. Vic reports that Frank is getting along fine now, and is in the **Harmarville Rehabilitation Center**. Frank and his wife attended our Tri-State Weekend in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, last May of 1979. It would be nice for all Tri-Staters and other Buddies to send a card or note to: **Frank Lucci, Harmarville Rehabilitation Center, 14160 Guys Run Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**, or to his home address. I am sure his wife will see that he gets the cards.

I also know that **Jerry Santilli, 8150 Aber Road, Verona, Pennsylvania 15147**, from **L Co., 272nd**, is now confined to his home, after going through quite a lot of sickness. Jerry was Manager of the Sheraton Inn South, where our Tri-State Group had two weekend gatherings, the last one being November 1979.

I understand Jerry not only had a stroke but, also a heart attack. It would be nice for Buddies of **L-Co., 272nd**, to send a card, or note to Jerry at his home. I am sure he would be happy to hear from 'Ole' Buddies'.

**1980 Appointed Committees**

**RESOLUTIONS/BY-LAW COMMITTEE**

**Charles Herring, Chairman, [269th Eng.]**  
214 North 22nd Street  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28405  
Phone: 919/763-3198

**Leonard A. Lushbaugh, Funkstown, Md., I-Co., 272nd**  
**William Beswick, West Point, Va., 661st T.D.**  
**Davisson Dunlap, Winter Park, Fla., E-Co., 273rd**  
**John Suprano, New Kensington, Pa., 881 F.A. Bat.**

**FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**Frank See, Chairman, [777 Tk. Bn.]**  
3003 Moss Avenue  
Midland, Texas 79701  
Phone: 915/697-5222

**Anees Barakat, Dallas, Pa., Co.-G, 272nd**  
**Herbert Callaway, Crockett, Tex., Co.-F, 272nd**  
**Walter Doernbach, Egg Harbor, N.J., 69th Div. Hq.**  
**William Matlach, West Islip, N.Y., Co.-E, 273rd**  
**Robert Silberg, Wheaton, Md., 272nd At. Co.**

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**CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS AND COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE**  
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**APRIL 19, 1980**

**Central Pennsylvania Branch — Spring Banquet**  
**Elk's, Carlisle, Pennsylvania**  
 For information write or call:  
 Bill and Betty Foster  
 803 Elkwood Drive  
 New Cumberland, Pennsylvania 17070  
 Home: 717/774-2396  
 Office: 717/774-0870

**APRIL — MAY, 1980**

**661st Tank Destroyer's Reunion**  
**Pilgrimage back to Fort Hood, Austin, Texas**  
 For information write:  
 William "Bill" Beswick  
 Post Office Box 576  
 West Point, Virginia 23181

or

Robert L. Stone  
 3803 Eastledge Drive  
 Austin, Texas 78731

[All 661st T.D.'s. — Take Notice]

**MAY 3, 1980**

**Deadline for news material and pictures for Bulletin**  
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**MAY 2, 3 and 4, 1980**

**Pittsburgh Tri-State Spring Weekend**  
**The Willows Motel**  
**Route 68, Industry, Pennsylvania**  
 [Between Beaver and Midland, Pennsylvania —  
 On The Beautiful Ohio River]

Co-Chairpersons:

Fred and Eunice Huston  
 801 Riverside Avenue  
 Wellsville, Ohio 43968  
 Phone: 216/532-4070

or

George and Vickie Gallagher  
 84 D Street - Van Buren Homes  
 Beaver, Pennsylvania 15009  
 Phone: 412/774-6539

**MAY 24-25, 1980**

**Arizona — Western Group Dinner Banquet**  
**Mountain Shadows, Scottsdale, Arizona**

For information write or call:

Robert "Bob" Myers  
 10453 Cumberland Drive  
 Sun City, Arizona 85351  
 Phone:  
 Home: 602/977-1952  
 Office: 602/975-2270

or

Leonard C. Halpenny  
 3038 Santa Barbara Avenue  
 Tucson, Arizona 85711  
 Phone: 602/326-1133

[All 69er's welcome, especially those from neighboring  
 west and mid-western states]

**AUGUST 8, 9 and 10, 1980**

**69th Recon Reunion**  
**Location-Unknown — City is Richmond, Virginia**

For information write or call:

Lewis G. Pickett  
 Doswell, Virginia 23047

or

Michael P. Moscaritolo  
 575 Sherman Avenue  
 Roselle, New Jersey 07203  
 Phone: 201/245-8159

[All 69th Recon Troopers — Take Notice]

**AUGUST 17 to 24, 1980**

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

Co-Chairpersons:

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

or

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shadle  
 Pittsburgh Tri-State Group  
 1504 Greensburg Road  
 New Kensington, Pennsylvania 15068

New Orleans Representative:

Warren Alford  
 6944 Fluer De Lis Drive  
 New Orleans, Louisiana 70124

**AUGUST 9 to 16, 1981**

**69th Infantry Division Association Annual Reunion**  
**Host Inn**

Exit 19, Pennsylvania Turnpike

[Hershey Park and Dutch Country Area, Central  
 Pennsylvania]

Chairpersons:

William "Bill" and Betty Foster

**AUGUST, 1982**

**Reunion site to be chosen in New Orleans.**

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

**AUGUST, 1983**

**Reunion site to be chosen in New Orleans.**

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