

Friday
Sept 13, 1985

Dear Felix:

I know that you will be surprised to get this letter and I also am sure that you remember me - Frenchy. It has only taken me four years to track you down to this address. I got your old address dating back to 1945 in Petersburg from Frank Scelzi and thru out the years have had a time locating you.

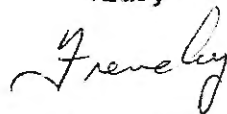
Now about the old 803. Five years ago a few of us old 803ers from around here got together and we formed the 803D Tank Destroyer Bn Reunion Association. We started out with 40 names and addresses and now have over 300 of our old comrades on our roster. We also know of about a hundred that have passed away. When I hear from you I will send you a roster.

Also during the past five years we have held four great reunions. The first in Tacoma, the second out at Ft Lewis and the last two in Reno, NV. The boys really had a blast at all of them. Let me tell you it is just great to see the old faces again. At the last reunion I had everybody ^{voted} as to where they wanted the next one to be held and 85% voted for Reno again. The girls like it there, plenty of entertainment and things to do. We also set up a nice program and we all have a ball. Here are the names of some of the guys who have attended the reunions that you would remember, Gus Bergklint, Ed Pillsbury, Pat Patterson, Iver Rostad, Elmer Meyers, Frank Scelzi and many more. And of course at each reunion they ask about you. I am leaving for Reno next week to set up the next reunion for May 1986. More info on this later.

As you can see, I stayed in the Army and retired in 1962 as a Major. When I got home in 1945 the Army asked me to stay. Took a leave, went home and looked around. No job and the only place I had to live was with my sisters and I rather live with the devil than with them. So I decided to stay in for a couple of years and they stretched out to 22 years. Best move I ever made. A few others who stayed in were Col Goodwin, he retired as a full Col. Capt Burke from Recon Company, he retired about five years ago as a Major General. The only guy I ever ran into from the 803 while I was in the Army was Goodwin. He is still alive, over 80 years old and bed ridden. Rusty Hendricks is still around. Talked to him a few days ago.

Well, I guess that this is all I will write for now. So drop me a few lines and let me know how you are and how the years have treated you. Start to make plans to attend the next reunion. We expect you to be present and accounted for. When you write, let me know your wife's name so we can put her on the roster too. Waiting to hear from you,

Ciao,



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