

776 TIGER TRACKS

February 1995

45th Edition

MAKE SURE TO LOOK INSIDE FOR INFORMATION ON THE 776TH TD MEMORIAL PLAQUES IN IDAHO AND NORTH DAKOTA

Memorial Plaques were made for Idaho and North Dakota. The Idaho plaque has already been dedicated. Please look inside for your invitation to the dedication of the North Dakota plaque to be held on Memorial Day, 1995.

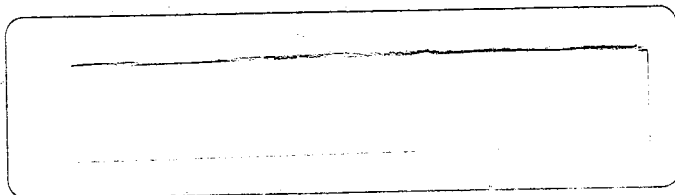
Please remember to let me know of any address changes. You don't want to miss a single issue of the *Tiger Tracks*.

Betty Liegl

Mrs. Albert Liegl
776th T.D. Bn.

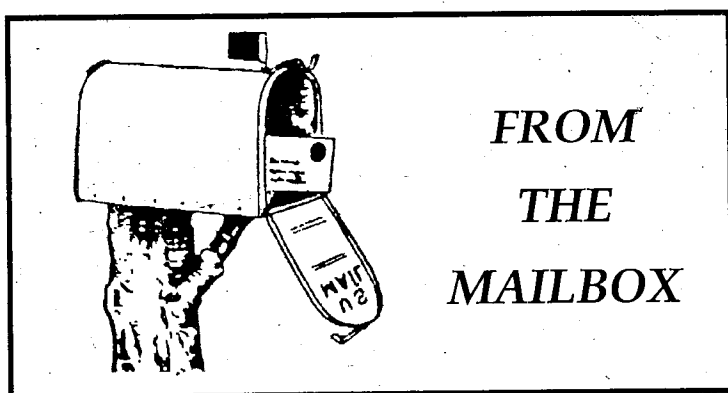
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Address Correction Requested



First Class

The Vandals



This letter arrived too late for the last issue. Paul Gibbs did attend the 1994 Reunion. Read and Enjoy. (B.L.)

June 2, 1994

I have lost contact with all of my war buddies since WW II ended. I have also changed my address many times and so was not aware of the 776 Tiger Tracks Editions. They certainly help keep the veterans in touch.

I want to commend you on your effort and immeasurably difficult work keeping the 776 TD together through correspondence and reunions for so many years. At least, until I finally woke up and joined your roster.

I know nothing of my 776 TD friends since the end of the war so I can only write a little about myself. Incidentally, I am a reconnaissance company veteran.

With the European war over in 1945 and the battalion in Austria, I looked forward to returning home early as I had joined the army in March 1941 and had been wounded. I was a high point man for returning home. Not to be!

I was selected to join a cadre of a few individual veterans destined for the Pacific war zone. I parted company with my friends and the 776 TD battalion at that time.

The atomic bombing of Japan in August 1945 halted my trip to the Pacific zone of war operations. I found myself in a small group of veterans with no clout or voice to help us receive transportation orders back to the states. We finally arrived home in October after many delays, promises, and a hitch hike ride on a liberty ship with a bent propeller shaft. The ship could cruise at only half speed so I had time to win a considerable amount of money playing poker before arriving in New York.

I arrived home at Duluth, Minnesota and joined the 52-20 club. You know, \$20 for 52 weeks until you find a job. It was a while before I got my feet on the ground and settled down.

February of 1946 found me taking flying lessons. I received my private pilot's license that fall. During the summer of 1946 I started using my GI bill benefits at El Monte, California to pursue a flying career. I earned my commercial pilot's license along with a flight instructor rating by the end of June 1947. I returned to the Midwest as I had a flight instructor's job waiting for me in Wisconsin. I received all the airplane ratings and ground school instructor ratings possible during the course of my 20 year flying career.

I spent several years in the early 1950's as a civilian flight instructor for the Air Force in a contract flight school at Stallings Air Base, Kinston, North Carolina, teaching cadets to fly. In

fact, one of my student's father, General Blackmere Bryan Sr., was commanding general and superintendent of West Point Army Academy at the time. Incidentally, the general had been the chief peace negotiator at the Panmunjon peace talks in North Korea earlier.

My next move was to return to my original flying job in Wisconsin. Mainly, I patrolled power lines with the aircraft in a very low flight throughout the Midwest. Four large power companies were serviced in all kinds of weather and temperatures. This type of flying involved dodging birds, trees, church towers, kite strings sometimes wound around the propeller shaft, dogs chasing the aircraft, and hunters drawing a bead on you within their gun sites.

At one time during the 1950's I landed at the Marshall, Minnesota airport because of bad weather and spent the night with Donald Friend who was from Recon company. Seems like he and I always managed to get into trouble during the course of our leisure time away from the battalion. We certainly had many events to talk about, so this made for a short, but very memorable night.

I had always vowed to end my flying career by the time I was 45 years old. This I just managed to do.

This was a difficult decision as I love aviation which was very good to me. I immediately missed piloting seaplanes and flying boats in Northern Minnesota and Wisconsin, also charter trips into Canada fishing. I still miss the same dogs chasing my aircraft while on power line patrol.

No longer take part in search and rescue missions by air and the anticipation of what I may find or the later drama carried on in occasionally bad weather and some night searches.

In May 1964 I moved to Benson, Minnesota and began a discount store business which proved very successful for eleven years.

In June 1975 I moved to Santa Barbara, California and purchased a business called Monty's Sport Bar which I still own. My daughter manages it while I play golf, ski and travel. You see, I am semi-retarded, I mean semi-retired. No, I am far from being wealthy. This business is my only pension plan as I never worked for a large corporation with all the benefits.

In 1989 along came Laura and her little dog. (He was really a monster.) Laura was a new neighbor and a physicist from Los Alamos, New Mexico. It seems her big beast would eat up anybody but me. Laura maintains that this doc picked me out to be her friend and future husband. Maybe there's something to that - we were married in 1991 and are now a happy family of three counting

Greetings to all,

Must get this letter written and to the printer so Rae Ann can get this on the computer and printed for the February 1995 T.F. She does a great job of layout on the paper. (Thanks Betty - maybe I can get down to meet all of you at your 1996 Reunion!! I feel like I know all of you. I've been doing your paper for at least 8 years. R.A.H.)

I wanted to put as much information in this issue about the two plaques so you would know what is going on. The pictures you see of the plaques do not do them the justice they deserve. But because of the material used in the making of the plaques, it is hard to get a really good picture. I have several nice photos in color, but since we do the newspaper in black and white it will give you some idea what they look like. So you will have to either visit Idaho or North Dakota and view the plaques or come to the next reunion and look at the color pictures.

Please look for the invitation from the North Dakota National Guard to attend the Dedication of 776th Plaque in Mandan in May on Memorial Day 1995. The Invitation is printed in this issue. Please attend if you can.

Remember, I need your letters in order to keep the paper going. Do let me hear from you and tell us what you are doing these days. If you have any war stories write them down. I try my best to read your handwriting and any errors in T.T., I can blame on my typewriter (or the typesetter!!).

Betty Liegl

Todo, the dog. Once in a while I say to Todo, "You could have prevented this!!!"

Laura's employment as a research scientist requires her to travel to various parts of the country. I travel along with Laura but remain in the background as I cannot add two and two on my fingers.

On these trips, as Laura says, she works while I play. I think I could almost begin to write "tour guide" books. Actually, I think Laura does not trust me to stay home with the dog.

Last February we went to Pocatello, Idaho. I decided to take along my 776 T.D. informal history manual so that I could look up the addresses of any T.D. veterans in that area. I knew that part of the battalion originated in Pocatello.

I had to dust off the history manual since it had not been used since the day I received it. I found Rico Benedetti's name in the manual. I then found his number in the local telephone book. So while Laura was involved with her meeting, I called Rico. His phone rang for a long time and I wondered if he was still alive after so many years. I was reminded of the time I called an old friend from Wausau, Wisconsin only to be informed from his wife that he had passed away many years ago. Anyway, Rico's answering machine finally kicked in. After all these years I still recognized Rico's voice - "macho" sounding.

At the sound of the bell I told the machine that "September 29, 1943, 51 years ago, I was blown out of the half track at Salerno beachhead which you (Rico) were driving. It was an Italian road that had been mined by the Germans." I told the machine my name and return phone number.

Rico did call me that same evening and we managed plans to meet the following morning in the lobby of our hotel. When I saw him in the lobby, I knew that I still could have picked him out of a crowd that day as easily as 51 years ago. He sure looked good. We shook hands. I gave him a big bear hug just as I had done that day at Salerno after the half track blew. He was the first comrade I saw and thought at the time we were the only survivors.

You see - our half track was leading a reconnaissance platoon. Rico was the driver - I was the radio operator. 1st Lt. Paul Brunt was platoon commander - 1st Lt. Sheldon Thompson was company commander. Rico informed me that Leslie Racine was with us but

we do not remember who the sixth soldier was.

We all survived this experience, however Lt. Thompson was seriously wounded. In fact, we were all wounded. Lt. Brunt took over as company commander.

Lt. Thompson and I were evacuated to the beachhead and placed on a hospital ship bound for Algiers, North Africa. I never did see Lt. Thompson again after our evacuation from the explosion site.

I had shrapnel wounds in my legs. My body was very stiff and sore. I was able to rejoin my company in Italy six weeks later and continue combat.

Well, as you can imagine, Rico and I had a lot to talk about. During the course of the day we visited Nyle Rasmussen, also from recon company, and his wife. We also visited Lt. Robert Bunce. We talked about old times. I had no trouble remembering their faces and mannerisms.

Rico informed me about you, Betty, and your 776 Tiger Tracks editions. He also mentioned the past reunions as well as the one coming up in September in Cedar Rapids. Since talking to you last week, Laura and I have made airline and hotel reservations for my first battalion reunion. I received the past Tiger Tracks that you mailed. They will keep me busy for a while.

I am going to press Rico and Donald Friend to meet us at the coming reunion. I anticipate a memorable time. I can hardly wait for this big event in my life after so many years.

Meanwhile - back to Pocatello. The next morning we met Rico's charming wife, her name is Betty also, at breakfast. Laura was unable to spend very much time with us because of her meeting. We took some pictures. We are looking forward to visiting with our friends again - hopefully soon!

Well now, Betty, I plan to read the 776 Tiger Tracks, the 34th through the 43rd editions so that I can keep abreast of the happenings of the T.D. veterans since May of 1989.

I have also started to read the informal history of the 776th tank destroyer manual for the first time ever. I want to jog my memory bank so that I look like I remember something when I arrive in Cedar Rapids. Maybe I will have a few stories to tell too.

In fact, I have read the manual this far through - our troop train transit starting at Gatesville, Texas

on December 24, 1942 and arriving at Fort Dix, New Jersey at 02:30 hours on the morning of December 28, 1942. We were in preparation to embark on our troop transport ships - destination unknown.

This event has jogged my memory. Seems that Christmas day en route we had very little food on board the troop train and we were very hungry. Word finally came down through the train that we would be stopping early evening at St. Louis, Missouri to take on board food and supplies. Remember - this was Christmas.

I believe that Lt. Vernon F. Hovey of Recon company, (Maybe others too), had a lot to do with wiring ahead for a wonderful roast beef dinner with potatoes, hot gravy, and all the trimmings for our belated Christmas dinner. Lt. Hovey later became a captain.

It is my understanding that Lt. Hovey had something to do with the manufacturing or distribution of ice cream and sherbet products - I believe in Schenectady, New York.

I am certain that he was responsible for pulling some strings at St. Louis in order to place on board all the ice cream and sherbet that we could possibly eat. What a wonderful treat! I shall never forget Christmas, 1942. Thanks a million to you and others responsible for this wonderful surprise.

Now I seriously think that playing "catch up" with my 776 reading and the Cedar Rapids reunion will place a little zap into my life. I am on cloud nine.

Again, I want to thank you for keeping the battalion together. See you in September!!

God Bless You,
Paul P. Gibbs

Nov. 26, 1994

Dear Betty and Al,

We made it home from the Reunion at Cedar Rapids on Friday. On Saturday the 164th Inf. Bn. had their dedication of the monument, installed at the Veterans Cemetery south of Mandan, ND. I will enclose a copy of the program.

I started working on the plaque as soon as we got back. Checking with the National Guard here on what they would allow at the cemetery. We had to change it several times which delayed it. We added N.D. and Idaho National Guard. The size of the Plaque ended up to be fourteen inches by twenty-four inches at no extra cost to us. The plaque should be ready in about two

From The Mailbox...continued

weeks. I am sending you an actual size of the plaque. I am sure some of the Vandals would like to see it at a Reunion.

I talked with Major Helgeson and was informed they were planning to install a cement Pillar or something for the Plaque. As of yet no spot had been selected but they hoped to have it in place for Memorial Services in the Spring. They usually have a big crowd for the services. That is about all I can tell you now.

Lt. Col. Clifford Keller came to see me one day to see if I had any material for a Museum. Wanted to know if I had a copy of our Crest. I could not help him on that. Does anyone have anything they would like to donate to the museum?

Sincerely,
Ray L. Hansen
411 Fraine Barracks Rd.
Bismarck, ND. 58504
(If you have anything you would like to donate to the Museum you can contact Ray Hansen, but perhaps Ray would like you to contact the Command Historian. I will give you his address here it might save time if you contact Lt. Keller about items you wish to donate.

LTC Clifford E. Keller, 703
North 2nd St.,
Bismarck, ND 58501)

Dear Betty:

Am sending you the photos you requested. I have written a brief note on the back of each snapshot. The plaque is really difficult to photograph successfully on account of the type of metal used in its construction, as well as the out-of-doors conditions affecting filming - sunlight, shadows, etc. I have selected the best that I think you may be able to use to satisfy your printer. If I can be of any further assistance, don't hesitate to call on me at any time. Please accept my check to help in the publication of the TIGER TRACKS. You do a great, painstaking job in getting the publication out to us.

What can we say about Gurney Caddy? His undying devotion and personal efforts to get the plaque completed and placed in its final resting place should be noted by each of us. His determination and untiring efforts are commendable.

It was nice to have chatted with both you and Al on the phone.

Sincerely,
Nick Manfredo
6918 Randolph Drive
Boise, Idaho 83705-1913
Phone (208) 375-6158

(Look for plentiful information on the plaque dedication in Idaho and North Dakota elsewhere in this issue).

Evelyn Fikejs Hosts Mini-Mini-Mini Reunion

On January 26, 1995, Evelyn invited Albert and me to her home for a get together with her and Conklin and Dee Hansen, who live in Mason City. Jeff Hansen, their son, drove them to Waterloo to visit Evelyn. Were they surprised when they arrived and found us waiting for them too. We had a nice but short visit. I am sure Albert and Conklin had a good visit. Maybe we will see them at the next reunion.

By the way Evelyn, my daughter Pam, told me to write about this Mini Reunion!

Maynard Will Attend Conference on Aging at the White House

IOWA - DeWitt Mayor Leo Maynard has been appointed by Gov. Terry Branstad as a delegate to the 1995 White House Conference on Aging.

The purpose of the conference, which will be held May 2-5 in Washington, D.C., is to increase awareness of the interdependence of generations; identify problems facing older Americans; examine the well-being of older individuals; develop recommendations for the coordination of federal policy with state and local needs; and review the status and multigenerational value recommendation adopted at the previous White House Conference.

Branstad said, given the fact Iowa ranks third in the nation for population 65 years of age or older, he believes Iowa delegates can contribute a great deal to a conversation on aging.

He noted Maynard and 25 other delegates are thoughtful, community-minded individuals who understand the hopes and concerns of aging Americans.

(Leo Maynard was a member of Company C.)

LOST

Lost. Can anyone tell me where they are?

Mrs. Robert Hines of
Buffalo, Minnesota.
Vincent Steele of
Portland, Oregon.

The Bill of Privileges and Responsibilities

Col. Gurney C. Caddy, MC (Ret)
Portland Chapter

The Bill of Rights is a wonderful document, but it is misnamed and incomplete. It should have read "The Bill of Privileges and Responsibilities." It is impossible to have any privilege (right) that does not have corresponding responsibilities. The only ones who have earned rights without further responsibilities are those who suffered, bled, and died for their country. The rest of us received these privileges provided by their sacrifice, and it is our responsibility to protect these privileges and pass them on to our children.

The bill should have added, we have the privilege to elect our officials, but we have the responsibility to know the candidate, know the issues, and vote.

We have the privilege to live in a free country, but it is our responsibility to protect it from enemies with and without. Freedom is never free.

We have the privilege to have children, but it is our responsibility to see that they are educated and brought up to be law abiding citizens. Values taught at home are the most important values in life to live by.

We have the privilege to keep and bear arms, but we have the responsibility to see that they are handled properly, because they are very dangerous items.

We have the privilege to worship as we please, but remember every other person has the same privilege.

The constitution protects your privileges, but it must protect every American's freedom in the same degree. No individual or group is entitled to special rights over the general public. The surest way to splinter a nation is to start giving special privileges to the loudest group. A law passed in their favor is against everybody else.

Too many groups are concerned about their own particular wants and desire and has no concern for the nation as a whole. Too many law makers are concerned with the votes they can get instead of what is best for the U.S.A.

If you want to lose your freedom be sure and let the government do more and more for you. There are many groups and individuals that would like to plan your life. You can lose your freedom by not fighting for it or you can give it away to big government.

I wonder how proud of us our forefathers would be if they were to judge us today?

Can You Help?

As you read this issue of Tiger Tracks, you will find pictures of the two plaques that are being placed in the states of Idaho and North Dakota to honor the 776th Tank Destroy Battalion personnel who served during World War Two. The plaque in Idaho has already been dedicated. The North Dakota plaque will be dedicated in May 1995.

We need to pay for these plaques and it was decided at the last two Reunions that we just ask you good folks to donate whatever you would like anywhere from one dollar on up to an amount you set. We will need approximately \$1,200.00. This will take care of both plaques. The men said that any amount over the payment of the plaques should go into the Tiger Track fund. Betty Liegl will keep a running account of money sent to her for the plaque fund.

Please send your contribution to Betty Liegl and on your check or letter, say it is for plaques. Make checks payable to the 776th T.D. Bn. Thank you very much.

Listed here are the people who have donated to the Plaque Fund:

Martin Tobiassen, Alma E. Maxwell, Leland Elliott, Carol Miller, Harold Bartley, Albert Liegl, and Leo Maynard.

As of today, January 31, 1995 the fund total is \$96.00

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Apt. 100
Brainerd, Minn. 56401

Mrs. (Raymond) Mary Bible
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Brainerd, Minn. 56401

Raymond W. Davis
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Tucson, Ariz. 85730

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Campo, CO 81029

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Mrs. (Arthur) Caroline Zimmerman
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Mrs. William O. Shirley, Jr.
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Donations

The following have made donations of three dollars to fifty dollars to the Tiger Track fund. Thank you very much.

Paul Gibbs, Edmond T. Ferguson, Russell McRobie, Melvin Heere, Harland M. Bestul, V.L. Anderson, Elizabeth Watson, Carol Schjeldahl, Dolores Haken-son, John J. MacGregor, Quint Atkinson, Albert Bullard, Francis Walsh, Ambrose Kommes, Miller C. Haugsdahl, Lowell Hilton, Robert Greenway, Ray Hansen, Robert Gallup, Vince Peters, C.P. Kujawski, Bryan Barnard, Martin Tobiassen, Chris Mostad, Edith Keller in memory of George Keller, Harold Carnahan, Marjorie Wollin in memory of Willis Wollin, Mary Bible in memory of Ray Bible, Orlando Nickel, Michael Bellerio, Fred A. Stolz, Joe Slatkoski, Florienne Grundhoefer, Caroline Zimmerman, Clem Hoock, Lyman DeHut, Marie Cunningham, Duane R. Stephens, Lois Laffoon, Clancy Byrne, Ila Suhr, Russell Karg, Merlin Liljenquist, Donald E. Jones, John Ehli, Earnest Schmit, Sam Randazzo, Agnes Ira, Dominic Manfredo.

Deceased

The following are deceased members of the 776th that were received after the June 1994 Tiger Tracks were mailed. Our sympathy to their families from all of us.

Fred Robb: 7-25-1992
Richard W. Craig: 1985
Art Zimmerman: 5-9-1994
Arthur Stern: 5-8-1994
Joseph Calvert: 6-25-1994
Joseph W. Hays: 12-7-1993
Glenn A. Weathery: 5-27-1994
Joseph Fadness: 7-14-1994
Thomas E. Hocum: 7-15-1994
Harold Torkildson: 8-28-1994
Willis Wollin: 2-1-1994
Ray Bible: 11-8-1994
John D. Miller: 1-29-1993
Jim Fred Best: 10-22-1994
William O. Shirley, Jr.: 4-30-1993.
Ross W. Baker: 12-7-1994.

I have received word of the deaths of the following ladies:

Mrs. Joseph Hays died 12-9-1993; Mrs. Katherine Arthur died 9-24-1993; Mrs. Nile Glasser Tiger Track returned marked deceased; Mrs. Robert (Ora) Gallup died 2-15-1994; Mrs. Jim Fred Best died 3-1994.

776 Tank Destroyer Batallion Plaque Dedication Gowen Field Boise, Idaho July 9, 1994

Personnel and Guests Attending Dedication of
Plaque - 776 TD BN
Gowen Field
Boise, Idaho
July 9, 1994

(Editor's Note: Please bear with us, some of the signatures were very hard to read - we'll do the best we can.)

Dominic Manfredo, Phyllis Manfredo, Niki A. Bauer, Ken Bauer, Christina Stone, Esther Karas - Pembina, N.D., Beth Karas, Edwin R. Stone, James Karas, Herman Harshman, Beverly Harshman, Robert H. Young, Craig Young, Mildred Snell, Clyde Snell, Dean Snell, Jim Begas, Rico and Betty Benedetti, ????????? from Portland, Carmelyn McMahon Johnson, John and Dorothy Mainchon (?), Jack, Cathy, Chris, Nick, Mike, and Caitlin Manfredo, Andrew Movins, Col. Philip K. Stirr (?), LTC Tom Tredvil (?), LTC Dave Wallinger, LTC Sherman Fletcher, Jean and Bill Greenfield, Leila Morfitt, Helen M. Durham, Iris Compton, Ruth Fleenor, Henry Fleenor, Roger Fleenor, Ed Epperson.

Approximately 25 N.G. personnel attended.

776TH TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

**MOTTO: DISCOVER THEN DESTROY
WORLD WAR II "VANDALS"**

CAMPAIGNS:

TUNISIA:

16 MAR 43 ... 9 MAY 1943

NAPLES • FOGGIA:

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ROME - ARNO:

22 JAN 44 ... 9 SEPT 44

RHINELAND:

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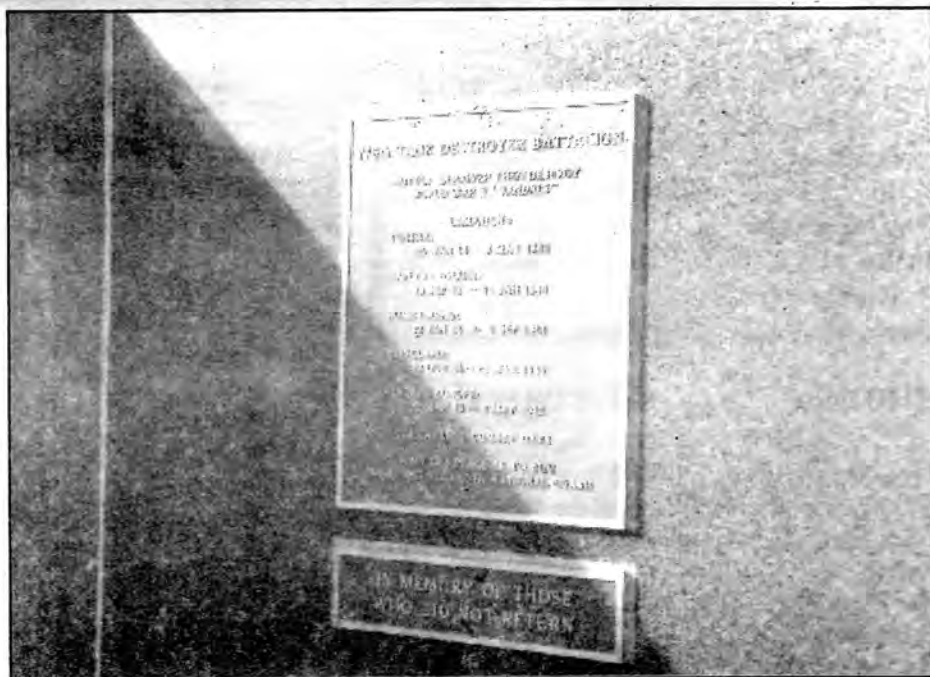
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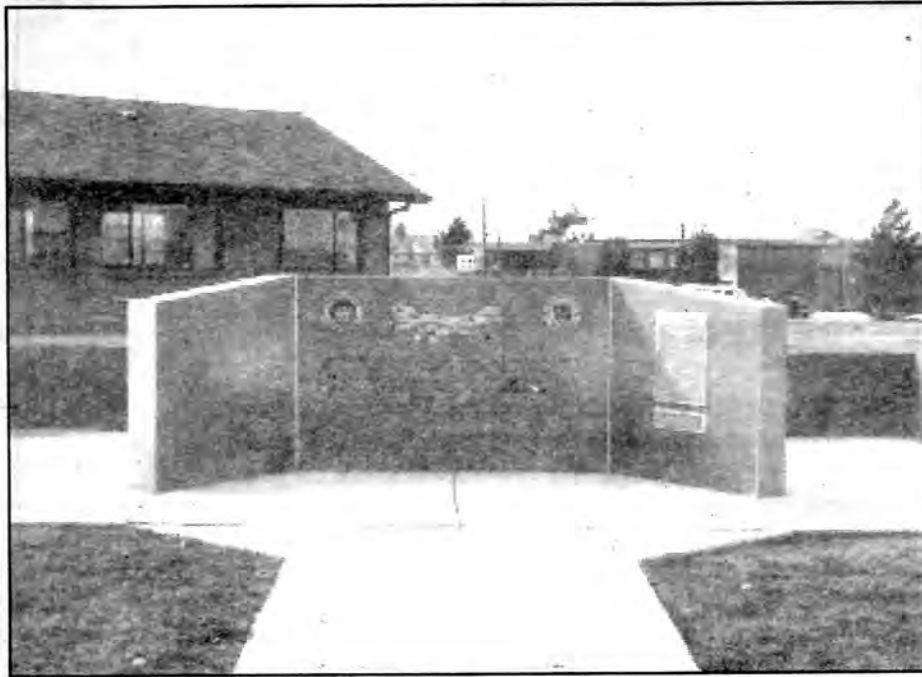
550 ACTUAL COMBAT DAYS

**JOHN 1:15 PEACE BE TO YOU
IDAHO AND N. DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD**

**IN MEMORY OF THOSE
WHO DID NOT RETURN**



776th TD Bn Memorial Plaque



Our plaque is displayed along side the U.S. Army Air Corps Memorial at Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho



From left to right: Blackie Snell, Rico Benedetti, Jim Karas, Nick Manfredo, Bob Young. Also attending (not pictured) Herman Harshman.



Rico Benedetti holding the plaque, wife Betty - and a friend of Rico's who is still active in the Idaho National Guard.

776 Tank Destroyer Battallion Plaque Dedication To Be Memorial Day, May 29, 1995

776 Tank Destroyer Battalion Presents Plaque to Veterans' Cemetery *You're All Invited to Dedication*

On Dec. 7, 1994, Ray Hansen presented a memorial plaque to Brig. Gen. Keith Bjerke, Adjutant General of the North Dakota National Guard, on behalf of the 776th Antitank Battalion. The plaque will be installed at the North Dakota Veterans' Cemetery, Mandan, on Memorial Day next spring. Hansen was a Staff Sergeant with the 776th in World War II.

The 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion was formed in 1941 from two batteries each of the 188th Field Artillery Regiment, North Dakota National Guard, and the 183rd Field Artillery Regiment, Idaho National Guard. It was armed with the half track self-propelled 75 mm gun and the M-10 tank destroyer, a full tracked vehicle with a three inch gun, built on the chassis of a Sherman tank. The 776th landed in Casablanca, French Morocco, in December, 1942, and moved to Algeria, where it was assigned to II Corps under Lieutenant General George S. Patton. At El Guettar, Tunisia, the battalion recorded its first enemy armor "kills" while losing several of its members. For the next six months, the battalion was engaged in intense fighting against the Germans and Italians, and employed a new use for the tank destroyer: indirect firing from dug-in positions. After the Axis Powers surrendered Tunisia to the Allies in 1943, the 776th moved to Italy and the campaigns in Rome-Arno and Naples-Foggia. While the unit was in Italy, its M-10 tank destroyers were replaced by M-36s. The M-36 tank destroyer was heavier and its 90 mm gun had more armor piercing capabilities. After the Italian campaigns, the battalion moved north into France. It was engaged in heavy fighting against the Germans in the campaigns of Rhineland and Central Europe.

The 776th served 550 days in actual combat. It lost 44 men, of which 21 were North Dakotans. Unit members received 216 Purple Hearts, 221 Bronze Stars, one Air Medal, two Soldier Medals, 21 Silver Stars, four Legions of Merit, and one Distinguished Service Cross. The Headquarters Company received the Meritorious Service Plaque. Units of the battalion received seven unit commendations from higher headquarters and four Presidential Unit Citations.

The public is invited to the dedication of the plaque at the North Dakota Veterans' Cemetery at 2 p.m. on Memorial Day, May 29, 1995. The dedication will be part of a Memorial Day program commemorating the 50th anniversary of WW II. There will be flyovers by the North Dakota Army and Air National Guard, a 21 gun cannon salute, a ceremonial rifle firing by WW II veterans, a WW II speaker, and more. Veterans of the 776th and their families are especially invited.

Released by Major Shirley J. Olgeirson, (701) 224-5106, fax 2244-5180.

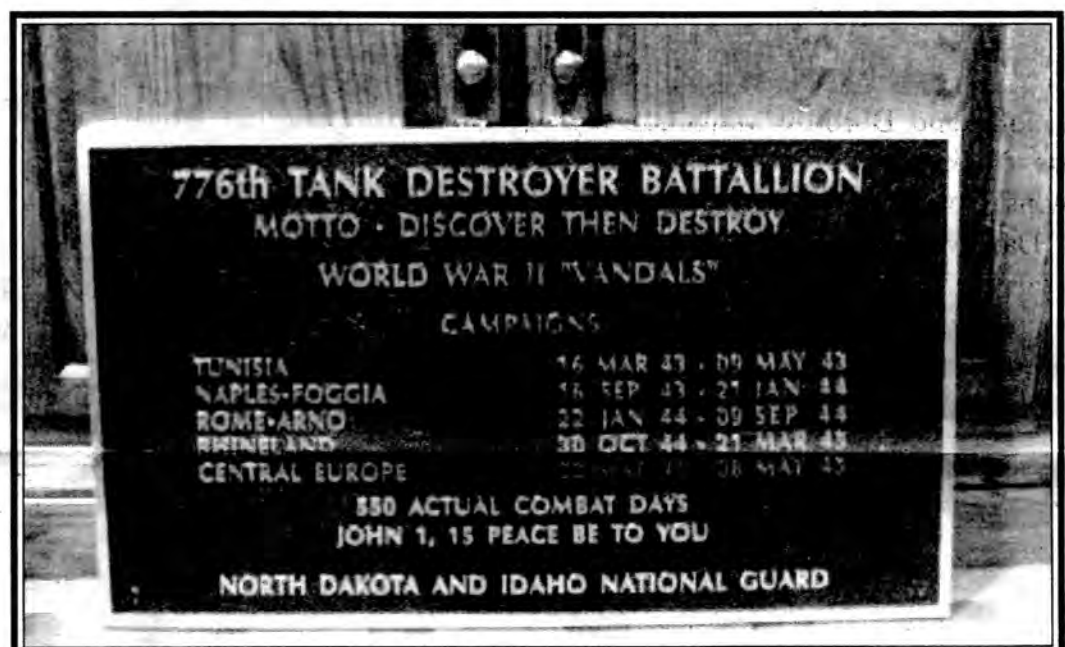
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550 ACTUAL COMBAT DAYS
JOHN 1, 15 PEACE BE TO YOU

NORTH DAKOTA AND IDAHO NATIONAL GUARD



Deceased Members of the 776th

Howard Adams
Donald B. Alfreds 1-15-89
Quentin E. Allen 11-19-78
Ira E. Amerman 12-7-61
Alvin E. Anderson
Andrew C. Anderson
Charles A. Anderson 9-11-82
Hartley Anderson
Newell C. Anderson 1984
Frank W. Andrasak 3-25-1961
Lyle H. Arneson 7-14-1990
LeRoy Arthur 9-3-1985
William D. Austin
Michael Babylon 1984
Erwin G. Baier 1-8-89
Andrew Bakalar, Jr. 11-76
Ross W. Baker 12-7-94
Clarence B. Bakken
James C. Ballem 7-11-89
Gilbert H. Bangs
Clyde Barham 10-13-89
James C. Barker 4-8-74
Col. James P. Barney 9-1-77
Eugene B. Bartlett 3-3-76
Clarence Bauer 11-20-79
Duane M. Baukol
Albert Baumgart 3-26-92
Myron V. Bell 10-28-90
Weston Bell 5-14-89
Charles Bennett
Jack Berger 10-9-89
Edward Berscheidt 2-26-1992
Jim Fred Best 10-22-94
Ray Bible 11-8-94
Joseph F. Biermann 11-13-78
Ed Billings 9-30-81
Walter A. Binsz
Raymond B. Bloms 2-8-83
Edward E. Blume 7-17-1990
Martin Blume 6-2-93
Paul Bonderenko
Glenn L. Bovill 12-16-88
Raymond E. Boyd 12-69
John C. Britz 11-6-60
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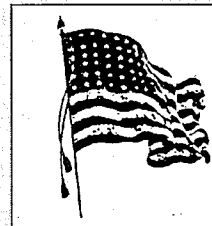
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Harold Granlie 10-13-77
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Ralph G. Wuttke 3-5-89
Thomas E. Yocum 7-15-94
Art Zimmerman 5-9-94
Frank L. Ziskovsky 10-20-80

TAPS



Day is done,
gone the sun

from the lake, from the hill,
from the sky.

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.

History of the 188th Field Artillery North Dakota National Guard

188th FAND National Guard mobilized for federal service it was composed of units from the 185th Field Artillery Battalion and also from the 164th Infantry Units.

1 April 1941 the 188th FA Reg. was inducted into federal service.

On 14 July 1941 orders were received by HQ 76th FA Brigade to form provisional anti tank battalion to become an active part of the 76th FA Brigade.

LTC Frank E Meek 183rd FA Commander; Major Ira M.E. Gaulke 183rd FA Executive Officer.

Battery G - 183rd F.A. Idaho
NG - Battery A (Pocatello).
Battery H - 183rd F.A. Idaho.
NG - Battery B (Rexberg).
Battery G - 188th F.A. ND
Nat G. - Battery C (Minot).
Battery H - 188th F.A. ND
Nat. G - Battery D (Lisbon).
Then come 7 December 1941.
December 9, 1941 orders for the 76 F.A. brigade to move to Fort Lewis, Washington.

December 11, 1941 forced march to Fort Lewis, Wash, my but the Rockies were cold - cold.

December 15, 1941 - arrived at Camp Murry, Ft. Lewis, Wash.

December 21, 1941 - activated as the 776th T.D. Bn.

Battery A - HQ Company.
Battery B - Recon Company.
Battery C - A Company.
Battery D - B Company.
C Company from other companies of the 776.
Med Det. - 183rd and 188th Med Det.
by Col. Gurney C. Caddy, MD

A Tribute to Ole

From the Ransom County Fair Edition, August 8, 1994

If anybody could be called "Mr. Fair" it would probably be Ole Fadness.

From the time he signed on to work for the Ransom County Fair Board in 1982 right up until his death on July 14, 1994, Ole dedicated himself to caring for the fairgrounds.

"One thing about Ole you didn't have to tell him what needed to be done," said Charlie Rotenberger, longtime fair board member. "Ole was very competent in his work. He'll be missed."

For Ole taking care of the fairgrounds was more than just a job. "He took it seriously like it was his own place," remembered Paul Nelson, another longtime board member. "He was always around whenever we needed him."

Noted for doing a lot more work than he ever turned in hours for, Ole made sure the job got done.

He eliminated the dandelions and leafy spurge at the fairgrounds. He kept the grass mowed. It was Ole who knew what needed painting. If something was out of place Ole knew it.

"To be honest, I don't know

Nostalgia...

Researched by Jim Doyne, Host of Musical Memories, WMT Radio, who provided the music at our reunion. These were read by Betty Liegl at the reunion.

If you are near sixty, you have been witness to more changes - good and bad, than any other generation from Adam and Eve on. Wow! What a time to have lived. Consider the following:

Consider the changes! We were born before television, before penicillin, before polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, plastics, contact lenses, Frisbees, and the Pill.

We were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams, and ball point pens, before pantyhose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip-dry clothes... and before man walked on the moon.

We got married first, and then lived together. How quaint can you be?

In our time, closets were for clothes, not for "coming out of."

We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent, and Outer Space was the back of the Strand Theatre.

We were before house-husbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual-careers, and commuter marriages. We were before day-care centers, group therapy and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yogurt, and guys wearing earrings. For us, time-sharing meant togetherness... not computers or condominiums; a "chip" meant a piece of wood; hardware meant hardware and software wasn't even a word.

In 1940, "Made in Japan" meant junk and the term "making out" referred to how you did on your exams. Pizzas, "McDonalds," and instant coffee were unheard of.

We hit the scene when there were 5 and 10 cent stores, where you bought things for five and ten cents. Sanders or Williams sold ice cream cones for a nickel or a dime. For one nickel you could ride a street car, make a phone call, buy a Pepsi or enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards. You could buy a new Chevy coupe for \$600, but who could afford one - a pity too, because gas was 11 cents a gallon.

In our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was mowed, coke was a cold drink, and pot was something you cooked in. Rock music was Grandma in a rocking chair, humming a lullaby, aids were helpers in the Principal's office, and mother was one word... not two!

We were certainly not before the difference between the sexes were discovered, but we were surely before the sex change - we made do with what we had. And we were the last generation that was so dumb as to think you needed a husband to have a baby!

No wonder we were so confused and there is such a generation gap today!

But we survived. What better reason to celebrate?

Nostalgia Take II

Over the past 60 years, there have been more changes in our way of life

what we're going to do without him," said Linda Bartholomay, Fair Association President through June. "He was one of a kind."

That he was.

When he had something on his mind he didn't keep it to himself. He spoke his piece. And he was always listened to.

He was also there to guide the new board members as they learned the workings of the fair.

Mike Dick, acting president, recalled when he first joined the fair board as a new member Ole was the one to teach him the ropes.

"It seemed like he had a way to break in the new board members," said Mike.

Although they are saddened by his death, most of the board members smile when Ole's name is mentioned.

Merle Lemnus, lifetime Fair Board member, and Paul Nelson reminisced about the time they were telling Ole he couldn't get into the grandstand show without paying.

Ole seeing a challenge he couldn't pass up replied, "Yes, I can."

As the story goes, Ole picked

than at any other time in history. This has caused quite a generation gap.

Here are just some of those changes:

We were before powdered milk, boxed cakes and artificial Christmas trees!

Fuzz was a substance, real fluffy, like lint.

Mooning meant staring listlessly off into space.

Inflation was something to do with a balloon.

A Saturday Night Special was a double dip chocolate soda.

Freeze-dried meant the family laundry had hung all day on the clothesline.

A Big Mack was a truck.

A drug problem was trying to get a prescription filled on Sunday.

Bicycles and chickens came fully assembled.

The quality of music wasn't measured in decibels.

Is it a boy or a girl referred only to newborn babies.

A floppy disk was something to see a chiropractor about.

Marriage problems were solved, not dissolved.

Health foods were whatever your Mother said you'd better eat or else.

A man wore a pink shirt only after a laundry foul-up.

Windowsills had flower boxes on them, instead of air conditioners.

You never dreamed you'd have to open a can to feed your pet.

It was more important what a girl measured up to, than what she measured out to.

Instant recall was a sign of good intelligence, not bad manufacturing.

Trouble in the streets meant potholes.

Movies were rated on how good they were, not who was allowed to see them.

Lights, not people, were turned on and off.

A bureau was considered a piece of furniture.

A compact was something girls used to repair their complexions.

And only small boys feared consequences when they smoked cigarettes.

A movie did not boom just because of a bust.

Dancing was something a boy and girl did together.

Children who misbehaved received their punishment on location.

Cigarettes were called coffin nails and it was a joke.

A girl's unmentionables were also unobservable.

That saltiest thing you got in a movie was the popcorn.

People worried about how much it took to buy something instead of how long.

It was the patient who needed insurance, not the doctor.

Campers were people, not trucks.

When high school girls talked about the pill, they were discussing their teacher.

The only energy crisis was kids having too much of it.

And the back seat driver had enough room to sit there.

The postman not only rang twice, but also delivered twice.

Jokes that couldn't be told in mixed company weren't.

Paperbacks had more passion on the cover than in the contents.

And the only thing kids needed batteries for was reading comic books under bed-covers.

Charity was virtue, not a telethon.

People were more intelligent than machines.

It was people who were cooperative instead of apartment houses.

A person saved up for his old age instead of April 15.

And the last thing you needed after a days' work was exercise.

As you can see, there is quite a generation gap today, but we are survivors and certainly do have reason for celebration.

Summer or winter Ole was there. He checked on the snow on the roof. He checked for anything that needed repairing.

As long as Ole was around there wasn't any vandalism. "He loved working with the kids," reminisced Doris Schultz, who has been on the board just a few years longer than Ole. "He'd have them help pick up garbage,"

"We'll miss him," she added.

The board members all spoke with affection in their voices.

When Ole would get really

disgusted about something that he didn't think was right, he'd throw the keys on the board room table and walk out.

"He threw them at us a few times but he always took them back," said Schultz. She added that the board always offered the keys back, too. He was a valued employee.

"Ole took a lot of pride in what he did without asking for a lot," said Larry Mairs, another Board member. "I'm very proud to have known him."

IN MEMORIAM

PFC Ardine M. Harstad	Cpl. Donald F. Ramhorst	PFC Woodrow Milligan
PFC Nils Eidsness	PFC Norman Togstad	Pvt. Edward P. Paddock
T-5 Lloyd Holland	Pvt. William R. Hanson	Capt. Paul R. Brunt
Sgt. Robert F. Jones	T-4 Albert Colaanni	Sgt. Arthur Mygland
S-Sgt. James G. Newman	Pvt. Carl A. Applequist	1st Lt. Harold O. Weisweiver
1st Lt. Edward S. Kafka	S-Sgt. Oscar E. Lystad	Cpl. Clarence A. Larsen
Pvt. Robert H. Burns	T-5 Gustave Hager	Pvt. Ferdinand J. Schmidt
T-5 Kurt Wasel	Sgt. Harold F. Mooney	T-5 Arnold E. Freeland
S-Sgt. Doyle D. Grimm	Cpl. Henry G. Popp	S-Sgt. Eric A. Antonson
T-5 Harold H. Stickel	Sgt. Ernest E. Parris	Sgt. Robert C. Elihaj
Sgt. Millard E. Stigen	2nd Lt. John B. Haywood	Cpl. Stanley E. Hams
Sgt. Raymond E. Larson	Sgt. Sigval M. Carlson	S-Sgt. Alvin K. Waggoner
S-Sgt. Harold T. Brown	Sgt. Francis M. Zerr	Sgt. Arthur B. Rossland
T-5 Jesse L. Anderson	T-5 Norman C. Dutoit	PFC. Henry O. Stenberg
1st Lt. John P. Hughes	Pvt. Dale H. Ellingson	

**UNOFFICIAL
HEADQUARTERS
45TH STATION HOSPITAL
Vancouver Barracks, Washington 98661**

**MEMORANDUMB
Number 13 8 July 1974**

SUBJECT: AUTHORITY FOR DROPPING DEAD.

1. It has been brought to the attention of this headquarters that some of the reservists are dying without proper authority and/or consent of their superior officers. This practice is definitely unauthorized and must be discontinued immediately.

2. The manpower shortage is acute in this theater, and any man who dies without obtaining the proper permission commits a serious offense and is subject to appropriate disciplinary action under the provisions of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

3. Under NO, repeat NO, circumstances, will a man be permitted to die on his own time. He must first have his section chief's permission and his own personal working area must be clean. The following movements for decesament and/or dying shall be considered as SOP:

a. On receipt of the command "DIE", victims will die, by the numbers:

(1) The victim will stagger a full 30 inch pace, followed by a 29 1/4 inch pace. The eyes will assume a fixed stare.

(2) The victim will sink (in a military manner) to his knees, counting cadence, fall on his face, arms outstretched and thumbs at a 45 degree angle to the ears, with finger extended and joined.

(3) The toes will be drawn sharply together.

(4) The last breath will be drawn as follows:

(a) Inhale two liters of oxygen (Army weight).

(b) Make a low moan, followed by a sharp gasp.

b. The death rattle will not be used except for ceremonial dying, formal parades, or by officers of the rank of Major General or above.

c. Before dying, a map (DA Form 1212) (Presently unobtainable), of the best route to Heaven will be drawn from the closest topographical units, clearly marked with the victim's name, rank, SSAN, and expected date of death.

d. The route of travel will be strictly adhered to and detours for the purpose of refreshment will be punishable by a lengthy confinement in the subterranean areas of this command. Rations will be drawn from QM to include angel food cake (not an item of issue), and/or devil's food cake (presently in short supply), depending on the destination of the victim.

e. No victim will make the trip twice. Any officer or EM on the subterranean route will draw hazardous duty pay and sidearms: Officers \$160.00 and EM \$5.30.

f. Above items will be requisitioned on DA Form 1313, in six (6) copies. Note: DA Form 1313 is now obsolete and will no longer be honored. It has been replaced by DA Form 3131 which has not been received from publications.

g. Victims will report directly to Pearly Gate Transient Area for classification and subsequent assignment. Depending on classification and future duty station, the following equipment will be drawn:

UPPER STRATA PERSONNEL

Wings, pr, folding type, white

Harp, golden, w/six strings

Cloud, 1 ea, fleecy

Halo, 1 ea, gold, 999 fine quality

SUBTERRANEAN PERSONNEL

Horns, pr, forehead mounted

Fork, 1 ea, pitch, three tine type, w/flame-thrower attachment

Tail, 1 ea, w/pointed spike

4. Equipment will be blitzed bright. Halo will be worn exactly one inch above the right eye-brow. Pitch fork and spike tail will be fireproofed. Pitch fork will be carried at port arms until arrival at lower level duty station. Tail will be worn with spike turned out and upward to prevent damage.

5. All personnel will be governed by military law until final completion of transfer to new status. Smartness of dress and military bearing are essential, and will be strictly enforced.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



S.A. Tan

Under Secretary; Dept Of The Army

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1-Ea proposed victim

Old Folks Are Worth A Fortune

Old folks are worth a fortune; with silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs.

I have become a lot more social with the passing of the years; some might call me a frivolous old gal. I'm seeing five gentlemen every day.

As soon as I wake up Will Power helps me get out of bed. Then I go to see John. Then Charlie Horse comes along, and when he is here he takes a lot of my attention. When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day. (He doesn't like to stay in one place too long, so he takes me from joint to joint.) After a busy day, I'm really tired and glad to go to bed - with Ben Gay. What a life:

P.S. The preacher comes to call the other day. He said at my age, I should be thinking about the hereafter, I told him I do - all the time. No matter where I am - in the parlor, upstairs, in the kitchen or down in the basement - I ask myself, "Now what am I here after?"



"I'll run over and pick up my unemployment check, food stamps, job training and placement check, then drop by the university and see what's holding up my federal education grant, meanwhile you go to the free clinic to check on your scabies and pick up my new glasses, and then we'll meet at the Federal Building at noon for the mass picket of the stinking establishment."

History of the "Vandals"

116th Cavalry Fed. recognized 1921.

Weapons: side arms, rifles, machine guns.

HQ: Caldwell, Idaho.

D Troop: Weiser, Idaho.

E Troop: Pocatello, Idaho.

F Troop: Nampa, Idaho.

I Troop: Lewiston, Idaho.

K Troop: Moscow, Idaho.

Band: Caldwell, Idaho.

Med Det.: Wilder, Idaho.

Training Camp: Bonneville.

Named after Capt. B.L.E. Bonneville, explored S.E. Idaho 1832.

116 Cav. Converted to 183rd F.A. Reg. October 1940.

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116th Cavalry Fed. recognized 1921.

Weapons: side arms, rifles, machine guns.

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D Troop: Weiser, Idaho.

E Troop: Pocatello, Idaho.

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Memorial Plaques were made for Idaho and North Dakota. The Idaho plaque has already been dedicated. Please look inside for your invitation to the dedication of the North Dakota plaque to be held on Memorial Day, 1995.

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Betty Liegl

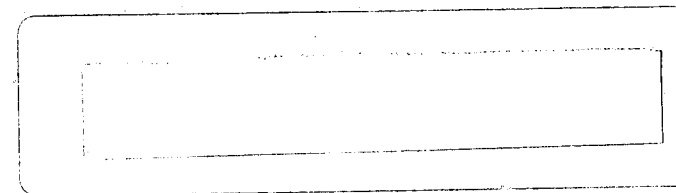
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