

776 TIGER TRACKS

April 1990

36th Edition

776th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION 1990 REUNION JULY 1, 2, 3, 1990 HOLIDAY INN AT CHEYENNE, WYOMING

Have you made your reservations for the reunion??
Remember, we are expecting you to be there.

As I typed the letters for this edition of Tiger Tracks I noticed that a lot of you said you would try to make it to Cheyenne. Don't put it off any longer. We want to see you there and visit with you. We always have a good time. What fun it is to see someone you haven't seen for years. Come and enjoy!!!

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

3897 Pleasant Valley Road
Central City, Iowa 52214

Address Correction

First

Enclosed is a donation to help out with the Tiger Tracks expenses. Sorry to be so slow, guess that is what old age does to us. Hope to see you all at Cheyenne. My phone number is 817-473-9084.

Glenn (Tex) Weatherly
P.O. Box 232
Mansfield, Texas 76063

March 2, 1990

Dear Betty & Al,
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Sincerely,
Paul D. Glasser
Box 546
Watertown, Minn. 55388

when I left for work that morning. It was a Friday and I always get my hair fixed that day. When I got home at three thirty I found him lying on the floor. He must have died right after I left for work. Sure is a shock for me but a nice way for him to go.

He always enjoyed getting Tiger Tracks. I hope you keep up the good work for the rest of the gang.

Sorry to be so late with this news but I just couldn't do it until now. Thank you for all the news and accept this donation to use as you wish.

Best wishes and God bless.

Mrs. Donald Wendlandt

January 1990

Dear Betty and Albert,

Been some time since we wrote. Just received the paper. Really enjoyed it.

We are planning on seeing you in Cheyenne this summer.

Having a Spring thaw. The snow is nearly gone but hope to receive more.

Getting some moisture over the weekend. Is snowing quite hard now. We sure do need lots more snow.

Wilford has been having pneumonia since Christmas. Just can't seem to shake it.

Enclosed is a check to use for postage or whatever.

Keep well and we hope to see you soon.

Wilford and Beth Hammon
3429 E. 650 N.
Roberts, Idaho 83444

January 15, 1990

Dear Betty and Albert,

I am writing to inform you of Dale's passing away on May 21, 1989. He had a heart attack and died at St. Cloud, Minn. at the Veterans Hospital. He was suffering terribly with emphysema.

I am so happy that we are able to have the Tank Destroyer History book. Its a great Memoriam.

They took the post office out of our little town of Quamba, so our address is now Brook Park, Minn. 55007, Rt. 1, Box 225.

God Bless You
Juanita Peterson

February 2, 1990

Dear Betty and Al,

Greetings! I have sold the San Marcos house. The new address will be Willis F. Cole, Jr. 7495 W. Charleston Blvd. #51, Las Vegas, NV 89117.

Mildred will, of course, retain her condo and we will run back and forth, as before, as whim may dictate.

We do intend to be at the Cheyenne Reunion.

Regards to all,

Bill Cole
7495 W. Charleston Blvd. #51
Las Vegas, NV 89117

January 25, 1990

Dear Betty and Al,

Received the Tiger Tracks and enjoy reading them very much.

Our weather has been a little better than usual. As yet we don't have any snow but lots of snow in mountains.

I'm writing to let you know that Bill Clark died on December 17, 1989.

The wife and I are both retired and are in good health for a couple of old people. Will close for now and hope to see you in Cheyenne in July.

Ray Gores

January 21, 1990

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Liegl,

I am sending little donation for the paper. I read it all each time you send it.

I'm wondering if by any chance you folks might have a picture of our old M10 we used during World War II. I was in Co. B until Anzio then I got the trip home. I would like to have a picture if by any chance you would have one I could have blown up. I have some pictures but mine are of the front only with a couple of officers in front of tank. I would like a side view if you know where I could find one. I bought one of the books after war of where we were and served. But we lost our house, burned while we were on vacation in 1965 so everything burnt up. I have tried lots of book stores but haven't found anything.

My wife and I have been in the hospital three or four times and I had four by-passes, I guess we all wear out.

I must tell you what I'm going to do with picture, I'm putting it on back side of big stone we are getting. You know during the war I drew those pictures on our combat jackets, even Col. Barney had me draw one on his in Africa.

Love to you both,
Bernard L. Miner
2218 Evelyn St.
Perry, Iowa 50220

February 1, 1990

Dear Mrs. Liegl,

I have been going to write to you ever since my daddy passed away four years ago, but I just kept putting it off. Daddy always passed the Tiger Tracks on to me to read, after he read them and I likewise enjoy all of the letters as it makes me feel closer to him somehow.

You see, I am the only girl and the baby of the family and I was Daddy's little girl and I miss him greatly.

Mama has advanced Alzheimers and is now in a nursing home by us. It was hard to move her from Texas as she had been there all of these years.

Please continue to write the paper and also send Daddy's copy as we love it.

I know the reunion will be a lot of fun. Mama and Daddy would come back from a reunion with tales to tell about all the old guys he was so glad to see and Mama would tell of all the nice wives that she met.

Well, I will close, I just had to tell you how much your paper or maybe I should say all of ours, paper means, not only to the members of the 776th Battalion, but also to all of their family members.

Thanks again,
Elizabeth Watson
(LeRoy & Katherine Arthur's daughter)
Rt. 2 Box 245
Bogalusa, LA 70427

January 1990

Dear Mrs. Liegl,

I just received my issue of the December T.T. and have been reading it. I usually read it from beginning to end, I sure enjoy it.

I am here at my daughter's, Nancy, and have been since November 19th. I will go home around the first of March to try to raise a small garden. I don't get around too fast. Had my 80th birthday July 27.

Well it will be 49 years ago February 11, 1941 to February 11, 1990 that I enlisted.

Lost my wife September 21, 1985, it has been a lonesome time. My daughter comes down and helps me can my garden vegetables, etc. have some fruit also.

I see in the T.T. that someone may not have got their May paper. I don't believe I got one as I was just thinking as I see that ad for the T.D. History book. If I had of got one I think I would of answered, sent something as I see the date deadline of January 15, 1990 and is passed, I sure would thought about it anyway.

Will close and enjoy the T.T. real well and I hope you keep it a going.

Hope to see you in Cheyenne, my daughter says we are going. Don't get around too fast, but keep moving. Hello to all.

Merlin E. Delameter
R.R. 1 Box 832
Bandon, Ore. 97411

(Merlin, I don't know if you were the one who missed the May 1989 paper. But you received another copy just in case. You see the notice about the history book was not in 1989 May issue it was a rerun from the Tank Destroyer Association Newsletter. Betty L.)

February 15, 1990

Dear Betty and Albert,

It was nice to receive the December issue of T.T. And also the registration papers for the Cheyenne Reunion. I have already sent the papers in and I am bringing a friend that was in the 826th, they were made into an Amphibious Tractor Battalion. We are looking forward to the Reunion in Cheyenne. I am sure it will bring back a lot of memories to many of 183 and 188.

It was nice to read about the history of Ft. Warren.

I noticed in the change of address section it gave a new address for Dr. J. Hoyle Carlock. I wrote him a letter inviting him to the reunion. I received a letter today stating he had died on January 19, 1989. He was one of the better doctors the Battalion had. He joined the Unit in Ft. Lewis.

In the Tank Destroyer Association Newsletter #25, I read the article by T-4 Harry E. Traynor. It was also interesting to be reminded by Nick Manfred where the Battalion Crest and the T.D. Soldier Patch originated.

We have been having snow the last three days, but it hasn't been sticking. It does make it hard driving because the people here aren't use to snow and anything can happen.

We are looking forward to the reunion in Cheyenne and we encourage EVERYONE to make every effort to be there July 1, 2, and 3 or 1990.

Sincerely,
Gurney C. Caddy
2715 N.E. Bryce
Portland, Oregon 97212

(Really had us worried about the letter from Harry Traynor. Albert couldn't find it in the Tiger Tracks. Then I discovered you meant the TDA Newsletter, now the mystery is solved. So as not to confuse anyone else, I added the word Association in your letter and hopefully corrected your typewriters errors. My typewriter makes funny mistakes just like yours so don't feel bad. Betty L.)

Worth, Texas 76105. Also would you please send Mrs. Ballem a copy of the Tiger Tracks to this address as she did not receive a copy for moving recently. Now we have another 776 TD Member who passed away on July 17, 1989, Mr. Ray K. Foster, he was a member of "A" Company. His wife has a new address as follows: Mrs. Ray K. Foster, 6861 Glen Drive, Huntington Beach, California 92647. Well old friends, I sure don't have much to say other than you two take care and may the good Lord watch over you. Bye now and I hope to see you soon.

P.S. Please send Mrs. Foster a copy as we would like for her to come to our next reunion. Also I am sending a little something for the Tiger Tracks, but I had rather Albert took you out to lunch with the money, you deserve it.

Gene & Lela Eggleston

Jan. 5, 1990

Dear Betty and Albert,

I'm writing to "Thank you" for sending the Tiger Tracks all this time, but I think now is the time for you to start sending my paper to someone else. Harold enjoyed the paper very much, but since he's gone, I still like to read it, but the people I read about are strangers to me.

I'm sending a small donation to help the Tiger Tracks postage. Should have done this long ago, just in a way, hated to cut another thread that bound him and I together.

Memories, they are dear!
"Thanks" for being such good friends.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Harold W. Gallagher
(Genevieve)
RR 1 Box 160
Maquoketa, Ia. 52060

Jan. 5, 1990

Hi Betty and Al,

I should have sent you a check to help with the 776 Tiger Tracks paper.

January 1990

Just received "Tiger Tracks". We always enjoy reading it. As to change of address the only change on ours is the zip code it is now 34608.

Regards to all the "Vandals". We won't be able to make the reunion as our granddaughter is getting married.

The best to you and yours.

Michael and Eleanor Bellerio

January 1990

Dear Betty and Albert,

Just wanted to let you know that I am selling my home and that I am going to live in Europe again. Also thanks for sending me the 776 Tiger Tracks for many years. Always cried a while when reading it because Jack used to talk a lot about his wartime buddies, and so many are deceased now.

Thanks for everything.

Ilse Prescott

January 13, 1990

Dear Liegls,

Sure was surprised to see my county check come back, heard from the county the same day credited for \$10.00.

Well we are having nice weather no snow in the 30's and 40's and that is something for January.

I am feeling O.K. and thank you.

Ed Carlson

(Just a note of explanation on this letter. Earlier I received a note and nice check from Ed but the check was made out to the Co. Treasurer. So I returned the check to Ed. Now tell me how the county could deposit the check that was made out to me or the Tiger Tracks????? Anyway, Ed sent me another check and I am sure his taxes are paid so everything O.K. Hope to see you in Cheyenne, Ed. Betty L.)

January 15, 1990

Dear Mrs. Liegl,

In receiving the Tiger Tracks, I thought I better write to tell you that Donnie passed away on February 19, 1988 of a heart attack. He was feeling fine

Feb. 13, 1990

Hello Betty,

A long time since I have written, so I thought that I had better get a short note in the mail.

We just received eight more inches of snow last night, that should help our water year.

About this time of the year, we are all looking forward to spring and that also means golf. I enjoyed reading the "Rules of Golf," that you published in the Tiger Tracks. That is my style of playing, but I'm afraid they will never be legal. But Betty, what is the rest of the rule #6???

Spring also means yard work, cleaning up, planting, and getting the out doors in shape. Then maybe time off for some travel. Beside trips to our three children, I had a very interesting trip to Peru.

This year the good Lord willing a trip to the famous cities of Europe and then Passion Play at Oberammergau.

I am enclosing a little something to help with printing costs. Keep up the good work, we all enjoy reading about the "Vandals."

Fondly,

Mrs. Marie Cunningham
4504 Fortuna Way
Salt Lake City, Utah 84124

(I sent Marie the rules of golf. Sorry about the last rule in last issue or T.T. Must have been the computers fault at the printers office, left off the last line of the rule. Will have it reprinted elsewhere in paper. B.L.)

February 3, 1990

Dear Betty and Albert,

Betty, thanks so much for sending my son's copy of T.T., December 1989, to me for forwarding. If you hadn't done that, I never would have known I missed both that issue and the one of May, 1989. Would you mind sending me one of each? It seems I've had to make this request of you before, for editions not received.

My wife believes that we miss much important mail when the postman or postwoman inserts these items inside a heap of junk mail addressed to us and sometimes inside junk mail addressed to others, perfunctionally thrown away. And for this postal service we expect higher rates.

After finishing an assignment of teaching U.S. Navy courses to qualify students for commissions in the U.S. Navy Reserve, and an engineering course "Hansi" transferred from the Surface Fleet (five plus years there) to Navy Civil Engineering Division, which staffs the Sea Bees. Oh, the school was the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo. He is now in Washington, D.C. not his first choice of duty. Seattle was first.

As usual, the list of recently deceased men, some of whom were at Minot in 1988, casts me into a mood of solemnity and introspection, reminding me that the bell tolls for all.

Say, that was a cute story about the little girl's experience with life- in the dust under her bed.

I expect to make Cheyenne in July.

Thanks again, Betty. You're the most persevering of us all for the 776 (in dispersion).

Sincerely,

John P. Wiltenmuth, Jr.
1445 S. Columbine St.
Baton Rouge, La. 70808

February 6, 1990

Dear Betty,

Thought I had better check into the network while I have a few days before I have to go back and see the doctor. I have to be there a week from today and also on the 14th.

Everything is going real well. The Doctors are trying to fine tune my blood pressure and they just about have it right on cue.

Enclosed is a copy of letter I received from Mrs. James Stringer from Steelville, Missouri, letting us know of her husbands passing. I am sure you are interested in knowing of us who are taking off to go see the big man up in the sky. She mentioned Sammie Hallfords name too, so that is another one for your list.

Since I bought the new Motor home, I have only been out on short hops, I plan a long trip come the end of April, I will be out maybe three or four months on that trip. I will also motor to Cheyenne on this one. All this is based on IF my ticker will allow me to do so. Like I said in the beginning if all will go well.

I've heard from Chet, he is in touch with Don Anderson and Don has been in Cheyenne and all is coming along just fine about the Reunion. I'll be there a little early, so if anything needs to be done, we can get it done before it's too late.

Well folks will close for now, hope you had a nice New Year and let's hope we will have a better 1990 than we had a 1989.

Say hello to all for me and I hope to see all of you in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

All My Best
Andy Bartha
P.O. Box 6417

Clearlake, California 95422
P.S. Hope you noticed my new address. Yes, this one is for good. It's a permanent one this time.

January, 1990

Dear Betty and Al,

A co-worker of mine travels to Germany often and tries to visit the Luxembourg American Cemetery as often as he can. Thought I would like to share the enclosed detailed information with you and encourage travelers to Germany to take time to visit the memorial. I understand it is not too far from Frankfurt.

Betty if you will check the picture in the latest "Tracks" of the gas, oil, diesel crew, you'll find the last person in the middle row is Stefaniak.

At this point it appears we will not see you in July, heading for Florida for the month of February, Las Vegas in March, fishing trip in May, I'm going to Florida in June to attend the AARP convention at Orlando and traveling to Houston in October to attend a wedding. We do have to get some things done around this estate.

Hope this finds you and yours well and happy.

As ever,
Eldora Stefaniak
802 7th Ave.
Grafton, Wisc. 53024

(Thanks for the help on the picture in the last issue. Also thanks for the Cemetery information. I am going to ask the printer to use it as filler in this issue. You should be able to find time to make it to Cheyenne in July. Sounds like you will be at home during August and September. Ha. Betty L.)

Saturday, February 10, 1990

Dear Betty and Al:

Attached is a newspaper clipping of one of our Vandals. The men of "C" Company will remember their comrade, Phillip Leppard.

He was a nice guy, a hard worker and fast on his feet - never slowing down unless old age had something to do with it.

Back in the '60s, when I was the editor- publisher of a small town weekly newspaper in Maddock, North Dakota, a gentleman who had been employed as a farm laborer came into my shop and wanted to advertise for a job, in or out of town, just something to tide him and his family over during the winter months until everything, farming or construction, opened up in the Spring.

We stood there, battling the bull around, one thing led to another and finally he says, "ya know, I've seen you someplace before- perhaps in the Army." So I said, if it was the Army, it had to be the 776 T.D. Then he told me was in C Company and I served in Headquarters. We stood there and cracked up laughing, rehashing old buddies and places and events.

Needless to say, his advertisement for a job did not cost him a cent. I hired him and trained him as a printer-pressman. He was darn good. Everything he did was all hand set and I started him as a pressman using his feet as a source of power before putting him on motor driven machinery.

But Phil was an outdoorsman and loved to do construction or farm. I enjoyed his company and miss him even as to this day. For as of this day, I am confined to my home, "trying" to recuperate from a major surgery of cancer. Even though I'm doing OK as for now, all that I seem to have left for me is some of the most beautiful memories that any man can have.

Phil and I are so darn proud to have been a member of a Vandal company and to have served under Col. Barney.

May God be with you and yours and all the surviving Vandals. We are all of that age group now, that we will answer the final roll call rather rapidly from this day- on!

As Jesse Jackson so aptly stated, "keep up the good hope, God loves you all, just keep up the good hope- I love you all."

Stanley O. Stiles
17622- 26 Dr. S.E.,
Bothell, Washington 98012

February 1990

To the Liegls,

Just been thinking about all you great people. I've sold the "Islander" but I still have the boats. What a wonderful meeting we all had when you were here.

I really miss Jim and Ann Barney they were very special to me in my life. And how much I appreciated meeting all of you folks.

Enclosed is a small donation for your paper. If you are ever in our area call phone number is 206-268-0743. Address is 450 N. Central.

Hello to ALL 776ers
Neddie Rae Farrington
P.O. Box 2009
Westport, Wash 98595

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Just a little note on "sign of the times". We had a Mini Reunion one year at the Ralph Sanders farm. The next morning the ladies were in the house preparing breakfast while the men were gathered in a group in the yard waiting to be called to eat. One of the ladies looked out the window and said "Come here, you just have to see this. The guys are in a huddle comparing the pills they have in their hands waiting to take them with breakfast."

Note my change of address:
Sincerely,
Hayette Dullinger
8161 C. Rd. 6
St. Cloud, Minn. 56301

McHenry, N. Dak.

March 15, 1990

Dear Betty,

This is to inform you for purposes of sending information to all "Vandals" that two more "A" company men have passed away. The Grand Forks Herald reported that Thomas Thompson from Thompson, North Dakota died on January 20, 1990. The Fargo Forum reported that Norris Buer of Buxton died on March 13, 1990. There has been an unusually large number from Company "A" leaving us in the past year.

Attending the reunion at Cheyenne this year is a little doubtful at this point. My wife, Phyllis, had a massive heart attack on February 25. She had to be air lifted to St. Luke's Hospital at Fargo. She has been convalescing at the home of her sister in Fargo who is a registered nurse.

Sincerely,
Norvin Black
R1 Box 97
McHenry, N. Dak. 58464

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He will put the same emblem on our regular yellow caps again a minimum order of 24 caps or more applies: Caps are \$7.50 and all USA made. Include \$1.50 postage for caps and \$2.00 postage for shirts. Oh yes, order in actual size as the shirts are full cut, come in Medium, Large and X-large.

(Since John did not send me another address, I assume you send to John Love for orders and he will take care of it. Betty L.)

John W. Love
2362 S. Delaware Ct.
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74114

From the Liegl Farm

Greetings to all of you,

Spring is here and it won't be long until July first, so I hope you have all made your plans to attend the 776th T.D. Reunion in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Make your reservations soon so the committee has some idea how many meals to have prepared. You will have a good time and see many friends who will also be looking for you.

Please excuse any typographical errors you find in the paper. I am sure they are not all the printer's fault. As Dr. Caddy said sometimes his typewriter doesn't do what he wants it to do. My typewriter must be related to his. I try to proofread the copy but can still miss the errors.

We survived the winter and spring work is starting. We will be busy but we will be in Cheyenne in July. We will be extra busy in the months of May and June but we will be at the reunion. We expect to see you there too. NO EXCUSES!!!

Betty and Albert Liegl

**The 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion
1990 Reunion
July 1, 2, 3, 1990 • Holiday Inn - Cheyenne, Wyoming**

Dear Vandals:

Reunion time is just around the corner and your reunion committee is doing their very best to provide a program and facilities which, we hope, will be enjoyed by all.

Our Headquarters (Cheyenne Holiday Inn) is a first class operation and they have extended a special rate of \$41.00 per room (plus 5% state sales tax and a 2% lodging tax) for all Vandals. A block of 175 rooms will be held until June 15, 1990.

Pre-registration would be greatly appreciated to help us in the ordering of meals, etc. If you register and then discover that you will be unable to attend simply let us know - your registration fees will be promptly refunded.

REGISTRATION FEES ARE: (sorry - but inflation has also caught up with us)

Vandal or Vandal Widow \$35.00

Wife \$55.00

Guest \$55.00

(The 1988 reunion allocated \$20.00 per Vandal Family Unit from the 776th Treasury for any Vandal or Vandal widow who attended the 1990 reunion)

Your registration fees include the luncheon, barbecue, banquet and dance, plus one (1) reunion bulletin per Vandal. If there are any questions concerning the registration please address your communication to:

Chet Vosburg
2309 9th Street N.
Fargo, ND 58102

Telephone:
(701) 235-7197

REGISTRATION FORM

**776th TANK DESTROYER BATTALION REUNION • July 1, 2, 3, 1990
CHEYENNE, WYOMING
REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

NAME: _____ Company: _____ Amount Enclosed _____

COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS _____

Please make checks payable to:
1990 - 776 TD Bn. Reunion

PHONE NUMBER: Area Code () _____

OTHERS ATTENDING (wife - guests) _____

DID YOU EVER SERVE AT FT. WARREN? yes no Approx. Dates _____

Your registration fees include the luncheon, barbecue, banquet and dance, plus one (1) reunion bulletin per Vandal.

If we are able to arrange a tour of Ft. Warren or any other sight seeing trip that, of course, would be extra for those who wished to participate. We will have that information available at the time of your arrival. To help us make those arrangements please complete the following:

Are you interested in a tour of Ft. Warren? If so, how many persons? _____
OR

Are you interested in a sight seeing trip in the Cheyenne vicinity? If so, how many? _____

If you are unable to attend this reunion but would like a copy of the reunion bulletin please furnish us your complete mailing address **PLUS \$5.00** to cover the cost of printing and mailing.

**Itinerary for Our Reunion
July 1, 2 & 3, 1990 • Cheyenne, Wyoming**

SUNDAY, JULY 1, 1990

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Attend church of your choice and registration

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Hospitality Room - get acquainted (cash bar)

MONDAY, JULY 2, 1990

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Registration - visiting - check bulletin board for special announcements

1:00 p.m. -

Luncheons (separate arrangements for men and ladies)

FOLLOWED BY:

Business meeting for Vandals only

Special program for the ladies

6:00 p.m. -

Western type barbecue at the Holiday Inn - cash bar - wear something western

TUESDAY, JULY 3, 1990

9:00 a.m. -

Tour and/or sightseeing trip based on interest shown. Sign up at registration desk. Return to the motel for lunch.

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 pm.

Pictures for bulletin

7:00 p.m. -

Banquet and dance - - - - - cash bar

PLEASE NOTE: Your registration fees include the luncheon, barbecue, banquet and dance, plus one (1) reunion bulletin per Vandal. If we are able to arrange a special tour or sight seeing trip that, of course, would be extra for those who wish to participate. We will have that information available at the time of your arrival.
NO HOST - CASH BAR AT ALL EVENTS

LOST

The following are missing from my mailing list since the last issue of Tiger Tracks was returned to me. Do you know where they are or if they passed away and the date, please let me know.

James B. Minah was in Santa Barbara, California. John J. Caywood was in V.A. Hospital in Houston, Texas. Mrs. Joseph H. Lauchard was in St. Petersburg, Florida. Burnell Peters was in Austin, Texas.

Deceased

Our sympathy to the families of the following Vandals. I know their friends in the 776th shall miss them too.

Clyde Barham 10-13-1989; Charles W. Kruckman 12-6-1989; John W. Landis Dec. 1989 T.T. returned marked deceased; Ray K. Foster 7-17-1989; Donald W. Wendlandt 2-19-1988; Dale Peterson 5-21-1989; William J. Clark 12-17-1989; James C. Stringer 1-18-1985; Phillip Leppard 1-13-1990; J. Hoyle Carlock 1-19-1989; John R. Dullinger 12-27-1984; Thomas G. Thompson 1-20-1990; Norris Buer 3-13-1990; Nile Glasser 3-20-1990.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Glenn (Lillian) Weatherly who died September 5, 1989.

1989 Christmas Messages

Dear Betty & Al,

We decided to spend the summer in Arizona. Although it was hot, we survived.

We did take several trips later in the fall. One of the trips was to the West Coast. While in Seattle we called Joyce Sarkilahi, but didn't get together with her as she had plans for that particular day. She had lost Elmer earlier in the year.

We feel that it's getting important to attend as many reunions as we can. We seem to be losing more of our group every year.

So God willing, we'll see you in Cheyenne in '90.

Our best wishes for a very happy holiday season.

Paul and Eddie Sundberg

many things and places to go.

After I have my cards taken care of then I'll get at decorating the house.

People here have had their outside of the house decorated since Thanksgiving. That is too early, but the weather was still nice enough for them to get it done.

I talked to Helen and Steve K. last week. We always keep in touch either in person or by phone.

I sure enjoy walking in the morning with our nice fresh air. I walk half a mile at least, and if the weather permits I try for a mile. It is so nice and quiet early in the morning.

Lois Hubred

Dear Betty and Al,

Thank you so much for again arranging the mini-Iowa reunion in the Amanas. We really enjoyed it.

My daughter and grandson plan to come to our house for Christmas this year. We haven't been home on December 25th for years.

I hope we have snow for sledding and clear roads. Don't want much do I?

Have a healthy, happy 1990. Looking forward to Wyoming.

Evelyn and Loyd Fikejs

Dear Betty and Albert,

We're back in Phoenix enjoying the Arizona sun. We love the Idaho summers but we don't miss the snow and cold winter there.

We're going to spend the holidays in San Diego with our son and his family. We also plan to visit Ensenada, Mexico. We plan to fly to Virginia in February to visit our daughter. We usually return to Idaho in May. Summer in Phoenix is so hot. We are looking forward to the reunion in Cheyenne and to visiting with you again.

Happy Holidays to you and yours.

Velma and Clancy Byrnes

Dear Albert and Betty,

This was a normal year for me without any changes. Stay close to home other than a fishing trip into Canada.

Daughter Kay Nelle and family will be here for a few days during the Holidays.

Hope to see you all at Cheyenne, Wyoming for the 1990 reunion.

Take care and best wishes for the coming year. Nice seeing you folks at the Iowa Mini reunion.

Joe Slatkoski

Hope you have a good year and that we will see you in Cheyenne.

Lowell and Eileen Hilton

See you in Cheyenne.

Afton and Alma Hilson

Had a good visit at the Mini Reunion. I was glad to be able to go this time. I hope to go again when there is one in Iowa. Thanks so much for the invitation. It must take much work to keep track of so many people.

Jim Dautremont

Holiday Greetings!

Many cities and towns celebrated the Centennial of N.D. this year. It was a wonderful time to visit families and friends.

We wish you every blessing of the Christmas season.

Stopped in Fargo, plans are for a great reunion in Cheyenne. Hope to see you there.

Buck and Lill Backlunds

Dear Friends,

I am sorry I wasn't able to make the reunion, had the flu. Our crops were better than last year, but sure lack lots of moisture. My family were all home for Thanksgiving, and Christmas all in one, as I am leaving December 12 for California to spend Christmas with Bill and his family. Have two grandchildren out there. Went to Manchester Saturday and came home today, Nina lives up that way.

Marcella Montague

Happy Holidays,

Sorry I didn't get to see you at the Mini Reunion in September, but I was thinking of you.

I had a very nice time at the wedding in Michigan. It was like a family reunion with Joe's family being there.

Hope you are fine. Wish you a very Special 1990 and the very best comes your way.

I am finally finding time to be home. There are just too

Dear Betty and Albert,

Time to get the cards on the way. I have the shopping all done. Tomorrow my daughter and I will do baking and candy making. Glenn will be gone a year on the 16th, it is very hard for all of us.

Love,
Neva Bovill

A Christmas Prayer

It's Christmas time again, a time to be happy and joyful, remembering old friends and loved ones.

But let's not forget our falling comrades, who died on the battle fields of Europe and those at home who also have heard the lonesome bugle calling taps.

Let's say unto them, rest in peace my friends, may you always be with God.

God bless your buddies,
John Love and Helen

Dear Betty and Albert,

We had such a lovely time at Little Amana in October, meeting friends and gaining new ones. We are looking forward with great anticipation to seeing everyone in Cheyenne, Wyoming in 1990.

Warm Affections,
Addis and Pauline Metzdorff

Dear Betty and Albert:

I am really looking forward to the reunion in Cheyenne this year. It will be nice to see what dear ol' Fort Francis E. Warren looks like now. I know it is an Air Base now, but there shouldn't be too much change in the old fort. I have talked to some one that has been there and he said there wasn't any change in the old fort. Anyway it will be interesting to see. I never went into Cheyenne itself, but we had a Pro Station down town and the town seemed to be a Sodom and Gomorrah.

My brother from Boise was here for Thanksgiving. He lives in Boise and we are the only ones left in our family. He is 86 and is in better shape than most men 60. He finally got rid of the last of his stores so that will give him more time to take it easy. He seems to have thrived on hard work all of his life.

We have been having wet and cold weather the last few weeks. So far we are about three inches of rain short for the year. I am sure that December will catch up on the rain fall for the year.

We are having the National Convention for the MOWW here in Portland next August. It is a lot of work, but we have a lot of good men in the chapter so that always makes it easier. My main concern is we don't lose any money for the chapter. A Person-Chapter may make a few thousand dollars, but it is also easy to lose the same amount.

I hope that this card finds you and yours in good health and good fortune their lot. Will see you in July for sure.

Sincerely,
Gurney Caddy

*Of all the joys the season sends,
Not one is dearer than special friends.*

As I look forward to the Holiday Season in Colorado, December 20- January 3, I am reminded of last year's pleasant visit made even better by your letters and cards.

An active singles group at our church has provided many hours of fellowship and given me the opportunity to know a fine lady, Phyllis Evans, about whom you will hear more in the months ahead. I was fortunate to spend a fun-filled weekend with her family--two girls, two boys and two grandchildren--in Golden, Colorado, in late September.

The summer-round trip to Minnesota always includes pleasant stops at Cheryl's and then wonderful visits with family and friends and you might know, a few rounds of golf.

This summer was highlighted with the wedding of Lynn's daughter, Laurie, and what a nappy occasion it was. My countenance beamed as only a proud grandfather's should!

Plans are well underway for the 776 Tank Destroyer Reunion in Cheyenne, Wyoming, July 1-3. Do come! I was able to attend the 3rd National Tank Destroyer Reunion in Louisville, Kentucky, October 11-13, having spent the previous week with friends near Lake Lure, North Carolina.

A condo near Willis, Texas north of Houston, provided the setting for a most enjoyable Thanksgiving week.

And now--
*May God, who watches over us
And guides us from above,
Grant you the richest blessings*

*Of his everlasting love...
May He grant true happiness
And lasting joy to you
Not only when it's
Christmastime
But each day all year through.*

Sincerely,
Don Anderson

Hi Albert and Betty,

Just a line or two. How is everyone and everything there? We are all O.K.

My brother and I drove up to Alaska last July and went fishing off the banks, we were gone four weeks. We had a real good time. We fished for Sockeye six to ten pounds each, we sent home six hundred forty pounds by air. Thinking about going again next year.

We will see everyone in July and can talk then.

Lyman and Catherine DeHut

Dear Betty, Al
& all the Vandals,

Another Christmas is almost here. And as usual we haven't done much of my Christmas shopping, time seems to fly by so fast the older I get.

Hazel and I have been busy the past year, mostly doing things with our kids or grandkids, never a day goes by that one of them don't come up with something. At least we never have a dull day.

Guess one of the highlights of our year was when we went to Columbus, Georgia in May to watch our grandson graduate with honors from Infantry Basic Training. He was of five in his Co. to receive special honors and a promotion.

We had the privilege of eating in the Mess Hall with his Co. If they had fed us that well when I was in the Army I would still be in.

The first part of the year to the last of June we were doing something everyday to get everything ready for our State VFW Convention which was held in Pocatello this year. Quite a job.

We are looking forward to attending the Reunion in Cheyenne in July. We will probably have some come there that have never attended before. Hope so.

Happy New Year
Nyle and Hazel Rasmussen

Hi!

Another year gone, we're pretty good but we are beginning to feel our age, don't do as much dancing anymore. Hope everything is fine in Iowa.

Ed and Vernie Filipiak

Dear Betty and Albert,

Sounds like you had a long hot summer along with the rest of us. Had about half a wheat crop and we got some rain in August so the corn was a little better but not up to par. Sold the calves in October. Prices were up pretty well. Cows went to the cornfield the first of November.

We are both doing fairly well. Henry had a tough couple of months in May and June. We went to Wichita to our granddaughters graduation and he got sick down there and went to the hospital and had prostate surgery and was down there for a month. Then July 17 he had a mild heart spell. Doctor didn't call it an attack. Just out of rhythm. We are going back to the hospital December 26 for more tests and evaluation. Enough doom and gloom! Hope you and yours are all O.K. and

Our 1989 Mini Reunion Sept. 10, 1989



Oh that food was good!! The Metzdorff's, the Pieper's, the Maynard's.



Conklin and Dee Hansen, Lloyd Fikejs in back, Steve Karwowski.



Did everyone sign the cards? Betty Liegl and Evelyn Fikejs

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hope to be in Cheyenne next summer.
Henry and Florence Jackson

Betty and Al,

Not much to say. You already know Millie passed away on October 8, '89. She had lung cancer and it was caused by excessive smoking. She had two large tumors in one lung and one smaller one in the other. After forty-seven years with her (except WW2 Service) I'm having difficulty putting it all together.

I bought an old motorhome and am restoring it, so I keep busy.

Hope the crops were good this year and all is well with all

of you and yours and the 776.
Leon Sanford

Howdy Albert and Betty,

Got your X-Mas card today. Sure glad to hear from you. Sounds like you folks are still farming. Do you have cattle, if you do, you folks are still in good health to do all that yet. I sure do hope so.

We are still kickin, not to high but still kickin.

We are like you, dry. I don't think it can get any drier. Last fall the rains went around and that's what the snows are doing so far. Hope I can make it to Cheyenne.

Bill and Ruby Goodwin

Dear Betty and Albert,
I am sorry I haven't written sooner, but I was in the hospital for two weeks each time. I had two heart attacks. I'm at home now recuperating. Not feeling like I should.

Say hello to everyone for me.
Marie Lang

Hope this finds you both in good health. I am hoping to make it to Cheyenne. Madelyn and John will go with me.

Love,
Florienne Grundhoefer

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More pictures from our Mini Reunion



Good food!!!



Addis Metzдорff, Joe Slatkoski, Pauline Metzдорff



Eldora Stefaniak, Bryan and Dot Barnard

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More 1989 Christmas Messages

Dear Betty and Al,
First of all I want to give my belated Thanks to you Al and Mel Heere and his committee for the great job that you all did at the Minot Reunion.
I just heard that Jack Berger passed away, I don't know all the details yet, but I will let you know in the near future. He was a very good friend of mine.
May you have a healthy and happy X-mas and New Year.

Sincerely,
Russ Karg

Many thanks for all that you folks do for us throughout the year, year in and year out.

I just got rid of the last of 225 tons of oat hay. Thank God for small favors.

I put in seventy acres of wheat last month, one day ahead of a good rain. Wonder how much I'll lose on that?

Fred Stolz

We are fine and keeping busy too. We may try to make the reunion, but no promises.

Clem and Frances Hoock

Dear Betty and Albert,
Here it is almost X-Mas again. Time really flies by.

My son and his wife had a baby boy September 7, 1989, and weighed eight pounds and

one ounce. Weighs about seventeen pounds now.

My grandson Blake Long, got married in Japan in October. He is in the Marines.

Barney is about the same. I'm taking his a new radio tomorrow morning when I go to Dayton to get my oil changed in the car.

I am going to my daughters for X-mas and so are Jim and June, but they will go to Wisconsin. Also her parents live there.

Hope you get some snow. Sure was cold today when I went bowling.

Shirley Herrington

Change of Address

Sure hard to keep up with some of you. But here are the change of addresses since our last mailing of December 1989. You will note that some are widows and some are change of box or zip code change only. Of course, we are pleased to add a few new names to our list plus a daughter or son.

It helps in the mailing of the paper and reunion notices if you let me know as soon as you can that your address has been changed. Just a postcard with your name and new address is all that I need. **IF** you have a summer and or a winter address I'd like to have that too. Saves postage if I know in advance.

Walter S. Anderson
590 - 14
Cloquet, Minn. 55720

Mrs. LeRoy Arthur
R2 Box 245
Bogalusa, LA 70427

Mrs. James (Irma) Ballem
500 South Beach
Heritage Square
Fort Worth, Texas 76105

Mrs. Clyde (Mary) Barham
Box 25
Deport, Texas 75435

Andrew Bartha
P.O. Box 6417
Clearlake, Calif. 95422

Mrs. Eugene B. (Mae) Bartlett
Westside Tr. Court
Carrington, N. Dak. 58421

Michael Bello
1329 Valiant Ave.
Spring Hill, Florida 34608

Wilis F. Cole, Jr.
7495 W. Charleston Blvd. #51
Las Vegas, Nevada 89117

Raymond W. Davis
4675 S. Harrison Rd. #177
Tucson, Ariz. 85730

Mrs. Harriette Dullinger
8161 Co. Rd. 6
St. Cloud, Minn. 56301

Neddie Farrington
P.O. Box 2009
Westport, Wash. 98595

Mrs. Ray K. Foster
6861 Glen Drive
Huntington Beach, Calif. 92647

Mrs. Stanley J. Gierut
5739 129th St. #2B
Crestwood, Ill. 60445

Wilford Hammon
3429 E. 650 N.
Roberts, Idaho 83444

Otto Hanson
RR 2 Box 94
Minot, N. Dak. 58701

Hi,
Hope this finds you folks in good health and ready for 1990. All is well with us. We spent a few weeks traveling the western states this year, including a few days by the ocean and in those fantastically beautiful redwoods in California. WOW, what a beautiful country we have! And the freedom to travel and see all we can afford. We often count our blessings and our folks that made it all possible for us to enjoy.

Edwin J. Heyne
7119 N. Maryland Ave.
Portland, Ore. 97217

Elmer E. Johnson
P.O. Box 69
Lynd, Minn. 56157

M.M. (Mildred) Johnson
8746 612 B Placer Circle
Huntington Beach, Calif. 92646

Russell W. Karg
13829 Gilmore St.
Van Nuys, Calif. 91401

Ted Keck
BSR CE110
San Marcos, Texas 78666

Ambrose Kommes
P.O. Box 61
Exira, Iowa 50076

Mrs. Phillip
(Rose Mary) Leppard
821 7th Ave.
Devils Lake, N. Dak. 58301

F.L. MacCumber
704 N.W. 76nd St.
Vancouver, Wash. 98665
(New to our list)

John D. Miller
8350 North Highland
Kansas City, Mo. 64118
(New to our list)

Joseph B. Neilson, Jr.
P.O. Box 5186
Jacksonville, N.C. 28540

Mrs. Dale (Juanita) Peterson
R1 Box 225
Brook Par, Minn. 55007

Leslie J. Racine
804 Villa Del Sol Dr.
North Port, Florida 34287

William O. Shirley, Jr.
720 Jordan Rd. #4
Sedona, Ariz. 86336

Mrs. James C. (Cleo) Stringer
R2 Box 492
Steelville, Mo. 65565

Mrs. Shirley Thorsness
1809 Parkside Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
(formerly Shirley Gunnarson)

Leslie P. Truax
N. 4224 Stevens St.
Spokane, Wash. 99205

Elizabeth Watson
R2 Box 245
Bogalusa, La. 70427
(daughter of Kathryn Arthur)

Lt. John P. Wiltenmuth III
(USN)
Ashby Lane, Apt. 7510-A
Alexandria, Va. 22310

Robert Young
845 Barton Rd. #75
Pocatello, Idaho 83204

Paul D. Glasser
Box 546
Watertown, Minn. 55388

Mrs. Nile (Marian) Glasser
Tri-Minn Apt. B-3
Minneota, Minnesota 56264

We are looking forward to the reunion and seeing you all in Cheyenne next July.

Best wishes to you folks and all the 776 Vandals.

Lee McCulloch

So good to hear from our 776 T.D. family. I do want to be at the reunion if I can make it. I am falling apart, but haven't lost any parts.

Love you all,
Ottile "Pete" Roberts

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More 1989 Christmas Messages

Dear Betty and Albert,
776 T.D. Vandals and wives,
Just a few lines to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

To those of you who have not heard, Elmer passed away April 30, 1989, it was his heart. He fought a gallant battle the last two weeks of his life. But just too many problems. It certainly is a lonely life. I really am lost, we were always together.

I have not definitely made up my mind, but am thinking seriously of moving back to North Dakota to live. I don't like being in the city alone. My daughter and family live in Kent, Washington. But they work and have children in school. So are busy most of the time.

I flew to Washington D.C. to visit my son and family in Vienna, Virginia. I spent the Thanksgiving Day Holiday with them. I left Seattle on November 15th and returned November 30th. Enjoyed myself.

So far our weather has been fairly good. Not too many dark gloomy days. That I am thankful for as it really gets depressing when it rains constantly for a week or more.

Wishing everyone the Very Best in "1990."

Sincerely,
Joyce Sarkilahti

Dear Betty and Albert,

Was so happy to hear from you. I think of you folks so often. So glad to hear that you both are well. I am just fine and keep busy going, or doing something to help the children or my friends, and I do go a lot.

There is about six of us ladies, we go to Mass in the morning, then up-town to the coffee shop for our coffee and from there who knows, we may go to Lima, Findlay, Fostoria, Toledo or Fort Wayne. Just depends on how we feel or who was to go where, and we always have a good time. Sometimes we don't buy a thing just have lunch and look a lot and wish also. We just have fun being together we are all widow women. We don't have a lot of money, but we surely do have good friends and a good time.

I go on the Senior Citizens trips also and that is great. I don't have to drive and everything is taken care of so we have no worries.

We are having quite cold weather these past few days, snow and very cold. But still nice winter weather, it is cold but quiet, no wind and today we are having beautiful sunshine. One of those days it is nice to be inside in the warm and just look out the window at the beautiful snow and cold.

Your friend,
Louise A. Schmenk

Dear Betty and Albert,

How are you both? We are so, so. We just flew over the flu and colds.

Oh, how we got cold weather now days. Sure is bad how many people we lost just lately from the 776th men and women.

All of you did a great job over in Minot at the reunion, it was really nice and we enjoyed it. We had so many celebrations and anniversaries. Our son and family were home from Oklahoma for three days, 75th Anniversary of our town and all

and had a good parade for such a small town. It was a holiday and guess that was the most scorching hot day at noon. Then on to John's hometown celebration. Lot's of John's family were there. And last fall my family reunion, and saw many relatives.

We hope to see you all in Cheyenne in July.

Bye for now,
Selma and John Eli

Hi!!

Hope you are coping with this COLD weather. It's the first time I've been home for ten or eleven years. I'd forgotten how cold it can get!

Lois Laffoon

Dear Betty and Albert,

Had to get the old reliable out to write this. My wife has a new electric typewriter. I could make the carriage go back and forth, and that's all it would do for me.

So, I should let everyone know we are well and healthy. I'm putting in 10 to 12 hours a day, weekends and some holidays. It's fun and paying off. Have 9 people on the pay roll, and looking to hire one more, maybe two. Business has been good for the last couple of years. Had a mid year audit, good news and bad news. Projected I owe \$46,000.00 in taxes. Still have time to adjust. Still travel some, Nevada has been my primary target. The gold mines are sending millions. I'd just love to get my fingers into some of that. Been calling down there for 7 years, it's paying off. Don't know if we'll get to the reunion. So far I haven't been informed that there's another trip in the works. Delayed going any place this year. Put metal siding on the house, paid off the Honda, and assorted other items. May buy another Lincoln next summer which should see me through the rest of my life time. Haven't any idea when to retire. Thought when I did I'd go on the road as a stripper. Get lined up on a circuit and tour all the big towns. Margaret doesn't think I have the legs for it. I can always be a Belly Dancer, but would need an assistant.

Wm. Horkley has stopped in to see me a few times. Good to see him and Grace. Over Labor Day weekend we spent a night in Yacama. Thought I'd call Howard and Flo to come have steak and lobster with us. Guess what, no telephone. Went on to Seattle, toured the city and took a boat to Victoria. Margaret had never been there. Drove by Fort Lewis on the way back. Looks run down.

Spent a couple of weeks in Hawaii and it was fun. We waded in the surf, got a sun tan, drank refreshing beverages, and ate nothing but sea food. It was a lot different than what I had expected. Toured four islands. Had my camcorder so have all that on tape. Right after Xmas we're going to spend a couple of weeks touring all the tourist traps in California, then back to the salt mine. Our year ends in January, so inventory, all the garbage that goes with it. Stopped in to see Clancy Byrne and Velma, been years since I'd seen them, still the same, not even any older. I have a theory, as long as I work I'll live till I die. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Elmer and Margaret Thompson

Dear Betty and Albert,

Jane and Dave from Santa Fe

More pictures from our Mini Reunion



Ed Stefaniak, Bryan Barnard



Ed and Elsie Ferguson, Albert Liegl

will be here for Christmas. Then I leave on the 29th for a five day tour to California to see the Rose Parade. Then a week in Phoenix.

Hope I can make it to Cheyenne for the reunion.
Happy Holidays,
Lucille Martin

Hi,

We didn't feel the earthquake. Some said the water slopped around in their swimming pools, but I think they were dreaming. Some of the towns near San Francisco are still having a very rough time. Housing is the biggest problem.

From the weather reports you are getting some very cold weather.

Take Care,
Steve and Esther Stephens

Dear Al and Betty,

A lot has happened to me since I last wrote, I learned I had three small heart attacks, then on the 17th of November '89 I had a triple bypass and now I am living in Clearlake, California trying to get the pieces together.

I am all right otherwise and like I said trying to get things going again. I am now able to drive again and I plan to go south in a day or so, I don't like cold weather. I may be going into Arizona. I have a new motorhome and all is well in that dept.

Andy Bartha

Dear Albert and Betty,

It sure has been dry around

here for the last two years, the sunflowers were about the only crop that was any good this year.

It was twenty-six below last night.

I had a card from Hank Walton and he wants us to go together to Cheyenne, Wyoming, next summer.

I would like to go to Jackpot, Nevada from there and play the slot machines.

I will see you in Cheyenne.
Jerome and Ann Neis

Greetings Betty and Albert,

And all our many army friends and Tiger Tracks Readers.

And thanks a million to all who keep this good thing ever going. It's truly a work of love and of God.

The past year has been good to me and I trust to all of you good folks. I do a bit of welding and cutting most every day and yard and gardening when in season. Given up motorcycles and sports cars and dance halls and try to learn a bit as time goes by. Ever grateful for the good times yet to come.

So many thanks for your footprints in the Tiger Tracks. It's read with pleasure and joy by us all from cover to cover.

Sincerely, "Doc" Bert Wible

Dear Betty and Albert,

Enclosed is our contribution for the Tiger Tracks. Thank you many times for your efforts in getting this news out to the 776th boys. I am sending the clipping from the Paris newspaper of the passing of Clyde

Barham. Clyde was with me in Recon C., 3rd Platoon.

It's only a few days until the end of '89 and we have our first frigid temperature at twelve degrees today. That's about the low for Texas winter. We enjoy that much cold.

Dorothy and I have had a real good year. We have had lots of fun and enjoyment with our Rennee of Wire Hair Fox Terriers. That is our hobby and keeps us active. It's different!!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hope 1990 will be a wonderful year for everybody.

Sincerely,
James and Dorothy Cargile

Hi:

Just to let you know we are still getting along O.K. I am still walking upright, and a little better. Seems very slow though. We had a nice summer. Lots of company and a trip to California. Other than that just seem to hibernate.

Norma is going strong. In some ways more than me. We plan to go to the reunion this year so will see you there.

Always,
Alson and Norma Poste

The Rules of Golf

In the last edition of the Tiger Tracks, we printed "The Rules of Golf" and the last line of rule #6 was inadvertently left out. Here is Rule #6: A putt that stops close enough to the cup to inspire such comments as "you could blow it in" may be blown in. This rule does not apply if the ball is more than three inches from the hole, because no one wants to make a travesty of the game.

Deceased Members of the 776th

Howard Adams
 Donald B. Alfreds 1-15-89
 Quentin E. Allen 11-19-78
 Ira E. Amernan 12-7-61
 Alvin E. Anderson
 Andrew C. Anderson
 Charles A. Anderson 9-11-82
 Newell C. Anderson 1984
 Frank W. Andrasak 3-25-1961
 LeRoy Arthur 9-3-1985
 William D. Austin
 Michael Babylon 1984
 Erwin G. Baier 1-8-89
 Andrew Bakalar, Jr. 11-76
 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. Bamey 9-1-77
 Eugene B. Bartlett 3-3-76
 Clarence Bauer 11-20-79
 Duane M. Baukol
 Weston Bell 5-14-89
 Charles Bennett
 Jack Berger 10-9-89
 Joseph F. Biermann 11-13-78
 Ed Billings 9-30-81
 Walter A. Binsz
 Raymond B. Bloms 2-8-83
 Paul Bonderenko
 Glenn L. Bovill 12-16-88
 Raymond E. Boyd 12-69
 John C. Britz 11-6-60
 Lonnie P. Bruner 12-75
 David Bucholz
 Norris Buer 3-13-90
 Al Bursau 4-2-85
 Elbert R. Burton 4-2-77
 Francis Callahan 2-25-77
 Robert M. Campbell 10-21-85
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