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JERRY COHEN-1919/1985

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The Tank Destroyer Association is deeply saddened by the unexpected passing of another of its founders. Exactly one year to the day after the death of our founder Marshall Hanks, Jerome Cohen suffered a heart attack. Three weeks later, on February 15, 1985, his 43rd wedding anniversary, our Jerry died at Peninsula Hospital in Burlingame, California at the age of 65.

Jerry was born in San Francisco 29 August 1919. He was a 1936 graduate of Lowell High School and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of California class of '40. He participated in ROTC in both high school and college and joined the Army upon graduation. In 1942 he married the former Evelyn Marie Powers whom he affectionally called Folly, at Camp Roberts in California. During world war II he served as a Captain in Headquarters Company of the 807th Tank Destroyer Battalion in the European Theater. After his discharge from active duty, Jerry served in the 6212th ARASU Reserve Army Outfit in San Francisco. He retired on his birthday in 1979 as a Lt. Colonel after 23 years service.

After the war Jerry attended Hastings Law School and graduated in 1949 with the honor Order of the Coif. He retired March 17, 1976 after 24 years as Deputy City Attorney of San Francisco. The last 12 years he served as legal counsel to the San Francisco Airport. Following his retirement he was active in many charitable and civic organizations.

He was a founding board member of the national Tank Destroyers Association and has served on it's board of directors since it formed. Jerry was Vice President and Chairman for both the 1982 and 1983 IDA Reunions at Fort Hood, Texas. Upon the death of Marshall Hanks, Jerry assumed the duties of Secretary and Newsletter Editor. A year ago he devised a computer system to efficiently handle the business of the Association. Since his death, the 7 persons who have taken over the work he used to do for us can't understand how he was able to do it all by himself.

Besides his wife in Millbrae, Jerry is survived by four children, Carolyn L. Sherry, a prominent Bay Area Genealogist; Nancy S. Olson, a flight attendant with United Airlines; Richard J. Cohen, with Peninsula Bank; and Randalyn A. Cohen, a medical office manager in San Bruno. He also leaves a brother, Fred Cohen, and 3 grandchildren.



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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I join the Tank Destroyer Association Officers and Directors in paying tribute to the memory of TDA Vice President, Jerome Cohen (807) who left our ranks February 15, 1985. It is difficult for me to accept we have lost the TDA's legal eagle. Jerry prepared the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the association for adoption June 30, 1981. It was Jerry's persistence which led to our obtaining exemption from federal income tax (94-2757549) and similar recognition from the California Franchise Tax Board (1094557-ID3A) in the months im-

mediately after our organizational formation. Jerry was a retired Deputy City Attorney who had a terrific capability to aggressively pursue any task he was asked to do. Of course, you will recall his role as reunion chairman for our two successful reunions at Fort Hood! His experience and desire to do a great job for each reunion was welcomed by every TD'er & his family who attended. And, it was Jerry & Folly Cohen who so graciously allowed the association's secretariat to occupy their home and personal life this past year since Marshall Hanks passed away January 25, 1984. How can an association be

created or operate smoothly without this type of inspirational man being singularly strong and standing up to be counted as a friend of so many war-time veterans of the TDA? We will miss Jerry's guidance and enthusiastic charm!

The Officers and Directors have authorized this edition of the Newsletter to be sent to all of us on the IDA roster in order that we be informed of the passing of a great person. We are redistributing our heavy tasks to our officers & their wives here in the San Francisco Bay Area.
WARREN MITCHEL, PRESIDENT

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO IDA

Due to the limited space and man-power available, we are unable to publish the names of the over 2,000 who have loyally supported the Newsletter Fund by donating \$10.00 or less. To each of you go our sincerest thanks. The following is a list of readers who have made an extra contribution, over and above that to the Newsletter Fund. To them we say: "Thank you for supporting IDA"

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POWERS, JOSEPH J.	626/8TD GRP
WARREN, ROBERT	811
WILLIAMS, JACK A.	609
CRUTCHFIELD, GLEN W.	691
MAURITZ, HERBERT	612
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ROBISON, FERRON J.	640/656
BALLEM, JAMES J.	776
BARTH, EDWARD J.	601
BRAGG, HERSCHELL E.	804
CASTELLITTO, JOSEPH	610
CAVIN, JOSEPH	807
FAUL, CHARLES J.	605
HATFIELD, HAROLD A.	813
LAUVER, ROBERT D.	608
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SHOWALTER, WILBUR E.	703
HOOPER, WILLIAM R.	644
JOERN, ALBERT E.	893
POSCH, ROBERT	702
RAWLS, CURTIS E.	602
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DREUSSI, JAMES	899
GARNER, WILLIAM C	654
GRIFFIN, DARRELL E, JR	632
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SNOW, MORRIS	804
ANTONIO, GUILIO	803
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ENGELS, MAURICE	633
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GREEN, JAMES R.	703
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GRUBER, SAM	899
MARTIN, WILLIAM C.	804
WAGNER, CLIFFORD R	809
CAPPA, CHARLES L.	820
DAMRAU, EDWIN	894
DUNNE, WILLIAM J.	609/811
HEMPSTEAD, WALTER C.	824
LANG, HAROLD	644
McCAFFERY, JAMES L	640
MILLER, FRANK L.	703
SISCHO, MALCOLM	814
BEAVERS, DANIEL H.	636/701
CARLSON, ARNOLD	635
COSTEIN, JOHN	811
GAMBLE, NORMAN	656
MC DONALD, KENNETH D.	645
BENEGAR, ARCHIE S.	656
GODSHALL, HARRY	644
HERR, WAYDE	656
KEYSER, BERNARD I.	893
HARCUS, ARTHUR	773
MC CLELLAND, EDWARD	773
HINESIC, STEPHEN	805
MUELLER, DR. JOSEPH J.	632
TARACLO, ADAH	629
DALE, DR. WINTHROP G.	652
HENDRICKS, LARRY E. (TEX)	801
QUATTROCCCHI, SAMUEL	771
SHAFARIAN, BART J	632
SPEAKER, MRS CLOYCE L.	610
VALLEY, TALIADDE	807
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HASONER, LEONARD E.	652
WALT, JAMES	803
SHERWOOD, RAYMOND L.	893
WYNN, FAY W.	807
PARKIN, FRED H.	813
FOBLE, RUDY E.	610
ROZYCKI, MATTHEW M.	821
STIFES, EVERETT C.	703
WELLS, W. L.	804
WOOD, GEORGE	772
ZORN, ROBERT R.	803
ANES, RAYMOND	656
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SPIESS, FRANK G. COL. RTD	773
WOHLFORD, CHARLES C.	661
CIAFARDONI, MICHAEL	803
PORTZER, WILLIAM D.	652
LANGERMAN, CECIL W.	818
LENTZ, ROLAND B.	821
LEWIS, CHARLES J.	660
MADWAY, RALPH E.	893
MANEELY, LOUIS R.	701
MARTIN, TED S.	804
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SNYDER, WAYNE L.	772/822

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NORMAN, SEYMOUR J.	899
ZALAC, NICHOLAS	605
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WRIGHT, WILMOTH	636
CLARK, W.L.	802
FETZER, ERNIE E.	691
HAER, FRED W.	643
HANMERBACHER, CLYDE W.	691
HORNIKEL, HARRY B.	691
SCHWEIGEL, JACK	656
SLACK, JOHN F.	805

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This Newsletter is sent to you by bulk mail. If you move it will NOT be forwarded. Be sure to send us a Change of Address card.

A.W.O.L.

A.W.O.L. is looking for a long lost buddy. Won't you help in our search? Look through your local telephone directory. If you find a potential subject, verify it by a phone call and if successful please notify us at IDA. We'll be successful in locating quite a few long lost sheep.

- HOWARD, BILLY D. (701)
- LAGUE, ARMAND E. (609)
- MINTON, GLEN (807)
- ENGELS, MAURICE (630)
- FAUST, JOHN (813)
- STRUTHERS, BOYD (813)
- LUND, JOHN (823)
- EDWARDS, WARREN E. (630) Captain and Co. B Commander
- MARSHALL, RODGER A. (656)
- SPENCER, LEO (820) A half tract driver for Co. C Home Home Falls, OR
- THIBADEAUX, LAWRENCE (805) Originally from Harne
- ILLIGE, DENIS (632)
- BOJKAK, MILTON J. (632)
- WILTON, J. RICHARD (773)
- JONES, EARL W. (TDOCS)
- NOBILE, CHARLES (771)

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For only \$1.00 we can give you his address, provided he's on our National TD Roster.

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- 601 1985 SEPTEMBER 26-29
TAMPA, FL
BILL HARPER, RT 1 BOX 118
COOKVILLE, TX 75558
- 602 1986 FALL
DENVER, CO
JOHN F. DeKENIFF, 12
RUSSELL AVE., NUTLEY, NJ
07110 201-667-1394
- 603 1985 JUNE
FOGATELLO, ID
GLEN ANKROM, RR 2, BOX
92-E, FOGATELLO, ID 83201
- 605 1985 SEPTEMBER 1-2
FINLEYS BIG PARK, FINLEY,
OH
WALT "NICKY" AZAR, 3614
ABBOTT ST., FORT WAYNE,
IN 46804
- 607 1985 JULY
FRANCIS J. MALONEY, 2308
NE 149TH AVE., PORTLAND,
OR 97230
- 608 1985 SEPT 13-14
LANCASTER, PA
HARRY S. RAPP, 317 WEST
KING ST., LANCASTER, PA
17603
- 609 1985 SEPTEMBER 19-21
INDEPENDENCE MALL, 4TH &
ARCH STREETS,
PHILADELPHIA, PA
GEORGE FUNKE, 3260
OAKFORD RD, TREVASE, PA
19047
- 610 1986
CLEVELAND, OH
CARL J. MAURANA, 611
EUCLID AVE, SAEGERTOWN,
PA 16433
- 626 ? ?
L. G. HANSCOM AFB,
BEDFORD, MASS
FRED O. WHITE, 18 SPRING
PARK AVENUE, JAMICA
PLAIN, MASS 02130
- 627 1985 MAY
CORNING, NY
GEORGE P. LUCAS, 151
ZITTEL ST., BUFFALO, NY
14210
- 632 1985 MAY 2-4
CONTINENTAL INN
LANCASTER, PA
DUANE B. RIDGWAY, BOX
118, GREENSBORO, PA 15338
- 632C 1985 AUGUST
MILWAUKEE, WI
JOHN J. TEBB, 1905 N.
85TH ST., WAUKATOSA, WI
53226
- 633 1985 OCTOBER 6
VFW CLUB, MACOMB, IL
SHARON R. CONNELLY, 211
W. WASHINGTON ST.,
MACOMB, IL 61455
- 634 1985 JUNE 22-23
HOLIDAY INN, OKLAHOMA
CITY SOUTH, OKLAHOMA
C.J. POCHOBRADSKY, 2419
VICTORIA DRIVE SW, CEDAR
RAPIDS, IOWA 52404
319-363-5176 BEFORE JUNE
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- 635 1985 OCTOBER 4-6
JOPEKA WEST HOLIDAY INN,
TOPEKA, KS
HAROLD PELLEGRINO, 1630
W. 28TH ST., TOPEKA, KS
66611 913-235-0110
- 638 1985 JULY 27-28
LAFAYETTE, IN
CHARLES A. WANN, RR 2,
BOX 126B2, DELPHI, IN
46923
- 640 1986 AUGUST
LOS ANGELES, CA
JAMES H. PITTINGER, 500
SECRET TOWN LN., COLFAX,
CA 95713
- 643 1985 OCTOBER 4-5
PLYMOUTH MEMORIAL POST,
VFW, PLYMOUTH, MASS.
LINWOOD COPELAND, 30 ELM
ST., ASSONET, MA 02702 OR
DOM CATALDO, 71 S. FULLER
ST., BROCKTON, MA 02401
- 644 1985 JULY 9-12.
FRENCH LICK SPRINGS
RESORT, FRENCH LICK, IN
GERALD HUFFER, 752 LOCKE
CT., NAFFANEE, IN 46550
219-773-3301
- 645 1985 APRIL 12-13
MERIDIAN PLAZA HOTEL,
1201 S. MERIDIAN,
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73108
WITH 189 FA
189 FA REUNION, 2405 SE
5TH ST., EDMOND, OK 73034
- 648 1985 SEPT 26-29
HOLIDAY INN, FOND DU LAC,
WI
MAX M. MAGYAR, ROUTE 5,
ROGERSVILLE ROAD, FOND DU
LAC, WI 54935
414-921-4639
- 648 1986 AUGUST
PENNSYLVANIA
DON & ANNE RISHE, 1021
MARKET ST BLOOMSBURG, PA
17815 712-474-5531
MELVIN & LOIS COLBY, PO
BOX 209, EXCELSIOR, MN
55331 612-479-5393
- 656 1985 AUGUST 9-11
AQUA MARINE RAMADA
RESORT, AVON LAKE, OH
JOINT REUNION WITH 771ST
RAYMOND H. WOLTER, 2074
AKRON-WADSWORTH RD.,
BARBERTON, OH 44203
- 691 1985 SEPTEMBER 20-22
HOLIDAY INN, HUDSON, OH
EARL L. SIMONDS, 8706 S.
SPRING VALLEY, CHAGRIN
FALLS, OH
44022, 216-543-6124
- 702 1985 MAY 29-JUNE 2
2ND ARMORED DIV REUNION,
HOLIDAY INN INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT, TAMPA, FL
LOREN O. GUGE, 8053
HIGHPOINT BLVD -
HIGHPOINT, BROOKSVILLE,
FL 33512 904-598-8834
- 702B 1985 JUNE 6
PIGEON FORGE, TENN
JAMES RIDENHOUR, BOX 422,
COOLEEMEE, NC 27014,
704-284-2244
- 702C 1985 AUGUST 21-23
QUALITY INN HOTEL,
LEBANON, PA ALL 702
TD'ers INVITED
EARL F. SCHOLTZ, 4042 SO.
CAULFIELD AVE, ST
FRANCIS, WI 53207
414-481-6192
- 705 1985 JUNE 19-23
NORMANDY MOTOR HOTEL,
MINNEAPOLIS, MN
RUSSELL & MINERVA BLIXT,
5816 - 36TH AVE. N.,
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55422
612-537-1400
- 771 1985 OCTOBER 25-27
BROWN'S HOTEL IN THE
HEART OF CATSKILL
MOUNTAINS
NICK PERRINO, 7-5
STRAIGHT PATH, ROCK HILL,
NY 12775
- 771 1986 AUGUST 9-11
SEE 656 REUNION
- 774 1985 October 2-4
VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA
WILLIAM HART 932 KEY
WEST DRIVE PITTSBURGH,
PA 15239
- 776 1985
MINI REUNION ON THE WEST
COAST
- 776 1985 JULY
TULSA, OKLAHOMA
- 802 1985 SEPTEMBER 13-15
CAVALIER HOTEL, VIRGINIA
BEACH, VA
THOMAS W. McCUTCHAN, 428
WHITE RD., MINEOLA, NY
11501 516-747-4599
- 803 1985 MAY 21-23
RENO, NV
LOUIS D. FRINCHI, 5315 -
104TH ST. SW, TACOMA, WA
98499 206-584-1169
- 803R 1985 MAY 9-10
RED COACH INN, I-135 &
WEST CRAWFORD, SALINA, KS
WALTER GEORGE, 3617 S.
OSAGE, INDEPENDENCE, MO
64055
- 804 1985 SEPTEMBER 28-29
SALLY PORT INN,
ROSWELL, NM
JOHN I. GADDY, RT 3
BOX 118, ROSWELL, NM
88201 505-622-6274
- 805 1985 AUGUST 16-18
SHERATON INN EAST,
HARRISBURG, PA
WILLARD C. "WILT" HUNT,
3433A TISHOFF CT.,
LEXINGTON, KY 40502
- 806 1985 MAY 3-4
PARKWAY CENTER INN,
PITTSBURGH, PA
RICHARD A. ALLEN, 208 W.
HILLSIDE AVE.
BARRINGTON, IL 60010
- 807 1985 JULY 2-4
RED LION INN, JANTZEN
BEACH, OR.
HAROLD TRENKEL, RT 1
262. ONTARIO, OR 97944
- 808 1985
KANSAS CITY, KS
PAT DONAVAN, 5 W.
SHAWNEE, PAOLA, KS 6607
- 809 1985
BURLINGTON, NC
MRS. WILLARD WALKER, RR
5, MEBANE, NC 27302
- 811 1985 AUGUST 2-4
FT. WAYNE, IN
RUBERT D. MORGAN, 5405
SCEPTER CT., FT WAYNE,
46815
- 817 1985 JUNE 7-9
ROCHESTER PLAZA HOTEL,
ROCHESTER, NY
FRANK HARTWIG, 236 EAST
ST., PITTSFORD, NY 14853
- 818 1985 AUGUST 15-18
CLARKSBURG, WV
WILLIAM J. ARNETT, 1008
VAN BUREN ST.,
CLARKSBURG, WV 26301
- 823 1985 OCTOBER 2-4
LAKE PROVIDENCE, LA
I. C. ADAMS, JR., 16
GLENWOOD, COLUMBIA, Pa.
65201
- 825 1985 FALL
ATLANTIC CITY, NJ
- 894 1985 APRIL 11-13
INTERNATIONAL INN,
ORLANDO, FL
VERNE L. CLARK, 4408
STILWELL CT., NEW PORT
RICHEY, FL 33552
813-376-3975
- 897 1985 SEPTEMBER 1-8
RED WING, MINNESOTA
MRS. LESLIE PLAAS, RR #1
BOX 70, RED WING, MINN
55066



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MAIL CALL

Received the 4 dozen caps and were delivered in fine shape. We will have them for our Reunion in 1985. I have ordered and received the WW II TD prints and 4 Tie Bars, and hope the TD decals will be available soon. Thanks and keep up the fine work. WALL GEORGE (803) Independence, MO

I appreciate the news from the Association, and the fellows who have gotten the Newsletter since I sent in their names say that they really enjoy it, finding out what is happening in other outfits. Keep up the great work. Believe me, it's really appreciated. ROBERT E KING (774) Smyrna, GA

We've been receiving your Newsletter and have enjoyed it very much. Just wish I could hear from some 630 or 821 Bn fellows. My wife and I were at the National convention in Texas in 1983 and how good it was to visit with TD people—even though I didn't find anyone from my old outfit. FRED BASENBERG (630/821) Gadsden, AL

I have received, read and enjoyed Newsletter No. 11. It is nice to hear from ID men and women no matter what Bn they belonged to. It seems as tho experiences are about the same with different names. We went to the 776 TD Bn reunion in Pocatello, ID the 2-3-4 of July. We had 210 people and everybody seemed to have a wonderful time. I feel that an annual contribution is probably necessary to have a viable Assn and paper. People get in the habit of being drones without stopping to think "there is no free lunch." Somebody has to do the work and somebody has to pay. Best wishes to all of you and I am sure that the letters will start pouring in, because not many will miss the Newsletter. GURNEY C CADDY, MD (776) Portland, OR EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr., you were 100% right. The letters have, indeed, been pouring in.

Just a note to let you know how much Art and I enjoy the TD letters and news. Please keep up the good work and we shall support you all we can. Art and I sure did enjoy touring around Ft. Hood, Texas last Oct for the dedication of that lovely stone Memorial. We renewed friendships and met some new folks. We hope we can attend any future reunions. The 808th had there reunion at Nashville, TN July 12-14. It was a great success due primarily to our host & hostess Robert and Dot Steelman. Close to 100 members attended plus wives and friends. Thanks again for a job well done. MARILYN BRICE (808) Dunedin, FL

A fine man by the name of Bill Bes

wick of West Point, VA had an article in the Legion magazine about the 661st reunion in Arizona and as a result I was blessed by getting to see Col. Miller of Prescott, AZ again and also Warren Mitchell. I also got to meet the soldier who claimed responsibility for having me shipped out of the 661st just prior to leaving N. Camp Hood in 1944. But I'm very proud of going through training with the 661st TD Bn. Keep up the good work & may God Bless. TOM WAYCHOFF (661) Mesa, AZ

The TD's were grand outfits! I enjoy "Mail Call" very much. MARION TIDMORE (606) Melbourne, FL

You have helped me find an old buddy, Junior Christy. FLOYD PHELPS (893) Hastings, NE

Keep up the good work. Hope I will be able to make the next National TD Reunion. The wife and I had a wonderful time at the 1983 reunion at Ft. Hood. LOTHAIR DREIBELBIS (805) Fleetwood, PA

Thank you for what you are doing for all of us. EDWARD B NEWSOM (610) Atlanta, GA

Went on vacation to attend our 808 TD Bn reunion in Nashville, TN. We had a great reunion. Its like one big family getting together and meeting and making friends. Some have become very close. We want to thank all our 808 friends for making the reunions possible. PAT & DON ELDER (808) Fingle, CA

I'm enclosing \$10 extra for a wonderful Newsletter. Wish I could give more. Didn't realize there were so many TD Bns. MELVIN E HALLDIN (671) Everett, WA

Been receiving newsletter (this past 6 months and can't tell you how close it brings me to all my buddies of the past but not forgotten. I look forward to seeing more of my pals' names in the future, so all of you guys of the 703rd, let's write in! JOE JOHNSON (703) New York, NY

I enjoy receiving the Newsletter. I know its a lot of work but sure a lot of buddies appreciate it. Was at Ft. Hood in April. The Memorial is something to be proud of. Had my picture taken by it with my uniform on. So thanks for all the work you've put into this. JACK SCHWEIGEL (656) Ft. Wayne, IN

I was very pleased with my Newsletter, and I saw a few names of the fellows that served with me in the 610th TD Bn, and it sure brought back memories. It is the most wonderful thing that ever happened, and hope to see more names that I know. EMILE R. GOULET (610) Biddeford, ME

The 664 went down the tubes and they transferred us to the infantry at Camp Maxey, TX. Fortunately I was transferred to the 661st prior to the Battle of the Bulge. Thanks for the Newsletter and for a great job of resurrecting memories I've seen nothing from members of the 664th in any of your issues. They were a great bunch of guys. E JENKINS (664/635) Stamford, CT

Enjoy the Newsletter very much. I was with the 652nd TD that was transferred from Camp Bowie to Hood in 1943--110 miles! Pulled problems on the way and the last mile, I marched at attention. Quite an ordeal, but of course we were younger then. FRANK NENTWICK (692) E. Liverpool, OH

I'm sending the enclosed contribution to cover the cost of mailing the Newsletter for the next 4 issues. The additional is to pay for a few guys who may not be able to afford it. I think it is remarkable that you few volunteers have been able to accumulate a list of 13,000 vets and to me it would be a tragedy if all of that effort were lost for sake of a few bucks. MARTIN E. RIND (899) Seattle, WA

Have just finished most recent Newsletter and want you to know that I think it was great - my highest compliments on a job well done and deserves the silver star award. My stint of 5 years was most appreciated by serving in the Tank Destroyers for 3 years. Every one of my associates in the Bn were treasured men. Our unit served superbly in face of many dangers and extreme difficulties, but managed to come out on top. Long live the TD's! BOB PETERSON (771) San Carlos, CA

I enjoy and look forward to reading the Newsletter. I for one hope it will continue to come. All who continue to work for the association certainly deserve a lot of compliments. I am going to our reunion and it's great to see each other even tho it's just once a year. It brings back great memories of the times we supported each other. Again, may thanks for your efforts. JOHN P. PILON (609) Fayetteville, NC

I know through experience the effort you are making to publish the Newsletter, and I commend you for the job you are doing. FENNETH W WHITAKER (806) San Gabriel, CA

Thanks for printing the TD Newsletter. I enjoy every word. Most of the time I read it over twice so that I don't miss something important. Brings back old memories like it happened yesterday. Keeps you feeling young as you think back on those days when "we" were young. That says it all. Keep up the good work. JAMES J HOLNAR (774) Quabertown, PA

Wish you continued success with the Newsletter. Enjoy reading it and the letters sent in by the other TD vets. Glad to see a lot of the 644 members responding to the plea for contributions. Wasn't aware there were so many TD outfits in the Army. The Assn and the Newsletter sure awakened a great interest in the TD's. HUGH T. MULGREW (644) Port Richey, FL

We wonder what has become of the old comrades of the 701st TD Bn. We see very few in the publication from this outfit. At one point we heard that they were also to receive the Croix de Guerre, but never heard anything more. JOHN SMITH (701) Kittanning, PA
EDITOR'S NOTE: CO. B, 701ST TD Bn was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with Palm.

I was with the 601 TD's from Africa to Salzburg. I especially appreciate the Mail Call as several names have appeared from my outfit. Included was one from Hull, IA that was with me on my TD thru many escapades during most of the War. Would like a 601 reunion. Always attend the Anzio Beachhead reunion in Orlando. RUDY LARSON (601) Cape Coral, FL

Enclosed is my check to cover the cost of my copies of your excellent letter. Each copy brings back many cherished memories. Keep up the good work. As CO of co. "A" 610 I extend my best wishes to all TD vets and for the continued success of our Tank Destroyer Association. JOHN B. STITT (610) Vancouver, WA

I am most happy to receive the TD Newsletter. I see that other 704 TD'ers are members of TDA. Was transferred from the 4th AD at Pine Camp, NY at the time the 704th was activated. Served with the 704th til the end of the War. Often think that I was most lucky to survive the war. Retired from the Army in 1971 after 30 years service. GEORGE W. HODGES (704) O'Fallon, IL

There are many old friends of the 607th TD Bn that I would like to hear from: Col. Harold S. Sundt, Chis Brandt, Delmar Johnson, Burt Miltenberger, Max Braucher, W.F. Ependio, Tony Freiguglietti, and Simon Sayers. Maybe some of you 607 TD Tigers remember me as 1st Sgt of HQ & "A" Co. before the Bn left Camp Hood. W.W. SPARKMAN, Willow Park, TX
Would like to hear from members of Co. "A" 692 that were at Camp Hood. R.B. STAFF (692) F.O. Box 4771, Lago Vista, TX 78641
I enjoy receiving the letter and recognize a lot of names of former buddies of the 610 TD Bn. Keep up the good work. ERWIN N. JACOBS (610) Alpha, IL

Thought I should write to express my feelings about the excellent work you are doing. In addition I want you to know that my old outfit was the 608 TD Bn. At Camp Atterbury, IN the 608th was deactivated and the men were shipped to other TD units. I went to Co. "A" of the 610th TD Bn, which was converted from an SF to a Towed outfit in the winter of '43 at Atterbury. On July 31, 1944 we hit Utah Beach. Our first engagement with the enemy was in Northern France-closing of the Argentin-Falaise gap with the 80th Div. In the drive to the Moselle River, we were nailed by a fierce German counter attack. My 3" gun was destroyed, I was captured and spent 140 days in 2 different stalags before we were able to escape. We made our way on foot across Germany and Poland to Russia. The Russians put us on trains to Odessa, from whence we made our way to Naples by ship, thence by plane to the good old USA. CARL A. MAURAWA (608/610) Saegertown, PA

I was operations clerk for the 634 TD Bn and typed the daily operations reports. We had a very fine combat record, having been attached to the 1st Inf. Div. during combat thru France, Belgium, Germany and Czechoslovakia. The battles for Aachen, Huertgen Forest and the Bulge are outstanding in my memories. FRED WOLVERTON (634) SHAVERTOWN, PA

Sure is great to hear something about our old buddies. But I'm surprised there was not a larger response to your May Newsletter. My outfit responded with 9 names, a very poor percentage. Anyway, keep up the good work--and to all of you who have worked so hard. DOMINIC FRUTUOZO (634) Ludlow, MA

Keep up the good work. Sure do enjoy the newsletter. Ten bucks is a small price to pay for so much information. Wish more of the 654th bunch would dig down in the old foot locker and furnish Lonnie Gill with some Bn history. How about it Col. Marts? ROBERT M. ALLEN (654) Imperial, NE
I sure do enjoy receiving the Newsletter. "Don't get around much now-a-days, but do enjoy the Newsletter and do appreciate the great work all of you who work so hard to keep TD history alive. FRANKLIN READ (807) Central Falls, RI
I appreciate the time effort and materials required to publish such a great Newsletter as this. therefore I don't believe a \$10 contribution is asking too much. WILLIAM C. HEINECK (802) Seminole, FL

Keep up the good work. The Newsletter brings back so many memories. Thanks again. ROBERT BURTON (671) Webster City, IA

Reading all the beautiful letters on the Reunion at Fort Hood we outstanding. We had such a good time. Everything went so well. Thanks to all who put the paper out and do hope it continues. MRS JOHN DRABIC (804) Sacramento, CA

The 818th had their annual reunion in Omaha, NE 8/15 to 8/19/84. states were represented. A good group and good time. FLOYD BEAVER (818) Spencer, IA

Because of the Newsletter I have contacted several of my past associates, and I hope to contact more. You are doing a great job. Keep it up. JIMMY A WESSELS (804) Dubuque, IA

Keep up the good work. I look forward to receiving the Newsletter with great anticipation. The 612th has been having an annual reunion since 1954. The date is the first Thursday in August thru Sunday. Thanks for all you have done to get us some recognition. I have attended both TDA reunions at Ft. Hood and thoroughly enjoyed them. We'll look forward to another National reunion in the not too distant future. DICK KING (612) Ft. Worth, TX

I notice now that some other SEVEN OH DUEGERS have surfaced - my old C.O. Tiger Beal (now Maj. Gen.), Charlie Buchner, Rudy Filsitz (from my old hometown, Steelton, PA), etc. I suspect that's all you'll hear from, since my memory of most of my old buddies is that they'd be too cheap to fork over 10 bucks. A serious note. Early June of '44 to Berlin in July '45 was a high water mark in the lives of most of the guys in our Bn. We were helped quite A BIT BY HAVING 2 AD attached to us. With trepidation, I offer to break bread with ex-702 graybeards like Russkovitch, Hart, Hussey, Wright, Bowen, Thompson -- oh to hell with it! I guess I mean everybody. NORM FELSEY (702) CHARLESTON, SC

Was so sorry to learn of the passing of Marsh Hanks. I'm just thankful that I had the opportunity to get to know him when I was at the two reunions at Ft. Hood. All the TD'ers shall ever be grateful for the work he did to help us bring this TD Association into being. On a lighter note, the 817th TD Bn had its 39th Annual Reunion in Erie, PA on June 1, 2 and 3. Committee Chairman Rex Halsey and his group did a fine job, and the reunion was a big success with a real good turn out. LEE DUNCAN (817) Alton, IL
My history in the TD's covers the 638th, 823rd, 668th, TD Board and and the 827th in Europe. Anyone that may remember me, please contact me. JAMES R HALL 1190 Feather Dr., Deltona, FL 32725

B Co, of the 702nd had its reunion in Penn. Dutch Country. The Kniers, who are Penn Dutch, found a lovely spot, only an hour's drive for my wife and I. As usual, we all had a very nice time. It was nice seeing my old army buddies and their wives again. RUDY PILSITZ (702) Steelton, PA

I served as a Destroyer Commander with the 629th TD Bn. Where are all the 629th boys? We fought them from the water at Omaha Bch to the finish at Lansut, Germany, to V.E. Day. I would like to hear from my old buddies, especially my old crew. LA RUE F. MYERS (629), New Bethlehem, PA

I have carefully read and reread each newsletter in hopes of finding a familiar name or mention of the 631st. Is it possible for you to give me some information on the 631st? I would certainly like to contact some of my old buddies. WILLIAM NEWMAN (631) 6213 Coral Lake Dr., Margate, FL 33063

**TANK DESTROYER UNITS AWARDED
BELGIAN FOURRAGUERE and FRENCH CROIX de GUERRE**

Unit	For Period	Award
A Co, 612th T D Bn	3 Sept 44 - 13 Sept 44 & 20 Dec 44 - 26 Jan 45	Fourraguere
612th T D Bn	13 Dec 44 - 30 Dec 44	Fourraguere
628th T D Bn	14 Sept 44 - 20 Sept 44	Croix de Guerre
634th T D Bn	3 Sept 44 - 5 Sept 44 & 28 Dec 44 - 30 Dec 44	Fourraguere
635th T D Bn	6 June 1944	Croix de Guerre
635th T D Bn	23 Dec 44 - 28 Dec 44	Fourraguere
636th T D Bn	24 Nov 44 - 2 Dec 44	Croix de Guerre
644th T D Bn	13 Dec 44 - 30 Dec 44	Fourraguere
B Co, 701st T D Bn	9 Dec 1942	Croix de Guerre
702nd T D Bn	2 Sept 44 & 23 - 28 Dec 44	Fourraguere
703rd T D Bn	3 Sept 44 - 13 Sept 44 & 20 Dec 44 - 31 Jan 45	Fourraguere
2nd Plt B Co, 703rd	3 Sept 44 - 13 Sept 44 &	Fourraguere
704th T D Bn		Croix de Guerre
773rd T D Bn		Croix de Guerre
776th T D Bn	9 Nov 44 - 19 Nov 44	Fourraguere
801st T D Bn	18 Nov 44 - 20 Feb 44	Croix de Guerre
A Co, 801st T D Bn	20 Dec 44 - 26 Jan 45	Fourraguere
C Co, 803rd T D Bn	Sept 44	Fourraguere
804th T D Bn		Fourraguere
A Co, 807th T D Bn	15 Nov 1944	Croix de Guerre
A Co, 811th T D Bn	18 Dec 44 - 23 Dec 44	Croix de Guerre
813th T D Bn	June 44 - 27 Aug 44 & 21 Nov 44 - 24 Nov 44	Fourraguere
814th T D Bn	18 Dec 44 - 23 Dec 44 & 20 Jan 45 - 29 Jan 45	Croix de Guerre
818th T D Bn	20 Dec 44 - 26 Jan 45	Fourraguere
A Co, 823rd T D Bn	6 Aug 44 - 12 Aug 44	Croix de Guerre
B Co, 823rd T D Bn	7 Aug 1944	Fourraguere
823rd T D Bn	4 Sept 44 - 10 Sept 44 & 17 Jan 45 - 25 Jan 45	Croix de Guerre
893rd T D Bn	7 Sept 44 - 13 Sept 44	Fourraguere
C Co, 893rd T D Bn	20 Dec 44 - 26 Jan 45	Fourraguere
894th T D Bn	11 May 44 - 23 June 44	Croix de Guerre
899th T D Bn	2 Dec 44 - 26 Jan 45	Fourraguere
2nd Plt C co, 899th	June 1944	Croix de Guerre

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Our Newsletters since August 1984 asked you to indicate your interest in receiving further issues of the Tank Destroyer Newsletter by returning the subscription form printed in the August 1984 and January 1985 issues (contributions are completely voluntary). We received about 4000 responses to date and we got the message. Starting with our July 1985 issue we will reduce our mailings from 13,278 to about 4000. Our news policy will remain the same for future issues of the Newsletter. We will, of course, continue to maintain our mailings to each of the Battalion Associations and encourage the exchange of Tank Destroyer related news and information from and between the Battalions and the Newsletter subscribers. News of the opening of the museum and the publication of the official History of the Tank Destroyers will be sent to the entire national roster so please continue to send us your address corrections and roster additions.

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