

776 TIGER TRACKS

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34th Edition

Please note: I have just received word from the Tank Destroyer Association that they are planning a reunion for early October 1989 in Louisville/Ft. Knox Kentucky. You will be receiving a TDA Newsletter in early May with information in it. I am not sure if they have picked the Hotel for their Headquarters, but you will find it in their newsletter.

Now at our 1988 reunion there was a good number of you saying you would like to go. All of the 776ers who can attend are welcome. Albert and I will be there, we hope to see you there too.

You will be making your own hotel reservations and PLEASE make your reservations if attending with the TDA people. Then I would like to hear from you if you are attending, I might plan a dinner too.

I will put out some more information later in the summer. Might be just a letter or a post-card maybe even another Tiger Track paper.

READ YOUR NEXT ISSUE OF THE TANK DESTROYER ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER!!!

This 1989 reunion will be just a mini reunion of the 776. We will hold our regular scheduled REUNION IN CHEYENNE, WYOMING in 1990.

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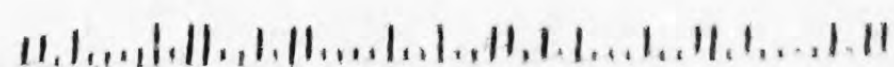


Address Correction Requested



'The Vandals'

First Class





FROM THE MAILBOX

Dear Friends,

Recently Addis and I took a two week Caribbean Cruise on the Nordic Prince stopping at nine ports. After a wonderful time, we collected out suitcases, got in a rented car and drove up the coast of Florida to Winter Gardens. We checked in at our motel, and decided immediately to collect the dirty underwear that we had put in a separate suitcase especially for these items. We wanted to wash them immediately since we were planning on staying in Winter Gardens for several days and didn't want smelly garments to remain very long without being washed.

To our utter amazement, when we opened the suitcase, we saw it was filled with beautiful items with the price tags still on each one that had been purchased on the various islands. After the shock, Addis and I began calling the travel agency, police and port of entry in Miami. Finally the problem was resolved. The suitcase was returned to the rightful owner in California with a note of apology from us with our return address and phone number.

Since we did not take one item from the suitcase, but returned the contents as we found them we expected the people to write and thank us for our honesty, however, to this day they have not written us a note of thanks.

Let's pray that in 1989, people all over the world will find peace in their hearts, learn to forgive each other, and show more kindness and sincerity to all mankind.

Pauline and Addis Metzendorf (What a story, but what I want to know, did you ever receive your dirty laundry???)

Dear Folks,

Just a line or two to let you know we are all fine. I lost my Mother November 1, 1988, she was almost 89 years old.

We had a real dry summer but is fairly cool now. Not much rain, but last of October and November we got the rain.

We sure had a nice trip to the reunion and back. Also while we were there had a good time. It was really a good one and I think everyone thinks they did a real good job on everything.

We are staying pretty close to home now.

Our two boys and their families were home for Thanksgiving. The boy in Washington will be down again New Years.

We never even got to the coast, but once all summer. Take care and we will see you in Wyoming in 1990.

Happy New Year
Lyman (Bob) and Cathy DeHut

Dear Albert and Betty,

Don't know what to write about, as we know you want letters for the Tiger Tracks.

We haven't been doing much, only we had a very nice trip to Minot, N.D. to the reunion. It sure was a nice reunion. Saw a

lot of friends again and some new ones.

It was a long trip, had to take two days. We went to St. Cloud, MN. and spent a long day with the Scott's at their new apartment. Rested up a day before we went on. We came back through South Dakota but got in a lot of detours. We spent the night in S.D. so Marion could rest.

In September we went back to S.D. to attend Marion's grade school reunion. On our way home from there we stopped in Wahoo, Nebraska and visited the Bovill's.

As ever,
Marion and Lorene DeKock

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Liegl:

I wish to thank you for Tiger Tracks. It has been a long time since I have seen any of the men from 776. The pictures remind me that many years have passed since we were together, and now have to live more sedentary lives. It really doesn't seem that long for the years to pass quickly. Considering, those pictured look healthy, but as I, they must have their limitations.

I have not been sick, but have some limitations when it comes to physical activities. I feel fine if I do not do too much work, in fact it still feels good to get outdoors and do a little work.

It was really hot and dry out here this summer with a run of mornings without dew, more like California than Oregon.

We have a new President taking office and hopefully he will try to get our country out of the mess it is in with a huge deficit and negative trade balance. If he balances the budget our country still has a chance to move forward into a stable economy. Many advances are being made in technology. I saw not long ago on educational television that the scientists have found a new method of making new metals by bonding the atoms of different elements. This and the developing of solar electricity promise a bright future. Contrary to many who predict we are not short of oil, but the oil companies will have to go deep for it.

Enclosed is a check to help with Tiger Tracks.

May you and the others in 776 have a good Christmas and a prosperous New Year and all through 1989.

Sincerely yours,
Willard Totten

Dear Betty and Albert,

We are all well. Planning on going to Michigan for Christmas, has been a busy year though.

A surprise for me was that I didn't need to wear glasses anymore. My vision was good. It's always good hearing from all our friends. Take care and we will be hearing from you.

Ed and Elsie Ferguson

Dear Friends,

I wish to thank you for the 1988 Reunion Bulletin. I wish that I could have been there.

In the bulletin you list Presidential Citations. There is an omission. The bulletin lists "A" Company-Second Battalion 114 Infantry-Schalbach, France. Included in this citation should be Pioneer Platoon Reconnaissance Company. The Pioneer Platoon dug the hole for the Tank Destroyer from A Company which knocked out the Magona Line Fort with a jaw-breaker name. I know that this is correct because I entered this citation in their Service Records as Personnel Clerk for Rcn. Company.

These men certainly deserved this honor as they dug the pit for the Tank Destroyer in the dark of the night on an exposed ridge facing the fort. Artillery fire was used to keep the Fort buttoned up while these men dug the pit for the Destroyer. This platoon was one of the finest in 776 Tank Destroyer Battalion. They removed numberless land mines without one casualty except when one of the men stepped on a land mine while walking along a heavily traveled road.

Sincerely Yours,
Willard Totten

Dear Betty and Albert and All Vandals,

We've had a few setbacks physically this past year and therefore are unable to attend the reunion at Minot (my home state yet). But we're hoping for the next one. Thanks a lot for the Reunion Bulletin, read every word and the photos were especially appreciated.

Enclosed is a check for you and the Tiger Tracks. Thank you for doing such a good job. Being retired farmers and still owning the old homestead in N.D., we know what all you farmers and your kids went thru this past year. We hope next year will be better.

Our Love and best regards to all you Vandals.

Ed and Agnes Ira

Dear Mrs. Liegl,

I'm enclosing a small donation in memory of my beloved husband, Dr. Sidney Edelson, a member of the 776th TD Bn. Dr. Edelson died of a massive heart attack on October 20, 1988. We miss him terribly.

Sincerely,
Virginia Edelson, 9233
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Dear Betty and Albert:

Another sadness! You perhaps have already heard about the death of Glenn Bovill from other sources. But in case you haven't I am enclosing a copy of the service information from Neva. I went through Wahoo Nebraska four or five times in the past six years, but it was always at the time they were in church.

Glenn was a great man. He was the first wounded one on our company that I helped put a bandage on in Africa, alongside of a filthy old Arab hut. I'll always remember him as he looked when he was 33 to 35 years old.

As Ever,
Etlar Henningson

Dear Al and Betty,

Thanks a million for remembering me with a Bulletin. In-

deed I was glad to get it and read it cover to cover several times. Pictures help keep one up to date. But show a bit of the wear of time on our old bodies, but at any rate the time we spent together was a valuable milestone on our sojourn here. It has meant much to each of us and the guiding hand of you and Betty is divinely inspired and divinely guided. Only divine guidance and inspiration could have kept this group together. May the Lord be good to you all and reward you justly. All is well with me and trust the same with you and will write again later.

Sincerely,
Bert "Doc" Wible

Hi Liegl's!

About two weeks ago I told Millie, my lady, that it seemed to me like our Winter here was all over. The warm trend continued until it froze the water solid in the bird bath last night, so there you have the story here in the valley of the sun.

Hope you guys are well and keeping warm back there. Seems you have a reasonably mild winter so far, but if I remember right, from my Illinois experience, you'd better watch out for February and March.

Thank you so much for sending a copy of the '88 Reunion Bulletin. It was good to know there were so many there. Sure was sorry I couldn't come. We are thinking very strongly on the next one at Cheyenne. Hoping, Millie will be better and more able to go. She's getting around pretty good now.

Clancy and Velma are here in Phoenix. Velma has been under the weather. I just called and talked first to her, then Clancy. She came home from the Hospital yesterday after having a kidney and gall bladder operation. She said she sure was glad to be home. Clancy says he can hardly see anymore and his medication keeps him all tired out. He said they sure had a good time at the reunion.

Enclosed find a check to cover the cost of the bulletin. If there is some left, blow it. Buy something you've always wanted, HA!

Best Regards
Leon Sanford

(Thanks for the check, I've been wanting to pay off our debts, but there wasn't enough left for that, so I'll just put the money in the T.T. fund. B.L.)

Dear Mrs. Liegl,

Enclosed is a check for Tiger Tracks to use as you see fit and perhaps towards the T.D. Memorial, in memory of Donald B. Alfreds, who passed away January 15, 1989.

I might add we always enjoyed reading Tiger Tracks and he talked much about the wonderful reunion in Minot with all of you. I was very happy for him that he made that one and for to meet his old buddies again. We are also pleased to have a good colored photograph of his group. Our son, Allen, who's also in the U.S. Army enjoyed reading Tiger Tracks and the 1988 Reunion Bulletin.

From time to time, Don mentioned the wonderful work you're doing on the publishing Tiger Tracks and arranging the reunions. He knew what it all entailed and you're an angel to do it all. Keep up the good work and may God bless you always.

Sincerely,
Mrs. D.B. Alfreds (Ann)

(P.S. I might mention that Allen has seventeen years in the Army and is starting his third tour at Ft. Knox, KY. Don and I and Susan are indeed proud of him.)

Dear Betty,

I am writing to inform you of the death of Bernie Simpson. He was a dear friend of mine and felt I should let you know. He had a heart attack in February 1988. Developed cancer later in the year and died October 14, 1988 of heart failure from the cancer stress. I had ordered one of Jim's books for Bernie and read the 776 Tiger Tracks each time Bernie received it. I felt I almost knew some of you although we had never met. Enjoyed the bulletin. Keep up the good work.

Yours Truly,
Willie Lemon
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(I wrote a note to Willie to say thanks for letting us know of Bernie's death. Sometimes friends must write when having no relatives. B.L.)

Betty:

Please note address change. We are merging with West Fargo. Sorry I'm late with my donation, but as I get older I get more forgetful.

I'm not a very good 776'er. Never seem to make the Reunions, been to two of them over the years, but I enjoy receiving the Tiger Tracks, and especially your X-Mas edition. When I went through the Obit. page, I decided it's time to get to your account.

I see my good friend Norvin Black quite regularly and he usually gets on me about the next reunion. We'll have to do it. Thanks for all your good and dedicated work.

Earnest and Anne Schmitt (I really thought you would be at Minot, better be in Cheyenne in 1990. You know I have threatened the men that if they don't show up at the reunion or write a letter for T.T., I will list them in the deceased column. So far it hasn't helped to threaten, just may try the column. B.L.)

Hello,

Just a few lines to say hello and how is everyone doing. We are all O.K. and lived over X-Mas and New Years. Had all the children home but one in California didn't make it.

This is to let you know that a good buddy of mine passed away December 29, 1988 his name is James Copper. His wife called me the next day.

Also am sending a check to help take care of expenses. Well so long and hope to see you at the next meeting, if not before.

Ted and Eunice Bodling

Dear Betty,

I'm enclosing a check for the Tiger Tracks. Really enjoyed reading it and hope you keep me on your list. The reunions get better all the time.

Guess I never did give you the date of Bill's death. It was October 27, 1987.

Hope you had a nice Holiday Season. I'm looking forward to spring, aren't we all?

Love,

Bea Dempsey

(Thanks Bea. Now I have Bill listed on deceased list with a date. Since I didn't have it in writing his name was missed. B.L.)

Dear Al and Betty:

After we left Minot we went to Montana for a few days because Marie had never been there, so we motored to a place called Fort Peck near the town of Nashua, Montana. Such a beautiful place, it's maintained by the Corp of Engineers (Army).

From there we went back to Minot because it was on our way back to Grand Forks, N.D. and also to Fargo and then on to Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, where we stayed about a week on beautiful Detroit Lakes Resort. I played golf and fished a plenty. I played golf one day with a good friend of Don Anderson's I didn't know this until we were on the 6th or 7th hole. We enjoyed that place too.

From there we motored on to Iowa and we stayed a few days at Clear Lake, near Mason City, more fishing and golfing. I golfed at Ventura Golf Course. Nice course.

After we left Clear Lake we went on towards Des Moines where we stopped again at another U.S. Army Corp of Engineer Dam and Lake Resort Project called Saylorville Lake and Dam. We stayed there for a week and finally went on to Des Moines to visit with Marie's sister for a few days and from there we went on to Sigourney, Iowa where we stayed with Marie's niece and there we attended her family reunion.

While we were at Saylorville we took a couple of side trips, one to Winterset, Iowa, that's where John Wayne (actor) was born and we spent the entire day there, we also had our refrigerator checked out. Also we went to Forest City and toured the Winnebago RV Plant and we took the tour while there.

After we left Sigourney, we went on to Cheyenne, Wyoming. We stayed on Frances and Warren Air Force Base RV Camp, we rented a car and we did all our business and we stayed 5 days in Cheyenne we took our time looking for the right place to have our 1990 Reunion.

From there we came home. After we came home Marie had complained about her side when we were in Des Moines but refused to go see a doctor, but when we got home I took her to the Doctor and then the nightmare started. The first doctor was a GP (general practice) and couldn't find anything, so after a couple of weeks with no satisfaction we consulted an Internal Medicine Doctor and he really started giving her test after test and X-Ray's. So by the end of September and early October, we called in a Kidney specialist and he was the one to find the Disease that has stricken Marie. It's incurable and all they can do is try to make her comfortable, and only control it as much as they can. It's called AMYLOIDOSIS.

They gave her a anigram on the 21st of November and there they fused out the lower half of her left kidney and stopped the bleeding. On the ninth of December 1988 they told me that Marie couldn't walk any more. Now she isn't able to feed herself and I go to the hospital to feed her all her meals and the nurses like that because I can get her to eat more than if they try to feed her.

Marie had been in and out of the hospital quite a few times in between, and since the 2nd of December had been there since

and probably will stay to the end, if only a miracle will happen. This disease came out of nowhere, even the doctors don't know where this thing comes from, or how it starts and above all they don't even know how to cure it. Mayo Clinic in Minnesota was contacted, and they don't know how to prescribe for it. So who knows?

On Monday 12/12/88 they called in another specialist for stress and they are giving her Chemotherapy treatments and the side effects are horrendous.

They took Marie back to the X-Ray lab again to check her chest area again and her they found that the disease had destroyed her liver. The next day after a very bad night the doctor called me out in the hall and told me that she had maybe a week to live.

With her pain so bad they started giving her Morphine shots to help kill her pain, these were every four hours, at these times she could rest and sleep peacefully.

On the 23rd of December, they were giving her Morphine every 2 hours and on the 24th of December, the doctor asked me for permission to put the Morphine into her IV bottle so there would be a steady flow into her arm. Also on the 24th she was having some hallucinations and that was from the Morphine, but I stayed there till midnight on Christmas eve, the nurse told me to go home and rest, so I did, I didn't even take my clothes off but about 0245 am, 25th of December the phone rang and the nurse told me to come now as the monitor they had her on was going down and I was there in 10 minutes. By the time I got there she was gone. Christmas day Marie left us.

I buried Marie on the 28th of December 1988 at Rose Hill Cemetery in Whittier, California.

Marie had said many times while in the hospital that she had to get better because she had a reunion to get ready for and had many things to do for the 776. But I guess it wasn't in the cards this time.

Betty, I didn't have time to notify all our friends in the 776 TD so I hope all that knew her can remember her as the Little Perky Red Head of Company B.

Respectfully,
Andy Bartha of Company B,
776 TD

(P.S. I hope to see all of you who make it to the 1990 Reunion in Cheyenne, Wyoming, Chet Vosburg, Don Anderson and I, plus our Committee hope to have another great program ready for you.)

February 10, 1989

Dear Betty,

Thanks for printing so many of the photographs ("pitchers") of "A" Company at the Minot reunion in the December issue of TT. I'm sure the fellows and their ladies appreciated that. I sent the originals to the individual most prominent in the print.

If you're still looking for material for the TT, or if you're desperate for material, you judge as to whether you'd want to print "Lili Marlen" in its original language. No, I didn't write it. On my request a women Ph. D, a school teacher from Munich named Berger who could write equally well with either hand and who had a remarkable

command of English, wrote it. I believe she said her father, a tall, gaunt, baldheaded old man, had been postmaster in Munich. I nearly burst out laughing when she indignantly motioned to a conspicuous lump on the old man's head caused, she explained, when a displaced person standing in a GMC truck tapped him with a stick as he walked along the highway in Austria. I didn't attempt to talk with him since he looked like he was in a foul mood. The DP's were being shuttled back and forth.

Interested in a "Sommerliche Elegie" (Summery Elegy) written by Gefreiter Wolfgang Fraude, a Panzer crewmember whose tank was knocked out by naval gunfire at Salerno? I didn't make the English translation since mine was too crude. Gisela Jungblut Lozada, an LSU library employee with a doctorate in German literature, did a commendable job.

If you're looking for additions to your mailing list, please consider my son. When he was at home he enjoyed reading the TT. His address is on the attached card. Only in the event you wish to expand your list. No push.

Sincerely,

John P. Wiltenmuth, Jr.

Dear Betty and Albert,

We think of you often and hope all is well in Iowa. We are doing great here in Carolina. The weather here had been really great, there is more to life than golf, but it is great to be outside during the winter months. We really enjoyed the reunion in Minot this past July.

It was a long drive, but just to see and visit with friends and some we had not seen in many years was worth the long drive. On our return home from Minot, we stopped over in Wahoo, Nebraska, to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bovill. It was such a nice visit and I'm sure by now someone has written you the sad news--Glenn passed away in December. Also James Cooper's wife called me in December. Her husband James Cooper passed away December 30, 1988. James lived near Marshall, N.D., about twenty miles out of Asheville, N.C. James did not get to attend any of our reunions, but maybe someone from B or C Company will remember James. He was such a nice fellow and friend, I'm sure he will be remembered.

Betty and Albert you two take care, we hope to see you in Denver.

Your Friends,
Wade and Evelyn Idol

(O.K. Wade, thanks for the information. Now I am sure you meant to write the word Cheyenne instead of Denver. Yes, we will be looking for you in CHEYENNE, WYOMING in July 1990. Betty L. Almost forgot, speaking of nice weather, did you get any of that SNOW I heard about in Georgia and Carolina's and Virginia?)

Dear Betty and Al:

Today is a good one to stay put and write letters. Minnesota can be awesome in winter. By the end of the week, however, we do have the promise of a warm-up.

With much sadness, I now inform you of the death of our dear friend, Ray Suess. Frances Scott was kind enough to give me a clipping of the St. Cloud paper which I have copied and now pass on to you. My Ray

and Ray Suess grew up together in the same small town of Buckham, MN., enlisted together and joined the Vandals in Washington.

Another good friend, William Dempsey, passed away October 27, 1987. I didn't see his name in the deceased.

Thanks also for the kind offer to include Madelyn and John on the mailing list of the Tiger Tracks. We're together so much and I'm happy to share my paper with them.

Hope this finds you both in good health. Keep the "Tracks" coming. Thanks so much!

Love,
Florienne Grundhoefer

Hello Betty, Al and other 776's,

Since we are in the midst of a genuine deep freeze at the present time and awaiting our big spring thaw, why not drop a note.

After leaving Minot back in July '88 we have gotten along with our quiet life. Golf took care of many hours the balance of the summer.

Our 50th wedding anniversary was September 28, 1988. On October 1st we observed it in the traditional way. An afternoon open house and an evening dance with relatives and many old friends at our local Eagles Club. The footwork and details were taken care of by our two daughters and their families.

The same arrangements by our two gals and we were off to Hawaii for seven days during X-Mas week of '88. Quite an experience for the nine of us.

If you haven't heard, Betty, another on your mailing list has left us. C.M. Wickoren died

December 11, 1988. Clarence was one of the National Guard group that was Federalized 4-1-1941 and went direct to Fort Francis E. Warren, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Because of our snow cover, the creek is going to rise this spring, but that will not stop us from being in Cheyenne July 1990, the good Lord willing.

Barney and Ollie Brunton

(I am going to ask the printer to try and reproduce the picture you sent. Words under the picture will explain in case picture is not real clear. B.L.)

Dear Betty and Albert,

It is my sad duty again to report the passing of two more of our comrades.

Erwin G. Baier of B. Co., better known as "Cowboy" died January 8, and buried at Staples, Minnesota.

As you know, he and I were good friends, worked together and I shall miss him greatly.

Also enclosing obituary on Walter E. Lieberg who died January 29, at Minot. He was a member of Recon. Co. and home at Tioga, N.D.

We are finally getting some real winter - a blast from up North. A fair amount of snow on the ground and we hope for more before Spring, we need the moisture badly.

The last few winters have been so mild and dry that they were becoming boring so we are enjoying the winter.

We often think how enjoyable it was to have you folks and all other Vandals at the Minot Reunion. Pleasant Memories.

Best Wishes to All,
Chris and Marie Mostad

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!



How many of you remember this crest? I know it was designed before our original crest was O.K.'d by Washington. I also know there is some history with it. I know Don Kolbo had something to do with designing it. Now he is deceased. I've wanted him to write the history of it for some time. That's what I get for putting it off. HELP, HELP!!

I'm quite sure Dominic Manfredi had something to do with it also. Maybe he designed all of it?? So Dominic, lets hear from you. The pictures I have

are fading out, so help there too.

There are a lot of men in the 776 T.D. that never have seen or heard of the (almost our crest). It hung in Ft. Lewis Washington for some time. Maybe it is still hanging there?? (I bet Bob Fischer tore it down).

Seems like I was suppose to dig the holes for the posts. I cannot think of the carpenters name that put the cross bar on, etc. Lets hear from you designers.

Change of Address

If you have a change of address, please let me know. I am trying to bring my list up to date and type up new address labels. If I do not have your summer and winter address, send it to me now.

Betty Liegl

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Albert's Corner

Just Rambling Along

Going through some of my old mail I finally found my Fort Sill address. That's where I got my basic training, it was 1st Section Battery "C" 26th Bn. 6 Reg. F.A.R.C. Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Any of you remember Sgt. Eggart or Cpl. Shinler? Pvt. Roll Syrett, Joe Peritt? That was back in March of "1941". The good old eh -- "Fall in", Dress right dress, "eyes right", ready front - "at ease", parade rest, attention, "left face" forward march - column left, rear march, left flank march, Battery halt, left face, count off, fall out. Boy could those Fort Sill Sgts. drill the hell out of us. The Corporals could do just as good. Guard duty: Walk your post in a military manner keeping alert and observing everything that takes place with in sight and hearing. K.P.: scrub those garbage pails -- scrub the floor -- wash those dishes -- keep that water hot. Peel those potatoes. Stir those beans...

Tent inspection - bunk inspection, clothing inspection, shoe inspection. Move your bunks and bedding outside to air out. Mud and "red dust". Personal inspection, dress over-shoes and rain coats. Oh dear, march us here, march us there, march us to the Howitzers. Fall in fall out, split the trail. Cannoneers post - Cannoneers change post. Gunners and all cannoneers change post. Aiming stake, aiming light, Base deflection, Swab the bore, all clear on the right, all clear on the left, all clear on the firing line. Ram that projectile home. Four powder charges, primer, laynard. I remember Sgt. Eggert naming one little part, it was called The Northern Fetlick interrupted screw type breech block rack lock stop lock spring and stud. Then he said "and this is the bevel."

We got through basic and on to Fort Warren. More good old days. Where the truck drivers used to say - "I can back my truck where you can't pack the key." I guess we were lucky to have real guns to train with even if they were all W.W. I weapons, packed in "Cosomline". Lots of rookies had to train with wooden guns.

I remember Pole Mountain in Ft. Warren when we were out on an overnight mission. We were having pancakes for breakfast. Well, I got some hot coffee in my cup the first sip, I about burnt my lips - - so I ate my pancakes, then tried the coffee. Well ice was forming around the edge of the cup - - cold eh! Now I get cold just thinking about it.

I remember a Lt. telling Calvin Kucker to give calisthenics. You probably know Calvin. He took some persuading to get Cal out of rank. He got up front of everyone and says, "The next exercise will be twenty-five push-ups from a prone position - you too Lt.", he says. I think about one half of the men came in off a week-end drunk - that was a sight for sore eyes. I didn't mind then I could do push-ups all day. Now when I get into a prone position I collapse.

To think of the good old days, when we were young and strong.

I remember when Jerome drove the jeep and we would



Mt. Vesuvius



Pillbox on Siegfried Line



Firing Range, Marseille, France

wrestle in the jeep in the front seat, then in the back seat, out on the road then in the ditch, hold up the convoy. Ha - - along comes Alson Poste. Chew us out to try and get us back in the jeep and get going. One of us would get him by the hair and put him down on his knees, begging for mercy. Along comes top kick Clancy with his shillelagh, boy would we bail into our jeeps and be on our way. I often wondered why Alson didn't kill us when he got up, guess he's just too good hearted. I bet that's why his knees are giving out now.

Well, you should have seen Jerome and me at the Minot Reunion. We had to lean on one another just to stand up. I don't know what Jerome was drinking but all I had was coffee. So, old age is taking its toll.

It wasn't all fun and games. Especially if you were in a truck or a tank when it hit a mine.

One tough soldier - - maybe we were lucky it's the only truck we lost due to mines. And Clem was assigned to another outfit. I should have denied

them the use of a man and truck, but one has to obey orders.

Remember in North Africa, the naked kids standing along the roads hands up, bum bum cigarettes, chewing gum, bum bum cigarettes, chewing gum.

In North Africa when we were attached to the British Army and had to eat their rations W.W. I crackers and tea. How they bragged on their gun. "That 25 pounder is a bloody good gun." This English soldier that came up to me and said, "I say old chap, I say, you wouldn't happen to have a fag on you would you?" Ha - I stood there like a dummy. When Alson Poste saved me by pulling out a package of cigarettes and gave him a "fag". Well, here comes five other British soldiers wanting a U.S. smoke. They about wiped out Alson's cigarettes. But he was a friend of theirs for life. They sure liked U.S. cigarettes. In Italy it was Hello Wash and Hi Charley, mud and mountains, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions.

Albert Liegl

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The following list shows the ones sending in donations to the Tiger Track fund since the December, 1988 mailing. Donations ranged from a dollar to fifty dollars, we thank you very much for supporting the printing and mailing of the Tiger Tracks paper.

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Deceased



Our sympathy to the families of these deceased members of the 776th. These are names and dates received after December, 1988 Tiger Tracks was mailed.

Glenn Bovill: 12-16-1988
Sidney Edelson: 10-30-1988
Bernie Simpson: 10-14-1988
Raymond Suess: 12-29-1988
James Cooper: 12-29-1988
Wm. "Bill" Dempsey: 10-27-1987
Donald B. Alfreds: 1-15-1989
C.M. Wickoren: 12-11-1988
Walter E. Lieberg: 1-29-1989
Erwin G. (Cowboy) Baiers: 1-8-1989
Melgard Larson: 2-23-1989

I have also received word of the death of Mrs. Sherman Westby, Mrs. Andy Bartha, and Mrs. Rolie Pringle.

A Beautiful Funeral Service?

"It was a beautiful funeral service." How can anyone say a funeral service is beautiful?

I stood grief-stricken at the graveside looking at the flag-covered casket and thinking it was all for naught. These people beside me so quiet and respectful. The preacher had said his final prayer. Is this all there is? Is it time to leave? No. A man in gray slacks, navy jacket and Legion cap began to speak. Beautiful words that I can't remember paid tribute to a dead comrade and his service to his country. Oh, yes, I remember, he was a Marine, or was it a Soldier. When this man finished, another in like dress, standing at the head of the casket gave a prayer of interment. They then, as one, picked up the four corners of the flag and held it high above the casket.

I heard a voice of command and as I glanced behind me, six men all dressed in the same manner raised their rifles and

fired into the sky. The 21 gun salute that is given for Honored Service Personnel was being given here for my friend! Immediately the strains of Taps floated out over the free country air of the cemetery, swelling my heart with patriotic pride. "All is well, safely rest, God is nigh".

Another command was given and the Honor Guard stood at "Present Arms". By the casket, the flag was being folded in snap precision, a poem read and a sharp salute as the flag was presented to the widow in honor of his service to the country.

"He was just an ordinary guy", you say. "Why all this pomp and ceremony?"

He was a VETERAN! Veterans are very special people and have earned the right to be honored even in death!

It WAS a beautiful service!

The Honor Guard will perform this service for YOU! Call us.

This writing made national military magazines. I'm a rifleman in this detail.

John Love

March 28, 1989

Dear Albert and Betty,

First thing I will clear my conscience, then I may think of something to write about. I am indebted to someone for the reunion bulletin of the '88 gathering. Here is a token for him if you can remember who has it owed to him. If not, apply it to the cause. (Thanks Jack, but I believe you sent me some money in the past two years, so I mailed you a bulletin).

I don't have to mention the weather. T.V. keeps the nation informed. I will include the precip. for March. Those who spent six months or so at Carlyle in '42 can rehash the wet clothes and wet feet.

We have a lottery in Wash. A group of 12 employees had an agreement, to each pool their tickets and if there was a winner, split it. So it happened.

That isn't the way it is. One of the 12 when she found they had a winner put a dollar in the box, took the winner out and took off for Olympia to get the money. While enroute there, friends found out something was wrong. The boss called the lottery office so things are on hold. The jackpot was for four million. I guess if there is enough money involved friendship ceases.

I do a lot of reading. I got tired of the modern day authors. I changed the format. The modern authors characters are all virgins up to a point and invariably rich. It got monotonous. This winter I have read Hannibal, Genghis Kan, and Caesar. I'm now on Marshall Zhukov, (very interesting). The Russian Army was almost fatal to be in. This book I have is written from his account of the battles of Moscow, Stalingrad, Leningrad, etc. Then too, I just read a book "Call It Sleep" by Henry Roth. It was written in 1934 and kept hidden more or less for thirty years. I threw this in, in case some of you bookworms want to check into it. I grew up with 2nd generation immigrant kids who couldn't speak English until first grade. English plus German, Russian, Scandinavian. Those with English I could handle. "Call It Sleep" was first I had met up with Yiddish. Good night all.

Voile S. (Jack) Crowe

March 27, 1989

Dear Betty,

Am sending you another name to add to the list of deceased Vandals. Erwin Baier (we called him "Cowboy"). After we saw the notice of his death in the newspaper we checked with the funeral home in Garrison about funeral arrangements, etc. and found out his body had been sent to Staples, Mn. So we wrote to the funeral home there and got the enclosed information after they gave the letter to Erwin's sister.

Erwin used to visit us quite often in past years and helped with lots of little jobs!

Sincerely,
Leonard Fahlgren

An Apology

Dear Vandals,

You don't know me, but I feel as if I know all of you. For the past four years or so, I and my employees have had the pleasure of publishing the Tiger Tracks a couple of times each year for your group. The names and faces, dates and places that appear in Tiger Tracks each issue have become very familiar to us.

Now that I have softened you up a bit, I will get to the purpose of this note, which is to apologize for the March issue of the Tiger Tracks being published nearly two months behind schedule. No, Betty and Albert did not run off to their winter home in the Bahamas and forget about it. The straight Scoop is as follows.

On March 14th, the building next door to ours caught fire, heavily damaging most of our equipment and material. After the smoke had cleared we were able to go in and, fortunately, recover Betty's material. Most of it was discolored and soggy and some of the photos were ruined, but after it dried out we were ready to go to work and finally get your paper to press.

I will close by saying that we are proud to have served the 776th and look forward to seeing Betty the next time she shows up on our doorstep with another edition of the Tiger Tracks.

Sincerely,
Vern McShane
Publisher, Linn News-Letter



Part of car decoration at parade time November 11, 1988. I was very proud of both outfits.

John Love



Clara and Al Zeeb helping Betty



Madelyn Grundhoefer, Florienne Grundhoefer and Nyle Rasmussen



July, 1988 Minot, North Dakota

1988 Christmas Messages

December 11, 1988

Dear Betty & Al:

We are getting all buttoned up for the winter of 88 & 89 and since we had such a dry summer we are all hoping for bunches of snow or some type of moisture prior to next spring.

Alice and I met Don Anderson (and Cheryl) in Longmont, Colorado in late October. Very possibly you have the details from Andy or Don by this time but if not both of us visited the Holiday Inn (at different times) and it seems to be an excellent choice. Bartha did a great job on the initial contacts and Don has followed through on other items. It would seem to me that we will have no problems in operating "long distance" until just a couple of days before the reunion.

We have also received our copy of the 1988 Re-Union Bulletin and I have a question as to the minutes and disbursements. The minutes state that \$500 was to be taken from the registration funds and given to charity. My motion was that \$500 was to come from the treasury (no problem with registration funds if that be the case). In any event I note that \$292.85 was returned to the 776th treasury but there is no mention of the \$500.00.

My question is: Has the \$500.00 from the treasury been sent to the Minot Reunion Committee? If not, it would seem that this would be a great time of year to have them give it to some worthwhile cause.

If the \$500.00 was given to the Minot Reunion Committee then I think it would be appropriate to include such a fact in the next newsletter to include what charity received such funds.

Happy Holiday Season,

Chet Vosburg

(I do believe about the day Chet sent this letter, he received the December issue of the Tiger Tracks and it answered his questions. December issue has the Thank's from organizations receiving the money. B.L.)

Christmas, 1988

"It is my joy in life to find at every turning of the road, The strong arms of a comrade kind to help me onward with my load; And since I have no gold to give, and love alone must make amends, My only prayer is, while I live -- God make me worthy of my friends."

Author unknown.

That real Christmas feeling, that warm, friendly glow comes from greeting people we're happy we know!

Happy Holidays to each of you!

The game of golf continues to afford me an opportunity to enjoy great fellowship, beautiful scenery and a modicum of exercise. Mix it with many get-togethers with friends and January through May in Green Valley just flies by.

Cheryl and family and I once again enjoyed Steamboat Springs, CO in early June and after some additional pleasant days in Loveland, I set off for Moorhead.

Wait a minute! I'm going too fast! Sisters Bernice and Jeanette, and niece Judy enjoyed the flowers, especially the aza-

leas with me as we toured East Texas with stops at the Villages near Tyler and Holly Lake Ranch, near Hawkins. This trip also gave me a chance to reminisce with WW II friends.

Years of military service were recognized when I received the following from Minnesota Governor Rudy Perpich:

"I consider it a distinct honor to present you with the attached State Commission in the Minnesota Army National Guard promoting you as a Brevet Brigadier General in the Infantry Corps."

In May it was off to Tennessee to share Thunder Hollow and Fairfield Glade with friends. What a beautiful state! A day in Knoxville reminded us of happy times at Moorhead State as we visited classmates.

The summer in Moorhead, as hot and dry as it was, went all too quickly, and there wasn't nearly enough time to visit my many friends and relatives. Dedication of the new National Guard Armory gave me a chance to visit with long time Guardsmen friends.

Our WW II Reunion in Minot, ND was one of the best and now we look forward to the 1990 Reunion at the Holiday Inn, Cheyenne, WY, July 1 -3.

In September, Lynn and family took time out from busy work and school schedules and their Suburban carried us to Massanutten Mountainside Villas near Harrisburg, VA, where we headquartered at a spacious condo. We alternated days of recreation at the Village with trips to Washington, DC and Williamsburg, VA. It was our pleasure, too, to visit friends and relatives and my good fortune to extend my stay for an additional week -- first with the Robinsons and then the McDonalds.

October included the return trip to AZ, via ND friends, and a delightful stay in Loveland.

November found me on a solo trip to Inverness at Walden, near Conroe, Texas. There I enjoyed a great golf course and got in the Christmas spirit.

Now as I look forward to the Holidays in Colorado, Dec. 22 - Jan. 4, I am wishing you an old-fashioned Christmas to share with those you love!

God's blessings to you and yours!

Don Anderson

Hi;

I'll bet you two are real busy with Holidays so close.

We are pretty good. Walter is doing better. The chiropractor is helping. Its slow but takes them about ten days apart now. He doesn't have so much pain. Can walk some better and little longer, if he doesn't hurry.

Thanks for picture of me and ice cream. Walter shows it to everyone.

We have a nice Thanksgiving, went to one of my daughter's homes then on to a niece I raised through high school. So we have a fun time, lots of relatives. Was nice to get away from home for five days.

We will have Christmas with Walter's son and family.

Take care, think of you often. We look at pictures a lot from reunion and show them to all kids.

Norma and Walter (Alson) Poste

Dear Folks,

Just a line to let you know I am not the best, I am in the hospital but hope they can do something.

Sorry I did not get to Minot, I only live a hundred and some miles from there. Am sending some money to help out on some postage. Was in the hospital last year at Christmas and my wife also at the same time but she passed away the 29th of January, 1988.

Sure enjoy the paper.

Yours,

Ed

(No last name on the card, didn't notice until I had destroyed the envelope. I assume it is from Ed Carlson, hope that is right. B.L.)

Good to see you folks in Minot. We thought it was a great reunion. We went on to Winnipeg and then on home from there. Also visited the Peace Garden.

Lowell and Eileen Hilton

Hello to you,

Good to see you again. We took in the Peace Gardens after leaving Minot. We met about twelve TD people there. All from B Company. Why?

John and Helen Love

Dear Betty and Albert,

I hope that this letter will find you both in good health, and that you are enjoying life.

I am well and happy. I miss Victor so very much, but life does go on. I have four loving children and in-laws and ten beautiful grandchildren. And they all help me through these Holidays.

Are you ready for Christmas? I guess that I have to be ready.

I had my left foot operated on Nov. 16th in Columbus, Oh. I am on crutches, not able to put any weight on that foot. They chipped bone from my hip to put on top of the foot so it will heal. Kind of hard to get around but I do manage. And it could be so much worse.

God has blessed me in so many ways and I really don't have any complaints, if we feel that we have problems, just look around and someone has a lot worse than we do. So I just count my blessings am thankful and happy.

Albert how did your crops do this year? We really had a hot and dry summer. Today it is trying to snow, the temperature is around 38°.

My family is all well, and we will have our Christmas December 23, my daughter-in-law is on call all day Christmas so they have to stay in Fostoria, O. But the other three children will all come again on Christmas Day.

Hope that you folks will have a beautiful Christmas and New Year. Take care, write when you can, and if and when you ever come to Ohio, please stop in. I live at the same place and you are always welcome.

Your friend,
Louise Schmenk

Dear Friends,

We had such a wonderful time this summer at the 776 reunion.

We're in our house in the Mountains with elk around the house every night. Have a happy holiday season.

Bob and Mary Greenway
(Thanks for the address you sent, but I have had him on mailing list for some time. Best to have it twice than not at all. Betty L.)

Christmas 1988

Dear Betty and Albert:

I just carried up a pile of firewood from the firewood pile to get my morning exercise. I also feed our livestock (birds), boy do they eat when the temperature drops to zero. I also brought the tire pressure in the cars up to thirty-six pounds. So, since Nell has the turkey in the freezer we are ready for Christmas! I got ahead of myself as I have a beautiful Christmas tree frozen into a five gallon pail of water near the back door. A pail of hot water and a sledge hammer will prepare it for the holder. One son-in-law and his, and my, latest replacement (grandson) do the decorating.

I just received a holiday greeting card from Virginia Edelson, the wife of Dr. Sidney Edelson. We have exchanged Holiday Greetings and family news every year since about 1947 when I was at Garden City, Long Island Field testing a four row potato planter that I was working with. I spent a memorable Sunday with Sid, Virginia and their children Robert and Julie.

Virginia's letter reads as follows:

Dear Etlar and Nell:

This has been a very bad year for us. Sid had his second stroke on June 26. He was recovering very slowly and was very depressed. He just wanted to sleep. God was very good to him. Sid had a massive heart attack and died on Oct. 30. He went to sleep. I miss him dreadfully. I shall stay on here.

Virginia

For the men of the 776th who came to know Sid as I did, they know he was a very compassionate and understanding individual, a wonderful friend and a good doctor. He will be missed very much.

Our little imported doll (live one) from Korea has been a blessing. She is a beautiful smiling, laughing, happy bundle of joy.

We were planning to meet the airplane together with all other family members, about Christmas time, to greet another similar little doll for Mary and David. They had given her a name, everyone was buying presents for her and we all carried around pictures of her. Last Saturday Mary and David were informed that "Elizabeth's" (Mee Won Park) health was such that she could not be let out for adoption. The whole family was devastated and Mary still can't talk enough to tell us more details.

As ever,

Etlar and Nell Henningsen

Otela "Pete" Robert's card reads: "The very best part of every December is taking some moments to remember the wonderful, special people who are so important ... Like all of you! in the 776 T.D. Merry Christmas.

Thanks for the Reunion Bulletin, sure made me homesick to see all. Hope to make next one. I'm working on it.

Dear Friends:

My health seems to improve some right along. I hope I will be able to go to the Iowa mini reunion this year.

Yours,

Jim Dautremont

Dear Albert and Betty and Vandal,

Its that time of year to get cards and letters in the mail to old friends. It will soon be six months since we were all at Minot. It was a great reunion, we met some new faces and missed some who did not make the trip.

We've seen Helen and John Love a couple of times and Bonnie and J.T. Newman. J.T. still has good and bad days with his heart. We missed the Raptured Duck meeting for December at Tulsa. We had a card from John and Helen. Have two or three pictures you might want to use in Tiger Tracks.

Joe and I are staying reasonably well. I guess you might say we stay too busy to be sick. A week after we returned from Minot the Auxiliary President resigned and I moved up to President of our V.F.W. Auxiliary. As Jr. Vice Commander, Seam Squirrel for Military Order of Cooties and a member of Color Guard, Joe stays busy.

Our Thanks to Melvin Heere and his reunion committee for a great job on the 1988 Reunion!!

Best Wishes to Liegl's and family and all Vandals for a Healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

Joe and Clara Calvert

Dear Betty and Al,

Merry Christmas! We just arrived in Arizona on Dec. 7th. We had such a busy fall we couldn't leave before then.

Norm and I went on a thirteen day bus tour to points East and Wash. D.C. We saw so many interesting things. This was our first bus tour and are ready to try it again sometime.

Two days after our bus trip, Norm joined his son on a deer hunting trip. This was his first deer hunting trip. He got a three point buck one half hour after it opened so was very lucky.

So we were about ready to pack up for Ariz., when Norm's daughter in Phoenix called and wanted to come home for Thanksgiving. So her fiance flew in from Kansas City and joined us too. Ended up we had fifteen for dinner and it was fun. Then a week later we got serious, packed up and left.

Had lots of company last summer. Spent ten days on a trip to Lake Tahoe. Norm's youngest daughter was married on a sailboat on Lake Tahoe. It was a beautiful spot for a wedding and an exciting, fun time. So all in all we've had a busy, fun 1988.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and much happiness and good health in the New Year.

Lavonne and Norm Wahlund
(No wonder you didn't have time to make it to Minot in July!!)

It was nice to hear from you again.

It's that time of the year that I have to send my one Christmas card.

We had about six inches of snow today and its pretty cold about five below zero.

We sure had a dry summer this year, no crop at all.

I hope to see you in Cheyenne in 1990

As Ever,

Jerome and Anna Neis

Hope you all are well. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year.

Gaston and Benny Boatright

(Hope to see you two at Cheyenne in 1990.)

1988 has been a wonderful year for us. A year full of being with family and friends and yet time to appreciate our gifts of home and health.

Trinity Hospital closed it's School of Nursing this year and in June an "all class" reunion was held. About 800 of us relived years of nursing experiences.

In July the 776th. Tank Destroyer Bn. reunion was held in Minot. It was our privilege to co-host a wonderful time.

In August we went to Sacramento to help Susan, Ed and Sara move into their own lovely home. Sally, Jerry and boys live only a few miles from them. Sara and Peter go to the same school.

In September we left San Francisco for Germany and spent a month visiting Pat, Jay, Paul and Michelle in Stuttgart. We did get to Munich for the real Oktoberfest. That was an experience.

We returned to Minot in October, and now are making plans to go to California for Christmas. It's a wonderful time of the year.

We wish you a BLESSED CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Buck and Lill Backlund

Dec. 1988

Dear Betty and Albert,

Well, here we are again getting all ready for Christmas in '88, then there is this New Year coming in sixteen days. Well, I do hope its a good year for everybody.

We sure had a hot summer, but all made it O.K. And I do hope you and your family and all are O.K.

We are home, so much gets lonely here. We sure enjoyed it with you all in Minot. We all hope we get together in Cheyenne, Wyo. Our daughter Charlene lives there now. So sure would make it nice to stay there.

We were to a threshing bee in Makoti, N.D. October first, we saw John Bartelson and his wife of Parshal, N.D. had a good visit.

Have a nice Christmas and a Blessed New Year. John says we'll see you all in Cheyenne in 1990.

Selma and John Ehli

Hi,

Missed everyone at the reunion because Millie wouldn't go and I couldn't leave her for that long.

We are pretty good, slogging along. Haven't heard from anyone in 776 since the reunion.

It's like I smell bad!! Was there a change in administration? I notice there has been no Tiger Tracks.

Hope you guys are well, happy and all set for a good Christmas and New Year

Millie keeps draggin' out the Christmas junk and lookin' for help.

We don't even have our tree yet and only half of shopping done. But we have plenty food and drink and you're invited!! We are expecting "hordes" this year. And bring your dog with you. Ha!!

Leon F. Sanford and Family
(Leon received the T.T. about the time I got his card, he also received a bulletin a little late but now he knows all the news from the 776th. B.L.)

Dec. 1988

Dear Betty and Albert:

It was a surprise to open up the T.T. and see the history of Massing of the Colors and mention of the Portland Chapter of the M.O.W.W. Even if I say so myself it was the best ever. We had over sixty Patriotic Organizations in the area send a color guard and the 234 National Guard Band furnished the music. As you mentioned this was our 25th (Silver) Anniversary. I have belonged to this unit for the last fifteen years or so. It is certainly a very moving ceremony. I must have sent you a Massing of the Color program. We had our December meeting last night, it is too bad the paper came today, because I would have enjoyed reading the article to the people present. Thanks for printing the history.

I have been on jury duty the last two weeks. It has been interesting, but I am glad that I have completed my time.

Anita fell and fractured the proximal head of the left fibula. (Sorry if I misspelled any words, Betty). She is able to get up and around now with out too much trouble, but her leg swells if she is up too long.

I have been reading all the comments of the Minot reunion. It must have been a big success as usual. I think even more people will try to make the Cheyenne reunion because it will bring back many memories. I still think how cold it was going over the Rockies on the way to Ft. Lewis.

May the Lord bless and keep everyone and I will see you in Cheyenne.

Sincerely,

Gurney and Anita Caddy

Happy Holidays,

Sorry I didn't get to attend the reunion. I received my copy of the Reunion Bulletin. It was nice to see so many who did attend.

In September I flew to the state of Washington and spent ten most delightful days with Ann and Lyle Arneson and their families. It was just like old times. Went with them to see Willy and Irene Buckley and Bob Fischer was also there. It was so nice to see everyone again.

Winter is really here. Cold, only ten degrees above zero with a wind chill of eleven degrees below zero. No snow on the ground as yet, but it is in the forecast. Sure we'll have a nice white Christmas.

Love,

Lois Hubred

Dear Betty and Albert,

It is that time of year to send our holiday greetings to everyone.

We really enjoyed the Minot reunion. It was very well planned, hats off to the planners. It is always so nice to see that many at one time. We both enjoy the reunions.

Elmer had his throat biopsy in July and it turned out negative. No new cancer cells so we were both happy about that. No new medical problems and the old ones are on hold.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Joyce and Elmer Sarkilahti

Sincerely wishing you a Happy Holiday Season!

Ernie and Donna Wright

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

For me this is the happiest season of the year, to once again proclaim our Savior's birth to friends throughout this great country and to gather with our girls and their families for a day of celebrating His birth and good fellowship.

Their children have grown up too soon it seems. Karen's oldest son is 22 a Junior at a University in Los Angeles. The girls are 20 & 17. One is a sophomore in college here and the other a senior in High School. Kathy's oldest girl is 17, the next one is 16 and Marc, the youngest is 13.

I have been keeping busy doing volunteer work in the church office and tutoring foreign students in English at the Colorado State University here in Ft. Collins. Tutoring is a very rewarding experience, they are all so appreciative.

I spend some time during each summer in Nebraska, visiting Maurice's mother and brother. His mother is 88 years old and still in relatively good health. She still lives in her own home by herself. This past year she failed her driving test so she did feel a little dejected for a time.

I was glad to hear the next reunion is going to be held in Cheyenne, Wyoming. That is just an hour's drive from my home. God willing, I will try to attend. It would be great to see each one of you again.

I wish each of you a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Gwen Rochlitz

Dear Betty and Albert,

Hope this finds you both in good health and ready for Santa.

We are doing well, but sorry we had to miss the reunion. Tillie was scheduled for shoulder surgery, which was later cancelled but too late for us to make the reunion.

We did later travel through Yellowstone Park, it is still beautiful in spite of the burn. Saw hundreds of elk, buffalo, deer and moose but no bear.

Went to Boise, Idaho, found Nick Manfredo and wife Phyllis had a great dinner together and Nick and I got in a round of golf. Really enjoyed their hospitality.

Take care of yourselves and have a happy and healthy 1989.

To you and all of the "Vandals". Best wishes always.

Lee and Tillie McCulloch

(We will see you in Cheyenne in 1990 not too far from your place in Colorado, so get ready to meet all of us.)

Greetings!

So nice having your card and note. Bringing me up to date on your activities and the Tiger Tracks and its news, so many thanks from us all.

As for me, am in the best of health and spirits. Do a bit of welding and chain saw work every day. Weather has been so nice even dug up the garden and thinking about Spring. And know you are doing the same.

Regret I was not at the reunion, more power to you all. And I know its nice to have a few mini reunions. Many thanks to you Al and Betty for getting these started and keeping them going. A most worthy accomplishment. Bringing so much pleasure to all and Tiger Tracks we read cover to cover with much pleasure.

Merry Christmas
"Doc" Bert Wible

Dear Betty and Albert,

I get this out once a year and it's a little stiff, but it'll loosen up. Got you're card and next year's meeting sounds inviting. Don't know if I'll make it. As of now we don't have any plans. Never know what will come up in the next month or two.

Our trip to Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji was the best yet. Good food, accommodations, weather, everything. Took off from Salt Lake and 26 hours later we were in Cairnes. That's on the northern end of Australia. Went out to the Great Barrier Reef, about 26 miles out. We took the under water tour and could see all kinds of fish, coral formation, and all that stuff. It was wintertime there but all I needed was a light jacket. Another nice thing, we could drink the tap water, eat fresh fruit and language wasn't a problem or money. Except that everything was about three times as much as at home. Flew to Brisbane for a day at the EXPO-88. Didn't have enough time to really see it all. Flew to Sydney that night. A lot to see in Sydney, the Opera House was fantastic. Didn't get in as they were having rehearsals, sure is big. Their Zoo was really something, Koala, period. Another thing, most of the buses had big frame work over the front of the radiator, Kangaroo's are a hazard, like Jack Rabbits in our country, except bigger. Flew to New Zealand for three days. Didn't get to see much, and colder than in Australia. Did see the cave with all the glow worms, all new to me. Flew back to Sydney and then to Fiji. That was the most relaxing place of all. Our room was right on the beach and when the tide was in it was three ships and one giant step to the water. Coconut trees all around, I even went native, glad you can't see the pictures. Cracked a couple coconuts just for the experience. The natives do it a lot easier than I did, but the end results were the same.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Elmer and Margaret Thompson

Dear Betty and Albert,

Nice seeing you all at Minot. How can anyone say anything more than what was written in reunion bulletin. Thanks to Melvin Heere and committee for a well planned reunion. And you Betty, need more than a pat on the back for you are the one that started it all at Cedar Rapids, Ia. I wish to express appreciation for all the years and effort you gave to the 776 reunions to promote what it is today.

Kay Nelle and family will be here Christmas.

Have a Happy Holiday Season and everything good in the coming year.

Joe Slatkoski

All is well here so far. Still go dancing a lot, got to keep old bones moving. Otherwise staying home getting old.

I'm sorry I can't get Ed to go to the reunions. I really wanted to go see North Dakota, couldn't persuade him to go. Happy Holidays.

Ed and Vernie Filipiak
(We will have to convince you to come to the reunions, they do some dancing at the reunions. I believe I did hear some polka music at the last one you would have enjoyed that. Expect to see you in Cheyenne, B.L.)

Hi,

Christmas is moving far too fast. Or maybe we are getting slower.

Hope this finds you folks O.K. We're doing better right now. Hope and pray it continues. Amby has been in and out of the hospital, this past year. Was real sick after they gave him the radioactive (not sure I spelled this correctly. B.L.) implant, but he is doing much better now. He doesn't have to go back until Jan. so we thought that was a good sign.

We haven't had much snow, that is good. As far as we are concerned we don't need a white Christmas.

Sure hated to miss the reunion. Heard you had a nice one, DeKock's, Joe S. and Barthas stopped by on their way home from the reunion. We were so glad to see them, they filled us in on the reunion.

Hope you have a nice Christmas and a Happy new Year.

We're looking forward to the mini reunion. Hope to get to the next big reunion.

Amby and Gerry Kommes

Hi,

We sure enjoyed the reunion, not having been to one since '82, it was so nice to see old friends and Steve sure enjoyed seeing all his buddies again. Happy Holidays!

Helen and Steve Karwowski

Dear Betty and Albert,

We are wishing all the best to you two. 1988 has had a few ups and downs for us, but considering everything its been a good year.

James had a beautiful recovery from surgery of a bad kind a year ago.

The Christmas season is here and along with a "Merry Christmas" to all, we are sending a check for Tiger Tracks. We look forward to each issue.

We really enjoy our home in the country. And invite any buddies and family to visit if ever in Northeast Texas.

Best Wishes,

James and Dorothy Cargile

Really feels like winter, now, could use moisture. Maybe we will get some. I am getting along fine.

We miss Evard, but that is life. I am on the farm, Jay comes every day. Have a good neighbor close by.

Went to California late September, stayed a month. Have a new granddaughter. Have fourteen grandchildren.

I wish you Season's Greetings!

Marcella Montag

Enclosed find a check to help with Tiger Tracks expenses. Hope you have a great Holiday Season.

Our regards to all the Vandals.

Be sure and look us up when you are down our way in Florida.

Eleanor and Mike Bellero

Dear Betty and Albert,

We're spending the winter in Phoenix with our bachelor son Mike.

It was so nice to see you at Minot. What a great reunion!

Hope you have a good year on the farm. Our best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year.

Clancy and Velma Byrne

Christmas Messages cont'd.

Hi,

We are both well. Sure would like to see you and your farm but our traveling days are over, unless Esther's back and hips get better. Riding in the car or flying sure gives her back pains. So, California is as far as we get.

You sure had rotten weather for farming. We had enough hot weather to cause problems. Hope we all get enough rain and snow this year to make '89 a better year.

I'm sure slowing down. Seems as if it takes forever to get anything done around here, and only five acres to take care of. Would never make it if I had a place your size. If anything weighs over ten pounds I don't lift it.

Looked but could not find pictures of the Waltons in the '88 Reunion Bulletin. (Yes, they were there. Must have missed the picture taking).

Steve and Esther Stephens

Was happy to get your card and few words. All is going O.K. here. Flo is still working in Retail, been there 27 years. I retired three years ago in February. Enjoy every day. Would be better if we could go places. Flo don't drive so I'm running taxi for her.

We have had snow the last few days, also rain and freezing. Makes it nasty driving. Lets hope we can make Cheyenne to the next reunion. God willing. Have a good year.

Howard and Flo Holland

Dear Betty and Albert,

Time to write Christmas letters again. Seems like this is the only time of year I get in a writing mood!!

We were sorry we couldn't make it to the reunion last summer. Clancy and Velma said you had a nice turnout and a good time. I think most of our traveling days are over Henry's eyes have gotten so bad that he doesn't like to get very far from home. They are very gradually getting worse. The nerves in the retinas are deteriorating and there is nothing that can be done. So the days get pretty long and boring when he doesn't drive or read much.

We had a long, hot dry summer, but crops were good. Wheat made from thirty to fifty bushels and cattle prices were up when we sold the calves in October. Got the cows in the corn field so our chores are at a minimum. Its cold and dry now but fall wheat looks good, could use some moisture.

Hope you have a good year and have a Happy Holiday Season.

Always,
Florence & Henry Jackson

Hi Betty and Albert,

Sorry I couldn't make the reunion in Minot -- perhaps can get to Cheyenne for the next one! I was in Phoenix the end of June helping daughter Kay and her husband move into their new house. Bob retired from the Army so they moved from Michigan to Arizona. I plan to fly there next week to spend Christmas with them.

Am planning a Hawaiian cruise in January and really looking forward to that. Happy Holidays!!

Lucille Martin

Dear Betty and Al,

Just was great to attend the reunion this summer. Nice meeting so many of Art's Army buddies again.

It still is dry around here. We had a few snow flakes come down, but one of these days it will start out.

If our health holds out maybe we will see you at the next reunion.

We hope you have a Merry Christmas.

As Ever,
Arthur and Lydia Stern

Greetings!

Our winter has been mild and only nine inches of snow. We may go to Texas in January and February. Last year we enjoyed it there.

We look back on a busy and exciting summer. Of course the reunion started off real great. Accommodations, food and all were exceptional. Cheyenne should be a great place too.

We've both had flu, so this week we've gift shopped and did some Norwegian baking. (Lots of lefse and KrumKake).

Hope your family will enjoy the holidays and have a great year in '89.

Dee and Conklin Hansen

Thanks for your "Tiger Tracks". We're spending the Holidays interviewing candidates for West Point and taking both Cadets and recent (class of '85) graduates around to visit local schools.

Had a great "By-Invite" Orlando with candidates and parents. Also ran a holiday Red Cross Blood Drive at Patrick AFB.

Today we're off to Orlando to see one of the "Broadway Series" plays. Lunched with Paul and Pat Yeoman's last week at Disney World.

Fondly,
Jack and Louise Dibble

Dear Betty and Albert and All the Vandals!

It seems so short a time ago we were enjoying ourselves in Minot. And now Christmas is almost here, and as usual I haven't completed my shopping.

Between the V.F.W. and our grandkids, Hazel and I don't seem to have much leisure time. We are hosting the V.F.W. State Convention here in June. THE Jerry Lewis will be our Key Speaker, so if any of the Vandals happen to be in the area, drop in at the Quality Inn.

Seems like each reunion gets better than the last. The one at Minot will be hard to top.

Hope this finds you and yours well and enjoying life.

Sincerely,
Nyle and Hazel Rasmussen

Happy Holidays:

Trusting this will find you and yours hale and hardy - surviving the drought in good shape. We and another couple were down your way in June and July. Took a tour to the Northwest by way of Indianola. Saw a lot of dry countryside. All this coincided with the reunion. Sorry we missed it. Hope to see you soon.

Ed and Eldora Stepaniak

Dear Betty and Albert,

Drat -- missed the reunion again. And missed seeing you two.

Norma and Frank Young

Dear Albert and Betty,

We got the Tiger Tracks newsletter in the mail a few days ago. Enjoyed reading all the news.

We had hoped to make it to the reunion this past summer, but with my health the way it is, traveling is pretty hard on me.

We have a granddaughter named Carlie. She is a year old. She is ours and our son and his wife's baby girl, and she is such a delight to her grandpa and grandma. Now I know that happiness really is being a grandmother!

Jerry has a little more than eighteen months till retirement time. Needless to say we are both looking forward to that time. We're anxious to get to our country property. Best Wishes.

Jerry and Louise Steadham

Dear Albert and Betty,

Sorry we missed the reunion again. Clem isn't feeling too good. He has high blood pressure and trouble with his eyes.

We had a bad year. Clem lost two of his brothers just two months apart. Then we lost our dog after having her for nine years, just like one of the family.

We are having nice weather here hope it stays that way.

Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Clem and Frances Hook

Dear Betty and Albert,

We sure had a hot summer didn't we. I went to Minn. in Sept. and seldom left the house too hot.

I am not going to Minn. this year we're having Christmas the 30th. My daughter Susan is coming to Jim's after Christmas. Jim got married last September, his wife works at Iowa I.C.C. Central. She helps people with tests and getting jobs. They live in Fort Dodge.

Barney is the same as last year. Will close for now.

Shirley Herrington

Dear Betty & Al,

We were sorry we weren't able to attend the reunion in Minot. We heard it was a good one.

We were in Minnesota in August. Mary Lunde got a group together while we were in Minneapolis. We also visited the Scotts in St. Cloud.

Bill Cole has written that he and his friend, Millie Johnson, are coming this way but haven't seen them yet.

Our good wishes to you and your family for the holiday season and a good and healthy new Year.

Love,
Paul & Eddie Sundberg

Merry Christmas from Ky and Nadra Wolfe. (Have you checked on the TDA monument at Ft. Hood lately. Trust it hasn't been moved. Betty L.)

Hi,

Enjoyed seeing you again. I always enjoy the reunions so much. Sounds as if plans are going well for 1990.

Hope you have a good Christmas and 1989.

Lois Laffoon

We wish you a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

Louise and Alice Pieper

It was nice seeing you at the reunion. We really enjoyed it.
Howard and Doris Wilson

Thanks a million for the reunion bulletin and the Tiger Tracks this year. I really appreciate what you're doing. Have a wonderful Christmas.

Fred Stolz

Dear Al and Betty,

Thanks for reunion pictures.
Lloyd and Evelyn Fikejs

From Royce C. Hays:

About the same old 6--7 with me. I did spend ten days in the hospital, my diabetes broke out in my big toe and got infected.

Dear Betty and Albert,

I hope everything is fine and the best of everything for you all. Sorry we couldn't be at the reunion. Dolly got sick, but is a little stronger now. We hope to make it to the next reunion.

Louie Barome and his wife came by about a month ago and was glad to see them. Got a card from the Douglas Brown family, they are close by so I'll go by and see them.

Love Always,
Sam and Dolly Randazzo

Dear Betty,

We had a wonderful time at the reunion. Alma enjoyed it as much as I did. You all done a wonderful job.

Alma and Afton Hilson

From The Liegl Farm

I want to say thanks to all of you who write and let me know of the death of a Vandal. Please remember to let me know if a wife survives so that I can keep her on the mailing list. I do know quite a few of you but I do not know everyone well enough to know if you have any immediate survivors.

Remember that I need your letters to keep the Tiger Tracks going. We have plenty of money in the treasury so you do not need to send any money. But please write so I have something to print in the paper. We will see you in Cheyenne, Wyo. in 1990 if not before. More about that reunion in the next paper.

Betty Liegl

I hope we never see another dry July and August like 1988. Cedar Rapids was the driest reporting spot in Iowa and we didn't get as much rain here near Central City as Cedar Rapids. We are only nineteen miles from downtown C.R. So it was DRY. I went through the drouth and grasshoppers in South Dakota in the 1930's but this was a diller. We chopped lots of the corn stocks for silage, then baled corn stocks for feed and bedding. Was nice of IDAHO to give Iowa some hay last summer. I don't know anyone that got any of the hay but it was nice of Idaho farmers to share hay with Iowa. I hope Iowa can share with Idaho some day.

It was so dry the Catholics used wine for holy water and Methodists used holy water to drink.

I like the letter from Etlar Henningsen having to take a few days off to rest up after getting home from the reunion. He must of overdone it singing Col. Barney's Troopers at the reunion, but if that wore him out, think of Toby Tobiasen. Now there's a man that put something into singing. I bet

Merry Christmas to you both,
We enjoy the Tiger Tracks so much and all pictures in it. Very interesting.

We don't get to these reunions as much as we like on account of our health. Wish we could get to Cheyenne, Wyo. and see all the improvement.

Sincerely,
Edward and Ruby Lukes

Dear Betty and Al,

Thanks for remembering me with the Tiger Tracks. A small token enclosed to help defray the cost of the postage. Merry Christmas.

Florienne Grundhoefer

Dear Betty,

Greetings from my wife and I in Florida, its lovely in Florida this time of the year. Am sending a little something for postage, enjoy reading the Tiger Tracks.

Martin Blume

Ed and Elsie Ferguson say they plan on going to the Keys again after Christmas. Best wishes for the new Year.

All our best wishes for the members and families of the 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

Quint and Liz Atkinson
(TDA)

Have a lovely Christmas!

From Doug and Sybil Brown

Toby had to take three weeks off after getting home to rest up. Now if you missed that reunion you missed one of the highlights of the reunion. Hang in there Toby, hope you can sing for us in Cheyenne.

Albert Liegl

March 10, 1989

Dear Betty,

Am sorry to inform you of Melgard's death in Yuma, Arizona February 23, 1989. We were spending the winter there and he got the flu and pneumonia. Was in the hospital ten days, then home for another ten. He never recovered strength afterwards and his heart problems is what he died from.

We have enjoyed your paper over the years and would like to send you a gift in his memory for the "Tiger Tracks". Thank you.

Marian Larson

March 24, 1989

Dear Liegls,

Its been quite awhile since we have been at a reunion due to Gib's health.

Now I have the sad news of reporting his death on February 25, 1989 at the Hadley Hospital at Hays, Ks. He was in and out of the hospital the past year but there was NO cure for his form of cancer.

I thought maybe you'd like to put his name in the deceased column the next issue of Tiger Tracks.

We enjoyed attending the meetings when he was able.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ilah Suhr

March 9, 1989

Dear Betty,

Enclosed find \$25.00 in memory of Paul G. Slater, who died in a farm accident on February 5, 1989. He always enjoyed reading 776 Tiger Tracks.

Sincerely,
Sally Slater

A LITTLE CONTEST

A beer to the first person that can identify "P60CA".
If you don't drink, then a chocolate milkshake to you.
Show up at the 1990 reunion to collect. Maybe I
should say the earliest postmarked card or letter
wins??????????

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
Gilbert H. Bangs
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
Charles Bennett
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
Al Bursau 4-2-85
Elbert R. Burton 4-2-77
Francis Callahan 2-25-77
Robert M. Campbell 10-21-85
Wilbur J. Carpenter
Edward M. Carroll 3-28-83
Anthony Casciello 10-12-77
Frank S. Childs, Jr. 6-75
Arthur I. Christensen 6-28-83
Jewell C. Christensen 12-19-75
James H. Cooper 12-29-88
Harry W. Cota 6-19-68
Clyde L. Covington
William Cunningham 8-1-83
Harry Curran
Henry Curran
Edward J. Czernicki 2-71
Robert W. Darling 8-30-73
Thomas H. Dautremont 11-16-82
James B. Davis 10-15-72
Leon F. DeCorte, Jr. 2-8-84
Irwin C. DeVitt
Jacob DeVries
Wm. W. (Bill) Dempsey 10-27-87
Ralph E. Dilday
Charles L. Diven
Vincent F. Doheny 2-5-73
Leonard P. Dorsch 11-18-75
Alan T. Dorsey 8-13-1961
Michael H. Duffield 7-4-86
Sidney A. Edelson 10-30-88

Leander W. Ege
Selmer M. Eliassen 1950's
Ted L. Erbstoesser
Alvin Erickson 7-13-88
William G. Erickson 6-23-68
Andrew C. Estes
David E. Evans 1976
Ralph G. Faller 9-8-78
William Faut 4-27-86
Merland Fisher 2-16-83
Thomas Floyd 12-81
Carl N. Ford 11-19-85
Arvid M. Forde 10-20-81
Allen L. Freeman 4-24-86
Harold W. Gallagher 12-13-81
George H. Galvin 1983
Harley P. Garner
Ira M. Gaulke
James M. Gerrard 1981
Stanley J. Gierut 1-10-82
William L. Gilligan, Jr. 7-29-79
Olney V. Glover 5-31-83
Perry J. Goodwin
Alfred Gortmaker 9-19-86
Harold Granlie 10-13-77
Bud Grant 1-29-86
Boyd I. Green 8-16-80
Wm. S. Griemes 10-13-85
Ross Grimes 11-74
Homer D. Grove 10-75
Ray Grundhoefer 3-4-87
Fred Guenther 5-17-81
Elmer Gullickeson 7-68
Carl G. Gunnarson 6-86
Cheslie Hakenson 9-28-75
Sammie E. Hallford 9-4-76
Louis Hamblin
Chester L. Hankins
Clifford Hauge
James W. Hayes 6-8-76
Lindsay Hayes 6-18-71
Henry Heil 5-10-72
Philip P. Heir
Edward Hendrix 12-29-86
John J. Hennessy
Jason C. Hensley 1952
Irving B. Henson 3-29-83
Andrew Herman 11-11-76
Lester Hill 12-16-85
Robert C. Hines 5-17-77
John J. Hoffer 3-2-80
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Joseph C. Hubred 2-21-71
Joseph L. Hulbert
Glenn A. Huseby
Ronald E. Hutchens 6-3-76
Leonard F. Ira
Burnett A. Ives 9-17-76
Frederick O. Jacobson 3-17-82
Orville Jacobson

Alden Johnson 12-13-76
Alf E. Johnson 12-4-78
Carl H. Jorgensen 11-10-83
Henry G. Joyce
Wallace A. Joyce
Ralph Kilburg
Jack King 12-4-84
Walter M. Kinkki 1-7-86
Donald Kolbo 2-9-88
Pius B. Kraft
Jake M. Kramer 11-70
Bill Krecklau 7-21-84
Erven R. Krentz
Ralph P. Kuhnert
Ledrue (Pat) Laffoon 4-11-76
Herbert H. Lance 3-30-86
Clem Landaker
Harry G. Lang 3-22-78
Harold W. Langford
Lewis A. Large 1-7-73
Clifford I. Larson 1978
Leland E. Larson 3-4-72
Melgard Larson 2-23-89
Milton S. Lawson 2-7-85
Edward Leatham
Orville R. Lee
Morris M. Lehman 1-22-79
V.E. Lemmon 9-13-77
Chet LePien
Walter E. Liebert 1-29-89
Arne Lindgren 9-7-74
Marvin R. Long 3-1-88
Curtis A. Lowry
Rudolph E. Mallon 1-19-76
Alphonse S. Manno 2-79
Jon A. Marlow 9-8-85
Major Rowland R. Martin
Nicholas Masica
A.R. Maxwell 10-29-86
John C. McCann 1-11-74
Mayo McCulloch 12-70
Reese McCulloch
Stanley McCulloch
Frank Meek
Frank J. Mehle 1983
Ralph O. Mikkelsen
Edward F. Miller 1987
Rex Miller 11-29-85
Henry Moen
Lester Moen 11-87
Orville A. Mohagen 1-24-83
Denzil D. Monday 4-11-87
Harlan Monroe 1972
Evard Montague 3-4-88
Daniel G. Moore 9-1-87
Col. Dwight E. Moorhead 11-65
Olen O. Nation 6-4-76
Jack Nellis 1981
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Oliver P. Nelson
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Russell V. Nyvall
Ernest R. Olson 7-70
Orville M. Osborne
J.D. Owen 1973
Jesse L. Owens 9-10-75
Harold P. Peihl 12-50
Raymond W. Perry 8-14-85
Edward R. Peterson
Floyd G. Peterson 10-27-86
Kenneth D. Peterson 2-73
Melvin Peterson
Paul W. Prellwitz 2-14-76
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Jack T. Prescott 2-19-80
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Lloyd G. Reitan
Leon R. Riddle 1969
Lawrence Rieger 12-71
Henry Ries
Don A. Riggs 1976
Ormas T. Roberts 6-8-78
Rawliegh W. (Pete) Roberts 12-31-53
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Milan Simich 12-78
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John Vrataries 5-2-76
John H. Wajda 8-12-81
C.B. Wam 5-19-75
Gene Warthan 3-23-87
John C. Welch 1963
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Sherman Westby 4-11-87
A.J. Whelan 12-82
John L. Whitaker
George M. White 4-25-87
C.M. Wickoren 12-11-88
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