

# 776 TIGER TRACKS

December 2000

55th Edition



*Joy* <sup>TO</sup> *THE* *World!*

Wishing you peace this holiday season.  
May your dreams take wing and may  
your joy know no boundaries  
Wishing you and your family  
*Happy Holidays.*

**Mrs. Albert Liegl**  
**776th T.D. Bn.**  
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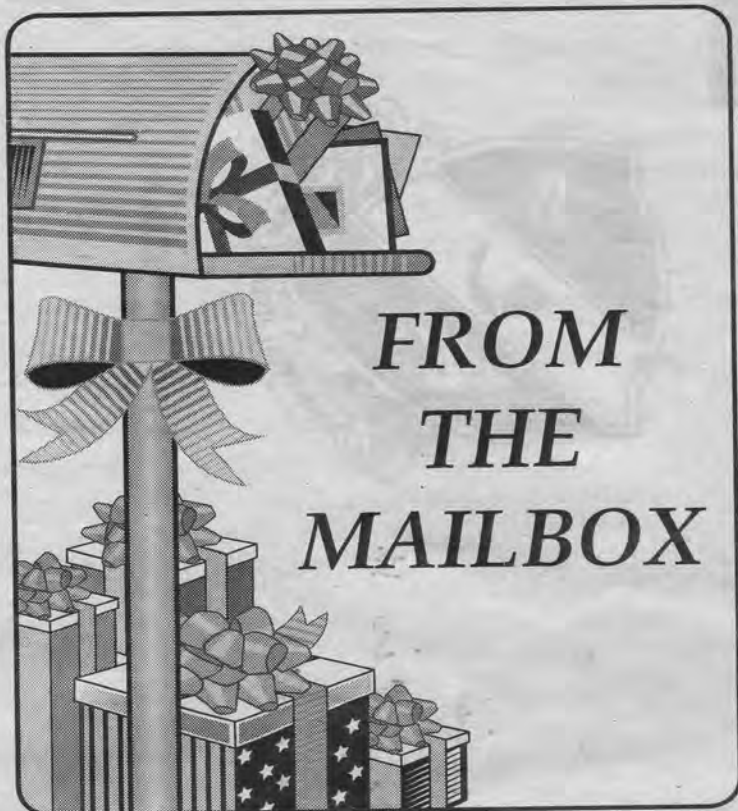
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**First Class**



**The Vandals**





October 19, 2000

Dear Betty,

Sorry we missed the reunion this year but we had this trip to Canada planned for a long time as our daughter and son-in-law went with us it was the best time for him to get away from his business. He is very busy most of the year.

I hope the reunion was a success and I'm sure it was. I guess I will find out where and when the next one will be when I get the *Tiger Tracks*. I hope, and it probably will be, not in September. As we are going to Austria and Italy in September 2001. At my age I don't know why we plan so far ahead.

We had a great time in Canada. We flew to Seattle. Rented a car and drove to Whistler, British Columbia. It is one of the nicest places I have ever been. I would recommend it to anyone. We did a lot of walking, shopping, took a trip to the top of a mountain on a gondola, played golf, and went canoeing down a river and Jean and I turned over twice. Soaked to the gills. By the time we got our canoe back to the rental place the sun was down and we were a little chilly. When we got back home it took us 4 days to recuperate. Jean's arm and leg were bruised. I guess she hit the side of the canoe. But we had a good time and we both said we would do it again.

Betty, I'm sending you some exercise tips:

I joined a health club last year, spent about \$400. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to show up.

You should exercise early in the morning before your brain figures out what you are doing.

If God meant for us to touch our toes he would have put them further up our bodies.

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

I have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.

The advantage of exercising every day is that you die health-

ier.

If you are going to try cross country jogging, start with a small country.

I don't jog, it makes the ice cubes jump out of the glass.

And when all things are said and done, just cut yourself another piece of pie (add a big gob of ice cream if you like) and enjoy the time you have left.

I always wanted to be a procrastinator, but never got around to it.

Dijon vu - the same mustard as before.

I am a nutritional over-achiever.

My inferiority complex is not as good as yours.

I'm having an out-of-money experience.

I plan on living forever. So far so good.

I'm not afraid of heights, just afraid of widths.

A day without sunshine is like nights.

I have kleptomania, but when it gets bad I take something for it.

If marriages were outlawed, only outlaws would have in-laws.

Life is an endless struggle full of frustrations and challenges, but eventually you find a hair stylist you like.

You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair as you once got from a roller coaster.

It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

Life not only begins at forty, it begins to show.

You don't stop laughing because you grow old, you grow old because you stopped laughing.

So long and have a merry

Xmas

Leland and Jean

To the Vandals,

Just a short note to say, I think the Reunion in 2000 went off very well. The Committee in Minnesota did an excellent job in coordinating the reunion and we all appreciated it very much. It was nice to see the group again and I hope you all can make it to Cedar Rapids in 2001.

We have decided to go back to the same hotel in Cedar Rapids. We were thinking of going to Davenport as Davenport would give us more places to travel to, but it was the consensus of the group in Minnesota to do more visiting and less traveling. We will have plenty for you to do in Cedar Rapids. We will be working very hard to bring you all a good reunion in Cedar Rapids in 2001.

I keep very busy with the American Legion and other programs.

The Holiday season is upon us and Joan and I Wish You All the Best. We are lucky our children all live within a 50 mile radius of DeWitt.

Leo Maynard

June 5, 2000

Dear Mrs. Liegl,

I doubt if I'll be attending the reunion because I am going to have a shoulder replacement this summer.

Enclosed is a donation to *Tiger Tracks*. I always enjoy it.

Dorothy Fahlgren  
935 20th Ave. SW  
Washburn, ND 58577

November 3, 2000

Dear Betty,

I am sending a donation for *Tiger Tracks*. It's fall again. Seems like the summer went fast. Have a few rain showers for a few days, no snow yet November 3. I go play Bingo at the Senior Center. Not much else to do.

Edith Keller

207 8th Ave. E. Apt. 110  
Lisbon, ND 58054

July 6, 2000

Dear Betty,

I've just received the *Tiger Tracks* and am so sorry to read of Al's death. I'm sure he is missed by many!!

Please pass the enclosed information along to the Vandals. John Griffin passed away very quickly, four months after his 81st birthday and 51 years and 11 months of our marriage. I miss him dearly but am so thankful that Rick and Paul are in Beaufort and Sara is only six hours away. Best regards to all,

Aline Griffin  
2 Planters Circle  
Beaufort, SC 29902

November 1, 2000

Greetings Friends and Relatives,

In lieu of holiday cards I am sending a note now for two reasons. I am moving into a condo and it is happening on Thanksgiving weekend, which will leave me with little time with all the activities going on during the holidays. The condo

I'm buying is a complex of 88 units and are divided by 4 units and have security entrances. I'm excited to be there - have two sisters living there already and have met several other people by now.

We've had a very nice summer and so far, fall has been beautiful too. Have not had a killer frost so the trees and shrubs are in their typical colors and look lovely. They threaten us with a cold winter coming but we'll just have to wait and see.

I have been doing fine - staying busy with things around the house and hand work, but for the next few weeks I won't have to worry about that. My families are all doing well - busy with their jobs, school or whatever.

Was in Spokane this summer with Marlene and Terry and attended a wedding. Chad, my grandson, got married there. Spent some time in Reno with Bill and Gloria as well. Always have a good time there. Had a family reunion in North Dakota - traveled with 3 sisters and spent some time with another sister in North Dakota. The 5 of us had a fun time. Since my family is quite large, I met a lot of cousins that I hadn't seen in years. It was a great time.

Have a Happy Holiday and a Healthy Happy New Year!!  
Love,

Ann Arneson  
700 124th St. SW #48  
Everett, WA 98204

## Happy Holidays from the Liegls

Together. Any mistakes you can blame on my typewriter or Rae Ann's computer.

The boys have finished our harvesting and trying to catch up on the other work. So far we are all doing O.K.

As you can see by the company pictures somewhere in this paper, that our Reunion was small but I do believe everyone had a good time. We had a good visit with those in attendance.

Plans are underway for the next Reunion in 2001. Unless something changes our

Greetings to the friends in the 776 T.D. BN.

I am hoping this newsletter is printed and in the mail before January 2001. I should have gotten my material out a few weeks earlier and to the printer earlier in November. Here it is a few days after Thanksgiving and I am trying to put everything to

mind the dates are September 14, 15, and 16, 2001 at the Sheraton Hotel in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

We still have the same Hospitality Room we had when we met there in 1994 and 1996. More about that later in our notices that we will be sending out as we finalize our plans.

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

From all the Liegl family,  
Betty, Pam, Dennis and Victor and their families.  
See you in 2001!



## Donations

Thank you to the following for donations to Tiger Tracks after the June 2000 *Tiger Tracks*. Sorry there were two at the Reunion who gave me donations and I missed writing their names in my notebook. Thank you all.

James B. Neilson  
Edwin W. Saeger of 807th  
Selma Ehli  
Vincent Manfredi  
Catherine Montgomery

Aline Griffin in memory of John Griffin  
Marian Kolbo in memory of Albert Liegl  
Edward L. Eden  
Dorothy Fahlgren  
Martin Tobiassen  
Dominic Manfredo  
Louis Barone  
Norm Lunde  
George Hines in memory of his father, Ernest Hines  
Harlund Bestul  
Edith Keller  
Russell Braden

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## Obituaries



### Ernest R. Hines

Ernest Raymond Hines was born on Wednesday, December 11, 1912 to John and Bertha (Elandson) Hines in Kintire Township, Redwood County, Minnesota. Ernest lived on the family farm is entire life and attended Belview Public Schools graduating from Belview High School in 1931. Ernest was a veteran of World War II. From 1942 to 1945 Ernest served as a gunner in the 776th T.D. Battalion. He saw action in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Rhineland and Central Europe. On August 23, 1947 Ernest married Amanda Standfuss at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Danube. Ernest was a member of the Belview American Legion and the Grace Lutheran Church. He was also president of the P.T.A. Ernest enjoyed traveling, fishing, hunting, reading, gardening, photography and playing cards.

Ernest died on Tuesday, September 26, 2000 in the Redwood Hospital at the age of 87 years, 10 months and 15 days. Services were held Friday, September 29th at Grace Lutheran Church in Belview, Minnesota. Interment was in Grace Lutheran Church Cemetery with Military Rites conducted by August Donner American Legion Post #309 of Belview.

He is survived by his wife Amanda; children George and wife Diane of Wonder Lake, Illinois, Garvin of Belview, Trudy Kidrowski and husband Paul of Willmar, David and wife Brenda of Spicer. Also surviving are grandchildren Corrine, Bonnie, Mandy, Jason, Justin, Blake, Ryan and Austin. Preceded in death by parents; two sons, one in infancy and Daryl Ray; three brothers, Elmer, John and Robert; and his two sisters, Cora and Berth.

### Paul W. Sundberg

Paul W. Sundberg passed away on September 20, 2000. He was born on December 17, 1917, in Braham, Minnesota. During World War II, he served in the 776 Tank Destroyer BN in North Africa and Italy.

Paul belonged to the Carpenter and Joiners of America in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and worked for the Kraus Anderson Construction Company.

He was a member of Valley Presbyterian Church, Elks Lodge BPOE 2592, American Legion Post 435 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in St. Louis Park, Minnesota, 260 Club, Minnesota Club, Cribbage Club, and he served on the Desert Meadows II board for three years.

Paul will be remembered for

his great sense of humor. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walfrid and Hannah Sundberg; and his sisters, Ruth and Hilma.

Survivors include his wife, Eddie; son, Doug of Seattle; sister, Helen Hokanson of Minneapolis, Minnesota; sisters-in-law, Ida Johnson, Verla Dombroske, Doris (Norman) Kolln; brother-in-law, Bernie Swenson; nephews and nieces; and many friends.

Remembrances may be made to the Carondelet Hospice or to the charity of the donor's choice.

A memorial service was held on September 28 at Valley Presbyterian Church.

### Frank Piatz

The funeral for Frank Piatz, 81, of Devils Lake, North Dakota, formerly of Harlow, was held Friday, June 30, 2000 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Leeds. Interment was in the ND Veterans Cemetery at Mandan. He died June 27, 2000 at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks.

Frank M. Piatz was born March 26, 1919 at Esmond, North Dakota, to Mike and Johanna Keller Piatz. He was raised near Fillmore and attended school there. He married Barbara Hoffert November 4, 1941 at Balta. He enlisted in the US Army and served in Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, the Rhineland & Central Europe from March of 1942 to October of 1945 with the 776th T.D. Bn. Co. A. After his discharge he returned to farm in the Fillmore area. In 1952 they moved to Harlow where they operated a tavern. He also worked for the Soo Line Railroad at Harlow until retiring in 1984. They moved to Devils Lake in 1998.

He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Leeds, the Harlow VFW and the Fish Lake Wildlife Club. He was an avid woodworker, card player and fisherman.

Survivors include his wife Barbara of Devils Lake; 4 daughters and 3 sons-in-law, Kathleen Weisbeck of Bismarck, Beatrice and Ken Miller of Clinton, Iowa, Carol and Don Redinger of Manitowoc, Wisconsin and Dorothy and Jim Buckmeier of Church Ferry; 3 sons and daughters-in-law, Frank Jr. and Marlene Piatz of Clinton, Iowa, Joel and Sue Piatz of Zion, Illinois and Donnie and Donna Piatz of Cooperstown; 17 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, Johnnie Piatz of Towner and Edwin Piatz of Harvey, North Dakota; and a sister, Katherine Hoffart of Bismarck, North Dakota.

### Nyle Albert Rasmussen

Nyle Albert Rasmussen, 82, of Pocatello, Idaho, passed away March 21, 2000, at his home from an extended illness with his family in attendance.

He was born March 9, 1918, in Bloomington, Idaho, a son of Joseph Peter and Bertha Anselina Rolph Rasmussen. He was raised on a ranch and educated in Georgetown, Idaho.

In 1938-41, he served in the last

National Guard Cavalry. He was discharged from the Cavalry, upon which he joined the Army to serve in World War II. He was a radio operator for 776 Tank Destroyer Recon Battalion, fighting in Italy and Africa, until 1945. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, serving in many leadership positions.

He married Hazel LaPriel Preece October 25, 1946, in Pocatello, Idaho.

He worked for the Railway Express as an agent for 30 years. Later he worked for Idaho State University as a custodial foreman. He retired in 1981. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He enjoyed anything that was outdoors. During his lifetime he was an avid fisherman, hunter, and instilled the love of the outdoors to his family. He was happiest when surrounded by his grandchildren and their laughter. He had a wonderful sense of humor and loved teasing anyone that let him.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel; daughters, Carolyn (Craig) Dudley and Jillene Shappart; stepsons, Freeman (Beverly) VanBrunt and Michael VanBrunt, all of Pocatello. He also had 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Deverl (Charlie) Rasmussen; sister, Nelda Girard; and grandson, Ethan Nyle VanBrunt.

Funeral services were held March 27, 2000 in the Henderson-Cornelison Funeral Chapel, Pocatello. Burial was in Mountainview Cemetery with full military graveside services by the Pocatello Veterans' Honor Guard.

### John Myrick Griffin, Sr.

John Myrick Griffin, Sr. was born August 10, 1919, in Ulmer, South Carolina, a son of John Mathew Griffin and Pauline Myrick Griffin. He attended Allendale County schools and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II with the 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion in the European Theatre. He moved to Beaufort in 1948 and operated a service station and marina in downtown Beaufort. He was a member of The Baptist Church of Beaufort and a member of the Harmony Lodge #22AFM where he was a 50-year life member. He was a longtime volunteer with the Beaufort Fire Department. He served 18 years on Beaufort City Council, serving as mayor pro-tem and council member from May 1965 to July 1979, and from July 1981 to July 1985. He was also a member of the S.C. State Fireman's Association.

Surviving are his wife, Aline Spivey Griffin of Beaufort, South Carolina; two sons, John Myrick Griffin, Jr. and Paul Spivey Griffin of Beaufort; a daughter, Sara Jane McGown of Knoxville, Tennessee; a brother, Cave Arthur Griffin of Callahan, Florida; a sister, Sara Griffin Thomas of Ulmer and five grandchildren.

The family suggests that memorials may be made to The Baptist Church of Beaufort Building Fund.



# Deceased Members of the 776th

Howard Adams  
Edward S. Adolph 5-3-96  
Donald B. Alfreds 1-15-89  
Quentin E. Allen 11-19-78  
Ira E. Amerman 12-7-61  
Alvin E. Anderson  
Andrew C. Anderson  
Charles A. Anderson 9-11-82  
David Anderson 7-95  
Hartley Anderson  
Newell C. Anderson 1984  
Walter Sigwald Anderson 8-11-98  
Frank W. Andrasak 3-25-61  
Lyle H. Arneson 7-14-90  
LeRoy Arthur 9-3-1985  
Robert W. Artz  
William D. Austin  
Michael Babylon 1984  
Edward Backman 12-25-99  
Erwin G. Baier 1-8-89  
Andrew Bakalar, Jr. 11-76  
Ross W. Baker 12-7-94  
Clarence B. Bakken  
Rudolph A. Bakken 5-31-96  
William Ball 1-1999  
James C. Ballem 7-11-89  
Gilbert H. Bangs  
Clyde Barham 10-13-89  
James C. Barker 4-8-74  
Bryan W. Barnard 6-10-00  
Col. James P. Barney 9-1-77  
Eugene B. Bartlett 3-3-76  
Robert W. Bartley 2-28-99  
Clarence Bauer 11-20-79  
Duane M. Baukol  
Albert Baumgart 3-26-92  
Donald Beberg 6-28-99  
Myron V. Bell 10-28-90  
Weston Bell 5-14-89  
Charles Bennett  
Jack Berger 10-9-89  
Efford Bernstrom 8-9-99  
Edward Berscheidt 2-26-92  
Jim Fred Best 10-22-94  
Holmes H. Bevington 7-16-98  
Ray Bible 11-8-94  
Joseph F. Biermann 11-13-78  
Ed Billings 9-30-81  
Walter A. Binsz  
Raymond B. Bloms 2-8-83  
Edward E. Blume 7-17-90  
Martin Blume 6-2-93  
Gaston Boatright 9-26-97  
Paul Bonderenko  
Clayton Bonness 12-20-98  
Glenn L. Bovill 12-16-88  
Raymond E. Boyd 12-69  
Harvey Bradford 6-12-95  
Adler H. Bratland 4-30-00  
John C. Britz 11-6-60  
Walter J. Brueggemann 6-6-96  
Lonnie P. Bruner 12-75  
Fred D. Brunton, Jr. 2-22-93  
David Bucholz  
Wilburn Buckley 4-25-91  
Norris Buer 3-13-90  
Robert Bunce 12-12-97  
Al Bursau 4-2-85  
Elbert R. Burton 4-2-77  
Joe Buschy 11-2-93  
Gurney Caddy 10-20-95  
Francis Callahan 2-25-77  
Joseph Calvert 6-25-94  
Robert M. Campbell 10-21-85  
J. Hoyle Carlock 1-19-89  
Wilbur J. Carpenter  
Edward M. Carroll 3-22-83  
Francis "Fritz" Carroll 3-22-95  
Anthony Casciello 10-12-77  
Frank S. Childs, Jr. 6-75  
Arthur I. Christensen 6-28-83  
Jewell C. Christensen 12-19-75  
William J. Clark 12-17-89  
George Cline 1991  
Richard Cline 9-1990  
Willis F. (Bill) Cole 10-27-90  
James H. Cooper 12-29-88  
Joseph R. Corcimiglia 12-12-92  
Harry W. Cota 6-19-68  
Clyde L. Covington  
Richard W. Craig 1985  
Daniel H. Crough 3-26-76

Voile S. (Jack) Crowe 1-17-00  
William Cunningham 8-1-83  
Harry Curran  
Henry Curran  
John P. Curran 3-11-97  
Edward J. Czerncki 2-71  
Robert W. Darling 8-30-73  
Thomas H. Dautremont 11-16-82  
Harry J. Davis 1-23-96  
James B. Davis 10-15-72  
Lester I. Decker 9-14-90  
Leon F. DeCorte, Jr. 2-8-84  
Marion DeKock 9-14-92  
Merlin E. Delameter 4-28-96  
Wm. W. (Bill) Dempsey 10-27-87  
Irwin C. DeVitt  
Jacob DeVries  
Robert Dickinson 4-2-95  
Ralph E. Dilday  
Charles L. Diven  
Vincent F. Doheny 2-5-73  
Leonard P. Dorsch 11-18-75  
Alan T. Dorsey 8-13-61  
Virgil L. Drake 8-21-92  
Michael H. Duffield 7-4-86  
John R. Dullinger 12-27-84  
James Duvall 1-22-95  
Ed Dyrness 3-92  
Sidney A. Edelson 10-30-88  
Leander W. Ege  
John Ehli 12-25-98  
Selmer M. Eliassen 1950's  
Ted L. Erbstoesser  
Alvin Erickson 7-13-88  
Herschell K. Erickson 5-18-96  
William G. Erickson 6-23-68  
Andrew C. Estes  
Edward Ethen 2-24-94  
David E. Evans 1976  
Joseph Fadness 7-14-94  
Leonard S. Fahlgren 6-25-92  
Ralph G. Faller 9-8-78  
William Faut 4-27-86  
Edmond T. Ferguson 8-16-95  
Lloyd Fikejs 3-9-94  
Edward Filipiak 3-18-97  
Merland Fisher 2-16-83  
Thomas Floyd 12-81  
Bill Folven 9-1-95  
Carl N. Ford 11-19-85  
Arvid M. Forde 10-20-81  
Ray K. Foster 7-17-89  
Allen L. Freeman 4-24-86  
Harold W. Gallagher 12-13-81  
Robert F. Gallap 9-10-95  
George H. Galvin 1983  
Harry Gardner 3-4-96  
Harley P. Garner  
Eugene Gaucher 4-15-98  
Ira M. Gaulke  
James M. Gerrard 1981  
Stanley J. Gierut 1-10-82  
William L. Gilligan, Jr. 7-29-79  
Nile Glasser 3-20-90  
Olney V. Glover 5-31-83  
Perry J. Goodwin  
Wendell V. Goodwin 1-31-00  
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  
John M. Griffin, Sr. 12-11-99  
Frank Grillo 5-23-93  
Ross Grimes 11-74  
Louis H. Grimm 9-8-98  
Homer D. Grove 10-75  
Ray Grundhoefer 3-4-87  
Fred Guenther 5-17-81  
Elmer Gullickeson 7-68  
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Howard Hanenberg 6-23-97  
Chester L. Hankins  
Conklin O. Hansen 7-14-96  
Otto Hanson 11-19-92  
Wylie Harris 6-16-90  
Clifford Hauge

James W. Hayes 6-8-76  
Lindsay Hayes 6-18-71  
Joseph W. Hays 12-7-93  
Henry Heil 5-19-72  
Philip P. Heir  
Larry Hellman 10-13-96  
Edward Hendrix 12-29-86  
John J. Hennessy  
Jason C. Hensley 1952  
Irving B. Henson 3-29-83  
Andrew Herman 11-11-76  
Donald E. Herrington 2-26-91  
Rudy Hieb 1957  
Lester Hill 12-16-85  
Ernest R. Hines 9-26-00  
Robert C. Hines 5-17-77  
John J. Hoffer 3-2-80  
Henry A. Hoines 11-28-71  
Howard E. Holand 1996  
Lawrence L. Holley 11-3-92  
Clifford Holmes 1988  
Earl E. Holte 4-4-88  
Clem Hoock 4-8-96  
Chester H. Howlett 4-7-85  
Theodore L. Huber, Jr. 3-11-86  
Joseph C. Hubred 2-21-71  
Joseph L. Hulbert  
Glenn A. Huseby  
Ronald E. Hutchens 6-3-76  
Wade Idol 5-17-92  
Ray Inerson  
Ed Ira 1-18-92  
Leonard F. Ira  
Burnett A. Ives 9-17-76  
Frederick O. Jacobson 3-17-82  
Orville Jacobson 11-23-68  
Leandre (Leo) Jalliet 11-28-98  
Arne Jensen  
Alden Johnson 12-13-76  
Alf E. Johnson 12-4-78  
Elmer (Dustbowl) Johnson 3-29-93  
Leif G. Johnson 3-6-90  
Sigurd Johnson 5-18-90  
Carl H. Jorgensen 11-10-83  
Henry G. Joyce 1-22-1972  
Wallace A. Joyce 7-19-1971  
Eugene T. Kaufman 1-24-93  
George Keller 7-9-93  
Ralph Kilburg  
Jack King 12-4-84  
Walter M. Kinkki 1-7-86  
George Kirschenmann 2-21-00  
Roald L. Knien 8-15-97  
Donald Kolbo 2-9-88  
Ambrose Kommes 2-27-98  
Pius B. Kraft  
Jake M. Kramer 11-70  
Bill Krecklau 7-21-84  
Verner L. Kreitlow KIA w/756 TD  
Erven R. Krentz  
Charles W. Kruckman 12-6-89  
Calvin Kucker 4-15-88  
Ralph P. Kuhnert  
Ledrue (Pat) Laffoon 4-11-76  
Bennie Lamfers 11-17-93  
Herbert H. Lance 3-30-86  
Clem Landaker  
John W. Landis 12-89  
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  
Joseph Lauchard 2-16-89  
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  
Phillip Leppard 1-13-90  
Walter E. Lieberg 1-29-89  
Albert A. Liegl 9-17-99  
Arne Lindgren 9-7-74  
Raymond Littlefield 3-29-87  
Ralph Ljunggren 7-16-99  
Cyrus D. Long 3-29-91  
Marvin R. Long 3-1-88  
Curtis A. Lowry  
Rudolph E. Mallon 1-19-76  
Donald Manley 12-12-94  
Alphonse S. Manno 2-79  
John A. Marlow 9-8-85  
Eldon F. Martin 10-20-98  
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  
John D. Miller 1-29-93  
Rex Miller 11-29-85  
Bernard Miner 5-1-97  
Henry Moen  
Lester Moen 11-87  
Orville A. Mohagen 1-24-83  
Denzil D. Monday 4-11-87  
Harlan Monroe 1972  
Valentine J. Montag 2-18-94  
Evard Montague 3-4-88  
James A. Montgomery, Jr. 10-5-95  
Daniel G. Moore 9-1-87  
Col. Dwight E. Moorhead 11-65  
J.W. Morrow  
Joe Moser 1995  
Joseph F. Murrey 12-31-93  
Olen O. Nation 6-4-76  
Jack Nellis 1981  
Clyde M. Nelson 1992  
Edwin N. Nelson  
Oliver P. Nelson  
Thorvald C. Nelson  
Charles N. Newman 2-11-72  
J.T. Newman 1-21-00  
John Newman 1-17-86  
Orlando H. Nickel 11-12-95  
Burnett Norby 1989  
Russell V. Nyvall  
George L. O'Connor 5-20-95  
Orville A. Ohlen  
Carl Olen 8-21-90  
Ernest R. Olson 7-70  
Gottfred E. Olson 5-30-93  
Martin Olson 11-27-99  
Elmil J. Olwick 11-30-89  
Oscar O. Oneal 7-11-92  
Orville M. Osborne  
Ernest Ostgulen 5-31-98  
J.D. Owen 1973  
Jesse L. Owens 9-10-75  
Stephen "Joe" Owens 11-3-92  
Stanley J. Pauluch, Jr. 2-20-87  
Tommy Pederson 6-9-95  
Harold P. Peihl 12-50  
Raymond W. Perry 8-14-85  
Vincent F. Peters 12-28-98  
Dale Peterson 5-21-89  
Edward R. Peterson  
Floyd G. Peterson 10-27-86  
Kenneth D. Peterson 2-73  
Orville J. Peterson 3-19-96  
Melvin Peterson  
Frank M. Piatz 6-27-00  
Louis Pieper 8-6-95  
Eldon Post 12-14-97  
Orlin Predmore 4-2-94  
Paul W. Prellwitz 2-14-76  
Asal Prescott 1-15-80  
Jack T. Prescott 2-19-80  
Gerald R. Price 9-8-78  
Rollie I. Pringle 10-30-92  
Leslie Racine 3-18-93  
Stanley Radny 5-13-94  
Joseph F. Randash 4-13-73  
Nyle A. Rasmussen 3-21-00  
Raymond S. Rasmussen 1990  
Lloyd G. Reitan  
Mervyn G. Rickbell 4-19-91  
Leon R. Riddle 1969  
Lawrence Rieger 12-71  
Henry Ries  
Don A. Riggs 1976  
George Ritter 3-28-99  
Fred Robb 7-25-92  
Omas T. Roberts 6-8-78  
Rawliegh W. (Pete) Roberts 12-31-53  
William E. Robison 1969  
Maurice Rochlitz 11-4-82  
Rowland B. Rohrer 8-9-76  
Victor J.W. Rwet 10-75  
Raymond Rystad 1984  
Jacob E. Sackmann 5-31-85  
Robert W. Sahlquist 1985  
Jose Salas  
Johnnie Sanders 1-25-91

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## Deceased Members of the 776th (continued)

Ralph W. Sanders 3-10-95  
Elmer Sarkilahti 4-29-89  
Clarence E. Schaeffer 1983  
Eldon Scharff 6-1998  
Ed Scheiman 4-2-87  
Carl J. Schenkelberg 7-5-98  
Frederick Schepp 4-23-96  
John J. Schimmel 10-4-73  
Orville Schjeldahl 11-28-93  
Victor B. Schmenk 7-20-86  
Arlie Schwede 5-20-90  
Elden R. Scott 5-7-93  
Eugene C. Scovel 3-23-76  
Emerson L. Sell 12-23-87  
Frank Selzer 6-30-88  
James L. Severson 1976  
Daniel Shaw 12-20-95  
Warren M. Shearer  
Henry Shirley 1-1-99  
William O. Shirley, Jr. 4-30-93  
Stanley A. Shurson  
Anthony Shutto  
William L. Siler  
Milan Simich 12-78  
Bernie B. Simpson 10-14-88  
Paul Slater 2-5-89  
Ford Smith 9-23-85  
Colgate Sorlie  
Claude L. Speer 7-70  
John Spyksma 11-13-84  
Martin G. Stefanik 2-25-87  
Edgar Steifel 1981  
Duane R. Stephens 3-18-96  
Herbert N. Stephens 6-14-93

Arthur Stern 5-8-94  
Bud Stoddard  
Frank Stolz 5-24-96  
Kenneth H. Stone  
Alfred M. Strand 10-31-77  
Donald B. Strauss 8-21-90  
Floyd Strickland 6-20-90  
James C. Stringer 1-18-85  
Raymond A. Suess 12-29-88  
Gilbert (Gib) Suhr 2-25-89  
Paul W. Sundberg 9-20-00  
Eric C. Sundeen 3-20-86  
John D. Suter 1-23-79  
Virgil M. Thomasson  
Chester Thompson 7-15-69  
Ted J. Thompson  
Thomas G. Thompson 1-20-90  
Willard A. Thompson 3-18-81  
Harold E. Thorn  
Bernt N. Tonneson 5-14-85  
Harold Torkildson 8-28-94  
Leonard Toso 12-71  
Willard F. Totten 1999  
Woodrow W. Tout 8-21-92  
Marion M. Toyne 2-2-82  
Leslie P. Truax 1998  
Stephen Turk  
Albert Ulich  
Robert T. Veach 3-2-74  
William Vedaa  
Raymond A. Videtich 12-23-91  
Robert F. Vik 9-1-84  
John Vrataries 5-2-76  
Louis J. Wadle 9-7-97

Henry Waage 1998  
John H. Wajda 8-12-81  
Malcolm B. Wallis 1996  
C.B. Warn 5-19-75  
Gene Warthan 3-23-87  
Glenn A. Weatherly 5-27-94  
Roy E. Weisenhaus 2-6-93  
John C. Welch 1963  
Ralph Welsch  
Donald W. Wendlandt 2-19-88  
Stephen W. Westbrook 7-30-90  
Sherman Westby 4-11-87  
A.J. Whelan 12-82  
John L. Whitaker  
George M. White 4-25-87  
Bert Wible 10-6-91  
C.M. Wickoren 12-11-88  
Lars Wickoren 3-27-85  
Henry Allen Wiese 7-1-97  
Walter W. Wilhelmi 4-28-95  
Percy G. Willey 10-24-83  
Ishmael F. Williamson 7-19-84  
William T. Willingham  
John Wilson 6-23-90  
Elmer Wipf 5-19-99  
Henry J. Wobbema 2-29-83  
Willis Wollin 2-1-94  
Maurice O. Woody 4-18-82  
Ernest Wright 8-6-90  
Ralph G. Wuttke 3-5-89  
Thomas E. Yocum 7-15-94  
Frank H. Young 3-10-97  
Robert H. Young 8-27-97  
Albert Ziesmer  
Art Zimmerman 5-9-94  
Frank L. Ziskovsky 10-20-80



## TAPS

Day is done,  
gone the sun  
from the lake,  
from the hill,  
from the sky.  
All is well,  
safely rest.  
God is nigh.  
Thanks and praise for  
our days  
'neath the sun,  
'neath the stars,  
'neath the sky.  
As we go,  
this we know.  
God is nigh.

# 776th Soldier Friendships Forged By War

by Bobbi Easler

Herald Staff Writer

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Eating sand, playing horseshoes while fighting was going on, and whiskey rations are just some of the memories recalled by members of the 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion during their unit reunion.

A group of 63 people including 27 veterans of the 776th and their family members met in Killeen Thursday through Saturday for the reunion.

The meeting marked the first time in more than 50 years that the group of men have been together at Fort Hood.

"Our first mini-reunion was in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1956," said Leland Elliot of Sun City West, Arizona.

"We were meeting every two years, but last year we decided to start having annual reunions because there are fewer of us each year," the 80-year-old Elliot said ruefully.

The reunion was coordinated by III Corps logistics director Col. Robert Bishop; his wife, Phyllis; and Pat Erickson of Killeen, the daughter of 776th veteran Kenneth "Buck" Bocklund.

### TENTS HOUSED TROOPS

Elliot was a 22-year-old native of Kansas City, Mo., accustomed to expansive green fields, when he arrived at Camp Hood in the summer of 1942.

"It was a camp, not a fort then. We were housed in tents because there were very few buildings," he said, recalling the hot, barren surroundings. He estimates the population of Killeen was about 2,000 then.

Elliot said he arrived in Texas shortly after basic training in Fort Knox, Ky., but most of the men were pulled from National Guard or Re-

serve units from the Midwest, including Iowa, North Dakota and Minnesota.

"Most of the men were from field artillery units. They needed tank drivers for the new tank destroyer units, and I was a tank driver," he said.

The men trained together until Christmas Eve, when they were transferred to Fort Dix, N.J., before the journey to Africa.

"We landed in Africa - Casablanca in January of 1943," he said. The unit first took on battles in North Africa near Algeria, then traveled almost constantly from one area to another, fighting in the desert.

"I ate a lot of sand over there," he said, referring to the unit's many desert battles.

The 776th was not attached to a specific unit. Instead, the soldiers went with any unit that needed them. One infantry unit stuck in Elliot's mind.

"We supported a unit that was an all-Japanese-American infantry unit. They were good fighters. They felt they had to prove themselves because of what happened at Pearl Harbor," Elliot said.

He reflected on the irony that while the Japanese-American soldiers were fighting overseas for freedom, many of their families back in the United States were in internment camps.

### TWO CLOSE CALLS

Elliot counts his blessings as he recalls two of his close calls on the battlefield. One occurred as he was watching an aerial battle, when suddenly another plane headed for his position.

"I was watching a dogfight when someone yelled to look out," Elliot said. He turned to see a plane headed for him.

"I could see the pilot's face - he was smiling," he said, but before he could

dive for cover, the plane strafed the area, bullets riddled the ground on either side of him, missing him by mere inches. He did not realize shrapnel had hit him until he felt something warm and wet in his right glove.

"I looked down to see blood running down my arm from a shrapnel cut," he said, pointing to a two-inch scar on his biceps.

Shrapnel had also cut the tow cable of his tank. He had seen a Sherman tank down the road that had "been knocked out of commission" and made plans to retrieve the tow cable from that tank the next day, with the help of three other men.

Call it luck, fate or divine intervention, but Elliot did not make the trip. As he was about to join the men in a jeep, a fourth man jumped into the vehicle, taking his place. On the way the jeep hit a land mine.

"Four men went out and only one came back alive," he said.

The 776th was one of the first units to move into Italy and later saw action in southern France and Germany.

"We endured a lot of hardships together. The fighting, the changing weather and mud - and here we are," Don Anderson said, describing what draws the members of the 776th together for the reunions.

"Our numbers are dwindling, due to death and health reasons that prevent those who would love to come from traveling," he said.

"Widows and family members have always been welcome. We look out for the widows and help them whenever we can," said Anderson, 80, of Green Valley, Ariz.

### COMBAT POWER GREW

Anderson was a 21-year-old second lieutenant when he joined the unit. He served as an active-duty soldier for several years and then joined

the Army Reserve, from which he retired.

He marveled at the changes he saw, in the shift in air power and the sophistication of the U.S. weaponry as the war raged on.

"In the beginning, whatever little air power we had was support from the British. So when we saw a plane, we knew that 99 percent of the time it was the enemy," Anderson said of the battles in Africa.

"By the time we moved on to Italy, we saw more air power and a total shift when we went into the European Theater. We had to be careful not to shoot down one of our own planes," he said.

Occasionally, the unit would pull back behind the lines to replenish their equipment.

"All the while that the fighting was going on, the equipment improved. Each time we were issued new tanks, they had better guns, were more powerful, more agile on the battlefield," Anderson said.

"The tank destroyer battalions were something new. The Army needed units that were faster and easy to maneuver to take out the German tanks. That's how it got the name tank destroyer," he said.

Foster "Ky" Wolfe, the only member who lives in Killeen, was barely 18 when he transferred into the unit as jeep driver. By then the 776th had moved into France.

"We did recon (reconnaissance) work. It was our job to gather the information on troop movements and then determine what actions would be taken the next day," Wolfe, 74, said.

"Our crystal-radios were not reliable, so we didn't use them to relay

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# 776th T.D. Group Pictures - 2000



Hdq. Co.  
(Left to right) Harold Carnahan, Sam Lombardo, Marianne Brueggemann, Betty Liegl.



B Co. Ladies  
Seated (left to right) Eileen Hilton, Minnie Gall, Wilma Jodsaas, Ollie Brunton. Standing (left to right) Phyllis Anderson, Dorothy Laurila, Madelyn Grundhoefer, Florianne Grundhoefer, Elda Hegle.



A. Co.  
(Left to right) Norm Lunde, Lil Backlund, Ken Backlund



B Co. Men  
Seated (left to right) Barney Brunton, Reuben Jodsaas, Joe Slatkoski, Harold Gall. Standing (left to right) Val Thompson, Lowell Hilton, Don Anderson, Lloyd Hegle, Chet Vosburg, Dan Laurila, Fletcher Wood absent.



Reconn. Co.  
Seated (left to right) Mable Eden, Phyl Michels, Doris Nicholls. Standing (left to right) Sam Lombardo (Medic), Bob Eden, Walt Michels, John Nicholls.



C Co.  
Seated (left to right) Leo Maynard, Theodor Bodling, Louis Barone, Orville Polzin. Standing (left to right) Dale Brooks guest, Joan Maynard, Eunice Bodling, Russell Braden, Amelia Braden, Ruth Polzin.



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the information. We would drive from company to company delivering the orders for the next day," he said of driving around in the dark without maps, never sure if an area might be mined.

In addition to land mines and getting strafed by enemy planes, the patrols never knew when they might encounter the enemy.

"One night, one of our patrols made contact with the Germans. They tried to use their machine guns, but they jammed, so they retreated to repair them," Wolfe said. He said the patrol went out a second time, but the guns jammed again. This time when they returned to the base camp, the Germans followed them.

"All of a sudden, bazookas cut loose from a nearby farmhouse. It went on for a while, until finally one of our tanks was able to get around and knock them out," the native of West Virginia said.

The soldiers also recalled times when the soldiers were able to have a little fun, despite nearby gunfire.

"We decided to play horse-shoes, so we set up a game and played, even though there was fighting going on not far from us," Elliot said.

When the war was over, the troops busied themselves with preparations to return home, and they were able to unwind.

"We were given whiskey rations - a fifth of whiskey and a fifth of cognac," Wolfe said, recalling the supplement to their regular C-rations.

### BONDED BY MEMORIES

According to a newspaper clipping Wolfe saved from *Stars and Stripes*, the 776th was responsible for taking out two of Rommel's M10 tanks and knocking out a Tiger tank. It was also recognized for logging more than 550 combat hours until the German phase of the war ended on May 8, 1945.

The men are bonded by memories and feelings from a shared experience that no one else can completely understand.

"It is a close-knit group. Those who are here have made it to a vast majority of the reunions. We've been through a lot together," Anderson said.

"It's like a big family. Never in my life have I met a bunch of people I liked better," Elliot said.

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A very moving ceremony was presented by the Campo community to recognize the service given by all soldiers who fought in American conflicts at home and around the globe. Members of the VFW post and the American Legion presented the colors to open the program at the Campo School.

Veterans and children of veterans presented a variety of musical selections intermixed with recitations and addresses. The daughters of Bob Eden, WWII veteran, opened the program with a choral rendition of *Blowin' in the Wind*.

Veteran Alvin Jenkins then gave a history of the Lincoln family, Abraham Lincoln's ascent to the presidency, and the battle of Gettysburg. He then recited the Gettysburg Address in remembrance of Civil War veterans.

Kevin Espey, grandson of Bob Eden, sang the very moving patriotic song *God Bless the U.S.A.*

In honor of his father who served in Vietnam, Shane Wait gave a reading *In Flander's Field* in remembrance of World War I veterans. Jerad Houser, also the son of a veteran, played a selection of patriotic marches on the baritone.

Five grade school youngsters presented a choral reading titled *Just a Simple Soldier* in honor of all veterans.

Prior to his introduction of State Senator Mark Hillman, Vietnam veteran Kraaier expressed his sentiments about serving in a war zone with this motto posted in his battalion headquarters in Vietnam, "You haven't lived 'till you've almost died...for those who have tasted death, life has a flavor the protected will never know!"

Kraaier introduced Senator Hillman as a supporter of veterans and a member of the State Veterans Affairs Committee. In his opening words, Hillman stated that Memorial Day was more than just the day the pool opens, picnic and outings.



Even though most of us are in our 80s and the temperature is often in the 90s, the members of the veterans organization of Baca County will continue to honor those soldiers who fought to defend our freedom because that is what we believe in, explained Bob Eden at the Memorial Day celebration in Campo. The honor guard laid a wreath on the veterans memorial at the Campo Cemetery on Monday morning.

He continued by saying, "It is the adult's responsibility to see that the youth understand what Memorial Day means."

Hillman continued his message with an overview of the beginning of Memorial Day and the ways in which many groups honor American servicemen. This Memorial Day emphasis has been placed on the POW and the MIAs explained Hillman.

As he read a list of twenty-three names of veterans living in the Campo area, Bob Eden pondered that he had never realized how many of his neighbors had answered their country's call. He concluded by explaining that even though many members of the veterans organizations in Baca County were in their 80s and the temperature on Memorial Days often ranged into the 90s, the veterans organizations would continue to honor other veterans on Memorial Day, "Until we die because we believe in it!"

The program was adjourned to the Campo Cemetery where an honor guard placed a wreath on the veterans memorial. The ceremony concluded with a gun salute and the blowing of taps.



Laying a wreath on the Veterans Memorial.



Bob Eden's daughter, right, was bugler for the services.



## Tanks For The Memories

### 776th Tank Destroyers remember Camp Hood during annual reunion

by Bobbi Easler  
Herald Staff Writer

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FORT HOOD - More than five decades have passed since members of the 776th Tank Destroyer Battalion have been together as a group on Fort Hood.

The last time the men met on the post, it was Camp Hood in the summer of 1942, when the unit was formed.

Members of the original unit were pulled from National Guard units from North Dakota and Iowa and sent to the newly formed Camp Hood to be trained for tank destroyer battalions.

"The tank destroyer units were something new. The Army needed units that were faster and easy to maneuver to take out the German tanks. That's how it got the name tank destroyer," Don Anderson, 80, of Green Valley, Arizona, said.

A group of 63 people, including the veterans of the 776th and their family members, gathered in Killeen for their annual reunion which began Thursday and ends today as the travelers head home.

The former soldiers were pleased with the "red carpet" treatment they received from Fort Hood.

Their jam-packed schedule began with a formal welcoming to Fort Hood on Friday.

The group visited the displays set up at Hood Stadium for Family Day, ate lunch at a dining facility, took a driving tour of the post and completed the day with a Texas-style barbecue dinner at Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area.

On Saturday the group met for the Tank Destroyer memorial service at the 1st Cavalry Chapel and held a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tank Destroyer Memorial.

The group then toured the 4th Infantry Division Museum and then returned to the Plaza Hotel for their business meeting before attending a special mixer and dinner at the Phantom Warrior Club.

The reunion was organized by Col. Robert Bishop, the director of logistics for III Corps, his wife, Phyllis, and Pat Erickson of Killeen, who is the daughter of 776th veteran Kenneth "Buck" Bocklund.

"The colonel and his wife and Pat have done a tremendous job in coordinating this reunion," Anderson said.

"We have always said we will hold the reunion at any location, as long as we have people we can count on to organize it. The Bishops and Pat have really made the trip special," he said.

## Marriage\*

- 1 Lifelong commitment
- 16 Toilet seat lessons
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## For the 776

I am sitting here  
With tears in my eyes,  
As I think of each  
Of those departed guys.

For those whose lives  
We often shared.  
Because of a special love,  
We all really cared.

My head hangs low  
For those who have gone.  
We'll meet them again,  
Before too long.

Old Commanders, that we knew,  
For them we'll stand in grand review.  
All will stand in honored Salute,  
As each flag goes by, for those we knew.

We've saved our Country  
So that happiness might be.  
It was a common bond,  
Between us all, you see.

Each one has earned, a golden star  
Up in the sky.  
For those we have loved,  
Memories, can never die.

Cliff Sizemore  
June 19, 2000

## LOST!

If you have any information please let me know. Thank you.

Betty Liegl

Mrs. Donald Beberg, Mrs. James Ballem, James E. Coward, Floyd Creach, F. L. MacCumber, Mrs. Daniel Moore, Mike Brennan, Mrs. William O. Shirley, Jr., Mrs. Charles Anderson, Mrs. Leona Olen, Paul E. Dear, Mrs. Walter E. Lieberg, Mrs. Eunice Torkildson

## Deceased

The following are deceased members since the printing of June 2000 *Tiger Tracks*. Our sympathy to the families of these men.

- Bryan W. Barnard, 6-10-2000
- Nyle A. Rasmussen, 3-21-2000
- Wendell V. Goodwin, 1-31-2000
- Adler H. Bratland, 4-30-2000
- John M. Griffin, Sr., 12-11-1999
- Frank M. Pjatz, 6-27-2000
- Orville J. Peterson, 3-19-1996
- William Ball, 1-1999
- Paul W. Sundberg, 9-20-2000
- Ernest R. Hines, 9-26-2000
- Violet Barone 4-19-2000
- Mrs. Harvey L. Bradford

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from all of us here at the  
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