



# 1975 CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

## of the

# SEVENTH INFANTRY DIVISION

# ASSOCIATION

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"Silver Bells, Silver Bells, It's Christmas Time in the city (and everywhere else!). Ting-a-ling, Hear Them Ring? Soon it will be Christmas Day!" That lovely seasonal song tells it like it is . . . and we wish all of you the beauty and love of this magical time of the year! And wouldn't it be grand if we could just capture . . . hold . . . secure this kind of spirit the whole 365 days of each year . . . the will of good men . . . peace on earth. But . . . it wasn't meant to hold on to . . . for only when you give love and the spirit of brotherhood, can you multiply it . . . and receive it back!

It wasn't "Christmas Time" at our June 1975 reunion (which was reunion no. 5 by the way!) at Monterey and Ft. Ord, California, but if you were either there . . . or could have been there . . . that feeling of love . . . brotherhood, was very obvious as we witnessed "Old Buddies" shaking hands and meeting one another's families at the just-past reunion.

The more than 5000 soldiers presently assigned to Ft. Ord, official home of the "Hourglass Outfit" were joined the week-end of June 20 - 22, 1975, by former members of the division! "Back to Ft. Ord" . . . some 32 years later (for some of us that is), was made possible through the invitation given by Major J.D. Coleman, Information Officer of Ft. Ord, when he attended the 4th Reunion June 1974 at Peoria, Illinois.

Vet families of the 7th, of WWI, WWII, and the Korean Conflict, came from all parts of the USA . . . from 35 states, to attend the reunion. Believe it or not, THAT VET we mentioned of WWI, actually had fought in the Cuban War! He was GLENN NEAL of 11102 Elk Avenue of Youngtown, Arizona 85363. Neal was present to attend Jake Wittler's annual 17th Regimental Picnic Reunion which was held at Ft. Ord on Sunday in the Stillwell Mall area to coincide with our reunion. Neal was 85 years young and enjoying life to the utmost, as was another vet of years ago with the Seventh . . . namely Howard L. Schmelzer at 509 Sonoma Avenue of Rodi, California 94572! And three Hurrahs for another of Jake Wittler's 17th Regimental "boys" . . . Roy Brennan of Marina, California was present . . . wearing his WWII uniform AND LOOKING SHARP IN IT TOO! ("The Pres Louie" tried to try his WWII outfit not long ago . . . he can't boast of it fitting like Roy can . . . only the TIP-TOP BUTTON OF THE JACKET MEETS!) We surely give these three buddies as well as all of Jake's 17th Regimental boys a round of applause for giving our group a wonderfully warm welcome!

Monterey Holiday Inn of California was our reunion headquarters with many activities at Ft. Ord. The staff at the Inn were marvelous to help in every way and transportation for our group was furnished by Army Shuttle Bus.

The full week-end of activity got underway with Friday afternoon by the Group attending the RETREAT CEREMONY at the parade field. The 7th Division Band made the program most inspiring. At the precise moment of the band playing, "The rockets red glare; the bombs bursting in air," . . . the personnel of the base fired rockets over the huge American flag. Looking up at "Old Glory" being spotlighted in a shower of rockets, we felt a glow of pride . . . felt blessed to be an American . . . an infinite part of this great land of the free . . . home of the brave . . . and at the same moment, experienced a sad realization of the endless number of beloved buddies who made the supreme sacrifice to secure our nation's heritage of freedom.

We wondered what some of the other vets were thinking as we traveled between the Holiday Inn and Ft. Ord, attending festivities. Apparently many were sharing the same thought . . . "Whoever had any idea when we left here, that some thirty odd years later, we'd be coming back through the gates of Ft. Ord!" We reunion officers never cease to marvel at the tremendous enthusiasm of our vet families! We endeavor to do "Operation Headstart" . . . that is to arrive a day or two in advance of reunions to take care of any unexpected problems. We were present on Wednesday (reunion officially got underway on Friday), and the first vet knocking on our door was our dear friend and buddy, Padre Joseph Vogel, former regimental chaplain of the 184th, from Queen of Heaven Rectory of Seneca, New York! Padre, like the other 55 vets which we registered by noon Thursday, just dropped in early to VISIT! Then when we were leaving on Monday afternoon AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE REUNION ON SUNDAY, we noted approximately 30 or more vets, who with their families, were "staying over another day just to visit!"

The command staff of Ft. Ord were our Friday evening guests at the Bivouac Barbeque at Holiday Inn. That fine enthusiasm was visible again for the meal was served to 550 in attendance! Major General Ross, post commander of Ft. Ord, drew out a winning door prize ticket for Court Burdick, Hq. Btry., 49th F.A. Bn. of Dallas, Texas. The ticket netted the Burdicks a nice Kodak Instamatic Camera, all set to "snap some memorable shots of the occasion!" During the evening we just had to PUBLICALLY RIB Major Coleman . . . for his thoughtful concern for the health of OUR OLD BUDDIES. We noted the major had TEAMS OF MEDICS CARRYING RESCUE EQUIPMENT stationed at VARIOUS INTERVALS AMONG US during the Friday Retreat Ceremony at the parade field . . . and an AMBULANCE STANDING BY! (It's OK, Major, we understand . . . the California weather took a turn for the COLD CRISP

SIDE . . . and the excitement and sentiment of the occasion could have produced a CORONARY OR TWO AMONG OUR OLD BUDDIES! )

Knowing the FULL DAY of activity scheduled for Saturday of the reunion week-end a MAN-SIZED, RIB STICKIN' MENU WAS THE ORDER OF THE BREAKFAST MEAL . . . with the Vets being served separately from the WIVES' BREAKFAST, but at the same time. We thought it a GOOD IDEA to give the fellas opportunity for some "MAN TALK" . . . we'll bet there were some "Extra Special" stories being swapped about "Remember When"! Door prize winner of a real nice electric shaver for a man was buddy Daniel Lahr, 17th Regt., of Sauk Rapids, Minnesota!

The group "shuttle bused" from the two breakfasts and business meeting, out to Ft. Ord for a special military ceremony on Saturday morning. We'll bet old buddies were sharing thoughts again . . . THRILLED TO SEE THEIR OUTFITS' COLORS FLYING AGAIN! For we were witnessing the FORMAL REACTIVATION OF the 2nd Bn., 31st Infantry and the 3rd Bn., 32nd Infantry as their colors were unfurled. For many of us, the moment was like looking back . . . down a long road of memory . . . seeing the troop formations on the parade field, watching the ceremonies being executed with fine military precision, long a tradition of the Seventh Division.

Ft. Ord personnel went all out providing a 17 float parade pertaining to the progress of the army the past 200 years. Vet Families of the WWII years particularly noted the authenticity of the WWII float showing "Kilroy was here"! Dressed in the full regalia of his era, "George Washington" appeared on a beautiful whitehorse, and the "Spirit of '76" was portrayed by personnel from the base also . . . all a part of the program which "passed in review" for our vet families. Inspiring and just beautifully maneuvered were the "Parade of Flags" with each state flag being given due honors in the narration of the program. And right on schedule, bringing forth rousing marching music was that fine Seventh Division Band.

We know after all the years since our vets were in uniform at Ft. Ord, they didn't dream they would be coming back to the base, much less of ever taking their families to lunch there in the respective mess halls! The "Chow" was delicious! We overheard a couple of old buddies remarking, "Boy, how the army has changed . . . they musta cleaned up the 'mess'!" The first vet was heard to say, "The food is great and the pay is right . . . do ya suppose we could re-enlist, maybe?" The second was quick to reply, "Not with my classification now . . . I'd have to be called after the women and children!"

Again the base personnel just outdid themselves for our Saturday evening banquet and entertainment, all of which took place at Stillwell Hall. The tremendous turn-out for the occasion just thrilled our hearts as reunion officers . . . made our efforts really seem worthwhile! We counted 735 fine folks from 35 states!!!! The hall was beautifully done with white tablecloths and lighted candles at each table in red glass holders. Seating was arranged by regimental grouping as much as possible. Our banquet meal was super and we verbally give a "standing ovation" for the preparation and serving of the meal. Commanding General M.D. Ross gave a welcoming address to our veteran group, pledging his full support toward assisting our group to become a Seventh Infantry Division Association. Other high ranking officers who were present and addressed the group were: Major Generals Bob Fergusson of Los Angeles; Francis T. "Pack" Pachler of Tampa, Florida; Roy Green and Ed Taylor, both of Sacramento. Photo Plaks with their pictures and bearing the Hourglass Emblem in full color, were presented to the Seventh Division Museum in memory of the late Major Generals Arch Arnold and Charles "Cowboy Pete" Corlett. The plaks were made possible by "their buddies" USA everywhere as well as by a memorial gift by Col. Joe Kane of 7th Quartermaster Company of Sausalita, California, long time buddy of the late General "Arch". Captain Paul Ferrer, formerly with the 184th Regiment, now of Sanger, California, presented favorite tunes by playing the bag-pipe. (We understand that "Pancho" Ferrer also did a "highland-fling" which . . . unfortunately we missed viewing!) Our officer teammates, Chester and Fannie Scantlin entertained "the troops" by presenting their "Minnie Pearl and her boyfriend Hezzie" skit. (Vice-president Chester always look like every thing in the wide world but a vice-president in his Hezzie outfit!) We understand "Minnie and Hezzie" were some what delayed getting into the banquet room to do the skit . . . seems several Ft. Ord MP's were under the impression Minnie and Hezzie didn't really BELONG TO THE ASSEMBLED GROUP and were TRYING TO CRASH THE PARTY! Guess the MP's just couldn't believe those TWO CHARACTERS could possibly be the REUNION VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER!!!

Col. Bertrand Bishop of Ft. Ord drew the Grand Door Prize winner ticket out for James and Laura Jones, Co. H, 17th Regt. of Madisonville, Kentucky. Laura was so excited that Jim was his usual quiet-self . . . couldn't get a word in EDGEWAYS! The prize was a real nice all band portable radio! The remainder of the Saturday evening was spent with our vet families reminicing . . . and dancing to the beautiful tunes of the WWII years played by the Seventh Division Band! What a wonderful evening to treasure in memory. Right here we want to give a round of well-deserved applause to all those fine folks of the Ft. Ord base. Major General Ross, Major Coleman, Major Edmond Corcoran, Lt. John Link, Col. Bertrand Bishop, and all the others who just seemed to solve all manner of problems for our gang, no matter what came up. Truly everyone at Ft. Ord made our vets feel welcome and very much at home and we speak for the entire group when we say "THANKS FT. ORD"!

Following our early Sunday morning breakfast for all, at Holiday Inn, former Col. Al Hartl, 17th Regt., of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, addressed our group. He spoke regarding the perpetuation of the reunion as well as our need to appoint a steering committee to assist our officers. Mrs. Lawrence Robinson of Hope, Arkansas drew out a winner ticket for the beautiful lava decorator lamp; Gottlieb Baer, 17th Regt., of Auburn, Washington was the lucky ticket holder! Again our group boarded the Army shuttle buses to attend the morning worship and memorial services conducted by Padre Joseph Vogel in the Stilwell Hall patio area beside the beautiful blue Pacific Ocean. It was a cold, crisp morning as we, in unison, recited the Lord's Prayer and sang old, well-loved hymns together. We missed the smiles of these beloved buddies who, since the Peoria, 1974 reunion, have heeded the call of "Final Taps": Steve Pastoor, 7th Div. MP, Twin Falls, Idaho; Claude Ammons, 7th Singal Company, Cullowhee, North Carolina; Ted Piotrawski, 57th F.A. Bn., Chicago, Illinois; Clarence Chenault, Co. L, 17th Regt., Cincinnati, Ohio, & Wayne Shippy, 32nd Regt. Hermit, California, all of who we remembered in a moment of silent prayer. Using borrowed Army helmets and weapons, our volunteer vets formed the firing detail for the memorial service commanded by "Sarge" Rudy Johnson of 17th Regt. of Brooklyn Center, Minnesota. Participating in the detail were: Bud Sester, 17th Regt. of Edina, Minnesota; William Weiss, 17th Regt. of Streator, Illinois; Woody Arndt, 17th Regt., of Van Nuys, California; Knud "Bill" Knudsen, 17th Regt. of Vermillion, South Dakota; Ewald Behnke, 17th Regt. of Wichita, Kansas; and Ed Lynch, 31st Inf. Regt., of Woodland, California. Taps and "the echo" were sounded by buglers from Ft. Ord.

Several of our group stayed on during Sunday afternoon to get acquainted with the vets of Jake Wittler's 17th Regimental Group at

their annual picnic. As the good-bye hugs and handshakes came, many many times we heard the words, "See you in San Antonio in June 1977!"

Several items of new matters are to be found in the context of the remainder of this Christmas newsletter. We wish to clarify that REUNION EVENT TICKETS (which are paid for in advance by the reunion reservation forms which are always mailed to you in December prior to a forthcoming reunion in June of the on-coming year), your tickets are always picked up at the time you register for a reunion when you arrive. WE DO NOT MAIL OUT REUNION EVENT RESERVATION TICKETS TO YOU IN ADVANCE OF YOUR ARRIVAL AT REUNIONS; this is an effort we make to conserve on treasury funds. When you make your reunion event reservations, you complete the form which comes to you, marking the number of reservations for events you will need for your family, and mail it back to our reunion treasurer, with your check or money order payable to The Seventh Infantry Division Association. Our treasurer is: Mrs. Fannie R. Scantlin, 9558 Flora Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63114. A 1977 REUNION SOUVENIR BOOK hopefully will be published. . . with your COOPERATION ! No book was published for the 1975 reunion because of 11 months between the '74 - '75 reunion was just not adequate time to assemble a really nice book. For those of you reading a newsletter for a first time, our reunions are scheduled for every two years. The 1975 reunion was held at Ft. Ord and Monterey, California by the invitation of the Army, to coincide with the celebration of our Nation's Bicentennial. To make the 1977 publication of the reunion souvenir book, may we count on you to completely update "your page" by getting a new, current picture to us (may be black and white or colored photo or snapshot, from any camera). The format of the 1977 book will be somewhat different from past editions and we believe a much nicer book . . . and much better bound for retaining the pages! We'd like you also to be sure to give us the data where you as a veteran served overseas, as well as your basic training area, and very important, we want the correct identity of your outfit as well as your times . . . the years of service in the Army. We have been told by so many of you, that you consider the souvenir book as a great way of being able to keep in touch with your buddies. GET YOUR CURRENT DATA RIGHT BACK TO US . . . NOW . . . NOW . . . NOW ! The book will only be as current as YOU WILL HELP US TO MAKE IT ! The assembly of and the typing for the producing of a really nice souvenir book MUST BEGIN LONG IN ADVANCE OF THE REUNION DATE; it must be released FROM THE PRINTER SEVERAL WEEKS IN ADVANCE in order for us to BRING YOUR COPY TO THE REUNION FOR DISTRIBUTION OF YOUR BOOK ORDER. Your reunion event reservation form, when received by you, December 1976, will also enable you to ORDER YOUR BOOK COPY. If you desire a book . . . but you can't attend the reunion, that's OK too . . . we'll gladly accept your order for a book via the reservation form and MAIL YOUR COPY TO YOU ! To help us be sure the book comes off the press, with the RIGHT VET'S PICTURE WITH THE RIGHT DATA please print lightly on the back of your picture, your correct address and name and your "nick-name" if you have one! (Many of you fellas were known in service days by "nick-names" rather than by your first names and yet today you are remembered that way!) SO PLEASE DO COMPLY WITH OUR REQUESTS FOR YOUR HELP IN PRODUCING A FINE 1977 REUNION SOUVENIR BOOK; we don't mind doing the work if you'll just get us the information NOW . . . NOW . . . send this information to your secretary:

Mrs. Mary Jean Wise, Executive Secretary  
3001 Richmond Avenue  
Mattoon, Illinois 61938

We wish to direct your attention now to current happenings with the Seventh Infantry Division! At the reunion business meeting, a motion was made by Col. Al Hartl and seconded by former "Capt. Ak-Ak" Clyde Akridge of Isleton, California, that a charter of constitution and by-laws be forth coming. It was to be a form of perpetuating the work that has been accomplished during the time span of reunions from June 1968 to the present time. As Major General Ross of Ft. Ord, pointed out to us, in the years to come, familiar faces will become fewer with each passing year as buddies heed the call of "Final Taps"; it is inevitable. In effort to preserve what we have accomplished through the years of building the reunion, searching for buddies, etc., we felt the CHARTER and BY-LAW would be a step forward . . . indeed, a much needed document, for it has the advantage of making our reunion business a non-profit making organization.

Thus, with the very competent, capable assistance of Major J.D. Colemand and Lt. Col. Tom Brennan of Ft. Ord, we five reunion officers met with them in St. Louis, Missouri at the Scantlin home on October 4, 1975. We had a long "work-shop session", taking each paragraph of a charter and by-laws, step by step, and discussing it in detail. Bearing well in mind, that we represented the best interest of each veteran who is reading these lines, as your reunion officers, we five affixed our signatures to a CHARTER AND BY-LAWS and have had the document filed in California and your organization now is proudly identified as: THE SEVENTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION ! ! ! ! ! It is on a national level and will be perpetuated! IT WILL CONTINUE TO GROW AND FLURISH ! We truly believe it is THE WAY TO PRESERVE THE HERITAGE OF A GREAT DIVISION.

Veterans who attended the Monterey and Ft. Ord, California reunion and paid \$20.00 membership . . . or if you have paid \$20.00 membership to the date of October 4, 1975, you are now CHARTER LIFE MEMBERS OF THE NEWLY FORMED SEVENTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION ! You will be proud to receive your CHARTER LIFE MEMBERSHIP CARD ! Congratulations!

If you were a veteran who attended the Peoria 1974 reunion and paid your membership dues which at that time were voted at \$10.00 for 1 year per veteran, this amount paid you to the date of JUNE 21, 1975. If you were a veteran who did not attend the Peoria 1974 reunion but during the period June 1974 - mailed your \$10.00 membership dues, then you were only paid to the date of June 21, 1975. Thus, to have membership in the association, we can offer you a LIFE MEMBERSHIP; just complete the form within identified as MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, and send it to either our reunion treasurer or our reunion president, with your check in the amount of \$10.00 payable to:

THE SEVENTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Our treasurer: Mrs. Fannie Scantlin  
9558 Flora Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri 63114

Our president: Louis S. Wise, Jr.  
3001 Richmond Avenue  
Mattoon, Illinois 61938

In return, you will receive your LIFE MEMBERSHIP CARD and a 7th Infantry Division Lapel Pin! (The emblem is in full color on the pin and it is very attractive!) Your membership also assures you will receive all newsletters and reunion packets, enabling you to make reservations to attend.

Our first ACTIVE DUTY CHAPTER OF THE ASSOCIATION WILL BE "THE BAYONET CHAPTER" at Ft. Ord, California, governed by a charter petitioned to our national headquarters, in Mattoon, Illinois. Heading the Bayonet Chapter will be Lt. Col. Tom Brennan of Ft. Ord. The men stationed at that base will be given the opportunity for LIFE MEMBERSHIPS for \$10.00 or an annual assessment of \$3.00 yearly while serving at Ft. Ord. One half of each membership, whether a life membership or annual assessment will be retained in our treasury to sustain our reunions, pay for postage, printing, etc. The half remaining in the chapters will make them self-supporting and able to build their membership total. A portion of these memberships shall be used to refurbish Stilwell Hall at Ft. Ord. MANY OF YOU VETERANS READING THESE LINES WILL RECALL THAT WHILE YOU WERE TRAINING AT FT. ORD, YOU MADE DONATIONS TO HELP ERECT STILWELL HALL. Since Ft. Ord is OFFICIAL HOME OF THE DIVISION, it is fitting that this building become a fine tribute for a fine outfit; the men stationed there! You'll be interested to know that to the date of this newsletter, the following elements of the Seventh have been reactivated!

7th Infantry Division activated October 26, 1974; colors unfurled!

June 21, 1975 2nd Bn., 31st Infantry Regiment  
3rd Bn., 32nd Infantry Regiment

July 20, 1975 127th Signal Btn.

September 28, 1975 7th Division Artillery

and no doubt about it: there will be more to follow!

But . . . there is still more exciting news! Ft. Ord in years past has been the source for basic training of new recruits. Recently as announced by a Ft. Ord Spokesman, the last recruits should arrive at the base in January 1976; the cutoff date for all training is the last day of March 1976! Then, if the timetable holds, the base will be taken over as HOMEGROUNDS STRICTLY FOR THE COMBAT-READY FIGHTING UNIT KNOWN AS

### THE SEVENTH INFANTRY DIVISION!

The Army's plan means that for the first time since 1940 all Californians will go out of state for basic training. New recruits, if they ultimately want to drive tanks - to Ft. Knox, Ky., to Ft. Sill for the artillery; to Ft. Jackson, S.C. if their goal is typist or clerical work; and likely to Ft. Benning, Ga. for those headed for the infantry. The Army plans to spend \$74.4 million in the next four years to make the base suitable for the SEVENTH INFANTRY DIVISION!

And now for "BITS AND PIECES" which in future newsletters, we hope, will be a kind of "corner" for keeping up with what some of our reunion officers and other buddies are keeping busy with! Just a few weeks back, in August, we Wises enjoyed a "reunion on a small scale" with a number of fine folks who were also present in Monterey and Ft. Ord for the Big Reunion. We journeyed to Streator, Ill. where the following buddies and their wives' enjoyed a pre-arranged dinner gathering. Present were Jordon & Lois Good, 57th F.A. Bn. and Allen and Evelyn Hardesty, 7th Quarter Master, all of Amboy, Illinois; Gilbert & Myra Nelson, 57th F.A. Bn., of Upland, Nebraska; Don & Katherine Echeiberger, 184th Regt., of Mendota, Illinois; Mel & Marilyn Feller, 31st Inf. Regt., of Davenport, Iowa; Andy & Martha Estanvik, 57th F.A. Bn. and Lowell and Marie Tremain, 32nd Inf. Regt., and Bill and Bev Weiss, 17th Regt., all of Streator, Ill. As this newsletter goes to press we've heard from several other buddy families who have been doing a bit of traveling about; Labor Day week-end found Woody Arndt of Van Nuys, Elias Sanchez of Fullerton and "Uncle Chuck" Whiteman, all of California . . . all Co. H, 17th Regt. buddies, visiting with Charles Blonde of the same outfit. Blonde hasn't been to a reunion yet . . . apparently the fellas are "Working on him"! Former Staff Sgt. Robert W. Moore, R.R. 2, of Ulrich, Missouri and his lovely wife Beulah stopped in Mattoon about the middle of September to "see what he could find out about the reunions of the 7th"! "Bob", another Co. H, 17th Regt. ex-GI, upon seeing a copy of the 1974 book, got so excited at the pictures of "old Buddies" he decided to join right then and there! Seems Bob hasn't had any contact with the fellas since the war ended. A note from them upon returning home tells us they "stayed up for hours reading the book"! Gene Hart of Lancaster, Ohio will be disappointed when reading these lines to know that the Moores as they continued on their vacation, stopped in Lancaster but no success with trying to reach Hart via phone! From out Grand Junction, Colorado way, we hear from Forrest Calkins, formerly in Hq. Co., 7th Div.; Calkins entered his collection of ENVELOPES BEARING THE POST-MARKS of the APO numbers of the various places where the 7th saw combat, in the big SESCOAL Show in Los Angeles. The collection also bore a story about your reunion president about the terrible mistake during his service when the Army had "the Pres" listed as "killed in action" . . . interred on Leyte in the Philippines; posthumously awarded the Purple Heart, etc., and of course, it was a mistake (for which your reunion secretary STILL GIVES THANKS!) Calkins writes he was never so surprised in all his life to receive a call from the MC of the show that his collection and story took the SILVER AWARD OF THE ENTIRE SHOW! NOW, Calkins is going after the BIG ONE . . . THE GOLD ONE! But fellas . . . if you were a vet of the Korean War of year 1950 (when the 7th went thru North Korea and camped on the banks of the Yalu before the "Chink" volunteers came in), seems Calkins needs our help . . . check your old letters . . . if you have an envelope from then . . . not the letter at all . . . the envelope . . . to help complete that collection, send it on to Forrest Calkins, P.O. Box 1057 in Grand Junction, Colorado 81501. (There Forrest, is "the help" as I promised!) Then we had a nice phone chat Saturday, November 1st from the "Old Phantom" himself . . . Charlie Frey of 31st F.A. Bn., of Palo Alto, California. Mail from the Urban Steinhoffs of 17th Regt., down in Portage Des Sioux, Missouri way about the same time relates they took a "breather" from the farm and enjoyed a trip down in Tennessee and points in that direction recently. News of a surprise visit of the Sam Hendershot family of Sebring, Ohio (Co. H, 17th Regt.) over to see George Snyder at Polk, Pennsylvania just reached us too. You fellas of that outfit will be glad to hear that although George suffered heart attacks in 1968, 1970 and another in Sept. 1975, he is recuperating. Soooo, how's about getting a line or two on a snappy get-well card and sending it HIS WAY so he'll have plenty to watch the mail carrier for!

Just address it to: George Snyder, Box 266, Polk, Pennsylvania 16342

News came along this fall too from buddy David K. Brown of Huntingdon, Pennsylvania - He's hale and hearty and seeking election for a public office there . . . forsa iuck, Dave . . . and we're rootin' for your team . . . and hoping to see you and Sarah Jean down San Antonio way!

Speaking of the next reunion . . . several are already getting all set . . . "Pancho" Paul Ferrer of Sanger, California (betcha he gets a chance to perform that "HIGH-LAND FLING" someplace besides a dark corner where he can't be seen, if he shows in San Antonio!); Dr. Charlie Beck and wife, Gertrude, of up N. St. Paul, Minnesota way of 17th Medical Group, didn't make it to California but they hope to be present

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