



Seasons Greetings

1976 Christmas Newsletter of the Seventh Infantry Division Association

MERRY CHRISTMAS GIVING TIME! That is our wish for our 7th Infantry Division Vet families all across the U.S.A. We can give one another beautiful, loving wishes. . .but. . .did you ever stop to think how much God gives each one of us? Let us share a thought with you about giving. God gives us joy that we may give; He gives us joy that we may share. Sometimes He gives us loads to lift that we may learn to bear. For life is gladder when we give; and love is sweeter when we share, and heavy loads rest lighter too, when we have learned to bear.

It has been an exciting time for us since the June 1975 reunion at Ft. Ord. We've been given so much to share with you! Proof of what all of you have been sharing, by contacting so many of your buddies lies right here in Mattoon, Illinois. My! Could you but drop in and see the many, many new life memberships that just keep coming in the mail! So. . .consider that you fellas have MULTIPLIED one big lot of love, good-will and brotherhood by your efforts! Your reward is forth-coming. . .in a few months when you arrive in San Antonio and enjoy visiting with all "these old buddies"!

Hope you have your new 1977 calendar handy. **CIRCLE THE DATES NOW!** June 17 - 18 - 19, 1977 and plan to come join this "ever-growing 7th Division family"!

Of the 350 bedrooms available at the beautiful El Tropicano Hotel at San Antonio, Texas, the staff has set aside 300 rooms just for our vet families for attending the reunion week-end. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and **MUST BE COMPLETED BY MAY 18, 1977.** (It is our understanding that 60 of the 300 rooms will be available on Thursday, June 16th for folks who plan to come early.) Enclosed is a postage-paid lodging reservation card for your mailing convenience. **DON'T PUT OFF MAKING YOUR RESERVATION: DO IT NOW.** After the allotted rooms are reserved at the El Tropicano then the overflow of guests will be at the elegant St. Anthony Hotel, just across the park from the El Tropicano, not quite a 2 block walk. We have full confidence, after personally touring both establishments, that you will be made very comfortable and welcome at either one (and no problem of transportation for you are in downtown San Antonio!)

Our immeasurable thanks to the Alton Evetts family (Co. L, 17th Regt.) and the Ed Handsurs (13th Engineer), both residents of San Antonio. . . they gave us a personal tour of everything we arranged for you to enjoy at the reunion. Besides seeing the convention city, we were dinner guests at the Evetts home. . .and that Ina Mae is some good cook! Alton, since his retirement spends much of his time building beautiful clocks of all kinds. Grandfather clocks, mantel clocks, etc. And Lucky Me! To be the recipient of a pretty yellow "sun-faced" clock (it has "sleepy-eyes" too!) and it "lives in" (framed) a bright yellow "house"! It occupies a special "place of honor" in Mary Jean's Tiny Tots Nursery. Alton sure had "Pres Louie" all up in the air while we were touring the city. . .he decided Louie ought to see the exciting view of San Antonio. . .from the Tower of the Americas! Louie tried his best to convince Alton that there was really no need for him to go up there. . .he'd never lost anything up there (it is some 600 maybe 700 ft straight up in that "outside elevator"! Finally Louie agreed that we would all go up. . .and as he stepped out of the elevator onto the observation tower, the first thing he *OBSERVED* was a slight crack in the concrete floor. . .NOBODY ELSE SAW IT TIL HE POINTED IT OUT! After that, it didn't take long for "The Pres" to complete his "view"!

Ed Handsur also gave an unusual gift. . .and if you fellas and your gals think putting reunions together isn't "hard-work" for Louie, just wait til you see what it has done to him when you get to San Antonio! He'll probably be in a quiet corner. . .working the "Mechanical Thumb-Twiddler" that Ed gave him! (Believe Ed referred to it as a GRINDER. . .for something or other! 'Nuff said!) And that Ed Handsur is some kinda clown! He told of his early days in service, when just 2 sizes of everything was available. . .too big and too little! Seems Ed was making an attempt to "tailor" his size 44 GI pants by lapping them over and around his THEN THIN TO SKINNY FRAME! His "tailoring" was SOOOO GOOD, he ended up with BOTH POCKETS ON THE SAME SIDE! Funny twist to this story though. . .NOW Ed orders his new clothes through a TENT AND AWNING COMPANY! (We know how it is, Ed. . .welcome to the crowd!)

Through letters and telephone calls, we have Retired Major Herman Byram, also of San Antonio, lending his assistance to make our 1977 convention a memorable time. . .we know he has had plenty of experience for he was chairman for the Second (Indian Head) Division Association Reunion there July 1976. We look forward to meeting him personally.

While in San Antonio, we also met Col. Joseph G. Ruhe, M.D. on active duty at Ft. Sam Houston. . .he too is a new life member of our 7th association. . .and already boosting the reunions by sending us the address of his jeep driver who was with him in Korea! And like Major Byram, Col. Ruhe very thoughtfully wrote to volunteer his help with the reunion at San Antonio. . .we surely appreciate these folks down San Antonio way!

By splitting our vacation time, we were able to attend 3 reunions! June 26 found us at Ramada Inn, Fairview Heights, Illinois to enjoy the Co. E, 17th Regt. reunion. Credit for a fine evening goes to the Freddie Schulmeister's of Waterloo, Illinois, in charge of the arrangements. The evening was a Bicentennial one! Quite a number of Co. E vets and their gals were decked out in costume. The gals lovely in their dresses and "grannie caps". The guys are in high style. . .buckled shoes, knee britches, frock-tailed coats, lacy shirt fronts and cuffs. . .and yes-sir-ee. . .even white powdered wigs. . .some tied with ribbon in the back! Beauty shops musta been giving "dye jobs" even "then" for we observed one fella topping his finery with a bright YELLOW wig! "General George Washington" Forrest Kidwell was there in full dress. . .even to the 3 cornered hat! And Claude Extrait of Co. E, and a charter life member of our association, was really giving his outfit a work-out. . .dancing to the polka music! We couldn't help but chuckle to ourselves, as we watched several costumed groups posing for pictures. . .betcha one Jap soldier woulda said to another, "and Honorable Japanese soldier (1) rossed the war to THIS???" Your reunion Pres and Secretary were (I thought) appropriately dressed for the evening. . .Louie in his *brilliant* red shirt, conservative blue suit and a star-spangled neck-tie! Overheard him mumbling something about, "Hope I don't come in contact with a bull somewhere!" I thought my bicentennial floor length "I Love America" printed dress, long white apron, white shawl and "grannie cap" was just dandy. . .but the "Pres" advised as we left our room for the banquet to "Walk behind me or everybody will think I'm taking one of the maids out!" Most un-complimentary compliment ever paid!

Co. E decided to hold their next reunion at Seminole, Florida and the Forrest Kidwells of that city will be the hosts. We were pleased to depart from the Co. E reunion with 8 new life members added to the associations' roster.

Then July 10th, Wises and Weiss headed for San Antonio to make the 1977 arrangements in advance of the reunion. Bill Weiss, of Strea-tor, Illinois, is a Korean Veteran, formerly served with Co. E, 17th Regt. is our second vice-president. He was elected at the 1975 reunion as we felt our Korean vets should have a spokesman in the association. Chester and Fannie Scantlin, our vice-president and treasurer respectively, couldn't get loose from their work schedules, so the Weiss' agreed to go along. (We always prefer that reunion activities are approved by at least 3 of the 5 officers.) SOOO. . .to make up for HIS ABSENCE, vice-president Chester *agreed* to lick all the stamps this coming November 13th week-end, for the mail to go out to all you fellas so you receive your 1976 Christmas Newsletter and reunion packet. . .DIDN'T YOU, CHESTER !

Must tell you as we Wises traveled together with the Weiss', both with same name but spelled differently of course, we seemed to cause NO END OF CONFUSION! Began to feel sorry for the staff of the El Tropicano. . .some dilemma alright to have the name of Wise (or Weiss) paged. . .and then have the "wrong set" to answer the page!

The reunion of Co. M, 17th Regiment was held in July at Ramada Crest Inn in Birmingham, Alabama. It was a pleasant surprise to see General "Pac" Pachler of Tampa, Florida as well as General Ed Taylor of Sacramento, California attend the Co. M reunion. It was a lovely, sharing week-end with everyone telling of "remembering When" days during the Saturday evening. It sure was nice to see so many of the Co. M fellas present who had become charter life members of our association, during the Ft. Ord reunion in 1975. As we left Co. M reunion, all but 3 of the attending vets were life or charter life members!

Max Harner, a 17th medic attached to Co. M, being a Birmingham resident, accepted my list of "long-lost" buddies of 7th, in his area to try and find them and obtain current addresses. That was good hunting. Max and his wife Bernice located about 10 on the list from his city and we have already sent them information on membership and the Texas reunion! Also volunteering from Co. M to look for 7th vets in Memphis, Tennessee where he resides, was Hugh Brower. His search also was successful and the same information is on the way to those Hugh located. We also give credit to Hugh for helping us to locate a source of supply for an item that many of you have inquired about! It is a 7th Division BELT BUCKLE! The dimensions of the oval-shaped buckle, are 3½ inches horizontally and 2½ inches vertically. The buckle itself is of polished nickle and it has the usual hinge on the backside with the hook (such as large "Western type" buckles have which are so popular now). Your 7th Division Emblem on this buckle will be the size of a silver dollar and it will be centered on the oval shaped buckle with the emblem in full color. These are most attractive and we'll bet there will be lots of you decide to order one, right on your REUNION EVENT RESERVATION FORM! By ordering your belt buckle on the form (as well as your copy of the 1977 Seventh Division Year Book) we'll try to fulfill your order at the Texas reunion... and for any of you vets who want either or both the belt buckle and the book but do not plan to attend the reunion, just use the reunion event reservation form to order the items and we'll ship your order to you.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Goggins, Co.M, of Alabaster, Alabama did such a nice job with the reunion at Birmingham. (Monroe is also a charter life member of this association.)

It was good to meet for the first time, so many of the veterans with whom we have corresponded a long time. It was our first time to meet Nell and Oran Glover of Sumiton, Alabama. We've wished ever since that we had tape recorded Oran's *hilarious* story of how he hid a gallon of PEANUT BUTTER, of all places, ON THE JEEP which he was driver for General Pachler! Now we understand that until the reunion at Birmingham, General "Pac" never knew the whole truth about that episode! Back to the story...as you must have guessed, apparently Oran loves peanut butter! WELLLLL, seems the hot humid weather where Oran, General "Pac" and the jeep were stationed, got the best of the peanut butter... before Oran got the chance to indulge!! General "Pac" remarked that the jeep musta run through *something* the way it smelled! Oran said he was QUICK TO REPLY, "Yes, Sir, if we can shut the vehicle down for just a little while, Sir, I'll see that it gets washed!" With that promise we understand Oran made haste to give the jeep a "bath" ...and get rid of that gallon of "very ripe" peanut butter!

I was most honored to be asked to attend to the Sunday morning devotions at breakfast for the group. following which I conducted a brief memorial service for those beloved, departed buddies of Co.M.. Co.M. decided during their meeting in Birmingham, to attend the 1977 Texas reunion within a reunion!

Leaving Birmingham, we stopped in Florence, Alabama for a lovely but brief visit with the Raymond Clemmons family. Louie and Ray were in Co.H, 17th Regt. together overseas. It was the first time they had seen each other since Leyte in 1944 and ...you bet... they sure did...fought the war over! Ray is 100% disabled so all you Co.H. fellas make with the pens and stationary...you may not get a quick reply, but it will make Ray feel good to get your letters...and you'll feel even better knowing you helped "make his day" by

a big mail call! Address letters to: Raymond Clemmons, Rt. 4 Box 278, Florence, Ala. 35630. Better still... why not take advantage of the "low rate hours" some Sunday afternoon before Christmas and give Ray and Juanita, his lovely wife, a Christmas gift phone call. Ray might not recall you personally but you just let him know you are a 7th Division man...that's all it takes! You can dial them direct at: (205) 764-6414.

Then another favor you can do yourself (as well as Wises and Weiss') ... if you must travel south toward Nashville, Tennessee either going to the Texas reunion...or returning home, try and stop for a gas filling at Lewisburg Tennessee at the Chevron dealer...Jake Harris. You'll sure find Jake a "hard-working, honestly caring-about- people kind of fella". What a grand help this man was to us when our Mercury blew its water pump and air conditioning on a late Sunday afternoon as we travelled from Alabama toward Madisonville, Kentucky to see Jim and Laura Jones there. Jake put in 8 long CONTINUOUS HOURS of hard work, even skipped his Sunday dinner to solve our problems... had us ready to roll again before midnight! Even more amazing...his fee was far below what we would have had to pay even at home! Jake just believes in helping folks in distress... and BOY! THAT'S DISTRESS ALRIGHT... water pump and air conditioning out... on late Sunday afternoon... in the middle of nowhere! (We're planning to surprise Jake Harris along about June 1977, be the Good Lord willing!)

Another fella who deserves a "pat on the back" (and we hope you vets of the 184th will put some ma! on the way to him), is buddy Robert (Bob) Zedlick, Co.A. and Service Co., 184th Regt.. Bob lost his sight a couple of years back due to diabetes... but you can't keep a good guy "grounded"! His activities would put we who have full vision and good health to shame! He is not only is a ham radio operatop, but this past summer took on an 18 week course, at Hines VA Hospital on blind rehabilitation. He's doing the whole bit... self-care, braille, typing, crafts, and ...of all things... car repair HANDLING POWER TOOLS! Drop Bob a line of "Hello" and "How are you"... his dear wife Eileen will relate it to him, as most of us can't handle writing braille. Address letters to : Robert Zedlick, 5933 Decatur Ave.N, Minneapolis, Minn. 55428. Bob's ears are A-OK though so you can call him too! He's also a life member of our association and making plans to try to be at San Antonio! You can dial direct to Bob and Eileen: (612) 533-7354.

August 29th found us attending the 17th Regt. reunion , at Offut Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebtaska with the Lawrence Oregons of Omaha. Couldn't have asked for a finer day... warm and beautiful for an all day picnic and visiting. Had a fine attendance... 177 in number counting vets, wives, and guests. Many who were present remember that base as Ft. Crook and it is dear to the hearts of the "old timers". We were sure pleased to meet so many of our association's charter life and life members there too. Edgar Bohlman of Omaha deserves a round of applause for the arrangements for the 17th Regt. reunion. He and Don Finch of Harbor, Oregon conducted a business meeting after the picnic. Laurence Robinson of Hope, Arkansas (big water melon country!) was voted as president of the group and Lawrence oregon elected as secretary. Jake Wittler of 17th Regt. will conduct his annual picnic at Alum Rock Park, San Jose, California as they usually do. Many of those who attend Jake's picnic prefer not to travel such a great distance, as to Nebraska. A recently recieved letter from Laurence Robinson inquired about how many from the reunion at Offut Air Force Base had joined, that when he last saw us we looked "pretty busy". Sure was...we left that reunion with 17 new life members!

Civil affairs officer of Ft. Ord, Lt. Col. Tom Brennan flew to Omaha to attend the regimental reunion as guest speaker. He gave special invitation to the assembled group to come visit Ft. Ord when ever possible. He spoke of activities in today's army. He also petitioned our association for a charter to be granted to form the BAYONET CHAPTER AT FT. ORD! This will consist of soldiers on active duty at Ft. Ord. If you are reading a newsletter for the first time, perhaps you are not aware that Ft. Ord had been retained by the U.S. Army solely for the 7th Division recently. Membership drive for the Bayonet Chapter got underway Oct 6th. Our 7th Division Association has also sponsored a Christmas Card Designing Contest among the Ft. Ord soldiers. Winner of the \$25.00 cash award was SPC Don Howard, HHC, 7th Infantry Division, Ft.Ord.

We are on the homestretch assembly of the whopper 1977 7th Division year book. If you are a vet who has never returned your questionnaire and photo with your membership form completed, so we can add "your page" to the book, you better hurry! The book must be submitted to our printer soon to be off press in time for the reunion. The book will be much larger because of so many new members and IT WILL BE BOUND TO RETAIN ITS PAGES! It will have a surprising new section this time ... with the help of the U.S. Army ... and if they have found every thing we have requested, we know all the 7th vets will keep your copy of this 1977 edition as a REAL TREASURE! Because it is so much larger and will be bound, it will cost a little more than the last edition in 1974, but we personally believe you will agree it is well worth the price. The '77 Book has really been SOME PROJECT!

BITS AND PIECES!

Charlie Whiteman (Uncle Chuck as he prefers it) of Lakewood, California had a "reunion on a small scale" at his home on July 18th. Present from Co. H., 17th Regt. were "Woody" Arndt, "Sandy" Sanchez, Jackie Thun, Rudy Struharik, and Kenny Penzes. All these "heros"????? enjoyed the gathering... fought the war over...with the necessities such as steak and ETC.!

Following the 17th Regt. reunion picnic at Offut, Nebraska, the Wises plus our oldest granddaughter, Sherri "Sugar Lump" Hirsches, headed for Minnesota. We knew our 13th Engineer Buddy George Judish had suffered a bad heart attack very recently and was hospitalized so as we reached Browns Valley, we went to see his wife Josephine. George knew we were there so we agreed with Josephine to go to the hospital at Graceville to see him. George looked good, was out of intensive care, had a big grin on his face and reunion booster that he always was, there he sat, planning on San Antonio in a big way for 1977. How glad and how thankful we are that we went to see him... for George passed away at his home at Browns Valley, Minnesota on September 18th. We're so glad that when we left him, we took the list of 16 addresses of his closest buddies and sent each a card telling of his illness and sent along his address. They were just great to respond and we understand from Josephine that George was so pleased with all the phone calls and mail from "the guys". Then it became our sad duty to send each of the 16 a letter to relate his death.

A recent note from Padre Joe Vogel, formerly 184 Reg. Chaplin, relates he has vacationed down Florida way this summer and is now back at Queen of Heaven Seneca Rectory planning to do like all others and see us in San Antonio.

On recent sick call and undergoing major surgery was "Sarg" Rudy Johnson, Co. H, 17 Reg. of Minneapolis, Minn. A-OK - recuperating - fine.

We stopped then in Morgead to see Stella Steeke, widow of Herman who was Louie's beloved friend and buddy. (Stella lost Herman in September 1972) and has continued to boost the reunion by her attendance at Peoria 1974, and Ft. Ord in 1975... and betcha we'll see her in San Antonio too. You gals who have lost your guys please take note... everyone of you are "special" to us... we want you to feel welcome to come join the gang.

We enjoyed a brief but so nice visit with Mel Kallinen, Co. I., 17th Regt. when we stopped to say hello to him at New York Mills, Minnesota.

Wadena was next on our schedule to see Harry and Vernice Edwards of the 32nd Regt.. Maynard Hanson's wife Frances visited with us at the Edwards home but we couldn't stay long enough to see Maynard who was working. We really enjoyed seeing all these good folks again after seeing them at Ft. Ord. By the time we reached Sauk Rapids, Minnesota we were running kind of short on time but we did stop long enough to telephone Dan and Regina Lahr, 17th Regt. and chat a minute or so. On our homebound trip we came thru Janesville, Wisconsin and had a nice but short visit with Bernice Guse, widow of Carl another of Louie's beloved buddies. The Jordon Good's, 57th FA, of Amboy, Illinois, had been down to Mattoon about the middle of August for a week-end with us... they had it all arranged that we were to stop over in Amboy as we headed home about September 5th. The Allen Hardestys, 7th Q. master of Amboy dropped in to say hello while we were there. (When Jordon Goods came to Mattoon in August, they unknowingly started Louie a collection of mugs...they brought him a Polish coffee cup...I have added several more to it from several states... should eventually be quite an interesting collection... the last one I gave him reads "Just Don't Forget Whose Boss!" Even though the first one I gave him says "My Wonderful Husband") Soooo, it has been a traveling summer for us and a most enjoyable one for through the years since the reunions began in June 1968, we've been blessed with hundreds of friendships all over the USA.

We finally made it to St. Louis on Sept. 18th... we were at the Scantlin home and had completed a shopping tour for purchase of the door prizes for the 1977 reunion...when we received the sad news of the death of George Judish.

The door prizes are so nice...somebody will sure be thrilled to be holding a winning ticket of each one of these! (Doggone it... officers can't participate in the drawings!)

A bit of news from the Urban Steinhoffs, 17th Regt. Serv. Co., of Portage DesSioux, Missouri says they are enjoying a new grandson! They sent along several addresses of buddies to contact in time for the 1977 reunion.

Along in July came a letter from Peggy and Sam Hendershots of Sebring, Ohio to tell us the good news that their son Don had received an appointment at West Point! We're sure they are very proud of him... He's quite a lad and we're proud of him too. Don has his next 4years "cut out" for him... days begin at 5:30 AM and conclude at 10PM... and Peggy writes that Don has started getting up EARLIER to begin the day ...caught up! Wow... makes us tired just to think about it!

Speaking of young folks, brings to mind that we received a recent letter with a photo of pretty bride Diane Handsur, daughter of Ed and Leona Handsur... she was preparing for her church wedding when we were in San Antonio in July. Our congratulations!

Change of Pace as well as addresses are in order for these buddies:

Albert V. Hartl will receive mail at 213 N. Broadway in Fergus Falls. He and lovely wife Ruth are looking forward to his retiring Nov. 1st from his Presidency at the Ottetail Power Company. He's a 17th Regt. man.

John W. Koon has a new address: Rt. 2 Box 75B Yulee, Florida 32097. You can dial John and Idabell direct at: (904) 225-5050).

LET'S HELP A BUDDY CORNER!

Attention Korean Vets who fought about October 19-20, 1952 with 3rd pltn., Co.K, 3rd Bn., 17th Regt. in the area of Hill #598- Triangle Hill- Jane Russell- Pike's Peak during Operation Showdown. We are seeking to help the family of Sgt. Marvin L. Rodman who has been missing in action since October 19-20, 1952. Read the following details on Rodman... if you were in the area and recall anything at all, please either write to your reunion president's address or to either of the given addresses.

This is a photo of Sgt. Marvin L. Rodman US55200683 - Born April 11, 1930, Salem, Indiana. Basic Training at Ft. Riley, Kansas - Served in 3rd pltn., Co. K, 3rd Bn. 17th regt. - Departed for overseas from Ft. Lewis, Washington - Missing in action since October 19-20, 1952 - The last known day of his life, these whereabouts:

Members of 3rd pltn., Co. K, state that on the night of October 20, 1952, 2 squads of the platoon were assigned the mission of defending a small portion of the forward slope of Triangle Hill. Shortly thereafter the 3rd pltn. was ordered to withdraw. After the withdrawal it was noted that Sgt. Rodman was missing. No one saw him wounded, killed, or captured. He was never heard of again ... not a trace. If you were at that particular area and know for certain that Rodman (nicknamed Poofie or Marv) was killed or captured by North Koreans or Red Chinese, or if you have any information, please do write. His family feels 24 years is a long time to wait ... but we can understand why they do. Their peace of mind, either way, would be so relieving. Write to either address, or us. Thomas J. Evans - 10213 Hunt Country Lane - Vienna, Va. 22180 or Gareth M. Rodman - 444 Vermont St. - Wabash, Ind. 46992. In a further effort to help the family, a display of pictures of Rodman will be on display in San Antonio at the reunion ... maybe some of our Korean Vets will recognize him or know something of his disappearance.



Attention vets who were with the 32nd regt. on Okinawa .. Do you recall anything about the death of Joseph A. Talazac of Co. I, 32nd Regt., on June 4th, 1945? His nephew is seeking to locate any information on Talazac or a Lt. Willis A. Fouracre who was C.O. of Co.I. Write to : Paul J. Talazac, Jr. 137 Seal Dr. Arabi, La. 70032.

Attention vets of 48th FA Btry. AB or C. James F. Williams 713 Briardcliff Road Rock Hill, So. Carolina 29730. Williams seeks to locate a Sgt. Grubb from Georgia to prove a disability back injury received during landing at Inchon, Korea in Sept. 1950.

A bit of advance information for you! Lots of our vet families have been staying over on Monday of reunions, just to visit! Your Monday can be fun and interesting (visit too, of course), if you would like to *make your own arrangements through the travel agency in the El Tropicano Hotel*, for taking a 1 day bus trip down to Old Mexico! We know of several (us included) who already plan to do so; you return the same evening of the morning you leave. (You must make your own arrangements on this as it is NOT ON YOUR REUNION EVENT RESERVATION FORM.)

Be sure to make your lodging reservation at the El Tropicano (postage—paid card enclosed) NO LATER THAN MAY 18, 1977.

Those of you planning to attend the reunion in motor homes or campers can make good use of this information for parking, hook—ups, etc.

Alamo Koa Campgrounds 602 Gemblar Road San Antonio, Texas

Ph. (512) 224—9296

Spanish Oaks U.S. 87 N. at 8332 ; Fredricksburg Rd. S. Antonio, Texas

Ph. (512) 696—1256

Coachman's Motor Home Park N. on U.S. 87 at 1474 Austin Way San Antonio, Texas

THE DEADLINE DATE ON YOUR REUNION EVENT RESERVATION FORM TO BE COMPLETED, AND RECEIVED BY OUR OUR TREASURER, WITH YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: 7th Infantry Division Association is May 18, 1977;

This is the same date the El Tropicano Hotel has selected as deadline for your lodging reservation card to reach them.

OUR TREASURER IS:

Mrs. Fannie Scantlin

9558 Flora Avenue

St. Louis, Missouri 63114

ph (314) 428—7685

And now we must share with you the sad news of these beloved friends and buddies who have heeded the call of "Final Taps"	
Ray Warpenski— Co. M, 17th Regt. death date unknown	Roscoe Anderson — Racine, Wisconsin Co. H 17th Regt.
Harold Cooper— Peoria, Ill. 32nd Regt. Nov. 1975	George Judish— Browns Valley, Minn. 13th Engr.
Charles Blonde— Victorville, Ca., Co. H. 17th Regt.	Rowley B. Howard— Stockton, Ca. 13th Engr.
Alton Howes— San Jose, Ca., Co H , 17th Regt.	Clark Howell— Essexville, Mich. 32nd Regt.
Francis Dyer— Co. M, 17th	Sam Niclaes— Santa Rosa, Calif., Co. K, 17th

We'll always feel so blessed that God gave us the happy hours we shared with these beloved buddies. Our heart—felt sympathy is extended to their families and their buddies. We sincerely hope all of you will remember their families as the holidays approach; put a little personal note in the mail... to be remembered means so much. Truly, the smiles of these dear buddies will be missed.

And our closing thought at this beautiful Christmas time goes out to each home and each heart, where ever you are...

May God grant you the light in Christmas
Which is faith;
The warmth of Christmas
Which is love;
The radiance of Christmas
Which is purity;
The righteousness of Christmas
Which is justice;
The belief of Christmas
Which is truth
The All of Christmas
Which is Christ.

We'll be looking for you June 17—18—19, 1977...San Antonio, Texas.

Your reunion officers

Louie and Mary Jean Wise, Mattoon, Ill.
(President and Executive Secretary)

Chester and Fannie Scantlin, St. Louis, Missouri
(Vice—President and Treasurer)

Bill and Beverly Weiss, Streator, Ill.
(2nd Vice- President & "Bill's Girl Friday, Saturday and all other days!)

REUNION EVENT RESERVATION FORM

(DEADLINE DATE TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TO OUR TREASURER IS MAY 18, 1977)

I request the following reservations for myself, my family or my guests, for the Seventh Infantry Division Assoc. convention, at the convention headquarters - The El Tropicano Hotel.

TOTAL AMOUNT

Friday, June 17, 1977 7:00 p.m. Dinner aboard riverboat
_____ Reservations @ \$9.45 per person _____

Saturday, June 18, 1977 7:30 a.m. Vet Breakfast (Terrace Room)
_____ Reservations @ \$5.04 per person _____

Saturday, June 18, 1977 7:30 a.m. Ladies Breakfast (Continental Room)
_____ Reservations @ \$5.04 per person _____

Saturday, June 18, 1977 1:00 p.m. Alamo Tour-bus
_____ Reservations @ \$1.50 per person _____

Saturday, June 18, 1977 3:00 p.m. Lone Star Brewery-tour-bus
(has world's largest gun display plus the room of horns)
_____ Reservations @ \$1.50 per person _____

Saturday, June 18, 1977 7:00 p.m. Banquet-Terrace Ballroom
_____ Reservations @ \$10.50 per person _____

Entertainment following Banquet-Terrace Ballroom then dancing in the Continental Ballroom

Sunday, June 19, 1977 8:00 a.m. Breakfast (for all) (Terrace room)
_____ Reservations @ \$6.00 per person _____

MORNING WORSHIP & MEMORIAL SERVICE POOLSIDE 9:30 a.m.

Our reunion will conclude following the memorial service

I desire to order _____ copies of 1977 7th Div. Year Book @ \$17.00 per copy _____

I desire to order _____ 7th Div. Belt Buckle @ \$8.00 ea. - of polished nickle
with 7th Emblem full color oval shaped, emblem centered _____

The entire total of my reservations and/or special purchases _____

I understand I will pick up my reservation tickets and special purchases (belt or buckle or both) at the time I register for the convention.

Signed _____

My outfit _____ Address/City/State/ph _____

I agree that my order for belt or buckle or both will be mailed to me since I do not plan to attend the Texas convention.

Signed _____

My outfit _____ Address/City/State/ph _____

My check or money order equals the total of my reservations or purchase _____

Make check payable to 7th Infantry Division Assoc.

Mail check and form to:

Mrs. Fannie Scantlin - 9558 Flora Ave. - St. Louis, Missouri 63114 - Ph. (314) 428-7685

Printer's Note:

Each member will receive a 7th Division decal to place on the inside of a window. Deadline made it impossible to get the order out to be mailed with this material. The decals will be distributed at the reunion or mailed to you at your address after the reunion.

Also, Mary Jean Wise mentioned that the 7th Division Book will be bound. Yes, it will be bound in a hard cover using no glue and will be of the same quality as High School or College year books. The Hour Glass and organization name will be silk screened on the front. We're sure you'll be pleased with it.

As mentioned, the cost of the reunion book is \$17.00. *But*, this figure was used as a maximum because we still do not know how many pages will be needed. If it does not require the full \$17.00 all unused money will be returned to the association as a donation for future reunions.



APPLICATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN THE
SEVENTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

Name _____
Last name First name Initial Nickname

Wife's Name (or next of kin) _____

Street address _____

City & State _____ Zip _____

Home phone () _____ Business phone () _____
area code area code

Outfit Identity _____
Company or battery/btn.(pltn.) (Regiment)

Served _____ to _____ Rank at discharge _____ Army Serial No. _____
year year

My check # _____ or cash in amount \$10.00 _____

is hereby attached for payment of my membership dues in the
SEVENTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

I understand I am entitled to receive all newsletters and reunion packets
to arrange to attend the reunions (*Plus membership card and 7th Div. lapel pin*)

Date _____ Signed _____

ARMY SERVICE RECORD & FAMILY DATA HERE

Name _____
Last name First name Initial Nickname

Wife's Name (or next of kin) _____

Street address _____

City & State _____ Zip _____

Home phone () _____ Business phone () _____
area code area code

Name of Business where employed _____

Vet's Birthdate _____ Wife's Birthdate _____

Wedding Date _____

We are parents of _____ Grandparents of _____

As a Veteran of WWI WWII Korean Conflict

I took basic training at _____
place

My overseas duty was served during the years from _____ to _____

My combat or overseas duty was in these campaigns _____

My service awards were _____

I recall a funny incident from overseas _____

I remember a dramatic incident from overseas _____

Signed _____