508th Parachute Infantry Regiment Association

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NEWS LETTER
JANUARY 1977

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First News letter
Ever ! ! !

I'll bet most of you thought you'd never see anything like this. I've sure had my doubts too. Anyway, at great expense to the management, here is our first issue.

Our objective is to keep in contact with all of you WWII vintage 508ers. We want to keep a good flow of information moving about convention dates, projects, etc. Maybe we can develope a chit-chat column too so if you have any information that you might want to share send it in.

There is a cardex file now with all of the names and addresses of men we have found. I have 420 names on file. If you know of any WWII type 508er who isn't in contact, send me there name and address. The more the merrier. If you have some old addresses, follow up on them. It costs nothing to ask the telephone operator for a phone number. If the old address has a phone number, call and maybe surprise some old buddy.

1977 CONVENTION

It's going to be held at Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, N.C. on Sept. 9, 10, 11, 1977.

The Bordeaux Motor Inn of Fayetteville will be the convention site. It is a lovely, modern Inn with lots of rooms, food service, and convenient to shopping. We can get there by car, plane, on foot,etc. There is limousine service from Grannis Airport(Fayetteville) to the Inn.

Bordeaux Motor Inn

1707 OWEN DRIVE
FAYETTEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA 28304
PHONE: 323-0111

A Touch of Tomorrow, Today

that's what awaits you at
Bordeaux Motor Inn/Convention Center

There is a large contingent of WW II 508ers in the area to help put this greatest of all reunions together. Jim Smith is the chairman, assisted by:

Kenneth Merritt	Ed Woodowski
Jim Blue	Gene Evans
O.C. Crow	Adolph Warnecke
Marvin Risnes	

AIRBORNE

A REGIMENT OF THE EIGHTY-SECOND AIRBORNE DIVISION «ALL-AMERICANS»

1977 REUNION
PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Thursday Sept 8.- Early bird gathering in the hospitality room with registration, coffee and drinks.

Friday Sept 9.-0800- Buffet Breakfast
0915- Leave for Fort Bragg and tour 82nd Museum
1200- Meal in Mess Hall (approx. $1.25)
1330- Observe 1st BN, 508th Airborne operation on DZ Sicily
1600- Arrive back at Bordeaux Inn for an evening of your choice
1600- ??- Hospitality Room open, with Registration, coffee and drinks

Saturday Sept. 10-
0900-1000- General Membership meeting
1000-1100- Enroute to Camp Mackall, N.C.
1100-1300- Tour Camp Mackall, via bus and walking
1300- Barbecue on the lake, in a log cabin, N.C. Style with Beer Bust
1600-1900- Hospitality Room (C.P.) open
1930- Posting of colors, Invocation, Dinner, Speaker and Dance

Sunday Sept.11.-0900-Hospitality Room open
1200-Memorial Luncheon
1440-Hospitality Room open for farewells

If you want to see Fort Bragg and the 508th in a battalion drop, arrive on Sept.8th!

There will also be a beer bust, lots of war stories, prizes, tall stories, souvenirs, old buddies, gifts for all ,and one hell of a good time.

Bring your wife. About half of the guys bring the little lady along and she has a great time.

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FUNK AND GRAVES EARLY BIRDS

Len Funk (C Co) and Lewis Graves (C Co) registered first and second respectively for the Sept. 77 reunion. Let's everyone get going and send their registrations in to Jim Smith. The quicker the sooner.

Jim is holding blocks of rooms for each company. It's first come first served to be located near your old buddies.

CARTER AND GAVIN INVITED

O.B. Hill has invited President Carter and General Gavin to our convention in Fayetteville. It's too early yet for firm commitments from them, but wouldn't that be something to see!!!

Jim Blue, the A Co Charge of Quarters, reports from Dunn, N.C. that A Co will have 50 people in attendance- at least. He will probably double that by September! Jim has done a fantastic job of getting people notified and lined up.

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Ed Boccafolgi has taken on the job of contacting the B Co people. This is in his spare time between running a wine business and getting his family married.

MEMBERSHIP RULES

Just a reminder. Our membership is for those who served in the 508th from 1942-1945. We don't mean to be snobbish. It's just that we of that era have a lot in common to share with one another.

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HOTEL SERVICE

Jim Smith says that check out time at the Bordeaux Inn will be 12:00 noon. When paying your bill they will honor these credit cards: American Express, Diner's Club, Bank Americard, Master Charge, and Carte Blanch. No personal Checks will be accepted unless approved by them ahead of time. Any type of travelers check will be honored.

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Bob Chisolm (I Co) has offered some photographs taken in Frankfurt 1946 for our News Letter. I'm flattered Bob, but their reproduction is a bit exotic for our budget right now. Static Line could use them, but be sure to say you want them back.

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PRE-REGISTRATION 1977 REUNION

NAME Mr._____508 COMPANY_____

Mrs. _____

ADDRESS Number & Street _____

City _____State_____Zip_____

EXPECTED ARRIVAL DATE_____CHECK OUT DATE _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED $ _____$45.00 PER PERSON

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO 508 P.I.R. ASSOCIATION

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HOTEL ROOM RESERVATION -Send check for at least one night to reserve.

_____ Single room with one person $18.25 per night.
_____ Single room with two persons $21.50 per night.
_____ Double room with two persons $24.75 Per night.
Single rooms feature 1 king sized bed.
Double rooms feature 2 queen sized beds.
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO BORDEAUX MOTOR INN.

Send pre-registration, hotel reservation and check for each to-
Jim Smith, Treasurer, 115 Blanton Rd. Fayetteville, N.C. 28303

CHEF DU PONT

Our project for the Chef Du Pont memorial still needs your support. We require $1,000. to finish it. Our project is the construction of a park to set off and complement the stone memorial the town has erected to the 508th and its service to those people during the war.

Dave Thomas, our Regimental Medical officer, is co-ordinating the project with the town council and reports things are moving well. Let's do our part! Send your donation to Jim Smith, our treasurer today!

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Did you know that the 508ths William Windom (B Co) is a well known TV and theatre performer? My family and I just saw his one man shows, Thurber I and Thurber II. They are both humorous shows and very entertaining. He's just starting a one man Ernie Pyle show now.

He visited us the end of April and we had a very satisfying reunion after 32 years. He and OB are going to have a mini-reunion too.

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Vin Barry (C Co) reports that Doc Hardy(C Co) had a mild heart attack some months ago. Good luck on a speedy recovery Doc. You must have caught it from those you helped in Chicago last July.

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Bill Call (B and G Co's) does our printing. He has Reliable printing in Saginaw, Mich.

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MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

A number of you have asked about membership numbers. I'm unable to assign them because our master list of numbers was lost in Chicago last July. If any helpful person picked it up while helping with our multitude of challenges, please send it to OB or myself.

REGISTER NOW ! ! !

Here's a sampling of paid reunion registrations:Funk-C, Graves-C, Mooney-I,Pletsch-E, Beno-G, McFadden-G, Muchanski-C, Demciak- Med.Det, White-A,Gass-E, Thomas-Med. Det, Montgomery-Med, Det, Junes- Hqist, Petry-I, Lindquist- Hq& Hq, Metcalf- Hqist, Roll- H, Chisolm-I, Bauman-F, Karmitzski-A !

See you in Fay.

Jim Allardyce
Secretary