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ISSUE 4

European Tour Special Edition

The tour is planned to leave from JFK Airport in New York for Paris at 6:00 P.M. June 2, 1978. You will return to JFK on June 17. In between, you will be in Normandy, the Bulge, Nijmegen and Nottingham. There will be touring, sightseeing, banquets, ceremonies, shopping, comradeship, tall story telling, nostalgia, and a chance to find your old fox hole. Come on along for this first 508th tour of Europe.

The price is not yet firm but will not exceed $800.00 per person. O.B. and the committee are still working up some last minute goodies, but he says that what we have here is 98 % firm.

You can bring friends and relatives. They dont have to belong to the Association. There will be a time limit though on signing up after which, federal law won't allow this low, low price.

The $800.00 per person includes air fare from New York to Paris and back, the ferry across the channel, land transportation, lodging and some breakfasts. You will stay in hotels everywhere but Normandy. There, private homes will have you.

Sign up for this once in a lifetime return to the scenes of your WWII experiences. To commit yourself, send $100.00 per person down payment to our treasurer, Jim Smith.

James Smith
1403 Valencia Drive.
Fayetteville, N.C. 28303

Make the check or money order payable to 508th PIR Association and mark it "Deposit on 508th Tour of Europe".

Your deposit is refundable if we are notified by May 10,1978.

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Many Thanks

On behalf of O.B. and the other officers, thank you for the cheery Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year. You overwhelmed us! It just wasn't possible to answer everyone. You guys are fantastic and wonderful. All of us hope that all of you had a peaceful, old fashioned, family Christmas during the Holy season and may you have a happy and successful New Year.

O.B., Jack
Dave and the 2 Jims

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

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ISSUE 5

508th EUROPEAN TOUR

If you misplaced the first application, here it is again. Use it now before it is to late.

You will leave JFK Airport in New York at 6:00 P.M. on June 2, 1978 and land in Paris at 6:00 A.M. June 3. That will be the start of your travels to the scenes of your WW II experiences. You will be at Chef Du Pont, St. Mere Eglise, Vielsam, St, Vith, Deidenberg, Berg en Dal, Nijmegen, Wyler, Groesbeek, and Nottingham. There will be a chance to shop and tour in Paris and London. You will enjoy receptions, banquets and sightseeing. It's a wonderful tour, returning to JFK on June 17. Register now with the form on page 3.

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SHOTS

At this time no immunization shots are required. The County Health Department advises that YOU check with your local department 2-3 weeks before departure, in case of a change in requirements.

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EUROPEAN TOUR
FINAL PAYMENTS AND DATES

This is the latest from O.B. just a few days ago. The final arrangements eliminated May 10 as a refund date. The cost remains at $900.00 per person round trip. Deposits will be accepted until April 1. The final payment is due April 15. Cancellations will be accepted until April 15 with no charge. Any cancellations after April 15 will cost $50.00 per person.

You have until April 15 now to make up your mind, and have all your money paid. These are governmental rules applying to bargain flights and cannot be changed so get busy.

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PASSPORTS

You get them at your County Clerks office. Bring a certified copy of your birth and a drivers license. You must know your fathers and mothers place of birth and the date. You will need a $10.00 check or money order and $3.00 cash for clerks fees. You will also need 2 copies of a special passport photo 2 inches by 2 inches. Ask your photographer, he knows the requirements.

The passport will take 4-5 weeks to be delivered once all of the above is complete. There is an extra charge for special, speedy delivery.

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Friday -

June 2, 1978
6:00 P.M. depart from JFK Airport in New York for Paris, France.

June 3,
6:00 A.M. Arrive at Paris. Depart on chartered bus for Normandy immediately after claiming luggage.

June 4,
Dedication of 508 Park in Chef du Pont. Evening banquet being planned and arranged.

June 5,
Visit Ste. Laurent cemetery, tour of the general area, search for your DZ, find your fox hole, etc.

June 6, 34th Anniversary of D-Day.....
Official ceremonies held in Ste. Mere Eglise. Reception and banquet will follow. Visit the Airborne museum.

June 7,
Depart 9:00 A.M. for Paris. Check in at hotel and then attend a reception at the American Legion in the evening.

June 8,
Free day and night for shopping, sightseeing, etc.

June 9,
Depart 9:00 A.M. for Belgium, (Bulge Area), Arrive in P.M. Check in at hotels. - Receptions in hotels.

June 10,
Visit Henri Chappelle Cemetery, Bastogne, Malmedy, Vielsalm, Ste. Vith, Haute Bodeux Deidenberg, etc. General tour of the area. Free evening.

June 11,
Depart 9:00 A.M. for Holland. Arrive Berg en Dahl. Visit Margratten Cemetery on the way. Afternoon reception in hotel. Free evening.

June 12,
Visit DZ, Wyler, Germany, Nijmegen Bridge, Groesbeck, Arnhem, and general area of prior battles. Evening reception.

June 13,
Depart 9:00 A.M. for England. Ferry boat across the channel. Busses will meet us in England to take us to Nottingham. Free evening.

June 14,
Full day to tour the area, visit Wollaton Park, Beeston, The Horse & Groom, Ye Olde Trip to Jerusaleum Inn, Etc. Evening reception.

June 15,
Depart 9:00 A.M. for London. Afternoon & evening free to tour London on your own.

June 16.
Free day for touring and sightseeing.
P.M. departure for New York City, JFK Airport.



June 17,
Early A.M. arrival at JFK.
Completion of trip.

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508th PIR ASSOCIATION- 1978 RETURN TO EUROPE TOUR

To 508th Treasurer: Enclosed is $_____ deposit for ____ persons.

($100.00 per person deposit) for the 1978 EUROPEAN TOUR.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NO: _____ WIFES NAME: _____

NAMES OF OTHERS INCLUDED IN THIS DEPOSIT (OTHER THAN YOU & WIFE)

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Make check or money order payable to"508th PIR ASSOCIATION" and mark it "Deposit on 508th Tour of Europe"
Mail it to; James Smith, 1403 Valencia Drive, Fayetteville, N.C. 28303

PASSPORTS

Now is the time to start your passport or update it. It takes awhile for photos, forms, mailing and processing. You need one to go to Europe.

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Chef Du Pont

June 4, 1978 is the day we dedicate the 508th Park in Chef Du Pont. It will be the culmination of our plans and fund drive- a great day for the 508th and town. The tour group will be there to hear O.B. make his speech in French!

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DENVER REUNION 1978

It's all firmed up for 8-31-78 thru 9-3-78. O.B. has been in and out of there as though he owned the airline. Our buddy Tom Heun is on the spot, and has loaded me with info to pass on. It will take the next News Letter though because this one has to get out now.

Jim Allandyce