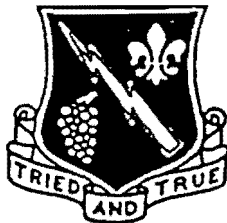


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## 97th Signal Battalion Association

( For Those Who Served 1942 - 1993 )

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Issued to members of the 97th Signal Battalion Association as an informational guide to activities of the Association. Members wishing to insert information or notices should send same to the office of the Secretary.

**SEVENTH ANNUAL REUNION:** Dates of the New Orleans reunion have been determined and the hotel selected as described below:

DATE OF REUNION: 12 - 16 APRIL 1995

HOTEL : HOLIDAY INN - I-10  
Veterans Blvd  
New Orleans, LA  
504 885 5700

More details will be announced in Tucson and later issues of the Communicator.



Newsletter  
Deadline

15 MARCH

15 SEP

15 JUNE

15 DEC

SIXTH ANNUAL REUNION TUCSON, AZ: Additional or repeated information relative to the reunion at Tucson, AZ 4 - 8 May 1994.

Registration Forms: Registration Form is attached to this newsletter. Members are urged to complete and return the form as early as they can, an NOT LATER THAN 15 APRIL 1994. After 20 Apr 94 there will be no one available at the Secretary' address to receive these forms. Please fill out both sides of the form. The information is very important for logistical planning for the reunion host.

Hotel Accomodations: A block of seventy-five rooms have been reserved for our membership. Strongly advise members to reserve their rooms at once. Association room rate will be cut off: 3 APRIL 1994. Unreserved rooms will be turned back to the hotel. This room rate is available prior to and after the reunion. Room rate is: \$50.00 per room.

HOLIDAY INN  
4550 S. Palo Verde Blvd  
Tucson, AZ 85714  
(602) 746 1161

Banquet Menu: After reviewing several menu entree' offered by the hotel at Tucson, our host DON ADAMS has selected two entree' as our banquet meal. The two entree' are:

"CHICKEN AMBASSADOR" OR "BEEF STROGANOFF"

Above includes: SALAD - ROLLS - DESSERT - COFFEE/TEA

Banquet Seating: Banquet seating will be TEN (10) PERSONS at each table. DON ADAMS assures the tables are large enough to accomodate this arrangement. Banquet will be held on FRIDAY, 6 MAY 94.

Reception: The Holiday Inn will host an informal reception "MARGARITA & DIP PARTY" on a complimentary basis 1730 - 1830 hours, THURSDAY, 5 MAY 94.

Farewell Breakfast: If enough members indicate they will attend a FAREWELL BUFFET BREAKFAST, SUNDAY, 8 MAY 94, plans with the hotel will be made for the event. On the attached Registration Form space has been allotted for members to indicate their wishes. The cost of the breakfast is \$8.00 per person, with the old Army stand-by "S.O.S" as the featured entree. This event will allow all to express their good-bys and farewells to each other until New Orleans. Hours of serving: 0630 - 0900 (Cancellations NLT: 25 APR 94)

Hotel Restaurant: The Holiday Inn restaurant will extend a 10% discount on food when we identify ourselves as a 97th member. This discount is for food only.

Recommended RV Parks, Tucson, AZ Approximately 3 miles from hotel.

Davis-Monthan  
Davis-Monthan AFB  
Tucson, AZ  
(602) 747 9144

Crazy Horse Campgrounds  
6660 S. Craycroft Road  
Tucson, AZ 85706  
(800) 279 6279 or (602) 574 0157

\* NO RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED

Pinochle Tournament: (COORDINATOR: MILT HIGHSMITH) Four (4) tables have been reserved for the pinochle tournament planned at the reunion. Entry forms for the tournament is enclosed and should be mailed to: MILT HIGHSMITH, 6018 Elstree Place, Fayetteville, NC 28314. (919) 867 6211.

Golf Tournament: (COORDINATOR: JACK GROSE) The annual "PETE ALVERADO" charity benefit is on the green. Jack Grose again volunteered to handle the details. Word of warning: Jack Grose AKA "ARNIE" is playing under a "so called" handicap of many strokes. Be on your toes. Jack is well known in Marion, IN as the person that takes on "old" men and then preceeds to scalp them with the handicap. Question?: Is that the reason Jack can afford a huge beautiful "Custom Made Van each year? The gray ghost rides again. JACK GROSE: 1301 E. 38th St, Marion, IN 46953. (317) 674 5045.

Mary Kay Presentaions: "THE IMAGE OF STYLE" A Mary Kay Workshop; presentation and participation designed to improve a woman' image through instruction in; Wardrobe Selection, Skin Care and Make-up Application. A fun and educational workshop for the ladies enjoyment.

Space is limited to THIRTY (30) persons for this presentation. First come, first served. Reserve you space by indicating on the registration form your wish to attend. The first thirty forms returned to the Secretary will reserve a space.

Tucson Gambling: For those members that wish to invest, Tucson has a "CASINO". (About four miles from the hotel) This casino is operational all night and day. Casino provides; BINGO - ELECTRONIC POKER - BLACKJACK - SLOTS - etc.

Tours: As previously indicated in past newsletters, no official tours have been arranged due to the extreme cost of such tours. In lieu of organized tours, members will receive at the registration desk, a packet with information relative to the sights of interest in the area. Auto rental agency details will also be available. Members are encouraged to "Car Pool" in order to visit the surrounding areas.

Special Requirements: If you or a member of your party require special type accomodations, diet or other facilities, please indicate on your registration form. When making room reservations insist on the type of room you need. Special diet requirements will be made available upon request. Please advise reunion host DON ADAMS of your needs at least 72 hours in advance of banquet.

Banquet Dress: DON ADAMS our host has requested that attendee' at the banquet dress either in: Coat & Tie or "Western".

Magarita & Dip Party: Late Entry - "Be Sure and plan to attend the "MARGARITA & DIP PARTY" 1730 - 1830, THURSDAY, 5 MAY 94. Live MARIACHI TRIO will provide music during the party".

TUCSON VOLUNTEERS: DON ADAMS our reunion coordinator for the Tucson reunion advises that the response for assistants manning the various stations necessary for the operation of the meeting has been far below our requirements. We urge all that have not yet responded to reconsider in helping to make this reunion an success. Your help be sincerely appreciated.

TRIED AND TRUE COOKBOOK: We are requesting members that have not yet submitted Receipes for our "TRIED & TRUE COOKBOOK" to please do so now. Don't wait. Receipe forms will be available at the reunion in Tucson. Our target date for presenting all materiel to the publisher is 1 June 1994.

Should you have any comments or suggestions please communicate with:

EMERICK & LOUISE MILLER  
2501 Laverne Drive NW  
Huntsville, AL 35810  
Tel. (205) 859 6905



Volunteer

ACTING VICE PRESIDENT: REPEAT - Richard A. Meek the Association' elected Vice President tendered his resignation due to his many business obligations which did not allow him to devote sufficient time to his duties in this office. Our Association wishes him well in his future ventures.

GEORGE W. ZENTNER has agreed to assume the Vice President' duties in an acting status until election of a new Vice President. All inquires relative to the VP actions should be address to GEORGE until further notice.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS: At Tucson, members must nominate and elect two (2) Board of Directors (BD) to replace the terms of Bob Sentell & Jack Grose that will expire May 94. Also at this time some consideration will be given in the selection and election of a new Vice President. Members that wish to nominate persons to fill these seats should contact their AREA COORDINATOR or the SECRETARY either of which may assist in the process. Persons nominated must agree in writing, to serve in the particular office and have the time necessary to devote to the duties of that office. (AREA COORDINATORS ARE LISTED IN NEWSLETTER NO. 1, (1994) dated SEP 93.)

LET'S GET THOSE MEMBERS THAT SERVED IN THE 1960', 70' and later.

414TH SIGNAL COMPANY: In a letter received by our President John Truffa from LTC DENNIS C. MORAN, the final Commander of the 97th Signal Battalion prior to the unit' inactivation, expressed the thought that consideration should be given to the idea of adopting the 414th Signal Company as our sister unit. One of our members, JOHN MEDINGER had made the same recommendation to our President after his return from Germany. At the next meeting of the Board of Directors a proposal will be made and reviewed that the 414th Signal Company be admitted to our Association as HONORARY MEMBERS.

3 APRIL 1994 IS THE LAST DATE MEMBERS WILL OBTAIN THE DISCOUNTED ROOM RATE AT TUCSON REUNION? ? ? ?

ROOM CANCELLATION POLICY: 48 HOURS IN WRITING ! ! !



25 APRIL 1994 IS THE LAST DATE MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE REFUNDS FOR: BANQUET - BREAKFAST ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?

NO REFUNDS FOR: REGISTRATION FEE - DONATION TO CP ROOM ! !

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** Members that have not returned their raffle ticket stubs (small stubs) to the Secretary along with the correct money are urged to do so soon. We need the funds to secure the BATTALION colors so that the colors may be displayed at the reunion. In the event you have unwanted raffle tickets, request that they also be returned. If members wish to order more raffle tickets, please notify the Secretary and the number of tickets desired.

**REGISTRATION DESK:** Joe Milici, our esteemed historian and Reunion Registrar has requested a call be give for "HELP!". Joe needs volunteers to act as registrar' at the reunion. Husband and Wife teams are welcome. If you wish to volunteer your services for this task, please contact:

Joe Milici	<u>HOURS</u>
488 Naylor Place	
Alexandria, VA 22304	1200 - 1700 5 May 94
(703) 751 0514	1200 - 1700 6 May 94

Or by indicating on your registration form when form is returned to the Secretary.

**PHOTO OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS:** Mesage to Former & Present Officers of the Association.

"Former and Present Officers and Board of Directors of the Association are requested to report to the Banquet Room FRIDAY, 6 MAY 1994, at 1730 hours to have pictures taken for the historical files of the Association".

**THINGS TO DO TODAY:**

1. Check your membership.
2. Participate within your means in the purchase of raffle tickets, coins, etc. All goes to the betterment of the Association.
3. Notify the Secretary of changes; ie; Address, telephone etc.
4. Notify the Secretary of newsworthy items, for the "Communicator".  
Such as; births, weddings, engagements, trips etc of families.

By participating in the above you can help your Assn. and make this newsletter more interesting and informative, as all of us are eager to read news of home. Perhaps now is a good time to write or telephone to say hello to that old comrade.

"TO SAVE COST TO THE ASSOCIATION, MAY WE REMIND YOU THAT DUES ARE PAYABLE EACH JANUARY 1."

CHANGES TO ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS: "ABSENTEE BALLOT" - In order to accomplish the proposed program that would allow members to vote on the election of officers and other major items that may arise, a change to the 97th Signal Battalion Association By-Laws is required. The proposed change is as follows:

Reference Section V of By-Laws

Item 2: Delete

Item 3: Delete

Insert The Following:

Item 2: - The officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership at a regular meeting to be held during the reunion, or as otherwise directed by the Board of Directors. Voting will be done by "ABSENTEE BALLOT" or by attendees at the regular meeting. Notification of the SLATE of NOMINEES and the date of the regular meeting shall be transmitted to members by the SECRETARY, at the direction of the President, sixty (60) days prior to the date of the meeting.

Item 3: - Nominations for the election of officers and Board of Directors of the Association may be made from the floor at the time of the regular meeting. All persons nominated for an office must have given their approval, in writing, prior to being nominated. All elected officers must come from the current roster of the Association REGULAR MEMBERS and must be in good standing with dues paid up to date.

(END OF PROPOSED CHANGE)

Rational For The Change: The use of ABSENTEE BALLOTS for regular members to vote allow those that are unable to attend in person, the regular meeting at the reunion an opportunity to participate in the election process. This new procedure, if approved, will be effective for the elections to be held in 1995.

OFFICIAL CAR RENTAL COMPANY: We have selected "THRIFTY CAR RENTAL" to be the "OFFICIAL CAR RENTAL COMPANY" for the Reunion in Tucson, AZ. 5 - 8 May 94.

Thrifty Car Rental is offering the following great rates for the Reunion from the 1st through 14 May 1994:

Car Type	Description	Daily Rates	Weekly Rates
Compact	Dodge Shadow	\$23.97	\$119.97
Midsize Car	Plymouth Acclaim	25.97	129.97
Fullsize Car	Chrysler LeBaron	29.97	149.97
Luxury	Chrysler New Yorker	49.97	249.97
Mini-Van	Dodge Caravan	49.97	249.97

Rates include primary liability insurance, unlimited mileage (except Mini-Vans (1050 free miles) and free local maps. Rates do not include sales tax, under age or additional driver, fuel or optional coverage. Validity dates are listed above.

RESERVATIONS: TELEPHONE - (602) 889 5761 FAX - (602) 889 4419

MUST BE MADE 72 HOURS BEFORE THE REUNION START DATE ! ! ! !

STATE TO THRIFTY THAT YOU ARE A 97TH ASSN MEMBER ! ! ! ! !

COMMEMORATIVE HISTORICAL BOOK: The 97th Signal Battalion Association is pleased to announce the forthcoming publication of a Commemorative History of the 97th Signal Battalion. We are targeting a date of publication for 1996 or sooner.

This magnificent book will be filled with photographs of the people, places and events connected with the 97th Signal Battalion and chronicle the history of the unit from 1942 through 1993. Also there will be a section dealing with the Association from its organization to the present time.

The following members of our Association have volunteered to assist in the compilation of this book. Each member has been assigned a specific period for which they will gather a collection of articles, black & white photo's, memorabilia and any other data that will make the book more interesting and informative.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMEMORATIVE HISTORY COMMITTEE

1942 - 1946

L.W. MacMillan - 3939 Coronada Dr., Tucson, AZ 85718 (602) 299 3276

1947 - 1951

Joseph Adinero - 9000 Belvoir Woods Pky, #A+01, Ft Belvoir, VA 22060  
(703) 780 8901

1952 - 1956

Grady Banister - 4829 Bannock, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635 (602) 378 6737

1957 - 1961

Paul Muuss - 1358 Luna Dr., Fountain, CO 80817 (719) 390 7274

1962 - 1966

Edward O'Mara - 301 Lakeside Dr., Ft Lauderdale, FL 33326 (305) 389 7450

1967 - 1971

Claude Vann - 3960 Old Waynesboro Rd, Augusta, GA 30906 (706) 793 5316

1972 - 1976

Lee Parker - PO Box 1388, Ocala, FL 32678 (904) 237 2111

1977 - 1981

Edward Hamilton - 706 Woodmont Blvd, Clarksville, TN 37040 (615) 648 0684

1982 - 1986

Ronald Clegg - 228 Palmetto Dunes Cir., Naples, FL 33962 (813) 793 6999

1987 - 1991

Phil Viersen - 8131 Keeler St., Alexandria, VA 22309 (703) 799 0765

1992 - 1993

LTC Dennis Moran - HHC, 2D Signal Bgde, Unit 29919  
Box 56, APO AE 09086

William Carr - 3310 Wellington, Philadelphia, PA 19149 (215) 335 0428-Humor

ASSOCIATION

Joseph Milici - 488 Naylor Pl., Alexandria, VA 22304 (703) 751 0514

David Harris - 3608 Dupont Cir., VA Beach, VA 23455 (804) 464 0513

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

A QUOTE FROM IRVING BERLIN

"The toughest thing about success is that you've got to keep on being a success".

Another year has passed by and we are getting ready for new challenges. It would probably serve us well to pause for a moment to reflect upon the year that was.

- a. For Membership growth 1993 was highly successful.
- b. The 51st Year Commemorative Coin was adopted and manufactured.
- c. Our Association had a closer relationship with the 97th Signal Battalion, to Gen. Gray the Chief of the Signal Corps, and the Signal Center at Fort Gordon, GA.
- d. A new Sympathy Card was designed for the members and families of our Association.
- e. The purchase of our own American flag and Battalion Colors which were funded through our own raffle.

Over the Holidays I read each Newsletter published from 1991 to the present and noticed that there was a constant repetition of the same items, over and over such as "Members please pay your dues, don't forget to return your Raffle tickets, send in your recipes for the Cook Book etc etc.

May I suggest that when you read about an item that requires your response, take a moment and act promptly on the request. This will save the Association time, energy and money and also allow us to devote more time to other activities and the betterment of the Association.

Your cooperation will be very much appreciated by the Secretary and myself.

In closing I look forward to seeing many of you at our next Reunion in Tucson, AZ. Don Adams our host has devoted many hours to prepare for your stay at this next Annual Get Together. See you in Tucson.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER: It is with sorrow that I must report the passing of our members:

WALTER L. SHEELEY - JAN 94	
CHARLES D. BRADEN - APRIL 1990	HERBERT N. TOYAMA - SEP 93
EUGENE SABOL - DEC 93	LIONEL "CHICK" VIDRINE - JAN 94

We send our deepest sympathy to their families. May they rest in peace.

BERNARD L. CARTER  
CHA PLAIN

Many thanks to Bernie Newhort on his outstanding performance as the coordinator in producing the 51st Year Commemorative Coin. This coin represents all those who were associated with the 97th Signal Battalion, whether Military or Civilian.



ADDITIONS TO ROSTER: ADD BELOW NAMES TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP ROSTER.



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Augusta, GA 30904  
706 667 8334 58-59  
Co B

Rod Slack  
1229 Little Dr C-305  
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

Magdalene E. Bohannon  
742 N. Coliseum, Lot 58  
Ft Wayne, IN 46805  
219 426 8712

Sgt Richard Cancino  
1415 S. Corona  
Co. Springs, CO 80906  
719 630 8531

SFC Mark S. Parry  
3612 Beswick Court  
Fayetteville, NC 28306  
910 425 5712 87-93

Shannon Cancino  
1415 S. Corona  
Co. Springs, CO 80906  
719 630 8531

SMG Charles Withers  
3003 Breezehill Dr  
Augusta, GA 30906  
706 771 1186

John F. Wassenberg  
7371 E. Wikleup Cir  
Tucson, AZ 85715  
602 577 1479

CSM Giavani Chiappa  
301 Calico Trail  
Martinez, GA 30907  
706 868 6350

CSM Barney Holmes  
Vint Hill Farms Sta  
Vint Hill, VA 22186

George Harding  
3049 Westwood Rd  
Augusta, GA 30909  
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John K. Anderson  
710 2nd St NE Apt 301  
Minneapolis, MN 55413  
612 331 4551 52-54  
176th SigRep Co  
Attd to 97th

James G. Adams  
800 N. Pineview  
Goldsboro, NC 27530  
919 736 7658 -93  
Wife: Ruth  
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Reginia A. Seeger  
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Fred Thompson  
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Mardean Smith (Wife)

Raymond E. Gibson  
Melba Gibson  
1003 Rhonda Lee  
Copperas Cove, TX 76522  
817 542 8706 81-83  
CO, Co A

Earnest Kidder  
PO Box 727  
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417 451 5620 64-67

Frank J. Burgess  
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Bonning, CA 92220



ADDRESS  
CHANGES

CHANGES, DELETIONS, ETC TO ROSTER:

Make the below changes to your membership roster:

"CHANGE OF ADDRESS"

Richard A. Besselman  
301 N. 4th Street  
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635  
602 459 6309

Jack N. Hayes  
740 N. 95th Street  
Seattle, WA 98103  
206 789 9825

Louis Ornelas  
2601 SE 73rd St  
Portland, OR 97206  
503 771 5276

Ellis Kunkel - AREA CODE 610 NOT 215. JUD BARTON -ZIP CODE 88011  
Arthur J. Sebesta - Tel# 201 384 3044

CHALLENGE: Walter Clark, in Fremont, MI has put a challenge to us all. Walt states that he is the Association member with the "EARLIEST & MOST TIME SERVED IN THE 97TH SIGNAL BATTALION DURING WORLD WAR II". Walt served: SEP 1942 - DEC 1945. IS THERE A MEMBER OUT THERE THAT CAN TOP THIS CLAIM?? If so, contact Walter Clark and also the Secretary. UNTIL THEN, WALT IS THE CHAMPION ! ! ! !

"LATE CHANGE OF ADDRESS"

John S. Erb  
PO BOX 64  
Mayville, NY 14757-0064  
716 753 7761 (Nephew)

Malcolm H. Cossairt  
6426-HCR-5130  
Pomono, MO 65789  
417 256 3213

James G. Adams  
800 Pinewview  
Goldsboro, NC 27530

97TH NAME BANK: Did you know that the Association has started a name bank of former 97th members? These names are entered on computer disk. Those members wishing to inquire of the location of a former 97th person may do so by contacting: GEORGE ZENTNER. Have all the information concerning the person, ie; Last known address or city/state ASN, SSN and any other data available. George will then insert the name to ascertain if that person is listed. If listed, you will be given a list of those persons with the same name and the area they reside in. The person requesting the info then must make the telephone call or write a letter to the individuals listed. When requesting information, be sure to include a SASE (Business size). Good luck.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BILLY SEVIER & PAUL MUUSS have decided to run for seats on our Board of Directors to replace JACK GROSE & BOB SENTELL who's term will expire in May 94. Any other members that wish to be nominated for these seats should contact their respective AREA COORDINATORS or the Secretary at once.

SEE YOU IN TUCSON ! ! ! ! !



THE PHANTOM REPORTS:

During the Mini-Reunion at Pigeon Forge, TN in Sep 93, apparently there was a conversation held between the Secretary General (SG) and a member in high standing with the Association, (J. M.), relative to filing a petition with President Clinton for a 97th Signal Battalion Hall of Fame. The SG further recommended that the Hall be erected in front of the Washington Monument as it would be a sure-fire tourist attraction. (The Phantom was unable to ascertain exactly what either of these outstanding members were drinking during this conversation). The SG advised that no one of the 97th was more deserving to be the first member enshrined in the Hall of Fame than his very own former VHF Team Chief "The Golden Greek" (GG).

J.M. then advised the SG of what he considered to be a character flaw in the GG that he felt was reprehensible, and would not vote for his enshrinement. As the story unfolds, GG, J.M. & R.H. while with the 97th returned from a Field Exercise rather late at night. Shortly after arriving in the Company area the word was passed that a "Full Field Inspection" would be held the following morning. Being the senior of the three members, GG advised that the mentioned inspection was for the "Troops" and not "NCO's" as themselves. Further that he (GG) was not going to scrub his own Field Gear until the next day. This statement by GG caused J.M. & R. H to discard their dirty, muddy and stained Field Gear on the floor and hit the sack. About two O'clock in the morning, J.M. attended the latrine and found to his amazement and disbelief, GG scrubbing away on his Field Gear preparing for the inspection to be held the next morning. This underhandness J.M. considered to be a double cross by a much older NCO. Therefore there was no way that J.M. could recommend or vote for GG to be enshrined in the Hall of Fame.

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One of our fine 97th Troopers a current member of the Association spent a wild night in the French NCO Club in Tublingen. Waking up about 0800 on a Monday morning, he picked up the telephone and asked the operator what hotel he was presently in. He found the name of the hotel to be "Hotel Lam . The next question asked was, "what city"? Tublingen was the answer. The very next thought was to get the French Military operator on the telephone so as to be able to use the facility to call back to the 97th. Upon getting through to "A" Troop, Gaspise (First Sergeant) gets on the line with; "I don't care if you are in New York City, You be back at here by 1300 hours formation. When arriving in the Troop area he reports to Gaspise and hears: " Your butt belongs to me for the next two weeks" Getting a kick in the butt by D-- A---- (Troop Commander) would have been much easier to take than two weeks of Gaspise's extra duty.

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A sign was found on a 97th Bulletin Board. "For Sale - One Brand New Set of Encyclopedia Britannia - No Longer Needed, My Wife Knows All".

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THE PHANTOM REPORTS CONT'D:

Upon winning a great deal of money in an unorganized "Crap" game on one day in October 1950, B-- S----- was strolling through the Troop Area with his pockets bulging with many dollars. D--- H----- seeing this opportunity to borrow some of the money to purchase a 1936 Opel Super Six automobile, approached B--. After wrangling over \$400.00 from B--, D--- purchased the vehicle. Along with B--, J--- R-----, D--- proceeded to Paris, France on a ten day leave. All was going very well until the trio arrived in Strausburg, France. There, their will power was not the greatest and had to stop overnight in this city. That was a big mistake. After four days in the city D--- & J--- were out of funds and had to beg, borrow and steal enough money from B-- to buy gas in order to return to Boeblingen. Since B-- was and is such a grand fellow, he gave D--- & J--- just enough money to get home on. Not one cent more. The last that D--- & J--- saw of B-- S----- was that of him waving goodby heading for Paris in a brand new Buick convertible driven by a beautiful blond French lady. B-- has never revealed if he reached Paris or not. Come to think of it, D--- & J--- still owe B-- for the gas money.

The phantom has heard many cases of 97th personnel attempting to visit Paris, but got way layed or detoured in Tublingen or some other city in the French Zone. This gives wonder what type of entertainment and adventures one could find in the French Sector and not in the American.

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One of our Troopers was called home to the U.S.A. on emergency leave to console his wife due to a death in the family. Upon returning to the 97th this member picks up his pass and proceeds to his home away from home in Boeblingen. Enroute he stops by the Club and gets his head full of bubbly. Finally arriving in Boeblingen he finds his Home Away from Home occupied by one of the local D.P.'s. Finding the love of his life (other than his wife) occupied by another he began grieving. In retaliation and to satisfy his grief, this member commences to throwing rocks at his former lovers home. This fellow is known to this day as "ROCKS K\_\_\_\_\_".

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The 97th Signal Battalion fielded a pretty fair Baseball Team. Two of our outstanding pitchers were W & S. Both of these fellows were known to toast the President, the Queen or a PFC walking by when a bottle of bubbly was available. On one Saturday night before a Sunday game, a member of the unit who was known to invest a dollar or two on a Ball Game runs into W. & S. at the Club. Our investor then proceeded to apply the bubbly to W. & S. On Sunday morning our investor lays a bet or two with the 97th opponents and sits back and watches as W. warms up by throwing the ball over the backstop. Shortly there after W. was relieved by S. who warms up by falling off the pitchers mound. Needless to say, the investor counts his winnings and walks off with a big smile on his face.

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REMEMBER- THE PHANTOM KNOWS ALL - TUNE IN NEXT NEWSLETTER FOR MORE

DO YOU HAVE SKELTONS YOU WISH TO EXPOSE - IF SO - SEND TO THE SECRETARY WHO WILL SEND TO THE PHANTOM FOR PUBLICATION -

REUNION REGISTRATION  
 97TH SIGNAL BATTALION ASSOCIATION  
 4 - 8 MAY 1994 - TUCSON, ARIZONA

RETURN NO LATER  
 THAN: 15 APRIL 1994

BANQUET

FRIDAY, 6 MAY 1994

EARLY RECEIPT OF REGISTRATION NEEDED FOR LOGISTICAL PLANNING

MAIL TO: DAVE HARRIS  
 3608 DUPONT CIRCLE  
 VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23455  
 (804) 464 0513

REGISTRATION FEE:  
 \$2.00 PER PERSON  
 (NON REFUNDABLE)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE: 97TH SIG BN ASSN

NAMES (AS WILL APPEAR ON NAME TAGS)

(MEMBER)

(SPOUSE)

(GUEST)(S)

ADDRESS (STREET) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP) (TEL#)

MEMBERSHIP CARD# \_\_\_\_\_ FORMER TROOP/COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_ FR 19\_\_ TO 19\_\_

"REGISTRATION FOR SOCIAL EVENTS"

<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>SELF</u>	<u>SPOUSE</u>	<u>GUEST</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>\$ TOTAL</u>
Registration Fee:	_____	_____	_____ X	\$2.00	_____
BANQUET & ENTERTAINMENT:	_____	_____	_____ X	\$25.00	_____
FAREWELL BREAKFAST BUFFET:	_____	_____	_____ X	\$8.00	_____
HOSPITALITY ROOM (CP) DONATION: (NO ASSN FUNDS MAY BE USED)					\$ _____
I HAVE ENCLOSED \$ _____ FOR EVENTS INDICATED.					\$ _____

BANQUET: FRIDAY, 6 MAY 1994

MY PARTY WILL ORDER \_\_\_\_\_ BEEF STROGANOFF AND/OR \_\_\_\_\_ CHICKEN AMBASSADOR  
 FOR THE BANQUET. SPECIAL DIET RESTRICTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER IN PARTY THAT WILL ATTEND: PINOCHLE TOURNAMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

GOLF TOURNAMENT: \_\_\_\_\_ - MARY KAY WORKSHOP: \_\_\_\_\_ ( 30 PERSONS MAXIMUN)

I WILL ARRIVE: \_\_\_\_\_ & DEPART: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_ AIRLINES

DID YOU USE THE SERVICES OF TRAVELOGUE: \_\_\_\_\_ IF NOT, WHY?: \_\_\_\_\_

HOTEL RESERVATIONS MADE? \_\_\_\_\_ RENTAL AUTO? \_\_\_\_\_ AGENCY?: \_\_\_\_\_

WILL YOU PERFORM A SHORT TOUR OF DUTY AT THE REUNION?: \_\_\_\_\_

WOULD YOU CONSIDER HOSTING ONE OF OUR REUNIONS?: \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

IF NOMINATED & ELECTED WOULD YOU SERVE IN AN OFFICER POSITION OF THE ASSN?

YES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE EXPLAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

HOLIDAY INN : (602) 746 1161

TRAVELOGUE: 800 368 5858



THRIFTY CAR RENTAL:

(602) 889 5761

OVER PLEASE

HAVE YOU SUBMITTED RECEIPIES TO: LOUISE MILLER FOR THE "TRIED & TRUE" COOKBOOK? \_\_\_\_\_ IF NOT WILL YOU SUBMIT? \_\_\_\_\_ WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_

WE WISH TO HAVE THE COOKBOOK TO THE PUBLISHER ON 15 JUNE 1994 AND TO BE PREPARED FOR THE NEW ORLEANS REUNION SPRING 1995.

HAVE YOU SUBMITTED PHOTO', MEMORABILIA, MOMENTO'S, WRITTEN EVENTS AND OR OTHER MATERIEL TO JOHN TRUFFA FOR ENCLOSURE IN OUR SOON TO BE PUBLISHED "FIFTY-FIRST YEAR" HISTORY BOOK? \_\_\_\_\_ DO YOU HAVE MATERIEL OF THIS TYPE AND NATURE? \_\_\_\_\_.

HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR "97TH RAFFLE TICKETS" STUBS WITH REQUIRED FUNDS TO THE ASSN. SECRETARY? \_\_\_\_\_ DO YOU WISH ADDITIONAL TICKETS? \_\_\_\_\_ HOW MANY? \_\_\_\_\_ HAVE YOU RETURNED UNWANTED TICKETS? \_\_\_\_\_

WILL YOU DONATE AN ITEM AS A DOOR PRIZE AT THE REUNION? \_\_\_\_\_ IF YES, PLEASE CONTACT DON ADAMS OUR HOST.

DO YOU REQUIRE ANY SPECIAL DIET OR ROOM CONSIDERATION? \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE EXPLAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY INFORMATION: PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ TEL# \_\_\_\_\_

BIOGRAPHY

PLEASE PROVIDE SHORT BIOGRAPHY SINCE LEAVING THE 97TH :

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CANCELLATION POLICY

HOTEL ROOMS: 48 HOURS BANQUET & BREAKFAST: NLT: 25 APR 1994  
NO REFUNDS FOR REGISTRATION FEE OR DONATION TO CP ROOM

REMARKS AND/OR COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**RESERVE NOW!**