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Dear Comrades and Families:

Hells-Bells, What can I say that hasn't been said before? After so many years these Bird Cage drop sheets probably sound like an echo, and if they do the trash can can handle em'.

Using the word of that famous Gal from Nashville, Howwwwdeeee! or that friend of mine from Minnesota, Cement alley Voo! or that shanker mechanic from central Texas who greeted the Arabs with Salomey I lickem' and for Marens and I it's we're, Tre ass beans!

Reunions, Fellows did you (I'm asking those of you who never attend one) ever take the time to stop and think for a few minutes about the following? (1) Wonder where old so and so is? (2) Would he recognize me? (3) Wonder if he remembers that time when he and I ____? Boy, sure wish the old 591st would have a Reunion. Well Buddy, don't that kinda get the adrenalin going? Remember those days when you first went into the army, we had four deadly enemies, Japan, Germany, Italy, and Cigarette butts? Remember those induction center lawns. One time I dreamed the Germans flew over, and it was awful. They made a direct hit on that lawn, not with bombs but cigarette butts.

I understand the new army is real permissive. It used to be, "eyes right" now it's, "you's right." Back then the GI clothes came in three sizes for twelve million men, too small, too large, and out of stock. In those days everything they gave us was olive drab. One day K.C. fainted on the lawn and it took three days to find him. But you have to admit, the shoes they gave us were absolutely water proof. Not a drop leaked out! When bob Crouse got his first pair of GI shoes, they gave instructions to "water proof" right away. He got worried, wondering whether he was sailing or walking to Europe. Those wool pants itch! They were like Brillo pads with cuffs. Remember those definitions for army food? S.O.S. for Save Our Stomachs (don't get ahead of me like that) and for punishment they gave you seconds. No, really, things weren't that bad in my company (they were worse). Really, I was in a great outfit. You guys know that if the men of the 591st couldn't do it or get it, it was of no use or you didn't need it.

Well, we've had fourteen Reunions. They're all history now. Number fourteen was exceptionally good, with lots of room to meet, eat and dance along with a few quarts of that good old mountain dew. We had a ball, thanks to Maxine Branton and what's his name. Norman and Maxine, we had a great time. You're a terrific Host and Hostess. We love you!

Over the past few months we've had a lot of nice cards and letters from our Reunion and Army Buddies and their wives and do you know what? I'm predicting our fifteenth Reunion, July 8 - 11, 1982 is going to be the largest ever! I don't know what's cousin' it and I'm not one to fantasize, I don't study Astrology or read the Zodiac, but friends, I'd bet my eyeballs on this

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I'll bet even as you read this you're probably feelin' a slight tingle, and that you're making a New Years Resolution (this is December 31st isn't it?) to think positive, G-O R-E-U-N-I-O-N.

Ladies, I want to talk to you for a while, come in real close. I know you all wear pants, (correction) the pants.

Now what I'm going to do is read to you from a brochure I'm looking at: Ready? On this brochure I see the words, Moselle, Danube, Elbe, Rhine, all German Rivers, right? And then I see Bavarian and Alpine, Mountain Resorts, right? I see Herrmanns Heidelberg, Herrmanns Stein, German Cates, right? Think July, then re-read the last paragraph over.

Still there? On the front of this brochure I see "Willkommen" Holiday Inn, "Munich Germany!" No, I just made that up (Munich Germany) but what I do see is N-E-W U-L-M. Reading on I find that New ULM is in Minnesota zip 56073 and the Holiday Inn is located there at 2101 south Broadway and that you can make reservations by calling 1-800-238-8000 or call direct by dialing 507-359-2941. Did you enjoy that? I did. Well, I've kinda got out of perspective, what was I writing this letter about? Excuse me while I take a few minutes and re-read what I've written.

In re-reading what I've written I find this is a Reunion letter and the last few paragraphs are dedicated to telling you where it will be.

What I didn't tell you is who's our Host. Clue: this man, before going into the army, claimed to have been from Pipestone, Minnesota, used to go to town with his dad when he sold a load of hogs. What a background!

What I do know about this Scandanavian or is he Norwegian, is that he was in my company, drove for Colonel Allen, and is just one heck of a swell Swede. Also, that he has got one of the nicest wives and families I've known. You all know em', Arnold, "Ole" and Lorraine Olsen and family! Under seperate cover, Ole and Lorraine have assured me that we'll have a meeting place, banquet, dance, and believe me you, when the Olsens speak, Everybody listens! Only kidding, but I will guarantee to you, they had your well being at heart, when they offered to host this Reunion, for the second time.

Soo, what's next. Well, if you intend to go by major airline, it's my understanding, "Mankato" will be the nearest you can get. From there a smaller airline or bus, but please be sure and have this arranged before leaving home. If going by car, it's located on Hiways US #15 or Minn. 68 and/or Broadway and 20th. I anticipate no problem.

As before the cost will be according to time, but from this point in time; Room w/2 beds 4 people-\$52.00, same for 2 people-\$34.00. Poolside-\$57.00 and \$39.00, children and teens free in room with parents, senior citizens at reduced rate. Banquet charge will be in line with previous depending again on the situation.

Flash! Don't miss this one, cause I think your best buddy is going to be there.

General Weiler, thanks for your fine comments about the Reunion letters, I'm sorry health will not permit you attending. I had you in mind when I started these Reunions. Know why? I was hoping you would attend and still chewed tobacco, so that I could recover part of mine that you chewed in 1944-45!!

See you all in July,

kindest Regards,

Everett