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As much as I hate receiving a form letter, I now find it necessary to change my pattern of personally writing each Newly Located Timberwolf. Please accept my apology for the missing personal touch. This new format will allow a speed up of correspondence as well as the opportunity to use the saved time on other reunion related situations.

Whereas a check of the National Timberwolf Associations roster failed to locate your name, thought you would appreciate receiving a copy of the HOWL, our National Paper. The HOWL will relate all information regarding our coming reunion in Chicago, 1 to 7 September.

Many of our lost buddies will be pleased knowing the National Timberwolf Association has continued to exist and to the surprise of many has become stronger. Our roster now contains approximately 5000.

If you still keep in touch with any Timberwolves that are unaware of the Association and its activities, please send me their names and addresses.

If further information is needed, please feel free to write.

Thanking you in advance and hoping we will see you in Chicago at reunion time 1987 -

*Dick Karst*

*"Nothing In Hell Can Stop The Timberwolves"*

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6 August 1987

Hello Walter and Norma:

your letter of 2 aGusut received this date, and immediately thught I would get a letter out yuour way since I will be leaving for th  
eas56 cost come Sudnay A.M. bright and early, at leasxt hopefully. We are going to see how our son is since his having cancer surgery. Beigg out for two weeks when the surgery was performed in June.

Very sorry you will not be able to get to the reunion, shame you just cannot put this off for two week and join us with the renuio feeling this will be a one shot deal at our age.

We have been having reunions now since 1946 and this is our 42nd. At the time we never have had the crowd that stuck 1000 people, and the last several, years things have been building up, where, I finally believe we will have a good chance of hitting that figure. At this writing we have 895 registrations, which certainly is great knowing we should get at least another one for the dinner, especilly since some of the old TW will bring their children in the area. for dinner on Sunday night. Me included, thoug h it looks as thogh we will have but two at the most that can come. (have five)

Truly is a shame you have to miss the affair, its something you cannot express in words, and when time to leave, a realy let down and sad feelings of not seeing the fellows uptil the following ye year and then only if God is willing.

As I mentioned, our top figure in Inde<sup>1</sup>pendence Ohio in 1985 was 888, last year in San Francisco I was really surprised when we ended up with 833 at the banquet dinner. After all its a rather long way for all to travel, but the old true TW did their share o of traveling long ways.

Your wife mentions you were in company G, however, failed to advise of the ~~comp~~ regt. Would mention names if I would have know, sure know enough of them. We also have started a program w where a man from his company tried keeping in touch with and locting as many men from his company as he can dig out. We have a couple Reps, so when you think of writing let me know. I will put this letter on the bulletin board at the reunion. Knowing how slow soe of the fellows are to write and from what your wife says, you mst be one of them. , anyway, I keep in close touch with one of em, named Hampton Johnny Gunn, think 414 or 415. His buddy Reilly, Wm. and I had written for several years he att ended his first reunion in Ohio 1985 and died shortly after, felt bad.

WellWalter, hope that old hip replacement will be nothing but a temporary problem, and that before long you'lll be kicking the can down the alley.

Anyway, if you dont make it, start saving we are going to Ty son

comes via mail 1988 -

Thanks for Dick Spant writing

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A BRIEF NOTICE from the National Timberwolf Association is directed not to individuals interested in wildlife conservation but to those who served with the 104th Infantry Division in World War II.

That was the Timberwolf Division, according to Thomas F. Miechur, 141 S. Iroquois Trail, Wood Dale, Ill., 60691.

The division was activated at Camp Adair, Ore., Sept. 15, 1942 less than a year after the United States entered the war.

It saw fighting in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany after the Allies landed at Normandy June 6, 1944, and began their march to liberate nations occupied by Nazi Germany's forces for varying amounts of time.

Troops of the division spent 195 consecutive days on the front lines without relief. During the Battle of the Bulge at the end of 1944, the division defended the Ruhr area.

Sent back to the United States in June 1945 after the surrender of Germany the previous month, the division was scheduled to head for the Pacific Theatre of Operations and a possible invasion of Japan when that part of the war ended in August 1945.

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