

CONTINUE ON TRIP.....

To top off our day, we picked up Brign Selwood, Administrator of the Belgium Culligan Office, and had dinner in an old restaurant, DE HOFFE dated 1627. Of course there were loads of services and dishes, but the food was not so hot! We left for Germany August 20th 1971.

TOUCHING REMINDERS.....

I have seen many sights, and expect to see many more! But the next few days I shall see fields, small towns over which and thru which we had hiked almost every step of the way from the 21st day of June 1918, when 26 of us jumped off trucks, and joined in with the 95th Co., 1st Battalion, 6th Regiment USMC.

COUNTRYSIDE SCENES in 1971.....

8 A.M. Sunshine...soon out into the country. Large fields of rye, maize, corn and grapes. The latter in greenhouses; called "raisins" in French and "dreuben" in Flemish. Large Valvo, Tokato, Volkswagon Plants. In town of Luver, long rows of houses built wall to wall! Large apartments with narrow walks right at edge of road with heavy traffic.. ..mense military barracks; famous Flemish Medical School. We see modern machinery used in fields. There is a car from Netherlands and one from Italy. 36 miles to go! St.Truden--large town with endless apartments. Outside bars line the streets. There is a beet factory dated 1838! Now fruit country, level land, and then mile after mile of houses and stores. There is a large trailer truck with lettering "T I R". which does not stop for border inspection whenever a black band is stretched over the plates. Mile after mile of vapor lights!

VARIED SCENES.....

Large cement plant. Small tractors block traffic for miles--would not turn out! Fine farm country! Large air force base; Auto Bonn Route--four lane. Look at that high mound of slag! We by pass Lieage, heading for Aachen. Now a very high overpass, double decked. We are 30 miles left of Lieage and crossing the valley of the Muesse--a long valley with high bridge cross over...an arched bridge! Beautiful homes on hills which border the Muesse. Home Sweet Home!...large herd of Holsteins! We are doing 100 kilos or 80 MPH; others are passing like we were standing still. Large white farm buildings with grey roofs and large herd of cows. That aroma! Just passing a "Honey Wagon" in the field. Heavy growth of pines. Cross border into Germany at Aachen 10:45. Stop for passport and customs. Car from Germany loaded with wine from Spain is being detained. Leave Aachen 11 A.M. Large farms in the "Land of Barbed Wire Fences!" Kolon, 48 miles to go for goal! Three large slag piles from coal mine; now a high cooling tower for enormous Electric Power Plant. Now large farms with tree bordered highways. All towns have large churches!

AUGUST 20th 1971..... There it is--the spires of Cologne Cathedral straight ahead! May huge oil tanks, then an aluminum plant and a high tower on hill, now crossing the Rhine. 53 years ago, we crossed on a small ferry at Andernacht on December 10th 1919. Now in 1971 in car with gas at 80 cents per gallon. High hill on right with castle--and immense one perched on hills.