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**BUS SCHEDULE TO THE DELLS:** The Motor Pool has provided us with a schedule of trips to the Wisconsin Dells area this weekend and also for Monday through Wednesday of next week. On this Saturday and Sunday, the bus will depart from the NCO Club once in the morning (11 a.m.) and once in the afternoon (4 p.m.), with the trip taking approximately one hour either way. Once at the Dells, the bus will stop at the railroad station in the middle of town and will leave to come back at 12:30 p.m. (from the morning trip) and at 10 p.m. (from the afternoon trip). There are 29 seats on the bus and the Motor Pool cautions that there must be at least 15 aboard going down for there to be a valid reason for the gasoline involved -- so lack of participation could mean no trip.

**MONDAY-WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE:** The first three days of next week the bus will go to the Dells (same passenger restrictions as above) once each day. It will leave Volk at 5 p.m., arrive at 6 p.m., and return to Volk at 9 p.m. from the railroad station, getting back here at 10 p.m.

**WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?** Wisconsin Dells is a fun place for "tourists" and you could expect to see lots of people there on the weekend. It would be sort of like Gatlinburg, Tenn., or -- in other words -- a commercial amusement area. It features boat rides, a water show, souvenir shops and eating places of all sorts and descriptions. Some of the many activities can be seen from the brochures pinned to the bulletin board near the Mess Hall main entrance.

**NO IMPLIED ENDORSEMENT:** We certainly don't want you to think that Voodoo Tales has had time to check out all of the recreational possibilities of the area. Neither do we mention anything which we can guarantee to you as a "good deal." You check it for yourself, of course, and take care not to be misled by advertising claims!

**ONE THING IS CANOE RENTAL:** Have you ever tried canoeing? It can be hard work, but we think it's a lot of fun. They rent canoes at a number of places around here -- one of them is Wa Du Shuda just on the outskirts of New Lisbon, where you can put the canoe right in the water of the Lemonweir River. Just a bit farther away is the Smith's Landing rental near LaFarge on Wisc. Hwy. 131, which is on the Kickapoo River.

**GOLF:** There are several golf courses around these parts, including the Castle Rock course at Mauston, one more stop down I-90 from New Lisbon. Another is the Holiday Lodge Country Club at Wyeville (get off the Oakdale exit from I-90 going toward Tomah and take County Road PP to the northeast). The premium course, according to some, is the Maple Grove course at West Salem close to LaGrosse on I-90. There is a course at Tomah, the Hiawatha Country Club on Hwy. 21.

**CHOW MENU FOR FRIDAY:** Breakfast -- apricots, cereal, eggs, hashed browns and sausage; Lunch -- seafood platter, oven browned potatoes, green beans and chef salad; Supper -- cold meat platter, potato salad, hard boiled eggs and tomato wedges.

REQUESTS FOR AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY: One of the main reasons for being here at Volk, of course, is to deploy our mobile photo processing laboratory. The vans are set up and running and we expect to do some useful photography in the area. One of the requests which we have received is to do an area coverage of the gunnery range used by Volk Field here at the training site, and of the base itself. "We killum with fillum," as the saying goes!

AN IDEA FOR CHEESE LOVERS: Some of our people have already been scouting around for cheese buys -- this is Dairyland U.S.A., you know. There are many places to buy right along the interstate highway. Naturally, though, there will be a mark-up on prices at the retail end. We have information which we are going to deck out ourselves that the creamery at Hillsboro, Wisc., is a great place to get cheese at a good price. This dips comes from some of our ANG counterparts at the training site. Hillsboro is located 20 miles southwest of New Lisbon on Wisc. Hwy. 80. The smoked sausages in this part of the world are also well known and are very good. These items are sold through cooperatives which market products of small farms which are thus saved the time and costs of doing the marketing themselves.

SCME OF THE HISTORY OF THE AREA: This area of Wisconsin was thought to be first inhabited by a prehistoric race of Indians known as the Mound Builders. They lived here about 2000 years ago but mysteriously vanished about the year 1200 a.d. Mound Builders were an advanced race with a culture more complex than Indians who were living here when the white man first came -- evidenced by the fine copper work found in their burial grounds -- or "mounds." Other mounds were made in the shapes of birds and animals revered by the Mound Builders, and they were of all sizes ranging from a few feet to more than six feet high and over 500 feet in length. The best examples are found in the Kingsley Bend area three miles east of Wisconsin Dells on Hwy. 16.

REPORT ON SOLID SHIELD 75: Lt. Col. Carl D. Black, who led the operational exercise to Shaw AFB, SC, for Solid Shield 75, has given us some information on this massive joint-service exercise. Several of the pilots who participated in that "war game" are here with us at Volk, of course. The big project began with lift-off from Shawmaker on Saturday, May 24, and by the next day we were heavily involved, flying some nine missions that Sunday with our six Voodoos. (We took a seventh, just for a spare.)

WE FLEW EVERY DAY THERE: (With the exception of part of one day stopped by weather.) The pilots and supporting personnel, some 42 strong, mounted a total of 88 sorties amounting to 138 hours of flying time. Our task was daylight photo reconnaissance all during the huge exercise, which brought in units from the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps, as well as the Air National Guard and Reserve. The Army, for instance, was providing paratroop drops while the Navy sent "invader" aircraft. We did a lot of coordination with the 62d Tac Recon Squadron of the 363d TRW from Shaw AFB. "We flew a lot of sorties and took a lot of pictures," was the way Maj. Austin (Pete) Snyder summed it up.

OUR VARSITY: In addition to Lt. Col. Black and Maj. Snyder, others participating in the flying part of Solid Shield 75 were Lt. Col. Billy J. Yeiser, Maj. Bill Spencer, Capt. William Iron, Capt. J. Steve Counts, Capt. Bob Neider, Capt. Bill Leslie, 1st Lt. Steve Stengel, 1st Lt. Fred Gerwing, 1st Lt. Phil Frasier, 1st Lt. Kerry Voelker, and 1st Lt. Roy Goldblatt. Neider, Gerwing and Counts were there the first week and were relieved by Spencer, Leslie and Goldblatt.

RAIN SHOWERS ENDING: Our weather people report the rain showers were ending and breaking up slowly today. Friday morning should see some ground fog and as a weak cold front moves through, we should be clearing about noon. Saturday looks partly sunny with the temperature rising into the 70s. It may cloud up again by Sunday, it appears now.