



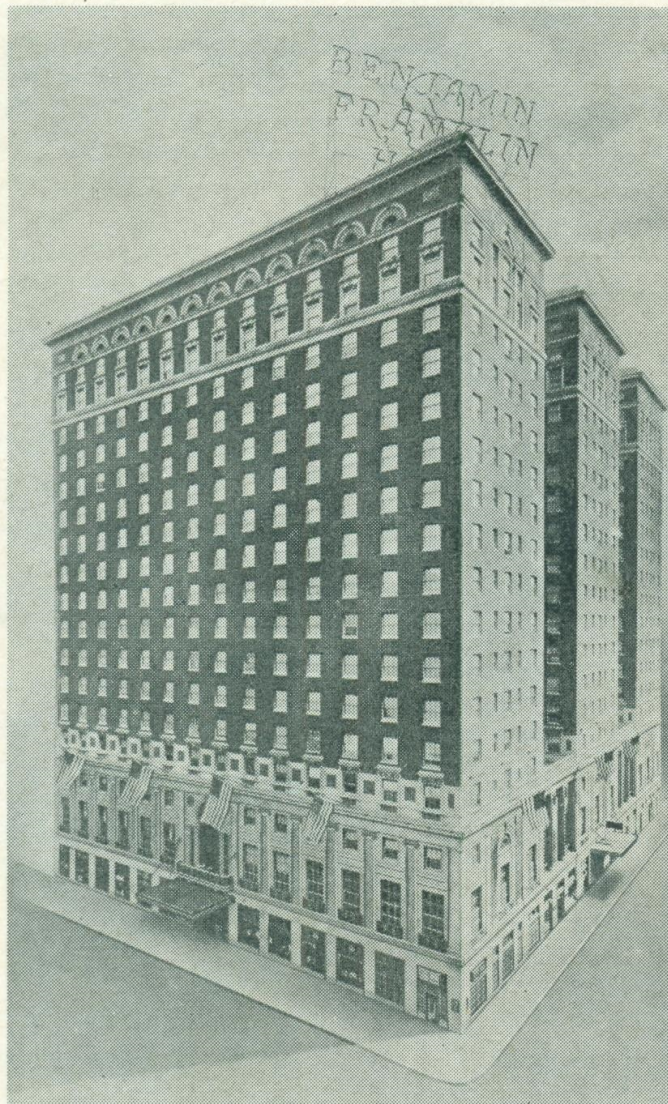
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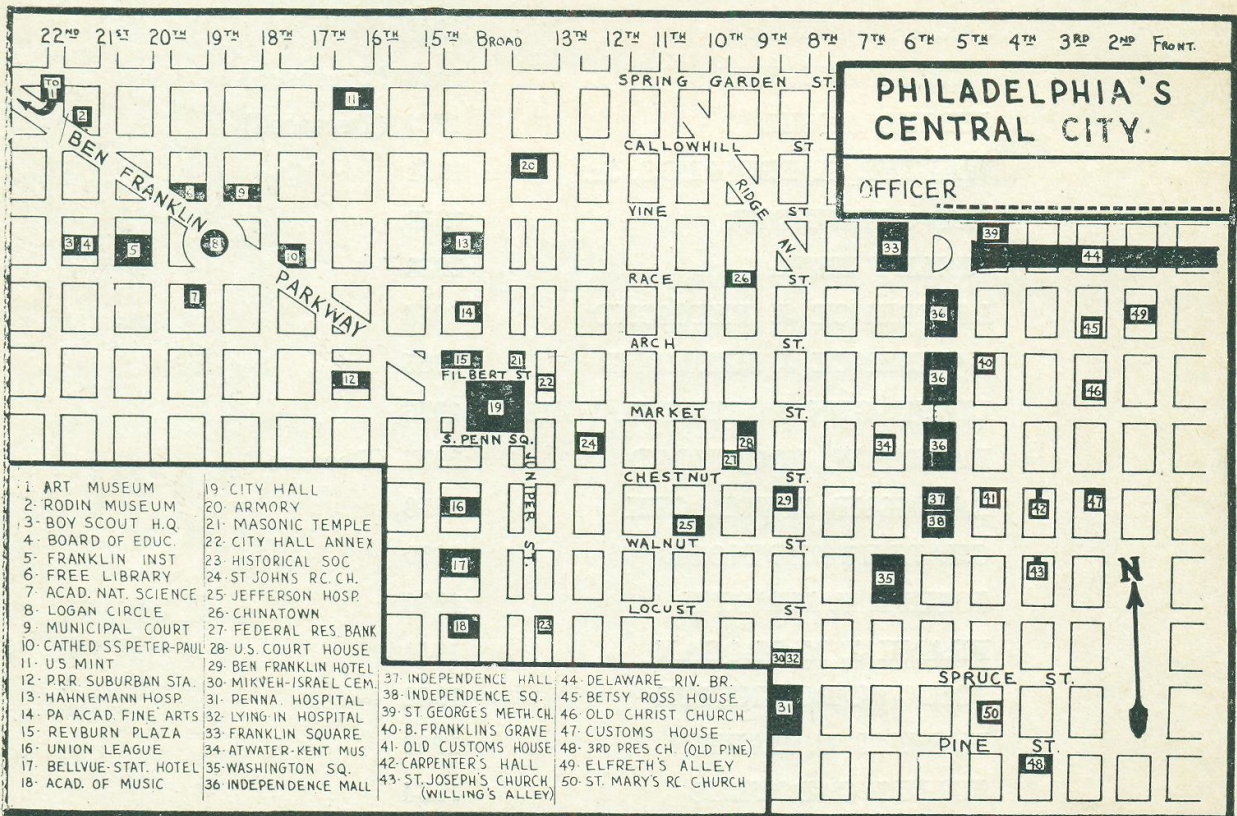
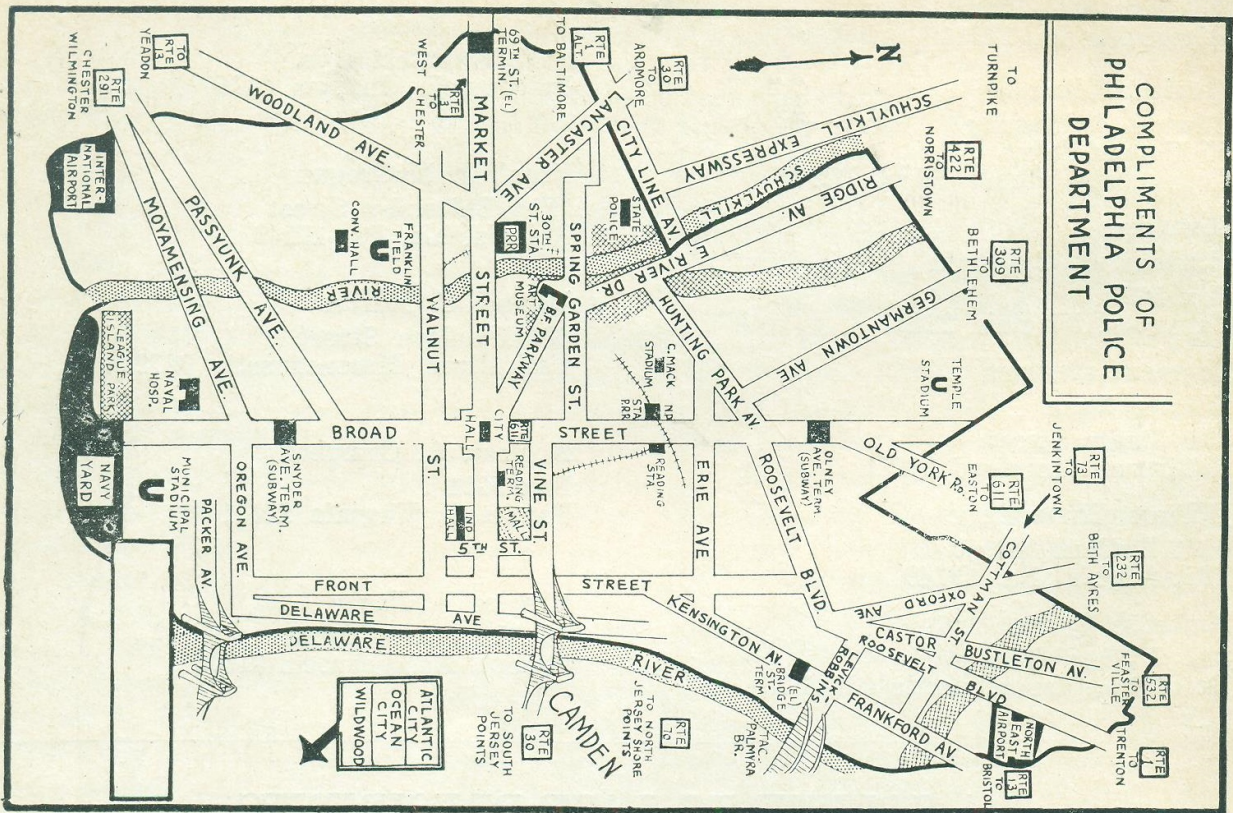
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JULIUS C. BOYLES	1964
SAMUEL KLIPPA	1965
WILLIAM M. DOTY	1966



Philadelphia

Photos Taken at Aquarama.

Reunion

Welcome

The time has come

All is ready for your

Entertainment in

Philadelphia

You will have a great time

As we have a terrific

program

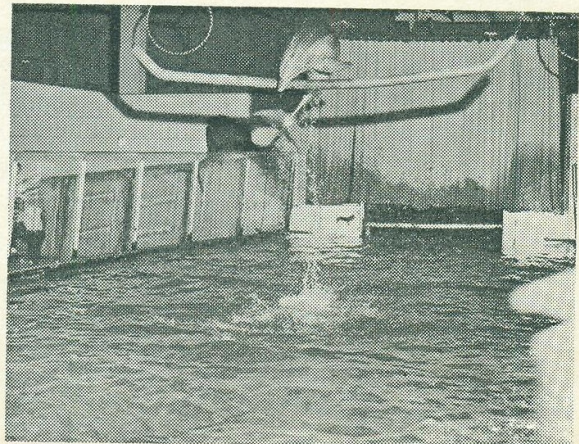
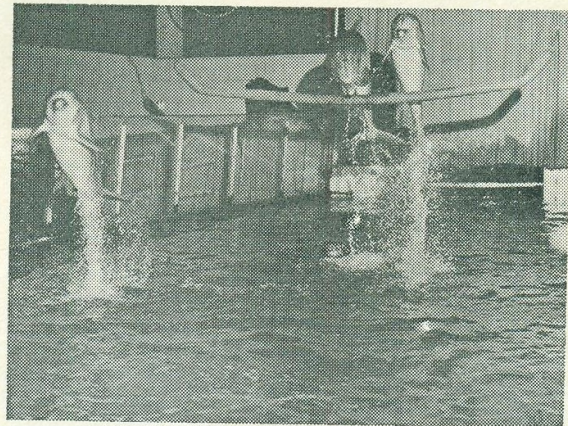
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The biggest and best

ALL WE NEED IS

YOU

Lou Volpi
324th F.A.
Reunion Chairman



Twenty-Second Annual Reunion Program

August 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 1968

Benjamin Franklin Hotel

Chestnut Street at 9th, Philadelphia, Pa.

Thursday, August 22nd, 1968

- 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. REGISTRATION
1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. AQUARAMA—One of the World's Greatest Showplaces,
"Theatre of the Sea"
9:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. Dancing — Refreshments

Friday, August 23rd, 1968

- 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. REGISTRATION
9:00 A.M. until ? Ladies - Cosmetic Show and Wig Demonstration
10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon Men's Business Meeting
1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Guided Tour of Historical Sites at Independence Square.
9:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Entertainment provided by Philadelphia's famous QUAKER
CITY STRING BAND. Just as they appear in Phila's yearly
MUMMERS PARADE.
10:00 P.M. to 2:00 A.M. Dancing and Refreshments

Saturday, August 24th, 1968

- 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. REGISTRATION
10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon Men's Business Meeting
10:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Women's free time to shop and beautify themselves for
Evening's festivities.
12:30 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. UNIT LUNCHEONS (Men and Wives)
2:00 P.M. MEMORIAL SERVICES — PARADE
6:30 P.M. GALA 83rd DIVISION ANNUAL BANQUET
9:00 P.M. to 2:00 A.M. Dancing and Refreshments

Hospitality Room will be open daily until 5:30 P.M. except during Meetings. It will be also closed at 5:30 P.M. Saturday to allow time to get ready for Banquet. A Junior Hospitality Room will be provided for the children attending.

Albert Belvedere
President

Louis J. Volpi
Convention Chairman

President's Corner

Time certainly does "Fly By". It doesn't seem possible that this is my last report to you as President of our Great Association. I hereby extend my personal invitation, to each and every one of you, to attend our Reunion in Philadelphia, August 22 to 24 and to insure you a Wonderful Time.



You Convention Chairman, Lou Volpi, our National Secretary, Larry Redmond, with the help of Frank McGrogan, Executive Board member, and all the Philadelphia Chapter boys, along with yours truly, have been working vigorously to organize the Reunion parts and they seem to be falling in place. A reunion program is published in another section of this issue of the Thunderbolt.

All the members of the Executive Board arrived at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel for our Annual Meeting on May 4, 1968. John Raikos, the Board's Chairman, conducted a very businesslike and informative meeting. The members of the Board were satisfied with all our plans for the Reunion.

Last Reminder! All Ads from Chapters and Members will be greatly appreciated to insure a Great Reunion. Special thanks to all who already have sent their Ad Applications.

If any Chapter would like to obtain bedrooms on the same floor, please send reservations, as a group, to Mr. Charles Paist, Sales Manager, Benjamin Franklin Hotel, Chestnut St. at 9th, Philadelphia, Pa. (19105) and he will do his utmost to accommodate everyone.

There is still time for members to get their dues in to make this a "Thousand Member Year". Our National Secretary, Larry Redmon's untiring plea, to various members of our Association, to send in their dues, can still pay off. Come on Buddies of the 331st Infantry, let's spearhead this drive for New Members.

This Memorable Year "1968" was filled with Joy in becoming your President and also of great Sadness because of my Mother's death recently. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Larry Redmond for all the extra work he did in connection with the latter. Also, I would like to thank the Chapters and individual members for all the Tokens of Sympathy that I received. Everyone's thoughtfulness

helped us through a very trying time of sorrow.

My Mother always enjoyed herself at all our Philadelphia Chapter Annual Banquets, and I know she would want me to carry on.

Flash! Flash . . . 83rd men and their families, I hope your "Let's Meet in Philly" Reunion Fund is full grown by this time because we are looking forward to seeing you all in August. It is just two months and 11 days away.

Albert A. Belvedere
331st Infantry Division
National President

Secretary's Report

Hello Buddies:

Well here we are once again coming closer to the close of another year. As the end of each year comes, it brings sadness as well as joy. Sadness because we all remember that we are a year older and sadness because, somewhere along the line during the year another of our Buddies has passed on to his eternal reward. Please bear with me, I am not trying to write a letter to you, to bring out the crying towels, but as



we stop and think of what I have just said, it becomes more and more of a reality

We will be holding our 22nd Annual Reunion this year. During the past 21 years we have held Reunions and have had some terrific times. There are many of us who have been members, paid our dues for years to help keep this Association going; there are many of us who have attended a Reunion, or several Reunions. On the other hand there are many more who should be members, but are not. I have for years been writing the same thing, that this is unlike other Veterans Organizations, we are not just a Veterans Association, but are like a family. We are a group of men who saw combat together, men who have more in common than just having served in the Armed Forces of these United States. It is unbelievable that any man who saw service in the 83rd Infantry Division, would not want to be a member of this Association. We have been striving for years to reach the 1,000 mark out of a potential of 25,000 men, but can never reach much higher than the 800 mark,

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Jersey Chapter

Hi Buddies,

Just a few more weeks and we'll all be at the Reunion in Philly again. I look forward to this get together every year as I think we have the greatest bunch in the universe.

I can remember the first one I went to in which my wife said, "I'll bet when those guys get together they'll be drinking and raising hell and it will be no place for the wives to be"; now she's like me waiting for the next one to come.

The guys and their wives in Philly are really working hard to make this a great success so let's see what we can do by giving them the biggest turnout ever.

My son signed up in the Air Force for another four years, and five weeks ago they sent him to Clark Air Base in the Philippines. He seems to like it and will be there for two years. I know some of you fellows have sons in the service and maybe at Clark also. If so, send me their address so I can send it to my son and they can get together.

We had sad news this week about our President's mother dying; she sure was full of fun and went to all the shindigs they had down there at Philly. I know everyone will miss her and we all send our deepest sympathy to Al and his family.

Larry tells me he has been getting a lot of mail from 83rd men who live in California; I hope some of them are buddies we have all been looking for. At this date I have only seen two of my buddies and know three others who are living. Every time you hear from one of those guys it's like a new thrill. We have a great bunch and I think they're the best.

I received a letter from a Harold S. Washburn about a month ago saying he read my column and noticed I was from Co. B-330 to which he was a member. I don't remember him as I came with the outfit on July 14th and he was hit on the 6th of July. I was with a replacement group when I hit Omaha Beach. If any of you fellows remember Harold, please drop him a line as I know he would like to hear from some of his old buddies.

His address is:
Harold S. Washburn
R.D. 2
Loganton, Pa. 17747

Nothing new at the Jersey Chapter although everyone is busy getting ready for the summer.

Hope you all have a swell summer and hope to see you at the reunion. Keep Healthy.

Yours truly,
Jim Bowie
Co. B-330

Signal Musings

Sorry about that Larry, somehow things have been so busy that I completely forgot about the writing of a column. I have been neglecting all of my 83rd writing of late and I realize a lot of you have letters due to you. Our spring quarter has ended at the college so I hope to get some of the correspondence caught up.



One thing I do regret and I apologize to Paul J. Wagner for not answering a reply for a letter relayed by Larry. I sent the picture (No. 12) back to Flash Foto Co., Chicago and got our table No. 21 in return. I noticed in your letter to Larry that you did not object to **distinguished** as used in my column I am truly sorry for not answering sooner Pop!

Bubbles I haven't followed up on any of the addresses you sent me in January so you can really see my neglect. With school out I hope to get back on the ball. Mr. Thomas I guess you'll have to take over this job as I stated in the last issue, saving your material because of short press time.

Erv Hawk I hope you have recovered from your knee operation, injured at Atterbury's ranger course. No, I wasn't at Atterbury. I am sorry to report that I doubt that I will make it to Philadelphia but I believe that Bruce Winchells will be there. I would like to have you write to Bud Baker and Joe Narducci and get their rear ends over there for the gala event. Even if only Bruce Winchell and Jean, along with myself represented Signal at Chicago, I still feel that it was worth it. It was a most pleasant respite and well worth the trip. I plan on writing to those around Philly and reminding them that the big event will be there in August, 1968! By gosh John Sterling should be able to get down (or up) there for at least one day. Get those other buddies of yours, like Frank Kehler, to take a run down there. The Philly boys would appreciate it Sure would appreciate it Erv, thanks for anything you can do.

About all for this time, have a good time at Philly. Have one for me!

Don Hinz
"83rd" Signal

**MAKE YOUR PLANS
NOW TO ATTEND
THE
ANNUAL REUNION**

Chaplain's Corner

June 18, 1968

Office of the
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Chaplain
162 E. Madison Street
Greencastle, Pennsylvania

My Buddies of Our Great
83rd Inf. Div. Assn.:

It appears to me that in this present age of turmoil, confusion and perplexities, that prayer is the answer to our problems. And talking of problems, I'd like to convey some comments on the subject that might be worthwhile:



Problem: Here is a problem posed by a layman. Said he, "During the depth of the depression in the 1930's, the building inspector condemned the steeple of our church. He required that either we repair

or remove the steeple or cease to use the building. Alas, the congregation had financial resources to do none of these things. We held a prayer meeting. That night a storm came up, lightning struck the steeple and destroyed it, with the result that the insurance company paid for the repairs. Do you believe that that was a coincidence, or that God answered our prayers and knocked down our steeple for us?" The church of the story was in Richmond, Virginia. The layman was Lawson Cocke, former secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South. You have to decide for yourself how you will answer his question.

This is the problem. Coming out of Peter's imprisonment, it asks, "Was Peter's deliverance coincidence, or an act of God, or what? Should we expect such deliverance from persecution when other righteous prisoners pray for it but are denied? Did God answer prayer that day, or did it just happen?"

Fellows, what do you think prayer really is? One writer put it this way?

What Prayer Is. "Prayer is not a mere asking of favors. Prayer is not a paean of praise. Rather, prayer is a realization of the God-power within you—of your right of dominion over your own body, your environment, your business, your health, your prosperity. It is an understanding that you are heir of God and coheir with Christ."

Gene Sarazen, a great golfer, was making his bid for another championship, but . . . "things were going ill for him

in the second qualifying round, and at the 12th hole he topped his tee shot and realized that this was the end. Turning to his Negro caddy, he said, "I'm sorry, Joe. I went to church last Sunday and I prayed and I prayed and I prayed that I would qualify for the championship once again."

Fellows, prayer can change things. Think about it and do something about it — it works.

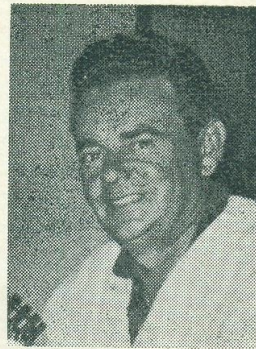
God Bless you.

Faithfully,
William O. Shuman
Chaplain

Detroit Chapter

Hello Buddies:

Well, we finally have received some real summer weather here in Michigan; it sure has been slow coming this year.



We were all over to the Pallazolo's home a couple of weeks ago. Bill and Virg. went all out for the gang. Well, it won't be too long now, and we will all meet in Philly.

We here in the Detroit Chapter were real sorry to hear of the sudden death of our President Al Belvedere's mother. We are having a get together here at our home this coming Sunday. We are hoping to elect our new officers for the coming year, and also hope to get a few more fellows interested, as we know that putting on a reunion is no small task.

I was talking to Walter Marks of the Chicago Chapter, and he was telling me that his boy, Richard, is home from Vietnam. That poor kid was wounded two or three times. We all hope that Richard is getting along well at this time.

Larry, I received a letter from C.I.B. Association I suppose you know all about this outfit. I did join the C.I.B., I understand that one dollar of the dues I pay, goes to the 83rd. Let me know if you get it?

Jack Daugherty
Co. L, 329th

Ed. Note: The C.I.B. Association, which is the Combat Infantry Badge Association, has headquarters at 2313 Skylark, Arlington, Texas. Dues are \$3.00 per year, one dollar of this will be returned to the 83rd Infantry Division Association. As of this date, three of our men are members and I have received the \$3.00. They are: Vic Landis, Jim Bowie and Jack Daugherty.

Fall River Chapter Chatter

By Manny Martin, F-329th

As you receive this issue of the Thunderbolt, it will be getting close to the time for another reunion, having spent



the weekend of May 4th in Philadelphia, on the occasion of the annual Executive Board meeting, I can assure you, that the Philadelphia Chapter has put together an outstanding Reunion program, for your enjoyment. Please reward them for their hard work and effort by making plans to attend this year's Reunion.

It was a great delight for Adeline and I to spend a couple of days with all of the fine Philly people as well as the other officers of this great Association; a special treat as always, to spend some time with our long time and close friends, John and Mary Raikos. From Adeline and I to the Belvederes, the Volpis and the rest of you Philadelphia people that contributed to making our stay so memorable, a very grateful thank you.

We, of the Fall River Chapter, are real busy preparing for the macaroni and meatball supper that we are sponsoring on Saturday, May 25. Tickets are moving as well as ever and I am quite sure that another capacity crowd will enjoy a typical Fall River Chapter party. We served a ham and bean supper to a large crowd on February 17, and it was a very successful party. Our moonlight sail and dance this year will be held on September 7. To allow for more dancing space, we have chartered a much larger ship than the one we used last year, plus we have decided to cut our crowd by 100 people. We really did put too many people aboard last year, but the demand was so great, we did not want to disappoint anyone. It will be different this year, so you had better get your tickets early.

Our good friend Norm Bowers underwent some surgery in the latter part of March and I am pleased to be able to report that he recuperated real well and seems to be himself again. John Bernard has been ailing; having quite a problem with his arms. However, he was checked at one of the fine clinics that we have in Boston. They recommended some medication that seems to be helping. We of the Chapter wish that it will not be too long before this hard working member feels up to par again.

Kit and Margie Silva have moved into

their new home and from Adeline and myself, as well as all of the Chapter members, best wishes for good health, long life, to enjoy this lovely home are extended.

Adeline and our little daughter Karen Ann, took off the early part of April to spend a few weeks with Adeline's brother at Laguna Beach, Calif. It was a truly wonderful trip with one of the highlights being the opportunity to spend a most enjoyable afternoon with our good friends Ed and Ruth Paulino who drove up from Riverside.

This closes our reporting till after reunion. Please make every effort to attend. Let's have a large crowd, thereby demonstrating to Al Belvedere, Lou Volpi and all of the Philly Chapter that we do appreciate all of their efforts in our behalf.

Chapter News

Once again I am sorry to report that there are a couple of Chapters that are badly in need of help. At the present time we have about three Chapters that have just about collapsed. These Chapters can be salvaged again with the aid of you men from their particular areas.

The first Chapter I wish to comment on is the old Miami Valley Chapter. At one time this was a very flourishing Chapter and presented us with a very fine Reunion. At the present time it stands dormant, waiting for your help.

The second Chapter that has fallen by the wayside is the Dixie Chapter. To the boys in the South, I ask you to get back on the bandwagon and bring your Chapter back to what it was. A few years ago the Dixie Chapter gave us a never to be forgotten Reunion. They really presented to us that real Southern Hospitality. Come on you all, you can make this the great Chapter it once was. This will take the efforts of all of you.

The last one I would like to mention, and not because it ranks last in my book, is the Old Washington Chapter, which we had hoped to re-activate as a Baltimore-Washington-Virginia Chapter. Remember the great Reunion you gave us in 1956. I am sure that with a little effort, you can make it a great Chapter again.

Along with the re-activation of these three Chapters, we still stand ready to accept new and active Chapters. Let us all remember that the 83rd Infantry Division Assn. stands second to none. During World War II, we stood second to none and since it is over, we have carried on this same fighting spirit.

Larry Redmond

Editorial

by
LARRY REDMOND
Editor

Gentlemen, as we approach the end of another year in the History of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, so do we come to the end of the year in the lives of many of our people in this great country.

As our boys carry on with the fighting in Vietnam, in true American tradition, fighting a war that is different in many ways to the one in which we took part. They are fighting a ruthless battle, fighting a war that changes its methods of operations from day to day. Let us all take a minute out and bow our heads in silent prayer for these great American Soldiers, men who like ourselves are mighty proud to be able to serve their country.

While this bloody conflict goes on in Vietnam, back here at home we are engaged in a war of our own, a war that in some ways is like a war in a combat zone, and other ways it is not. A war against violence, maliciousness, rioting, looting and last but not least, shooting. Here over the past year, we have had riots that have caused millions of dollars in damage as well as loss of lives. Rioting and violence that could have been avoided, had it not been for the men who wished to become powerful leaders if they were able to show the people that they could stand up there and give the orders to kill, riot and destroy.

Here in the past several years, guns have played a big part in the violence that has spread throughout the country; men like our late President John F. Kennedy, followed by the death by an assassin's bullet, the late Dr. Martin Luther King and last but not least the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. As we sit and think over this we can't help but wonder, who will be next, or what will be next.

Gentlemen, this is not foreign country where any man who wants to be a leader can band together a group of men and take over the rein of the country. This is still America, the land of the free and the home of the brave. As I sit and read over the preamble of the American Legion, I can't help but wish that each and every one of you were able to sit and read it and pick it apart and think it over; I would like to take this opportunity to write it for you and let you just read it over.

I ask you to read it carefully and study each line, and see if it doesn't bring out the real Americanism in you. It reads as follows:

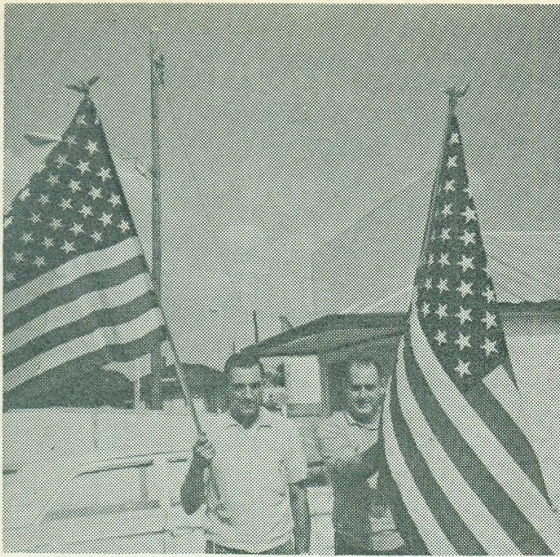
For God and Country,
We associate ourselves together
for the following purposes:
To uphold and defend
The Constitution of the United States
of America;
To maintain law and order;
To foster and perpetuate
A one hundred percent Americanism;
To preserve the memories and incidents
Of our associations in the Great Wars;
To inculcate a sense of individual
obligation
To the community, state and nation;
To combat the autocracy
Of both the classes and the masses;
To make right the master of might;
To promote peace and good will on
earth;
To safeguard and transmit to posterity
The principals of Justice, Freedom
and Democracy;
To consecrate and sanctify our
comradeship
By our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Gentlemen, as I stand before my Legion Post members as their Commander, and say this preamble at the opening of every meeting, I can't help but realize what real Americanism is. I am sure that if each of you read this over and stop and analyze what you have read, you can't help but feel the same.

Let us all bow our heads, and say a prayer for those poor boys in Vietnam as well as the men here in our country who have met untimely deaths. Men who have sacrificed their lives so that we could continue to have a country worth living for and worth dying for. This our country, let us stand ready to defend it or support it in any way that we can. Let us go on teaching our children and grandchildren, that this is the America worth fighting for. Let us defend it from all evils, here and abroad.



Group of men from Co. H, 330th Infantry. Photo supplied by Fred Brown.



L to R Lloyd Smith and George P. Lamar. George is a former member of Co. G, 330th Infantry.

Flags to Fly Over City On Memorial Day

Lloyd Smith, Boy Scout Master, of Troop 559, and G. P. Lamar, chairman of the Merchants Association Flag Committee, are working together to get the fifty new flags purchased by local merchants, ready to fly Memorial Day.

The scouts will assist the merchants in putting the flags on the poles and the troop agreed to meet at 7 a.m. Thursday morning.

The flags will fly over the city on every national holiday.

Scouts assisting in the arrangements Monday afternoon were Larry Davis, Douglas Roberts, Danny Davis, Skipper Hughes, Gary Smith, Billy Sharpton, Keith Thompson and Junior Holcombe.

Make Your Plans For The Reunion

In Memory of Capt. William P. Berman CO of Co. G, 330th Infantry 83rd Div. Who Was Killed in Action July 4, 1944

Bill Berman was our Captain's name,
Football was his favorite game.
He played it hard, but he played it clean.
He was ruff and tuff, he was tall and lean.
Nobody could ever call him mean.
It was the game of life, he played best.
He run the course, he passed the test,
He set the pace for all the rest.

In his life, he taught us how to live.
In his death, he taught us how to give.
With his men pinned down, and some
of them dead,

Under a cross fire of red hot lead.
He would not retreat, nor accept defeat,
He arose to his knees, then stood

on his feet.
The time had come to even the score,
He would show the enemy the patch
he wore.

Lighting flashed and thunder crashed,
As across no-man's land he dashed.
From his Thompson Sub the hot lead flew.
Fate had given him a job to do,
And he was determined to see it through.

As this thunder bolt drew near,
The enemy line was stricken with fear.
They raised their weapons, and took
deadly aim,
For if they missed, they would be out
of the game.

A good man fell in the dust that day,
Giving his life in a land far away.
"That was not the end of Bill Berman",
I say.

For he still lives on in the hearts of
his men,
And he taught us a lesson there and then,

To fight to the finish, to never give in.
A hundred men swore on their weapons
that day,
They would settle the score, they
would make them pay.

A thousand and more, they collected
their toll,
Bill Berman called the play, but
his men made the goal.

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Dedicated to all the fine Officers of
the 83rd Division, who pay the supreme
sacrifice and set high standards for their
men who survived, who must continue to
hold up freedoms light in a war scared
and troubled world.

Written By: George P. Lamar

The Greater Pittsburgh Chapter

by Greer Thompson

Hello Buddies:

The Monessen Group of the Pittsburgh Chapter did it again. On Saturday, April 27 a dinner-dance was held for members and wives at the Monessen Legion Hall. "Rev." Al Gruber, B.S. was slated to give the invocation, but due to rushing his wife Millie to the hospital, Al was unable to be present. President Larry Leonardi pinch-hit and did the honors. Sam Klippa and wife and two former 83rd members—Louis Szopo and Bill (sorry, Bill, we didn't get your last name) of the 308th Engineers—were given a round of applause. The meal was excellent and the waitresses left nothing to be desired. Door prizes were won by Ezio "Smoky" Alicandri—a G.E. hand sweeper with attachments; Joe DeLuca—a 30 cup coffee urn; and Louis Szopo—hurricane lamps. The Four Aces, a local combo, played music for dancing which brought back good old memories. Our congratulations for a very successful and enjoyable evening go to the committee—Chairman Joe DeLuca, Charlie Altomari, Adam Hassick and Steve Blasko.

Al Suess' nephew, Dale Kreuer, was critically wounded when he was shot by a sniper as he drove to work during the recent riots we experienced here in Pittsburgh in April. Al informed us at the dinner-dance that Dale would be dismissed from the hospital soon. Dale was just recently discharged from the army and is a veteran of the Vietnam war.

In March, Charlie Altomari, Emil Diabaldo, Bill Coffey and George Cox, former members of Co. B, 308th Engineers, along with their families met in Charleston, W.V. and spent an evening at the race track. Seems that since Bill Coffey was the big winner, he really knows his horses.

Emil Diabaldo informs this reporter that he has never received his copy of the "Thunderbolt" and would like it sent to his home at 57 W. Hampshire Street, Piedmont, West Virginia

A note was handed to your reporter in regards to one of our active member's wife who is an outstanding ten pin bowler. Every year she seems to take all prizes as an individual bowler in tournament play (both city and state); but this year at Cleveland and Buffalo something happened—she lost. Could it be your grip on the ball or is it the ball, Yolanda? Better luck next year.

The next regular meeting of the Chapter is Sunday, May 5 at 2:00 p.m. at the Brentwood V.F.W. The final plans are to be made for attending the 22nd annual reunion at Philadelphia, August 22, 23

and 24. I can safely report at this time that the Pittsburgh Chapter is going to Philly in force to let all 83rd men know we have the largest chapter in the 83rd Infantry Division Association.

This being the last issue of the Thunderbolt for the present, I would personally like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the privilege of serving you as an assistant reporter. Best wishes for a most successful year that follows.

LET'S KEEP OUR MEMBERSHIP
GROWING
AND KEEP PAYING DUES!

Frankly Speaking

Dear Buddies:

All of us, who ever were a part of the 83rd Infantry Division have left with us a brand deep in our self conscious soul,



a strong memory. For you it may be one man, for others it is a group or unit. Whatever be your own particular feelings, you cannot deny that Thunderbolt brand. A portion of our lives was welded into a unit of the 83rd. We the more fortunate, "Saw It Through." Think back to a few of those "Rag Tag Circus" days. Your buddies and mine are all scattered now. Many are still able to share and confirm our brand, yet others are no longer able to be with us.

Our outfit is reduced to a small group who want to "Remember" and carry on some traditions of those days. Yet our Association has a great problem to collect annual dues of five dollars. These dues are needed to pay mailing expenses. Just think, we can't get the equivalent cost of "one bottle of liquor" from a few hundred men to enable us to have an "Annual Reunion."

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Remember over 99 per cent of your buddies would gladly pay five dollars just for one hour with you. I remember that "chunk" out of my life, yet I want to "remember We Saw It Through". Together we can enjoy a wonderful three days at the 22nd Annual Reunion. Mail in your dues. You can't afford to DROP that Thunderbolt Brand. Make those old acquaintances again. Your Association is a non-profit organization, where there are NO paid employees Let's keep it alive. DON'T YOU AGREE IT DESERVES YOUR SUPPORT.

Frank McGrogan
Co. D-330th

Hi Thunderbolts:

Well, it is coming close to another reunion and the time when old buddies get together! I am looking forward to the reunion and I know the rest of the Philadelphia Chapter feels the same.

On Friday night, May 10, the Chapter held our installation banquet. We had a wonderful evening, dinner and then dancing—what a ball! It was a lot of work and behind it was our National President, Al Belvedere. I am happy to say the evening was a huge success.

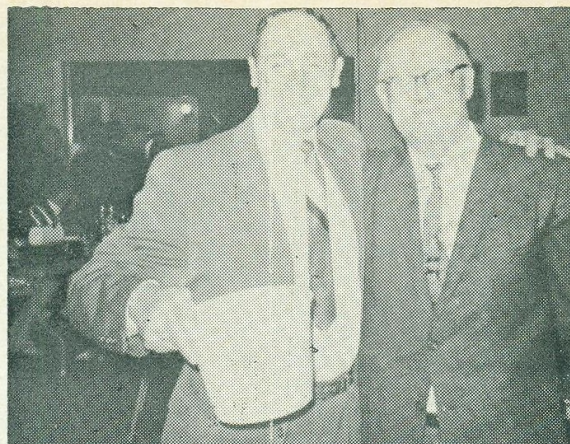
Each year, at our annual dinner, with the coming in of the new slate of officers for the following year, we thank the outgoing officers, with whom I was associated. I am happy and honored to have been re-elected to serve as Chapter President. This year's slate sees elected to Vice President Sammy Aiello, Larry Redmond — our very capable Secretary, Les Hauck — our Treasurer guardian, John Piscatelli — Chapter Chaplain and Big Bil Hoelan — Sgt at arms. I wish to thank everyone for the handsome plaque that was presented to me. I shall treasure it, always.

Now I would like to say that the Keystone Chapter has been very hard at work this past year, finding new ways to make this coming reunion a successful and unforgettable one I take this opportunity to extend an invitation to everyone to "See You In Philly".

Bill Chavanne
President
The Greater Philadelphia Chapter



Mike Caprio Getting The Big Story — L to R Dom Iafiallo, Louise Iafiallo, Ann Sbraccia, Barb Cullen.



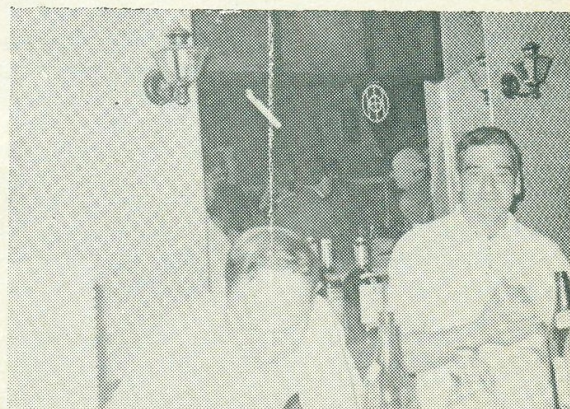
Smiling Larry and buddy.



Happy Mousie and Gin.



Our wild table from Salem, Mass.



Bob and Sonny.

Greater Boston Chapter

Hello Buddies:

We of the Boston Chapter had one of our greatest times on May 4, 1968 at Malden, Mass. A good time was had by all. We had Warrant Officer Joe Duddy, who came all the way from the state of Vermont to be with us and from Springfield, Mass. came Mr. and Mrs. Lavinsky with their guest. Little old Rhode Island sent us good old Mike and Vera Caprio, Mr. and Mrs. Al Tartaglio, Mrs. Helen Petrucci and guest, Mr. and



Mrs. Amby Tynan of Brockline and guest. Our greatest surprise of the night was to have Jig Elie of Amesbury, Mass. and he stayed for some time before running off to mother. Good to see you Jigs. From the big city of Lynn, Mass. came Helen and Duchee Smith with big Nich and their gang, and who was rear guard for that gang yes little old August "Mousie" Farias of New Bedford. Thanks Mousie for the chips and dancing with my wife Mary and all the rest of the girls. You had a ball for yourself, which we like all to have. Big Hunnewell had a great time. Hope to see you in Philly, too.

We missed Joe Petrucci, Sil Allard and Chuck Abdanoor, but for them to miss it must have been important.

I just can't forget Fran and Larry Ar-rigo who made the time too, also Angie Letterie.

At this time I would like to thank Gin, Mary, Fran and Helen for making the meatballs and the other girls for the cakes. Thanks girls, you made the time what it was. They say that the men can go cut and have a ball, but we need the girls to make it a good time.

Very sorry Mike and Olga Amicon were not able to come. Olga's mother passed away last month. Our deepest sympathy goes to the Amicons.

Our raffle winners were: Debbie Smith of Lynn won the table television set. The half gallon of cheer was won by Chuck Abdanoor and the door prize by Pop Constantini of Lynn.

Gin DeGimarino received a Mother's Day surprise by getting a telephone call from her son Paul who is in the Philippines. Everything is A-O.K. and Paul is due for his Sgt. stripe soon.

We had a surprise birthday cake for Ann Tartaglia and the cake flickered with sparkles. Happy birthday, Ann.

Our 83rd bar was under the management of Bob Gaetani and Sunny Dee. Great job, boys.

Well, I guess that this is it for now until next time.

Your buddy,
Nick Francullo

P.S. Let's make the reunion a real big time and hope to see you all there. Good luck, Philly.



Happy Birthday, Ann.



The Big Eating and Drinking Table — Mr. and Mrs. Gambe Phillpappa, Mr. and Mrs. Viserilo Ann Conlon, Mr. and Mrs. McGlefn, Mr. and Mrs. Peppucci.



A Happy Table — Tzy and Joe Duddy.

Philadelphia Annual Banquet News

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter scored another smash hit with their annual banquet held at the Defense Personnel Support Center on Friday, May 10, 1968. A sellout crowd had a tremendous terrific time, helping the Quaker Chapter to install their officers for the coming year.

The entire banquet was magnificently staged and run by our first team, led by that hard working group of devoted men, namely, Al Belvedere, Lou Volpi, Larry Redmond and Bill Chavanne.

As one entered the well appointed ballroom, everyone was greeted by Al Belvedere, and his crew of beautiful girls, his son's girl friend, Suzanne Comley, (John Belvedere's fiancée), Rosalie Flagiello, Albert Jr.'s escort. These two charming girls made everyone feel at home. They collected for tickets, they sold 50-50's, and marked their ticket sale chart like a couple of real professional greeters.

We had a most pleasing cocktail hour. The bar seats were crowded, the soft plush tables surrounding the bar was jammed. Everyone's table hopped, and in the fine tradition the Philadelphia Chapter possesses, all our friends and guests were made to feel at home.

We were very pleased to see and greet Al Belvedere's parents and Ann Belvedere's parents, and Fred Belvedere, Al's brother who also rendered yeoman work assisting Al Belvedere. The Belvedere clan are real 83rd Infantry Division people. They haven't missed any of our social events. They have always pitched in and did their bit to make each affair enjoyable.

The chef's on Al Belvedere payroll, outdid themselves last night. The menu was superb, the service was the most pleasing, name it and you had it immediately. The food was most tasty and the choice was to one's own wish.

At the conclusion of the meal, with Toastmaster Larry Redmond at his best, the speech making was brief and to the point. The head table was graced by our Officers, our National Association Officers, and the old and new officers.

Our head table from left to right was graced by Les and Elsie Hauck, John and Josie Piscitelli, Sam and Vi Aiello, Al and Ann Belvedere, Larry and Mary Redmond, Bill and Bea Chavanne, Lou and Lucy Volpi, and Frank and Mary McGrogan. I would be very remiss if I didn't point out that the ladies at the head table were pretty, beautiful, impeccably attired and above all warm and as attractive a group you would want for companions and friends. Ann Belvedere wore a shimmering flowery dress that accentuated her beauty and grace, Bea Chavanne wearing a striking pale pink cocktail dress

accentuated by a sequin collar and rhinestone fronts piece was a pretty picture. Bea has captured all of us by her enthusiasm, and all out efforts to make her husband Bill Chavanne a real credit to the Philadelphia Chapter. He has presided at our meetings most efficiently. So much so that he was unanimously acclaimed to continue in office as President of the Philly Chapter for another year. Of course, Bea Chavanne deserves and merits praise for her superlative efforts.

Of course I should write about our table. Their was "My Gal Ann". Ann Rosenberg is in a class by herself. No one possesses a better sense of humor, no one can instill immediate friendliness than Ann Rosenberg. She regaled our table with tales, stories and jokes. With her little whistle Ann can command the attention of all. When it comes to writing about Barbara McGrogan, I can write a book. Barbara is that kind of a girl, you want your own daughter to be. Respectful, mannerly, beautiful, charming, pleasant, graceful, a wonderful person. There will be only one Barbara McGrogan to us. We love her and wish the best of everything to Barbara and her fiance John McGinley. John will make a fine addition to the McGrogan family.

With every affair there is always politicking. The king of politics is Frank McGrogan. And Frank did a real job of politicking together with Larry Redmond, Lou Volpi and Bill Chavanne, Frank McGrogan adjourned not to the smoke filled room but to the bar room and amid drinks Frank politicked and politicked on and on.

The band that Al Belvedere hired was known as the Merry Makers, and they made plenty of merry and plenty of music. Bob Croce, Linda Volpi's boy friend, helped with the merry making with his swinging style of singing.

Many of Al Belvedere's co-workers joined with him in celebrating our annual banquet. Among them was Bill Santillo, Alvino Flocco, Millie Gentile, Mary Cooper, and Catherine Brown. Also many of Al Belvedere's neighbors like Joe and Lil Distanisao and Angelo Rizzo, Ann Belvedere's cousin. To all these folks we owe much. They have supported us with all of our social affairs. When you attend a Philadelphia Chapter affair, you are hooked forever.

Everyone had a swellegant time. The banquet was wonderful, the music great, the friendliness was there. Everyone echoed the same theme song, "We sure are glad that we are 83rd people and belong to the Philadelphia Chapter".

P.S. The winner of our 50-50 drawing again was a customer of Les Hauck. That Les is a lucky guy; I am going to buy my chances from him.

Dave Rosenberg
Co. B - Co. F 331st

Executive Board Meeting

The Annual Pre-reunion Executive Board Meeting was held at the Ben Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia on Saturday, May 4, 1968. It was attended by all members of the Executive Board as well as our Judge Advocate, National President and Reunion Chairman and our National Secretary-Treasurer.

A very business like meeting was held and there was considerable discussion on items pertaining to the Association and the Reunion. It was suggested by the members that a notice would be published in the THUNDERBOLT, of a cut off date on unpaid members. At last year's meeting it was agreed that we would carry all members that are unpaid, for three years. This means that those who are unpaid have this year to be carried on the roster, then they will be dropped. A motion was made and seconded that the Secretary-Treasurer would make up a complete roster of all men he has on his files and have it ready to be distributed at this reunion. This will be a mimeographed roster.

At the Reunion, each day, the Secretary-Treasurer will meet with the Reunion Chairman and the dues for every man registering will be turned over to the Secretary-Treasurer. This will be done on a daily basis as was done last year in Chicago. It was agreed that the Executive Board would conduct a meeting at the Reunion with potential Reunion Committees. In other words, at this Reunion they will meet with the Committee from Detroit, which is our next Reunion City. A discussion was held in regards to the maintaining of a Hospitality Room. It was suggested that we seek voluntary contributions of cash or liquor to help keep the Hospitality Room going. A motion was made and seconded that the Reunion Chairman would contact all Chapters, seeking their voluntary contribution towards this. After discussing the Hospitality Room quite thoroughly, it was agreed by the Executive Board that the continuance of a Hospitality Room would be left entirely up to the Reunion Committee each year.

After quite a discussion in regards to new business at a Reunion, it was suggested by the Executive Board Chairman that no new business could be brought before the members without it was first brought up at Executive Session.

Reunion Chairman gave a complete report on the potential Reunion program, the Hotel prices of rooms and the tentative price of registration for man and wife, single man and a price breakdown per day. After discussion the Reunion program was accepted by the Executive Board. The Board made one suggestion

and that was that after the show by the String Band, that we try to engage them to provide the dance music the balance of the evening instead of having to engage another Band for dancing. It was of the opinion of the Executive Board that the meetings be conducted in a business like manner, and a time limit be set for each one that gets on the floor to speak. This will afford us the opportunity of conducting the maximum amount of business in a minimum amount of time. A discussion was held in regards to Executive Board expenses. Chairman Raikos suggested that the Executive Board be allotted to a business meeting the night prior to the main meeting, and that the treasurer be permitted to pick up the tab for this expense.

This concluded the important business of the Executive Board meeting.

Larry Redmond
Secretary-Treasurer

330th News

Hello Buddies:

A I try to write this note to you, I am at a loss for words to say. This year the 330th did fairly well in membership, I am sorry to report that I am not able to give you a definite count, but I can almost say that we are close to the 200 paid up member mark.

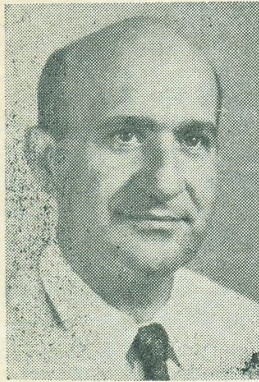
I am sorry to report to you that there are a considerable number of 330th men who have been paid up members in the past, but are not this year. Those of you in this category, I must say that I am a little ashamed of you. During World War II, I think that the 330th had a terrific reputation, both as leaders and as a closely knit group of men. Let us all try next year to do our part to make the 330th the envy of the Association.

Let each and every one of us take a minute out and check our membership cards, if you do not have a current card, please send in your dues today, the strength of this Association depends on its paid up membership. I could go on and on preaching about dues, but it would become monotonous. Let us all as real 330th men, and former members of the 83rd Infantry Division, be the real soldiers that we were in combat. We have a war to wage now, a war on membership, we need each and every one of you to man the guns so that we can score a victory, like the victories that we scored in combat. I sincerely hope that next year we can proudly say "WE OF THE 330th, ARE THE NUMBER ONE UNIT" of the 83rd Infantry Division Association.

Sincerely,
LARRY REDMOND
Co. H, 330th

Philadelphia Chapter Announces Slate of Officers For 1968-1969

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter held its monthly meeting on Saturday, March 23, 1968, at Lou Volpi's famous restaurant in Lima, Pa. The meeting was prefaced by a sumptuous dinner, and washed down with aqua ardente.



The dinner was well attended and by the time the business meeting came to order, enthusiasm was at its peak. It was announced that the annual banquet of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter was going to be held on Friday, May 10, 1968, at the Defence Support Personnel Officers Club. This was the scene of one of our tribute to Al Belvedere last January, everyone fell in love with the Officers Club facilities. The food was great, the drinks were out of this world, (and the least expensive conceivable) the entertainment was the finest, and so tis no wonder that everyone is looking forward to the May 10, 1968 date. All are invited to attend, but please make your reservation with Lou Volpi at 245 Woodbine Ave., Narberth, Pa.

Our Officers for the past year were the finest so it was unanimously adopted to slate the same officers for 1968 and 1969. They will be:

President, Bill Chavanne; Vice President, Sam Aiello; Secretary, Larry Redmond; Treasurer, Les Hauck.

This meeting also placed much emphasis on raising money to make our National Association Reunion a most memorable one. We are selling 50-50 chances, selling candy, running a great ad book, and each and everyone is doing his best to support Al Belvedere and Lou Volpi in making this reunion the best ever. We of the Philadelphia Chapter are most fortunate to have a great group of women working along with us in our various enterprises. One of the hardest working gals is Bea Chavanne, our local President's wife. Bea Chavanne's enthusiasm has filled everyone. She has written hundreds of letters seeking prizes and gifts for our reunion. She has purchased hundreds of boxes of candies that the men and women of our Chapter are selling to raise funds for the reunion.

We were pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hancher, 308th Eng., attend our meeting. Paul made the trip from Baltimore to attend and we are sure that he

was impressed with our enthusiasm. He witnessed the many discussions we held on how to raise money and the manner the Philadelphia Chapter men are backing our National President Al Belvedere and our Convention Chairman Lou Volpi.

While the men were attending our business meeting, the ladies held a meeting of their own, and then were entertained by that irrepressible wit Ann Rosenberg. Ann is back in shape (or should I say out of shape) and stepped up to the microphone and kept the ensemblage in stitches with her repertoire of jokes, songs, whistle, etc. You must have her tell you about the Cadillac joke and the Tuba story.

Fourteen years ago one of our fine hard working members was Al Boucher. Every meeting he attended he would come with his small boy. We called him our mascot. He marched with us on the Memorial Day parades. So it was with great delight that Al Boucher joined us at this meeting. We also learned that his little boy is now married, and is a father. How time flies. We hope that Al Boucher will make our meeting each month.

Just a reminder: All are invited to attend the Greater Philadelphia Banquet, on May 10, 1968. We can promise you a great time, so you all come.

And for the greatest reunion ever our National Reunion at the Ben Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia on August 22, 23 and 24 is the event of the decade. You will always remember it, so make your plans now to attend.

Dave Rosenberg
Co. "B" - "F" 331st Inf.

A Report From Your National Publicity Director

By Vic Landis F. 329.

Have just completed getting a release published in every daily paper in the land and am now hitting the Radio Stations. They have been very cooperative in the past and am sure they will do it again. Will also cover the key T.V. Stations, but they are hard to come by.

Have received clippings and tear sheets from papers all over the land and they are really giving the 83rd great coverage. An old reporter friend of mine secures me United Press wire service and that helps.

Larry informs me he has been swamped by a constant flow of inquiries and he loves it. I know I am the cause of making him a few hundred extra hours of work, but it is the results that count. I spend many hundreds of hours per year, on publicity and am glad to be in a position to do this. That's about all. See you in Philly.

Secretary's Report

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and this is only because of the great work of our Publicity Chairman, the real Mr. 83rd, Victor E. Landis, Co. F, 329th. Vic has reached newspapers all over the country with advertising that is worth a million dollars on the common market, yet it has cost us nothing except the stamps and stationary used.

With all the hard work Vic has done with newspapers, he is now hitting the TV and Radio circuit. Only today at work a man came to me and said "Larry, were you in the 83rd Infantry Division". He stated that he heard the announcement on the radio of the 25,000 men we are looking for and heard my name mentioned as the person to contact. Last night I had a call from a man who lives not too far from me who read it in the VFW magazine Gentlemen, if you are one of the men who has been receiving our great publication, "THE THUNDERBOLT", but are not a dues paying member, take a minute out and examine your conscience. Try to tell yourself that your dues paying Buddies are the ones that are making this possible. Remember the real 83rd spirit, we never gave up in a battle during World War II, and we are not giving up now. Let us all try to be a dues paying member next year. Let us help make this the largest World War II Veterans Association.

Buddies, as I bring this year to a close, I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all of you who helped make my job as National Secretary-Treasurer the job that it is. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Jim Bowie, a real 330th man, who went out of his way all year to pick up the "THUNDERBOLTS" from the Printer and bring them part way to Philadelphia, where I would meet him and bring them home. Men like Jim are real 83rd men, men who think of the Association over and above themselves. I also want to thank Vic Landis for all he has done. There are many more that I would like to thank for the support that they have shown me. Here in the Greater Philadelphia Chapter, I have had offer after offer from the members, to come to my home and lend me a hand If there is anyone that I offended in any way during the year, I wish to extend my sincere apologies to them. As we reach the end of a year, to us in office it means election of Officers for the coming year I sincerely wish to say, if the members of the Association see fit to replace me with another Secretary-Treasurer, I stand ready in true 83rd spirit to do all within my power to support and aid the man of their choice. We in this Association must always remember, that no matter who we are, or how hard we worked, or what

kind of a job we did, we can always be replaced Let us in true 83rd tradition, be ready to take over, or ready to be replaced.

The regrets that I have for this year are, first that we didn't reach the 1,000 membership goal, next, that the Chapters that have fallen by the wayside, have not been able to at this time, regain themselves and come back as the strong Chapters that they once were. I sincerely hope to see that the day will soon come that we can have the Washington Chapter re-activated, the Dixie Chapter revitalized and back in action and the Miami Valley Chapter reactivating. Remember men, this is your Association, it can only carry on with the support of each and every one of us. Let us look through our old scrap books and letters and find the name and address of a former buddy and try selling him a membership, or better still be a real buddy and send in his dues and make him a Buddy Member.

Well this is my farewell for this year. If it so happens that I am elected for another year, I ask the same support from all of you that you have shown me in the past. Let us keep trying to make this Association grow.

Yours truly,
Larry Redmond
Co. H, 330th
Secretary-Treasurer

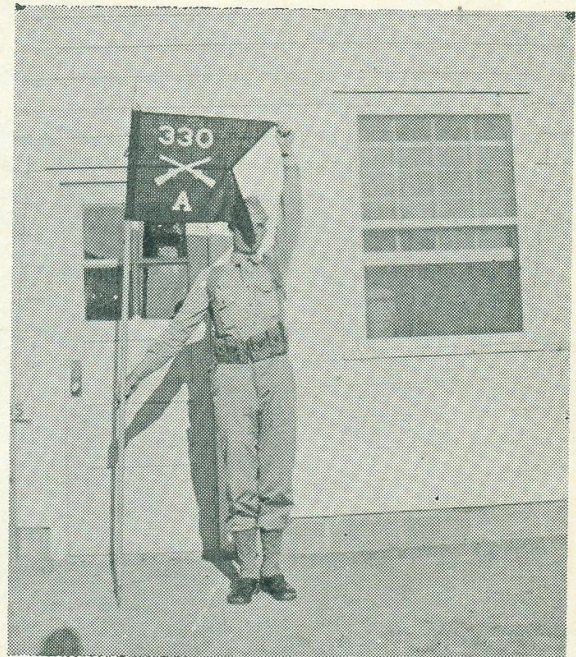
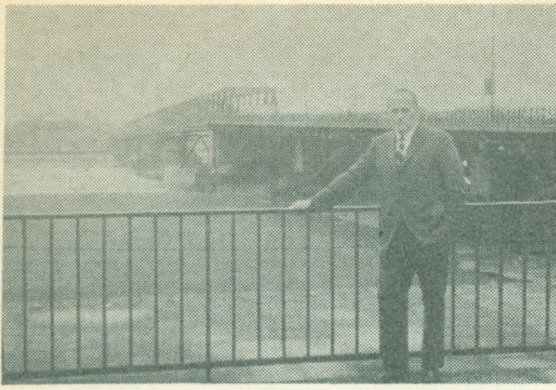


Photo of Sgt. Hayden, Co. A, 330th. Supplied by Sgt. John E. Watson, New Boston, Missouri.



Photos from John J. Houston, Waterville, Maine, who made a trip to Europe and had the great pleasure of touring in France and Belgium where the 83rd Division fought in World War II. Here are a couple of photos of John taken over there. John served with Co. L, 330th.



Co. F 328th News & Side Lights

By Vic Landis

Sorry to inform every one— Hank Golembiewski has had a second heart attack, more serious than the first one. Hank missed last year's reunion, due to having his first attack and that was the first reunion Hank has missed. He is old faithful of F-329 and we all really missed our old buddy. We all wish him God Speed in his recovery and hope he will be able to make the affair this coming August.

Have not heard from many fellows of F-329 and Larry informs me we are running real low in paid up memberships. Come on you slackers and get off your fannies — SEND IN YOUR DUES. F-329 led or was runner up for years and we should keep it that way. Let's go get them.

The Landis suite and F-329th C.P. will be open on Wed. afternoon until Sunday. It is our C.P. and rumpus room, where we command the post and raise one hell of a rumpus. See you in Philly.

Greater Indianapolis Chapter

Matthew F. Brumbach
7144 Lockwood Lane
Indianapolis, Indiana 46217
Staff Reporter

Well, the weather is looking lots better in Naptown now. When the month of May rolls around in Indianapolis, 'That Means ONE Thing'. The roar of the powerful engines, roaring around the "500" oval burning up the rubber. The speeds in the qualifications this year are unheard of before. Now the big question is. Do I have the winner in the pool HA!

Some of our chapter members have been on the sick list since our last report. Clarence Hockensmith has just been released from the hospital after a major operation. On top of all Clarence's troubles we have learned that Betty (wife) Hockensmith has had an accident and wound up with some bruised ribs. Boy, it really comes in bunches, eh Clarence and Betty. We are hoping that both of you are recovered by now.

Our Indianapolis Chapter invaded the Fireside South Restaurant for a steak dinner. Boy! Those steaks were out of this world. The persons present were Ned and Geni Smith, John and Mrs. Robinette, Wilfred and Myrt Zander, Matt Brumbach. We are sorry that some of our other members could not make the dinner; they don't know what they missed.

Our annual picnic will be held at the Ned Smith residence on June 23. The address is Sycamore Lane, Indianapolis. Hope we can get a crowd together for this, for Ned and Geni sure make you feel at home and are real fine hosts!

I know that the Philly Chapter are really getting the ground plowed in preparation for the 22nd Annual Reunion in Philadelphia. I bet the ones that miss this one will never have had more fun and enjoyment at a reunion. I sure hope things are turning out real good for the boys in Philly. These 83rd reunions seem to get better each year. Thanks to the Host Chapter that makes this possible. They deserve lots of credit for their efforts. My hat is certainly off to them.

Hope you race fans get to come to Indianapolis this year for it looks like this is going to be the fastest one ever.

Well, I think I have said enough now so will say so long and Good Luck to all 83rd "THUNDERBOLTS".

**MAKE YOUR PLANS
NOW TO ATTEND
THE
ANNUAL REUNION**

Attempting To Locate

George S. Kitts, R. Route 2, Wytheville, Virginia

Steve Klepac, 14220 Bayes, Cleveland, Ohio

Harold King, 15501 Mark Twain, Detroit, Michigan

Edward Traurig, 443 McGregor, Cincinnati, Ohio

Millard B. Revis, Box 148, Whittier, South Carolina

Edward F. Kilbride, 122 Pine Street, Portland, Maine

Frank Maxwell, 650 S. Ray Street, New Castle, Pa.

Worth W. Langdon, 2416 Angier Ave., Durham, N. C. (Believed in Baltimore)

Charles Skira, 739 Harding Street, Detroit, Michigan

Marion Taylor, Route 4, Fayetteville, N. C.

Harry T. Barrett, 339 N. Keystone Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana

Emery Szerense, 909½ S. Main Street, Mishawaka, Indiana

Walter T. Mott, 1910½ W. Waters, Tampa, Florida

Paul MacFarlane, c/o Dreamland Mfg. Co., St. Petersburg, Florida

Ned B. Petty, 827 Fifth Street, High Point, North Carolina

Eugene Bonfiglio, 57 S. Water Street, New Haven, Conn.

Norman Harpin, 12810 Kernel Circle, Belaire, Maryland

Santoes A. Mota, 2708 8th Ave., Billings, Montana

James Cobb, 2938 W. Washington Ave., Chambersburg, Pa.

Letters to the Editor

Winfield, Kansas

Dear Mr. Redmond:

I recently read a clipping in our local paper requesting all former members of the 83rd Infantry Division to contact you.

I was a member of Headquarters Company, 1st Bn. 329th Infantry from December 1944 until March of 1946.

I was wondering if you had heard from any former members from here in the south Central Kansas. I have never ran across any former members since my discharge in 1946.

I would like to hear about any activities of the Division since World War II.

Sincerely,

Edgar F. Sisson
1900 East 10th
Winfield, Kansas

Dear Mr. Redmond:

I would like to hear more about the 22nd Annual Reunion of the 83rd Division. I served with Companies G & I, 330th Regiment, 1943-45. I've never been to a Reunion, so perhaps it is about time. In fact it is probably too late to know anyone, but I would appreciate hearing more.

Cordially yours,
Harry A. Manon
290 Ballymore Road
Springfield, Pa. 19064

Ed. Note: Harry, it is never too late, and I am sure that you would meet some of the boys you knew. See you at the Reunion.

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P.O. Box 253
Augusta, Missouri 04330

Mr. Larry Redmond
132 Rockwood Drive
Havertown, Pa.

Dear Sir:

As a former member of Co. C, 331st Infantry, 83rd Division, I am interested in the plans for the 22nd reunion of the Division. Would appreciate it if you would forward me details for the Convention.

Sincerely,
William F. Ready

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Racine, Wisconsin
May 8, 1968

Dear Sir:

A few weeks ago there was a notice by V. E. Landis, advising that a manhunt was being conducted in regards to the famed "THUNDERBOLT", 83rd Infantry Division.

When I joined the 83rd, 330th, "K" Company, it was December 1944, but at that time I was living in Fulton, Illinois.

I have been wanting to contact someone with the possibility of finding those who are still left, with which I served.

I would appreciate your adding my name to the roster of former members of the THUNDERBOLT Division.

Thanking you.

Yours truly,
Llewellyn G. Norman
901 Perry Ave.
Racine, Wisconsin

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May 31, 1968

Larry:

Enclosed article in local paper Thursday, so I thought I'd let you know there are 2 or 3 other 83rd Vets in the area, but I do not know their names.

Please send me information on Annual Reunion. I will try to attend. My home address is: 9 Maplewood Road, Lewiston, Maine 04240.

Ray G. Witherell
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Letters to the Editor

April 30, 1968

Mr. Larry Redmond
132 Rockwood Drive
Havertown, Pennsylvania
Dear Mr. Redmond:

There was a brief notice in our local paper this morning that you are seeking the whereabouts of various ex-members of the 83rd Infantry Division. For your information, I was a First Lieutenant, 908th and 323rd Field Artillery Battalion of the Division, almost from time the Division was formed until the end of World War II, in Europe. My residence address is 122 Forrest Hill Boulevard, West Palm Beach, Florida 33405. I have *recently retired from the active Reserve* as Lieutenant Colonel, Army Intelligence and Security.

Also in this area there is a Sergeant Lawrence A. Mathes, 1091 Trailway Lane, Haverhill, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406, who was with the Division.

Another local resident, formerly one of the Regimental Commanders, Colonel E. B. Crabill, 226 Sanda Lane, Palm Beach Shores, Florida 33401. I have not attended any of the Division's Reunions in the past and it is unlikely I will be able to this August, but would appreciate being apprised of the time and place, and other arrangements, in the event that my schedule might permit.

Very truly yours,
Ralph J. Blank Jr.

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Dear Larry:

Thanks for the information about the 83rd Reunion, the THUNDERBOLT Magazine (which contains very much news about the 83rd) and etc.

As you very well know names are easy to forget after a few years, but there are a few things the combat veteran will never forget.

I was a replacement in the 83rd Division, 330th Reg., Co. F, 2nd platoon. On D-plus 19, just outside of Cherbourg, there was also another replacement with me; he was from Georgia. He was with me for three or four days, then was sent back off the front. Soon afterwards another replacement was sent up. He was a red headed guy from Pennsylvania, during the first push, he was hit on the rights side. The Medic and myself carried him to the Aid Station. If possible, I would like to locate him. After the push, we held up for a few days, received replacements and soon was at it again, chasing the Jerries.

As you will remember, there was a city in France that was declared an open city; I think it was Dol. So we loaded on trucks and moved through there. Soon

we were hard at it again, then came St. Malo and that is where I left the 83rd for the hospital in England.

As I remember, Sgt. Allen was my sergeant. He was from N. C. and there was Sgt. Dodson, also from N. C. Captain Rosetti was our captain; he was wounded near St. Malo by a mortar shell. Lieut. Brown was the Platoon Leader; he too was wounded by a Jerry mortar shell.

While taking St. Malo and Dinard, we pushed the Germans into the water. There was an Island across the bay; Jerry had a big Artillery gun over there and some of the guys loaded on small ships and soon it was silenced.

As I said Larry, names are hard to remember, but some things you will never forget.

R. M. Smith
Route 8, Box 216
Reidsville, N. C.

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March 29, 1968

Dear Mr. Redmond:

I recently placed an ad in the VFW Magazine in an attempt to get in touch with any of the men of the 4th Platoon, Co. A, of the 330th who signed the Nazi Party Banner I have. I got a letter from a man in New Jersey who gave me a list of Co. A men, one of whom had signed the flag, but when I wrote him, he couldn't remember signing it. In short, do you know how I could find out where the guys are, if still living, and if any of them would be interested in obtaining the banner? Either cash or trade, (preferably for Nazi medals and badges).

I'd sure appreciate hearing from you, and am enclosing a SSAE for your reply.

Thanx
Hank Ferguson
Doren Hospital & Nursing Home
P. O. Box D
Smackover, Arkansas 71762

Ed. Note: If there are any of you from Co. A, 330th who are interested in this Banner, please contact Hank.

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1705 E. Nevada Street
Marshalltown, Iowa 50158
May 15, 1968

Dear Mr. Redmond:

From an article in the local paper, I learned of the effort to locate former members of the 83rd Infantry Division.

During World War II, I served with Co. K, 329th Infantry.

Sincerely,
Donald I. Krumm
1705 E. Nevada Street
Marshalltown, Iowa 50158

Letters to the Editor

Andrew J. Whitefield
P.O. Box 5039
Augusta, Ga. 30906

April 28, 1968

Dear Mr. Redmond,

I would like to know when and where the Reunion of the 83rd Infantry Division are going to be held.

I am not sure if I will be able to go or not, but I will try.

Thanks,
Andrew J. Whitefield

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May 1, 1968
Eveleth, Minn.

Dear Sir,

I noticed an article in the paper that the 83rd Infantry Division is seeking a number of their former members.

I am one of the men who have not been contacted since the end of the war.

My address is:

Mr. Albert Capek
428 Monore Street
Eveleth, Minnesota 55734

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Dear Mr. Redmond,

Read the publicity release in the Santa Ana Register here in sunny California. I am one of your little lost sheep.

I was a member of "H COMPANY, 2nd BATTALION, 329th INFANTRY REGIMENT" and mighty proud of it.

I would appreciate any and all information regarding this reunion especially the date so I can be there with bells on.

Thank you,
ex-Private First Class
George H. Bourget
P.O. Box 1890
Santa Ana, Cal. 92705

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901 Volunteer Dr.
Alexandria, Va.

May 4, 1968

Dear Mr. Redmond,

Please be advised that my husband, Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Roy T. Dodge is now living at the above address. He was Division Engineer of the 308th Engineers of the 83rd Whereas he will probably not be able to attend the Reunion in August, he would like to hear about it.

He is an Engineer for Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and is helping to get a subway for Washington, D. C. built. (I'm his secretary now).

Thank you,
Mrs. Roy Dodge

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March 7, 1968
Conshocton, Ohio

Dear Mr. Redmond,

I read your article in the Conshocton Tribune, that you would like to contact former members of the 83rd Infantry Di-

vision, "THUNDERBOLT" of World War II. My name is Max Cox; I was in Battery "B", 323rd Field Artillery Bn. 83rd Infantry Division. I haven't attended any of the Reunions.

Please send information concerning the Reunion in August.

Thank you,
Mr. Max W. Cox
Route 5
Conshocton, Ohio 43812

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May 22, 1968
Star Route
Virginia, Minnesota 55792

Dear Mr. Redmond,

An item appeared in our local paper a few weeks back which was of interest to me, as I am one of the former members of the 83rd Infantry I am so glad to hear that a reunion is held each year, and hope in years to come one will be held close enough so that I can attend.

I would like however to be kept posted on the conclaves that are held.

Sincerely,
Harold Korpela
Star Route
Virginia, Minnesota 55792

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11 May, 1968
Pomona, California

Larry Redmond
National Secretary
83rd Inf. Div.

Dear Larry:

I would certainly appreciate it if you would send me the details of the 22nd Annual Reunion scheduled for August.

I served with the 83rd from Camp Aterbury until return to the States in November 1945, as communications officer, Headquarters Co., 1st Bn., 329th Regiment.

Thank you and best regards.

John A. Metcalf
733 San Francisco
Pomona, California 91767

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Dear Sir:

In response to the ad that appeared in the Salt Lake City Paper, the following information is furnished.

I was a member of the 83rd Infantry Division from the time it was activated until about three months before its deactivation. I served in the capacity of First Sergeant of Headquarters Co. 2nd Bn. 330th Infantry.

John R. Phillips
MSG E8
329 N. 1400 W.
Cedar City, Utah 84720

Ed. Note: I am sure that many of the 330th men remember Sgt. Phillips. He was a great man and well liked by his men. I remember him well although he may not remember me.

Letters to the Editor

Wilbur, West Virginia

Dear Buddy:

I was looking over some of my 83rd papers, and I remember two more names that made it through okay. They are: John R. Biesz, 6801 Bradzard Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19149. He was a cook in "I" Co. and the one from "H" Company was Vernon Leasure, and he is in Ohio the last time I heard from him he was in Caldwell, Ohio but I lost his address and never heard any more. He came to see me two times after the war was over. He went from Ohio the same time as I came to Co. H.

That jeep driver that I wrote about from Co. I, his last name was Thompson. Tommy was his nickname, and I never knew his real name as he always went by Tommy by us; that was the way it was with lots of them, just last names was about all I remembered.

There is a Funeral Director here that was in the same 83rd and I believe he was in Co. E. He told me that he was just across the street from "H" Company. His name is Charles Spurgeon, and has been to several Reunions, but I don't think that he was there last year. (Charlie is and has been a member for years.)

I never did find any 83rd book, and I wrote to the place you gave me the address of, but never got any answer.

I haven't been well for some time, and I sold farm and plan to buy a house lot near West Union as soon as I can find a place.

I wrote Sgt. Cleve McDonald and never got any answer, but maybe he has moved. He sure was a good Sergeant. I had better sign off for now.

Always a friend,
Glenver O. Weekley

Ed. Note: Glenver was with me in Co. H, 330th when we started in Camp Atterbury, Indiana and was transferred to a rifle company.

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Dear Mr. Redmond,

My dues are late; please accept them with apologies. Lt. Col. Louie B. Berry (Ret.), Hqs. 1st Bn., 331st Infantry

I have turned the running of the Army over to my son, Major L. G. Berry, now serving in Vietnam (2nd tour).

Good luck with your endeavor.

Louie B. Berry
958 Highland Oaks Drive
Dallas, Texas 75232

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May 12, 1968

Larry Redmond
132 Rockwood Drive
Havertown, Pa.

Dear Mr. Redmond:

I joined Co. A, 329th Infantry of the 83rd Division in June 1944 as a replacement. I was sent home in May 1945 on a 45-day rotation furlough. As you know the war ended, and I never got back to see my buddies.

I was discharged on September 29, 1945. I am now living in the San Fernando Valley, a suburb of Los Angeles.

Thank you very much,
Walter Byers
1007 Gloria Ave.
Sepulveda, California 91343

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300 Avenue F
Del Rio, Texas 78840
May 13, 1968

Dear Sir:

I read in the local newspaper that you are interested in contacting former members of the 83rd Infantry Division.

I joined the Division in the ETO, and was with it until the end of the war. I served with Division Headquarters Finance Office, and my Commanding Officer was Lt. Col. R. N. Shuck. Our Master Sergeant was Harry Wolinsky and the Tech Sergeant was Arthur Silverstein.

I received the Bronze Star Award for service with the 83rd.

Thank you for any news of the Association.

Walter H. Goodman

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May 13, 1968

Mr. Larry Redmond, Nat'l. Sec.
83rd Infantry Division Assn.
132 Rockwood Drive
Havertown, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I read an article in our local newspaper that you were trying to locate all members of the 83rd Infantry Division.

I was a member of Co. L, 330th Infantry Battalion, serving in northern France, Belgium and Germany during the Battle of the Bulge.

Sincerely,
Lucian E. Read
Rt. 1, Box 13
Mart, Texas 76664

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Ed. Note: As you can see, we have received a variety of letter, having come from all over, which helps to show the tremendous job our National publicity man, Vic Landis is doing. In this issue, there are a number of letters printed. I could go on and on and make this a 100 page book with nothing but letters if I were to try to print them all.

The publication of this "THUNDER-BOLT" involves a considerable amount of man hours. This is made possible by the constant help given by you our members. We seek your continued support, both in your paid up membership and by the correspondence sent in by you.

Letters to Editor

Mr. Johnny M. Sanchez
465 Olive Street
San Leondro, Calif. 94578

Dear Mr. L. Redmond:

My father, Juan C. Sanchez, serial number 38556388, served in your Division. He used to talk to us about all his friends he had when he was in the Army.

My father died in a fire last year, in November, and we buried him at the National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas, where we were born. He left one boy, me, and two daughters. We still live with my mother in California.

Sorry he couldn't make it in to the meeting, but for my Father's part, you can tell all his friends, Hello, for us.

He used to name a good friend he had, to name Grindo, I think it was, say hello to him too.

Thank you

Johnny M. Sanchez

Ed. Note: Congratulations to such a fine son, one who thinks so much of his father that he tries to contact his buddies. I sincerely hope that some of the men will remember Juan, and drop a note to his family.

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May 10, 1968

Mr. Larry Redmond
National Secretary,
83rd Infantry Division Assn.
132 Rockwood Drive
Havertown, Pa. 19083

Dear Mr. Redmond:

I note in the Los Angeles Times that you are looking for veterans who served in the 83rd Infantry Division.

I was the Jewish Chaplain in the division from October 1942 to November 1945.

Please address all correspondence to my home:

9426 Bolton Road
Los Angeles, California 90034

Sincerely,
Jacob M. Ott

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Please print notice to all members of the Radio Station, Regimental Headquarters, 331st of the Greater Philadelphia Area to be there, August 22-24th.

See you
Dick Williams
17 Spruce Road
Lynn, Mass. 01904
Regt. Hqs. 331st

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Dear Mr. Redmond:

Read the notice in the paper about the 83rd Division reunion in August.

I was a member of Service Company, 331st Infantry, attached to the 2nd Battalion.

Would like to attend the reunion if possible, and would appreciate any information or bulletins you might have about the 331st Infantry and the 83rd.

Thanking you.

Sincerely,
Leslie R. Stempson
8002 - 17th N.E.
Seattle, Washington 98115

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231 Perry Street
Elkins Park, Pa. 19117

Mr. Larry Redmond:

Secretary-Treasurer
83rd Infantry Division Assn.

Dear Larry:

Enclosed is my check for \$5.00 to cover my initial payment of dues. If this is not the proper amount, please let me know and I'll make any necessary adjustments.

Sorry, I won't be able to attend the Reunion at the Ben Franklin this August, but my job will have me in St. Louis at that time. I still work for Uncle Sam, but not in uniform.

I would enjoy hearing from any members of the 783rd Ordnance Co. or at least knowing if anybody besides Bill Litrenta and Steve Biasko are members of the Association.

Will you please send any literature you may have regarding the Assn. to another 83rd Div. veteran who is interested in joining. His name is Warren A. Ranganow, 7414 Dungan Road, Phila., Pa. He is also a former member of 783rd Ordnance Co. and may know of other members in the Phila. area.

William Appleby

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April 15, 1968

Mr. Larry Redmond
132 Rockwood Drive
Havertown, Pa. 19083

Dear Mr. Redmond,

I noted the request in the local paper for members of the 83rd Infantry Division of World War II to contact you, the Division's national secretary. I also noted plans were stated for an August reunion.

I was a member of the 323rd Field Artillery Battalion of the 83rd from the day of arrival at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky through October of 1945. I would be interested in news about the 83rd and information on addresses of others in the 323rd. Incidentally, I have maintained correspondence with several and could supply some addresses if desired. You of course also may have these.

Sincerely,

Harold L. Michael
Associate Director
Purdue University

Joint Highway Research Project
with

Indiana State Highway Commission
Lafayette, Indiana 47907

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Obituaries

On Saturday, May 25th, the Greater Philadelphia Chapter held its monthly meeting. Our National President, Al Belvedere, was unable to attend, as his Mother, Rose Belvedere suffered a stroke and was taken to a hospital.

On Sunday, May 26th, Mrs. Belvedere passed to her eternal reward. We of the 83rd Infantry Division Association all extend to Al and his entire family our deepest sympathy. On Thursday evening (Memorial Day), respects were paid to her at the Penna. Burial Co. in Philadelphia. She was paid the respect so well deserving of such a fine woman. There was a considerable representation of men and wives from the Greater Philadelphia Chapter there in attendance as were three men of the New Jersey Chapter—Jim Bowie, Emil Wehling and Bob Walsh. Along with this were flowers from several of the Chapters as well as the Association and the Executive Board.

To those of us there in Philadelphia, we have lost a very loyal supporter. She along with her very wonderful husband, were attendants at many of our Philadelphia Chapter affairs. We will miss her greatly.

On behalf of the Belvedere family, I would like to thank each and every one of you who attended the viewing and also those who were unable to attend, but expressed their condolences by sending flowers, Mass cards and Sympathy cards. It is a wonderful feeling to know that we have such great men in our organization.

Larry Redmond

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Received a card in the mail informing me of the death of an Arthur Francis Schlegle, who died February 27, 1968. He was buried with Military Honors at

Logan National Cemetery.

At the time of his death he was CMSGT USAF (Ret.), during World War II, he served with the 83rd Infantry Division. In checking our records, I am unable to locate his name in our files. Found among his personal effects by his family was a newspaper clipping of our manhunt for men taken from their local newspaper.

Anyone wishing to contact his family, write: Mrs. A. Schober, 2531 So. Penn, Denver, Colorado 80210

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Word has been received at National Headquarters of the death of John A. Mason, 1223 S. Weadock Street, Michigan, formerly of Co. H, 331st. John died of a heart attack on March 7.

I am sure that his widow would appreciate a condolence message from any of his buddies

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Sorry to inform you that Kenneth E. Aubel, o. D, 330th, died April 5, 1968 and was buried in York, Pa. His widow is at R 227, White Plains, Maryland 20695. A sympathy card from his former buddies would be more than welcome.

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Arthur Francis Schlegel, CMSGT, USAF (Ret.) served with the 83rd Infantry Division in World War II, died February 27, 1968 and was buried with full Military Honors, on March 1, 1968 at Fort Logan National Cemetery.

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Frank Rutherford Rose, died in a fire in his home, April 19, 1968. Frank was alone at home when it was destroyed by the flames. His home was on Route 311, 8 miles south of New Castle.

Frank was a jeep driver in 1st Bn. Hqs. 330th and was driver for Col. Norman Campbell.

In Memory of Harry W. Lockwood DIED JULY 21, 1966

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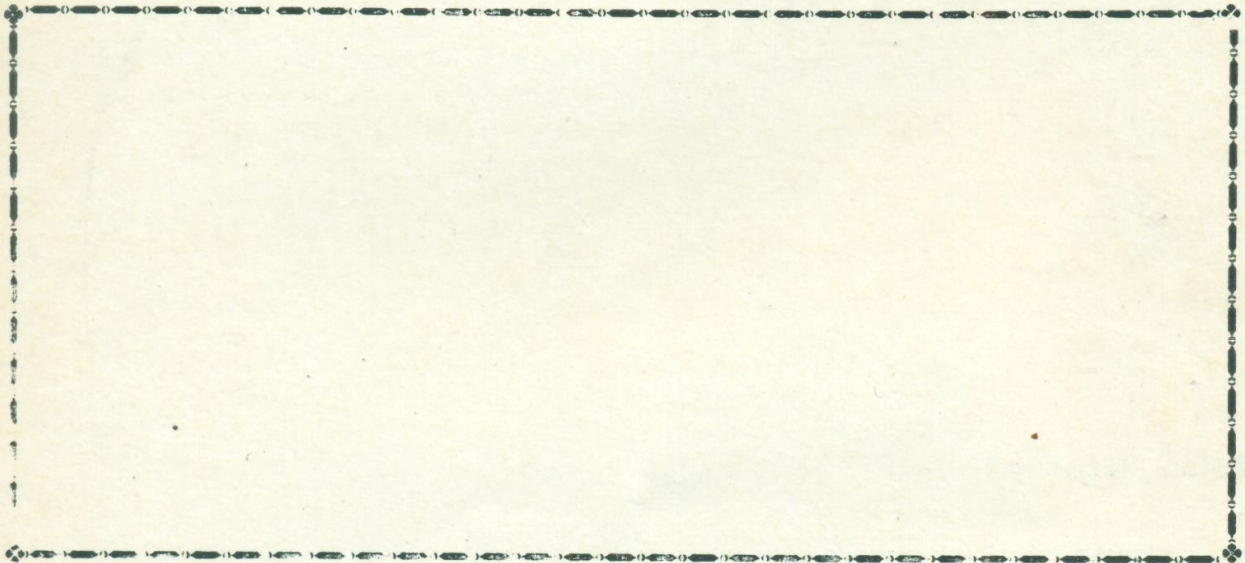
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