

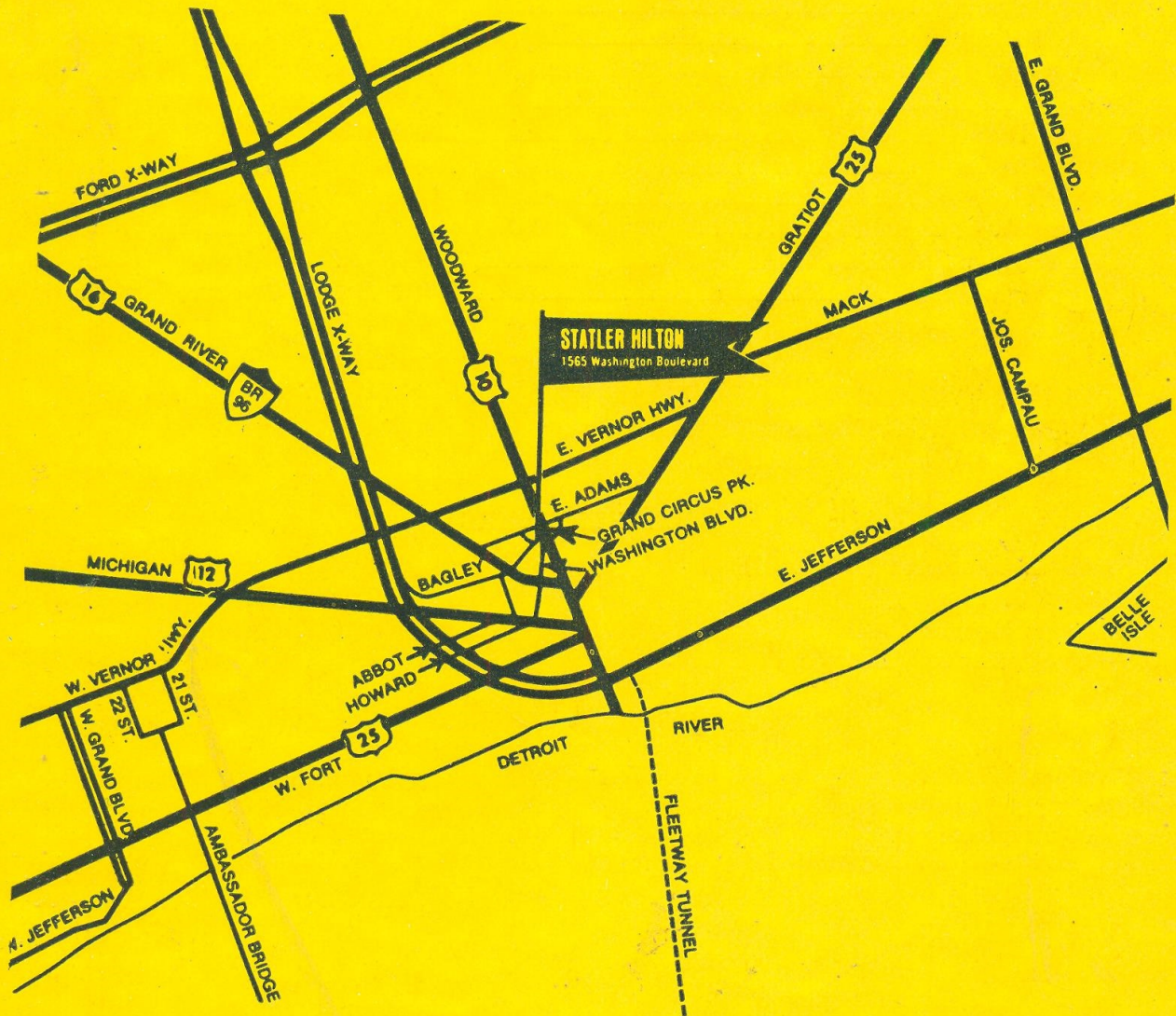
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President's Corner

"Greetings", this being my last letter to you as President of your association.

I want to extend each and everyone of you a personal thanks for giving me this opportunity of being your President the past year.



All roads lead to Toledo, Ohio, and it will be easy to get to the Statler Hilton in the heart of Downtown Detroit.

From Toledo — take 75 North to Telegraph or 24 — then Detroit exit on 94 to John Lodge exit 696 South to Downtown Detroit, Bagley exit will take you to Statler Hilton.

Detroit will greet you in the lobby of the hotel and also look for electric sign of "welcome".

You still have time to send in your ads and ticket money. If you haven't as yet, please do so now. We all are still hoping to lessen the registration cost for this reunion. Things are high in Detroit, and we hope to give you a lot for your money.

I want to extend many thanks to Mario Muoio, your reunion chairman, for a job well done and the long hours and time he has spent with the Michigan Chapter members to compile all the information in your ad book.

Also, many thanks to Robert Taylor of B Co.-329, Michigan Chapter member for making up the cover of our reunion book. It will be a collector's item to us all. Make it a point to ask him to explain it to you. You will enjoy it.

The Executive Board met with your President and Reunion Chairman in Warren, Ohio May 2, 3 and 4 and we covered the program completely, and I am happy to say it was approved.

Many thanks to the Warren, Ohio Chapter, they really went all out to make our stay one that we shall not forget. Many thanks to Babe and Teresa Goutche, also to Joe and Dimps Minotti. Also to the hospitality of Charlie Tomasic and his lovely wife for giving us such a fine time Saturday night. Also, the rest of the Warren members who were there to join in on the festivities.

There is still time to send in your dues to make this the greatest year of all. "1,000 paid up."

I hope everyone has that certain something that we all get when Reunion time comes around, and all plans are to get to Detroit.

See you then.

Vito (Bill) Palazzolo
National President

Secretary's Report

Hello Buddies:

Here I am once again, this time with my final report to you for the year 1968-69. As the time draws near for our departure from our homes to attend this



our 23rd Annual Reunion. I would like to report to you that this has been a very wonderful year. Membership-wise, I dare say that it is the best year ever enjoyed by our Association. As I just made a quick count on my paid up membership roster, the figure

stands at about 970 paid up members. I am sorry to say that this is just 30 short of the 1,000 paid up members that we have been trying to obtain for years.

Changing the subject a little, I would like to report on our Executive Board meeting that was held in Warren, Ohio in May. We just can't begin to thank the boys and their wives in Warren for the tremendous hospitality shown us there. First of all, upon our arrival at the airport, we were met by this tremendous host group. They took us back to the motel where we were staying, upon our arrival there we checked in to our rooms and had barely enough time to freshen up a bit, and we were hustled off to a room that had been engaged as the hospitality room, there the snacks and refreshments flowed for several hours. Almost everyone in the Warren area was there to party with us. The next morning we got up and had breakfast. After breakfast, the Warren girls took our wives on a sight-seeing and shopping tour while we held our business meeting. About mid afternoon we recessed for lunch at the Club "83", owned and operated by Joe Minotti and his brother, where a luncheon was set up for us. The real Warren hospitality was shown us there. A little later the wives arrived there and joined us in lunch and refreshments. After we finished our lunch, we went back to the motel where the balance of the Association business was conducted. Believe me, maybe it is because we are getting older and more settled, but our meetings this past few years have been conducted on a more business like manner than they used to be conducted some years back.

On Saturday evening, cars were sent to the motel to pick us up and take us out for our evening entertainment. We

were taken to the home of Leroy Titus, where an open bar was conducted, followed by a dinner that was like a smorgasbord; there was more food set out than could be eaten by a group three times the size of what we had there. Believe me, I have been told that Warren, Ohio is a small city, but you can believe me, the residents there have big hearts. I would like to personally mention all who attended this affair and extended their hospitality to us, but I am afraid that I may forget someone, and them in some way or another. So the only thing that I can do is hope that all of them who were with us there received a copy of this "THUNDERBOLT", and know that our sincere thanks is extended to each and everyone of you.

On Sunday morning, we all got up early and attended the church of our faith, as well as had breakfast. Around noon time the motorcade arrived to take us out to dinner. We were whisked to a very nice restaurant, where once again the Warren Hospitality was shown, the owner being a friend of Joe Minotti who took us to a private room where a hospitality drink was served, then back to the dining room for a very delicious dinner. After the dinner, we went to the home of Joe Minotti for a while and then to the airport for our journey back home.

I would like to at this time, in behalf of the Officers and members of the Executive Board who attended this meeting, extend our sincere thanks to the boys from Warren for the red carpet treatment that we received.

Gentlemen, as this year comes to an end and we take off for our Annual Reunion in Detroit, I would like to extend my sincere personal thanks to each and everyone of you for having allowed me to serve again this year as National Secretary-Treasurer. I sincerely hope that if there is a successor elected this year that you will extend to him the same support that you have given me these past three years. This office is a time-consuming job and it takes a lot of man hours and hard work. There are

time when I may have seemed slow in acknowledging your letters, but believe me, with the enormous amount of mail that has been pouring in in response to the letters sent out by Sam Klippa as well as the publicity made possible by Vic Landis, it has kept me going.

While we are passing out bouquets here, I would like to make known to all of you the tremendous job done this year by our Corresponding Secretary, Sam Klippa, Co. D, 331st. Sam has done a tremendous job, and I can personally show you where better than one-third of our membership for this year are from men who replied to Sam's letter. Sam has been a very sick man this year, but never once did he allow his physical ailment stop him from carrying on the work of the Association. Believe me, were it not for such dedicated men as Sam, this Association would never be where it is today. There have been times when Sam and I didn't quite see eye to eye, but being the dedicated man as he is, Sam never let our personal feelings hurt the Association in any way. I am only sorry that we don't have more Sam Klippa's in the Association. Sam, every day I say a prayer for you, hoping and praying that the day will come when you will be physically hale and hearty again.

As the year 1968-69 draws to a close and we publish our final edition of the "THUNDERBOLT", may we bow our heads in a moment of silent prayer, and ask GOD'S BLESSING, that we have the courage to elect men who are capable of serving in their office, and can continue to carry on this Association for many years to come. On behalf of the Officers of 1968-69, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to you for having entrusted us with the duties that were assigned us. We sincerely hope that we have served you well, and that this has been a successful year.

Sincerely,

Larry Redmond
Co. H, 330th
Secretary-Treasurer

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Program

Wednesday, August 13

Registrations - early arrivals 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Mezz. Foyer

Thursday, August 14

Registrations 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Mezz. Foyer

Hiram Walker tour 2:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. Windsor, Canada

Cocktail Party 9:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M. Hilton Room

Hospitality room open 12:00 noon to 1:30 P.M.

Friday, August 15

Registrations 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Mezz. Foyer

Business Meeting 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Wayne Room

Stroh Brewery Tour 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. Stroh Brewery

Unit Lunches 1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M. Mich. Room

(Jack Harris will entertain for group of 100 or more)

Costume - Beer Party 9:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M. Hilton Room

Hospitality room open 12:00 noon to 1:00 P.M.

Saturday, August 16

Registrations 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Mezz. Foyer

Business Meeting 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Wayne Room

Memorial Service 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Dinner Dance 7:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M. Hilton Room

Hospitality room open 2:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Banquet room will be opened at 6:00 P.M. — Dinner served at 7:00 P.M.

Name badges and strip tickets **required** for admission to **all** functions.

Table numbers for dinner-dance assigned — first come - first served basis at Registration Desk.

Reunion Chairman Report

During the past year, the Michigan Chapter of the 83rd Infantry Division has tried diligently to involve as many members of the Association as possible in planning Reunion 23. It was our hope that your suggestions and ideas would help us to make the reunion the best and to eliminate any minor irritations some of you have experienced in the past.

We visualized stacks and stacks of mail, bulging with good solid suggestions that we could consider and discuss, and thus formulate a program suitable for the majority.

Visions we had—stacks of mail, no. This is our last report and to date, the total investment made by interested members has been six cents, the price of one postage stamp. One letter from one member. Quite a response! And to make it more disappointing, the interested gentleman either failed or declined to enclose his name and address.

One suggestion, submitted by one man, can hardly tell us what the majority of members want at their reunion. Regardless of the nature of his suggestion, the gentleman does deserve recognition and since he failed to identify himself, I'll use the Thunderbolt as a means of thanking him. Thank you sir, for being interested.

It is my opinion, that since there was no response from the membership, the past 22 reunions have been perfect—no complaints from anyone. Good — then Reunion 23 should be just as perfect.

Be that as it may, your program has been set, other than minor changes which may have to be made, it will consist of essentially what is printed in this edition of the Thunderbolt. We think we have a good program.

If you agree, do not hesitate to give a big round of applause to all the men who worked hard and diligently to make it so. If on the other hand, you find it necessary to disagree with any part of the program, be it minor or major, then I and I alone will be available for your cat-calls—But please, not while the **DO NOT DISTURB SIGN IS UP**.

Before I hang up my typewriter, let me explain two items on the program. The scheduled time for Unit Lunches may seem in conflict with the Stoh Brewery tour.

Jack Harris, a local radio and TV personality, tapes his show from Monday to Friday. His is a variety show with interviews, etc. If he has an audience of 100 or more he will base his show and his interviews around that particular group.

Since unit lunches are popular we thought perhaps, rather than have each unit schedule individual lunches, all the units could schedule one huge luncheon and thus reach the magic number of 100.

If enough are interested the hotel will make all the arrangements. If not, then they can be scheduled as they have in the past. Of course, unit lunches are Dutch Treat and is not included in the registration fees.

The Costume-Beer party is simply that. You will be expected to come dressed in costume, preferably one which you concocted yourself. **Men perhaps** this night will be the only night in your life you will be permitted to escort your date unshaven and dressed in your shabbiest creation.

This is it; all that remains then is the pleasure of seeing all of you in Detroit August 14, 15, 16.

M. E. Muoio
Reunion Chairman

Letters to Editor

May 9, 1969

Mr. Larry Redmond
132 Rockwood Drive
Havertown, Pennsylvania 19083

Re: 83rd Inf. Div. Assn., Inc.

Dear Sir,

This announcement is to direct your attention to "PATTON Blood and Guts", 20th Century-Fox's epic reserved seat presentation which will have its premiere in New York City in March of 1970.

Knowing that former servicemen will have a particular interest in this film, we would like to contact all Veterans groups in the New York-New Jersey area and give them information of this film in advance of our announcement to the general public. To do this, we need your help in supplying us with the names and addresses of the chapters of your group in our area.

General Omar Bradley has been actively involved as senior military advisor for this film, which stars George C. Scott as General George S. Patton, Jr. and Karl Malden will appear as General Bradley.

The film will deal with Patton's life from the time of the North African landings in 1942 until his untimely death.

I look forward to hearing from you and sincerely appreciate your cooperation.

Cordially,
Ruth Furst
Director of Group Sales
20th Century-Fox Film Corp.
444 W. 56th St., N.Y., N.Y.



The late Vic Landis

Hello Buddies:

Once again it is my sad duty to write an announcement that I sincerely hoped that I would never have to write, or never have to read. Over the years of this Association we have had our ups and downs, being the real true 83rd Division that we are, we have never been the type to accept defeat. If we reached the point of defeat, or near defeat, there has always been someone to step in and try to pull us back up again.

In our Association, we had a man who did just that. He was none other than our own Victor E. Landis, Co. F, 329th. A man who was so dedicated to this Association that he practically gave his life for the Association. Many of you know Vic, many of you have seen him at reunions, and have partaken of his hospitality. Vic was a great man, and loved by every member of this Association. To those of you who didn't know Vic as I did, can't begin to appreciate what he had done for the Association over the years. Vic had many friends and contacts. He was able to carry on as our publicity man, and in this position, he contacted every newspaper in these United States and some foreign publications. Vic also had contact with radio and television news media throughout the country and gave to this Association a million dollars worth of publicity that cost this Association nothing. This man gave us what we could not afford to give ourselves, a publicity program that was envied by every Association in the country. I sincerely wish that each and everyone of you were in my position, and knew just what this man meant to us.

On Friday night, June 20, my wife and I were busy here getting the news ready for the "THUNDERBOLT", when the telephone rang. I answered it, only to receive the sad news that Vic Landis was dead. This to me was a tremendous blow, because I knew Vic Landis, I knew

what he did for this Association, and being the close friend that I was, it was like losing a brother. Gentlemen, I can hardly write this message to you for the tears that are in my eyes for Vic. The loss of Vic Landis is a tremendous blow to all of us. All I can do is appeal to each and everyone of you to get on the ball and retain your paid up membership, help keep this Association going. Vic tried so hard to help me make the goal of 1,00 paid up memberships, the goal that we have tried for, for so many years. We are over the 950 mark now and the books are closing, with your help we can make this goal next year. We need memberships to help keep this thing going.

Getting back to the news of Vic Landis, immediately after hanging up the phone from this call, and having a little cry to myself, I got on the phone and called all the National Officers, and representatives of the chapters, informing them of what happened. After completing these calls, I called the airline and booked passage for my wife and myself to go to Dayton, Ohio, the next day for the viewing and also the funeral. Upon our arrival there, we went to the hotel and obtained our room, then contacted the men we knew in the area and we all met at the viewing. Upon our arrival at the funeral home, we introduced ourselves to Vic's brother and sisters. As we approached the coffin, I was mighty proud to see the floral displays that were sent by the chapters. I would like to personally thank all of the chapters in our Association for the tribute they paid to Vic. I dare say, the President of the United States couldn't have had a better tribute shown him by his fellow veterans. Attending a funeral or a viewing is a sad thing, believe me, but when you see a tribute paid to a man like was to Vic, it makes you feel mighty proud to be a member of an organization that has such wonderful members.

I would like to ask each and everyone of you in your own way, to bow your head in a moment of silent prayer for Vic Landis. May his SOUL REST IN PEACE.

Over the years we have lost many men through death, we feel a great loss for any of them, but in these last few years we have lost great men, men who were dedicated and devoted both time and money for the good of the Association. Among them were such men as Jim Hanrahan, Shelly Hughes, Harry Lockwood, men who served as officers and were dedicated to this Association; let us take a minute out to say a prayer for the men who to this day are trying to carry on this Association.

Larry Redmond

Michigan Chapter News

As might be expected, our chapter has been busy, busy, busy working on the upcoming reunion. Our business meetings as well as our social get-togethers have revolved around reunion matters. Since last summer we have met at least once a month and, when necessary, more often. The active chapter members have opened their homes for our socials and their warm, gracious welcomes have been most gratifying.

I would like to take this opportunity to express some personal observations concerning our chapter activities. To say that a review of the past year leaves me with mixed emotions would be the understatement of the century. Making the acquaintance and enjoying the company of a few new Thunderbolts has been one of the high points of the past year. The absolute loss of some tried and true Thunderbolts of recent bygone days has been one of the tragedies. The spirit and drive demonstrated by a handful of faithful workers on this year's reunion has been something to behold. The utter disregard for the task at hand shown by other so-called Thunderbolts leaves me wondering. How some guys give their word to help on a project and then ignore every appeal made to them for assistance leaves me with some doubts about my fellow man. The reunion coming up in August is not the personal venture of a few Michigan Chapter members. This reunion is dedicated to the entire membership of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. As such it is deserving of an all-out effort by every Thunderbolt in this area. It should be his deepest desire to want this reunion to be the best possible for his visiting comrades. I am certain that reaction to that statement by about 90 percent of the Thunderbolts in this area will be HO-HUM. They have shown no interest in planning the reunion, have not done any of the work connected with preparing for the reunion and I sincerely believe, do not give a damn if the reunion takes place or not. Thank God, there are a few Thunderbolts around who do care and by busting their tails there will be a reunion in August. What's more, you can bet your last buck it's going to be a good one. You'll notice I have deliberately omitted names. To the guys deserving of a slap on the back and a loud thank you, there is no need to mention names. In their own hearts they know they have done the job and their thanks will be forthcoming from the visiting Thunderbolts attending the reunion. I AM ASHAMED TO MENTION THE NAMES OF THE DEADBEATS. In conclusion, if the shoe fits — wear it.

Nick Barbu

"Frankly Speaking"

This is my last article I will be writing as an Officer of our great Association. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve you for you the past eight years.



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the Officers who served with me in the past years and all the members for their support which they gave me during my time in office.

I would also like to mention to each and everyone that in electing officers to make sure of the man you are electing who will serve as an officer for the good of the association, as it is very important, because if a man does not have his heart and soul in the Association, he can ruin it after all the hard work we have done for the past 23 years.

I believe by now most of you are aware of our loss of our Publicity Agent, Vic Landis, which has been a big let-down to our Association and I join with the rest of our officers in saying that we will certainly miss him but in speaking with Larry Redmond the other evening, he tells me about the great job that Sam Klippa has done the past year in raising our membership. I am not too sure but I think Larry told me the membership is up to 920 members so far this year. If this is true, this is a record-breaking year. I mention this for one reason, from what Sam has shown this past year I believe we have a man in our association who could possibly fill Vic Landis's boots. He may not have the radio or TV contacts that Vic had but Sam has a different way in getting membership.

Larry also told me of the nice job Sam did on making him a roster of all the men in the 83rd broken down by company and regiment. Keep up the good work, Sam, I knew you could do it!

This is about all I have for this issue as I have been busy at work the same as everyone else these days and just haven't had the time to devote to the association as I have in the past.

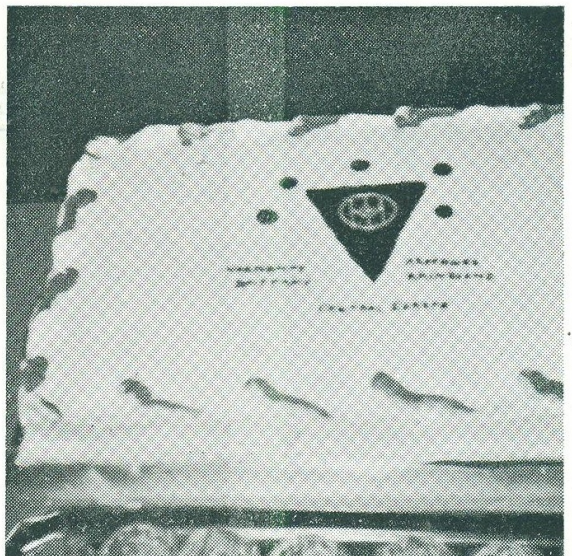
My Mary and I will be looking forward to seeing each and everyone of you in Detroit in August, if God is willing.

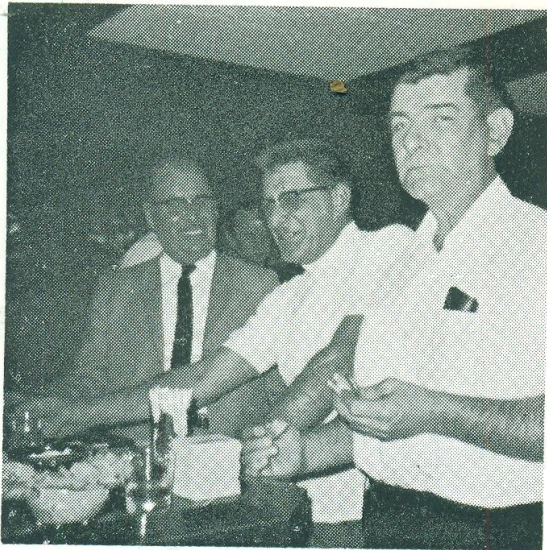
God Bless.

Frank McGrogan

Photos Take At Executive Board Meeting In Ohio

These photos were taken at the home of Charles Tomazin, who along with the others from Warren, Ohio, showed the Executive Board a tremendous time. I regret that I am unable to identify the persons in the photos, but there are a couple whose names I can't think of at this time, and rather than embarrass anyone, I will leave it up to you to make your own identities.





Greater Pittsburgh Chapter

May 20, 1969

Dear Thunderbolts,

Sincere the last issue of the Thunderbolt issue many things have happened here in the Pittsburgh areas, and we are getting closer to our next annual reunion in Detroit. The Pittsburgh Chapter expects to have a very good representation for the upcoming reunion in Detroit. Our monthly meetings are still very well represented, and we have always maintained the 20 or better mark in attendance.



Sam Klippa has been in and out of the hospital again and he seems to be getting along pretty well. He cannot ride for long distances, so he may fly to Detroit, if his doctor permits it.

Hank Golembelski has also been in and out of the hospital recently, and he looks well.

Some of our avid bowlers have been touring around as Greer Thompson recently went to Ontario, Canada, and Yolanda Costanza, wife of Gene, recently went to Buffalo, N.Y. for a women's bowling tournament.

Franny Beerhalter was recently elected commander of VFW Post 258, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gene Costanza informs us that he will become a grandfather very soon.

The Pittsburgh Chapter is sending clothing to the children of Vietnam.

Our International Vice President Al Gruber was recently promoted to the office of marketing, director of Braun's Baking Co., so Al finally became a M.D.

The Pittsburgh Chapter had its spring dance on May 17, at the American Legion Post in Monessen and it was attended by some 50 members and their wives. It was in the form of a dinner dance. Door prizes of an electric nature were given, and the winners were as follows: Mrs. Andy Churpack, Mrs. Wilbur Wilson and John Ruprecht, and a good time was had by all who attended. Charlie Altomari and Joe DeLuca were chairman and co-chairman of the gala affair. Our next affair will be the family picnic, held at the Adam Hassick property in West Newton on June 29 and it will be a catered affair. Adam Hassick and Charlie Altomari are the chairman and co-chairman and invite all in the area to attend.



Joe DeLuca presenting to Josephine Altomari for services rendered to Pittsburgh Chapter. Others in picture from left to right (seated) Al Gruber, treasurer; Charlie Altomari (standing); John Ruppert, president.



Seated left to right Smoky Alicandri, Joe DeLuca, Frances Alicandri, Juliette DeLuca, Mrs. Ted Lozowski, Ted Lozowski.



Some of the crowd at dinner-dance. From left to right Paul and Rita Dietrich, Smoky and Fran Alicandri, Fran and Sam Klippa, Mrs. Wilbur Wilson.

The Pittsburgh Chapter has an attendance award at its meeting. Emil Becker and Charlie Hopta were recent winners. Al Gruber, who never misses a meeting, but due to his promotion had to be in Washington, D.C. on business and unfortunately he missed our last meeting and his name was called. Tough luck, Al. I understand, Al has unable to attend the executive board meeting in Warren, Ohio due to his Washington trip.

The Pittsburgh Chapter is so sorry to report the recent death of one of its active members, namely, Frank Zagoda, and condolences of the members goes to his wife, Mary.

In closing, may I say that I hope to see all of you in Detroit this coming August 14, 15, and 16, and may God bless all of you.

Your Pittsburgh Reporter,
Charlie Altomari

P.S. Enclosed are some pictures taken at our dinner-dance.



Dobe and Mary Hassick, Josephine Altomari enjoying steak dinner.



Carrie and Elmer Palm cutting up their steak dinner.



Part of the crowd. Mr. and Mrs. Al Suess on left, Mrs. Andy Churpack and Andy on right.



Head table from left to right Steve and Gertie Blasko, Greer and Catherine Thompson, Millie and Al Gruber.

A Message To All:

Thunderbolts and friends at a time when understanding is needed. We have lost one of our fellow soldiers and an officers of our Association. A man who always had the 83rd, first in his thoughts. A man who spent long hours to get a message across, this country, tryin gto keep all newspapers up with our organization, so that, the message could get to someone, who didn't know our Association existed.

He was a man e.eryone looked for, just as he arrived at the hotel each year. We will all miss him very much.

As President of your Association, I must inform you that the office of publicity director will seek another man, and that e.ven though our comrades fall, we must keep going and keep our heads up. It was one of the things that our Division was proud of, that no matter what, we kept on going.

So I say to you, the one who will take over, you can also do a good job.

I'm asking one of you who feels capable of doing this job, if you have the knowledge it takes to do it, please let it be known. We will need you next year and the years to come. If you know someone else who could do it, please let us know in Detroit in August.

Vito Bill Palazzolo
National President

Cleveland Chapter News

By Casey Kowalec

This is your roving Cleveland Chapter reporter, filling in for Casey Szubski, who is vacationing in the Colorado territory with Eleanor and the children.

I just called Al Uridel before he opened his clip joint to see if he had any additional news for this issue and he was roaring like a bull in a China shop, so I know that he is feeling okay.

Since the last issue of the "Thunderbolt", we in the Cleveland area have been having things happening. We had a few "sick ins", with myself being laid up for about 10 weeks with a heart attack. Walt Meczka also in for a complete overhaul, and having the companionship of Bob Grobelney's mother in the same hospital. We also had Mrs. Joe Glinka in for repairs. Everyone back in good health as of this report; it is a good sound situation.

Some of the latest "Pot Pouri" is that Ed and Jo Glinka's son is doing very well in the service, and that Walt and Mary Meczka's son, Mike, recently called from California, and is back on the line.

I don't recall if we notified everyone that Bill and Alma Herhouth became grandparents, and we just heard that their daughter, Marcia, is planning to tie the knot very soon.

At our last meeting held in my home, we had a wonderful turnout, and enjoyed a meal of corned beef, pizza, and the usual liquid refreshments. The chapter saved money this time, as Casey Kowalec and Walt Meczka were on a "ginger ale diet".

The pizza was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Dom Christopher, our newest chapter members, and I want to tell you that in the city of Cleveland, there is no finer tasting pizza than the ones made by Mrs. "C".

Dom also brought his movies of the "Thunderbolt Across Europe", and movies of his many trips back to Europe, from Omaha Beach to the Berlin Wall. The movies certainly brought back many memories. We'll ask Dom if it would be possible to bring his movies to the Detroit reunion, and maybe we could squeeze them in at one of our affairs. I'm certain that the association members would enjoy seeing them.

I don't like to end reports with a sad note, but just a few words on the passing away of Vic Landis. To those of us who knew Vic well, we knew what a wonderful person he was, what he means to the association, and to each

individual chapter that he worked with at every reunion. We of the Cleveland Chapter would like to say, "A job well done, while you were on earth, Vic, and your dedicated efforts to make this a better world, will always be an inspiration to all of us".

We'll be looking forward to seeing you all in Detroit, in August.

330th Regimental Unit

Buddies:

As the final issue of the "THUNDERBOLT" goes to press for this year, I am happy to report that the 330th Regimental Unit was very well represented in membership. Until the audit has been made for the year, I am unable to give a true accounting of the membership.

I wish to thank each and everyone of you in the 330th for the support that you have given me these past few years. Next year I am going to appeal to you even more. To those of you who were paid up members this year, please renew your membership again next year. Those of you who have fallen by the wayside, please send in your dues also. Remember, it takes paid up memberships to keep this Association going. It takes a lot of money to cover the postage and printing that is done in the Association. Dues in this Association costs you but ten cents per week; I am sure that each and everyone of you can afford to spend a dime.

Well Buddies, as we draw this year to a close, I want to thank each and everyone of you, and am mighty proud to have served with the 330th Infantry Regiment under such great men as Colonel MacLendon and Colonel Foster. These gentlemen were real soldiers, men who knew how to accept responsibility and how to carry it out. Hoping to see you all in Detroit.

Sincerely,

Larry Redmond
Co. H, 330th

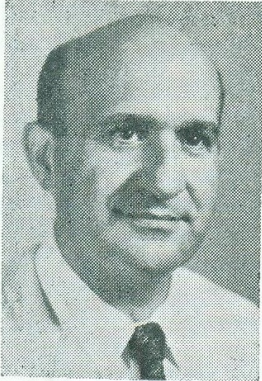


is not a sentiment - it is an economic necessity. ----- Charles Szymmetz

Phila. Chapter Color Guard Draws Honors In Services

By Dave Rosenberg
"B" "F", 331st Inf.

A strikingly attired Philadelphia Chapter gathered much applause and honors as they paraded through the community of Narberth, Pa., our four-man firing squad, and our color guard bearing the 83rd banner, evoked much praise from the Narberth community parade leaders.



Carrying the rifles and the colors were Lou Volpi, Bill Chavanne, Joe Gioia, Al Belvedere and Frank McGrogan. Bill Hoolan assumed

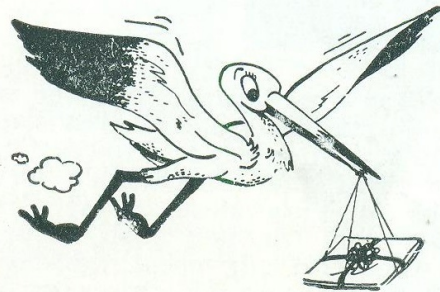
command of our honor guard and he was absolutely great. His orders of command were sharp, coherent and right on the ball. Bill Hoolan is a retired non-com. His 20 years in his country's service was evident as he barked out his orders. The result was apparent to all the onlookers. No one marched better than us. With Frank McGrogan carrying the colors of our division, and the other four stalwart doughboys carrying their M's like professional soldiers, we looked great, we behaved great, and provided the real 83rd touch that made the parade and honoring of our fallen comrades, a wonderful sight to behold. We paraded throughout the entire community, we fired our salute to the dead heroes at two different shrines. Our performance was the best. The congratulations that the community parade officials tendered to Lou Volpi, made us all feel good. With Big Bill Hoolan barking out the cadence, and the commands to left or right turn, the men of the 83rd did a tremendous job. The National Association now has a smartly turned out color and honor guard. I felt very good to march with these buddies.

And then came the climax to all our marching and honoring our fallen comrades; we returned to Lou Volpi's home and were tendered by Lucy Volpi a banquet that defies all description. How can you enumerate the many tasty dishes served to us. Their was baked ham, absolutely the best I ever ate. There was meatballs that melted in your mouth, there was cheeses, there was string bean salad, potato salad, cole slaw, vegetable salad, olives, etc. It was a banquet fit for a king. Of course the liquid refreshments were there. And to top it off Lucy served a jello mold that was like

Ambrosia of the Gods. And this lowly mortal, was a real chow hound. I took seconds on all the food. The jello mold I took thirds. I even ate for Frank McGrogan. (Frank drank for himself.) Our lovely ladies assisted Lucy in the servings and in the setting up of the tables. There was Ann Belvedere, Bea Chavanne, Carole Hoolan and several other lovely ladies.

The parade was such a huge success that we of the Philadelphia Chapter hope to make it as before an annual event but also a day for all of our members and their friends. It was truly a real memorial day.

P.S. We made Big Bill Hoolan look so good as he barked out his commands that Bill is thinking of signing up again. But then we are real soldiers.



News Flash

Just received word of another of the old time 83rd men that has come to life again. Jack Strauss, 331st Infantry Regiment, became a proud father, December 1967. This proves that there is still life in some of us old bucks yet. Jack in real 83rd tradition will not let his regiment down. Keep up the good work, Jack; Manny Martin of the 329th is one up on you, but you can still tie with him.

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Fall River Chapter Chatter

By Manny Martin
F-329th

The Voice of the 83rd Infantry Division Is Dead

What a shock it was, and what a tremendous wave of sadness overtook your reporter as Larry Redmond related the



circumstances of the death of our very close and beloved friend, Vic Landis. Vic's untimely death will be a tragic loss to our entire association, for here was the man responsible, year after year, for getting the association news coverage of a sort that we could never begin to afford. I do not believe that

there was a newspaper, daily or weekly or radio station, yes, and even some TV channels, in this entire country that has not carried the association's message, thanks to Vic's close contacts in the news media. Oh, how many hours has this wonderful guy spent working over a typewriter to get his message across, so that even now, after these many years, we occasionally hear from quite a few people that served with the Division, but are learning of our association for the first time.

I first met Vic in 1942; he slept a couple of beds from me all through basic training, and I served in F company with him through 1945. He was the same overly generous warmhearted good guy that most of you have come to know at reunions; if he had a fault, it was his over generosity. He would often do without to give to his friends.

This association can not afford to continue losing men of this caliber. We have been fortunate in the past that at times of crucial loss, we have been able to come up with a capable replacement. I doubt that we will this time. To the Landis family, from Adeline, myself and the entire Fall River Chapter, accept our sincerest sympathies, and please be consoled by the fact that ever so many of us share in your loss, and we shall miss him as you do.

I have frequently mentioned in this column how disturbing it is to me, to see the obituary column growing in each issue of Thunderbolt. Time is running out fast for some of us, so fellas you must learn as old Martin did some three years ago, not to let petty aggravations, petty jealousies and constant back bit-

ing, get to you, your friends will love you as you are and accept you as such, what the others feel doesn't mean a damn thing. People are going to think of you either with warm affection or with hate, so just go along living for your family and friends, and don't let the other kind get you down, do what you can for people, and if you are unable to help someone then for God's sake do nothing to hurt them. Forgive me for rambling on so, but losing someone like Vic makes you think of the meaningless lives some of us lead.

I have also mentioned often how I would like to see more members speak out on the issues at reunions, and how I would like to see more members seek national office. It is hard to comprehend why this great association has functioned these many years, primarily because of the dedication of some three or four dozen members. These people will not be around forever, so isn't it time that some of our very capable members, jumped off the wagon, and begin to pull their share of the load. Enough editorializing for one issue; let's get to some chapter news.

Adelard and Loretta Larue are on cloud nine these days due to the birth of their first grandchild, a boy, named Peter. Congratulations to not only the grandparents, but to their son Paul and his charming wife, Pauline. The baby whom I have seen but once, is very lovely and very good too I am told. I guess you call them good when they don't get you up too often during the night; at least that is my interpretation of a good baby.

Our little boy Jeffrey is just growing by leaps and bounds, measuring in at 23 inches, and weighing some 12½ pounds at the time of his last visit to the doctor. I consider him a very good baby, cause he doesn't get me up during the night — he gets Adeline up.

I am happy to report that Adeline, though still not back to normal, is very much improved and is able to walk and drive again. It has been a long hard time for her since March when the doctor put her to bed after the birth of our son. She developed thrombosis phlebitis in one leg. She entered the hospital to have a vein ligation done. This was to have been a five-day stay, but it stretched into three weeks because she developed blood clots in the leg that was operated on. We are hoping that she will be completely recovered by the time reunion time comes.

Our chapter president, Romeo Maynard, has been confined at the Davis Park Veterans Hospital for a few weeks. We sincerely hope that this grand fel-

low will be feeling himself real soon so that he may return home to his lovely family. Our friend Norman Bowers has been in the Truesdale hospital here, undergoing many tests. We hope that the doctors can come up with some answers so that he can get back to feeling good.

Celia Bernard was hospitalized at one of our better medical centers in Boston recently. She left here a very sick girl, but I am very happy to report that she is feeling and looking better than she has in years. Celia was discharged from the hospital just in time to be present at her daughter Rose Marie's wedding. It is hard to believe that our cute little Rose Marie is old enough to have been married. She married a real nice young fellow whose name I am sorry to say I can not remember. He is a recent graduate of M.I.T. He struck me as being a very intelligent and personable young man. It was a very lovely wedding and our little Rose Marie made a beautiful bride, as did our Celia make a very beautiful mother of the bride. John informed me that he was less nervous facing German machine guns than he was walking his daughter down the aisle.

A tip of the Martin hat to Sam Klippa, who though not feeling his best, has done a terrific job of corresponding, helping to bring our membership to its highest total yet. Many thanks Sam, and may good health smile upon you soon. Here is another case of a dedicated 83rd division man performing even feeling under the weather to perpetuate our great association.

Those of you who attended the last reunion in Detroit know what a bang up job these people did. I am quite sure that this year's reunion will be as good or better, certainly they deserve your support, for much hard work has gone into the preparation of the reunion, so let's show our appreciation by attending in large numbers. It is still the greatest vacation bargain in the country.

Hoping to see all of you real soon. God bless, and every good wishes for all Thunderbolts and their families.

Letters to the Editor

Patton Museum Development Fund
Cavalry-Armor Foundation, Inc.
1244 South Fourth Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40203
Telephone 634-4623

June 1, 1969

Dear Association Secretary:

Greetings from one association secretary to another, on behalf of the folks who are trying to raise the money to build the new Patton Museum at Fort Knox. First of all, the new structure will not be limited to displays of George Patton or the Third Army; but will include valuable history of all the arms and services, as well as all the great U. S. Armies.

The Army has donated the land and will staff and operate the new Patton Museum; but its construction must be paid for by voluntary contributions. An effort will be made to reach all veterans, particularly those who are active members of associations such as yours. Requests will be made not only for contributions; but also, for collections and items of historical interest for display in the museum.

Would it be possible to obtain your membership list for the purpose as outlined above? The mailing would consist of a brochure such as the one enclosed, a letter asking for assistance, and a return envelope. Also, news releases on the Patton Museum project will be made in the future and copies will be sent to all association secretaries.

Literature is also available for your next reunion. If you would care to receive a supply, just indicate the number of copies on the attached card. If you have any ideas on how more veterans can be reached with similar information on this project, we certainly would be happy to have them. And, if you will, please return the enclosed card at your earliest opportunity.

Fraternally yours,
Edward F. Reed, Secretary
6th Armored Division Association

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Send your remittance to Larry Redmond, Secretary-Treasurer,
132 Rockwood Drive, Havertown, Pa. 19083.

Obituaries

The following notices have been sent to me of the death of some of our buddies. As we read this list, may we all say a silent prayer, and may their souls rest in peace.

Jules H. Deshotels, G-2, Div. Hqs. Died May 15, 1967.

Joseph J. Marron, 329th Inf. Regt. Died January 22, 1967.

Raymond Conway, Cannon Co., 330th Regt. Died October 5, 1964.

Daniel Sudac, 1st Bn. Hq., 331st. Died February 8, 1967.

Thomas Lonergan, Co. D, 331st. Died July, 1968.

Curtis Williams Lee, (unit unknown). Died May 13, 1968.

Robert Jubach, Co. H, 329th Inf. Regt. Died November 11, 1968.

William Klotz, Co. B & C, 331st Inf. Regt. Died May 2, 1969.

Oliver Chamberlain, Battery C, 908th F.A. Date of death unknown.

Frank Zagoda, Co. G, 331st Inf. Regt. Date of death unknown.

Willard Plant, Hq. 1st Bn., 329th Inf. Regt. Date of death unknown.

Rev. William Lundy, Chaplain, 330th Inf. Regt. Died August 9, 1967.

Charles Russ, Anti-Tank Co., 329th Inf. Regt. Date of death unknown.

I owe an apology for not having mentioned some of these in earlier issues, especially for Rev. Lundy, as one of our men went to California and obtained the information for me. There may be some in this list that I have mentioned before, but their names were sent to me again, so I am trying to acknowledge all of them. If any of you wish to extend your condolences to the families of any of these men, contact me and I will send you their home addresses.

P.S. Another note just handed to me was announcing the death of Tommy Glenn, grandson of Jake Glenn, one of our men from the 331st Inf. Regt. We extend our sympathies to Jake, a real 83rd man. Tommy died May 30, 1969.

In Memoriam

Once again as we get ready to attend our Annual Reunion, we can not forget things of the past. We have many of our Buddies who have attended with us for years, but at this time are unable to do so as they have been called to the great beyond.

At this time I would like to pay tribute to a real 83rd Division man who is no longer with us. The great Harry W. Lockwood. In this month of July we can but remember that sad day three years ago when news came to us of the death of our beloved member, Harry W. Lockwood. To those of you who knew Harry, know only too well that he was a real dedicated 83rd man. Harry took over the job of National Secretary-Treasurer, and worked hard to bring this Association back on its feet. Were it not for a man like Harry, I dare say that our Association would not be what it is today.

On this the third anniversary of the death of Harry W. Lockwood, I ask each and everyone of you to say a silent prayer in memory of our departed buddy.

Larry Redmond

Congratulations

Congratulations are in order at this time for our past National President, Al Bevedere, and his very lovely wife, Ann. On Saturday, June 28, their son John was married to a very lovely girl, Suzanne Marie Comly. They were wed in St. Aloysius Church in Oaklyn, N. J. followed by a reception in South Philadelphia, after which several of the persons in attendance went back to the Belvedere home, where the red carpet was out and the guests were treated royally.

On behalf of the members of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, may I extend our sincere congratulations and best wishes to John and Suzanne, and also to the parents of both these lovely people. I am sure that John and Suzanne will make a very lovely couple, as both were raised by very lovely parents.

Larry Redmond

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"Dixie Chapter"

By Dick Riddle
3rd Bn. Hq., 329th

Hello:

Well, here we are once again approaching another reunion. We plan and look forward to this time of year to see



friends and have a few days of complete relaxation away from business and all the every day problems we face. Our thanks to all the boys in Detroit for being host for this reunion. Believe me I know what they have been going through as this is quiet a job. After all is over though you can look back and realize it was a pleasure after all. With the fine support and such a good bunch of people to entertain, you realize it was worth it all.

We are sad that two of our friends will be missing this year — Vic Landis and Walt Poland. Have always looked forward to seeing them. They cannot be replaced. However, knowing their interest in 83rd organization this should give us the initiative to work even harder to see that it will be one of the biggest and most active chapters there is. With all our support it will be so. This should be done, if for no other reason, in memory of all our fine members we have lost through the years. Our support will be available.

Our thanks to Larry and Mary Redmond in the calls and letters they have made concerning different things of chapter. We are so fortunate in having them. They will always be on top of our ladder.

What about Manny Martin with that new boy? We really started something at Myrtle Beach when the elevator fell. Ha! We are so happy for he and Adeline. These children are so much pleasure.

See YOU ALL in Detroit

Warren Chapter Aux.

Warren, Ohio
July 4, 1969

Hi everybody,

We have had a very nice summer so far except for the very bad storm we had this evening. Our street is a mess and some are without power yet.

Charlie Russ, president of the men's club, died. Our deepest sympathy to Sophie, Anna Marie and Chuckie. We are going to miss him.

Young David Nuzzi has his mother pack quite a large amount of Brownies in his lunch. She finally found out why. He was selling them to the other kids and making quite a profit. Mary is our professional baker.

George and Louise Bellay's daughter is being married on August 24.

Agnie Phillipone had kidney stones and was in the hospital again.

Berdeene Titus is on the recovery list after a serious operation. She will be in fine form by reunion time though. At least we hope so.

We were very sorry to hear about the death of Vic Landis. It won't seem the same without him roaming around at the reunion.

Helen and John Caparanis celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last March. The years are sure rolling by. Just about every year now we have a couple joining the Anniversary Club.

We had a very nice get-together here in April when the Executive Board met. It was nice to see all their smiling faces again. Hope to see you at the reunion in Detroit.

We sent in our reservations and have the confirmation back. It only took three days.

This is all for now; see all of you next month.

Millie Kelly
214 Oregon, N.W.
Warren, Ohio

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Jersey Chapter News

Hi Buddies:

I really don't know how to start writing my column after the bad news I received the other night hearing Vic Landis, our buddy, had passed away. It was sure a jolt to the 83rd. We sure can never get the publicity again that Vic got for us. Now it's up to us to see that all his work was not in vain. Let's make the reunion in Detroit a tribute to Landis, a man who devoted so much time and energy to the 83rd. Division with so little cost to us.

On behalf of the Jersey Chapter I would like to express our deepest sympathy to the Vic Landis family.

And now for a little cheerful news. Dave Benick and his wife were seen walking around with their heads up in the air and no wonder, their daughter Donna graduated with highest honors from high school and won a scholarship to Brooklyn College which is one of the best in the country. Congratulations Donna, let's hear this good news again at the end of the next four years. Good luck from all of us here in Jersey; we're rooting for you.

On June 6, D-Day, we of the Jersey Chapter were invited to a party at Mr. and Mrs. Stan Bielen's home; we sure had a good night's fun, plenty of food and drink. Joe DePeri and Dave Benick



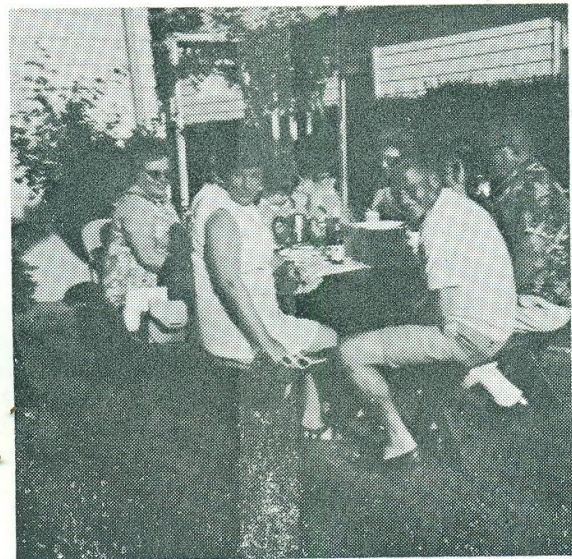
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were laid up for two weeks after the party. They were playing the twister game made for teenagers and you know their no teenagers. All in all it was a swell night. Thanks again, Fran and Stan.

John Manuz, Emil Wehling's friend, took the gang of us on a tour of the Ford plant in Mahwah, N. J. John sure made the tour interesting, explaining everything as we went along, from the way he explained things he must live at the plant and not at home. Thanks again John for the tour, the Ford plant people should be proud to have you working for them. After the tour we went out for dinner and dance for the rest of the evening. Again it was a fine night.

Hope to see you all at the reunion. Let's make it the biggest yet in honor of Vic.

Yours truly,
Jim Bowie
C-B-330th



Vera Caprio, Mrs. John Houston, Col. John Houston, Ray Bjork, Ginny DiG. at the home of the Petrucci's.



Millie Elie and Ginny DiG.

Boston Chapter News

Never let it be said, that a hot summer kept this group from attending meetings. If anything they are better.

Our last monthly meeting was at Joe Petrucci's home in North Providence, Rhode Island. Perfect host and hostess, perfect weather and lots of food and plenty to drink. The meeting and eating were held outdoors, then we went indoors and Joe showed us movies of past reunions. We all had a very enjoyable day.

We were very pleased to welcome Col. John Houston and his wife from No. Vassalboro, Maine, a 4-hour drive, and Nick Panaro, his wife and little girl, who came up from Stamford, Conn., which is a good 3-hour drive. Incidentally, the Houstons received a gift for traveling the furthest. Others came from Lynn, Tewksbury, Malden, Mass., and a good group from Rhode Island.

Gin and I are on cloud nine, because our son Paul has returned home after a tour of duty in Vietnam, and the Philippines. His next base will be in Calumet, Michigan. We're very proud and so happy to have him home, and Michigan isn't too far away.

Nick and Mary Francullo are in Kentucky at this writing, visiting Mary's family. The only advice I can offer Nick, is to keep away from that "white lightning."

Amby and Nancy Tynan traveled to South Carolina to attend their son John's graduation from basic training. Nancy complained that the heat went to her head. Next time Nancy, put ice cubes under your wig.

Dutchy and Helen Smith are very proud parents. Their son Jimmy, graduated with honors from the University of Mass. He was the class speaker and his speech received a standing ovation. That same evening he delivered part of his speech on television.

Our sympathy goes to Maurice Candido, on his mother's passing. Best of luck to the Detroit Chapter for the coming reunion. See you all in Detroit.

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Ginny DiG., Mary Francullo, Mrs. Panaro, Vera Caprio at the home of the Petrucci's.



June 1st Amesbury. Larry Arrigo, Nick Francullo, Phil Pappa, John Polites, Mike Caprio at the home of the Bildeau's.



Helen Petrucci and the in-laws.



Lt. Gen. Robert H. York

Twenty-five years ago, in Normandy, France on July 7, 1944, (then) Col. Robert H. York took command of the 331st Infantry Regiment of the 83rd Division.

Col. York was already a veteran of 11 major battle engagements and had fought in three D-Day landings at Oran, Sicily and Omaha Beach, heading an infantry battalion of the First Division. At 32, he became one of the youngest Regimental Commanders in the Army.

Today, after 31 years of military service, Lt. Gen. Robert H. York has retired. If ever a man deserves the tranquility and care-free benefits of retirement, he is General York for all of his devotion to the service of his country.

A front-line infantry regiment that was completely demoralized, having lost two regimental commanders in the first thirty days of combat—and having suffered heavy casualties in their first engagement (after landing on Omaha Beach — D-Day plus 12) against the entrenched forces of Nazi artillery and tanks in the Battle of the Normandy hedgerows, York's leadership transformed the 331st Infantry into a hard-hitting unit that went on to fight victoriously in five major campaigns in France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany to establish a bridgehead across the Elbe River, 65 miles from Berlin, two weeks before V-E Day. The Esprit de Corps that prevailed in the 331st with York's leadership was unprecedented as its fighting men, in a matter of weeks, followed him in devoted ad-

miration and respect.

General York was graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York in the Class of '38 and commissioned in the Infantry the same year. From the Gold Bar of a Second Lieutenant to the three stars of a Lieutenant General, York has held every combat command along the way.

General York was decorated 18 times with the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, The Bronze Star with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart with Five Oak Leaf Clusters, two French decorations the Legion d'Honneur and the Croix de Guerre with Palms; and along the Combat Infantry Badge, York wears the wings of a Military Pilot as well as well as the insignia of the Airborne Corps.

Since World War II, General York's military assignments included Commandant of the Cadet Corps at West Point, Military Attache in Singapore, Military Advisor in Vietnam and Commander of Fort Benning. As Commanding General of the 82nd Airborne Division he led the landings at Santo Domingo, at the direction of President Johnson, to help stabilize and restore law and order to the Dominican Republic; and to protect the lives of American citizens. In 1968, he took command of the 18th Airborne Corps.

His erect, lean, solid, battle scarred frame, his handsome face lined with vitality and eyes that always smile in contrast to the line of his determined lips that coalesce with a rugged jaw. York's mere presence always commanded respect.

Today, a vigorous 56, General York's personality still radiates. When asked: "Taking into consideration all of the strategy, sophisticated equipment, qualified leadership and intelligence information in the preparation of a battle, what in your opinion is the single most important asset to victory?" York simply replied: "The will to fight."

General Robert H. York joins those few in history, who have personified the immortal words of Will Rogers: It's great to be a great man, but it's greater to be human."

Jack H. Strauss
Regt. Hqs., 331st

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Bullock-Sanderson Post No. 136
The American Legion
Box 122, Ardmore, Pa.

June 1, 1969

To the Citizens
Of Lower Merion Township:

We the veterans of Lower Merion Township, have for years tried our best to show our respect for the veterans of this Township, who have sacrificed their lives in the defense of this great country of ours. Those of us who were more fortunate, and were able to return to our loved ones, have appreciated what was done for us.

This year, the lowest blow was struck on us the veterans, when the local stores refused to close their doors, and remained open, as we paid tribute to our departed comrades. I sincerely hope that you the citizens of this great Township of Lower Merion, a township that is held in high esteem by other townships and communities throughout the country, will join with us the veterans, and voice your opinion on what has taken place.

These stores are able to close their doors on Sundays, Christmas and other National Holidays, yet they stooped so low as to remain open on this great day, Memorial Day. I have always been of the opinion that a veteran was a forgotten man, but this Memorial Day, it was proven. Being a veteran of World War II, having served in nine countries of Europe in defense of this great country of ours, I stand behind every man who has borne the uniform of this country, no matter if he served in actual combat, or he served in a conflict, or even if he were more fortunate, and never served one day outside the continental limits of these United States, he at least was there to do his part.

I appeal to you, the citizens of Lower Merion Township, to join with me in expressing your opinions in regards to these stores being open. Decorating the graves of our departed comrades, or marching in a parade, or holding memorial services, does not bring back the men who so gallantly sacrificed their lives for you and me, but at least make ourselves feel that they did not die in vain.

In behalf of the veterans of Lower Merion Township, who marched in this parade, or took an active part in the memorial service, I wish to express our sincere thanks to those of you who lined the area of our march, and showed us that you appreciated what was being done for the less fortunate veterans. I sincerely hope that next May 30, as we march down Lancaster Ave. and over Montgomery Ave. to the Henry H. Ar-

nold Field, that we can see the sidewalks so crowded with spectators, that there are no vacant spaces along the line of march. I also hope that as we stand there on the field for this memorial service, that we see no vacant seats in the grandstands.

Remember ladies and gentlemen, the greatest tribute you can pay to the men who have sacrificed their all, so that you may continue to live the American way of life, is to pay your respects twice a year to them, one is Veterans Day, November 11 and the other is Memorial Day, May 30.

I sincerely hope that you will give this some consideration; if the stores wish to remain open next year, let us show our respects to the departed veterans, shop the day before or not at all. Let these stores learn that we are paying respect to our departed veterans.

Yours truly,

Larry Redmond, Commander
Bullock-Sanderson Post No. 136
The American Legion
Department of Pennsylvania

Ed. Note: Buddies, this is a copy of a letter that I had published in all of the local newspapers. This to me was a low blow struck on the veterans. I sincerely hope that each and everyone of you will join with me in demanding that respect be shown to our departed buddies. Men who died so that we may live the American way of life. Let us all work together so that Memorial Day will be exactly what its name implies, a day where we pay tribute to the departed veterans.



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ROBERT T. FOSTER
170 Kimberly Avenue
Ashville, North Carolina 28804

19 April 1969

Mr. Lawrence J. Redmond
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Havertown, Pa. 19083

Dear Redmond:

You were most thoughtful to send such a nice letter of condolence to Mrs. Eisenhower.

The Association is fortunate in having such an efficient Secretary-Treasurer.

Sincerely,
R. T. Foster
Col. U.S. Army, Ret.
Regt. Commander, 330th Inf. Regt.

An Apology

226 Sandal Lane, P.B.S.
Riviera Beach, Florida
June 20, 1969

In my recent book, "The Rag-Tag Circus", I made a derogatory statement about an officer which was not correct. The statement on Page 22 concerning our Operations Officer was wrong. I offer my abject apologies, realizing that it is now too late to correct the wrong.

In a book written from a fallable memory, hearsay, and imperfect after-action reports mistakes are sure to occur, but since this one was derogatory to a man's character, it was inexcusable. I can now only say that the entire statement about our Operations Officer was in error and had no foundation in fact.

E. B. Crabill
Colonel Infantry, (Ret.)

It is an honor to join you on the occasion of two notable anniversaries: the birthday of our national flag and the birthday of the United States Army.

Today is the 192nd birthday of the American flag—adopted in the midst of the Revolutionary War by the Second Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia on June 14, 1777.

The Congress resolved that "the flag of the United States shall be of thirteen stripes of alternate red and white, with a union of thirteen stars of white in a blue field representing a new constellation."

Today is also the 194th birthday of the United States Army. It was born at the start of the war which won for us our independence. The Congress — on June 14, 1775 — adopted the New England army besieging the British in Boston and agreed to provide rules and regulations for that army.

It is proper that we observe these two anniversaries together. Both the flag and the Army, besides having deep roots in the Nation's history, are graphic symbols of a free Nation — and of the will and determination of its people to protect their freedom. I can think of nothing more reassuring today than to reflect on some of the fundamental thoughts and principles embodied in the flag and in the Army.

The flag is all things to the Nation. It represents sovereignty. It is a symbol of liberty and unity — and of hope and the future. It is a point around which the people rally in times of danger. It represents as someone said, "The continuity of a people, their common purpose, their traditions, their way of looking at the world, their defiance against their enemies."

The flag stirs deep emotions. It can cause men to lift their eyes beyond immediate danger. The story is told that in World War I, a young soldier carried the Stars and Stripes far ahead of his regiment and placed it near the enemy lines. His commanding officer, fearful of some misfortune involving the soldier and the flag, shouted, "Bring back the flag, you fool!"

But the private replied, even louder, "Never! You bring up the regiment!"

When the regiment finally arrived at the place where the soldier had been under heavy fire, the men found him dead. But the flag was flying triumphantly in the breeze.

The saga of America is filled with heroic acts of the soldier's devotion to the flag. Another such act was that of

Colonel Paul Bunker who burned the flag which was lowered at Corregidor before the Japanese could reach it. But before he disposed of it, he first snipped out a small fragment which he concealed under a patch in his shirt.

As he lay near death in a Manila prison, he passed half of it to a fellow prisoner, Colonel Delbert Ausmus, who, after the war, delivered it to the War Department. Today, at the request of Colonel Bunker's widow, that fragment is a priceless exhibit at the Military Academy at West Point.

What Woodrow Wilson said about "Old Glory" on Flag Day in 1915 is worth repeating today "The things that the flag stands for were created by the experiences of a great people. Everything that it stands for was written by their lives. The flag is the embodiment, not of sentiment, but of history. It represents the experiences made by men and women. The experiences of those who do and live under the flag."

The same is true of the Army. It, too, represents the experiences of the people whom it serves. As the Army Chief of Staff, General William C. Westmoreland, said, "The Army is made up of the people, and it belongs to the people. The Army is a cross section of America and our free society. It draws its officers and soldiers from every walk of life — from every part of America. Each citizen owns a share in the United States Army."

This concept is basic in Army heritage — the first chapter of which, perhaps, began with those embattled farmers of Massachusetts who, two months before the Army was founded, stood and fired the shot heard around the world. Thus the spark of freedom burst into flame. Blood was shed at Lexington and Concord. And they became symbols of the American Revolution.

News of the encounters at Lexington and Concord electrified the colonies. Massachusetts urged the Continental Congress to take over the regulation and general direction of the army collecting before Boston, as this army was to serve for the "general defense of the right of America. The delegates to the Congress had talked of resistance; now it was time to act. Congress answered the Massachusetts request when it appointed a committee to bring in a "draft of rules and regulations for the government of the army." On the same day, it authorized the enlistment of riflemen from the Middle Atlantic States — men renowned as sharpshooters — to serve as light infantry under command of the chief officer of the army before Boston."

On the following day, the Congress

gave their armies a general and a commander-in-chief, the incomparable Washington.

The Continental Army thus formed, stood at the threshold of a struggle which raged fiercely for six years. Six years is not long as nations count time but those years were filled with events dramatic and meaningful enough to give our infant land a heritage as rich as that of any of the ancient states of Europe.

The Revolution marked only the beginning of the Army's service to the Nation. There would be much to do. Independence had to be safeguarded and a vast continent won. The Union would have to be preserved. The Army helped achieve these things. All the Nation asked, it did. I need not remind you of Anthony Wayne at Fallen Timbers, of Jackson at New Orleans, of Scott at Chapultepec, and of Teddy Roosevelt at San Juan Hill.

The Nation entered the 20th century as a world leader. But four times within nearly as many decades, we paid the high price of freedom. American soldiers tramped the ancient battlegrounds of war-weary Europe; sweltered in the steaming jungles of isolated Pacific atolls; and shivered on Korea's frozen ridges. Today they fight and build in a complex war in Vietnam. The names of Pershing, MacArthur, Marshall, Eisenhower, Bradley, and others were added to the long list of America's great captains.

During the course of 194 years, the strength, organization, weapons, and dress of the Army have changed radically. But its mission — defense of the Nation — remains the same. It has, however, the capability to accomplish much more than its basic military mission. It has made outstanding contributions unmatched by any other army in history.

The Army explored and chartered the vast treasure in land and resources of this country. It conquered typhoid and yellow fever. It developed the chlorination of water, flame-proof fabrics, as well as countless medical and safety innovations that have proved of great value to the welfare of the people.

The Army also built the Panama Canal and the Alaskan Highway — among hundreds of other projects to make the United States and the world a better place in which to live.

We must not be so proud of the past, however, that we become careless of the present and the future. It is the role of the Army in helping to ensure national security that I shall now men-

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tion briefly. For the Army to perform its assigned missions:

First — it must maintain a flexibility which will enable it to respond to orders of the President or of the Congress in the armed defense of our country.

Second — it must stand ready to contribute advice and assistance to friendly, underdeveloped nations which have requested our aid to offset enemy infiltration and attempted domination.

Third — it must keep a well-organized training and logistic base in the United States to ensure a continuous flow of qualified replacements and modern equipment.

Fourth — it must have well-trained and compatible back-up support from the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve.

Fifth — it must have the understanding and support of the people.

Today, the presence of Army personnel in friendly areas overseas provides clear evidence of our capability to stand against attack, reminds the Communist of the consequences of aggression, and inspires continued firmness on the part of our allies.

In Southeast Asia and in other areas where we have troop commitments, the U.S. Army and the U.S. flag are not symbols of aggression.

— They do not mean that we are fighting for a permanent American presence in any nation.

— They do not symbolize any insistence that any nation be allied militarily or even aligned politically with the United States.

— They do not say that we are embarked on a "holy war" against communism.

President Nixon summarized our position very well when he said to members of the Army Berlin Brigade last February:

"We are a great power, we have obligations around the world, but because of the great changes that have occurred in history, the American mission is different from that of some others who have risen to greatness in their role in the world.

"We seek no territory, we seek no concessions, all that we want is the right for others, that we have for ourselves, the right to be free, the right to choose our own leaders, the right to disagree and the right to settle our disagreements in a peaceful way . . ."

Of course, to be ready for eventuality, the Army must think in terms of the conditions it might have to face in the uncertain years ahead.

One example of planning for the future is the Safeguard anti-ballistic missile system. It was formerly called the Sentinel which resulted from an intensive research and development program initiated by the Army in 1956. From the early Nike Zeus development program to the updated Nike X system, the Army gained a high degree of experience and confidence that Safeguard can be deployed to meet the stated objectives: (1) Protection of our land-based retaliatory forces against a direct attack by the Soviet Union, (2) Defense of the American people against the kind of nuclear attack which Communist China is likely to be able to mount within the decade and (3) Protection against the possibility of accidental launch from any source.

Last, but not least, we must consider the Army's ultimate weapon, the soldier. Now, more than ever before, the Army is manned by highly qualified soldiers capable of absorbing the increasingly complex and rigorous training that the times demand.

Our soldiers understand fully why they must serve, why they fight in Vietnam, why they help in civic action programs in many countries around the world, why they are subjected to rigorous training for combat — and then later look back and say that their years as soldiers were honorable and proud ones.

As General Westmoreland has said, ". . . they can stand tall and hold their heads high; they can look any man squarely in the eye and know that they have done their duty.

"What have they helped our Nation accomplish in South Vietnam?"

"They have helped to bring about a condition which brings peace one step closer.

"The enemy has come to the conference table, and that was our objective." Conscious of its heritage, the Army today continues to stand ready to defend the symbol of liberty, the spirit of freedom which we see in the flag.

So, today we salute "Old Glory" on its 192nd Anniversary as a symbol of freedom — and the United States Army on its 194th anniversary of service to the Nation and defender of the flag. Let us never falter in our dedication to the flag and the Nation for which it stands, nor in support for the Army — which has never failed us in time of crisis, and with your help, never will.

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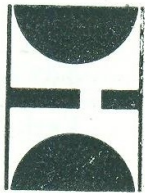
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Mr. Larry Redmond
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Dear Sir:

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We are sending a press release to all the news media in the area in the hopes that the publicity will cause individuals to nominate individuals for the "Book".

Thank you for your kind assistance in obtaining nominations for "The Court of Patriots".

I have inclosed a nomination form. The form may be reproduced locally. This office will provide additional copies upon request.

Sincerely,
Patrick L. Klein, Chief
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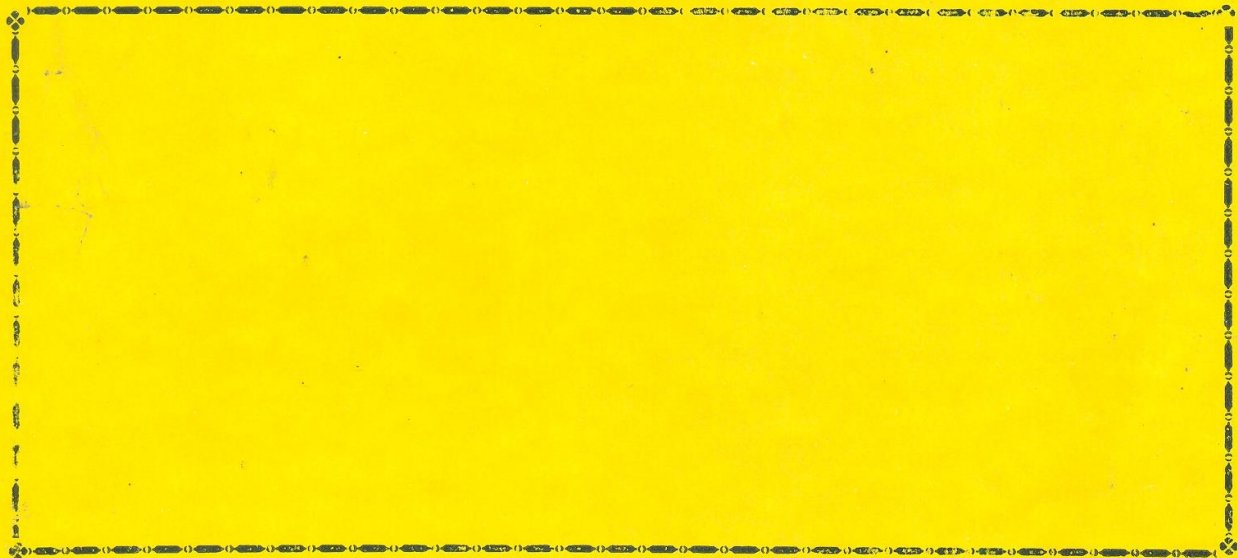
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