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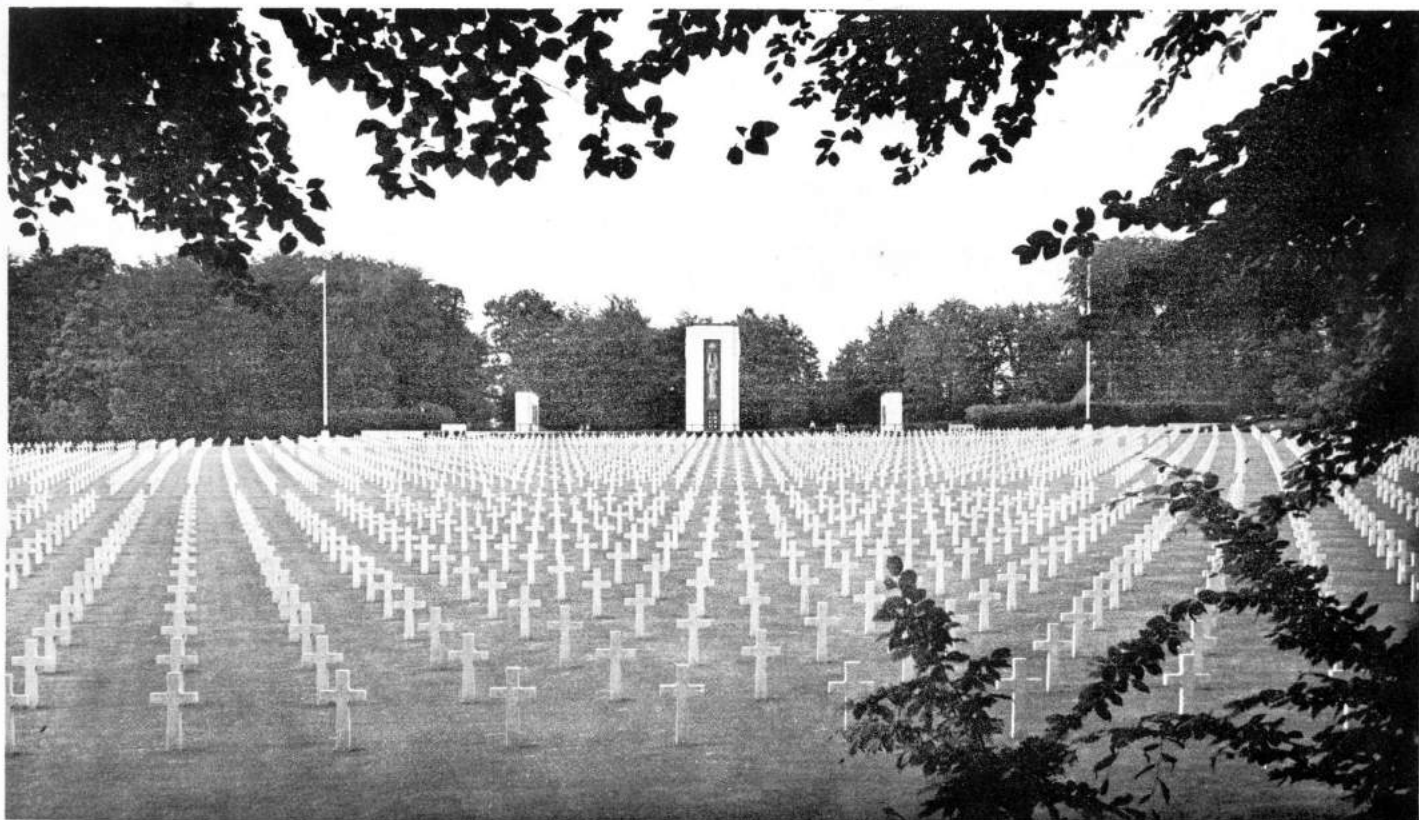
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Robert C. Macon
Major General, U.S. Army

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YOUR PAST PRESIDENT

My year has expired, as the President of the finest group of ex GI's ever to assemble, under one roof, and show their respect towards one another. To pay homage to our fallen Buddies whom so many people have forgotten, and to renew our friendship which we value and treasure beyond the powers of the normal people.

The Philadelphia Chapter feels that we have done our job, towards this goal, of renewing this friendship every year, and hope that it will continue, till the end. The Chapter worked very hard, and I do believe that the work had it's wonderful merits.

Many Thanks to my Chapter for the backing I have received. Thanks again to all those that helped in so many ways to make this Reunion a really wonderful success. I am really sorry for those that were absent, and could not make Philadelphia.

I have stepped down from an Office that I hold very dear to myself, but I do not intend to quit here. Anyone may call on me for any kind of help towards the Organization, and I will do my best to respond. My love for the Eighty Third has always been 1st. on my agenda, and I have proved this time and time again.

Once again, may I say Thank You for letting me be the President, and prove to you, our respect for one another can grow and become a wonderful marriage which will hold this great Organization closer together. May I remain your friend.

Louis J. Volpi

YOUR PAST REUNION CHAIRMAN

Hi Everyone:

A hearty welcome to the Thunderbolts New Year and no regrets to the one left behind. I and all the Members of the Philadelphia Chapter hope that everyone who attended the 28th. Annual Reunion had a happy and enjoyable time. From the "Thank You" and the congratulatory letters I am still receiving, it seems as though everyone had a BALL !!!!

Personally, I want to thank all who pitched in to help us. First and foremost, the Phila. Chapter went all out to assist me. This aid was extended during the year and for the duration of the Reunion. The nicest part was that this spontaneous help extended even to the women of other Chapters and for this, I am very grateful. With a gang like that, we couldn't help but put on a damn good show.

We had one problem which really shook us up, but it was finally cleared up. This involved reserved tables for the Saturday Banquet and when the men who were taking the table reservations tallied with the Registration desk the difference was great. After a lot of phone calls and talking to various group representatives, the answers, in some cases, 2 Members reserved seats for the same group and in other cases 2 or 3 couples had gotten a table for 10, and this left 4 or 6 empty seats at a lot of tables. I hope at future Reunions this situation can be avoided.

And now comes the part of the letter which I like to write; its the thank you and congratulations part. I would like to Thank the following men for their donations to the Reunion Fund; namely, Bill Doty, Michael Brick, Ken Seiger and the men of Co. "M" 329 Inf. Jim Poley and Russell Roberts. To Pat DiGiammerino, the Philadelphia Chapter congratulations on his election to the Executive Board. Pat is a good 83rd'er at heart and I know he will do his best to keep our Association running smoothly. I have one more Thank You and that is extended to Martha and Bill Appleby. Bill is a Chapter Member and also a professional Square Dance Caller, and he and Martha have given generously of their spare time to help us "City Slickers" to square dance.

In closing, I'd like to say that this Reunion was a example of good friends working together for great results. Let's keep at it, Guys!!! Keep the 83-rd tops!!! See you all down South.

Sincerely

Bill Chavanne
"C" 308 Eng.
1974 Reunion Chairman

CHAPLAINS STEEPLE
MEMORIUM

For as much as the Souls of our
Beloved Buddies,
Has entered into the life immortal,
We committed their bodies to their
resting places
In full assurances that when the
earthly Tabernacle is dissolved,
We have a dwelling place with God,
A house not made with hands,
Eternal in Heaven.

AMEN

OUR PRAYER TO STAN BIELEN
WHO LOST HIS BROTHER
ON JULY 22, 1974.

God has been faithful in your
yesterdays.
He will take care of any tomorrows
you may have.
Your future depends on what you do
today.

Jesus said:
Don't worry about tomorrow.
It will have enough worries
of it's own.

(Matt. 6:34 Tev)

In Luke 12:
The rich fool always left God out of
his plans,
He always said "Tomorrow."
When tomorrow came, he was dead.
And so might we be.

MORAL:
Lets all keep our house in order,
With the Lord
Our Comrades
Our families
And our friends.

John T. Piscitelli
"C" 323 F.A. Bn.

LETS ALL START THIS YEAR BY
SENDING OUR DUES EARLY.

Send \$6.00 to:
Larry Redmond
132 Rockwood Drive
Havertown, Pa. 19083

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER NEWS

Well Buddies:

Here we are into the 2nd. week of our
New Year 1974-75. When you're past 50
yrs. of age the time goes by pretty
darn fast. Pretty soon we'll be going
down the road to Myrtle Beach. We of
the Philly Chapter Thank all of our
comrades and their wives for the most
wonderful Reunion. We also Thank all
men and Officers who participated in
our Memorial Services. God Bless them
one and all.

Our hats off to Lou and Lucy Volpi
for the Overbrook String Band at our
Annual Banquet. A great and wonderful
surprise for all. We wish to Thank our
good friend Nick Taglianetti of Co. "D"
331st. Inf., who is on the Staff at the
Sheraton here in Philly. Almost all our
needs were carried out through this man
and the work that he did for the Assoc.
Again, Thanks Old Buddy.

At the Hawaiian Festival, Casey Szub-
ski gave his rendition of the War
Dance but lost to "Yours Truly." "big
John" won first prize, an AM-FM Radio
and Ann Marie Palazzolo, eleven years
old, won first prize for the women.

Bill and Martha Appleby, 783rd. Ord-
inance, did a great job at the Square
Dance Nite. The men and their wives
have been dancing all year with the
aid of Bill and Martha. Bless the both
of them for a job well done. Bill is
one of our best Callers in our area.

At our Banquet Night, Emily Czech the
wife of Chester, Hq. 322 F.A. Bn. won
the T.V. Drawing.

The 50-50 Drawing was won by our own
Joe Phillipone, "G" 331st. Inf. I'll
close for now, and remind all of you
to PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES NOW.

Staff Reporter
John T. Piscitelli
"C" 323 F.A. Bn.

REMEMBER!
MYRTLE BEACH IN 1975

Y'ALL COME
AND
HAVE THE TIME OF YOUR
LIVES ON THE SANDY BEACHES

JERSEY CHAPTER

Hi Buddies:

Well, another Reunion has passed and as usual, a good time was had by all. First I would like to say the Mass that was said by Father McCartin was one of the most inspiring Services I have ever attended. On behalf of the Jersey Chapter I would like to Thank Father McCartin and say lets do it again.

On Saturday August 17th., Emil and Hazel Wehling's son was married and Emil had to leave the Reunion Saturday to attend the Wedding. We would like to wish their son and his wife all the Health and Happiness in the World. Also, we would like to congratulate Hazel and Emil.

Glad to see Charlie and Mary, Stanley and Fran, Kent and Nancy, Ralph and Dotty, Vito and Manny at the Reunion. They all promised to be at the Myrtle Beach Reunion next year.

Thanks to Lucy and Lou for the swell treat they gave us. I still think they're the best. Those String Bands sure put on a show.

The Philly Gang sure deserves a big hand for all the time they showed us. It sure takes a lot of work to put on a Reunion like that and without the help of the women, "Forget It."

I know the Reunion at Myrtle Beach is going to be a BALL also. So lets get behind them and make it a real success.

Congratulations are in order to Shirley and Leo Schneider, their daughter was married the week of the Reunion. We would like to wish the Newly-weds a very Happy life together and hope to see them all next year at the Reunion.

Well gang, that's about all I have to say in this Issue. Can say it was good news seeing you all again. Just wish we could see each other more than once a year.

JIM BOWIE
"B" 330th. Inf.

CHICAGO CHAPTER

Hi Gang:

Well, our 28th. Annual Reunion is over, but it will long be Remembered as one of the best Reunions. Thanks to Lou Volpi, Bill Chavanne and the Philadelphia Chapter for an outstanding job. Even Websters Dictionary does not contain enough adjectives or descriptive words to express a proper and fitting Thank You to all of them.

Congratulations to Dick Riddle, our new President, and I'm sure that our Reunion at Myrtle Beach S.C. in 1975 will be a big success. Dont forget folks - "You all Come." Get your Reservations in early.

As a Member of the Board, I would like one and all to remember that our Membership is down to about 750. In the past two years it has been over 1,000. Try and get some of these 83rd. men who are asleep to join our National Association. \$6.00 won't break anyone. We waste that much on a lot of things that we really don't need. Look at all the benefits gained by being a Member of a group like ours.

Our next Meeting here in Chicago will be held soon for the Election of Officers and making plans for our future Meetings. Other than this, there's not much News from the Windy City.

Once again, before I close, Thanks Lou, Bill and all the Philadelphia Chapter for a REUNION WELL DONE.

Your Buddy
Harold H. Dopp
"M" 331st. Inf.

The second phase of the ETO Tour of the 83rd. is planned for 1976. Those of you that are in any way interested, PLEASE CONTACT ME AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. The Notices are being sent out, first to those that made the first Tour with me and those that had good reason to cancell out on the first Tour. This will be the only NOTICE TO YOU.

Samuel Klippa
Tour Coordinator

CLEVELAND CHAPTER

Hello Buddies:

Everything around here is so normal, operations, births, aches, and what have you.

The Chet Czech's daughter Donna was operated on, and feeling fine again. Their son Jimmy is going to present Chet and Emily with their 1st. Grandchild in October. Rollie Warner is plagued with a pinched nerve in the vertabrae and is limping like an old sore footed Dough Boy.

The Doc Keelers are in from Florida to make the Bus Trip to Philly with us. Julie Lanza is looking real good these days, and it makes us happy to see her so chipper. "Decoration Day" or "Memorial Day" as most of us care to call it, could have had a bigger attendance from our Chapter.



Kowalec, Uridel & Janie, Uher
Szubski and Lindsey

The thing that hurts most is, that some guys just don't give a damn, they'd rather play golf or fish or some other kiss my butt excuse than to pay their respects to those that didn't make it back. This was meant to be sarcastic and critical, and I hope it hits home. When a guy like Casey Kowalec, who just a couple of months before had Openheart Surgery can get out and participate, we all can. Casey said; he'd go as far as he could and if the good Lord lets him, he'll go all the way; that is "SPIRIT."

Alfred Uridel
Cn. Co. 329th. Inf.

"REUNION!"

Well that is just what it was, just like a family wedding. Everyone had a Ball, I know the Cleveland Chapter did from start to finish.

Man, did you ever see so much booze flowing? Philly sure went overboard, much beyond expectations. we must give the Philly gang and Lou Volpi, a lot of credit for one heck of a job. I must ask forgiveness of the Cleveland and Warren Chapter women, who had to listen to all the off color jokes that they had to listen to for eight (8) hours on the way there. Then more of the same all the way back home. I must confess that Yours Truly was the offensive one, but I did all this to make the long trip much more shorter.

I do know that Joe Lanza won't laugh again for some time, neither will Bertie Titus and Tessie Gautschi. These two Dears presented me with a card of Thanks(?) That meets with my approval. (More fuel for the fire)

This whole Trip was planned and taken care of by two hard working Members, Ted Szmanski and Casey Kowalec, so a tip of the hat to those two and also to the women that donated the goodies to go along with everything else.

Eleanor Szubski, as everyone probab-knowsby now, broke a bone in her foot to spoil her fun the last days of the Reunion, leave it to Eleanor.

The Cleveland Chapter CP was another blast, and to those of you that helped make it so successful, Thank You. All of you.

Before I forget, congradulations to the new slate of Officers for the new year, good luck and God Bless.

Alfred Uridel
Cn. Co. 329th. Inf.

LOOK AT YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD. IF YOU ARE NOT PAID UP FOR THE COMING YEAR, THIS WILL BE THE LAST "THUNDER-BOLT" YOU WILL RECEIVE. PAY UP NOW.

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

Hello Everybody:

Our Annual Spring Dance has once again come and gone, and is now a pleasant memory. It was held at the Alpine Club on May 11th, 1974 and I'm sure all the Pittsburgh Chapter wishes to Thank the Committee for a fine job. Enclosed are a few pictures of the group.

Our next event was our Annual Picnic held Sunday the 30th. of June at the Hassicks Ranchero. Adam and Mary do a real fine job for this event and anyone in our Chapter that miss out can only blame themselves.

Congratulations are in order for Joe DeLuca and his wife at becoming Grandparents May 1st., 1974. They are just beaming and this lucky girl will have the best Baby Sitters.

May 26th. was an exciting day at the Grubers. Als son Rickey tied the knot and Al invited the Pittsburgh Chapter to celebrate. We all had a wonderful time. The newly-weds are now living in Albany, New York. Best of luck.

Our sincere sympathy to Wm. Mattes (Cn. 330th. Inf.) and the family on the death of his mother. Also to Vic Premro on the death of his father.

So nice to see Hank and Elena Golembiewski just back from a beautiful Trip to Hawaii. They both looked just great at the Picnic. William Wallis and his wife were in Hawaii at the same time as the Golembiewski's but didn't know each other at the time because the friendship was new. Bill and Ann DeMarino were on a Carribean Cruise and are now planning for the wedding of their daughter some day next Spring.

At this time I think we all should sit down, this pertains to all the Chapter Members, and take a hard look at the wonderful job Sam Klippa has been doing in raising funds for our Memorial. Yes! I said our, For our Memorial. If it wasn't for men like him, our 83rd. would have been forgotten like so many others in the past have fallen. This can be something that will live forever. It is nice to know that after our generation is gone, there will still be something left in remembrance. Those who haven't, and can afford to give

it would certainly be appreciated. As this is a non profit making venture it is just money needed to get the Museum started. I'm sure that when it becomes a "Reality", it will be something to be proud of. If you are one of the less fortunate and you cannot afford to contribute, you are still one of us.

Thanks again Sam, for your thoughtful efforts. Sam did not have such a healthful Trip to Europe this time as he did in 1973. So sorry to hear that you got Ill and we are glad to see you looking better. Take care.

Our Plans are all made for this years Reunion and we are looking forward to seeing all of you soon in Philadelphia.

Edward J. Reuss
"I" 331st. Inf.

"REUNION"

After five days at Philadelphia, I guess everyone needed a rest. Many Thanks to the Philadelphia Chapter for a great time. Our special Thank You to the Committees who worked so long and so hard to have such a big turnout. We will certainly remember Lou and Lucy Volpi for the beautiful send-off with that wonderful String Band. God Bless you both.

It was so nice to see everyone again and our friends from Europe and the one and only Father McCartin who has spent so much time with us. They are special Memories.

Our very best wishes to Fred and our Louise Kaysen of Denver Colo. whose presence was really appreciated. Our Chapter has chosen them as Honorary Members in 1973 at the Chicago Reunion. So nice to see both of you come again. Hope you had a delightful and happy trip home. It's always a great pleasure to meet new people among the 83rd.

Edward J. Reuss
Staff Reporter
"I" 331st. Inf.

PITTSBURGH SPRING DANCE

PICTURES



HEAD TABLE:
Costanzo's, Grubers and Blasko's.



DeLuca's up front.
L.to R. sec. row. Mrs. Mattes,
Mrs. Altomari, Mrs. Hassick, Mrs.
Caruso.



Klippa's, Reuss's, Diethrichs.
Wilbur Wilson right front.



Down left side. DeLuca, Caruso,
Hassick, Danylo and Jacobs.



Premro's and Golembiewski's.
Hassicks and Altomari's in background.



Emil Becker, Mr. & Mrs. Marek.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

I was just selected as new Chapter Reporter and thought I'D better get on the ball and get some News in to you before the Deadline.

First, I'd like to go back to July Meeting held at Bob & Rita Taylors home on Barnes Lake At Columbiaville and those present were; Dorothy and Lee Hetrick, Bill and Virginia Palazzolo, their daughter, Hankie and Jack Daugherty, their daughter and friend, Loyal and Kate Pangle, Mario and Josey Muoio, Ed Zerucha and son Bruce and Jean Winchell and son with friend, and of course, our hosts Bob and Rita Taylor.

It was a beautiful day and we all had a wonderful time, boat riding, paddle boating and canoeing on the lake. We had a few drinks and lots of good food and good natured discussions as we always do when we get together. As the Reunion was brought up, we have learned that a good many of us will be going.

Rita had a superior meal, as usual, with something different, a sandwich loaf filled with corn beef, and egg salad and cheese, covered with cream cheese and the 83rd. Insignia - Delicious.! That was topped off with a relish tray and salad and a home-made pie, my favorite.

Well, here we are nearly back to normal after attending another very good Reunion in Philly. I'd like to express my Thanks on behalf of this Chapter and myself, for all the hard work the Philly Chapter put into the Reunion to make it the success it was and the Hawaiian Luau Night, this was really fun, and those two nice Hawaii girls really know how to Hula. There sure were a lot of pretty Muu Muus & colored shirts flitting around the dance floor.

Everybody had a good time the following night at the Square Dance and the Beer Party. Those dressup nights sure make up for a lot of enjoyment and to me they add something to the Reunion fun. The Daugherty's, Hetricks, the Pangles, Palazzolo's, Taylor's Banasiks and Winchells attended from the Michigan Chapter. I know we would all like to Thank Lou Volpi for the great

Entertainment the String Band gave us after our real good Banquet. It was beautiful. I've never been to a Reunion that I didn't have a real good time and this was no exception. None of us get much sleep, but we all can have a swell time always.

The Reunio was a little special to my wife Jean and I, and I'm sure to Bob and Rita Taylor also, because of the big turnout from Bus #3 of the Europe Trip. It was just wonderful getting together again with so many of them, since the friendship resulting from the trip are something that will stay with us the rest of our lives. We are really looking forward to seeing all of you that can make it in 75 at Myrtle Beach. It's a wonderful and enjoyable place, so lets show Dixie we appreciate their efforts, and turn out in force.

Jean and I were on Vacation with the family and missed the August Meeting at Jack and Hankie Daugherty's home and understood a lot of fun was had looking at Reunion Pictures and some of the cutting up that took place.

The Election of Officers for 1974 -75 took place at the meeting, and results were:

Pres. - Loyal Pangle
V. Pres. - Nick Barbu
Treas. - Jack Daugherty
Sect. - Lee Hetrick
Reporter - Bruce Winchell

The outgoing Officers deserve a vote of Thanks for a job well done. The new ones will be right in there pitching.

The Summer is nearly over and means, Vacations are over for most of us and back to normal, working day after day but we've sure got some nice memories of these Reunions, the Europe Trips, etc. More to look forward to in the future. We will sign off now, wishing the best to all of you.

Bruce Winchell
83rd. Signal Co.

BE SURE OF YOUR ROOM RESERVATIONS BY SENDING YOUR REQUESTS TO THE MYRTLE BEACH - LANDMARK HOTEL NOW. REMEMBER THAT THIS IS A RESORT TOWN AND YOU JUST MIGHT MISS OUT.

BOSTON CHAPTER

Hi Buddies:

I am very sorry I missed the last Issue of Thunderbolt. I had been in the V.A. Hospital and was quite sick for several months. However, I'm back in good shape and will bring you up to date in this Issue.

I attended the Reunion in Philly in August. The Philly Chapter went all out for us. A good time was had by all of us. Special Thanks to Bill Chavanne, Lou Volpi and so many more of our friends from the Philadelphia Chapter along with their wives who make this Chapter the great Chapter it is. So Thanks again to the Philadelphia Chapter for another perfect Reunion.

Rev. Francis McCartin, brother of Bill McCartin-330 Co."H", said Mass for us 83rders at the Reunion. This was an added convenience and made everything easier for us. Rev. McCartin is such a wonderful person and we from Boston are proud to say that he is from our Native State.

Now its the time to get back to News of Boston. During the Summer we had a few Meetings which I missed. But I made the last Meeting in August at Pat DiGiammerino's house. His wife Ginny, really put out the chow for us at the Meeting. Cliff Wooldridge kept us up to date on a few things we did not know about in the Business field and told us that Pat was going to run for the Executive Board at the Reunion in Philadelphia.

Pat was elected to a five year term at the Reunion. We from the Boston Chapter want to Thank Members of the 83rd for voting for Pat. Pat Has been a hard worker in the 83rd Association in the past. We are confident he will be the same in the five years ahead as a Member of the Executive Board. Good Luck Pat!

Also congradulations to Casey Kowalec on hi new office of assistant to Bishop John Piscitelli.

Lucien Elie's wife had a heart attack recently. It is good news to hear that she is recovering nicely. Lucien and his wife have given most of their lives helping people as well as being good 83rders. Ed St Lawrence tells me

that Lucien can do everything except cook!!

Recently, a Bridal Shower was had for Mary Lou Smith at the Beachmont V.F.W. in Revere, Massachusetts. Nick and Mary Francullo's son Nickie will be married to Mary Lou on October 6th. 1974.

At this time I met up with Jim Brennan, Mike Caprio, Jim Emanouil, Larry Arrigo and of course Nick Francullo. Pat Digiammerino was also there, but unfortunately his lovely wife, Ginny, was unable to attend.

A few days from now, September 14, my youngest daughter, Nancy Ellen, will be married to Alan Kear of Brookline. Her mother and I are quite busy getting ready for the big event.

This is all from Boston for now.

Amby Tynan
Hq. 323 F.A. Bn.

"REUNION"

Well gang time is around again after another nice get-together at the Reunion in Philadelphia.

Battery "C" had the best turn out with Tony Piantidose, Bill Doty, Dom Christopher, Joe Gioia, Maury Candido, Johnny Piscitelli. (That's all of the names I can remember.)

Hq. Battery had Bill Shaner, Eddie McCouch, Jim O'Connell, Al Shaefer of 323rd. Medical and myself, along with our wives.

Lois Shaner picked herself up a young teenager for a dancing partner. However, she had a hard time keeping up with the new dance steps. Ha! Ha!

Dallas Williams is now living in Portland, Oregon. He has writtent to me that Jack Knight and himself met out there after 29 years. Dallas is now in the used car business, and Jack Knight has his own business as Machinist. Both of them had quite a bit to talk about after being apart for the past 29 years.

Next year the Reunion will be in S.C.

BOSTON
"REUNION" Cont.

which should bring out John Turkett, Ken and Don Willis. It will be good to see these boys again after 10 yrs. Last time the Reunion was down South we had a wonderful time with these boys along with Willie Snodgrass and a few more. I hope it will be an even better Reunion in August of 1975.

The 323rd F.A. has three men holding National Office in the Association. (Pat Digiammerino, Bill Doty, & John Piscitelli.) So we have some good & active man this year.

That is all the news for now. If any of you have time, drop me a line.

Amby Tynan
Hq. 323 F.A. Bn.

Secretary-Treasurer Report

Hello Buddies:

Here we are again, settling down after another great Reunion, this year here in Philadelphia we had the finest Reunion that we have had for some time. The turnout was tremendous and in fact it was so great that we had to add an extra night to our Reunion, we had so many in on wednesday that we had to make arrangements to entertain the people on a Wednesday night which wasn't planned in those original Reunion plans.

I am sorry to say that I was a little disappointed with some of you this year, you let our President Lou Volpi down by not paying your Dues, as a result we fell short of our 1,000 paid up Members, we were short by a little over 200 Members.

At our Reunion this year, in the Election of Officers, for the first time in about eight years I had competition in running for Sec't. Treasurer, when it came to a vote, it was one hundred and ninety five members at the meeting, the vote came out one hundred for me and ninety five to the other candidate, so it was a close -- race.

This year the Executive Board voted

to take the "THUNDERBOLT" away from the Secretary-Treasurer and appointed Sam Klippa as the Editor, so that all News will now be sent to him and not me. I will still be collecting your Dues. Sam has pledged to drop all of you from the Mailing List if you are not paid up Members. If you wish to remain on the Mailing List, please do send in your Dues at once.

In behalf of Lou Volpi and myself, I wish to extend our Thanks to our Publicity Man, Jim Prentice for a good job well done. Jim worked hard trying to reach the News Medium all over the Country, this is a hard job, but Jim did it well.

Well Buddies, I guess that this will be all for the first Issue of the new year. Remember, if you are not a paid up Member, please send me your Dues at once.

Hoping that we can get back on the Ball and surpass that 1,000 Member mark once again. Hoping to see you all in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina next August.

Larry Redmond
"H" 330th. Inf.
Secretary-Treasurer

FROM AN INTERESTED
MEMBER

Dear Sir:

At several previous 83rd. Division Reunions, A Telegram was sent to our Presidents stating that our Association was also against granting Amnesty to American Draft Dodgers and Deserters. Therefore, I am strongly against any City in Canada as a possible site for a 1976 Reunion. Keep it in America, should Orlando be rejected later by our Executive Board. The 83rd Association should also remember there are still many (M.I.A'S.) in Indo - China.

I would also like to see an Item put in the next Issue of "Thunderbolt" on this important matter... No way would I consider attending a future Reunion

in Canada, and would press other 908 F.A. Members from going to a Country that protects these Draft Dodgers & Deserters.

Michael Brick
"A" 908 F.A. Bn.

Eds. Note:

Michael Brick enclosed a "Clipping", from U.P.I. with a V.F.W. rejection of Ted Kennedy's message asking them to have strength enough for leniency as President Ford suggested.

Attending another fabulous Reunion:

The Warren Bouchers, Westerly, R.I.
The Michael Bricks, Buffalo, N.Y.
The Howard Carlbloms, Stocton, Ca.
The John Clevengers, Penndel, Pa.
The George Hayes, Newcomerstown, Ohio
The Robert Hughes, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
The Frank Mangums, Modesto, Ca.
The Edward Marquards, Willoughby, O.
The Charles Morgasons, Waldron, Ind.

The carlbloms and Mangums travelled the farthest, two years in a row. At Myrtle Beach, they will be on top.

Michael Brick

Due to Business committments-unable to be in Philly, but with you in my mind, heart and spirit. Do the old Rebel a favor, give the wonderful people of the 83rd. all my very best, especially John Caruso, "Hap" Goldstein. See ya'll at Myrtle Beach 75, good Lord willing.

Joe Downey Jr.
"Hq." 330th. Inf.

Samuel Klippa
83rd. Inf. Div. Assoc. Inc.
Sheraton Hotel
18th. and JFK Blvd.
Philadelphia, Pa. 19103

Hello to all Members of Co. "D" 331st. Infantry and Bus #1. Words cannot Express our disappointment in not being able to physically take part in the 83rd. Reunion. However, we're reliving the E.T.O. Trip in spirit. Kindest regards and God Bless.

Gene and Janet Nolte

WARREN CHAPTER

Hi Everybody:

Well, I guess everyone is back in the old groove again. Getting up and going to work, cooking, cleaning, washing, etc. The weather here has been terrible! It rained for a week and now it is cold.

I am looking over the picyures I had snapped and recalling the events of the Reunion.

Dick and I flew into Philly and checked in around 11 AM on Wed. The Bus arrived with the Cleveland & Warren Chapters around 4 PM and then the fun started.

Refreshments and music made the Wed. evening get-together an enjoyable one. Each year the Wed. arrivals increase.

During the day you are busy looking for stores and eating places. The men have to find a place that sells carry-out beer and snacks for the room.

The Luau on Thursday evening was more than one expected. A beautiful fountain was the first thing you saw and beyond that was an enormous table with everything imaginable on it. Lucious, lucious food! Charlie Dee, and his Orchestra played and they were terrific. Then the Hula girls kept things going for quite a while. Our men can really shake it up. The Mu-Mus and shirts were beautiful and bright.

Friday night was the liveliest of them all. You took your pick between Round and Square Dancing. If you couldn't Square Dance, you enjoyed it every minute, anyhow. And everyone is dressed for the occasion. The ladies with their twirling skirts and men in their Western Garb, were a sight to see. They are asgood as any that I have seen on T.V.

All of a sudden it is Saturday and you wonder where the time has gone. The appointment with the hair-dresser is kept and you get out in time to grab a sandwich and go to Memorial Services.

The Services are beautiful but you

WARREN, CON'T.

leave with a bit of sadness in your heart.

Saturday evening is the one that really flits by. The Dinner is served on time and is delicious. The Speeches are short and then comes a SURPRISE. Lou & Lucy Volpi hired a String Band to play for us an hour. I haven't seen anything so beautiful. I hope all of your pictures turned out as good as mine. After this beautiful show, Charlie Dee played for dancing.

Each evening after the Ball-Room closed we went to the Cleveland-Warren Chapter Room for a snack and some refreshments. Each year bed-time comes earlier. I can remember when we stayed up half the night. But you have to be up early the next day.

Everyday there was something to keep you busy if you had no shopping to do. Flower arranging and Square Dance lessons and so on.

It was nice seeing and talking to all of our friends again and we hope to see you in Myrtle Beach. Ya'll come.

We would like to Thank the men and women of the Philadelphia Chapter for a grand and glorious Reunion.

Also, the best of luck to Dick Riddle during the coming year.

So Long for now.

Millie Kelly
214 Oregon NW
Warren, Ohio 44485



Warren Ladies Luau Night.



Refreshment Time.



Handsome String Band Leader



Dick Riddle.



"THUNDERBOLT" PRIDE

The complete 83rd Inf. Div. Artillery Bns. Dominic R. Christopher, left and Walter H. Sheffler, right of Latrobe, Penna. both of Btry c. 323 F.A. Both, pointing to their respective Bn. Both were wire men all throughout Europe and Walter is a Member of our Assoc.



"MESSAGE"

To "C" 330th. Inf.
James Schneider and Arthur Schneider (Col. Ret.) are looking for information concerning the death of their brother, S/Sgt. Charles W. Schneider' and any other information that you can possibly give them. These Gents have been in touch with me by phone and through the Mails, but I feel that you men who served in "C" 330th can serve them best if you fought on Normandy.

I sent them your addresses in the hope that you can satisfy them more than I can. Please don't let either of them down because they have had much difficulty in obtaining the kind of information they are seeking.

Why don't you sit right down now and start corresponding with them now. I believe you will really enjoy their comments and world of information of War books etc. Write to:

James E. Schneider
179 Webster Ave.
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11230

Ed.
James has subscribed to receive the "Thunderbolt" for his son, and has donated to the Museum Fund.

Dear Buddies:

WOW! What a Reunion we had this year. It was a real change of pace, (which, is what we are looking for) and I'm hoping that all future Reunions are just as enjoyable. Lou Volpi and his crew went all out on this one and I am sure all of us are more than just Thankful for the grand time that was had by all of us.

For many years I have asked to take the Editing job away from the Sec't. Treas. to relieve him of his duties of putting the "Thunderbolt" together but failed. My reason was to allow him more time for his regular duties and to work on the Membership Drive. During those years I was putting out letters by the thousands to bring in Members and it is this that produced our success in reaching the long sought after goal of 1,000 paid up Members.

Because my personal finances are too low to permit me to continue this drive, last year I stopped writting and feel that this is the biggest of reasons for the large drop in our Membership. Even though, many, many times the Association promised to repay me for the mailings, I got very little and more promises. It's impossible for me to continue paying this anymore and there has to be some other way to get the job done, or we'll lose more Members.

In Philadelphia, it was at the last minute, and from the urging of others, that I decided to run for the Office of Secretary - Treasurer. Had I decided sooner to run, with time to get the word out to the Members, the situation may have been reversed and would have surprised everyone. Anyway, the Election turned out just fine because it is my belief that there should be competition for all Offices in this fine Association of ours. It's getting to the point of where we need more interested and knowledgeable people to run for the Offices. My one wish is that some of those that gripe the most, should get in there and show what they can do instead of cutting down those that are working hard and putting in a lot of time and money. Get off of your Butt and act. Don't just gripe.

The Board finally got their way after many years and separated the Editing job from the Secretary Treasurer. The Editing duties were granted to me and I am sincere, when I say that everything in my power will be done to get the job done and the book out to you in three weeks at the most. There is much for me to learn, but the knowledge is coming fast with the help of people like Clifton Wooldridge of "C" 308 Eng. who has a Printing Business in Boston.

I flew to Boston on the fourth, this month (the day of the attempted Hijacking) and got myself a real education in the art of printing. For five hours, he showed me around all of his Presses and talked about the various methods they use in the business. The first issue we put out, may not be a perfect one, but they will improve, as we go along. You will enjoy them as much as you always have.

There is going to be a great saving I am sure, to the Association, and it's my belief that before long, we will be able to send all the "Thunderbolts" to you first class with very little or no cost to the Association. All of our figures are not in just yet, but we are working on them.

My Address File by States, has come a long way to date but is not complete and will be shortly, and ready when you care to get those addresses. The other file that is necessary, is the Zip Code file which will help to get the "Thunderbolts" out on time. As of this writting, I have not received a single name of those that registered at the Reunion in Philly and this will mean that some of the new registrants will get their first Issue late. It's my hope that the mailing list and all the new names during the year will be forwarded to me on time.

This job is going to consume a lot of my time in the beginning, until some sort of set-up is arranged, but then it should be clear sailing. My first mailing will have mailing labels for addresses, but after that, I'll speed up with the use of an Address-o-graph that Cliff Wooldridge is sending from Boston. My Stencils will also be made

by Cliff. This will help to get these "Thunderbolts" out to you much speedier.

I must ask for some cooperation on the part of our Reporters and the individuals that write, to please type everything with double spaces or atleast make your writing a bit more legible. The double spacing will enable me to do the Editing properly with the least amount of trouble. All pictures are preferred in "Black and White" because they will appear much clearer when re-copied. Color Photos tend to be dull or blurred. Smallest shots are best because they don't always have to be shrunk to size.

While in Boston, Cliff and I went to see our new Board Member, Pat DiGiammerino and caught him asleep on the couch. His lovely wife Ginny greeted us at the door and we had quite a chat before my departure for the Air Port and home. Ginny is a real good cook because the Spagetti and meat balls were delicious. Many Thanks to Pat and Ginny for their Hospitality. Thanks also to Cliff for driving me all over the place, for the education and donations to the Association.

Now to other business. Orlando in Florida was your selection for the 1976 Reunion and I have been trying to get the arrangements made as fast as possible for the Board Members to get down there to set up the Package. All these things take much more time than I had figured, but finally the word got here today and soon Casey Szubski, myself, and Bill Doty will spend a couple of days down there and return with a real Package that will satisfy everyone. It is Disney World that should be the big lure in getting more of the 83rd down there in 1976.

As far as all the other Cities, who sent in their Invitations to Host our Reunions, the only thing left for me to do now is answer their requests to let them know of our decision for the next three years.

The Museum Fund has gone over the top at the Philadelphia Reunion, and the response to my plea for funds was a very enjoyable success. Even so, I am still writing to all the new Members

coming in, for more donations so that the Association will be repaid on the cost of Printing and Mailing. If you have not made a contribution, you can still do so and get your name placed in the Museum Book along with everyone else.

As soon as this is done, a Check for the full amount of our Pledge can be sent to the proper Authority or Yours Truly will deliver it in person. The Donors responsible for making this task a success, I'm proud of you and I'm sure you'll never regret being a part of the first real Infantry Museum in our History. Thanks again.

ETO Tour #2 for the 83rd. is now in the planning stage for 1976 and the response to it has been amazing. When announced in Philly that there would be two Bus loads, I was swamped with people wanting to get on the 1st list before it was filled. My 2 Buses were filled the night of the Banquet. Have no fears though, because there will be a second section. With two Buses per group, problems are minimal and our chances for better rooms at the Hotels are greater. There will also be some new Hotels open to us. Everything is just tentative for now and there is much time left to get all of your ideas together and then get the arrangements made.

Questionnaires are being sent out 1st. to those that made the first of our Tours, then to those that had good reason to cancell, and the one and only Message for the others will be this Notice in the "Thunderbolt." If you hesitate too long, you will lose out. Get your message to me now and be placed on the mailing list. As the news comes in concerning this second Tour, you will be notified.

As for any News items on our "History" you'll have to wait until the next Issue because there just wasn't time to meet the first Deadline. To all of you that brought those items of great Historical value to the Reunion, many Thanks, I sure appreciate it. It was a terrific response to my plea for enough things to make up a Display. I will be getting on with the Display, very shortly. Again, this proves that if you beg long enough and try enough

Everyone will come through for you.

Before closing, it is only proper to Thank Lou Volpi, Bill Chavanne, those Philadelphia women and all the Philly Members that worked so hard to give us such a grand Reunion. You guys can be proud of yourselves even though you may be tired as heck now that it is all over.

Samuel Klippa, Editor
"D" Co. 331st. Inf.

"LATE NEWS"

In the previous Issue of "THUNDERBOLT" I missed placing Ray Kotarski on the list of donors to the Museum Fund. It was my error, Ray. I'm sorry.

Somebody in Philadelphia handed me a list of 908 F.A. addresses and said they were the latest. Not so. I had quite a few of the letters returned, and if the party that gave me the new listings would contact me, I'll bring you up to date.

Joseph Tatala of "C" 329th. Inf. has just learned that there is an 83rd. Infantry association. He ran into one of the Pittsburgh Members at a affair one night, got to talking about their Army life, and we got ourselves a new Member in the Pittsburgh Chapter. It is awful hard to believe that after a Advertising Campaign such as we have been putting on, that anyone at all would miss the news.

Al Suess ("G" 331st. Inf." and his wife celebrated their 25th. Anniversary lately and we hope their next 25 are Happy and Healthy ones. Wedding Bells rang for their daughter Judy on July 13th. Congratulations, Judy.

RIGHT NOW, WHILE IT IS STILL FRESH IN YOUR MIND, WHY DON'T YOU SIT DOWN TO FILL OUT THE MEMBERSHIP FORM AND BE SURE THAT YOU WILL BE ON THE ASSOCIATION MAILING LIST TO RECEIVE YOUR "THUNDERBOLTS. DON'T COMPLAIN IF YOUR NAME IS REMOVED. THIS IS ACCORDING TO A RULING OF YEARS AGO AND IS STARTING TO BE ENFORCED NOW.

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Lt. Patrick Murphy - "B" 331

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J. Robert Helms - 1 Bn. Hq. 331
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Edward Marquard - "A" 908 F.A.
Andrew W. McKenna - "M" 330
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Louie W. Tidd - "C" 308 Eng.
Alden W. Whitmore - "L" 331

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August Farias - "H" 329
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Joseph Gallanty - "M" 329
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Robert E. Gottwalt - "A" 308 Eng.
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 R.C. Hamilton - "D" 331
 Paul Hancher - "C" 308 Eng.
 William Herhuth - Hq. 324 F.A.
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LATEST ONES

Jos. Koharcheck - 908 F.A. \$25.00
 Melvin J. Klancer - "C" 331 10.00
 Melvin Ingram - Serv. 908 F.A. 5.00

The previous "THUNDERBOLT" carried a Total of \$4,451.70. The Total with the above Donors is \$800.00, making a grand Total of \$5,251.70. As you know, the cost to the Association was \$409.90, minus the \$251.70 and this means that now the cost to our Association is only \$158.20.

Again, THANKS A MILLION to each and everyone of you. To those of you at the Reunion that swarmed me at the desk with your Donations, a SPECIAL THANK YOU. I'm damned proud of all of you.

PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

Home once again from a terrific Reunion in Philadelphia. Our heart - felt Thanks to Lou Volpi and his staff for such a good job. When you realize the long hours of hard work and dedication to put on a Reunion it makes you proud to be associated with such fine people.

I also want to say a very humble Thank You for the faith and trust you have shown me by giving me the high honor of serving as President. Though I am not worthy, but will try to do my best. With the help of our Lord and Savior and every Member of our great 83rd. this will be a good year.

Let's all get behind the Membership. We want every man who served in the 83rd. to be an Active Member. If for some reason a friend can't meet the Membership Dues, let's dig into our pockets, and help out and let that Buddy know that we care and want to keep him as a part of our Association.

Our Dixie Chapter will have our next Meeting in Winston-Salem, N.C. on the 21st. of September. We want more of a group of North Carolina men in with the Dixie Chapter. We are getting the 75 Reunion in order. We will have more about that later. Our main concern is to get your Reservations in as early as possible. That is, Landmark Motor Inn - 1501 South Ocean Blvd. - Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29577. Phone #803-448-9441 Mr. Al Cooper is the Sales Manager.

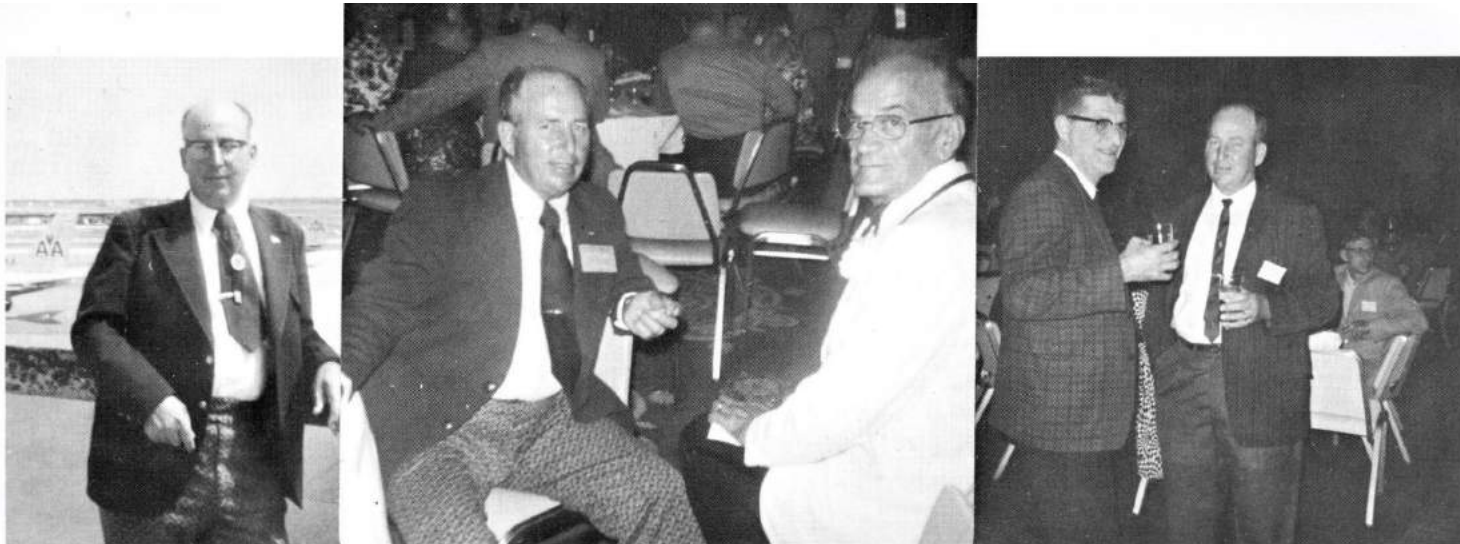
Sorry we do not have the Reservation - Cards for this Issue but the Landmark could not provide them. Remember you can always cancel if you cannot come. First come - first served. With all of our heart, full of love for everyone. I ask your support and Prayers.

Dick Riddle, Pres.
 3 Bn. Hq. 329

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Dick Riddle

Dick Riddle & Sam Klippa

Joe Minotti and Dick

I regret that I had already made my Contribution to the Infantry Museum Association, before you started your drive. However, in thinking about, your project and what it represents in terms of enhancing the image and Memory of the Infantryman, I am enclosing this check. I am doing this specifically in Honor of two great Soldiers who were killed nearer the end of World War II.

1. Capt. Daniel M. Moore, Co. "B" 331st. Infantry.

2. Lt. Patrick Murphy - Plat. Ldr. Co. "B" 331st. Infantry.

Maybe others would like to contribute in Honor of a lost comrade - in -arms.

Lest we forget
Bob York

P.S. Congradulations on a wonderful job.

John Clevenger just reached me with his letter as I was ready to close up this Issue and wanted it printed for his Comrades to see. He listed their names, those of the 908 F.A. Bn. that were in attendance at the Reunion.

Someone beat you to it John and there were others with the same idea.

John donated \$5.00 to the Fund which

is not listed with my tally. Thanks a million John.

Those of you that were on the E.T.O. Tour and "D" Co. 331st. Inf. should remember the Gene Nolte's of Columbus Ohio. Their Wire-Gram is printed here in this Issue stating how much they regretted not being able to visit the gang at the Reunion.

Both of them are having more than a share of health problems since their return from Europe. I'm sure they are anxious to hear from you, about your re-hashing of the ETO Tour and about the Reunion. Why not drop them a line or two. I'm positive they will appreciate it.

ED.

Now is the time to look at the date on your Membership Card and see whether you are a Paid-up Member for the coming year. News of Myrtle Beach and Orland (Disney World Country) will be reaching only the PAID-UP MEMBERS.

Don't put it aside and say that you'll do it tomorrow. Tomorrow is never. DO IT NOW!

Dear Sam:

Just a quick note for the next "Thunderbolt", If possible. I know you'll be loaded. Under "Sidelights", would like to mention that ETO Bus #4 did have 29 Members at a special Reunion in the Wine Cellar in Philly and Father McCartin made a special trip to be there. A great time was had and the meet will be repeated at Myrtle Beach next year. Meantime, Members will be getting a special "Fun Bus" Bulletin in the near future with news and the questionnaire in it.

Secondly, when I returned home, there were two letters waiting for me. One, a retired Colonel looking for someone who might have known his brother who was KIA in Normandy and the other was from a man who was looking for some Buddies. I sent him an app.

Col. Arthur G. Schneider - 526 16th. St. - Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215 would like to know if anyone knew or knew of his brother, S/Sgt. Charles W. Schneider, Co. "C" 330th. Inf., KIA 7-27-44 near Remilly Sur Luzan in Normandy. Please drop him a line.

Milton Lovejoy - Box 63, Rte. #1 - in Cleveland, Tenn. 37311 - would like to hear from a Major White, a Joseph Ater, Joe Sontag, Andrew Torich and a Corporal McFarland from the 3rd. Batt. 329th. Inf. He has an Application, I sent him.

Don't forget -- when you get time, I'd like to know if any of the SPEARHEADS from the middle of November, 1944 - on mentioned the Battle of Stromberg Hill and Co. "A" 330th.

Thank You.

John M. Folsom
Box 241
Columbia, Mo. 65201

Is there anyone among you that which might be able to help John with some information about Stromberg Hill? As of this writing, I have not been able to locate the "Spearhead" any of the news he wants.

ED.

Russell E. Davy - "C" 908 F.A. Bn. has sent me the "Program" of our Seventh Annual Reunion in Cleveland, O. which was held on the 20, 21 and 21st. days of August. That sure brought back all those Memories of a wonderful Reunion that I shall never forget.

Russell gave me a Highway Sign given to him, designating Hwy. 21 to the 83rd. Inf. Div. I had heard of such a Highway but never knew which one was really it. This sign will be one of the valuable articles, which will be displayed at our Reunions someday.

Thank You Russell.

Casey Szubski writes to Thank everyone for the many expressions of Sympathy, for Eleanores misfortune at this years Reunion. Eleanore now knows just what Ginny DiGiammerino went through at the last Philly Reunion when she broke her hip. The City of Brotherly Love is not too friendly to the Members of this Association.

Casey feels that all our Meetings in Philly were meaningful and says that the Board will continue to work hard.

He is anxious to get down to Florida with Bill Doty and myself, to set up what we think is going to be one very best Reunions of them all, when you consider the "Change of Pace" we are looking for. It was suggested to have the Board meet in Orlando just before the Meeting in Myrtle Beach. Give this some thought.

Casey Szubski
"C" 322 F.A.

EXPLANATION
OF

BOARD DECISION

There has been more than one Candidate suggested and considered to the Board, and in view of this fact, the Board recommends to the body, that Nominations should come from the floor. Board could not decide.

This should explain to those of you that said the Board HAS TO nominate someone.

HISTORIAN'S CORNER

We, my wife, daughter and I, as usual, enjoyed our Reunion time in Philly. It was a great get-to-gether. May we all live to have atleast fifty more in Health and Happiness.

A personal Welcome to all my Fellow M.P.'s from the 83rd. Div. Corps. of the Military Police. There were fifteen of us represented this year. We should all get together again next at Myrtle Beach in 1975. I had forgotten most of you as it has been a good 29 years since I last saw many of you. I hope we will renew old-friendships as we meet again.

John Tajo and Tom Dailey, the two of you sure brought back some crazy and hilarious memories. "Leavenworth Here We Come". No one could ever compare to the M.P.'s as "Liberators." You both haven't changed-a-bit---don't.

I mentioned in my last report I would write of General Patton's meeting and me, in this Issue but because of the Photograph of Ralph Neppel, CMH- with President Truman in the August Issue, of the "Thunderbolt"; I am enclosing, the Newspaper report of the Action--that earned him the Congressional Medal of Honor.

I'm sure many of you have never seen or read the Report or account of his Action.

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83RD. SERGEANT BEATS OFF
2 TANKS IN BLOODY BATTLE

By Wes Gallagher
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WITH 83RD. INF. DIV. Despite critical wounds from a German which killed or wounded every man in his squad, Sgt. Ralph G. Neppel, 21, of Glidden, Iowa, Single-handedly beat off an attack by two 40-ton German tanks supported by 20 Infantrymen.

When the lead tank was only ten yards

away Neppel-his right foot blown off, his left leg broken and his head Wounded-crawled to his machine gun and opened up on the German Infantrymen, following the tank. The enemy Soldiers were dispersed and the tanks withdrew.

The action took place when Neppel's - battalion of the 83rd. Div.'s 329th. Inf. was given the job of clearing the Village of Birgel, Germany. Roads in the village were so heavily mined the supporting tank destroyers and anti-tank guns could not move up at once. Squads were sent out with small arms to defend the two main streets of the town from counter-attack.

Neppel and his squad set up their machine-gun at the corner of a building and an attack developed at once, with two of eight German tanks trying to force the position. The first tank of the two was supported by 20 Infantrymen. The second tank stood back covering the first.

From a distance of 30 yards the lead tank fired, making a direct hit on Neppel's position. All the men in the squad were killed or wounded & Neppel himself was seriously wounded.

It was then that Neppel dragged himself back to his machine gun and beat off the attack.

Cpl. Robert L. Gissler, platoon runner from Alton, Ill., was trapped in the second story of a house down the street from the attack and saw it all. "The Germans went every way-mostly down-and in a few seconds they had gone," Gissler said. "The tank losing its supporting Infantry, withdrew and the attack ended.

Medics carried still conscious Neppel into a nearby house, but he could not be evacuated until the next morning. He had a chance to be evacuated that night but refused, insisting that the litter-bearers take care of a wounded sergeant in his company first.

Neppel is now recovering in England.

DEATHS

Dear Sam Klippa:

Just a short note to let you know that Pete Cannoni, my husband, passed away on the 28th. of August, 1974 and it came as a great shock to me because he was never sick before. He was just sick the past three months.

Mrs. Pete Cannoni

Pete was a Member of "D" Co. 331 Inf and my only regret is that we didn't see enough of each other. He attended some of our Reunions but none for several of the past years. Pete will be missed by all of us and on behalf of all the Members of "D" Co. and of the Association, I send our sympathy to his wife.

ED.

Sam Klippa

In my correspondence for the Museum Fund, the ETO Tour and through the regular mailings, I get News that we would never find out otherwise.

This is how the death of another of our Buddies was brought to my attention. Joseph Eberle Jr. 2 Bn. Hq. of the 329th. Inf. died Sept. 4, 1974. He resided in Rye Beach, N.H. It is with deep regret that we pass along our sympathies to Mrs. Eberle.

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All those of you in "D" Co. 331 are urged to make these changes on your, Rosters, to keep them up-dated. Will all of you others remember to send, any and all changes to me. It would help to get your "THUNDERBOLTS" out on time.

NOTICE

If you send in your Donation to the Museum Fund with your Dues to Larry Redmond, there is surely going to be some delay getting to me and for that reason, your name may not be in this Issue of "Thunderbolt." Please send a NOTE to me if you have already done this.

ED.

Sam Klippa

Did you hear the one about the Polish Race Car Driver that made eleven pit stops, one for gasoline and ten for directions?

The janitor reported 10 minutes late for work and the Manager asked: what did they do in the Army when you were 10 minutes late in the morning? "Everytime I came in late, they would all stand up and say, "Good morning Colonel !"

There was an Army Doctor stationed in the South Pacific in a remote dispensary. He radioed to the base hospital that: "We have a case of beriberi and want to know what we should do about it." A prankster got hold of the note and replied that "It should be given to the Marines because they'll drink anything."

A little boy was lost and a lady who saw him, asked "Why didn't you hang on to your mothers skirt?" The boy replied that he would, if he could have reached that high.

When a woman driver gets lost, she's stupid. When a man driver does it, he is taking the scenic route.

The sexes will never be equal, so the men might just as well become resigned to it.

Never judge a girl by her appearance. The dumb blond in your office may be a smart brunette.

Poise is the ability to talk easily while the other fellow is paying the check.



"We have an incentive plan where I work too— anyone who meets his quota gets to keep his job!"



"This promotion won't mean any more money, but I am going to give you first crack at the stenographer's pool."



"You'll find my company trustworthy, loyal, cheerful, friendly, courteous, kind . . ."



"Not the business . . . just ME!"



"The boss is okay now, but ten years ago he used to get in my hair."

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