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### THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

The New Year is already here and it hardly seems possible that in only a few more months it will be Reunion time. Bues are due for this year and should be sent as soon as possible. Where can you get so much for \$6.00; Membership in an Association of the greatest group of people ever and the Thunderbolt four times a year. Although the Membership of all is of prime importance, good solid financial stability is of equal importance and this is where your Dues become so necessary. Get your Dues in at once and let's equal, and perhaps even surpass last years banner year.

My apologies to the Dixie Chapter and Dick Riddle for not being able to attend their Christmas Party in Gatlinburg, TN on December 4th, but last minute weather conditions deemed it feasable that I remain at home. However, please accept my Thanks for your gracious Invitation. We were more fortunate in regard to the Pittsburgh Chapter Christmas Party held on December 4th. Olga and John Teringo, Angie and Joe Philapone, and my wife Liz and I were able to attend and be the recipients of the hospitality of the Pittsburgh Chapter which no words can adequately describe. For a truly great time we offer you all a great big and humble Thank You from all of us.

The plans and preparations for the 1977 Reunion in Warren, Ohio are advanced as far as they possibly can be at this early date. Ray Voracek and Lee Titus our Reunion Chairmen are just doing a fantastic job of organizing this Reunion and enough just can't be said of the two great guys. Hosting one of our Reunions in a small 'CITY' such as Warren where it just isn't possible to hold all of the gatherings under one roof presents many unique and unusual problems, however, Ray and Lee are meeting these problems head on and we feel sure will solve them to the satisfaction of all. The cooperation and enthusiasm of the Members of the Warren Chapter under the Chapter President, John Caparanis, is only indicative of their desire and determination to present a great Reunion to the Members of the 83rd. Infantry Bivision Association come August. Hopefully a Meeting of the Executive Board will be held in May when these plans will be presented for approval.

Many of you, I am sure, have been reading and hearing via the news media of President Carters intention of pardoning the Draft Dodgers, Deserters and others of the recent conflict (Vietnam) in Asia. It was indicated at the Business Meeting of several of our past Reunions, including the Florida Reunion that our Members are totally opposed to any such action. I took it upon myself as your Association President to voice the opposition of the 83rd Infantry Division Association to his intended action in the matter with a letter to him on November 29,

1976. To date I have not received any reply. I trust my action in this matter meets with your approval.

This concludes all that I have to say at this time from this corner. I want to wish each and all of you a Very Happy ew Year and hope you are making plans to come to Warren, OH in August. Please feel free to write to me in regard to anything you may have in regard to this Association.

Respectfully Submitted Michael Skovran, Pres. 83rd. Inf. Div. Assoc.

# PROGRAM BOOK DIRECTOR

Hi Buddies:

As you know the Warren Chapter is holding the Annual Reunion in Warren, Ohio for the year 1977, the Midwest of America, and we hope to have one of the best ever.

I have been designated to be the Program Book Director along with Carl Petronelli. As you all know in the past prior to each Reunion, all the Chapters have been solicited for their support, and this has been more or less S.O.P. (Standard Operation Procedure.)

The following rates have been determined:

FULL PAGE\$50.00	EIGHTH PAGE			
HALF PAGE\$25.00	PATRON AD\$5.00			
QUARTER PAGE\$12.50	B00STER ZD\$2.00			

No matter how many names a Chapter sends as Boosters, they will be \$2.00 each, even if there are more than 25 on the page. Chapters only get a Quarter Page for \$50.00.

Let's all get behind this Program and send in your Checks made out to: 83rd. Inf. Div. Reunion, Warren Chapter, and send to me at the following address: John Caparanis - 1611 Estabrook NW - Warren Ohio 44485..

Hoping and knowing that I will get full cooperation in the above, and Thanking you in advance, I remain:

> Yours in Comradeship John Caparanis Co. 'B' 331st. Inf.

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO SEND IN YOUR ADS
Send them in now and help to avoid the rush.

# REMEMBER THE REUNION DATES

AUGUST 18, 19, and 20, 1977

Now is the time to send in your reservations because you can always cancel should something come upat the last minute.

THOSE WHO WAIT TOO LONG, ARE LOST.

# PITTSBURGH CHAPTER REPORT

Sorry I didn't submit a Report for the last Issue. Our trip to Florida was cancelled, but I do wish to extend our sympathy from the Pittsburgh Chapter to Lola Keeler and family on her recent loss. I can still remember Doc in Europe and know he will be missed by all.

As another year comes to an end, we wish to extend all, A Healthy and Prosperous New Year from the Pittsburgh Chapter.

Our Christmas Party was held at the Carrick Eagles Club and the Committee did an excellent job for which we Thank all of them as the turnout was great. We sang 'Happy Birthday' to Steve Blasko at this party, but the surprise of the evening was our new 83rd. President, Mike Skovran and his wife Liz. We were so glad to Welcome them along with a few Warren Chapter Members. Our very best wishes to Mike and we are looking forward to the Reunion at Warren this year. I was very happy to have both of my sons Eddie and Larry and their girls at the party. They enjoyed seeing everyone. Our Eddie, Jr.. is engaged to Celia Kernick. They are planning to be married on June 10 of this year.

Our Thanks to all who wrapped the Christmas Presents this year. The Ladies received a Cookie Press and the men received a beer Tankard, which I'm sure will be put to good use.

At this time we wish to Thank the outgoing Officers for a job well done the past two years. The succeeding Officers are: Charles Caven -President, George Komlos, Vice President - Treasurer, Adam Hassick - Secretary, Steve Blasko - Sgt. at Arms Al Suess and the Auditors are Bill DeMarino and Wilbur Campbell with Greer Thompson the Reporter.

So sorry to hear about Frances Klippa's broken leg. Heard it was a bad break too. We missed her at the Christmas Party also. Sam stopped in late in the evening for a short visit and said it would be some time before she will be up and jumping again. Since then, we have learned that Sam was back in the Hospital again, this time for a Blood Clot in the Lung. It never rains, just pours. Here's hoping all their troubles will end in 1976 and the Klippa family will have a good 1977.

Missed seeing Hank and Elena Golembiewski at the Party. Hank is home from the Hospital after a Gall Bladder Operation and complications after surgery. Hope he is feeling just great these days.

Sue and Larry Leonardi brought their Relatives from Chicago to our Christmas Party. Hope they enjoyed it. At this writing Sue and Larry should be at the Sugar Bowl enjoying themselves.

So nice to see Millie Gruber at the Party. She is doing just fine and tells us that Karen will be graduating from Pharmacy School in May. It's been a long struggle but well worth it. Rick and his family

are also living back in Pittsburgh again.

I understand Bill Mattes and his wife are now expecting another grandchild this year.

Fran and Smokey Alicandri both looked great after their trip to Italy. They really enjoyed themselves over there.

Marge and Vic Premro had a long vacation, two weeks in California and then to Seattle. What a treat to see their grandson for the first time.

Sorry to hear that Joe Banylo is out of a job. Louise s dad suffered a heart attack on October 23rd and Louise said she couldn't do without her daughter Joyce who helps with grandpap. We understand she is an excellent Nurse at an early age. How's that for a devoted grand-daughter. Also, son Joey is to be congradulated, their football team won a trophy. Joey was quite disappointed when he could not play the last game after playing in everyone. Keep up the good work, Joey.

This will be my last Report. Keep the news coming. Will look forward to seeing all of you at our Spring Bance and the rest of you at the Reunion in Warren, Ohio.

Ed Reuss Co. 'I' 329th. Inf.

### CLEVELAND CHAPTER

Hello Buddies:

The Cleveland Chapter is rounding out the old year in pretty fine shape. We are growing old slow but sure, but we aren't slowing up very much.

Some more grand-children were presented. The Chester Czech's had two more. Son Jim and daughter Benise did the honors. Just received word of another, Patty wasn't about to be left out - that makes four for the Czech's.

We Welcomed aboard a new Member, Henry Giersz of 'H' 331st. Inf. and his wife Phylis. Hank took to our group like a duck to water.

The Cleveland Chapter will miss the Keelers. We hope that Lola stays in our group as we all like her and want her to stay on as a Member of our Chapter.

Bob Uher is looking like a Swizzle Stick with side burns these days and feeling real fine. Casey Kowalec is coming along in fine style. Haven't heard much about Mike Bemko. Nobody volunteered any of the information about him, so I can't pass any on.

Our next Meeting is at Don Clark's home. It was to be at the Godfathers, but Don insisted, so we had it there and Don and Betty surprised us by announcing a 35th. Wedding Anniversary. We had a grand time there, plenty of everything. Don and Betty made sure of that.

Our November Meeting was at Meczka's home and, Walt and Mary took real good care of us as is their custom, plenty of booze and vittles. Sam, for once, I can't complain about the T'bolt not being received by all the Members of the Chapter. Everyone received theirs, so the mail must be finally straightening itself out. My old Buddy Joe Kara is happy about receiving his, so now I won't have to inquire about the wayward Issues. Thanks very much.

Our Christmas Party and 'Spirits Raffle' was a real winner. The Raffle proved to be a smashing success financially, Thanks to the guys that sold the tickets. We have quite a few that are able to push their tickets at work. These guys really go all out and sell. The Christmas Party was also a big hit with pork, sour kraut and dumplings. Also Chicken for those unable to eat pork. Back to the Raffle. I must not forget to throw a bouquet of roses Walt Meczka's way, he did his usual fantastic job ofseeing that everyone had tickets to sell, no one was overlooked.

Our deepest sympathies to Millie Warner. She lost her dad on December 22nd. The poor guy lingered for over a year and finally passed away, a bad time for the family but the good Lord beckons and we must depart from this world.

Guess that's about all the news from Cleveland. Hoping everyone had a pleasant Holiday Season and that the good Lord watches over all of you for the year 1977 and thereafter.

A little humor that I just couldn't resist:

'The ship was sinking and the Captain called out 'Anyone know how to Pray?' One man proudly stepped up and said, 'I do Sir.' The Captain said, 'Good, you Pray and the rest of us will don Life Jackets; we're one short.'

So, until the next Report, to all of you, Good Luck and God Bless.

Al Uridel Cn. Co. 329th. Inf.

## PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER NEWS

The Philadelphia Chapter started off another great fiscal year 1976-'77 with our Annual Banquet at the Defense Supply Depot here in Philly, priday November 5,1976. Al Belvedere of 'K' 331st., deserves credo's for a job well done. Ai's already making the arrangements for next year's Banquet.

Our new Officers, and phone numbers, in case anyone's in Philly or in any emergency, call any of the following men:

President - Bill Chavanne.	215-RA8-6040
V. President - Manny Lima	
Secretary - Larry Redmond	215-Н16-2334
Treasurer - Joe Gioia	215-CL9-8021
Chaplain - John Piscitelli	215; DE4-3031
Sgt. at Arms - Louis Volpi	215-TE9-4163
We of the Philadelphia Chapter	Thank all our

Guests that came in from out of town. The Prentice's, Tynans, Shanners, McCouches, Jim Bowies, Bielens, Wehlings, Mutinanni's, Zorio's. We Thank all other 83rd. men and friends too numerous to write in our Article.

Any one of our Buddies and wives visiting our area, our Meetings are the third Saturday of each month, Knights of Columbus Home #9 St. Asaph's, Bala Cynwyd, PA. Contact any of our Officers for information. As of now, preparing for the Christmas Parties, we wish one and all A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

John Piscitelli 'C' 323 E.A. Bn.

# CHAPLAINS STEEPLE

The past few weeks, some of our Chapter Members lost loved ones.Our Buddy, Lou Volpi's father passed on after a long illness.Also Bea Chavanne, wife of Bill, lost her brother. We also received word that Dave Rosenberg lost his father. Then I received word from Bookie Mendelsohn that his brother died. Our prayers go out to all of them along with our sincere Condolences to their families.

Our good ladies were ill for awhile. Happy to see them getting along once more. Namely: Mary McGrogan and Martha Appleby.

Again we ask that everyone that served with Ed J. Harmer - Co. 'B' 331st Inf. : 1019 Church Lane-Yeadon, PA, that remembers his Jeep hitting a Land mine, and causing head injury, please contact him, he needs your help. Also write letter of Affidavit stating injury and witness.

John Piscitelli 'C' 323 F.A. Bn.

O'Lord, welcome into your presense all our Comrades, and friends that you have called from this life. Release them from all sins - Bless them with Eternal Light and Peace.

We ask this, through Christ our Lord - Amen.

Enclosed you will find a few snapshots I thought you would like to have for the Thunderbolt. Emmanuel and I attended the Thirtieth Annual Reunion held in Orlando, Florida. This was our first Reunion but not our last. My husband is an Original of 'K' 331st. May I also say that the men and women are a great bunch of people.

Mrs. Emmanuel Lima

We appreciate the comment above from Mrs. Lima and I'm sure everyone is happy to know they enjoyed, their first Reunion. Her photos are on the next page.

# Dixie Chapter

Emmanuel Lima and Al Belvedere



Mr. & Mrs. Lima and Mr. & Mrs. Belvedere



Joe Gioia, Emmanuel Lima, Jim Burton, Al Belvedere and Lou Volpi.

Dear Buddies:

The Dixie Chapter Meeting was held at the Holiday Inn in Charlotte, NC. Arrangements for the Meeting were made by Al Starling of Charlotte. After a full meal at 8 o'clock, we had a Business Meeting at which we aquired two new Members; Max Bowman and Carmi Lockhart. Max and wife and Carmi were there for their first Meeting.

Bick Riddle welcomed the new Members and gave a Report on the Orlando Reunion. Total Members present for this Meeting were 49.

We were saddened to hear of the death of one of our Members, George Walchalk. We voted Mrs. Walchalk as Honorary Lifetime Member of the Dixie Chapter. We pray the Lords Blessings with her always. Our deepest sympathies to her.

Since our last Meeting, we had a Member to enter the Hospital. Ed Thomas of Roanoke, VA was hospitalized with chest pains. We are all pulling for you Ed to be on the GO again soon. We are also hoping that Ralph Moore will be with us again soon.

Our Christmas Party Meeting was held Becember the 4th. at the Riverside Motor Lodge in Gatlinburg, TN. Carroll and Ruby Brown from Sweetwater, TN and Jake and Billie Glenn from Knoxville, TN and their families went far beyond the line of duty as Hosts in true 83rd. fashion to give our very large attendance of 89 present a most heart-warming Yuletide Party that we shall remember for years to come. We had twelve States represented and Larry Redmond said 'That is a representation of about 1/4th. of the States.' We were so glad to have Larry and Mary and Sam Klippa with us. We are in contact with H.E.W. and the Justice Department for their adoption into the Dixie Chapter. So:Sam, Larry and Mary, during the interim, just keep coming back.

Our Invocation was given by Meadows Minick. Prior to the meal a 'Solo', Silent Night was given by Jackie Riddle. Dick Riddle welcomed Sam Klippa and Larry and Mary Redmond.

After the Secretary-Treasurer Report by Bill Laughter, Jake Glenn introduced new Members just as follows: Frank Carmichael of 'H' 329 and his wife of Clinton, TN. Raymond Carr of Balton, GA. Bill and Kathleen Greenway of Greenville, Tn. James and Ethel Johnson of Rutherfordton, NC. G.R. Whitaker and wife of Powell, TN. Chester Gray. Charles and Leota Balmer of Defiance, OH. Andy and Helen McKenna of Macon, GA. Kermit and Maxine Hargis of Bowling Green, KY. Wallace and Frances Roberts of Owensboro, KY. Frank and Florine Jackson of Oliver Springs, TN. Tom and Ethel Rothchild of Evansville, IN. Arthur Wall with daughter and son-in-law of Canton, NC.

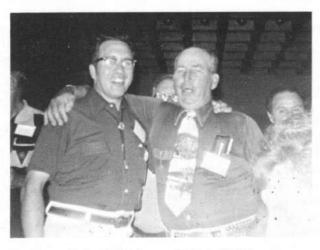
If anyone is left off that list, this Reporter asks for your forgiveness. As Granville Sharpe said to 'G' 329 many times, 'Some things are S.O.P.

Jackie Riddle sang 'O Holy Night' before santa and his Elves passed out a gift to everyone. Also Smokey the Bear, Guy Meyers tried to give Santa some competition. After going to the Cordial Room, the nostalgia went on into the wee hours. Most of us had Breakfast together on Sunday morning between 9 & 10 o'clock and began saying our 'Goodbye's' until the next Meeting, then on the road for home.

Our next Meeting will be in Columbia, SC in March with Emory Culclasure and Christy making the arrangements.

Marguerite and I sincerely hope each of you had a Happy Holiday and may the Lord provide for you beautifully during 1977.

Keith Echerd Co. 'G' 329th. Inf.



Robert Taylor and Dick Riddle



Jake and Billie Glenn



Dick Riddle and Lucille Ross



Frank Mangum, Michael Brick and Bill Laughter



Meadows Minick, Larry Redmond and Mrs. Minick



Barbara Dopp and Furman Epps

JoAnn Watford and Bill Laughter (REUNION PHOTOS ABOVE)

## New Jersey Chapter

Hi Buddies:

With three more weeks before Christmas and New Year's, all I can say is: I hope this will be the year with nothing but health and happiness for everyone.

For those who were saddened by loss of loved ones, may the New Year bring an abundance of renewed faith and happiness to them.

I would also like to Thank the Philly Chapter for inviting the Wehlings, Bielens and the Bowies to their Annual Banquet last month. We all had a BALL like always.

The first week in October, a group of us went to Myrtle Beach and I would like to say it was one of the best times I have ever had. Golfing every morning, swimming in the afternoon and out every night. The weather was just perfect. The price of the Motel was just \$71.00 for eight days. It's too bad we can't run the Reunion at that time of year. You can sure save a lot of money.

We have been pretty short on Members showing up for the Meetings as of late. It seems that everyone is working hard. I know Vito Lascari has been on the 60 all year with the moving business. I guess some people think it's cheaper to move than pay rent. Vito don't mind, he's making money but we miss him at our Meetings.

It seems since I retired I'm working harder. Everyone has something for me to do.

Congradulations to Mary and Nick on the Wedding of their daughter. We all wish her the best of luck for a happy married life.

Well gang, nothing much to say at this time, so stay healthy and enjoy yourself and remember: it's later than you think.

> Jim Bowie Co. 'B' 330th. Inf.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR ADDRESS FILES UP-TO-DATE IN ORDER TO REMAIN ON OUR MAILING LIST...

RETURN POSTAGE HAS SKY-ROCKETED THIS YEAR AND IT MAKES IT VERY DIFFICULT TO SEND OUT YOUR BOOK, PAY TWENTY FIVE CENTS FOR RETURN POSTAGE AND THEN MAIL IT AGAIN FOR TWENTY EIGHT CENTS OR MORE. SOON IT WILL BE UNAFFORDABLE AND YOUR COOPERATION IS MORE THAN NEEDED NOW.

PLEASE KEEP THIS OFFICE POSTED ON ANY CHANGES, NOW OR IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

Samuel Klippa

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT THIRTIETH ANNUAL REUNION 83RD. INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION OBLANDO, FLORIDA

#### INCOME

Reunion AD Book Fund	\$ 2,949.16
Pegistration Desk	10,940.00
Sale of Bolo Ties and Pendants	368.00
Raffles and Sale of Mugs	1,624.00
Officers Pd. for Dicky Sets @ \$10.00 ea.	100.00
Sale of Mugs after Reunion	16.50
Assoc. Advance to Reunion Fund	200.00
TOTAL	\$16, 197, 66

#### EXPENSES

	Paul J. Reed (Dues)	5.00
	C. I. W. Write (D. )	5.00
	Col. Wm. White (Dues)	6.00
	Cleveland Tuxedo Shops (Dicky Sets)	94.95
	Peunion Stenographers	124.40
	Poss Raphael Agency (Orchestra)	1,200.00
	Crestline Co. (Mugs)	667.21
	Sheraton Towers Hotel	11,073.89
	Doc Keeler (Postage)	16.48
	Bill Herhuth (Plastic Cups & Raffle	Tickets) 31.74
	Printing Reunion AD Book	583.00
je.	Sale of Bolo Ties	368.00
	Dues to Association	1,154.00
	Postage	65.00
	Reunion Fund Advance Returned	200.00
	TOTAL	\$15,589.67

TOTAL INCOME \$16,197.66 TOTAL EXPENSES \$15,,589.67 PROFIT 607.99

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Bicky Sets were purchased at a cost of \$94.95 and each Officer paid for his own. Total collected was \$100.00  $\rm W/$  \$5.95 profit.

A sum of \$758.66 was witheld from the Hotel for Charges we felt were not just. We will show this profit if we are not forced to pay this amount later.

Casey Szubski
Ex-Chairman of the Board
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Reunion Chairman

A change was made to the Original Report to show \$200.00 Advance to Reunion Fund as Income.It made the Profit \$200.00 higher than submitted...

A revised copy will be made later to show some of the expenses not included in the above Report because the Association paid them.. S.K.

Dear Buddies:

Days are really going by so fast, I find it hard to believe that 1976 has already gone by the board. Many things have happened during the past year; a lot of them good and quite a bit of it the other way around, or not so good.

The good has to do with the fact that we are still financially strong, even though our Income at the Reunion was practically nil, but if it wasn't for YOU, the paid-up Members, we would surely have problems. The more Members we have, the more chance there is for better and greater Reunions each year, and the easier it is to keep things rolling at our Headquarters.

In order to get the very best out of our 83rd. Association, you have to have good Officers, the kind that are willing to give freely of their time and money. We have been gifted with plenty of this type of men over the years and they are the ones most responsible for all the good that has become a big part of our Association.

The bad news has to do, partly with the past Reunion, but mostly with the letters coming into this Office, telling me about Buddies being III, about their Relatives and family problems and Illnesses, about deaths and all sorts of hardships. Even though this sort of news is expected in our latter years, I find it very hard to take. Take good care of yourselves always and try to keep everyone happy for just a while longer.

Christmas is always a good happy time of the year, but for me and mine, it was not to be this past year. I was invited to join in the Festivities of the Dixie Chapter Christmas Party down in the Resort City of Gatlinburg, TN and found it most exciting and enjoyable. They really had quite a gang from about twelve States, many of them new Members who I had the pleasure of signing up in our Association. It was like a Mini-Reunion, with plenty of fun and joy as with all the 83rd. get-to-gethers. We owe our Thanks to the hard working Committee and the helpers for putting in 100% effort into the work involved to get such a show on the road.

On leaving for home on Sunday the 5th. of Bec., I had intended to make several stops along the way, as I usually do when travelling by car, but something kept telling me to keep on going and this is what I had done. Even skipped the halfway stop for the overnight rest as I always did in the past.

On arriving home, the news was really bad, my wife was in bed with a badly broken leg and had on a full cast. The shock hit me like a ton of bricks, mostly because nothing ever went wrong with her in the more than 30 years of our marriage. She brags - 'This is the first time in over thirty years to be able to use our Blue Cross and Blue Shield, and I

consider that as being pretty darned lucky.' This kind of Sense of Humor helps quite a bit. She will be in the full cast for two months and then will wear a walking cast for a couple of months.

Well, Yours Truly now has to be housewife, and mother and chief cook and bottle washer. That was not enough, I was rushed to the Hospital by our Para-Medics on the 24th. of Becember when a blood clot got into my lung. Ten days in the Hospital, six of them in the Intensive Care Unit, left me pretty weak but right now I am coming along just fine and working hard to catch up with the work that has come in since the bixie Party, my trouble at home andduring my recovery period. The Thunderbolt will not be delayed. The Membership letter I had planned to send out before Christmas will be delayed three or four weeks and I am really sorry about that.

In another week, every Member in my files will be getting the Membership letter and our Paid-up file will really start to grow again. You can help by reminding your Buddies that Dues are due and tell them that no Thunderbolts will be sent to Non-Members. I am required to send just one book to last years Members after the year expires and there are hundreds who have not sent in their Dues as yet. It is my sincere hope that we will do even better than the past year. Keep on writing to your Buddies. This is very important to the Association.

Missed out on the Christmas Party of the Pittsburgh Chapter this year because of my wife's accident but was able to go there for just a short visit to meet with our Association President Mike Skovran, and his Warren friends to discuss a few things. These guys are really hard at work on the upcoming Reunion, and believe me, I have absolutely no doubt in my mind that this is going to be one of the very best Reunions ever. This is a great central point for most of our Membership and no reason why the attendance will not be TOPS. Warren is not the SMALL TOWN that a lot of you think it is. There is plenty to do and see in that area, and the Warren Chapter is going to see that you enjoy every minute of it. COME ON OUT, but make your plans early.

By the time you read this, I'll have been in Warren for the January 23rd. Meeting with them and give them all the help I possibly can, with their Publicity, Letters etc.., which are necessary. This will also give me a chance to personally see the area, and the Motels we will be using.

Reunions depend mostly on you, the Members, by attending the Affairs, by coming to the Meetings to express your likes and dislikes, by writing to your Buddies and asking them to join our Association and to attend the Reunions, by buying ADS in our Program Book and by passing along your ideas for the better ment of this Association and the Reunions. Get your ADS in early and prevent a last minute work load for the men in Warren. Send all your ADS to John

Caparanis whose address appears in his Column.

The Post Office seems to be getting worse and more expensive these days. Return Postage is now twenty five cents instead of thirteen cents, almost double last year. Please register your address with me exactly as the Post Office wants it, otherwise I have to pay \$.25 for each Return and \$.28 or more to send out your Thunderbolt again, and this is Third Class. We haven't had too many complaints from those not getting Thunderbolts, but I just don't want you to miss out on any news concerning the Association. Keeping the Address Files up to date is the toughest job in this Office. HELP to ease it a bit.

Before closing; a few reminders:

The next Reunion will be held in Warren, Ohio on the 18th., 19th. and 20th. of August, 1977. Please Register early. To my knowledge, Pre-Registrations will be accepted and you can send them to any Warren Officer as soon as we learn what the cost will be. Don't forget, ADS go to John Caparanis.

The next Deadline for Thunderbolt News will be April 10, 1977. Being early helps to get the book out early and will help to satisfy everyone.

If you are planning to move sometime in the near future, please inform this Office well in advance to assure that you will get all of your Thungerbolts and other news.

Last but not least, urge all your Buddies to pay their Dues and help keep us on TOP in Membership. We still have plenty of last year's Members in arrears.

To those of you that have been asking about the Reunions for 1978 and 1979, I'm sorry, there is nothing to report on these. This Office has done it's part to help get the arrangements going, but I heard absolutely nothing from the responsibles in the matter. Maybe in the next Issue.

To all of you, may this year bring you nothing but the very best of luck, health and happiness and everything good so that we can meet again in Warren for another great Reunion. Until then, So Long.

> Samuel Klippa Secretary-Treasurer

# THE HISTORIANS CORNER

Pear Buddies:

Before, in print and memory, we break out of Normandie and head for Britagne and beyond, lets stop and remember some of the sights, smells and sounds of what you son't read about in these 'After Action Reports.'

The stark beauty of the Hedgerows, where burned out Tanks still contained their remains of human

veings.

That awful fog-like stink of those who didn't make it was in your food, your clothes and in your hair. To this day I can't stand the odor of Lilacs. They were there too.

The horrible sight of our Buddies in the 6x6's now in the gentle care of the Graves Registration. The raw guts of the wounded in the Ambulances hanging on to life, not letting the spark go out and not a murmur out of them.

The weapons, the animals, gas masks and the impregnated fatigues along the road sides with the rest of the awful War. The swamped fields of Carentan with the pointed poles that grip the

remains of Airborne Troop Gliders.

That day when the ground shook as all the Artillery let go at once which started the breakout of the hedgerow country. The yellow jackets filled the K-Ration tins before you could take a spoon full and that lousy Canteen Cup of Coffee, those fresh eggs and tomatoes!

The IOIst. Paratroopers looking for Snipers even when they had been relieved by the 83rd. The Gobs from the U.S. Navy looking for souvenirs amongst the

after junk of pattle.

'Bed Check Charlie' and the fireworks of the ach ach that tried to get him - letting down a shower of steel rain.

The most loved guy in the outfit - the Combat Medic, his Combat Infantry Badge, a Cross and Stretchers.

Calvados - Ah, who will ever forget that lifesaving drink, we even used it in our Zippo's.

Working a corner on the St. Lo-Periers Highway with 'Long Toms', Half Tracks, 6x6's and Tanks, all having priority.

After awhile the sound of silence that was louder than the battle noises and made you nervous.

The 'Battle Fatigue' G.I.'s and that terrible dead look in their eyes..

This was War to 'The Queen of Battles'. This was the Hedgerows!

REMEMBER!

Now on to Bretagne.

Wm. Kent O'Connell M.P. Platoon

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I August 1944

At this time the 83rd Division had just completed the NOPMANTY Campaign and was assigned to the XV Corps, a part of the Third Army. The Division Command Post was established at Fougeres, and Units were assembled in areas to the south.

A Warning Order was received from XV Corps at 1000, in which the Division was instructed to reconnoiter routes immediately for future motor

Hi 83rders:

The months are really rolling by and it looks like this is going to be our best Reunion year for Attendance.

I heard from many at Christmas time saying that they would be attending the Reunion this year in Warren, Ohio. Some had never been to 83rd Reunions.

John Turkett is still confined to the Veterans Hospital in Columbia, SC.

Norman McCormack is recovering from his recent illness and I hope to get up to Hartland Maine to see him in the weeks ahead.

Eddie Cass is recovering from recent surgery. I spent a whole day with him and he is doing fine.

If anyone would like to send cards to these men, I am sure it will cheer them up.

Dave Niles wrote me that he will be in Warren, Ohio this August. It was nice to hear from Dave after all these years. However, I give most of the credit to his wife, Nancy.

Romeo Maynard tells me he has been busy down in Westport, MA. We are going to be together next month and he always likes to hear about the 83rders.

Willie Snodgrass is going to try to make it to Warren, Ohio. Willie has two children in College which keeps him busy.

New Years Day was Erwin Erhardts Birthday. We talk on the telephone every year on his Birthday. Erwin has two in College now.

Last November I had quite a talk with George Porter in Phillie. George and his wife are both fine and hope to be with us in August.

Ed McCouch, Bill Shaner, John Piscitelli, Joe Gioia and myself along with our wives were at the Philly Chapter Annual Party and had a real Blast.

Just had a letter from John Sabo of Millersport, Ohio saying he will be at the 83rd Reunion in August.

I was just told that Jim O'Connells wife passed away before Christmas. Condolences to Jim and his Family.

Well gang, I guess that's all for now.

Amby Tynan
323rd. F.A. Bn.

# BOSTON CHAPTER

Hi 83rd. Buddies:

Boston at this writing is 'Snowed' in with more coming this way. The old shovel is getting a real workout, with Nancy watching from the window.

Amesbury Mass. Boy Scout Troop #7 has honored Lucien 'Jiggs' Elie for his Civic Endeavor and his Humanitarian Acts. At a Banquet Dinner given in honor of Lucien he was presented a Silver Beaver Certificate and a 20 year pin by Scoutmaster, Roland Lanseign of Troop #7. The Certificate was issued by the National Organization with other presentation

given by Long Tree Court Council.

A few years back, many of the boys from the Boston Chapter attended a Dinner given to honor Lucien by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion for his outstanding work with underprivilaged people in Hospitals. We don't know how Lucien finds time for all the good deeds, but we of the 83rd. Infantry Division are proud to have a member who does so much good. (Lucien was in the 329th. Infantry Regiment.)

On October 3rd. Nancy and myself along with other 83rd. folks attended Mary and Nick Francullo's daughter Terry's Wedding held at Nahant Country Club. After the Wedding we went back to Mary and Nicks home until the wee hours of the morning. Terry attended most of our 83rd. Reunions and made a beautiful bride. The grandparents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Francullo really showed us how to dance at the reception. Good luck to Terry and Bob.

On November 5th., Nancy and I attended the Philly Chapter Annual time and had a marvelous time. We were so happy to see Lou and Lucy Volpi Recognized for their outstanding work for the 83rd.

John Cardinal Piscitelli celebrated his '39th. Birthday' and has now attained the same age of many of us. John; a job well done on running of the Philly Chapter Annual Banquet. Many of us travelled miles to this wonderful time. Thanks to you and all of the Philly Chapter.

In December, Mike Caprio had a Christmas Party for the Post Office Employees. Ten of us from the Boston Chapter attended. Needless to say, that every time Mike runs a Party we have an excellent time. I know I put on a few pounds -- as the food was endless. Also Mike, we could not beat the price.

Glad to hear John Donahue is on the mend. Spoke to John on the phone and he really sounds good with high hopes of going to Ohio this year, for the Reunion.

News arrived in Boston that Sam Klippa's wife fell and injured her leg. Very sorry to hear this bad news before Christmas. Sam, we hope your wife is well by now.

Understand Ray Voracek and Lee Titus are doing a real good job working on the coming Reunion. I can't wait to receive the next Issue of the Thunderbolt to learn what to expect. (Note to Lee Titus that I will have a V.A. SMILE for you -- Ha! Ha! That is all for now.

Amby Tynan Boston Chapter

The Boston Article was three days late and if it gets to the Printer on time, I hope that he will take out a page to make room for the above Article. January 10 was the Deadline and the Thunderbolt went to to the Printer on the 12th. I called Cliff and he will use his better judgement.

movements to the south. A warning Order was issued by the Division for all Units to be prepared to march on six hours notice. Reconnaisance was made to the south and suitable routes were found for both foot and motor movements.

2 August 1944

The 83rd Division made additional preparations to initiate a motor movement on three hours notice. Additional reconnaisance was made for alternate

routes to the south.

Units of the Division continued to train. Critiques on battle experiences were held which emphasized the lessons learned in recent engagements and Hedgerow fighting. Firing of weapons was included.

The Division was detached from the XV Corps and attached to the VIII Corps, and were ordered to support the 6th. Armorea Division which was then through the gap at Avranches and was beginning its operation in the Brittany Peninsula. In compliance, the orders were issued for Combat Team 330 to begin movement to the vicinity of Sainteny. Ninety trucks were attached to the 330th Infantry for the movement.

3 August 1944

The Division began movement into assembly areas in the vicinity of Pontorson in the early morning of 3 August 1944. The 330th. Infantry moved from its location southwest of Fougeres and closed in the afternoon into an assembly area near Pontorson. Immediate reconnaisance was made to the west to locate the enemy. The 330th. Infantry with attachments prepared to launch an attack on the town of DolDe Bretagne.

The 329th. Infantry moved by trucks from the 4th Armored Division at 1330 from its position south of Fougeres and closed into an assembly area in the

vicinity of Pontorson.

The 331st. Infantry began to move at 2200 to the

vicinity of Pontorson.

Division Columns were stopped by enemy aircraft between Auranches and Pontorson. No casualties were

suffered.

The Division Command Post closed in the vicinity of Fougeres and opened in the vicinity of Pontorson at 2400. Continued plan to move west to Brest in support of the 6th. Armored Division.

Task Force 'A' was attached to the Division by

order of CG, VIII Corps.

At 2100, orders were received from VIII Corps ordering the Division to capture the port towns of St. Malo and Dinard on the Brittany Peninsula, and then to concentrate in the vicinity of Dinan.

4 August 1944

The entire Division closed in the assembly area near Pontorson. Division Field Order was issued to

carry out the mission of capturing St. Malo and Dinard.

The 330th. Infantry attacked and captured the town of Pol Pe Bretagne, and then moved to an assembly area. The 329th. Infantry was attached to Task Force 'A' at 1100. The 329th. Infantry attacked to the west of Pol De Bretagne and during the afternoon captured the town of Miniak, and to Costordars.

The 331st Infantry closed into its assembly area. The Division regrouped in assembly areas in the vicinity of Dol pe Bretagne preparatory to launching a coordinated attack at 0830, 5 August on

the outer defenses of St. Malo.

The Division Command Post closed. The Commanding General learned the 6th. Armored Division would not assist in the capture of St. Malo and adjusted - accordingly.

5 August 1944

The 83rd. Pivision with Task Force 'A' attached, launched a coordinated attack at 0830 on the outer defenses of St. Malo.

(PAGE 139 WAS MISSING FROM THIS REPORT)

7 August 1944

The attack was resumed at 0630 preceded by a 15 minute Artillery preparation. The 330th. Infantry advanced during the day against strong oposition until held up by Artillery fire and strong machine gun and mortor fire from the strong point known as St. Josephs Hill.

The 329th. Infantry made slow progress against stiff opposition and was much delayed by mine fields in the vicinity of Bourelais and by cross-fire from the strong point at St. Josephs Hill. The town of -

Bourelais was captured at 1730.

The 331st. Infantry made slow progress and was held up by barbed wire in front of strong en my positions in the vicinity of St. Idiuc. It received Naval gunfire from three Gun Boats in the vicinity of Point De La Varde and heavy Artillery fire from the Isle of Cesembre, an off shore strong point commanding the entrance to the Harbor.

At 1930 a loudspeaker was used by attached members of the Psychological Warfare Service demanding the surrender of the Germans. A quiet period of one half hour followed during which no firing was allowed; a few Germans surrendered and the attack

resumed until darkness.

Combat Team 121 early in the day crossed the Rance River and captured Dinan and advanced to the north against heavy Artillery fire, finally reaching the outer fringes of the main defensive position in the Dinard area just north of Plevin.

For the sake of clearness it should be noted that the city area called St. Malo actually consists of three separate municipalities which merge into each other; Parame on the north, St. Servan on the south and the old city of St. Malo proper around the port facilities and from which the whole city area takes its name. The city of Dinard is on the west side of the Rance River and directly oposite St. Malo.

8 August 1944

This report will discuss the attacks in the St.

Malo and Cinard area as separate actions.

In the St. Malo area a coordinated attack was launched at 0945 from positions then held. Resistance was strong in the form of machine gun fire from pill boxes and strong points, Artillery fire and mortor fire as well as obstacles. The 329th Infantry having captured the town of Le Bourelais late the evening before, continued the attack of LeBalue Station. This enemy strongpoint area was captured during the late afternoon after a determined assault on concrete bunkers and pillboxes, in which our demolition teams, flame throwers and direct fire of 57 MM Anti-Tank guns were used.

The 330th Infantry closed in on the strong positions of St. Joseph Hill and made preparations for an assault. St. Joseph Hill was in the meantime subjected to intensive Artillery and Mortor bombard-

ment.

Progress of the 331st Infantry was slow and it was held up finally by the defenses near St. Idiuc. The 3rd Battalion, 331st Infantry, was detached from

the Regiment and placed in Division Reserve.

In the Pinard area, Combat Team 121 attacked at 0800 and progressed slowly. Many mine fields were encountered. At 1600, the 3rd Battalion, 121st Infantry infiltrated through the wire and mine fields, and reached the outskirts of Pleurtuit and then dug in.

9 August 1944

In the St. Malo area the Division continued a coordinated attack from present positions at 0830. Prior to the attack at 0725 the enemy in the strong position at St. Joseph Hill gave indications of wishing to surrender. A resumption of the assault by the 330th Infantry followed and the Fort surrendered and 434 prisoners were captured. The attack continued into St. Servan with bitter street fighting. Patrols reached the inner harbor late in the afternoon.

The 3rd Battalion 331st Infantry, then in Division Reserve was moved into the sector of the 330th Infantry and attached to that Regiment. It was employed in an assault on Paraie in order to cut off the enemy in the St. Idiuc - La Varde area. This maneuver was successful. The advance into Paraie continued only after bitter house to house fighting. During the night, patrols continued to advance toward the inner basin of the port and maintained

contact with the 330th Infantry.

From La Balue Station the 329th Infantry continued the attack into the town of St. Servan. Opposition was stiff but the idvance continued with house to house fighting. During the evening, patrols reached the inner basin of the port.

The 331st Infantry continued to be held up by the defenses at St. Iaiuc and Port De La Varde.

In general, the street defenses at St. Servan and Parame were sitrong and consisted of pillboxes with machine gun and small arms fire together with 20 MM Anti-Tank canon firing down the streets.

In the Ninard area Compat Team 121 was counterattacked at 0825. The counterattack succeeded in isolating the 3rd Battalion near Pleurtuit. The Combat Team made no progress.

(To Be Continued)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Attention 331st. Infantry

Today I have contacted a member of our 331st. Regimental Association at Warren, Ohio requesting that a plan be set up whereby our Unit will have time to spend our four hundred dollars in order that every member can share alike in our Units funds, while attending our Division Association Reunion in August 1977.

This execution results from the public statement made from the floor during our business session in Orlando, Florida 1976 - by me.

Best wishes for continued success and HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

Hubert Edwards Co. 'B' 331st. Inf.

Talked to Al Starling in North Carolina a few nights ago. He sent me the Reunion Issue of the 83rd Magazine and it was a real thrill to read about your activities. Looking forward to the Warren, Ohio Reunion next time.

> Ernie Hamlin Co. 'I' 330th. Inf.

(Ernie is now a brand new Member.)

## LEST WE FORGET

The Post War years brought about to this great Country, importation of Japanese cars like Toyota, Batsun and other models.

Looks as if a lot of people forgot about the attack on Pearl Harbor.

After the European conflict came Volkswagon to our shores. No one seems to recall the gas chambers at Buchenwald, and other cities of Germany, installed by Mad Butchers that slew millions of people.

Now comes the biggest prize of them all! Today, the Berlin Wall stands in defiance of freedom for all mankind. Yet, the Russians will soon put on our soil a Communist Car to be sold through Dealers in the State of Georgia.

'MOTTO.' Buy a foreign car, put another American out of work.

# Michael Brick 908 F.A.

I am writing to you concerning the benefits of all Veterans. As of January 4th, 1977, the D.A.V. wants all of us to make two telephone calls to our Senators in Washington, D.C. and tell them: 'I do not want you to accept the Senate Committee's Proposals that would abolish the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs.

I am a LIFE MEMBER of the D.A.V. Do you think the Senate will let us down and put it under H.E.W.? I hope to get to attend one of our Reunions someday to meet all of my Buddies because I think of them all the time even though I have forgotten some of their names. It makes me feel good to know that a lot of us made it back. Get in touch with all your Buddies and urge thim to make the calls for this bit of business because it may mean life or death to the V.A. I'm getting in touch with as many as I can.

Oscar Harper

Co. 'B' 329th.. Inf.

Albert Misler of 'B' Company 331st. suffered a heart attack last August and isn't working anymore. He has to wear a Catheter all the time, until he has surgery sometime in January for Prostrate. It would be nice if all 'B' Company boys would drop him some words of good cheer in his time of need.

# Your Editor

'L' Company of the 331st. Infantry will hold it's 32nd. Annual Reunion August 5,6 and 7th. at the Holiday Inn in Merriville, IN. It's located at I;65 and Route 30. For more information contact: John Kepchar; 1364 Brandywine Road - Crown Point, IN 46307. If we missed anyone in the mail, please let us know.

John Kepchar Co. 'L' 331st. Inf.

My wife and I met a man at the grocery recently who was in the 83rd. He noticed our 83rd. Tag on the rear of the car. Said he was in the 331st. Infantry.

He never attended a Reunion but was very much interested. He is a Mining Engineer. His name is T. Guenther and he lives in N.Y.C. Please send him the Necessary information.

Cecil Walters 'C' 308 Eng.

Alonzo D. Folger of the 323rd. F.A. writes that he hears regularly from John Piscitelli, a mutual friend and fine Chaplain, and that he keeps up fairly close with other folks by letter and otherwise. He looks forward to receiving the Thunderbolt more than any other publication that comes into his Office as it is closer to him than anything else.

#### ANOTHER LOSS

Mort Gaynor of 'G' 331 writes that Biel of the same Company passed away on December 23rd and was buried in St. Jean the Baptist Cemetery in Lot #67 in Woonsocket, RI.

(Biel was not listed in my files but I'm sure all of his Buddies will remember him.) ED.

Al Uridel wrote to tell me that Mort Goldman of Cn. 329 asked him for Association Membership Forms so he could mail them out to all Cn. Co. Members. He plans to have a Cn. Co. Reunion in Warren and this will be their first as a Unit.

(Fifty forms were sent out already and the Dues should be pouring in shortly.) ED.

George Irvine of the 324th. F.A. wrote to say that he encourages support of the Luxembourg History project and that he was quite impressed by the Memorial to U.S. participation in World War II in the American Chapel at St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

It has been a matter of pride to him to see some of the 324 participation in the Association leadership from year to year. However, the Pacific Northwest is just too far from the geographical concentration of 83rders.

I thought for sure that I had sent you my new address but now I am not sure. I'm living in the same place but some bright boy thought all road numbers and house numbers should be changed. The Thunderbolts since the change have not been received and if you have any extra copies, would you please send them to me.

Don Thiebolt Co. 'I' 330th. Inf.

(The above is the reason a lot of mail is not sent on to the Members. It's the P.O.'s fault and yet they charge a Quarter for each change sent to me. I hope that someday soon, they will sweep their house clean and get the mails rolling again.) ED.

Iam still on the disabled list with five knee Operations and one coming up, also a heart condition on top of that. Hope I can get to Warren, Ohio Next year for the get-to-gether, health permitting.

LaVern J. Forthofer Hq. 324th. F. A.

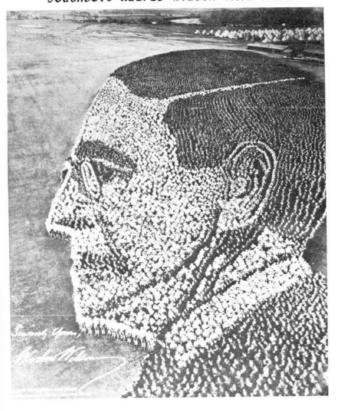
I retired after 27 years with the BBB System. Had a heart attack a year ago and have had many problems since then.

I have an uncut Signal Corps Film on the surrender at Beaugency Bridge in August of 1944. Any interest in it for next years Reunion. I showed it in Cleveland at the first Reunion.

Thomas C. Roberts Div. Hq.

(It's up to the Warren Chapter.) ED.

# DOUGHBOYS HELPED WILSON SAVE FACE



Enclosed is a picture and Article that I feel should go in the Thunderbolt. It's quite unusual, don't you think?

Jim Burton Co. 'D' 329th. Inf.

Way back during World War I, when the Campaign to sell War Bonds - not to mention the general War Effort - was flagging, some promotional genius decided that what the Country needed was a special portrait of Woodrow Wilson. Usually it takes just two to make a portrait - the photographer and the photographed. But this was War, and someone said, hang the expense, pull out all the stops, call out the Army, and stuff like that.

So the Army was indeed called out and ordered to contribute its most plentiful and reliable source: men. Under the command of General Matthew C. Smith, 21,000 doughboys (that's soldiers to you youngsters) of the 83rd. Infantry Division fell out and Assembled on the drill field at Camp Sherman near Chillicothe, Ohio to form a gigantic head and shoulders in profile. Once the Military maneuver (getting the troops in position) was completed, the 'Artistic Director' took over. A photographer, mounted atop a specially built platform, directed some of the GI's to stay in full uniform to fill in the dark areas hair, eyebrows, lips, coat etc - of the picture. The rest stripped down to their white undershirts to form the face, shirt, collar and part in WW's hair.

The President was so pleased with his portrait that he autographed it and sent it off to potential Bond Buyers. We all know how successful that effort was. According to Lt. Col. William B. Haines, who found the picture in an Antique Shop, the logistics of the posing were more impressive than they appeared to be, partly because the 'Black Flu' had struck camp and many of the boys were on sick call. Those tents in the upper right are not meant to portray the brim of the Commander-in Chief's skimmer: they are part of the hospital setup to handle the patient overflow.

Unfortunately we have no technical data on this portrait, nor do we know the photographer, so we can't pass along any hints for future multiple portraitists. But whatever whoever it was did, we think the picture stands up well technically to this day, despite the fact that one of those guys in the area of the chin moved his arm at the moment of exposure.

(Thanks a million to Jim Burton for sending this Article to me. I think everyone will enjoy this one and add just one more thing, concerning the 83rd., to brag about.L ED.

Please write to the following address if you have any information at all regarding the man in the photograph below.

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Mrs. Mary Najarian 24 Ronal Drive Berlin, CT 06037



His name was Art Tufankjian. He was in 'D' Co. 331st. Inf.

DUES ARE DUE

Send them now while the thought is with you...

# "FRANKLY SPEAKING"

### CAMPAIGN #1 FOR 1976-77

Dear Buddy:

Just a reminder to all you guys from 'D' 330th. who were not at the last Reunion, you really missed a wonderful time in Orlando, Florida. Now, I am starting a Campaign to make sure you don't miss the next one in Warren, Ohio.

You have eight months to save and make plans to be there, barring accidents, there should be no excuse.

I am striving for 50 Members this year and that is only a few away from the total paid-up Members this past year. If all the paid-up Members of last year would pick up one member each, we are sure to get our 50 Members.

It's worth a try, Old Buddy - how about it?

Let's all put the Division Patch to the Membership wagon and push it over the top. We can do it--if we try!

It takes just a simple man with a little hidden quality to be a Leader. We can't all be Leaders, some of us must be followers, but if a few of us lead the way, the followers will fall in line and Company 'D' 330th. will have the biggest turnout in it's History next year in Warren.

I am sure most of you know the Association Dues run from August to August, so PLEASE send in your Dues, if you have not done it as yet. The Dues are only \$6.00 per year and you will receive four (4) Thunderbolts a year telling you just what is taking place with the Members in the Chapters. Sam Klippa, the National Secretary, sent me a list of men of Co. 'D' who have not paid their Dues this year. Please see the list below.

Men, give this some serious thought----this is your Association.

HELP MAKE IT GROW!

(Mac) the Jeep Driver Frank McGrogan Co. 'D' 330th. Inf.

List of unpaid 'D' 330th:

Charles W. Barefoot, Fred E. Barrett, William R. Baxter, Joseph A. Bizzaro, Harold F. Brown, James R. Clodfelter, James DiAntonio, Charles J. Duncan, Steve Ferko, Norman Fjelstad, Louis J.. Goedeke, James J. McHale, George A. McRell, Lee M. Osman, Theodore Pagani, Paul J. Schick, Herbert J. Silverman, Harold W. Steiner, William C. Stocker, Robert Thompson, Marvin E. Vick and Clarence Zimmerman.

(Some of the above, may have paid since.) ED ALL OTHER OUTFITS TAKE A TIP FROM ARTICLE ABOVE.

### THREE AMERICANS WHO PROFITED IN VIETNEM

### ARE NOW UP AGAINST IT IN CALIFORNIA

(This is a condensed version of an Article that appeared in the New York Times on Thursday, November 20, 1975. It was sent to me by Robert Burns, who was with 'L' Company of the 329th. Infantry. He asked if he could write about his experiences in Vietnam for the 20 years he was there. I said that he could, but would appreciate if he would condense his story as much as possible.)

Robert Burns was \$150,000 ahead after recovering from two business reverses in South Vietnem. Now he is broke and living in California. (Since the article was written, he has moved to Indiana. Like a lot of other business men who invested money into business in South Vietnam, he was wiped out by the Communist takeover in Saigon.

Mr. Burns is attempting doggedly to collect \$150,000 from five governments, including that of the United States. His last Contract, arranged last year, to provide food and drink and entertainment in Saigon to the International Commission for Control and supervision, made up of Polish, Hungarian, Indonesian and Iranian delegations. The commission was a peace keeping body set up after the cease fire accord of 1973.

"TOO OLD FOR WORK AT HOME"

Each morning for three months the 48 year old Mr. Burns sent his Bills by Registered Mail to the Chiefs of State of all four Countries, and to the State Department; so far, no money.

Mr. Burns, who was born in Cambridge, Mass.., and is a former Army Officer of the United States and State pepartment Official, says that years ago he believed Saigon would fall by 1975 and 'I told my Vietnamese partners to make their money by then and get out, and I had the same idea.'

A million dollar plant that he and his partners established on the Gulf of Siam was destroyed by rockets late in 1973. Insurance, he says, was impossible to obtain.

Mr. Burns is now working temporarily for a scrap metal business as an Adviser, while attempting to recover the \$150,000. So far his letters have brought only a letter from an Aide to the Shah of Iran who suggested that Iran owed only 2 percent of the money. 'Send the money, Mr. Burns replied.'

Mr. Burns and two other Americans who invested in South Vietnam, will not accept Welfare payments or consider Food Stamps. For all three, life was turned upside down in just a few months.

Your Editor

Mr. Burns was one of the Originals of the Indianapolis Chapter and hopes they can get it going.

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# REUNION BULLETIN!

Buddies:

All plans for August 18, 19 and 20th. are complete. They will include an informal, casual dress, dance and buffet on Thursday---FREE;--OPEN BAR. Stag Party men and live Theatre women, joint Cocktail Party after the Theatre Friday---FREE OPEN BAR. Grand Banquet and dance Saturday....FREE---OPEN BAR. Other things for both men and women are planned, and the complete program and it's cost will be in the next issue of the Thunderbolt. The Hospitality Room will be open everyday---FREE OPEN BAR.

Four Motels within 1½ miles of each other are reserving rooms for us so have no fear about having a place to stay. All are located on U.S. Route 422. Top grade Restaurants, fast food places, shopping plazas, malls and discount houses, all within walking distance abound in the area. Your driving would be preferable but transportation will be available. Our Warren Chapter will be handling all room reservations. Rooms at the Headquarters Motel will be assigned on a first come first served basis. A ONE DAY DEPOSIT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR ALL MOTELS.

If for some reason you have to cancel your reservation, we will re-assign your room and make sure you get your money back. We have plenty of rooms but with your cooperation, a large room

reservations will help us 'finagle' a lot of different items and lower our costs so that we can give you more. This Reunion is going to be different in many ways and cost (for what you will receive) will be no more and probably less than any of the last five years. Make your plans to attend NOW and be ready for a three day BLAST.

Now comes the pitch. As with every Reunion, we are asking your help with Booster, Patron and Business ADS. You know these are a tremendous help in keeping registration costs as low as possible, and every year the 83rd. people have been terrific.

Our whole Chapter, men and women, are hard at work now to make sure that this be the greatest Reunion ever. Any questions or suggestions you may have, please write us and we will get on it immediately. Again, the biggest little town, Warren in the Midwest, promises days and nights of fun and laughter for all, and the touch on your pocketbook to be as little as humanly possible. As we said in our last letter, our main concern is to revive old friendships and to provide a happy Holiday for all.

Yours

R.J. Voracek - Hq. 324 F.A.. Lee Titus - 'G' 331
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