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NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

Dear Buddy:

We had a fantastic time in Warren, Ohio at the last Reunion where some 700 showed up! Next year, it's Cincinnati, Ohio. Join the New England Chapter and we'll make it 700.

Spike McCartin of 'H' 330th. accepted a Charter for the newly formed New England Chapter and we are off and running. We have 32 members already. Help us make it 100.

Many of our friends have been members of the Boston Chapter, but feel that this Chapter does not provide any mechanism for a change in leadership. The present leadership has been dedicated and has served faithfully but is tired and refuses to step aside. We do not wish to create a problem but merely to be a progressive force in the Association. Our dedication is to fellowship and good times, not to any personal ambitions.

We would welcome you to join our New England Chapter. The initiation dues are \$5.00 and in subsequent years it will be \$4.00. The money will be used for mailing and keeping in touch with all our members. We are planning to run one or two affairs a year at various locations in New England and we will be very happy to have you with us. Enclosed is a Membership Application for your convenience. Let's go men! Fill out the application and send us a fast 'FIVE' It's later than you think, good Buddy!

Cease fire! Over and out!

Wm. Spike McCartin, Pres.

'H' Co. 330th. Inf.

Ernest 'Dutchie' Smith, Sec't.

'H' Co. 329th. Inf.

Fill out the application and send to:

Ernest Smith - 38 Gateway Lane - Lynn, MA

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NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER NEWS

The New England Chapter is finally off and running. We have already had two very successful Meetings since the Reunion. First, we must say a word about the Reunion; the Warren gang did a really fantastic job and they are going to be a hard act to follow.

At our Meeting we enjoyed a successful turnout. Plans are now being made to improve our communications network for paid-up members. We discussed plans for a Christmas Party. A committee met at Ernie Smith's house in Lynn, MA where they prepared 400 pieces of mail for our recruitment drive. Jim Brennan, Lucien D. Elie, James Emmanuel, John Donahue and Nick Francullo were all present and as usual, the ladies did all the work.

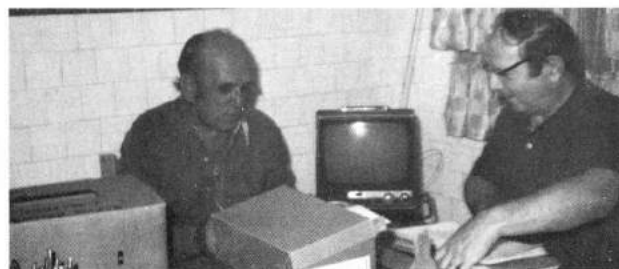
Plans were also being discussed for meetings in different points of New England. The President Pro Tem is William T. McCartin of 95 Alcott St.- Lowell, Massachusetts 01852.

Lucien D. Elie
Hq. 329th Inf.

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Nick Francullo and John Donahue at work.



James Emanouil and Ernest Smith getting the word out.

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER NEWS

On October 29th, Chuck and Bernie Abdinoor's son Mike was married to Jean Conlon. The Reception was held at the Speare House Castle along the Merrimack River in Lowell, MA.

Among the 400 guests that were at the reception, there were many 83rd Buddies. After the formal reception was over, many of us travelled to Chuck's Barn where there was plenty of food and drinks and this went on until the wee hours in the morning. Chuck was a former President of the 83rd Assoc.

On November 6th, Ernie and Helen Smith's son Jim who is presently serving in the Massachusetts Legislature and being a Candidate for Congress, was given a Champagne Breakfast in Lynn, MA, where again with 83rd Buddies being present. After the Breakfast the 83rders invaded and conquered Spike McCartin's boat and we destroyed a couple of bottles of alcohol. The affair continued all day and ending at the Emanouil's home in Chelmsford, MA.

The New England Chapter held its First Annual Christmas Party on December 10th at the Venetian Garden Restaurant in Warwick, RI. In spite of the late start in our planning we had 30 - 83rders attending who travelled from near and far. Dick and Hazel Dudley of Maryland won the honor of travelling the furthest. Karl and Ingrid Burkhard came from New York. From Connecticut we had Burt and Mary Clyde and Mike and Marie Champey. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus arrived at midnight with gifts for everyone and distributed the gifts. Everyone also received a nice Calendar and a business diary from Spike McCartin. The most interesting gift was a spray can of bull shit repellent received by Nick Francullo. A good time was had by all, thanks to the fellows that made all the arrangements.

The New England Chapter wishes everyone a Very Healthy and Happy New Year. We also want to thank the Warren fellows for the unforgettable Reunion they had.

Sam, this may be a long write-up, but being the first for our Chapter, we know you will do your best to publish it all.

Thank You
Jim and Georgia Emanouil
83rd Signal

THOSE OF YOU WISHING TO JOIN THE NEW WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER, CAN WRITE TO:

Eugene E. Persinger
3013 - 30th Street
Nitro, WV 25143

West Virginia is just about ready.



The New England Chapter receives their Charter at the Reunion in Warren, Ohio.



Georgia Emanouil, Mr. & Mrs. Warren Boucher, Ernest Smith, Spike McCartin, Mr. & Mrs. Burton Clyde, Mr. & Mrs. Sylvio Allard.



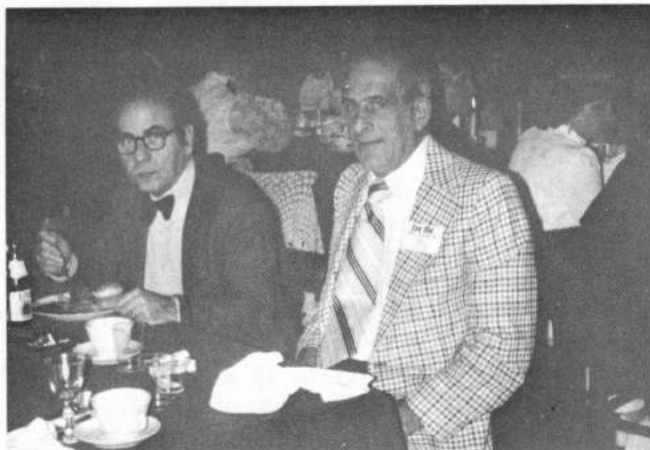
August Farias at Christmas Party.



The Francullo's.



The Brennan's, Francullo's, Dudley's and Allards.



Joe Petrucci and Al Tartaglia.



Jim and Georgia Emanouil



Helen Smith - Gloria McCartin.

CLEVELAND CHAPTER NEWS

Hello, all you THUNDERBOLTS, hope you all had the most pleasant of Holidays and have a most enjoyable and healthu New Year.

We of the Cleveland Chapter had our Christmas Party & Spirits Raffle on the 11th of December. Everyone had a good time and the Raffle was a huge success, best ever. We did the customary job of handling the raffle (Walt Meczka) Hank Giersz and Earl Lindsey took care of the refreshments and the food. Everything was beautiful except that due to inclement weather, eight people failed to make it, and we were sorry as it was a good time. Yours truly took the part of Santa, which of course set me to thinking about a diet to lose the Santa image, or that "Gut Feeling."

Walt Meczka gave us a scare by misplacing the proceeds thinking that he lost all the money. Needless to say, there was a great deal of concern, a lot of telephoning trying to locate the wayward box of money until Walt found it among his 83rd items. Poor Mary said she was going to take a stiff belt and pass out in relief, she really was

distraught.

We are in the final stages of planning our 25th Anniversary on the 15th or 16th of April. The final date will be decided at our January Meeting. We are having Pewter Mugs engraved with birth date of the Chapter and our names on them. Bob Uher took this upon himself, he's in charge of the mugs, and according to Bob they will be ready to be presented to our members.

The Earl Lindseys are busy planning another Wedding in May, son Buck is to do the honors again, having run into some difficulties with the first one. We know that a good time is in the offing, as the Lindsey's go all out always.

Mort Goldman and I are getting together again, we still want to inform all Cannon Co. 329th members that their presence at the Cinci Reunion sure will be appreciated. Sam, if you will, please forward some membership applications to Mort Goldman - 59 Main St. - Toms River, NJ 08753, so he can in turn get them to the guys, it just may be the persistence on our part will awaken them. Remember you delinquents, you're not getting any younger, join us in what is a memorable occasion and at least answer the letter that you will receive, give us that courtesy please. If you are a National member, feel free to write me or Mort Goldman and you'll be filled in with all the particulars. We would love to share the joy of a Reunion with you.

Chester and Emily Czech became grandparents again. I can't remember how many this makes, those kids are really productive, let's see, I think that makes four for them.

Bill Herhuth is feeling fine again, he looked real good at our Christmas Party. I haven't heard anything about Mike Demko, he stays away from our affairs and nobody knows what gives, it is possible that he doesn't want anyone to know about his private life.

Well Buddies, I must get this into tonight's mail, so will end by wishing everyone the best of Health and Good Fortune for the coming year.

Al Uridel

Cn. Co. 329th Inf.

DIXIE CHAPTER NEWS

The Dixie Chapter members had their Annual Christmas Party in Gatlinburg, TN on December 10, 1977. Eighty two people were present for a wonderful time.

The Jake Glenns, Carroll Browns, Bill Gilberts, Bob Whitakers and Frank Carmichaels are due a lot of credit for the diligence they put forth for Dixie members and their guests.

Bill Laughter (908 F.A.) is in there pitching as usual. When Bill leaves the Motel on Sunday, he pushes carts through the lobby for an hour as if he

had been there for a month. I believe he's opening a Red Cap Service.

Ernie and Jean Hamlin traveled the greatest distance coming from Merriam, KN. Ernie was Al Starlings' Platoon Sgt. whom Al saw for the first time in Warren since the War. They were in 'I' 330th Infantry.

Before exchanging gifts everyone enjoyed 'Oh Holy Night' by Jackie Riddle. Don Church, son in law of James and Ellen Freeman was Santa Claus as he passed out candy to the guys and gals.

We are always happy to have the Riddle and Glenn families. Glad to have David Dillard from Seneca, SC. It was his first meeting. Glad to see Earl and Lona Carmichael. Earl was in Company 'F' 342nd Infantry of the 86th Division but he qualified for the 83rd by being the brother of Frank Carmichael.

Floyd Humphreys only had to cross one mountain to come to Gatlinburg. He knows every nick and hollow in this part of the country, moonshiners and all, right Floyd?

Everyone enjoyed the party and many thanks are due to all that gave their time, such as Roy and June Whittaker for obtaining the band and all that helped with the bags of Christmas favors etc. We missed Larry and Mary Redmond and Sam Klippa who were with us last year, although I received word from Larry that they were with us in spirit. We appreciate that Larry.

Our next meeting will be in March in Columbia, SC and all 83rd families and guests are always welcomed. I'm trying to get Glen Ray Walsh to some of our meetings. He is a Buddy of Jake Glenn from Company 'L' 330th.

Keith Echerd

'G' 329th Inf.

BOSTON CHAPTER NEWS

The Boston Chspter Report did not make the last issue of the THUNDERBOLT. However, I should have it on time for this issue.

Congradulations to the Warren, Ohio Chapter for a most wonderful Reunion. Along with the Boston Chapter people, many thanks go to the men and women of the Warren Chapter for a job well done. Those that missed the Reunion, really lost out as it was one of the largest turnouts ever.

Larry Arrigo of the 308th Engineers was recently installed as Faithful Navigator in the Norwood, MA Knights of Columbus. Many Boston Chapter members attended to witness this great honor being received by Larry. We certainly enjoyed being with Larry's family again.

Ginny DiGiammerino is getting along well after her operation in August. Although Ginny missed the last Reunion, we look forward to having her attend the next one.

On November 5th a group of the Boston Chapter went to Phillie for the Chapter Party which was a real success. Thanks to the Phillie Chapter. I would never have missed this time and hope to be there next year again.

Boston Chapter had a few meetings since the August Reunion. A few weeks ago we had our Christmas Party at Larry Arrigo's house and Santa Claus was good to us all. Fran (Larry's wife) really put out the food for us. A good time was had by all.

We have another meeting coming up in the next few weeks, weather permitting.

Mike Caprio is having a party for his V.F.W. Post on January 7th in Rhode Island and some of us are going to attend. Mike always has a real good time when we go down to that poor little state and we look forward to going.

Several weeks ago I read in a local newspaper that a member of our 83rd Division was honored by the War Veterans of this area. This was Fire Chief William E. Donahue of the Wellesley, MA Fire Dep't. He was honored for his distinguished service to the community. Chief Donahue was and still is a close friend of Dick Kelly of Warren, Ohio.

I forgot to mention that Jim Prentice and his wife Teddy attended the Phillie Chapter Party on November 5th. Jim has been a good National Officer of the 83rd Association attending many Chapter meetings all over the country at his own expense. Many thanks to Jim and Teddy Prentice.

Well Buddies, I guess that is all from the Boston Chapter for now.

Amby Tynan

(THE BOSTON CHAPTER NEWS ARTICLE OMITTED THE ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THEIR UPCOMING ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO BE HELD THE FIRST SATURDAY OF FEBRUARY. The reminder was sent in by Pat DiGiammerino.)

323RD. F.A. REPORT

At the Reunion in Warren, Ohio, the Godfather was the only one from Charlie Battery. He told me the little kids could not come. Don and his wife had a wonderful time, as they always do.

On my trip to Ohio, I spent a little time with Les Taylor in Mechanicsburg, PA. Les looks great and is still teaching school.

In Chambersburg, PA I talked to Bob Reasoner who is still working with the Telephone Company.

I had a visit with John Pollack in Wheeling, WV. John was recovering from major heart surgery and is doing fine.

At East Liverpool, Ohio, I enjoyed meeting the sisters of Gerry Costello while visiting with his wife Alice Ann. Later Alice Ann came to the Reunion at Warren. Bill Shaner and I, along with our wives, had dinner at Alice Ann's home. We also attended

Church with Gerry's family. Thanks to all of them down in East Liverpool.

Nancy and I went on to Altoona, PA for a couple of days with Bill and Lois Shaner. Don and Amy StJohn were there helping us to enjoy our stay. Bill Shaner is still recovering from a knee operation.

At the Reunion, Bob Patton, Erwin Erhardt, Dave Nellies, Romeo Maynard were with us, with their wives, and we really had a blast. However, the hours go by so fast when we are together.

We have a 323 Medic as Vice President, Al Schaefer from Cincinnati, Ohio. Al and his wife Betty we really enjoy meeting every year at the Reunion.

Sorry to hear James Taylor could not make it this year. 'Buck' you could have sent Marge in your place. Ha! Ha!

I went to see George Polites in Dracut, MA. George is doing as well as possible. We had a good time talking about old times.

Most of this Report was written for the last issue of the THUNDERBOLT which it did not make. I am just adding on and this time it will make it.

Christmas is over now and we hope everyone had a nice Holiday with the best of luck for 1978.

Nancy and I had cards from Dallas Williams, and Dick Brown, two boys we have not heard from for some time now. Dallas is now living in Portland, OR not too far from Jack Knight. Dallas is going to re-enlist in the 83rd Infantry Association again. He lost contact with us when he moved to the west coast. His address will be forwarded to Sam Klippa.

Dick Brown is doing very well in Irons, MI. I am going to send him some THUNDERBOLTS and see if we can sign him up. I guess Irons, MI must be up in God's Country as I look at the map.

My wife Nancy and I were given a surprise Party on our 30th Wedding Anniversary on November 27th by our four children. It was a real shock to us to find out that this time was planned almost a year ago in order to book Lantana's in Randolph, MA. Many of the 83rders were at this time from as far out as Altoona, PA and that was Bill Shaner with his lovely wife Lois. Nancy and I were really touched by the people of the 83rd traveling so far with weather being so poor for traveling. Many thanks to all that attended this wonderful event in our lives. Also, thanks to James (Buck) Taylor and his wife for such a nice card on this occasion.

Now back to the 323rd news. John Medierous has opened his own restaurant business in Everett, MA. We all want to wish Johnnie the best of luck in this venture.

John Turkett I did not hear from this past six months, also the fabulous Willis brothers from South Carolina. Maybe they don't have a mail service there anymore. Baker could fill me in on that I am sure. Ha! Ha! Ha!

I hope in the next few weeks I can get down to Rhode Island and dig up a little news for the next issue from the 323rders. There are many 323rders in that area..

This last note to come in to me is that Bob Pegg is retiring from the U S. Custom Service which he has served so well since leaving a brilliant Army career. We in Hq. Battery know what a fine leader he was in World War II and he went on to Korea afterwards. Good luck to you Bob in your retirement. Hope to see you at our 83rd Reunions in the future. If you get a chance, say Hello to Col. Daniels for the old 323rd boys.

This is it for now, time is going by fast and Erwin Erhardt has been really planning my trip to Cincinnati, Ohio for the next Reunion.

Best of luck
Amby Tynan
323rd F.A.

TO THE PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

Dear Buddies:

Just a note to express our gratitude for the wonderful reception we received from the Philadelphia Chapter at their Banquet, held for their new Officers for the '77 - '78 year.

We thank them for securing our reservations and making us feel so very welcome. Everything was great from start to finish. Thanks again.

The Boston Chapter wishes the Philly Chapter a Healthy and Happy Holiday Season.

Sincerely
Amby and Nancy Tynan
Fran and Larry Arrigo
Romeo and Livvy Maynard
Jim and Teddy Prentice
Vitie and Julie Atkocius
Pat and Gin DiGiammerino



Some of the people that attended the Philly Party

EAU CLAIRE'S WORST FIRE BOWLING COMPLEX OWNERS TO REBUILD

By Nancy Conner
Correspondent

The Wagner brothers, owners of the bowling alley and small business complex destroyed by fire, have announced that they will rebuild. (Arthur P. Wagner was a member of Service Company, 329th Infantry.)

Wagners 64½ lanes, 14 small businesses and eight apartment units were destroyed. 'We plan to rebuild it just the way it was' said Arthur, who with brothers Chester and Kenneth, own and operate the alley. 'We would want the new building ready by next August when the bowling season begins.

Ray Wachs, Eau Claire City Manager, said that the loss of the alleys and the State Women's Tournament would mean a loss of \$1.5 million dollars to the merchants.

Dorothy Betz wrote:

Dear Wagners:

You gave a city fun.....

How does a city thank you for the years of happy hours, or show we are sorry when sadness showers trouble on a family's outgoing, cheerful lives?

Since the Wagner's first came to Eau Claire from Neillsville and artfully and knowledgeably laid sport-structured foundations, they quietly and joyfully added brightness and fun to our city wide sport's panorama with little personal return required beyond a minimal activity charge.

Thank you grandma Wagner, Chet, Stir, Budge, in-laws, sons and daughters. Thank you from all of us, and take courage as you go on to more, as grand and beautiful lanes. Eau Claire cares. Like the Phoenix, may you rise from the ashes.

(Disaster has struck one of our Buddies and I'm sure that all 83rders are pulling for Arthur and his brothers. We wish you all the success in the world and hope that along with the rebuilding, you have much more luck in the New Year.) ED.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

On the Saturday after Thanksgiving, a surprise party was held for Amby and Nancy Tynan at the Lantana Restaurant. You never saw two more surprised people. Nancy came into the hall, carrying two Christmas gifts, thinking it was a Christmas Party. Their children did a great job, from the invitations, the food and a great orchestra. As usual, when good friends get together, the time passes too swiftly. A large group of Greater Boston Chapter members attended, including friends from Pennsylvania.

CONGRADULATIONS, Amby and Nancy Tynan, may you have many more happy years together.

Pat DiGiammerino



Some of the Greater Boston Chapter at Nancy and Amby Tynan's Anniversary Party.



A great celebration for the happy Tynan's.



Jane Andreano and Santa Claus.



Mike and Vera Caprio.



Livvy and Romeo Maynard. 'Whatever is Santa Claus telling you?'

that made us all feel proud. Lou Volpi forgot all about his sore knees, his hurt legs. He strutted to the calling of Jim Appleby, and cavorted like a real professional.

We should remark that an hour before the Eating and Dancing, as usual the Philly Chapter offered the Open Bar feature that helped everyone to ease all tensions and when we arrive at the period where we are feeling no pain, then the real 'THUNDERBOLTER' shines, all inhibitions are lost, and the order of the day is fun and joy, and when you attend a Philadelphia Chapter Banquet you are guaranteed and presented with a night you will always remember, a night that will make you mark on your Calendar the next Philly event, so come and join us.

We held a brief Business Meeting at the Banquet, that permitted us to award to our outgoing President Bill Chavanne, a beautiful Plaque, as a token of our regard and small reward for his outstanding efforts as President. Those who know Bill Chavanne can attest to the fact that the Philadelphia Chapter means very much to him, and he has labored hard and ably to keep our Chapter a 'LIVE' Chapter. Bill is most fortunate to have his capable and charming wife Bea as a fellow worker. Bea Chavanne is tireless in her efforts to keep pace with Bill. We are indebted to the Chavannes and we are fortunate that love of the Philly Chapter is a mutual one.

Also, presented at the Banquet evening, was the installation of the new officers for the New Year. A most capable slate of officers was selected and great things are expected from this group.

President.....Emanuel Lima
Vice President.....Al Belvedere
Secretary.....Larry Redmond
Treasurer.....Joe Gioia
Chaplain.....John Piscitelli
Sgt. at Arms.....Lou Volpi

The 1977 Annual Banquet will be remembered by all who attended. We hope that many more THUNDERBOLT men and their wives will make plans to join the Philadelphia Chapter in all our scheduled Social events. Please contact our wonderful secretary Larry Redmond and get the dates for our future events. A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR to all our Buddies and their families.

Dave Rosenberg
'B' & 'F' 331st Inf.

GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER XMAS PARTY HITS A NEW HIGH IN GOOD FEELINGS

On December 10, 1977 the Greater Philadelphia Chapter hailed the Xmas Season in a Merry manner. We gathered at one of the finest intimate select dining places in this area, namely, 'GATSBY'S.'

We were shown to our tables, which were in a beautiful well decorated semi private room. From

that moment on, everyone had a wonderful merry time. The first matter of business was partaking of liquid refreshments. This furthered the added glow that soared over our tables.

Since a few of our men have assumed to enjoy our September Days with a September retirement, Al Belvedere proceeded to relate his story of the semi-retired man, who joined the Parachute Club. That tale broke us all up. That led to many, many funny stories and remembering all the past Reunions. It could be that the liquid refreshments broke all tensions and resulted in everyone letting their hair down and telling their favorite jokes and stories.

My dear wife Ann, an inveterate teller of tales, stories and jokes, had everyone in stitches. Most men of the National Association still remember Ann and her cheerful humor that helped make our past Reunions, ones that we will never forget.

Beautiful Claire Lima, the wife of our new Philly Chapter President, Manny Lima, was a delightful dinner companion, exquisitely clad in black tinsled evening gown. She was articulate, humorous and very cheerful and glowing. We men of the Philly Chapter can be very proud of our wives. They are pure gems, and lovely to behold. You can prove it by me. I took advantage of the Xmas spirit (or maybe the spirits took advantage of me) and I kissed all the lovely ladies, bar none..... I did not miss the opportunity to kiss Lucy Volpi, who must be personified as the perfect 'Lady'. A definite perfect mate for our one and only Lou Volpi. Lucy Volpi has that wonderful personality and charm that makes all and everyone feel at home and WELCOME. A warm and very friendly lady

Mary Redmond is also one of my favorites. To know Mary Redmond is to learn of her deep sense of friendship that emanates from her. Mary Redmond was attired in a long black and white gown, she was radiant and full of Christmas spirit.

Ann Belvedere, always trim and youthful, overcomes you with her outstanding poise and confidence, her beauty belies the fact that she's a grandmother. It is always a pleasure to be in Ann Belvedere's company.

I cannot write or try to describe the feeling for 'My Mary', Frank McGrogan's wife. 'My Mary' is one of my favorites. 'My Mary' is charming in all ways, always speaking out her mind, direct in her criticism, but ready to praise. 'Mary, my Mary'... always has a kind word for everyone, friendly, a delight to be with

In every Chapter, there is always one lovely lady, who volunteers for everything. Nothing, no task or chore is too difficult for her to undertake. In the Philly Chapter, we are most fortunate to have the cream of the crop. Bea Chavanne. Bea Chavanne, quietly and expeditiously accomplishes miracles. Bea strikingly attractive with her silver tresses, her



L. to R. Tom, Gail, Don, Gail and Jim.

I hope you all enjoyed the Holidays and have a HAPPY AND HEALTHY 1978. God Bless you all and remember what I always say: 'It's later than we think.'

Yours Truly
Jim Bowie
Co. 'B' 330th. Inf.

FUTURE FLORIDA CHAPTER?

The fledgling would be Florida Chapter met again at the Holiday Inn in Punta Gorda Saturday afternoon December 3, 1977. With Bill Nickell presiding, the meeting was called to order with nine (9) members present (we are getting closer) and correspondence on hand from two additional members who are moving to Florida this winter who said they would join.

I agreed to act as President pro-tem until we could have our next meeting with a Quorum at which time the President would be elected along with a Secretary-Treasurer. Ralph Gunderson and Syl Fishman were in attendance and promised to recanvas the east coast for new members. The next meeting of the proposed Chapter will be held in my Real Estate Office here in Tampa on January 28 and those in attendance at the last Punta Gorda meeting promised to return and solicit other members of their acquaintance to come along.

We are going to get this Florida Chapter off the ground COME HELL OR HIGH WATER.

Sincerely
R.M. Sullivan
Div. Hq.

(CONGRADULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU IN FLORIDA. IT sure LOOKS AS THOUGH YOU WILL BE GETTING YOUR 83RD. CHARTER REAL SOON.) ED.

GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER ANNUAL BANQUET A HUGE SUCCESS

On November 5, 1977 the Greater Philadelphia Chapter held their Annual Banquet that proved to be an evening of fun, frolic and friendly raport. We were honored to have a host of out of towners join us in our wonderful evening of merriment.

We were most pleased to have in our midst, Pat DiGiammerino, Chairman of the National Executive Board and his delightful wife Ginny from Malden, MA. Also from 'Yankee Country' Larry Arrigo and his wife Lilly, from Westport, MA. Jim Prentice, 3rd. V.P. of the National Association and his wife Teddy from Hartford, CT. Ambrose Tynan and his wife Nancy from West Roxbury, MA made up the New England contingent. They had a wonderful time and we know they will continue to join the Philly Chapter in all our Gala events.

Also present and accounted for and joining in the fun were Bill Shaner and his wife Lois, Jim Bowie and his wife Kay, Stan and Fran Bielen, Emil and Hazel Wehling. We were pleased to greet a number of 'THUNDERBOLTERS' who hailed from the 'SOUTH' among whom was my Buddy from 'F' Company 331st, our favorite Deacon George Naylor, Jr. and his charming wife.

We must pay tribute and point with pride, and a vote of 'WELL DONE', to our capable banquet committee led by Al Belvedere, who was ably aided by Bill Chavanne, (and that tireless worker Bea Chavanne), Lou Volpi, Frank McGrogan, Joe Gioia, Larry Redmond, Manny Lima, John Piscitelli and of course their able wives who pitched in and made the evening a huge success.

I have often observed over the long life span of the Philly Chapter that our wives are a giant factor in our continuous growth and sustenance as a Chapter. Without a doubt these beautiful gals of the Philly Chapter, who in all ways have volunteered their services and labored to make our Philadelphia Chapter a remarkable unit. They deserve much praise. They greeted our guests; they mixed with the visitors; they extended their friendly arm that made everyone attending 'feel right at home.'

Al Belvedere who played a great deal in arranging the affair at the Philadelphia Defense Supply Depot, selected a terrific Combo that played the music, that the THUNDERBOLTS love to dance to: Waltzes, Polka's, Mummer Strut Tunes, you name it, they didn't miss a piece.

When the Combo were taking a break, we were fortunate to have the 'Appleby's' lead us and call out the wonderful Square Dance numbers. They are a wonderful team. The Appleby's are to be congratulated for their excellent work.

The greatest dance I observed was our own Lou Volpi doing a line dance, expertly and in a manner

that made us all feel proud. Lou Volpi forgot all about his sore knees, his hurt legs. He strutted to the calling of Jim Appleby, and cavorted like a real professional.

We should remark that an hour before the Eating and Dancing, as usual the Philly Chapter offered the Open Bar feature that helped everyone to ease all tensions and when we arrive at the period where we are feeling no pain, then the real 'THUNDERBOLTER' shines, all inhibitions are lost, and the order of the day is fun and joy, and when you attend a Philadelphia Chapter Banquet you are guaranteed and presented with a night you will always remember, a night that will make you mark on your Calendar the next Philly event, so come and join us.

We held a brief Business Meeting at the Banquet, that permitted us to award to our outgoing President Bill Chavanne, a beautiful Plaque, as a token of our regard and small reward for his outstanding efforts as President. Those who know Bill Chavanne can attest to the fact that the Philadelphia Chapter means very much to him, and he has labored hard and ably to keep our Chapter a 'LIVE' Chapter. Bill is most fortunate to have his capable and charming wife Bea as a fellow worker. Bea Chavanne is tireless in her efforts to keep pace with Bill. We are indebted to the Chavannes and we are fortunate that love of the Philly Chapter is a mutual one.

Also, presented at the Banquet evening, was the installation of the new officers for the New Year. A most capable slate of officers was selected and great things are expected from this group.

President.....Emanuel Lima
Vice President.....Al Belvedere
Secretary.....Larry Redmond
Treasurer.....Joe Gioia
Chaplain.....John Piscitelli
Sgt. at Arms.....Lou Volpi

The 1977 Annual Banquet will be remembered by all who attended. We hope that many more THUNDERBOLT men and their wives will make plans to join the Philadelphia Chapter in all our scheduled Social events. Please contact our wonderful secretary Larry Redmond and get the dates for our future events. A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR to all our Buddies and their families.

Dave Rosenburg
'B' & 'F' 331st Inf.

GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER XMAS PARTY HITS A NEW HIGH IN GOOD FEELINGS

On December 10, 1977 the Greater Philadelphia Chapter hailed the Xmas Season in a Merry manner. We gathered at one of the finest intimate select dining places in this area, namely, 'GATSBY'S.'

We were shown to our tables, which were in a beautiful well decorated semi private room. From

that moment on, everyone had a wonderful merry time. The first matter of business was partaking of liquid refreshments. This furthered the added glow that soared over our tables.

Since a few of our men have assumed to enjoy our September Days with a September retirement, Al Belvedere proceeded to relate his story of the semi-retired man, who joined the Parachute Club. That tale broke us all up. That led to many, many funny stories and remembering all the past Reunions. It could be that the liquid refreshments broke all tensions and resulted in everyone letting their hair down and telling their favorite jokes and stories.

My dear wife Ann, an inveterate teller of tales, stories and jokes, had everyone in stitches. Most men of the National Association still remember Ann and her cheerful humor that helped make our past Reunions, ones that we will never forget.

Beautiful Claire Lima, the wife of our new Philly Chapter President, Manny Lima, was a delightful dinner companion, exquisitely clad in black tinsled evening gown. She was articulate, humorous and very cheerful and glowing. We men of the Philly Chapter can be very proud of our wives. They are pure gems, and lovely to behold. You can prove it by me. I took advantage of the Xmas spirit (or maybe the spirits took advantage of me) and I kissed all the lovely ladies, bar none..... I did not miss the opportunity to kiss Lucy Volpi, who must be personified as the perfect 'Lady'. A definite perfect mate for our one and only Lou Volpi. Lucy Volpi has that wonderful personality and charm that makes all and everyone feel at home and WELCOME. A warm and very friendly lady

Mary Redmond is also one of my favorites. To know Mary Redmond is to learn of her deep sense of friendship that emanates from her. Mary Redmond was attired in a long black and white gown, she was radiant and full of Christmas spirit.

Ann Belvedere, always trim and youthful, overcomes you with her outstanding poise and confidence, her beauty belies the fact that she's a grandmother. It is always a pleasure to be in Ann Belvedere's company.

I cannot write or try to describe the feeling for 'My Mary', Frank McGrogan's wife. 'My Mary' is one of my favorites. 'My Mary' is charming in all ways, always speaking out her mind, direct in her criticism, but ready to praise. 'Mary, my Mary'... always has a kind word for everyone, friendly, a delight to be with

In every Chapter, there is always one lovely lady, who volunteers for everything. Nothing, no task or chore is too difficult for her to undertake. In the Philly Chapter, we are most fortunate to have the cream of the crop, Bea Chavanne. Bea Chavanne, quietly and expeditiously accomplishes miracles. Bea strikingly attractive with her silver tresses, her

talents are great, her accomplishments are many. Bea Chavanne is everyone's favorite.

Josie Piscitelli is a real special lady. Chaplain John P. is very fortunate, Josie quietly stands out in the crowd, always attired in the latest fashioned clothing. Josie shines, and glows. Her charming mannerism and quiet speech belies her outstanding personality and to be in her company is a joy and a pleasure. It is difficult for me to write about my dear wife Ann. It is much easier for everyone who has had the great fortune to be in her company to tell you of her many charms and facets. All I can say is that in the 38 years of marriage I might have made the living, but it was Ann who made living worthwhile. Ann Rosenberg's humor is contagious. When Ann Rosenberg is at a party, the party will never be a dull one. The Philly Chapter still speaks of her ability to make the many Reunions we attended as Reunions that will never be forgotten. Ann Rosenburg epitomizes the charming lady who has the ability to make everyone feel at home. She radiates and glows friendship. Her appealing sense of humor, her ability to tell stories, jokes has kept many of our meetings pleasant and momentous. I am lucky that she has put up with me all these years and would not want any other.

Our Xmas meal at Gatsby's was a delightful event as we had a wonderful time. But the fun began when we adjourned to the meeting rooms we now have. Thanks to Lou Volpi.

We exchanged 'Polly Anna' gifts. We dined, we drank, we enjoyed the most tasty cakes and cookies our dear ladies provided. We had a most enjoyable Xmas Party. The Xmas Party only proved that the Philly Chapter will be enjoying the New Year very much. We have a strong nucleus and we hope to have some of our former members again join us at our meetings and future Socials.

Again, we wish all our Buddies and their families A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

Dave Rosenberg
'B' & 'F' 331st Inf.

'FRANKLY SPEAKING'
HELP! HELP! HELP!

Dear Buddy:

The 83rd Infantry Division Association held its 31st Annual Reunion on August 18, 19 and 20th at Warren, Ohio. There was a very good group of former Buddies, and a good time was had by all. Well, Buddy, we are looking forward to having a much bigger group at our Reunion this year, which will be the 32nd Annual Reunion of the 83rd Infantry Division Association to be held August 17, 18 and 19th, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

We are also interested in getting more boys to join the 83rd Infantry Division Association and also

getting them to pay up their Dues, and help make the 83rd Infantry Division Association the biggest and best of any of the Division Associations. We are appealing to each and everyone of you for your support and assistance in trying to contact any of your former Buddies and try to get them to join us in this great drive. You will remember that during the days of combat when the going was rough, the 83rd was called and we lived up to our reputation of the THUNDERING HERD; we were always a dependable unit and we know that each and everyone of you are just as dependable in helping with this appeal. Well Buddy, we appeal to you, if you haven't sent in your Dues as yet, 'DO IT NOW', and also get a Buddy to join.

Remember that when August 1978 comes along we want to land in Cincinnati in real 83rd Division style; that is the real THUNDERBOLT style. We want to make the people of Cincinnati feel proud that we, the 83rd Infantry Division, wore the shoulder patch bearing the name of the great state of Ohio. In our journey to Europe and back we know that the people of Ohio are proud of the job that we did while bearing their name.

Your Dues in the amount of \$6.00 can be sent to the 83rd Infantry Division Association, C/O Mr. Samuel Klippa, 1500 Mutual Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15204.

Yours Truly
Frank McGrogan
'D' 330th Inf.

P.S. Help make 'D' Company the biggest and best of any Company there.

TO ALL THE MEN OF 'D' 330TH.

Dear Buddies:

This is a reminder and a follow-up of a letter I sent you a couple of weeks ago asking for your Dues for the National Association.

OUR MISSION THIS YEAR IS TO PLAN A BANG-UP REAL COMPANY REUNION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DIVISION REUNION HELD ON AUGUST 17, 18 AND 19, 1978 IN CINCINNATI, OHIO.

It's been a long time since our last get-together, so let's really put aside the time to make it this year. I have been active in the Association all these years, and I, want to show the rest of the Association that the spirit of Company D-330th men is going to turn out the biggest contingent at the Reunion.

I will bring with me photographs of the Company men - this will bring back memories, I'm sure.

So, for old times sake, let's do three things right away:

1. Join the Association.
2. Make plans to attend the Reunion.
3. Drop me a note letting me know how you are, where you are and whether you'll be coming.

I do hope this finds you in good health and I'm looking forward to hearing from you, and more important -- if you have some names and addresses that are good, PLEASE, send them to me so I can get in touch with them. Hope to see you in August!

Yours For A Great Reunion
Frank McGrogan
'D' Co. 330th Inf.

'ROUGH GOING'

'As I backed out of the garage, I hit the door, ran over my son's bicycle, tore up the lawn, rolled over the cat's tail, smashed the curbing, hit the neighbor's house, crushed a Stop Sign, and crashed into a tree.'

'Then what happened?' the officer inquired.

'Then I lost control of the car,' replied the driver.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

'100% AMERICAN'

A refugee couple arrived in the United States with the dream of becoming American Citizens. They waited, they watched, they studied and atlast the great day came.

At home after the ceremonies the man turned to his wife. 'Think of it!' he exclaimed. 'At last we are Americans!'

'Yes, she replied, tying her apron around his waist. 'Now you can do the dishes.'

FRANKLY SPEAKING

'IT FIGURES'

If the average man saves for the next twenty years at the same rate he has been saving for the past six months, he'll be able to retire at the age of 60 owing \$100,000.

Frankly Speaking
Frank McGrogan
'D' 330th Inf.

LATE FLASH!!

P.S. My Mary and myself received a Christmas Card from Paul Vitantonio and his wife, Gloria, and she told us Paul was feeling much better with his new kidney, but, still has to go to the hospital twice a week. She told me to Thank all the men that sent him cards and letters...keep up the good work...again, his address, 29203 Ridge Road, Wickliffe, Ohio 44092.

Frank McGrogan

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 17, 18, 19, 1978

32ND ANNUAL REUNION



Back row: B. Chavanne, L. Redmond, J. Piscitelli
Front: A. Belvedere, F. McGrogan, D. Rosenberg & Lou Volpi.



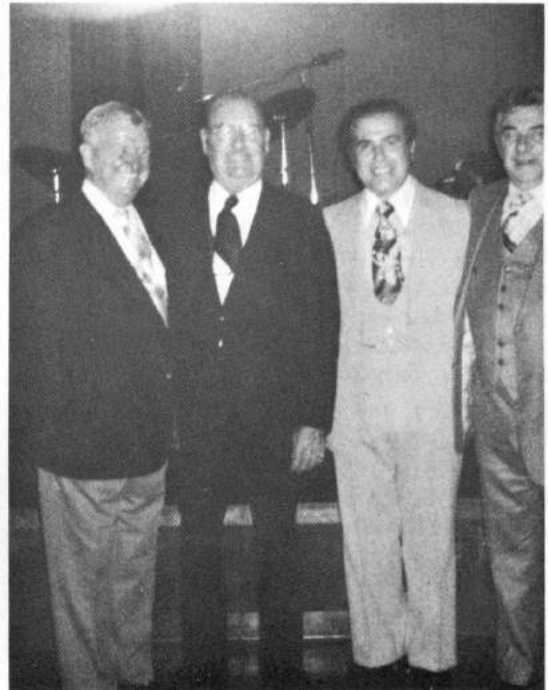
Top: B. Chavanne, M. Redmond, M. McGrogan, A. Rosenberg & L. Volpi.
Bottom: C. Lima & J. Piscitelli.



L to R: J. Piscitelli, B. Chavanne, B. Chavanne, D. Rosenberg and E. Lima.



Lou and Lucy - Mary



Larry, Frank, Al and Lou.

 Those of you that live in or near a city that has a Chapter, why don't you join them and get in on the fun. From the pictures, you can see that they are having as much fun as you would at a Reunion.

TRY IT! YOU'LL LIKE IT!

Contact the Chapter nearest to you.

NEXT REUNION!

**Cincinnati, Ohio - August 17, 18, 19, 1978.
 Make plans now to attend. Meet your Buddies.**

CHAPLAINS STEEPLE

Dear Buddies:

Here we are starting a New Year 1978 and we have fourteen of our Comrades no longer with us. The following are deceased:

1. Guy Meyers - 'E' 329
2. Pat Caruccio - 'K' 330
3. Francis R. Doherty - 908 F.A.
4. C.L. Katsung - Hq. 329
5. Mike Sitnic - 'H' 331
6. Bob Brown - 'E' 331
7. Clifford T. Unbekant - 83rd. Sig.
8. Paul Kososky - 'A' 308 Eng.
9. Nick Nykaza - Serv. 329
10. George Berlet - 'G' 331
11. Ron E. Surbaugh, Sr. - 1 Bn Hq 330
12. Ralph Moore - Cn. 330
13. Liberto Bacchetti - Serv. 324 F.A.
14. Ollie Weismuller - Hq. 908 F.A.

We the living of the 83rd Infantry Division, Pray for all our deceased Comrades. We Pray O'Lord, welcome into your kingdom all our departed Comrades and bring them into the light of your presence. AMEN

Again, we ask all our Buddies or families if they can, to send the Company, Battalion or Regiment whenever sending in ILL or DEATH notices.

Martha, wife of Bill Appleby, lost both her mother and father within a couple of months. Our Buddy, Phil Derecola 'H' 331 lost his mother. Our Buddy, Frank McGrogan 'D' 330 lost his brother Daniel. Lucy, wife of Lou Volpi 'A' 324 lost her brother-in-law. Our Olive, wife of Joe Ponzio 'L' 330 lost her aunt and uncle. We Pray for all of them Lord. May eternal light shine upon them O'Lord. Grant them everlasting peace. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithfully departed through your Mercy, rest in peace. AMEN

John T. Piscitelli
'C' 323 F.A. Bn.

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER NEWS

Dear Buddies:

We members of the Philadelphia Chapter once again wish to thank all our Comrades that attended our Annual Banquet, on Saturday, November 5, 1977. All Boston, Pittsburgh, New Jersey Chapter men and all individual men and wives that made our Annual Banquet a huge success. We missed a good friend, Joe McGlaglan of 'H' 331. We were sorry to hear that a few Buddies had tickets and couldn't make it.

Our 50-50 Prize was won by Mario, a Buddy of Lou Volpi. The 2nd Prize was won by Jim Prentice of the 908 F.A. Bn. Jim and his lovely wife were also present. The Door Prize was an AM-FM Clock Radio donated by our Frank McGrogan of 'D' 330. The prize winner was Vitie Atkocius of 'H' 331 who was present

from Washington, D.C. 'H' Company 331 had a few members in attendance, guests of Phil and Betty Derecola.

The new Officers for the year 1977-'78 are:

PRESIDENT - Emanouil Lima 'K' 331
Apt 73 Hillbrooke Apts.
Glenside, PA 19038
PH - 1-215-886-0438

V. President - Al Belvedere 'K' 331
1428 Hillside Terrace
Pennsauken, NJ 08110
PH - 1-609-663-0784

Secretary - Larry Redmond 'H' 330
132 Rockwood Drive
Havertown, PA 19083
PH - 1-215-446-2434

Treasurer - Joseph Gioia 'C' 323 F.A.
738 Fairfax Road
Drexel Hill, PA 19028
PH - 1-215-259-8021

Chaplain - John T. Piscitelli 'C' 323 F.A.
1903 Iseminger Street
Philadelphia, PA 19148
PH - 1-215-334-3031

Sgt.-at-Arms - Lou Volpi 'A' 324 F.A.
245 Woodbine Avenue
Narberth, PA 19072
PH - 1-215-839-4163

Anyone of our Comrades from the 83rd and their wives are welcome at all times. Our meetings are the third Saturday of each month. Contact any of our Officers for information.

Our new Chapter home is at the Public Federal Savings and Loan Association - Montgomery and Woodbine Avenues in Narberth, PA. The Philadelphia Chapter is now preparing for our Bus Trip to Cincinnati, Ohio in August. We hope to be well represented.

Once more we are writing all our Buddies, each and everyone of us here in Philadelphia, to send in their Dues, and maybe we can hit the Two Thousand mark. We know it can be done good and God Bless all.

John T. Piscitelli
Philadelphia Chapter
Reporter
'C' 323 F.A. Bn.

GET YOUR DUES IN EARLY AS POSSIBLE!
DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR THUNDERBOLTS!
SIGN UP A BUDDY, AND HELP US GROW!

WARREN CHAPTER REPORT

Hello again from Warren:

We have all been very busy here in Warren in the wake of the reunion. We will all have to work extra hard to make our Chapter as healthy as we were before.

On Sunday, September 18, 1977, we held our Annual Steak Fry at the home of Mike Skovran. Mike and John Teringo were in charge and did a terrific job. John is quite the Chef on cooking those steaks. Kate and Loyal Pangle journeyed in from Michigan to join us. We also had our meeting and elected the following Officers for the coming year:

Charles Tomazin President
John Teringo V. President
Michael Skovran Sec. Treas.
Joseph Phillipone Chaplain
Dick Kelly Chap. Reporter

On October 15th, we had a get together at the Living Room Lounge. We let our hair down, devoured a marvelous meal and tipped a few. A good time was had by all present.

October 23rd on a Sunday, we had our monthly meeting at the home of Leroy Titus in Bedford, Ohio. Movies were shown by Babe Gautschi of the reunion and of past affairs held by the Chapter. We all enjoyed them very much. Good job Lee and Babe.

Our November meeting was held at the home of George Bellay and a good time was had by all. George is a terrific host.

John Shamrock opened his door to us in December. Our meeting was held in conjunction with the Ladies Auxiliary meeting. We had a covered dish dinner to help start off the Holiday Season and there was quite a variety of goodies. John and Pat had their home decorated for the Holidays and they did a terrific job.

On December 10th, the Ladies Auxiliary sponsored the dinner part of our Christmas Party. It was held at the Players Brown Derby. After dinner we took the ladies for a night of dancing at the Avon Oaks in Girard, Ohio. Joe Phillipone was Chairman and George Bellay was Co-Chairman. Good job fellows. Also, a nice job on the Corsages, John Teringo.

The first big snow fall of the year, Charlie Tomazin slipped on the ice getting out of his car and broke his wrist. He is on the mend. Good luck Charlie and watch the ice.

It was great hearing from some of you through cards and contacts during the Christmas Season.

We wish all of you a Happy Easter.

Yours truly
Dick Kelly
908 F.A. Bn.

WARREN AUXILIARY

Hi Everybody:

My last write-up did not appear in the THUNDER-BOLT through no fault of mine. We hope you enjoyed your visit to Warren and we were glad to see all of you again.

John and Helen Caparanis visited Puerto Rico and had a wonderful time.

Our November meeting was held at the home of Dolly Halubka and we made some very pretty nut cups for our Christmas Party.

In December, the men and women met at John and Pat Shamrock's home. We enjoyed a covered dish dinner and we then held separate meetings. The men in the Rec Room and the women upstairs. The Auxiliary held their Secret Sister Gift exchange.

At 6:30 P.M. on December 10, the Auxiliary held their Annual Christmas Party at the Love Pub. We treated our Hubbies to a mouth watering steak dinner and luvius desserts. They presented each of us with a beautiful Corsage. Center pieces were made by Birdie Titus and Ted Halubka and were won by Angie Phillipone, Theresa Gautschi and Mary Cooley. Birdie and Ted made up their own original designs and they were really different. Wish I would have won one. Our Hubbies then took us to Avon Oaks Ballroom where an evening of dancing and merry making was enjoyed by all. Wish all of you could have been with us.

On December 14th, the Auxiliary and guests traveled to Ravenna, Ohio to the Carousel Dinner Theater. It is on the order of a Smorgasbord and the food is very good and there is a great variety. They perform in the middle of the room and there is not a bad seat in the place. We saw the Play 'I Do, I Do,' and it was really funny.

George and Mary Cooley spent the Christmas Holidays in Texas with their son and daughter.

The second week in March we will be in Clearwater Beach, FL at the Scott Apartment Motel. Then we are going to Miami to visit our son and daughter.

Liz and Mike Skovran are leaving Warren on March 6th for Ft. Lauderdale and then are going to Venice, Florida.

Angie and Joe Phillipone are also planning on being in Florida in March. Maybe we might run into one another.

Our next meeting, in January, will be held at the home of Louise Bellay when our new Officers will be selected. We also have new Secret Sisters for the coming year.

I could go on and on but I had better close for now. The Auxiliary wishes all of you in THUNDERBOLT land, a Very Happy Easter Holiday.

Millie Kelly
214 Oregon Ave. NW
Warren, OH 44485

WARREN PARTY PHOTOGRAPHS FOLLOW ON THE NEXT PAGE.



George and Mary Cooley, Lee and Birdie Titus, George and Louise Bellay, John and Helen Caparanis & Babe and Theresa Gautschi.



Theresa and Babe Gautschi, Olga and John Teringo and Mike Skovran.



Ted and Dolly Halubka and Joe Phillipone.



Birdie Titus blowing out the candles on her Birthday Cake at the Covered Dish Dinner.



Millie and Dick Kelly, Joe and Angie Phillipone and Liz Skovran.



Liz Skovran, John Shamrock, Ted Halubka, Mike Skovran, Joe Phillipone and George Bellay.



Ladies Auxiliary: Pat, Angie, Liz, Dolly, Marge, Millie, Mary, Theresa and Birdie.



Titus, Cooley, Tomazin, Voracek and Kelly.



Pres. Tomazin, Chaplain Phillipone, Sec. Treas. M. Skovran, Publicity - Kelly and V.P. Teringo.

DECEASED

In my recent mailings for Membership, I learned of the death of Albert Matta of 1st. Bn. Hq. 329. Also, Jack Curry of A.T. 330th. Inf.

Joseph Duddy of Serv. 331st. Infantry passed away also. I am told that he was 79 years old and this should make him the oldest in the 83rd., I believe.

George W. Payne of St. Louis, MO. Hq. 331st. Infantry, passed away on the 19th. of March 1977.

David B. Garland of the 453rd. A.A.A. passed recently. His envelope was returned to me by the Post Office, marked: 'Deceased.'

I'm sorry to tell you of the death of my father Rudolph G. Rogers of 'G' 330th. Infantry. He passed away February 18, 1976 and I have been so busy with other things I just haven't had the time to write and tell you.

My Dad always talked about his 83rd Buddies.

David J. Rogers

This is to advise you that my husband George M. Fuchs, Sr. passed away on the 10th. of August 1977. He was with Company 'B' of the 330th. Infantry. The cause of death was a heart attack.

Mrs. Dorothy Fuchs

This form (Membership Application) has come in the mail for my husband. When the information for the past Reunion came in, I sent a notice that my husband was deceased.

William R. Mason (not Ralph as the mail has always been addressed) was in the 453rd A.A.A. He passed away on the 16th of July 1976.

Mrs. William R. Mason

Homer W. Gill died on the 20th of June, 1972 and this was the first time I was notified. He died in a Veterans Hospital in Oteen, NC. This info was sent by Harry E. Dalbey of 'H' 330th. ED.

My father passed away on July 26, 1977 after a long illness. He was always quite proud of being a member of the 83rd Infantry Division.

Harold T. Whitaker, Jr.

Son of Harold
'Unit Unknown'

Joseph Cavalier of 'M' 330th. Inf. passed away and his mail was returned by the Post Office, marked 'Deceased.'

George Berlet of 'G' 331st. Inf. is 'Deceased' also. His mail was returned.

Mrs. Virginia Cavanah returned the application

sent to her husband Clyde, with a note that he had passed away on the 21st. of April 1977. He died of Cancer. He was in the 374 F.A.

Donald V. Roth 56, of New Philadelphia, Ohio died on the 31st. of October in Timken Mercy Hospital in Canton, Ohio. He was a member of 'M' 331st Inf.

Surviving in addition to his mother are his widow, the former Helen M. Angelozzi; two daughters, Mrs. Marsha Bartnett and Mrs. Cheryl Bower, both of San Diego, CA and one brother, Richard of Tuscarawas Ohio.

Donald was in attendance at the Reunion in Warren, Ohio this past year.



Donald V. Roth

Would you please remove my late husband from the mailing list. Peter Tucky passed away on December 7, 1976. He was in the 453rd A.A.A.

Katherine Tucky

Please discontinue mail to Mr. Kirshman as he passed away in 1973.

(Unit Unknown)
(Was in Active File)

Abe Tolsky died - March 20, 1977.

Raymond Panning of 1 Bn. Hq. 330, passed on, February 7, 1977. Was notified by his wife, who gave no details.

Saunders Lemon died - this year.

Received word from Al Uridel of Cleveland that

his good Buddy Joseph J. Kara of 'C' 330th Infantry, passed away suddenly in October. Joe went fast, he said, and he had given him a hair cut just prior to his death. ED.

It is with deep regret and sorrow that I have to send in an item like this one to have printed in the next issue of the THUNDERBOLT.

Armand Deotte of 'A' 908 F.A. passed away on May 11, 1977 at the age of 60. Anyone from 'A' Battery 908 wishing to send cards, address them to:

Mrs. Doris Deotte
356 Kennedy Drive
Putnam, CT 06260

Thank you
Michael Brick

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE 83RD. INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION. WE HAVE GONE OVER A THOUSAND IN MEMBERSHIP FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR.

On December 31st, 1977, we again reached the 'THOUSAND MARK' in membership and I am very proud of the fact. This makes it three years in a row, and if all of us keep contacting our Buddies, we can be NUMBER ONE in the country soon. Since the Membership yearly mailing in November, this Office has been swamped with applications for Membership, & it was a great pleasure for me to send them out. MANY THANKS to all of you, especially those that have been writing to your Buddies.

Each year that we reach the THOUSAND MARK, yours truly is paying for the Dues of the lucky member. It was my pleasure to pay the Dues of Revl Robert B. McIntyre of 'C' 330th Infantry this year.

With the check for his Dues (which was returned) he sent along the following note:

'A stroke two years ago, put me out of business. Rosey Casper one of my B.A.R. teams that gave cover-fire to me as a scout, lived in Utica, Ohio and I went to visit with him while my son was in College at Wooster. He was very thin and on a diet. His rosy cheeks (which caused his nickname) were gray like so many of us.

I married my childhood sweetheart who became one of the best nurses a fellow ever had. She has seen me through ulcers, heart fibrillations and stroke, so I have been Blessed in many ways.

I answered an appeal in the V.F.W. Magazine for Bob Half, the B.A.R. man that we called 'Chief'. I hope the idiots in the V.A. realized how long and hard he fought out in the cold for days on end. We stood guard over one another while we changed our socks on order from Paul Garthwaite who was a Major the last I knew.

Rev. Robert McIntyre
'C' 330th

THE HISTORIANS CORNER

Dear Buddies:

Just a few more stories from the Dinan, Dinard and St. Malo area before we push on to the Loire Valley. Some may strike a cord in your memories if you were there.

The young French girls who loved German Soldiers with their heads shaved and paraded before their own people.

My Buddy, full of Calvados, being forcibly restrained from swimming out to blow up the Citadel with two live grenades (pins out) in his hands.

The U.S. Army Ambulance which hit and was blown up by a road mine which our Jeep had just passed over.

The lack of U.S. fire at one strong point because of a local 'girl.'

The day all the firing stopped to evacuate the French Civilian workers from German installations in the combat zone.

And when the Germans attempted to fight their way off the Citadel, we threw away our German souvenirs because if we were captured, we couldn't digest them.



The German Naval Commander of the St. Malo area.

The German photograph is of the Naval Commander of the district. I liberated it and the dagger he is wearing. I mentioned him in my last Report.

Wm. Kent O'Connell
83rd. M.P. Platoon

22 AUGUST 1944

The 331st Infantry relieved the 2nd Cavalry at 0730, 22 August and organized patrols and observation posts in the vicinity of Nantes. Division issued Field Order #27 with plans for patrolling north of Loire River from Redon to Nantes to Angers.

The 3rd Battalion, 331st Infantry, Division Reserve vicinity of Rennes, was placed on a 3 hour alert status as Mobile Reserve for possible move by motor and employment along the Loire River in the Division Sector.

A reconnaissance of the islands along the coast of Cancale in the St. Malo area showed them to be heavily mined but free of enemy.

23 August 1944

The 331st Infantry continued patrolling the area north of the Loire River from Redon to Nantes. An enemy plane, AJU 52, flew over the 331st Regimental Command Post at 0745. This was the first enemy plane reported since 3 August.

A number of Air Missions were requested on targets south of the Loire River. Special emphasis was placed on armed reconnaissance on possible routes of withdrawal to the east by German forces reported as moving east to avoid being trapped by the advance of the Seventh Army from the south.

Successful missions were flown.

Reconnaissance was made in Varades and no enemy was found.

The 329th Infantry continued to defend the Angers area while conducting active 105 MM fire on targets south of the Loire.

The Isle De Cezembre was bombed at 1325. The enemy garrison gave no indication of surrendering.

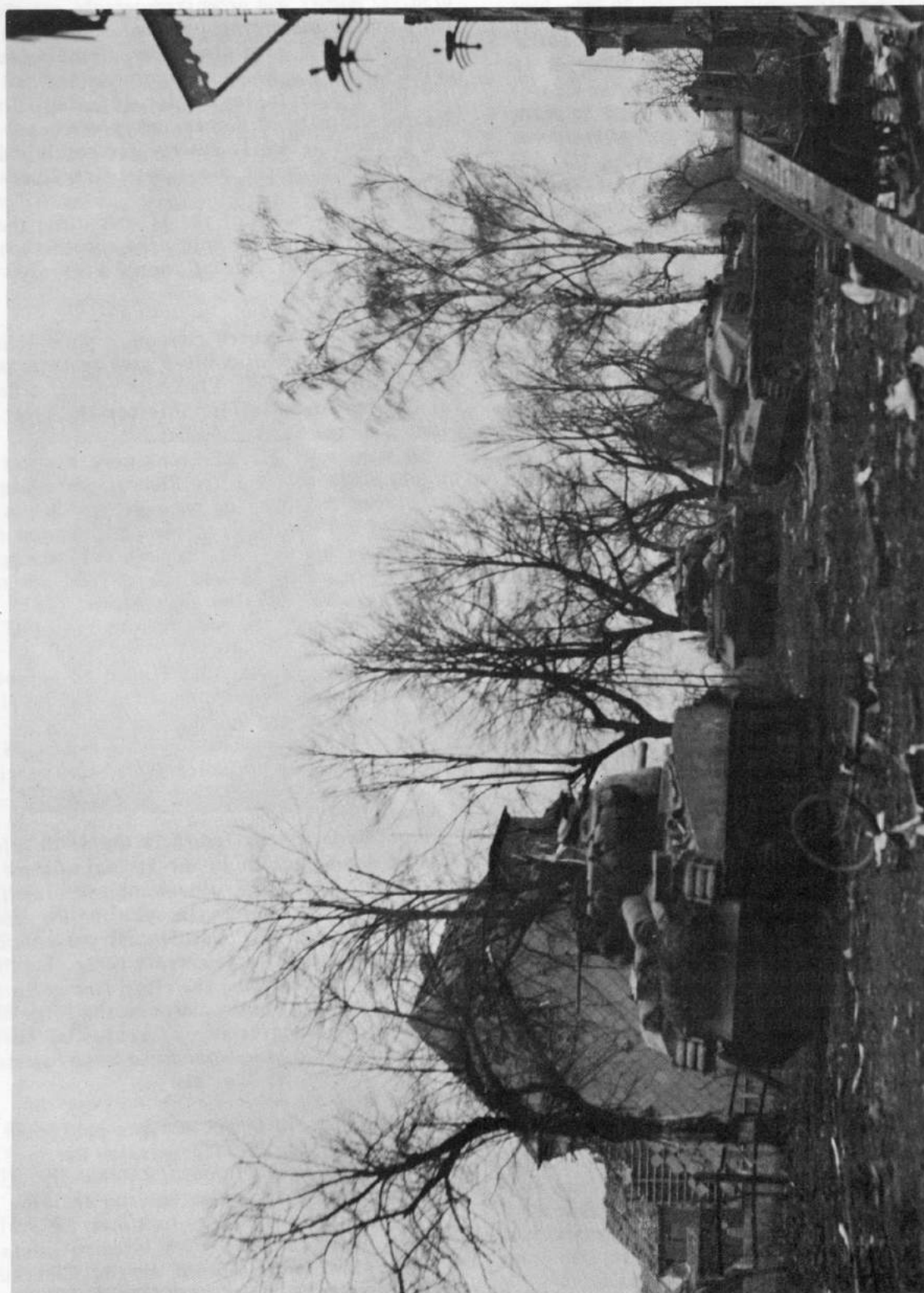
24 August 1944

Division Order was issued to the 330th Infantry to leave one Battalion in the St. Malo-Dinard area and concentrate the Regiment in the vicinity of Chateau La Valliere. Reconnaissance for the move was begun immediately. The 329th Infantry extended its zone to the east to include Croix Verte. The Division mission of patrolling the river line was extended from Angers to Orleans, north of the Loire River. More armed reconnaissance of routes of hostile withdrawal south of the Loire River was requested.

25 AUGUST 1944

Division Field Order #28 was published for continuation of the Division mission north of the Loire River. The 329th Infantry rotated front line Battalions in order to allow maximum training. The 2nd Battalion, 330th Infantry, took over the Division in the St. Malo area. The 330th Infantry (minus 2nd and 3rd Battalions) closed in the Chateau La Valliere area.

A patrol was fired upon by the enemy. When the



December 17, 1944. TWO TANK DESTROYERS OF THE 83RD INFANTRY DIVISION, ADVANCE UNDER DIRECT GERMAN ARTILLERY FIRE NEAR THE TOWN OF GURZENICH, GERMANY. NOTE THE KNOCKED OUT GERMAN 'TIGER ROYAL' ON THE RIGHT. (774th. Tank Battalion)

fire was returned, the German patrol retreated.

The Division Command Post east of Rennes closed at 1000 and opened in Chateau Briant at 1200.

26 AUGUST 1944

The Division continued its mission of protecting the south flank of the 3rd U.S. Army, and preventing enemy infiltration north of the Loire River, from Redon to Orleans. A message from the 12th Army Group stated that the capture of the Isle De Cezembre was necessary and would be accomplished by the 83rd Infantry Division. Staff Officers of the 12th Army group visited Headquarters to discuss operational plans.

27 AUGUST 1944

The Division sent to 12th Army Group a plan of the Cezembre Operation. The 330th Infantry was relieved of the mission of patrolling north of the Loire River by the 329th Infantry to which was attached the 1st Battalion, 330th Infantry and was ordered to move to the Dinard area where it resumed command of the 2nd Battalion, 330th Infantry, for conduct of the Cezembre Operation and training for the assault was begun.

The 331st Infantry continued its mission of patrolling north of the Loire River. The Regiment drove a strong force estimated to be 400 men, from Blain. The enemy left 12 dead, and 7 prisoners of War were captured.

An enemy Airport was captured.

28 AUGUST 1944

In the Dinard area, movement of the 330th Infantry to positions and training for the Cezembre Operation continued.

The remainder of the Division continued patrolling the Loire River. Air Missions were requested in the area of the 331st Infantry from Redon to Nantes.

29 AUGUST 1944

Amphibious training by the 2nd Battalion of the 330th Infantry, for assault on the Isle De Cezembre was conducted. Plans involved the landing of the Battalion after extended Air Bombardment and Artillery firing. Twenty Five LST's arrived and were made ready for operation. Artillery fire on the island continued all day.

An advance Division Command Post was established 29 August in the City of Dinard to direct the attack on the Isle De Cezembre.

The Division maintained defenses against the infiltration of the enemy south of the Loire River, from Redon to Orleans.

30 AUGUST 1944

The Division continued to shell the Isle De Cezembre to force its surrender. Fifteen LST's

with Naval Crews arrived and were placed in operation.

During the day, Artillery (including 8" guns) fired at troop shelters and beaches to detonate mines and reduce beach defenses. At night time, fire by the Artillery was used to prevent the enemy from repairing beach defenses and laying additional mines.

The 2nd Battalion, 330th Infantry, continued the special Amphibious training for the Cezembre Operation.

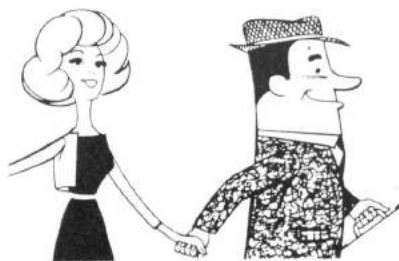
31 AUGUST 1944

The Isle De Cezembre was shelled continuously until 1000 as part of the Division plan. Fighter-Bombers then attacked with Jelled gasoline at 1000, followed by intense heavy bombardment by a large number of RAF Lancaster Bombers participating in the air action, at 1300, followed again by Jelled gasoline at 1700. Bombing was effective and did much to remove earth from troop shelters and expose the concrete shelters to view. Beach obstruction and land mines were neutralized. Battleship HMS Malaya bombarded the island from ranges of approximately 22,000 yards from 1100 to 1445. Amphibious training continued and the beaches were shelled during the night.

An Officer in an open boat proceeded to the Isle under a white flag and demanded its surrender. The Commander refused but requested another opportunity to negotiate after time to communicate with his next superior on Jersey Island.

On this date, the Division (less 3rd Battalion 330th Infantry and Battery C 323rd Field Artillery Battalion, with Task Force 'A' in the Brest area) was performing two missions. In the Dinard area, the 330th Infantry (minus 1st and 3rd Battalions) Reinforced, trained for an amphibious assault on the Isle De Cezembre. The remainder of the Division, north of the Loire River continued its mission of protecting the south flank of the 3rd U.S. Army from Redon to Orleans.

(to be continued)



**WE'RE
MOVING**

OUR NEW

ADDRESS IS..

LETTERS

Thought I'd drop you a line to let you know that 'This was just about the best Reunion ever held.' The Warren Chapter did one hell of a job and deserves all our congratulations. The planning and the price of this Reunion will be hard to beat - only in a small town taken over like this - by the 83rd could you have a Reunion with so much spirit... so much liquids... food etc. A JOB WELL DONE.

As you know, I sent out letters to addresses in my 1945 file and most of them were returned as 'Undeliverable', but just about everyone that I had reached... came to the Reunion. Maybe they all now have the Reunion spirit.

Mort Goldman
Gn. Co. 329th. Inf.

(If you want to see great results for your very own Company or Battery, start writing to your Buddy as Mort, and just watch the results. A lot of your Buddies will never go to a Reunion unless they are contacted personally. They want to know for sure that someone besides themselves is going to be there to discuss old times. As I have always been saying, ADDRESS LISTS ARE AVAILABLE. Just ask.) ED.

Sorry to be late with my Dues, but was in the Hospital with a back problem, am still unable to do any work.

Coen E. Welling
'H' 329th. Inf.

I sure hope Dick's gang from the Dixie Chapter will have another Reunion at Myrtle Beach someday soon. I'm going to have a room there for \$79.00 that cost \$186.00 for seven nights. The \$79.00 is for 8 nights. That makes quite a difference in the price, being out of season. I think we would get a bigger turnout every time.

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

(I agree with you Jim, and I'm sure there are a good many more in the Association that feel the same way about going there out of season. The same holds true for Florida and any other southern state.) ED.

Received a letter from Ed Williams of 'B' 908 F.A. and he informed me that M.E. Nelson who was at the Chicago Reunion a few years ago, is now in a Nursing Home. I would like to have this man receive future copies of the THUNDERBOLT and am enclosing his dues. I know the book would cheer him up, when he reads about his 83rd Associates. If you should have any back issues, please send him a few.

Mike Brick
908 F.A.

(Available back issues were sent and he is now on our Mailing List.) ED.

Thank you for the speedy reply to my letter last July. I was under the weather but am now out of the Hospital and doing better each day.

Am trying to write a few letters each week to the men on the list you sent. I recently talked to Larry Redmond and Lou Volpi and will probably join the Philly Chapter soon, if they will have me. I am working on a former retired Newspaper Printer in my area to join the Association.

In my next letter, I have a very interesting story to tell about one of our Honorary Presidents, namely our Medal of Honor winner. First, I have to take a trip to get a photograph or two, to accompany my story. All 83rd Members would like to know this little news item about two of our 83rd Division men.

Bob Refsnider
'L' 331st. Inf.

A few years back, I cut a clipping from the Uniontown, PA Newspaper stating you were the National Secretary of the 83rd Infantry. I was a member of this Division from July 1944 to the latter part of 1945. Would like to become a Member of the Association now. Let me hear from you?

Lloyd W. Abraham

(The above was sent to Larry Redmond and then was forwarded to me. Mr. Abraham will be on the Mailing List now.) ED. He is a Member now.

We were very disappointed that we could not make the Reunion in Warren, Ohio this past year. We will try to make it next year.

Anthony F. Piantedosi
'C' 323rd. F.A.

Those of you that attended the Reunion in Warren will remember that Col. White mentioned a Paul Edwards who is doing a Documentary for C.B.S. that concerns the 83rd Division. Mr. Edwards is in need of all sorts of news items about the 83rd... such as stories etc., or just about anything of importance that he might be able to use. If you have anything at all to send him, please do so now. Send it to:

Paul Edwards
P.O. Box #7
Carboro, NC 27510

Just tell him that Col. White told you to send the material to him. ED.

In the last Issue of the THUNDERBOLT, I neglected to put the names of the Members that attended their first Reunion. Here they are:

Robert E. Derickson - 3 Bn. Hq. 329
J.E. Hennies - 'B' Co. 329
Ralph P. Forest - 'M' Co. 329
Lou Damiani - 'E' Co. 331
Jim Lindsey - 'M' Co. 329
Harry P. Giersz - 'H' Co. 331
Frank Gartner - 2 Bn. Hq. 330

If you know of any that I may have missed, please let me know, and I'll put them in the next Issue.

The young fellow in Warren that was writing up the news for Channel 33 on their T.V. surprised me with the news that his father was in the 83rd. He is the one that made the short speech at our Meeting. His Dad died in the line of duty as a Fireman.

Someone in Warren told me that the Original Flag of the 83rd with the Battle Streamers was with the 83rd Recon. of Columbus, Ohio, and this information was incorrect. Can anyone come up with the right answer before I go to too much trouble trying to get it for the Infantry Museum. ED.

Gerald A. Willey of Caldwell, Ohio wrote to tell me that he was in the 83rd and would like to get all the 83rd people together in that area, and possibly combine with the 37th Div. Assoc. He also wants to combine the 83rd with the 37th because they claim to be the largest Division Association in the United States. He wrote to the 83rd ARCOM there and this is the reply he received:

(The 83rd Infantry was deactivated in 1965, and then they formed a nucleus for the Hdqtrs US Army Reserve Command, 530 Buckingham, Columbus, Ohio. Perhaps you could explore the possibility of the 83rd ARCOM providing you some space. Since the President of the 83rd Infantry Div. Assoc. is from PA, he may not be aware that the 83rd ARCOM is a... direct descendant of the 83rd Division that is still in existence.'

Gerald A. Willey

(I don't think that we want to consider such a change because we are very solvent and growing quite well on our own. If any of you have your own ideas about the matter, I'll be glad to give you the address of Mr. Willey. (He is not a member and to my knowledge has never been on our Mailing List.) ED.

Here is something that I wanted to post on the Bulletin Board at Warren and didn't get around to it as I should have. There is a Memorial being built in Laclede, MO to memorialize General of the Armies John J. Pershing and World War I Veterans. I was asked to contribute on behalf of our Association and to solicit money from individuals. ED.

Here is a condensed portion of the letter as received from the Committee:

'Heading the Campaign nationally are General Maxwell Taylor, Governor Joseph P. Teasdale, Senator Harry Darby and others.

For those not wishing to memorialize a World War I Veteran on the Wall of Honor, these donors to the Campaign will receive a specially designed Commemorative Medallion in bronze for gifts of \$10.00 to \$99.00; Sterling Silver for gifts of \$100.00 to \$999.00; or Solid Gold for \$1,000.00 or more. The Gold Medallion is a numbered edition that is expected to become a collectors item as no more

than 3,000 will be cast.

Further, all contributors of \$10.00 or more are assured that their names will be inscribed on a scroll to be placed in the Museum's Cornerstone.'

IF ANY OF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DONATING TO THIS MEMORIAL FUND, LET ME KNOW AND I'LL SEND YOU THE ADDRESS TO WRITE TO. ED.

TO ALL OF YOU THAT LIVE IN THE CHARLESTON AREA OF WEST VIRGINIA: EUGEND PERSINGER OF 'A' 329 INF. IS THE MAN THAT IS TRYING TO FORM A CHAPTER IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. ALL THOSE INTERESTED, PLEASE WRITE TO HIM AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. HE LIVES AT:

3013 - 30th. St.

Nitro, WV 25143

BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS NOTICE HE SHOULD HAVE THINGS WELL IN HAND AND YOU MAY WANT TO GET ON THE CHARTER AS ONE OF THE 'CHARTERED MEMBERS.' GET IN TOUCH WITH EUGENE NOW WHILE THE THOUGHT IS FRESH IN YOUR MIND. DON'T PUT OFF FOR TOMORROW WHAT YOU CAN DO TODAY. YOU JUST MIGHT FORGET. ED.

Sorry to be late with my Dues. Hope everything is going well. Please note the change of address below, as we now live in California.

Manuel C. Martin
1192 Mitchell Ave.
Tustin, CA 92680
'F' 329th. Inf.

I'm planning now to be in Cincinnati next year. Sorry to have missed the last one.

Harlan A Swanson
'K' Co. 331st. Inf.

Sorry to have missed the Reunion. Thought I'd be off the disabled list by now. Had looked forward to seeing all my good Buddies at the Reunion. Will be going back to work soon. Hate to miss any Issues of the THUNDERBOLT.

Will send you some photos of my Buddies from overseas at a later date. The photo below is of Cook (first name unknown), Charles Navish and the one on the right is Mills of San Francisco, I believe.

Louis Gomori
'I' Co. 329th. Inf.





Eugene Persinger and Ezio (Smokey) Alicandri of
'A' Company, 329th. Infantry.

Was jolted with the warning that came with the last Issue of the THUNDERBOLT that it would be the last if Dues were not paid. Would really miss not getting all the Issues of this 'Great Book.' Please continue the great work you are doing for the Association and for the THUNDERBOLT.

Sebastian J. Vasquez
'K' 331st. Inf.

I am sending my husbands Dues for he is still in Rocky Hill Hospital.

Florence B. Allard
(wife of Robert)
'M' 329th. Inf.

The last Thunderbolt carried a note about the new printing of 'THUNDERBOLT ACROSS EUROPE' and I'm sure everyone is excited about that. I'd like to suggest also that we get the Regimental Books redone and for sure, this would go over just as big. Enjoy the THUNDERBOLT very much. Keep 'em coming.

George J. Trebonyak
'F' 329th. Inf.

Am hoping to make the '78 Reunion.. Have been in a Wheel Chair all the time from War injuries. Can't get around too much by myself. Hope my wife can get off from work next year to come with me.

John Fay, Jr.
'G' 329th. Inf.

John A. Sendek of the 83rd. Signal Company, sent these photos for the THUNDERBOLT and they should be of great interest to all his Buddies.



Clarence Smith, Aeluin Larson, William Farney, Henry Schakel and Harry Cleveland.
Alfred Sinesi, John Sendek, James O'Day, Hosea Stewart and Warren Shodde.



Aeluin Larson and a German Jet Plane.



Lance Larson on the left and John Sendek

HELP!

Robert W. McCullough of 2597 Riverglenn Circle, Atlanta, GA 30338, is looking for Ellis V. Hansley of 'I' 330th. Infantry. Anyone having his address, please send it to him. ED.

Since Cincinnati, Ohio is next year's Reunion site, I am going to write to some of my Buddies from the south and west and have them meet me half way.

Stanley Sliski
'C' 330th. Inf.

We had our first Meeting since the Reunion and there were twenty of us in attendance. We were happy to have Bill Bogacz with us and all in one piece. About a month ago, while at work (he is a security guard at Keebler Cookie Co.) he tripped on a rug, lost his balance and went through a plate glass door. He had 36 stitches in all - in his leg, arm, & hand. He sure was lucky.

Hope all is well with everyone.

Bill Doty
Chicago Chapter

Glad to hear that the Reunion was such a great success. Enjoy reading the THUNDERBOLT. We have shown our ETO slides to a few of the 83rd boys and their wives and they were all interested in knowing how things are in Europe now. Words cannot express how much we enjoyed our trip to Europe.

Orval & Dana Ellis
Hq. 329th. Inf.

Here are two more applications for Dues. James DiAntonio is signing up again for the first time since 1957.

Frank McGrogan
'D' 330th. Inf.

(Frank has a real Membership Campaign on.)

I shall make every effort to find us some new members in this area. I am extremely proud of our Organization and the fine work that you fellows are doing. I enjoy the THUNDERBOLT immensely and am looking forward to attending the Reunion next year.

Thank you again for everything you and the others are doing.

A.D. Folger, Jr.
'C' 323 F.A.

Here is another name to add to the Company 'F' 331st. List. He was the original Supply Sergeant of the Company: Bill Drudash - 5919 SW 5 Terrace -- Miami, FL 33141.

We talked to him in March, also to Ernest Spreitzer who was the Executive Officer.

George D. Naylor
'F' 331st. Inf.

I would like to take this opportunity to Thank you and all the other active members for your efforts that make it possible for the rest of us drones to enjoy a vacarious and tenuous connection with our Military past.

John P. Dowd
Hq. 331st. Inf.

Just got my first copy of the THUNDERBOLT since joining the Association and sure am looking forward to getting the next Issue. I am proud to have been a Cannoneer in the 83rd.

Milford P. Powell
'B' 324 F.A.

(P.S. Am looking forward to seeing some of my Buddies in Cincinnati, Ohio next year.)

Sorry I didn't get to the Reunion last August in Warren. It was so close to my home, but honestly, I was out of town. I retired in July and took off touring the South and West, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Mexico, Arizona and Las Vegas, NV. Was gone three months and sure enjoyed my Retirement Vacation very much. I have never been to a Reunion, but who knows, maybe next year in Cincinnati????

God Bless you all.

Frank M. Cancasci
'D' 331st. Inf.

(P.S. Tried to get in touch with Ted Bednarski while in Las Vegas, but had no luck. He's not listed in the Telephone Book.)

My wife and I are hoping to attend a Reunion some day. Since my World War II days, I have visited with several 'H' Company Buddies. Andy Stainko and family of Chesterton, IN, Jeff Crump and family of Paris, KY, Willie Medford and family of Haskell, TX, Leroy Kunzelman and family of Pittsburgh, PA and Vitie Atkocius of Washington, D.C.

Bernard A. Hirte
'H' 331st. Inf.

I recently received a 'SPECIAL DELIVERY' letter very early one morning from a gent that has been in a V.A. Hospital in Colorado for 37 years, and he had enclosed \$6.00 for Dues to become a Member of our Association. The money was returned to him because he was formerly in the Marine Corps. He saw our application in the THUNDERBOLT at the Hospital and wanted to join up. A Thank You was sent to him, along with our best wishes for good health and a very happy Holiday Season.

(It was nice to know that there are others who read the THUNDERBOLT and pay attention to the Form Application for Membership on the back cover.) ED.

I didn't make it to the Warren, OHIO Reunion because I went to most of them in the past and very

few from my outfit go anymore, and if they do, I don't know them as I was one of the few that was Original when the War ended. (We had a lot of Casualties.)

This summer, I made a trip to see 2 members, one in SC and one in GA on my way to Florida and it was well worth all the Reunions I went to. Jack Ledbetter and B. Shields were the two from 'H' 331 I visited.

Also, I made a trip to Europe in 1971 and followed the same paths as we did during the War. I bought a used car in England and put on 3,000 miles by the time I returned to England. Things have really changed over there. I did the things the same as we did in '44 and '45 except that I had a nicer place to sleep and eat. I had a heck of a time to get to the East side where I was wounded during the War. They even had the Hotel Room bugged. I had to stay in Wittenburg at a Hotel where they wanted me to stay, (not where I wanted to.)

When I go to the 'Rocking Chair,' I hope I can write a book of the way it was for the Front Line Soldier with no holds barred. Your book of the Division will be of great help.

John A. Aller
'F' & 'H' 331st. Inf.

(Read the article about keeping in touch by 'Ham Radio' and I have been keeping in touch with a fellow member, Jim Young - K4TGC in St. Petersburg, FL for many years every Sunday and Monday on 14.210 or 20 Meters. He was in the A.T. Company of the 329 and we never let the 83rd die. We always talk about old memories. My call letters are: W30JX (in case there are other 'Hams' out there.)

(Also stopped at Ft. Benning, GA to see the new Infantry Museum and was disappointed in it. It was not worth going out of my way to see but maybe as the years go by, it may improve if there are enough people to complain about it.)

I noticed in the THUNDERBOLT that we are going to get reprints of 'Seeing It Through'. Save me one and let me know how much they are. Also, I heard of the death of one of our Buddies, George Cooper of Clemmons, NC last summer. He was in 'H' 331.

L.E. Thornton
Hq. 331st. Inf.

Karen Gruber, daughter of the late Alfred Gruber of 'M' 331st. Inf. was married recently to James J. Casalone. The newlyweds made their home in Raleigh, NC. Congratulations to both of them and we wish them a long lasting happy life together.

HELP! HELP!

Thomas J. Keegan of 7630 - 46th. Way in Pine Park, FL 33565 needs your help in getting a claim made out through the V.A. He was a member of 'K' 331

and I have sent him many of the names and addresses of his Buddies, but it just might be that someone out there can help him. He has a nervous condition since the War, had 3/4 of his stomach removed, has Ostio Arthritis and wants to contact any of the boys that remember him being hospitalized for these conditions many times in the service.

Any assistance given to Thomas would certainly be greatly appreciated. ED.

Mrs. Rene Gingras writes that her husband Rene is still working and as of late, they are doing just fine. They are suffering from aches and pains of old age, but that's all. They have six grandchildren now and number seven is on the way. They are thinking of going to Europe with me on my next trip.

Rene was a member of 'D' 331st. Inf.

Howard R. Angstadt of 3 Bn. Hq. 330th. Inf. has moved from Arizona to Warren, Ohio recently. Thought his Buddies might want to know.

Slowly but surely, names of new 83rdrs. are coming to this office. Recently received one from Nicholson of 'C' 324 Artillery. He said that C.A. Braden was interested and wanted information about the 83rd. He was a 308 Eng.

Greetings from North Carolina. Wasn't able to make Warren - just wasn't feeling good enough. Much to be regretted - dammit. Haven't heard from anyone, but I take it for granted it was a FIRST CLASS REUNION.

While in Charlottesville, VA with our kids, we met the Bill Giuliano's in the next room at the Motel we were in. He saw the 83rd Sticker on my car and one thing led to another. We will be here for some further time.

Don Schwartz
'G' 331st. Inf.

Alexander Hahapea of 'L' 331 wrote to say that he was terribly sorry he did not make the Reunion in Warren, Ohio. (I'm sure that all of his Buddies were sorry too. He lives in Hawaii, the 'Paradise' of the World.)

Many years ago I attended an 83rd Reunion (3 in fact). The last time there was no one from my unit. The past summer an Army Buddy, Bill Stark, stopped and we certainly enjoyed or get-to-gether.

I hope a few of the 329ers. show up in the coming year at Cincinnati. Maybe I can pick up a few references from the THUNDERBOLT.

Dave Springer
'C' 329th. Inf.

(LIKE I HAVE ALWAYS SAID IN THE PAST, ADDRESS LISTS ARE AVAILABLE, JUST ASK FOR THEM.

I was very surprised when I received my last THUNDERBOLT and found a picture on page 8 of the 83rd Signal Company. I am standing in the back row on the right. I have been a member of this Association since its beginning and have attended two Reunions. I look forward to getting the THUNDERBOLT and am proud to have been a part of the 83rd. Infantry Division.

Lloyd Chambers
83rd Signal

Is there anyone willing to get a Chapter started in the Baltimore - Washington D.C. area? This area has a good many 83rd Members and now that Baltimore is building a Convention Center, it should be a good idea to get started. It isn't too late and I'll do my share to help out.

Paul Hancher
'C' 308 Eng.

(The addresses for all former 83rdrs. who are in that area are always available to anyone who wants to get a Chapter going. The more Chapters, the better for the entire Association. As I said before, we are hoping to get a West Virginia Chapter, a Scranton-Wilkes Barre Chapter in PA, a Florida Chapter and a New Orleans Chapter soon. I tried to get some people in Washington, D.C. interested again but without success. I'll help all I can, but you have to get the ball rolling yourself.) ED.

CONCERNING THE FLORIDA CHAPTER:

I composed a letter and waited until Bill Nickell got back from Hawaii to get Air Approval. He said there were about 40 of the 83rd Members in the Florida area, so I had 50 copies made up and enclosed a Post Card, pre-addressed to me for the guys to answer questions and make comments about a Florida Chapter. I used the addresses in last summer's THUNDERBOLT, then Lola Keeler sent me the list she had and after checking for duplicates, I had 58 names. Four of the 58 were wrong. Twenty three of them responded and I can't understand guys who are members of the National Association not responding, even if it were negative. Bill Nickell is planning to have a meeting on December 4th. if arrangements can be made.

I proceeded to contact the fellows in my area who responded affirmatively, and we had an informal get-together at my house. S.J. Fishman, Bruce McKie and Dave Benick and wife came. We enjoyed meeting each other and I called Bill Nickell again. Talked to Ed Gilbert in Miami, called Col. Blank in West Palm Beach.

This is a big state and we'll have to move the meeting place around in order to be fair and keep everyone interested and happy.

Ralph Gunderson
'D' Co. 331st. Inf.

(C'mon you Floridians, let's get together and get that Florida Chapter going. The little bit of travel involved for your meetings would make for a nice weekend out once in awhile. There are enough of you down there to have one of the very best Chapters in the Association, and I'm sure all of you will enjoy the company of your War Time Buddies.) ED.

We are doing fine since I retired in January of this year. Had a heart attack in March and feel that it was due to extra stress which was unavoidable at the time. Am doing some parttime work now.

Couldn't make the Reunion because we drove 5000 miles and were gone for six weeks in May and June, to attend the Graduations of our first two grandchildren. Spent two weeks at a time at each home, one in New Orleans and one in Scottsdale, Arizona. We are keeping the next ETO Tour in mind, but are not sure, time will tell.

Fred and Louise Kaysen
'G' Co. 330th. Inf.

Sorry that I had to miss the Reunion this past year. I'll be working in Tehran until November of 1979, so I guess my next Reunion will be in August of 1980. Keep sending my THUNDERBOLT to the New Jersey address because I really enjoy reading them and look forward to my next edition.

It's funny how the years can make strange bed fellows; many years ago we fought the 'Jerries' and now I am working with a former German Submarine Commander and another guy who was a member of the German Youth Organization.

Good luck to the Association and continued success.

Christian C. Heine
Hq. Divarty.

achtung!

**PAY YOUR 1978 DUES
OL' BUDDY... thanks**

If your Buddy complains that he did not get his latest THUNDERBOLT, remind him to look at the date of expiration on his Membership Card. If it reads: August 1977, tell him to send in his Dues and the THUNDERBOLT will be sent to him promptly.

Reminders are continuously printed for everyone to see. My recent letter to everyone in the files has brought in several hundred Memberships, but many of last year's people are still unpaid. ED.

I thought I would write and send you some of the pictures where the men of the 83rd Division are buried. These photos were taken at the St. James Cemetery in France. My wife and I were in France from 1959 through 1962 and visited a number of the Cemeteries in Europe and this was the best kept one of them all.

Thought you might like these pictures in case

you had not been there, as not too many people knew St. James Cemetery existed. We arranged for Two Bus loads of men, who were stationed at the Chinon Eng. Depot, at Chinon in France to go there.

S/Sgt. C.F. Dopkowski
'C' 374 F.A. Bn.

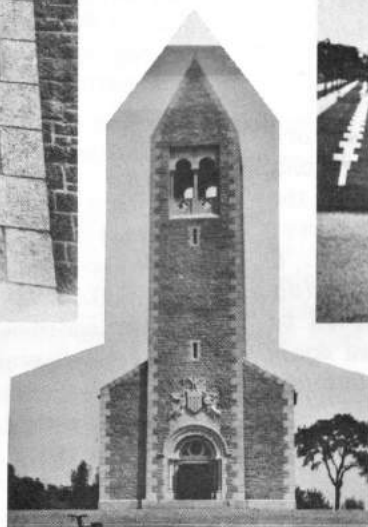
(The 1976 ETO Group visited this Cemetery and we also thought it was one of the very best.) ED.



St. James Chapel Entrance



Here They Rest In Peace



St. James Chapel



HERE ARE RECORDED - THE NAMES - OF AMERICANS
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES - IN THE SERVICE - OF
THEIR COUNTRY - AND WHO SLEEP - IN UNKNOWN
GRAVES. 1941 - 1945



I HAVE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT
I HAVE FINISHED MY COURSE
I HAVE KEPT THE PEACE



I just joined the 83rd Association this year and the first Issue of the THUNDERBOLT I received, contained your letter and mine. The reproduction of your photo was not very clear, but the tall man in the back on the right as you look at it is Joe McDonald. He was the Concert Pianist that we corrupted into playing Boogie. I have not heard from him in over ten years. He was living in Connecticut.

It is odd what sticks in the mind after all these years. I seem to recall that you were a restaurant manager and I remember going to Magnolia, MS for a weekend with you when we were in the 63rd.

Christmas Cards are still exchanged between myself and Oswald, Cessna and Leeds. I have not heard from Hank Grieger for many years. He was the oldest Private in the 83rd. He was drafted while in his thirties and had worked for Warner Brothers.

In the attic, I have a book of snapshots taken in Europe with the names of those in each photo. Oh yes! I still get a card from Joe Naruccci. He is a banker in his home town in New Jersey.

As for me and mine, I have a large family with three out in the world on their own. Jim is an electrical engineer out in California, Patricia is in her second year at the Naval academy, so we have a Midshipman in the family, Paul is a musician and College student. I am a College professor and in 1975 I retired from the Army Reserve as a Major in the Signal Corps. I also had spent ten years in Civil Affairs units (the former label was Military Government.)

The Association Historian lives near me and I phoned. His wife was home and he was to call me, but has not. I have become active in our local V.F.W. Post and I am the Judge Advocate this year.

This letter in no way puts you under any obligation to make a lengthy reply. It is just to let you know that there is another 83rd Signalman still around.

Harold J. O'Neill
83rd Signal

(I'd like to see a lot of our people put out similar letters, just so you could find out for yourselves, how much good it would do in creating more interest in the Association. I'm sure it would help increase the attendance of your Buddies at our Yearly Reunions. Why don't you try it?) ED.

Thank you for your not too gentle reminder that I have not paid my '78 Dues. I was almost certain that this had been taken care of out my records lead me to believe that your records are the correct ones. I would not like to be classified as delinquent because I have belonged to our fine group since the beginning. When I read of you and a few others doing so much to promote and advance the organization, I realized how poor a member I am as a Dues paying non-participant.

Charles P. Snyder MD
Med. 331st. Inf.

(I'm sorry about the 'Not too gentle reminder', but if it works out to the benefit of my Membership Drive, I'm happy. I didn't mean it to be that way, just thought it would work better on those that were always lax in paying their Dues.) ED.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the time and effort put into the 83rd. THUNDERBOLT Magazine.

As one of the 83rd. Old Timers - Camp Atterbury to the Elbe River - it is a privilege to be a member. Will there be another tour of Europe?

Dave Kribs
Hq. 331st. Inf.

(There is a tour planned for May of '79.) ED.

I am sorry I didn't belong to this Association for years, but I knew nothing about this. News to me, so I am sending my check for Dues now.

Dale Huber
'A' 330th. Inf.

Enclosed is a check for \$12.00 for 1977-'78 Dues for me: Ernie L. Modlin, and a new member: Roscoe L. Stallings. I don't know what Company or regiment he belonged to, and I only know that he lived on a rural route.

Ernie L. Modlin
'B' 308 Eng.

What I really want to know, is, where can I get the History of the 308 Medical Battalion?

Vicente Cabrera
'A' 308 Medics

(Maybe one of you out there can help Vicente, because I never heard of a 308 Medics History.) ED.

83RD. MAN MAKES GOOD

Ken Coopey was recently installed as Commander of Post 558, American Legion, Plains, PA. He attended Penn State University and worked for the Glen Alden Coal Company for 26 years.

He served three years in the Army with the 83rd. Infantry Division as Staff Sgt. and at 9th. Army Headquarters as First Sgt.

PROGRESSING

Sorry for the delay in paying my Dues. Since you visited me in Cleveland, I had two more operations. Just got back to work after seven months at home. We hope you and yours are well and we'll be seeing you soon.

Bill Herhuth
Hq. 324 F.A.

(Good to hear that Bill is back on his feet once more. Can't keep a good man down.) ED.

Please keep my copy of the THUNDERBOLT coming...

Fred H. Lawson
'C' 329th. Inf.

I definitely do not want to miss any of the THUNDERBOLTS because they are so full of news of interest to all of us. I'm sorry that I had to miss the Warren meeting. Hope to attend next year, God willing. Would like to meet some of my old Buddies from the 83rd Signal.

Ludger J. Lizotte
83rd Signal

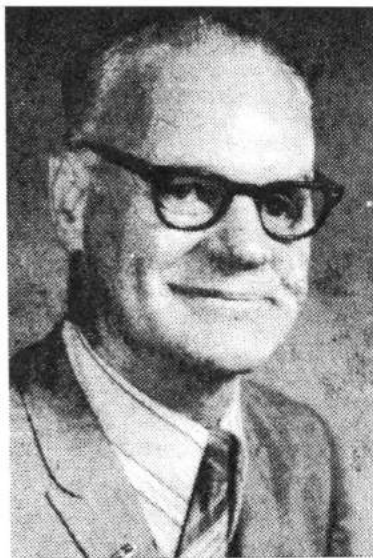
Was sorry to miss the Warren Reunion. It was the first I missed in quite some time, but sickness in the family prevented my coming. Hope to be with you next year. Glad to hear the Kentucky boys are working hard on the Reunion.

William C. Means
Hq. 329th Inf.

Richard E. Ammon of 'A' 331st. Infantry sent me an article from his local News Paper about a gent he knew from the 83rd. Here it is:

Arthur R. Bietry, local postmaster for more than 22 years, retired on his 60th. Birthday. He became the acting postmaster in 1955 and postmaster in 1957 on the recommendations of Senators Homer Capehart and William Jenner and Rep. Ralph Harvey. During World War II he served with 'B' 331st. Infantry of the 83rd. Division. He was the only survivor of a patrol that knocked out an enemy Pillbox. He suffered the loss of his right arm, his left leg and an eye.

He has two married daughters, Mrs. Nancy Dorman of Tri Lakes near Ft. Wayne and Mrs. Kay Coggsall, of Corydon. A third daughter, Linda Adele, is a junior at Ball State University.



Arthur R. Bietry

Received a letter from Devon Smith who lives in Wampum, PA, who asked that I put a message in the THUNDERBOLT about the great Bob Hope, and because Bob Hope was one of the greatest entertainers of the

G.I.'s in Europe and the rest of the world. I decided Bob Hope was more than worthy of the space..

Bob will be celebrating his Birthday on May 29th 1978. Devon Smith decided that it would not be too far ahead to kick off another project, keeping with the people theme, any group may have part of this project by numbering signatures on loose leaf paper. And, at the top, placing the name of the city and State, and writing a one line note. They are really looking for people who have worked with Bob Hope over the years, to write a note and attach a photo.

Mail all letters or notes to: The Bob Hope Salute, Devon Smith - Wampum, PA 16157. With all of Mr. Hope's awards, this is one that he couldn't possibly have - and it's personally from the people.

Mr. Smith has just completed the worlds longest Birthday Card - a card measuring 776 feet containing 21868 signatures. It all started in Pittsburgh, PA on July 4, 1974 with the purchase of a \$50.00 Ford in which he went west to Los Angeles and back, for a total of more than 10,000 miles. On the economy route, Mr. Smith slept in the car for fifty two nights and ate nothing but McDonalds \$.30 burgers.

Mr. Smith has travelled to Siberia by train, 19,000 miles to South America by bus and has hitchhiked more than 291,000 miles from 1947 to 1971, and in 1957 he hitch hiked the 48 States in 33 days, going 11,000 miles at a cost of \$92.00 that resulted in getting him on the Groucho Marx Show where he won \$1,000. His category was 'Cities and Towns.'

Let's all join in and wish Bob a Happy Birthday and show our appreciation for all the time he has devoted to the G.I.'s. ED.



PAY YOUR DUES!

HELP NEEDED

Fred Charlton of Bellingham, Washington, suggested that you would be a possible source of information. I am a member of the International Plastic Modeler's Society, U.S.A., and build plastic models of World War II aircraft that have been captured, repainted, and flown by the captor nation.

While reading 'The Last Battle', by Cornelius Ryan, I came across a description of a Messerschmitt BF-109 captured and flown by the men of the U.S. 83rd Infantry Division and the consternation the plane caused flying over the front in early Spring of 1945. The only description is dark green, white stars for Insignia, and 83rd Inf. Div. painted in white on the underside of the wings. Research in the Library of the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., and a request for information through the I.P.M.S., U.S.A. publications have netted no results.

Can you assist me, or put me in touch with someone who can? To construct a model of this aircraft, I require the following: type of BF-109, paint job (shade of dark green - dark green all over?), type of markings (stencils used for U.S. vehicles?), any additional information that may be supplied. A photograph would be priceless and I would take very good care of it and return it in good condition as soon as possible - even a good quality photostat of the original would do. Also, if possible, could you send me the name and address of the person who flew the BF-109 during this period. Any information that anyone could supply, would be greatly appreciated.

Robert J. Binda
12-J Rich Mar Road
Owings Mills, MD 21117

(P.S. I never heard of the above mentioned plane until this man asked for the information. I'd like very much to have the same information.) ED.

Sorry about ny Dues but time seems to pass by so fast. I've belonged to the 83rd ever since it started. I've never met a Buddy which I could remember, so you see, it sort of discourages me when I think of the Reunions. I get all excited and then comes the let down.

I was in 'B' 331st Infantry under Lt. Crouse. I remember names and faces such as: Sgt. Paul, Sgt. Baker, Sgt. Harmer and Sgt. Neville Brand.

Of course, I was 18 years old then and am 50 years old now, so, maybe I'm barking up the wrong tree.

Harry Knock
'B' 331st Inf.

(You're wrong about not meeting anyone you can remember at the Reunions. When you go to the next one, all of us are your Buddies. You have to mix in with the crowd and you'll be surprised at the amount of fun you will have. Everyone of us are your Buddy, if you only try to make it that way.) ED.

Please send Membership Blanks to: Thomas E. Miia and Edward T. Jones. Ed was in 'D' 329 and Tom was with the 330th, I think. Mr. Jones was inducted into the Service at Pittsburgh - that was his home.

Lela Kohler
For Haley E. Kohler
(Who is just lazy)
Serv. 329th Inf.

I hope the Reunion in Cincinnati will include a bus trip or motorcade to Camp Atterbury, Indiana. I think a lot of the fellows would like to see the place again. I know I would.

Bill Appleby
783rd Ord.

Elsworth Lumpkin had a recurrence on December 6th and is critically ill in the V.A. Hospital in Salem, Virginia.

(Mrs. Lumpkin has been keeping me up to date on Elsworth and I thought his Buddies might want to know about his progress.) ED.

Sorry we couldn't make the Reunion. Enjoy the THUNDERBOLT as always. Al has a new job now and we just got back from a Convention in New Orleans.

Met the Gundersons and Hamiltons in Marion, KY and we had a good visit with them. Hope to see all of you again next year.

Carol Shrawder
(wife of Al)
'D' Co. 331st. Inf.

Charles Abdinoor is going to Caracas on his Vacation and intends to visit Joe Minotti, Jr. if he is still there. We hope you have a great time there, Charley. Enjoy yourself.

Sorry we couldn't attend the past two Reunions, but because of business, we just kept putting it off and we really missed the THUNDERBOLT. We are looking forward to Cincinnati, so please send me any available information.

Walter Faszczewski
1 Bn Hq 331st. Inf.

REUNION - CINCINNATI, OHIO

REMEMBER THESE DATES:

AUGUST 17, 18, 19, 1978

DIVISION HISTORY BOOK

Due to an unexpected, larger than usual, volume of Christmas business, the Printer who is in the process of reproducing our Division History Book, has fallen behind on the job, consequently we do not have the book as this 'THUNDERBOLT' goes to press. latest promise date that I have is the 30th of January, so we expect to be mailing them out shortly thereafter.

We have several orders on hand already for these books, including some from persons who were not with the 83rd Division but who want them as part of their History Library. Of course, these persons will have to wait until all of the 83rd members are serviced before their orders will be honored, so if you want one of these reproductions of the original 'THUNDERBOLTS ACROSS EUROPE' History Book and have not already sent your order in, then we urge you to act

now. Use the Order Form that is in this issue and mail it to:

Robert G. Taylor
231 Indian Trail Drive
Columbiaville, MI 48421

Once these books are gone there will not be another opportunity, for this is a one time printing. After this the price will be far too prohibitive to make it feasible. So get with it you guys. It's now or never!

LATE NOTE:

An improved method of binding the book, combined with higher than anticipated costs, have dictated that we fix the book price at \$8.50. We're sure that you'll agree that it's still an exceptional bargain at this price.

'Thunderbolt Across Europe' ORDER FORM

Please send _____ copies @ \$8.50 each to :

Name _____

Address _____

City, State _____

Enclosed find my check or money order in the amount of \$ _____

SIGNATURE

Make checks payable to:

83rd INFANTRY DIVISION ASS'N., INC.

Mail to: R. TAYLOR, 231 INDIAN TRAIL, COLUMBIAVILLE, MI., 48421

At the Reunion in Warren, Ohio, we ran out of Bolo Ties and Pendants at the Registration Desk and the Board approved buying more of the same. They are available to you now @\$4.00 each while they last. The price of postage is included. Send your request to me:

Samuel Klippa
1500 Mutual Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15204

Make check payable to: 83rd. Infantry Division Association Inc.

I believe that all of the following photos were sent in by Preston Yost of Service Co. 329th. Inf. I am not sure of this because they were given to me quite some time ago and my memory isn't that good anymore. Anyway, none of the people were identified

on the reverse side and maybe some of you can do this for yourselves. The horse drawn Buggies and the bikes will give your kids some ideas of what the Germans had to rely on as the War neared its end. For all of us, it was a good sign. ED.



Whoops! Wonder where the two women came from.



Time out for just a little bit of enjoyment in 'No Mans Land'



Buggies, but no horses.



High speed transportation.

PATTON MUSEUM

In November of 1972, phase #1 of the new General George S. Patton Museum of Cavalry and Armor was dedicated and phase II in May of 1975. Phase III and IV are still to be built.

Mr. Klippa, because of your close ties with the Military, we know you will be interested in assisting us. Your contributions will accelerate the completion of this project. Also, we will appreciate any publicity you can provide this project and the

need for support.

Mrs. Emert L. Davis
President
Patton Museum Fund
P.O. Box L.
Ft. Knox, KY 40121

Anyone interested in making a contribution, please send to the address above, not to this office. For \$100 you will receive a Gold Commemorative Eagle.) ED.

DON'T FORGET!
Cincinnati For Reunion 1978

A REPORT FROM NEW ORLEANS CONVENTION SITE FOR 1979

As a representative from the La-Miss group of the 83rd Division, it is fitting that I give a report as to how things are progressing for the 1979 Reunion.

The Hotel that will host our Reunion has been selected. The group feels that the selection is a good one - the location is good, only a few blocks from the center of all activities, walking distance for most, for those that cannot walk the public transit is at the door and only two minutes from where you want to go.

The Grand Hotel has offered us the best rates available - rates that fit in with our organization. Services will be good.

Our group has had three meetings as of this date and another meeting is scheduled for those in the New Orleans area, then a general meeting of all in February. We will make a request for a Charter to the Executive Board when it meets in May.

For those not familiar with the group in La-Miss here is a listing of those who have expressed interest:

Lawrence Armand - Cn. 331
W. Carl Bidner - 'G' 329
John D. Cordaro - Cn. 330
Ernest Gagnard - 'G' 331
Joseph Macaluso - 'G' 331
Karl N. Smith - Hq. 331
Sanford Halperin - 1 Bn Hq 331
Edward T. Jones - 'D' 329
Haley Kohler - Serv. 329
Rufe M. Lamon - 'M' 331
Leonard Prelutsky - Med. 331

The meetings have been held in New Orleans, Marksville and Baton Rouge. Many ideas have been discussed and we feel that by the Reunion in 1978 we will be able to present our program to the membership of the 83rd Division.

We feel that everyone will enjoy coming to New Orleans, which is truly a Convention City. There are many things to do and many things to see. For those that come early, we can make arrangements for you, for those who hope to stay a few days after we have arranged for the Hotel to grant them the same rates as we have for the Reunion dates.

Knowing that we have many golf and tennis fans in our organization we will try to arrange for an outing for them at the City Park area. In this way we can find out the great ones among you.

It is the hope of our group that a representative from this area will be given permission to attend the Executive Board Meeting in Cincinnati in May. We realize that this meeting is for those members that are hosting the 1978 Reunion, but we feel that we have to get our feet wet. We would

like to be asked to attend, if not, I may find a convenient way to be in Cincinnati on that date.

Hoping that all members and their families have a Happy and Healthy New Year, we do hope that all of you make your plans to attend our Reunion in New Orleans in 1979.

Joe Macaluso

(Captain 'Mac' (as he is known to most of you) sent me a copy of the letter he has sent to members in Louisiana and Mississippi. If anyone of you out there is from that area, or has Buddies in that area, get in touch with 'Mac'. He needs all the help he can get for that 1979 Reunion.) ED.



Seated:

L. to R. Ernest Gagnard - 'G' 331, Lawrence Armand Cn. 331, Joseph Macaluso - 'G' 331.

Standing:

L. to R. Carl Bidner - 'G' 329, Leonard Prelutsky-Med. 331, Haley Kohler - Serv. 329, and Rev. Pilson Williamson of 'I' 331.

'G' COMPANY 331ST. REPORT

In opening, it is my sincere hope that all members, not only a Company, but of the entire 83rd Association, have a Happy and Healthy New Years 1978.

It is during this time of year when our thoughts wonder back to the awful winter of 1944-'45. We can only be thankful that we did survive, and we are hopeful that our children will not have to endure the terrible tragedies of War.

This is the time of year when we also hear from our Buddies that we have thought of during the year. I have often wondered about the health of those that we lost contact with. It was good to hear from Murphy, and to know that after illness to

Following are the names and Units of some of our Members that have moved and have not notified this Office of the Change of Address. More than 200 letters have been returned with the recent mailings this past November. All of them were removed from all the files and their stencils have been destroyed.

Much of this waste could have been avoided if everyone had only sent me the up-to-date addresses.

Charles Calhoun - 453rd AAA
Jack L. Walto - 453rd AAA
Theodore W. Powers - 453rd AAA
John Bealo - 'M' 330
Richard G. Pelley - 453rd AAA
J.M. Harley - 453rd AAA
Hubert H. Dennis - 'I' 330
Joseph W. Sloan - 'E' 330
Donald G. Maplew - 331
Charles Ferrand - 'A' 323 F.A.
Arthur E. Ganshaw - 308 Med.
Lawrence Myerson - 308 Med.
Walter Fisher - 453rd AAA

Louis Ganzelli
Joseph Dubchak - 908 F.A.
Reinheimer - 908 F.A.
George A. McReil - 'D' 330
David P. Miller - 'K' 331
Ralph A. Guarnieri - 'G' 331
Gilford L. Colwell - 308 Med.
Neville Brand - 'B' 331
Edwin Szubski - Med. 329
J.S. Fisher - 453rd AAA
George W. Rothnie - 453rd AAA
Milton Lovejoy - 329
Roy Clemons, Jr. - 'F' 329
Oscar Rutstein - 'G' 331
Albert L. Coelho - 324 F.A.
Virgil M. Agostinelli - 'B' 330
Morris Day - 83rd Sig.
Edward Hoch - 'C' 308 Eng.
William B. Morris - 'H' 329
James Henry - 453rd AAA

Leo Wene - 'L' 330
Edward Poninski - 'A' 308 Eng.
John Lubianetzki - 'B' 329
Sam W. Badgett - 329
Lonnie W. Fleming, Sr. -
Roscoe C. Baker - 83rd Sig.
Nieco Paladino - 329
Forney Adkins
William O. Sabom - 'K' 330
Roland W. Jones
Leroy Haikkila - 453rd AAA

Isadore Kahn -
Stephen G. Hamilton
Antonio S. Muniz - 329
Louis M. Nolan - Div. Hq.
Lee M. Osman - 'D' 330
Kenneth H. Fox - Serv. 908 F.A.
Edwin Shaltz - 330
William C. Robbins - 3 Bn Hq 330
James W. Farrior - 308 Med.
Walter F. Marshall - Serv. 329
Frank Salontay - 783rd Ord.
Anthony Cain - 'L' 329
Omer FL Tyree - Div. Hq.
Joseph A. Gagnon - Hq. 322 F.A.
James Monroe - 'D' 308 Med.
Cecil W. Church - 'D' 329
Arthur B. Calhoun
Eugene Tottzis
Clayton L. Thomas, Sr. - 83rd Sig.
George F. Mulligan - 'K' 329
Kenneth G. Hazzard - Med. 324 F.A.
John M. Ovellette - 331
Milton H. Shray
W.T. Wilson
Lloyd C. Welsh - 'G' 330
Jake Briles - 453rd AAA
Daniel Ammer, Jr. 83rd Sig.
Jack R. Berry - Med. 331
Clayton Smith - 'F' 330
Ralph C. Labed - 453rd AAA
Robert G. Bilski - 908 F.A.
John J. Costello - 308 Med.
Michael F. Dillon - Divarty.

Paul B. Simpson - 'G' 330
Michael G. Pociash - 'D' 308 Med.
Gerald D. Boyer
John H. Dunlop - 308 Med.
Ernest Hall - 'B' 308 Eng.
John D. Hanft
Glenn E. Wilder - 322 F.A.
Jack C. Allen - 'C' 329
Edward Walsh
William Douglass - 'A' 330
Clyde Andrews - 453rd AAA

Steve Poviac - 83rd Sig.
Anthony Polites - 'C' 323 F.A.
Gerhardt F. Schulte - 'G' 331
Theodore S. Melnyk - 'E' 330
Leroy McManaway - 'M' 329
Harry Manon
James B. Taylor
C. Robert Witney - Hq. 331
Leslie McFarland - 453rd AAA
John F. Miller - 453rd AAA
Ralph E. Pernice - 'B' 308 Eng.
William B. Conley - 'G' 329
John Dentremont - 324 F.A.
Henry E. Kain - 'I' 331
Charles C. Kerchevall - 'L' 331
Raymond B. Pennington
O.C. Wesson - 'F' 331
Kenneth Teague - 3 Bn Hq 331
Morris C. Robinson - Hq. 329
Leonard Pleban - 908 F.A.
Edward C. Noonan - 308 Med.
William F. McNeill - 908 F.A.
John J. Kusic - 308 Med.
Floyd Jordan - 'C' 324 F.A.
Bertrand Boucher - 329
Robert Burns - 'G' 329
Albert Choissad
Harry Wigton - 453rd AAA
John Kluzak - 453rd AAA
Stanley Schwartz - 453rd AAA
Francis L. Luebster - 453rd AAA
Thomas McCloskey - 453rd AAA
Andrew J. Repko - 'C' 308 Eng.
Domenic Norman - 'B' 308 Eng.
W.C. Beeler, Jr. - 'E' 330
J. Robert Halms - 1 Bn Hq 331
Clinton N. Boring - 453rd AAA
Wm. D. Mackowski - 'M' 330
Frank Majewski - 453rd AAA
Lawrence C. Runion - 'B' 330
Paul Rice - 908 F.A.
Francis J. Schriber - 453rd AAA

HAPPY EASTER

TO ALL OF YOU

FROM ALL OF US

both he and his wife, both are doing fine. Schwartz, it was good to know that you are feeling better. I did not hear from Wiggenhauer, I hope he is still enjoying good health. For the many of you that took the time to drop me a card, it was nice, thanks, hearing from you.

Well, we did have our get-to-gether in Warren, we did manage to have a meeting. Beau Titus had arranged for a room set aside only for 'G' Company. We could not get together as we had planned, this was due to the fact that a number of our people were involved in the program for the entire Division.

Those attending the Warren Reunion: John Teringo, Mort Gaynor, Joseph Macaluso, Gene Costanzo, Joseph Phillipone, Loyal Pangle, Edward Walsh, Lee Titus, Vance Tuttle, Bill Bogacz, Al Suess, Richard Drewniak, Kenny Baird, Clyde Flanary. We were somewhat disappointed that some of our members that lived within a short distance from Warren, could not attend. We only hope that you can find the time to be with us in Cincinnati in 1978. It's always good to be back with you Buddies. We are all interested in your health and welfare.

This past summer, on the way to Warren, I stopped in Nashville, had a pleasant talk with Joe Henley and Bill Becker. Becker promised to be at the Reunion in 1978 and will try hard to get Joe to come along. In talking with Becker, he kept mentioning what a fine soldier Joe Henley was. I told him to get off his butt and contact Joe because he lived within a mile from his home.

Also, I went into Terre Haute to see Kermit Ralston, the family and I had a nice visit with him and then with his wife at their home. In Indianapolis, Clyde Flanary took me to lunch, then the family and I had a nice visit with Kenny Baird and his family.

It is always good to see the fellows and it is good to know that most are enjoying good health. In Indianapolis I also had the pleasure of talking with Walt Edwards from the 1st. Bn.

In the near future Beau and I will get together to see if we can get some of the people in the Cincinnati area interested in attending the Reunion.

Joe Macaluso
'G' Co. 331st. Inf.

From time to time, in our THUNDERBOLTS there are names of Buddies our members are in touch with. Many of the names are not in my files and I wonder why our people do not forward the addresses to this Office so they could be contacted for membership and be kept up to date on the happenings in our great and wonderful Association. ED.

This past year has been a very busy one for me, especially during the Holiday Season. I missed out on sending Christmas Cards to many of my Buddies and hope that I am forgiven. Will try harder to get them out next year. ED.

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Your Editor

(The above information was given by Curly Ruprecht of Service Battery - 908 F.A.)

(Our local Newspaper carried an article on the above report and mentioned that it was untrue. The V.F.W. Magazine also said that it was faulty information and did not know how the rumor got started. I hope that not too many of you got caught by the report and contemplated getting a refund.)

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