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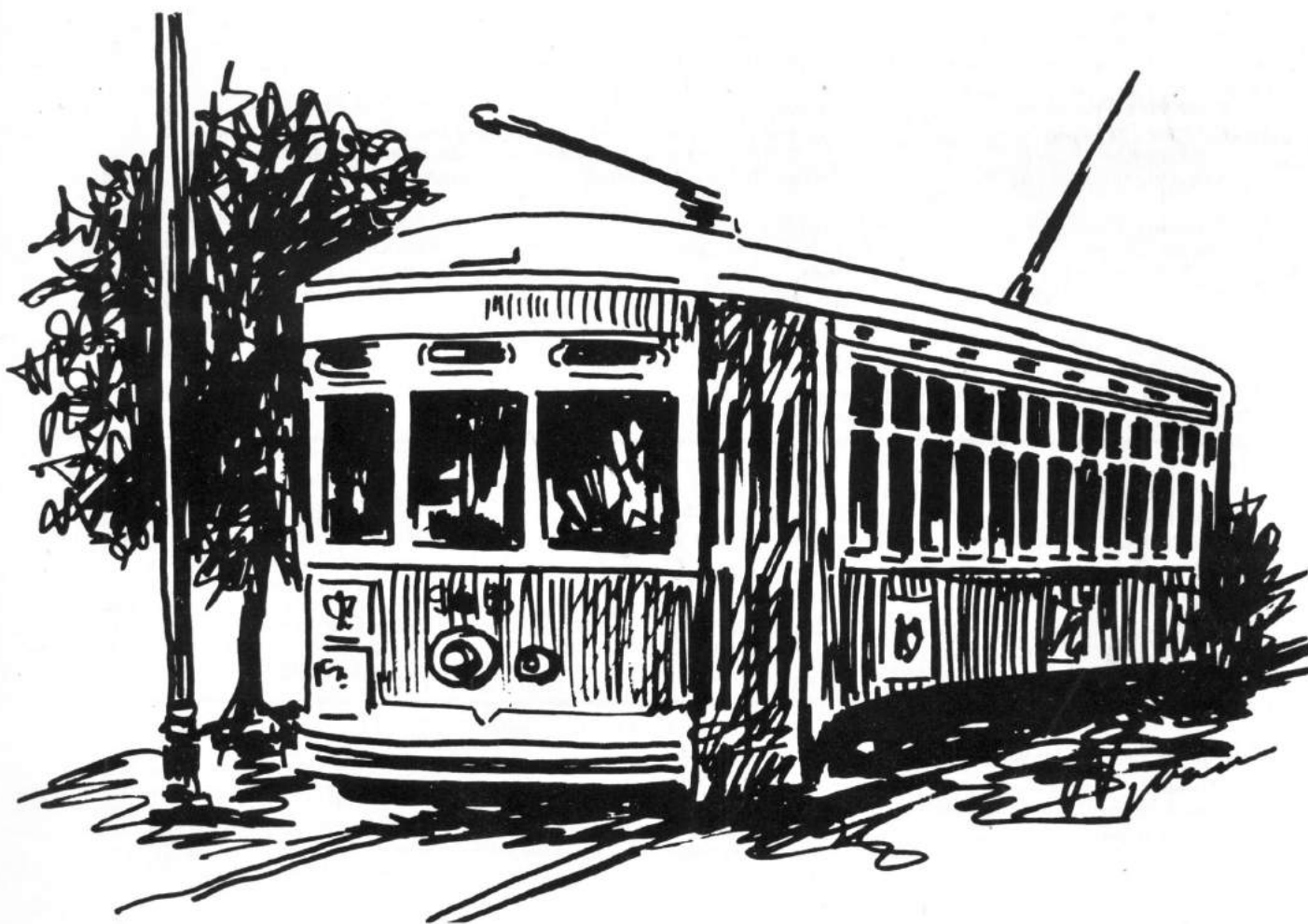
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Here is a copy of the letter I forwarded to all the Members of the Executive Board and to atleast one member in each Chapter to be read to their members. It came after the last Thunderbolt was mailed to you and by putting it in this one, every Paid-up member will see it and know that we are in search of a member willing to take on the job of Secretary-Treasurer and Editor. The letters and telephone calls pleading with me to stay on the job have been numerous, but my decision is final. I haven't had the time to answer all the letters and want to thank everyone for their confidence in me. I appreciate your kind words more than you know.

This is the letter, an exact copy:

To all concerned:

I'm finally caught up with my After-Reunion work load, all applications were sorted, membership cards are filed, the THUNDERBOLT has been completed and sent to the Printer, and all notes and requests were answered. In a few days the book will be in the mail. Now comes the task of putting out the membership letters and to get all the advertising necessary to keep the Association growing as it has in the past three years. In the advertising department, it is necessary that Jim Prentice and all of our individual writers get to work right away to make this the biggest year ever.

Now for the principal reason for this letter. Before the Reunion in Cincinnati this year, there was a lot of talk about the amount of money in our Association and the fact that it was wrong to keep so much money in the bank accounts. Everybody was coming up with ideas on how to spend the money, never thinking about the fact that I was working toward a FREE REUNION when there was enough money to put it across. From the very beginning, when Bill Doty first suggested the idea, this is what kept me so ambitious, because I knew that one day we were going to have this FREE REUNION.

At the Reunion your vote of confidence was given to me when you voted down the money spending idea. This made me feel completely satisfied, with the thought in my mind that I could keep on working toward the FREE REUNION. Things have changed now that I am home. The letters are coming, I am getting personal slurs thrown at me and it looks as though the idea isn't going to work. There is no end to this. Instead of making friends, I may make a lot of my Buddies go in the opposite direction. Rather than have this happen, I want all of you to know that I am now in my last year as your Secretary-Treasurer and Editor. This announcement is necessary at this time to give you plenty of time to get your selections ready to replace me. I didn't want to let my decision ride until the last minute.

I'm leaving the Association in better financial standing than it has ever been before. I have no regrets for the way I ran this office and I feel that the office has been run the way it should have been run from the beginning. All interest, for me atleast, is gone because with no goal to run for, I feel hopeless. Maybe those with the spending ideas will take the job and do with the money as they please.

It's time to pass the word along to all the members so that a selection can be made as soon as possible for the next Reunion in New Orleans where the members can vote for their choice. My only wish is that those running for the job will do all the work necessary as Secretary-Treasurer, Editor and Auditor of the books for the I.R.S. and the Association. If these jobs are separated, it will add a great deal to the cost of operations and a Dues rise will be necessary almost immediately. The book alone will cost between four and five thousand dollars more per year.

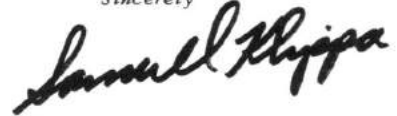
The machines that I purchased on my own to speed up the publication of the book, making stencils here at home, and the Address-o-graph that addresses everything more quickly, along with the Vari-Typer which makes the straight columns for the book, are for sale to the Association if they so desire. You have first choice. Otherwise, if all of you would be so kind as to let me know as soon possible whether you would like to purchase the machines, they will be advertised for sale right after the last THUNDERBOLT for this year is published in June. The price is \$1,500. They will be advertised for much more than that.

By the time of the Board Meeting, the first weekend in May, we should have a lot of information concerning the changeover. Despite the fact that I will be leaving, I'm still going to work this year as before to make it an even better year than the last three, and see if we can't beat that membership mark. I want all of you to know

that this was not an easy decision for me to make. I thought it over and over in my mind before deciding to write this letter. One thing is for sure though, my Doctor, my wife and daughter, my brother and sisters, and all my friends and neighbors are happy that I made the decision. This will finish fourteen years for me as an active Officer in the Association. I can finally get down to the Reunions again and enjoy the real company of my Buddies and friends. It should feel great after all these years. All work and no play is gone forever.

Please pass the word along at your meetings and give everyone a chance to decide on taking a crack at the job.

Sincerely



Samuel Klippa, Sec'y. Treas.  
83rd Inf. Div. Assoc. Inc.

P.S. A copy of this letter will be sent to atleast one member of each Chapter to let them know of my decision. I will print this letter in the next THUNDERBOLT also, so that as many of our people as possible will know of the change beforehand. I'd like very much to get all your comments on the matter, from all the Officers, from the Chapters and from the Individuals.

After the above letter was sent, the letters and phone calls, all complimentary, were more than welcome because they showed that we have a lot of people with deep concern for this Association. Some of the later letters were not of the same nature and were filled with comments of anger and cussing of others in the Association. This is something that I didn't figure on when I announced that this would be my last year on the job.

We are all grown men. Bad talk should be omitted from our correspondence and in talking to others. Let's just get down to the real business at hand ..... the job of selecting a new Secretary-Treasurer ..... nothing else.

PLEASE - no more of this! PLEASE - cut out the name calling! PLEASE - lets get down to being and acting like the grown men we are supposed to be!

This Association will continue to survive for many more years if we all stick together and enjoy our friendship in harmony with each other. The cussing, the squabbles and dissention are not needed. Anything that is ever said about our Executive Board concerning whether they are good or bad, ..... well, I want to see the complainers take a crack at it. It's not as simple as most would like to think. It is quite costly to each Officer and all their efforts and costs are for your benefit. Let's get off of their backs.

One last memo. I've been asked to publish the letters and to tell you who the calls were from. If the people who wrote the letters and made the calls, have the guts to tell you ..... that's O.K. .... but I'll never reveal their names to any of you. Some things are better never said. Let's just forget the whole matter, now and forever.

IT'S FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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LET'S PLAN ON NEW ORLEANS IN AUGUST FOR SURE.

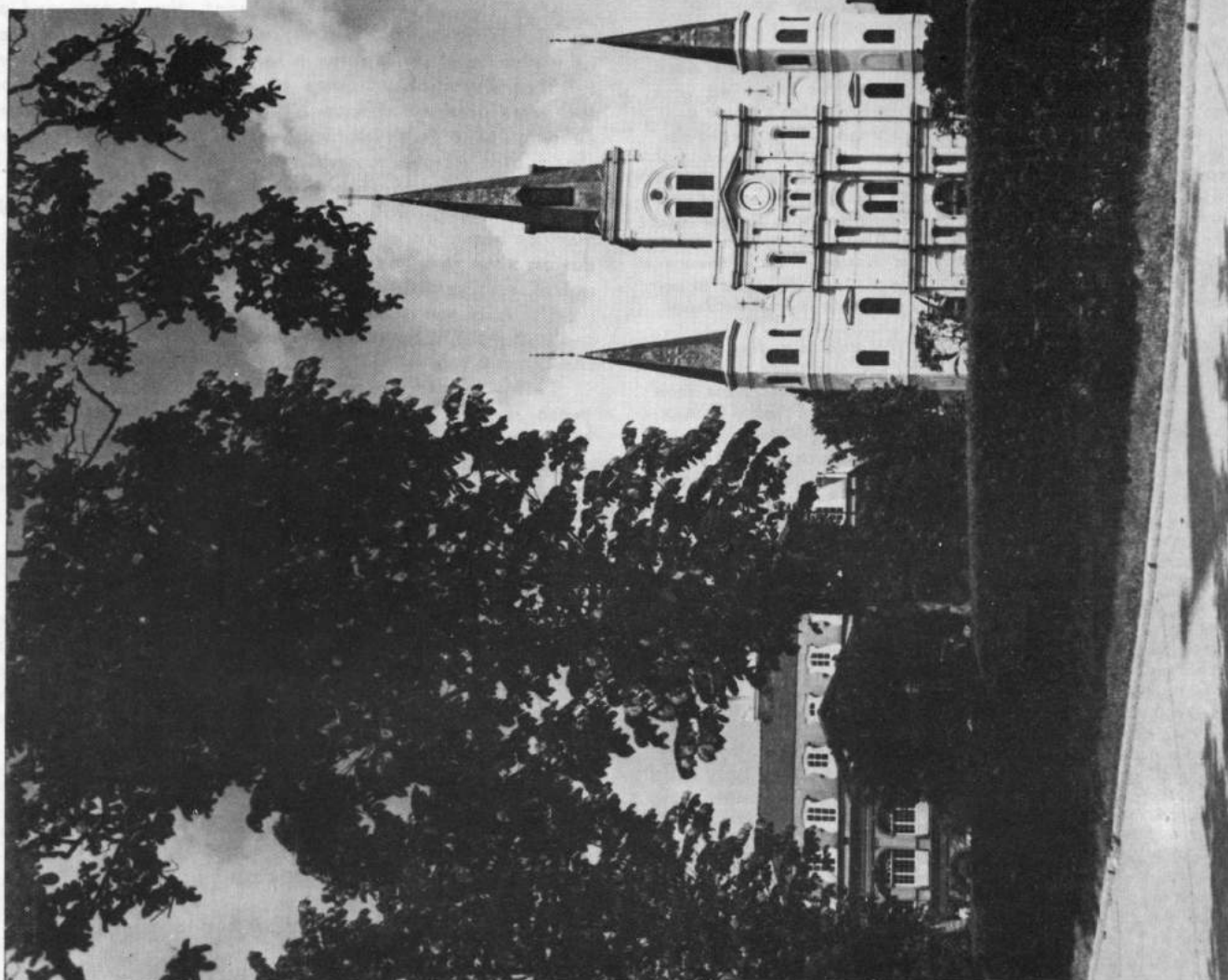
LET'S GET THOSE DUES IN FOR THE YEAR.

LET'S MAKE THIS THE BEST YEAR EVER.

LET'S SIGN UP A BUDDY THIS YEAR.

Jackson Square in New Orleans is a comfortable place to linger on a walking tour of New Orleans. It is one of the most interesting areas in the city because it remains the hub of the old city. The plans were laid out in 1718 by Adrien de Pauger, the French Engineer who laid out the original city. Jackson Square is surrounded by St. Louis Cathedral, the Cabildo, Presbytere, the Pontalba apartments and the French Market.

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## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Members of the 83rd Infantry Division Assoc:

We have seen another Holiday Season go by, and once again, we know the feeling of being close to our loved ones.

As President of your Association, I hope that each and everyone of you had a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season. With the New Year, 1979, upon us, we should look forward to a new and joyful year, a year where we should try once again to establish a better relationship with our fellow man, a year, when we should also learn to respect the confliotions of our fellow man.

We are aware that this year, at our Reunion in New Orleans, we not only have to elect the three top Officers that will be from the Host City for the 1980 Reunion, but we must select a new Secretary-Treasurer. Although all of the elected positions are of great importance, we have to feel that the Office of Secretary-Treasurer carries extra burdens and responsibilities. For this position, we must select an individual, who not only is a devoted and loyal 83rd Member, but an individual that is willing to accept the long hours of work that goes with the position.

We should all give considerable thought to this matter, because we must select an individual that will carry on the great traditions of the Division Association. We have been very fortunate in the past to have some outstanding men serve in this position, and would like to continue this practice.

In selecting this individual, we must be sure that he is willing to accept the position and responsibilities that go with the position. As a suggestion, I would like for all Chapters to screen the men within their organization to see who is willing to present himself to the Nominating Committee next August. For those members that are not part of a Chapter, we are also requesting that you also submit the names of men whom the Executive Board, when it holds its Annual Meeting the first weekend of May 1979, will be concerned as to which members of the Association that are interested in this position. Suggestions will be appreciated, if you have someone who is interested, take time to drop a line to myself as President, or to any member of the Executive Board.

Still, another position that we should consider, is that of Editor of the THUNDERBOLT. If one individual feels that he can handle both positions, great, but we have to consider that we may have to find one man for Secretary-Treasurer and one man for Editor.

I'm happy at this time to state that our membership for the year 1978-'79 is 1165 paid up members, with the hope that we will reach 1400 members by the time we hold our Reunion in New Orleans.

In writing this letter to all Chapters of the 83rd Association, I realize that it will not reach the large number of members that do not belong to the fourteen Chapters. So that all members have an opportunity to come forth with their suggestions, this letter will be published in the next issue of the THUNDERBOLT.

Sincerely  
Joseph Macaluso  
President

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### A DREAM VACATION!

### A REUNION TO REMEMBER FOR ALWAYS!

Before it's too late.....

### PUT IN FOR YOUR VACATION NOW!

It's always great to spend a few days with that Buddy of yours that you haven't seen in quite some time.

REMEMBER the dates .....

AUGUST 16, 17, 18, 1979. NEW ORLEANS, LA.

## NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

Hi Buddies:

Here we are, 11 days before Christmas, and I'm trying to get a Column together.

My Buddies, Don Thiebolt, Stan Bielen, Tom Hensley, Eddy Kirgan and yours truly with all our lovely wives, had one swell time at Myrtle Beach. We also had the pleasure of two visits from Dick Riddle and his sweet wife.

We have all made our reservations for next year already for two weeks. Anyone wanting to come is welcome.

We have been having a lot of talk since Sam Klippa has said he wanted to quit as our Secretary-Treasurer. I have received more letters from Buddies in the last four months than I have in the last fourteen years about this and that.

I don't think the men in our Association know enough about how it is ran. I think that every year when our first issue comes out there should be a complete rundown on how much the Association made and how much was paid out. I mean even if it was a stamp that was bought.

I have read other Associations expenses and profits and I want to say they don't leave anything out. This is why when one doesn't know the facts and they start to talk, they can make a lot of trouble and hurt a lot of feelings. We have a damn good Association and before we do anything to hurt it, we better get all the dope before we start talking. I know I have found out a lot since Sam came up with the issue. It's a shame this has to happen, but what has, must be.

Let us all pull together and make this Association the best in the country. There is no reason we can't.

I now live a 200 mile trip away from our Meeting place and I look forward to every month even though there is only a few of us that get together for a drink. It's later than we think and God knows how long it will last. Every year at our Reunions, we learn of all our Buddies that passed on. Let us mend all our ways and start the New Year with the Spirit of Christmas and live for one another.

We of the Jersey Chapter, hope you all had a MERRY CHRISTMAS and the NEW YEAR will bring you all the health and happiness you can hold.

God Bless you all until we meet again.

Jim Bowie  
"B" 330th. Inf.

(The latest update)  
WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

More meetings have been held and future meetings are being planned. Information from National Headquarters concerning the eligibility to become Charter Members, was read and all were told to pay their Dues. The list of 110 National Members of the 83rd Association living in West Virginia, and furnished by Sam Klippa was discussed. A letter will be sent to every member, inviting him (wives are welcome) to attend our "CHARTER PRESENTATION" by Sam Klippa, the National Secretary-Treasurer. The tentative date is March 11, 1979.

The event will take place at the Wilmar Restaurant (Cafeteria Style, excellent food and reasonable) corner of 8th. and Market Streets in downtown Parkersburg, WV. Each individual is to be responsible for their lunch. The time is 2:00 P.M.

The wives will enjoy shopping in the "Grand Central Mall." Mr. Dunkin will invite Mr. James Munchin, Secretary of the State of West Virginia, to the meeting. Mr. Dunkin will handle a special project. Future goals for the Chapter will be toward helping others less fortunate. Mr. Spurgeon was proposed for 2nd. Vice President.

Congradulations are in order to every man that attended the required meetings, making the West Virginia Chapter possible.

What seemed to be insurmountable odds only a few months ago, after trying for years and years, again and again to bring together this very special group, is finally a success. The battle is just beginning. Tell your Buddies about us. See you in Parkersburg.

John Governor  
"I" & "M" 331st. Inf.

## WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

At the request of Eugene Persinger, I went down to Nitro, WV to help him in getting the West Virginia Chapter ready to receive their Charter. (Nitro, WV is next door to Charleston.) The meeting was held in the Town Hall with about a dozen members in attendance and they brought along their enthusiasm to show that they are ready to receive a Charter. All of them were elated to know that the Chapter is now for real. A complete roster of our members in West Virginia was sent to them and they feel that they can be the biggest Chapter in the Association someday.

Their present Officers are:

Eugene Persinger	President
Don Pettry	V. President
John Governor	Sec'y. Treas.

All sorts of ideas and plans for the future were discussed at the meeting. Many of those attending, wanted Company Rosters in order to boost their membership, and these rosters were sent to all of them the day after I returned home. There were a couple of men in attendance that never heard of our Association and were surprised to hear my reports about the 83rd.

The following letter was sent to me by their President:

Sam, we are flying on cloud nine since Saturday night and the vote of confidence that the men gave us at the meeting. I was really surprised at the turnout and the fine time that we had. It made me feel real good to know that they really want a Chapter in West Virginia. I want to thank you for having the confidence in us enough to drive that long distance down here to Nitro, and for giving us the push that we needed to get off the ground. I talked to our Secretary-Treasurer yesterday and decided that we would like to get the Charter in January if possible. We had another Meeting on November 19 and the next one will be December 10, and this should complete the qualification procedure.

We know this is rushing things a bit, but we want to get going with the organization of our Chapter. Letters are being sent to all the men on the roster, telling them about our meetings and the Dues setup.

Hope to hear from you real soon.

Eugene Persinger, Pres.  
West Virginia Chapter

(The West Virginia Chapter will be a reality as you read this.)



Back row: Sam Klippa and John Governor.  
Front row: Eugene Persinger and Don Pettry.



Eugene Persinger and Sam Klippa



Mr. and Mrs. Persinger and daughter Patricia.

## 453RD. A.A.A. REPORT

Because the 453rd has not sent in any articles and because they have been having their get-togethers separately from our Reunions, I decided to write to Peter Severhof, their Secretary, to find out just how we stand. Only one of their people has attended our Reunion and that was in Cincinnati the past year. Here is the update from Mr. Severhof:

The 1978 Reunion was held in Columbus, Ohio on September 4, 1978. The following Officers were elected:

James Dalton	President
Fred Lee	Vice President
Peter Severhof	Sec'y. Treas.

The 1979 Reunion will be held in Cleveland, Ohio. I'm sorry I was unable to attend the Cincinnati Reunion but a group of us will attend in New Orleans. Please send me a good supply of applications and I will mail them to 453rd men on our roster. I have joined the Michigan Chapter of the 83rd and am trying to work with them to acquire new 453rd men in this area. Hope to meet you in New Orleans.

Peter Severhof  
453rd. A.A.A.

(Here is answer to my latest letter:)

Received your Membership Cards and I am preparing a mailing to inform our membership more fully of the merger with the 83rd Division. I hope to secure many new memberships and will try at our March Meeting to have our Reunions at the same time as the 83rd, starting in 1980. You will see some improvement. My plans are to attend the New Orleans Reunion in August.

I am also working with the Michigan Chapter (Marion Muoio) to increase our membership there. They are planning a Christmas Party for December 9th.

We were sorry to hear that you will resign soon - at any rate, I shall contact you or your successor soon.

Peter Severhof

In line with the above information, I feel that everyone in our Association that belongs to a group that has their own little group get-togethers, should talk them into having it at the same time as the Association. After all, we all belong to the same team.

Samuel Klippa  
Secretary-Treasurer

## FLORIDA CHAPTER NEWS

The Florida Chapter held their November Meeting in Ft. Lauderdale on Veterans Day. Eleven members were in attendance with their wives at the sit-down dinner arranged for by Ralph Gunderson, "D" 331st Infantry and held at the Ft. Lauderdale Inn.

Prior to the dinner meeting, we proceeded by auto convoy to the home of Sylvain Fishman, "F" 329th Infantry, and his gracious and talented wife, Eunice. What a lovely home, waterfront and a tremendous indoor patio surrounding a 40 foot indoor heated pool. The entire living area of the home surrounded and opened onto the patio and pool area from three sides. And so tastefully decorated throughout, mostly through the efforts of Eunice's skillful hands. Hot hors d'oeuvres and cocktails were served to the Chapter members who were joined by National Secretary Sam Klippa and his friend Nep Campbell from the Pittsburgh Chapter.

Eunice Fishman donated a number of her artistic table center pieces to the Chapter and the raffle at the dinner produced \$99.00 for the treasury which speaks very well for the quality of the prizes.

Considerable discussion followed the dinner concerning the growth of the Chapter and how we can make our meetings more attractive to the membership. The 1979 Officers are formulating plans for interesting meetings for the coming year.

Our membership now totals 28 and our goal for 1979 is to increase that figure to 35. Membership in the Florida Chapter is just \$5.00 per year. Make your check payable to: Florida Chapter, 83rd Inf. Div. Assoc. Now that our Chapter has ample funds a self addressed stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Information and reservations for the next meeting will be in the mail in plenty of time for you to arrange your schedule in order to join us.

R.M. Sullivan  
Div. Hq.

## WARREN OHIO CHAPTER NEWS

At the last meeting of the Warren Chapter as in the past an election of Officers was held and we are pleased to have the whole slate of last year with the exception of some new appointments by Chapter Prexy, Chuck Tomazin. In case some do not know who these Officers are:

Charles Tomazin	President
John Teringo	Vice President
Mike Skovran	Secretary-Treasurer
Joe Philipone	Chaplain

Dick Kelly declined the appointment of Staff Reporter to the THUNDERBOLT so I (George Cooley, Sr.) was appointed and after reading some of Dick's news reports on the guys, I'm gonna have to hustle to keep up. The Warren Chapter thanks Dick for all the publicity in the past issues - way to go Richie.

SICK CALL - Johnnie Teringo is recuperating just fine and we hope to see him back at work soon --- "Cheez" Bellay also doing real well and back in his "routine" of trying to work as many of the ladies neighborhoods as possible while chafing-at-the-bit getting limbered up for the first nine on the courses this spring. Bob Johnson may have to re enter the hospital again. Hope all goes well, Bob. Bob just lost his mother and the Chapter extends their deepest sympathy.

Although it may seem early to some, the guys and gals here are making tentative plans to be in New Orleans come this August. As usual, it looks like a big Chapter attendance.

So, Cap'n Mac, alert the gendarmes and brewmasters, forget all else, we are too old, and slow.

By the time the next (spring) issue of the THUNDERBOLT rolls

around, the three bacchanalian summer residents of Lake Paradise will have plans pretty well set for our first of the year golf-picnic outing. If any members of the Association can make it, you will be to a mini-like-Reunion --- really a big fun thing.

As you read this, our man "Sure-as-shootin'" Caparanis will be back from Orlando, Florida where he participated in the National Walter Hagen Tournament of Golf for the Cancer Fund which took place the first week of December. We expect to see a trophy next time we see Cap. Lee Titus is still trying to beat the pool spread in football --- some of the language he uses while telling the T.V. how they should play the game is reminiscent of his days while with "G" Company 331st Infantry.

This is about all the guys gave me, so I'll close out by extending our best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all 83rd Thunderbolts and families.

George Cooley, Sr.  
Staff Reporter  
"A" 322 F.A.

## WARREN LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

From my corner:

Our first meeting since getting back from the Reunion in Cincinnati was held at the Skovrans on September 24. What a "cook out"! The steaks were "scrumptious" - a wonderful evening of food and good fellowship (or should that be personship?) Anyway, a thank you to the chefs - we were also entertained by cameraman Babe Gautschi showing film of various past Chapter activities.

George and I visited George Bellay on his return from the Cleveland Clinic and glad to say he is doing very well - hasn't lost a bit of his humor - all of us here are thankful for this needed good friend around.

The October meeting was held at the home of John and Helen Caparanis - just couldn't budge the men from the T.V. football games - they sure held a short meeting so as to rush back to the T.V. set - Helen was a very gracious hostess.

The November meeting was held at Gautschi's home - again another delicious spread - anyone on a diet, friends, forget it - here too, the men were glued to the T.V. set "N-F-L-ing" again.

Theresa Gautschi and Dee's mom had a cataract operation and we are pleased to hear she is coming along fine. Theresa Gautschi's daughter Kathy is expecting her first baby in December - seems her hubby couldn't attend child birth classes, so Grandma-to-be attended the exercise and breathing class with her - very exhausting evening - so she tells us - we just may have a Christmas baby there.

The Warren gals are getting ready for their Annual Christmas get-together - the wives take the boys out to dinner and refreshments - "Oh my, here we go again" but it's fun - Club Prez Millie Kelly had us girls gather at her home one evening to make table decorations for the occasion - seems she was way ahead of us in starting the party favors - the evening was spent putting the finishing touches on the Santas, and the snack and refreshments made it all worthwhile.

George and I just returned from the Sunshine State where we spent a week of partying fun with our daughter Maureen who is putting together her first T.V. Production to be aired sometime this spring - this was a double celebration - our 38th Anniversary and her debut in show biz.

Well, this is about it for now - its so hard to believe that this year is almost over - I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Warren Chapter Ladies Auxiliary, to wish all a VERY GOOD NEW YEAR and the best of everything for the HOLIDAY SEASON.

Keep gathering those coins for "Na 'leans."  
Take care until next year.

Mary Ann Cooley

REMIND YOUR BUDDIES THAT THEY DO NOT GET THE  
THUNDERBOLT AFTER THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE WHICH  
FOLLOWS THE END OF THE YEAR THEY PAID FOR.

OUR YEAR ENDS JULY 31, OF EACH YEAR.





Prez Charlie, Cheez Bellay and Lee Titus take time out.



Warren Ladies get serious at their meetings.



The Ladies buffet.

## CHICAGO CHAPTER (Too late for the last THUNDERBOLT)

Another successful Reunion has gone by too quickly; leaving us with pleasant memories to carry over till the next.

Many thanks to the Kentucky Chapter for a job well done and to Sam Klippa for the continuing increase in our National membership.

Our Memorial Service was the finest I have ever attended and made us proud of our outfit and our local Chapter for utilizing a splendid location and making it a memorable ceremony.

Bill Doty's rousing speech at our Business meeting made us forget for awhile the frivolity of the occasion and reminded us of the continuing need to be on guard. Let's take his advice and follow through our resolution.

We had a nice turnout from Chicago. Hank and Lottie, Frank and Jean and Tony and Adeline drove down together and they are still friends. Bill and Rita were bustling around, busy as always. Joe and Katherine came in from New York where they were visiting the family. Thres and I got in on Wednesday, parked our car, and didn't get to see it again until Sunday. Harlan Swanson and Bill Bogacz were our singles. Bill Burton, though no longer in Chicago, was a Charter Member of ours, and we still consider him one of ours, and we do enjoy his singing. He's almost as good as Father Mac. Say Kent, did you ever find out where that money came from in St. Malo? Dale Huber, where were you?

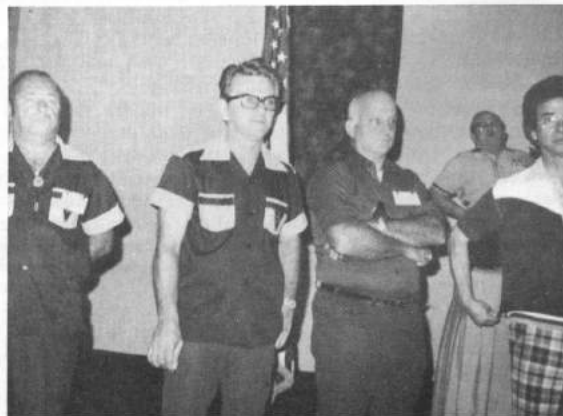
Joe Adam  
"A" 330th Inf.

P.S. That Weiderman beer was great.

Kenny Baird sent along many photos of the Reunion and I only picked a few for publication because of the limited space.



Bill Doty, Sam Klippa, Joe Macaluso and Manny Goodridge.



Al Suess, Gene Costanzo, Joe Macaluso and Lenny Prelutsky.



## KENTUCKY CHAPTER REPORT

The Kentucky Chapter met in October in Louisville, Kentucky. Final Reunion Reports were made and Officers for 1979 - 1980 were elected as follows:

Predident	Robert E. Derickson
Vice President	Manlius R. Goodridge
Secretary	Theodore Ritchie
Treasurer	Tom S. Hensley
Chaplain	Kermit L. Hargis
Reporter	Ralph C. Hamilton

The Chapter is in sound financial condition and growing in numbers.

A Christmas Party and Meeting was held in December. A delicious meal was served by Henry and Winnie Whalen, Dan, Dan Jr. and Mrs. McCarthy, Fred Flower and Margaret Stokes. Twenty Four members and their wives were present and a good time was had by all.

The Kentucky Chapter wishes all a **HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**. We are looking forward to the Reunion in New Orleans.

Ralph C. Hamilton  
"D" Co. 331st Inf.



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## MICHIGAN CHAPTER NEWS

We of the Michigan Chapter would like to take this time to wish all of you **A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR** and hope that everyone had an enjoyable Holiday Season.

Our October Meeting was held at the Country Estate of Bruce and Jean Winchell. A rather small group showed up for the 125 mile drive, and the Fall color and changes, were just beautiful to see all the way up there.

Those in attendance were: Loyal and Kate Pangle, Mario and Josey Muoio, Bob and Rita Taylor, Nick and Sylvia Barbu, Ed Zerucha, Vito Palazzolo and of course, Bruce and Jean.

At this meeting we learned that Ritas brother Neil, who had attended the Reunion in Cincy, and a girlfriend of Ritas from Detroit, met and fell in love in just three days, and have been married in a quiet ceremony in Las Vegas, NV.

Mr. and Mrs. Gamber now reside in California, and love has no end. We wish them a long and fruitful marriage and hope they keep in contact with us in the future.

We also learned that Kate and Loyal were expecting another grandchild. Josey and Mario announced that they are expecting another grandchild. Ah Me! My grand hood days are still coming and maybe getting too old to enjoy them.

After enjoying a terrific meal, prepared by our Hostess, Jean Winchell, the Michigan Chapter held a brief meeting. Bob Taylor read a letter sent to him by Sam Klippa stating his views on the Election to be held in New Orleans for the Office of Secretary-Treasurer. It is the feeling of the Michigan Chapter, that Sam has done a real professional job, and will be hard to replace, but also, that mans health comes first and that Sam is doing the right thing.

We also talked about looking into nearby sites for a Reunion in 1982. Committees have already been formed and hope to have more on this at the Reunion in New Orleans.

On the 9th of December, the Michigan Chapter held their Christmas Party in the country, at a beautiful place called Weldemeires. We had a fresh snowfall which made the party a success. And a real good turnout, we had twelve couples in all. Bruce and Jean Winchell, Kate and Loyal Pangle, Jack and Hankie Daugherty, Nick and Sylvia Barbu, Bob and Rita Taylor, Lee and Dorothy Hettrick, Mario and Josey Muoio, Ed and Jean Zerucha, Ray and Donna Dutton, Joe and Virginia Lazar, Pete and Donna Severhof and Vito and Virginia Palazzolo. It was one of the finest parties we ever had by all.

Bruce Winchell was so hungry that he had to order a peanut Butter sandwich with jelly as a before dinner treat, and made sure he took some home in a doggie bag in case he got hungry on the way home. Gifts were exchanged by the ladies and men.

It was at this party that this Reporter learned that Kate and Loyal Pangle announced the arrival of a new grandchild, a 10 lb. girl and was named "Kate Marie."

Also we learned that Mario and Josey's grandchild had arrived, an 8 lb. 2 oz. Boy and was named "James Lawrence."

Peter Severhof of the 453rd A.A. said that they will be having a Reunion on Labor Day weekend in Cleveland, OH. Please write to Pete for more information.

Needless to say, that we had a very successful Christmas Party and we hope everyone in the 83rd Association had a Joyful Holiday Season. Till next time, best regards to all.

Vito Palazzolo  
"G" Co. 329th. Inf.

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MATERIAL FOR THE THUNDERBOLTS IS SO ABUNDANT NOW THAT MUCH OF THE LESS IMPORTANT THINGS WERE OMITTED SO THAT I CAN STAY WITHIN THE REQUIRED LIMITS ALLOWED BY THE POST OFFICE, AND THAT IS, 28 PAGES INCLUDING THE COVER. IN MY LAST TWO ISSUES, I'LL HAVE TO CUT YOUR PHOTOS DOWN TO SMALLER SIZES TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS. IF YOU DON'T DESIRE TO HAVE THEM TRIMMED, DON'T SEND THEM.

ALSO, I'M GOING BACK TO THE LARGER PRINT AND THE REGULAR SPACING, SO KEEP YOUR ARTICLES BRIEF, AND I'LL DO MY BRST TO GET THEM IN. I HAVE SEVERAL PAGES LEFT OVER FROM THIS ISSUE AND WOULD LIKE TO ADD THEM IN THE APRIL ISSUE. THERE WILL BE THOSE THAT WILL COMPLAIN, BUT IT IS MY JOB TO SATISFY THE MOST OF YOU, NOT THE LEAST. THE NEXT DEADLINE IS APRIL 10 AND YOUR NEWS SHOULD BE IN MY OFFICE BY THE 8TH.

YOUR EDITOR  
SAMUEL KLIPPA

**"FRANKLY SPEAKING"  
TO THE MEN OF COMPANY "D" 330TH.**

Well, here we go with a New Year and another year older. It is getting later then we think, that is why I am always after you to come to the Reunion each year. Now that the Holidays are over, start making plans to attend the Reunion this year. I certainly hope that you and your family enjoyed Happy Holidays as we here in my home did.

"Dog" Company has started off with a bang this year with 25 Paid-up members but I am still looking for more men, as there are about ten of the old timers who have not sent me their Dues. Del, get after Harrell and Snyder and I will keep after the rest of them. We picked up four new members this year.

Now for some good news: I received a nice letter from George Tangelo's wife, Barbara, with some pictures that were taken at the Reunion last year. Also, I received a letter from Lacy Satterfield and he sent me some pictures that were taken overseas. All these pictures will be in this issue. Now for some bad news: I received my Yearly Christmas Card from the Vitantonio family and Paul's wife, Gloria, told me that Paul is not too good. He has had three strokes this past year, and his left side is paralyzed. I also received a letter from Sherwood Alford's wife and she told me he has passed away. A card came from John Jankovich and he told me his brother, Urban, is not too good. He has been in and out of the hospital four times with back trouble.

Larry Redmond and myself were out to see Frank Cilinski the other week when he came home from the hospital. Frank has Kidney trouble and he is also a diabetic. I would appreciate it very much if you would take the time to drop these Buddies a Get Well Card or better yet, give them a phone call. It certainly would make them feel better. All of you have their addresses as I have sent all of you a Company Roster. If you don't have a roster, let me know.

Here is a new address to add to your list: Harold V. Felton, 416 North Boundary Ave., McArthur, OH 45651.

My New Year's resolution for 1979 is for a bigger and better Company "D" in our great Association and you can help me do it ..... send me your Dues. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you men who sent me your Dues with your nice Christmas Cards. A couple of them were ..... Paul Vitantonio, Alex Falautor (first time), Leo Sanino, Charlie Barefoot. There are more of them, but I can't think of them at this time.

This is all I have for this issue. Hope to have better news in the next issue. If anyone has any names and addresses that I could use, please send them to me. I would like to have the names and addresses of the two Machine Gun Platoons as I have about 90% of the Mortar Platoon.

THANKS.

Frank McGrogan  
Company "D" 330th.



Seated: Mary Marra, Johnnie Ball. Back row: Walker, Tangelos, McGrogan & Harold Felton.



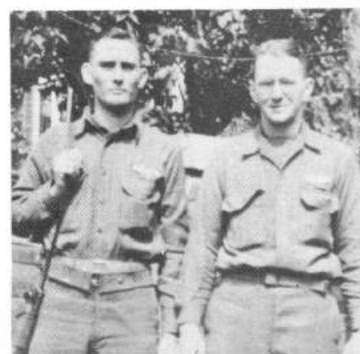
Front row: DelPadre, Schick, Marra & McGrogan. Back: Harrell, Ball, Snyder & Mikel.



Second Platoon of "D" Company - 330th Infantry.



Willie Fear in center with Lt. O'Malley on left & Captain Barrett.



Lacy Satterfield and Martin in Germany at the end of the War.

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#### PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER REPORT

On October 28, 1978, our good friend Bill Hoolan of "A" 324 F.A. and his lovely wife Carol gave their daughter Barbara Ann in marriage to Ross Payson at Woodlyn, PA. After the ceremonies, the Hoolan's had the Phillie Chapter and family guests to dinner and dance at the West End Boat Club on the Delaware River in Chester, PA. We of the Philadelphia Chapter wish the lovely bride and the handsome groom the best Congratulations. May all their troubles be little ones.

On November 4, 1978 the Phillie Chapter with guests, 130 strong, celebrated their inauguration of Officers for 1978-'79 at the U.S. Supply Center in Philadelphia. The Officers for the new fiscal year are:

Manny Lima	President	"K" 331
Lester E. Hauck	V. President	"C" 308 Eng.
Chaplain	Chaplain	"C" 323 F.A.
Bill Chavanne	Secretary	"C" 308 Eng.
Joseph Giola	Treasurer	"C" 323 F.A.
Louis J. Volpi	Sgt. at Arms	"A" 324 F.A.

Anyone visiting Philadelphia can contact any Officer. We meet the third Saturday of each month. Our wonderful wives are always included. Many thanks to Lucy Volpi and her son-in-law for helping us in the ticket department. They helped to make our Banquet a great success. During intermission, Bill Appleby of 783rd Ordinance did the honors for our Chapter demonstrators in Square Dance calling. We're becoming known as the Phillie Hill Billies. All 83rd men and guests hated to see a long

evening end. We thank all of the following people: Mr. & Mrs. Ray Bjork, "H" 330 - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hoolan, "A" 324 - Mr. & Mrs. Charles Binifiglio, "C" 908 - Mr. & Mrs. Walter Korsznjak, 83rd Recon. - Mr. & Mrs. Walt Sammler, Hq. 308 Eng. - Mr. & Mrs. Jim Price, "C" 331 - Mr. Pat Porter, Hq. 323 F.A. - Mr. & Mrs. Joe Nitroy, "C" 331 - Mr. & Mrs. Al DiSylvester, Hq. 329 2nd Bn - Mr. & Mrs. Pat DiGiammerino, Serv. 323 F.A. - Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Bielen, 1 Bn Hq 331 - Mr. & Mrs. Romeo Allard, Hq. 323 F.A. - Mr. & Mrs. Emil Wehling, 1 Bn Hq 331 - Mr. & Mrs. Ed McCouch, Hq. 323 F.A. - Mr. & Mrs. Earl Geissler, "C" 322 F.A. - Mr. & Mrs. Ambrose Tynan, Hq. 323 F.A. - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Pugh, "A" 324 F.A. - Mr. Manny Lima, "K" 331 - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Appleby, 783rd. Ord. - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Chavanne, "C" 308 Eng. - Mr. & Mrs. Lou Volpi, "A" 324 F.A. - Mr. Joe Gioia, "C" 323 F.A. - Mr. & Mrs. Ted Prentice, "B" 908 F.A. - Mr. & Mrs. Sam Aiello, "C" 908 F.A. - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Shaner, Hq. 323 F.A. - Mr. & Mrs. Al Belvedere, "K" 331 - Mr. & Mrs. Dave Rosenberg, "F" 331 - Mr. & Mrs. Larry Redmond, "H" 330 & Mr. & Mrs. Frank McGrogan, "D" 330.

Many thanks to all our comrades and friends too numerous to mention. The 50-50 winner was Nunzio Giannini and the ticket was sold by Joe Gioia. The Party broke up in the wee hours of the morning.

On Saturday, December 16, we of the Phillie Chapter had our Annual Christmas Dinner at the Eatery, the Franklin Stove. After dinner we all met at our Chapter home at Trevoze Savings Co. in Norberth. The goodies and coffee were set up by our lovely wives. Bless them all. The first prize - a basket of cheer - was won by Arlene Stanley and the ticket was sold by Lester Hauck of "C" 308 Eng. Second prize - a bottle of V.O. - was won by Frank DeBlaise and the ticket was sold by John T. Piscitelli of "C" 323 F.A. Third prize - a bottle of Champagne - was won by Lucy Volpi and the ticket was sold by Lou Volpi of "A" 324 F.A.

A HAPPY 1979 TO ALL from the Phillie Chapter.

See you all in New Orleans.

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



Some of the women at the Phillie Christmas Party



Some of the men at the Phillie Christmas Party.



Bill Chavanne, Frank McGrogan and Sammy Aiello.

#### CHAPLAINS STEEPLE

As we look over the list of our Deceased comrades for 1978-'79, we're beginning to realize that we've all come to the twilight years of our lives. We're now in our 34th year since World War II. May the good Lord keep them and care for them until we all meet again. The following men's families notified us of their passing from our world.

William O. Shuman	Hq. Divarty,
William Gilbert	"H" 330th.
Robert Patton	Hq. 323 F.A.
James Schimmermti	Medic 330th.
Donald V. Roth	"M" 331st.
James Motley	"L" 329th.
Edward Stein	"B" 308 Eng.
Sherwood Alford	"D" 330th.
Mammy Martin	"F" 329th.
Sal Capone	"E" 329th.
Pete Constantino	Hq. 324 F.A.

We of the Philadelphia Chapter lost a couple of Buddies whom we hadn't seen for quite awhile. Sal Capone of "E" 329, passed away. Anthony Theodore of Cn. 330th, notified us, and a few went to the viewing to pay our last respects. We didn't find out about Pete Constantino passing away until a week or so later. Mass's and cards are given in honor of all our Deceased THUNDERBOLTS whenever possible. Our Prayers are with them always.

Our Chapter had quite a few ill people. Louise Gioia, wife of Joe, "C" 323 F.A., has been ill for quite awhile and we wish her the best of health for the coming year. Bea Chavanne, wife of Bill, "C" 308 Eng., is coming along after a couple of hospital trips. Also, Clair Lima, wife of our President, Mammy of "K" 330th, has been hospitalized a couple of times. Our son-in-law is recovering from a heart attack. We all Pray for each and everyone, and wish them all the best.

John T. Piscitelli  
Chaplain

#### Hello Buddies:

Once again Mary and I had the pleasure to venture down to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, to attend the Annual Christmas Party of the Dixie Chapter of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. To those of you that have never attended any of the Dixie Affairs, you don't know what you are missing. Over the years, you have heard that famous expression, "Southern Hospitality." Well, believe me, you have never had the opportunity of knowing the real meaning of Southern Hospitality until it is shown by the Dixie Chapter members. I think they hold the original copyright to the words.

If you really want to learn what Christmas really means, start planning now to attend next December. Right now, Mary and I have our sights set on it, and would like to see a lot more of you Northerners join with us. The boys and girls from Dixie always have an open door for any and all 83rd Members.

HERE'S HOPING THAT ALL OF YOU HAD A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Larry Redmond  
"H" 330th. Inf.

(I'd like to mention here that Larry wrote another letter, which I have considered complimentary, but will not publish, because there are many, many others along the same lines. It would take the whole THUNDERBOLT to print all of them. Thanks to all the writers for the compliments.) ED.



## LOUISIANA CHAPTER REPORT

The members of the Louisiana Chapter would like to extend to each and every member of the 83rd Infantry Division Association a **HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR**. We sincerely hope that you can set aside the third week-end in August 1979, so that you can enjoy the 33rd Annual Reunion here in New Orleans with the members and their families of the Louisiana Chapter.

We are continuing with our plans to have one of the better Reunions for the 83rd members. Registration Cards for Room Reservations are attached in this copy of the **THUNDERBOLT**. We are in hopes that you will take time to fill out the cards and mail them to the Grand Hotel in New Orleans. We have made arrangements with the Hotel to receive a report each week on the number of members that will attend our Reunion. We should not delay, because as stated on the card, reservations must be received two weeks prior to your arrival date. We have sufficient rooms reserved and would like to fill the request. There will be more rooms if the need arises. Early reservations will be a tremendous help to the ones that are planning the Reunion.

The night of Wednesday, August 15, 1979 has been reserved for the 83rd Infantry Division Association at the Race Track, Jefferson Downs. This is not part of the three days program, but a number of the members have stated that they would like to attend the races. The package for the Race Track will include Transportation to and from the Track, dinner, admission, tax, Trophy to be presented to the winner of the 83rd Division Handicap and the Track Program. The cost is being prepared at this time by the track personnel and should be around \$15.00 per person. Anyone interested, should let us know in time, as \$1.00 per person deposit is required to reserve date and race. This Chapter will request atleast 30 places for that night.

We are requesting at this time, that each and every member assist our group in making this Reunion a successful one. Each year, the Host Chapter has published a Program Book for this Reunion. This has served in a number of ways. First, there is a message from the President and the listing of the Program for the three day period. Secondly, it gives you a chance to express your thanks to the Division Association, and last, but not the least, it helps as a means of additional funds for the Reunion, in helping defray the cost of sponsoring a Reunion. It is our hope that for the New Orleans Reunion, you will be as generous as you have been in the past. The cost of ADS is: \$60.00 for a full page, \$35.00 for a half page, \$18.00 for a quarter page and for the Patron and Booster ADS, \$5.00. Kindly take the time to jot down what you want to express in the AD, and your name. Send this information and your check to Chapter Headquarters, 83rd Infantry Division Association, 5353 Pasteur Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70122.

Joseph A. Macaluso  
"G" Co. 331st Inf.

## NEW ORLEANS - YOUR HOST CITY

Continuing in our summary of information about New Orleans, we find that it is an International Center for Representatives Citizens of the world. It is dedicated to the creation of closer and friendlier relationships with other countries and serves as a meeting place for Exporters and Importers.

The first two elements of the International Center - The International Trade Mart and the Rivergate International Exhibition facility are located at Eade Plaza where Canal Street meets the Mississippi River. The primary purpose of the Trade Mart Tower is to house firms and organizations which are directly connected in Foreign Trade and business of our great port. There is a Cocktail Lounge and Observation Point at the top of the tower, called "Top of the Mart" from which the whole city may be viewed.

New Orleans has many fine educational institutions, including Tulane and Loyola Universities, two Medical Centers of Louisiana State University and Tulane and two Religious Seminaries. There are more than 460 private, parochial, public and business schools in the city.

A number of Museums hold special interest for visitors. The State Museum is located in Cabildo. The Presbytere and other nearby buildings, and includes many rare exhibits depicting Louisiana History.

The Louisiana Superdome is the largest enclosed stadium in the world, seating 97,000 for auditorium events.

The Vieux Carre is the site of the original settlement of

New Orleans and is also known as the French Quarter. The streets exist today essentially as they were laid out by Bienville's Engineer on the crescent of the drive that gives New Orleans the nickname "Crescent City". The buildings are built in the European style, with lacy iron balconies and front directly on the sidewalk. They are usually constructed around a patio. Many of the buildings are more than a hundred years old. Here too, is located St. Louis Cathedral, flanked by Cabildo and the Presbytere. Here are located many of the world famous restaurants, and also one of the worlds greatest concentrations of Antique Shops.

New Orleans is both a summer and winter resort, as extreme temperatures do not prevail. Outdoor recreation is possible during any month.

New Orleans is known the world over for the excellence of its food, and its restaurants enjoy International fame. An unique establishment is Preservation Hall where jazz may be listened to without the usual embellishments of a club type atmosphere, or the serving of drinks or refreshments. This institution normally has a different band each night and is supported by contributions rather than straight admission. New Orleans is generally considered the birthplace of jazz. Many of the great names of jazz started out in New Orleans, and new Orleans is an active center of jazz today.

**MORE IN THE NEXT ISSUE.**

Joseph A. Macaluso

## CLEVELAND CHAPTER NEWS

**Hello BUDDIES:**

Some of the events that have come and gone since the Cincy Reunion:

Julie Cox is feeling good again after surgery on her wrist - a bothersome nerve was giving her trouble. We of the Cleveland Chapter welcomed aboard two members (new) Lou and Priscilla Donnelly and George Sofranko. George is from Greater Cleveland and Lou from Salem, Ohio, a good piece to travel, however, Lou works at the Chrysler Plant here with George, so the traveling doesn't bother him.

Our Annual Spirits Raffle was a great success with Walt Meczka doing his usual Yeoman's job again. Our Chapter revolves around Walt. Without him, we'd have capitulated long ago. Nice going Walt. I don't remember the Chapter giving you the deserving hand that you so richly deserved. The Christmas Party was also a good one, a few members failed to show, but those of us that did attend, had a good time. The food was good and the refreshments plentiful. Earl Lindsey was in charge, so the accolades go to Earl for making the party a success. Earl should have been Santa Claus but he refused, so me being the next largest gut, I was elected. Believe me guys, if you need your batteries charged up, take on the Santa job of giving everyone their gifts, having the women sit on your lap and smooching you. (No wonder my wife hustled me home so soon.)

Getting back to the Raffle - Mike Skovran won the case of top shelf, so when you see Mike in New Orleans, ask him for a drink.

Casey and Laura Kowalec spent a two week vacation in Hawaii and enjoying the rest and everything that goes with a Hawaiian Vacation.

Chet and Emily Czech tried their luck in Las Vegas. Chet said they had lots of luck, most of it bad.

"Hammerin Hank Fix" spent a vacation in Belgium, the reason was to have that Reunion, haven't heard from him as yet so I can't relate as to what transpired.

Earl Lindsey won another golf championship trophy. I often wonder how Earl can hit that ball, must be he has extra long golf clubs. "HA!"

The Kowalecs, Czechs and I spent December 30 evening with Ed and Julie Cox and it was indeed a pleasure. Ed and Julie went all out with the goodies and refreshments, proving to be an excellent Host and Hostess. The evening was spent reminiscing and joke telling. All in all, it was an enjoyable night, what with Ed turning up the thermostat and Julie saving us by turning it down. You see Ed, you can't win.

Hope everyone getting a "T Bolt" remembers to plan their vacation to coincide with our Reunion, as it will be here before we know it. We all know that the Louisiana Chapter is hard at work to make our stay an enjoyable one, so lets not disappoint them.

**SEE YOU IN THE NEXT ISSUE.**

Al Uridel  
Cn. Co. 329th. Inf.

## NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER NEWS

First of all, we of the New England Chapter wish everyone of the 83rd Division had a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

On December 9, 1978 we held our Annual Christmas Party at the Sheraton Inn off Route 495 in Boxborough, MA. Most of us checked in early and enjoyed indoor swimming in the heated pool, a delightful dining room with a comfortable bar, also a garden court restaurant with a tropical atmosphere and waterfalls, just beautiful.

Jim and Georgia Emanouil rented a suite where they hosted the hospitality room, with Spike and Gloria McCartin assisting the Emanouils in making all the arrangements. They deserve a bundle of credit for a job well done. We also give credit to the hardy souls who braved our New England weather to travel so far to reach the Inn. People like the Bevins from Brighton, the Barrys from Watertown, the McKees from Three Rivers, all of Massachusetts and especially our out of state friends like the Burkhardts from Carmel, New York, who stopped in Middletown, Connecticut to join the Champeys for the trip to the Inn. Of course, we can always depend on the Brennans from Warwick, Rhode Island to add to the enjoyment of the party.

We also had the Benedettis from Palmer, MA. It was nice to see the Allards from Gardner, The Abdinoors from Dracut, the Francullos and the Smiths from Lynn, MA. Guess who else, John Donahue with his camera working overtime - we hope he had film in it. The hospitality suite was well stocked with cheer and all kinds of goodies. It was ably manned by Ken (call me Charlie) Halligan, a stray from the 45th Division. He and his wife always add to the fun. The party was a blast which ended at 6:30 P.M. when everyone left for their rooms to dress for the banquet.

The banquet was held in the Liberty Room and after dinner the Francullos left the room just before Mr. and Mrs. Claus arrived and they didn't return until Santa and his spouse left. Santa presented Spike with the annual broken-pencil award for excellence in the field of literature. Spike's initial effort at letter writing was so superb that he may never write another (the New England Chapter should breathe a sigh of relief.) Santa had gifts for everyone and also left two for the Francullos, one of these years we are going to find out who Santa really was. Jim Brennan claims to know, but won't tell, next year we will ask Dot. After all this was over, everyone danced until the wee hours of the morning. To the ones that could not be with us this year, they were missed, but they also missed a good time.

Helen Smith and a few of the others went in the lounge and listened to a terrific vocal group, while Dutchy joined the Burkhardts for a dip in the pool, being old fashioned they wore bathing suits. The rest of us went to the Emanouils suite and polished off the rest of the cheers and stood out on the balcony and watched a group of parting young people jump in the pool with evening gowns, jewelry and full dress suits etc. Super time had by all, it was like a mini-Reunion, everyone stayed over until noon Sunday. So much for the party.

The Grandfathers Club is increasing in membership faster than the 83rd. Emanouils having a granddaughter in July - and the Francullos a grandson in October (outside plumbing) - Smiths a grandson in October - Abdinoors a granddaughter in November and Halligans our strays from the 45th had a grandson in August.

Bon Voyage to the McCartins and Abdinoors who are going on a cruise on January 15, 1979 for two weeks to the Caribbean Islands. They will try to break the bank at the Casino's, but they may go broke trying.

We hope all of you had HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

Jim Emanouil  
83rd. Signal

(P.S. We are now looking forward to New Orleans. See you all there.)

NOTE: WHEN YOU SEND PHOTOS FOR PUBLICATION, ONLY THE CLEAR ONES ARE SELECTED, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY ARE IN COLOR. ALL PHOTOS CANNOT BE PRINTED BECAUSE OF LIMITED SPACE. I CUT OUT MANY PHOTOS FOR THE ABOVE REASONS. IT WOULD TAKE THE ENTIRE THUNDERBOLT TO GET ALL OF THE PHOTOS THAT WERE SENT FOR THIS ISSUE. HOPE ALL OF YOU UNDERSTAND THAT I HAD TO OMIT MANY OF YOUR PICS.

YOU WILL ALSO NOTE THAT THE PRINT AND SPACING IN THIS ISSUE HAVE BEEN REDUCED IN ORDER TO STAY WITH THE 28 PAGE LIMIT REQUIRED BY THE POST OFFICE.

Your Editor



Lou and Priscilla Donnelly - Joe and Julie Lanza.



Santa and Emily Czech.



Mary Meczka, Kowalec, J. Lanza, A. Christopher and Laura Kowalec.

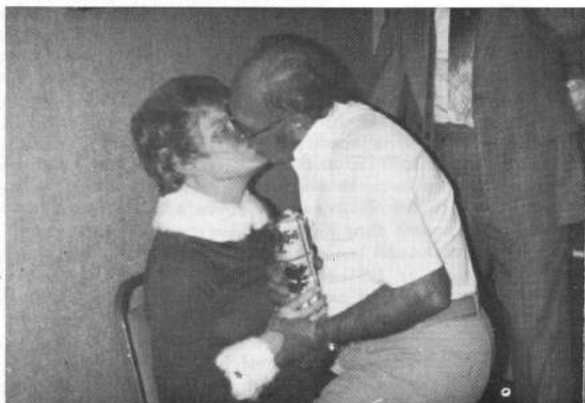
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# Christmas in New England --- 1978



John Donahue, Jim and Dot Brennan, Nick and Mary Francullo, and Spike and Gloria McCartin.

Harry and Iris Benedetti, Earl and Ingrid Burkhard and Mike and Marie Champey.



Mrs. Santa Claus and Jim Emanouil.



Bill and Jeanette McKee, Dutchy and Helen Smith, Chuck and Bernice Abdinor and Sylvia and Irene Allard.

Mary and Nick Francullo would like to thank the Kentucky Chapter for a very wonderful time we had in Cincinnati, Ohio, and also a big thanks to the wives as they were always working hard at the Registration Desk. "Thank you all."

It was great to see all the old faces again even though we have changed a little in age. I also enjoyed seeing my old Buddy Raynor "Big Red" Burcham and his wife Virginia. Big Red is now retired from the Post Office as Postmaster of the Proctorville, Ohio P.O.

After the Reunion, Mary and I and Jim and Dot Brennan took off for Owensboro, Kentucky to see Mary's mother. The weather was great and we all had a wonderful get-together. The Brennans stayed at the Executive Inn at Owensboro and the place was so beautiful that we had to stay there too before we left for home.

Jim and Dot could not get over all the grandchildren that came in and out of the house to see us all. It was like going to a Fair. Mary's mother has 36 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren and still two on the way. Some family I would say - "right!"

We are looking forward to New Orleans, and again, thanks Manny, R.C. and Cecil and the Kentucky Chapter for a great Reunion.

Your Buddy, Nick Francullo  
3 Bn Hq 330th Inf.

## "G" COMPANY - 331ST INFANTRY

As we enter the New Year 1979, let me extend my warmest greetings for a Happy and Healthy New Year. I received numerous

cards from members of "G" Company and believe me, it's always good to know that you men are well and enjoying life. I realize that I did not get a reply to many of you, but believe me, my thoughts are always with you during the Christmas Season.

I was supposed to get some information to Beau Titus, and I hope by the time he reads this article, I will have the info in his hands. Had a call from Mort Gaynor. It was good to hear from him and know that with all his problems, he sounds like the real Mort.

Since the last article, I have talked with one other "G" Company man, William Sears of Birmingham, AL. He promised to be in New Orleans in August. From the cards I received, we should have a good turnout at the Reunion.

Plans for the Reunion are coming along fine and we can assure you that we will enjoy ourselves. Hope that many of you can find the time to be with the group.

Had a picture from Jeremiah Budd with his family, like most of us, he has managed to add a few extra pounds during the years - a nice family. Still haven't heard from Wigenauer this year. I do hope he is in good health. Let us hear from you Wiggie, you did promise to be in New Orleans in 1979.

Joseph A. Macaluso  
"G" Co. 331st Inf.

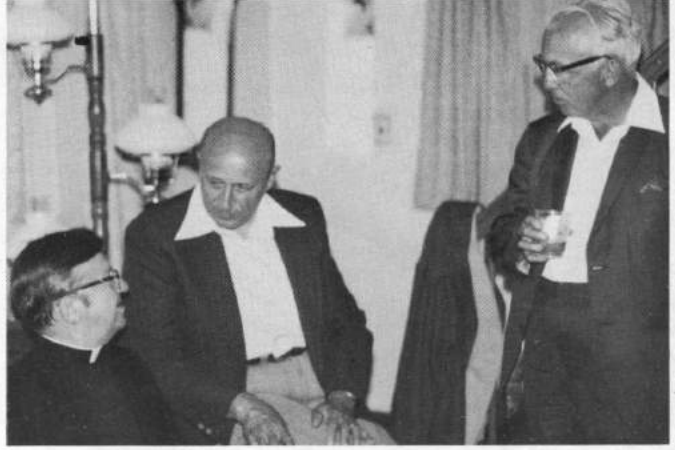
REMEMBER THE DATES - NEW ORLEANS REUNION  
AUGUST 16, 17 AND 18, 1979  
TRY HARD TO BE THERE



## From Boston



THE GREATER BOSTON GROUP.



Father "SPIKE AND MIKE CAPRIO.



THE OLD GANG AT A GREATER BOSTON GET-TO-GETHER



THE BOSTON GANG DOING WHAT THEY DO BEST.



REDMOND, McGROGAN, DIGIAMMERINO, BELVEDERE AND VOLPI AT PHILLY CHRISTMAS PARTY.

The top four photos were late for the last THUNDERBOLT and were sent by Pat DiGiammerino. I'm sorry they were late but promised to publish them now.



HY GOODMAN, LARRY ARRIGO, FATHER SPIKE AND GINNY DIGIAMMERINO.

The two photos at the bottom were also sent by Pat and he asked that they be placed with the others if it was O.K. with me this time.

(I have to tell all of you that there were more than enough photos

## YANKS BREAK STRONG NAZI COUNTER-ATTACK

One of the strongest German counter-attacks launched west of the Rhine in a last desperate attempt to stem the Ninth Army's drive toward the last great barrier to the heart of the Reich was smashed last week some nine miles south of the Neuss in the vicinity of Kapellan on the Erft Canal.

A Company of Infantrymen, Artillery, Tank Destroyers and P-47's dealt repeated blows on Nazi tanks and Infantry trying to cut the main supply route to the forward elements of the 83rd Infantry, busy punching their way to Neuss and Dusseldorf bridges. Seven Tigers were knocked out by the TDs, Bazookas and Artillery, while the air support claimed the destruction of 30 more of an estimated 50.

## KAPELLAN FALLS

Co. "I" of the 331st Infantry commanded by Captain Roland Eaton of Lancaster, Ohio, had cleaned out the town of Kapellan on the Erft Canal and were blocking the right flank for the Armored columns advance north. On Friday at 0500 intensive shell fire poured into the town. The Company was completely surrounded by Jerry tanks and Infantry. Tanks were even seen on the open field the Company had crossed the morning before. All avenues of communications and supplies to the trapped Infantrymen were covered. The Doughs got ready.

Lt. Donaldson Robbins of the 908 F.A. from Salt Lake City, began his dash from one post to the other, directing Artillery fire. The 643rd TD's were called from Hemmerden.

## TANKS ARE HIT

Several 736th tanks were dug in across the road from the first platoon, led by Sylvester Smith of Medina, NY. The platoon C.P. was shelled. Some of the men took cover in nearby ack-ack pits. Pvt. Roman Perez of Galveston, TX knocked the track off one tank with a rifle grenade while Pvt. Robert Richardson of Dillon, SC and Pvt. Modesto Ojeda of Kansas City, MO blew up another with bazooka rockets. Again Ojeda waited for one of the attacking tanks to roll fairly close. With three well aimed bazooka rounds, he knocked it out. The platoon then withdrew for more favorable positions. They ran into Jerry infantry, killed 20 and took 13 prisoners.

At the western end of town, the second platoon, under Lt. Val Winters of St. Louis was faced with Jerry infantry to their rear and left flank. The GI's opened up. The Nazi's scattered and began to work their way around a building. A German tank coming down the road was directed to their location by a civilian. A few rounds from the tank knocked out a machine gun nest.

## PLATOON CUT OFF

Believing the Yanks to have been killed by the tank's fire, the Jerries rushed the building only to be mowed down by riflemen who held their fire until the last moment. But the platoon was soon cut off from the rest of the Co. Sgt. Kenneth Hill of Canton, OH, Sgt. Frank Sarris of McKeesport, PA and P.F.C. Henry Williamson of Oscaloosa, Iowa, infiltrated the enemy cordon and made their way to the Regimental C.P. in Hemmerden to tell of their platoon's plight. This town was also receiving a barrage of 88's and men of Regimental Hq's. were preparing to stake off any possible attack directly on them.

Meanwhile, T/Sgt. Carl Hansen's third platoon was

fighting in another part of town, surrounded by enemy tanks and infantry. By this time, P-47's were on the scene. Nothing appeared more beautiful to the men on the ground in the middle of enemy armor, than these planes zooming in and dropping their edds on Nazi tanks and then returning in another dive to strafe the fleeing supermen scrambling from their burning tanks.

## ATTACK INFANTRY

The tanks destroyed, the doughs gave their full attention to Jerry infantry. Thirty-four were wounded in the woods directing mortar fire on American vehicles going up the MSR to forward elements approaching Neuss. Their location was radioed to the 908th F.A. Bn, and when the cry "On The Way" was heard, the doughs went out and finished off the last of the attackers.

## EAGLE SCOUT

Another medal has been added to the collection of T/5 Clarence VanLaanen of Seattle, WA, Jeep pilot for Battery "D" 453rd AAA Bn, he holds the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart and three Battle Stars. The new bangle came in a package from home, an Eagle Scout Medal he had earned but not received. Now he's wondering on which side of the Good Conduct Ribbon to wear it.

## FOXHOLE FABLES

A Nazi superman turned up at the 308th Medics' clearing station in Elfgin the other day - hale, hearty, happy and hungry. No wounds - no tag - no fever. He just wanted to surrender. Questioning revealed he had fallen asleep in a hayloft the night before and awoke in the morning to find himself the lone defender of the town. The Red Cross looked pretty good from where he sat, and breakfast was coming up.

Receiving for the 308th were T/Sgt. Walter T. Sokolski, S/Sgt. John J. Kusic and Tec 5 Harry Vitow.

When enemy shells began hitting in their vicinity, Sgt. Charles R. Reed, Recon Troop Mess Sgt. from Rockford, Illinois, and Tec 5 Walter Albrecht of Flushing, L. I., NY, ducked into a cellar.

They were near an air vent and could hear German civilians talking on the street. Albrecht, who spouts German fluently, reports the only topic of conversation was Hitler - and he was getting an adequate cussing.

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## DIVARTY HOLDS FIRSTS ON ROER AND RHINE

Several days prior to the crossing of the Roer River by the 29th and 30th Infantry Divisions, all 83rd Artillery Battalions moved from Belgium to Germany. They took part in the heavy 45 minute concentration which leveled Julich and other enemy strong points on the eastern side of the river.

When the 330th Infantry was committed as an attachment to the 29th Division, the 323rd F.A. became the first 83rd Artillery unit to cross the Roer and fire in support of Col. Foster's doughboys.

To the 908th F.A. Bn. goes the distinction of being the first 83rd Artillery unit to fire across the Rhine River. The Battalion pulled into position near the small town of Epsendorf and forward observers were sent out. Within a few hours an enemy OP across the Rhine was sighted. Using

## With A Gleam In Her Eye...

charge seven with a high angle of fire, the battalion fired one volley (12 rounds). This is believed to be the first battalion in the Ninth Army to fire across the river.

### MARCHING FIRE OF 331ST SNAPS FINAL NAZI HOLD

How men of the 2nd Bn, 331st Infantry delivered a final blow to the Nazis west of the Rhine River to take hold of their last objective on the river edge was told this week. Confronted by well dug-in gun emplacements and fortified factory buildings, doughboys of "E" and "G" companies closely supported by machine gunners and mortarmen of "H" company, broke through with marching fire to wipe out all resistance and take some 300 prisoners.

Company "E" under Captain Francis Oliver of Brooklyn, NY, jumped off from the Erft Canal about 1,000 yards east of the Rhine about 0400 on Friday. Leading the attack, the second platoon under Lt. Conrad Van Kirk of Independence, MO, was pinned down by heavy machine gun fire. They were silhouetted against a bright moon and were momentarily stopped by heavy enemy fire which continued to rake the open fields.

### ADVANCE STARTS

Captain Oliver and Lt. Charles Welch of Columbus, OH, immediately struck out with the first platoon on the right flank and, despite all the fire the Jerries could pour their way, pushed forward through the barbed wire, over Jerry trenches, between and around the factory buildings to reach the river banks at 0500.

But the battle had only begun. Artillery began to fall around the open field and men of the second platoon were forced to hug the ground, their advance still checked. T/Sgt Michael Shiko, S/Sgt George Kahler, Pvt Clayton Warner, Pfc Andy Loy, Pfc Robert Weir, Pfc Harold Wrosch and Pfc Harris Bartlett with Van Kirk crowded into one shell hole. "It was one of the toughest spots we were ever in" said Sgt Shiko.

As dawn broke, the barrage lifted. T/Sgt Robert Clifton directed his Company "H" machine guns to spray fire over the heads of the pinned down platoon. This respite gave the second an opportunity to advance again.

### COMPANY "G" CHARGES

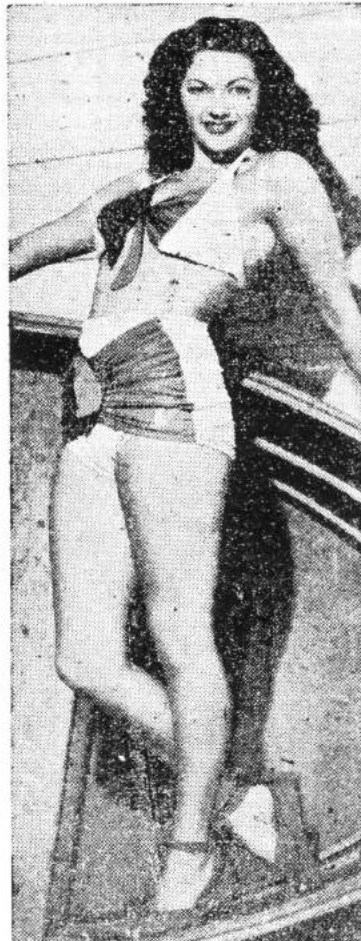
With the fight still raging at mid-day, Company "G" led by Captain Macaluso of New Orleans struck out in a final assault on "E" company's left flank from the village of Brucke and crossed over 1500 yards of open terrain in the midst of heavy MM direct ack-ack fire coming from across the Rhine. In open waves with fixed bayonets, the doughboys charged. By laying down a base of machine gun fire and then employing terrorizing marching fire, the first platoon, led by Lt. Arthur Spalding of Vermont, and the third platoon converged on the factory buildings from two sides. In the meantime, mortar fire played havoc with the enemy in the trenches, forcing 150 to surrender. The 2nd platoon moved in on the factory site cleaning out the last pockets of resistance and at 1500 resistance was broken.

### JUST ANOTHER RIVER

In the confusion of battle, no one could claim being the first at the Rhine, but Pfc Douglas King of Company "E" the lead scout was one of them. All he could say was: "Just another river, just another stumbling block to Berlin."



Straight from above and below the shoulder is this photogenic pep talk to the boys up front. Delivering from Hollywood is Miss Martha (to her mother, Venus to her fans) O'Driscoll, 18-year-old veteran of five seasons on the silver screen. Her PA says she looked like this at 13, too. (Universal Photo)



### DIAPER DANDY .....

This is what a big baby looks like in the new diaper swim suit. Poised for the plunge is Senorita Yvonne DeCarlo the screen salome. The line forms on the left for Daddies with dry diapers.



## LETTERS

I don't know where the time goes anymore. My card reads August 1978, so here are my Dues.

Wallace L. Whipple  
"I" Co. 330th. Inf.

Thank you for the prompt response to my request. I would appreciate the latest roster on Hq. 330th. Infantry. Glad to be a new member of the Association. Will try to attend the future Reunions. Will get in touch with Ralph Gunderson and join the Florida Chapter. Will be looking forward to getting the THUNDERBOLT magazine.

Carlos E. Morris  
Hq. 330th. Inf.

We are looking forward to New Orleans in August. Enjoy every issue of the THUNDERBOLT and it seems to improve with each issue. Keep up the good work.

William K. Leibelsperger  
"H" Co. 331st. Inf.

Our THUNDERBOLT arrived this morning and my wife reads every page of it, so I have to sit around and wait for her to finish. Would appreciate getting a couple of extra Program Books and some stationery if available.

Michael Brick  
"A" 908 F.A.

Missed the last Reunion because my wife had Gall Stone Surgery. We want to make the next one in New Orleans.

Charles S. Dailey  
"A" 908 F.A.

I just read about the great Cincy Reunion. Had Jury Duty at the time and had to miss it. Always something to foul up my plans. Best wishes to all of you.

Paul Hancher  
"C" 308 Eng.

I had an attack of Shingles and couldn't make it to Cincy. See you in New Orleans for sure.

John L. Hewitt  
"H" 330th. Inf.

Had my lower jaw removed and can't eat like the rest of you so I decided to miss the Reunion. It would have been nice to see some of the fellows. Thank you for everything.

John L. Fabry  
"I" 330th. Inf.

Talked to you in Cincy about getting address list of "K" 330th Infantry. Talked to about 70 of our guys on the phone and it turned out to be quite expensive but it is the quickest way to locate them. They are responding by providing me with leads to other people. They are in agreement on one thing: THEY WANT A COMPANY REUNION. Please send me all the addresses you have. I'll keep in touch.

George A. Palmero  
"K" 330th. Inf.

(Names and addresses were sent to Palmero. Just one request: PLEASE HOLD YOUR COMPANY REUNION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NATIONAL REUNION. It will be better for everyone concerned.) ED.

Here are the Dues for two of us. We didn't make it to Cincinnati but hope to make New Orleans.

William J. Clark  
Hq. 331st. Inf.

The THUNDERBOLT reminded me that Dues are due. Best wishes to all of you on the excellent job.

Dave Rosenberg  
"B" 331st. Inf.

Eugene Persinger furnished me with a copy of the latest THUNDERBOLT and I was most happy to have it. There were all those names and addresses of paid-up members and I recognized many of them. Am writing to them now. I'll be trying to help get the West Virginia Chapter together. Am now looking forward to getting the THUNDERBOLTS.

John T. Shepherd  
3 Bn. Hq. 331st. Inf.

I think you and the other Officers in the Association are doing a fine job. Sorry I can't help. I never made a Reunion but still have hopes.

Jake Irvin  
323rd. F.A.

I am sending my husbands Dues because he is still in the Hospital. If he was home, he would send them. He is Robert P. Allard of "M" 329th. Infantry.

Mrs. Florence B. Allard

As always, the THUNDERBOLT was most enjoyable. I often wonder what happened to members of "K" 330th. I never see any reference to them and I'm sure there must be a lot of them around. If any of them ever come through the town of Williamsport, PA, I'd like for them to visit me. I am still associated with the State Police in my 29th year. Can't get that Military Blood out of my system. Keep up the good work for the Association.

Salvadore Bones  
"K" 330th. Inf.

Henry had a Stroke two years ago and has had a setback recently. With the Lords help, we will make New Orleans.

Mrs. Henry Miller  
"G" 330th. Inf.

I was ill all summer and had to miss the Reunion. Hope to see all of you in New Orleans for sure this year.

H.B. Goldstein  
Hq. 330th. Inf.

Have never attended a Reunion before but hope to make New Orleans my first one.

Bernard Hirte  
"H" 331st. Inf.

Am trying to convince a couple more couples to join us for the ETO Tour in May. It sounds great and exciting. Spent a lot of money for a new roof and siding and had to miss a great time in Cincy. We were in Florida though and went to Nova Scotia too. Will see all of you in New Orleans.

Frank Albano  
Cn. Co. 329th. Inf.

Since we moved to Georgia from Rhode Island last year, I had to have Open Heart Surgery. During the past Spring, I spent more time in the Hospital because of complications after surgery. Am feeling fit again. Best regards to those of the 322nd. F.A. Battalion.

James W. Higson  
"B" 322nd. F.A.

Hope to get to a Reunion one of these days to see some of my old Buddies. I enjoy the THUNDERBOLT.

John W. Heffner  
"K" 330th. Inf.

**REMEMBER THESE DATES:**  
**AUGUST 16, 17, 18, 1979 NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**  
**A REUNION DREAM VACATION**

**DON'T MISS THIS ONE AND BRING A BUDDY ALONG**  
**YOU'LL NOT BE SORRY**

Today, I received a check from John Fleischer for \$18.00 to cover Dues for himself and two brothers. It struck me as being so great that all three got to serve in our 83rd. Is there anyone else out there that can tell of other brothers that served in the 83rd?

I believe that John and Enoch Allen of South Carolina were brothers, and we also have an Oscar Allen who could be No. 3. Henry and Joseph Cannon are from SC also, but I don't know if they are brothers. James and Raymond Hodge are from SC and could be brothers.

Let's hear from you about others.

Your Editor

Wish I could continue the designs we had for covers on the THUNDERBOLTS. I have taken over all the art work on the "Dick Tracy" strip since Chester Gould retired in October of 1977. It's a demanding schedule! The Thunderbolt is extremely well done. Keep up the good work.

Rick Fletcher  
308 Engineer

Thank you for your great publication of the THUNDERBOLT. You and your staff should be real proud.

We in "A" 908 F.A. are proud to be able to make the Reunions but illness and other misfortunes take their toll, as did happen to Frank Mangum. He is back to work and killing snakes on the golf course. Henry Hudson had sickness in the family and the Robert Hughes were detained by the Border Patrol; hope not for long. Mike Brick and John Clevenger were up and down the Escalator so much, I wonder if they have such a toy at home. Amby Tynan will get his onions someday. Bill and Lois Shaner will get their "pie plant". Sorry, Ed McCouch, no cigars. And a happy progress report on you, Teddy Prentice.

Clarice and Howard Carlbon  
908th. F.A.

Thought I was going to make the Reunion but had to go to the hospital instead.

Eldon L. McGinnis  
"H" 330th. Inf.

Marie was hospitalized and we had to cancel out at the last minute for the Reunion. See you next year.

Edmond T. St. Lawrence  
"C" 329th. Inf.

Out here in San Diego visiting with my brother. Saw the name of Vernon Wiltse in the THUNDERBOLT and gave him a call. He was in "C" 331. A shell got him in Brittany in October of 1944 and he lost his right leg above the knee. Left leg is so-so and he can't bend his left arm.

Filled him in on what went on at the Reunion and he said he would like to make New Orleans next year.

Read him some of the names of "C" Company but none of them were familiar. Perhaps you could send him the current roster. He was injured in the "D" Day jump with the 101st Airborne and was re-assigned to the 83rd at the end of July in 1944.

Reunion was first rate. Wonderful to see all.

Don Schwartz  
"G" 331st. Inf.

(Complete "C" Co. Roster was sent to Vernon Wiltse.)  
Ed.

I was with the "Thundering Herd" during World War II and served in "G" 385th Infantry. Was wounded twice - July 13th and December 13 - same arm.

Would very much like to become a member. Do you know how I could get a copy of the history of the 83rd?

Any further information would be greatly appreciated.

Acting Sergeant  
Lewis Deegan

(I asked that Deegan come up with correct unit.) ED.

I enjoy reading the 83rd magazine even though there are not too many names that I recognize. It is still a very good and interesting book.

Dean I. Daniels  
"A" 329th Inf.

Good luck to all of the new Officers for the coming year. We couldn't make the Cincy Reunion but hope for the ones in the future.

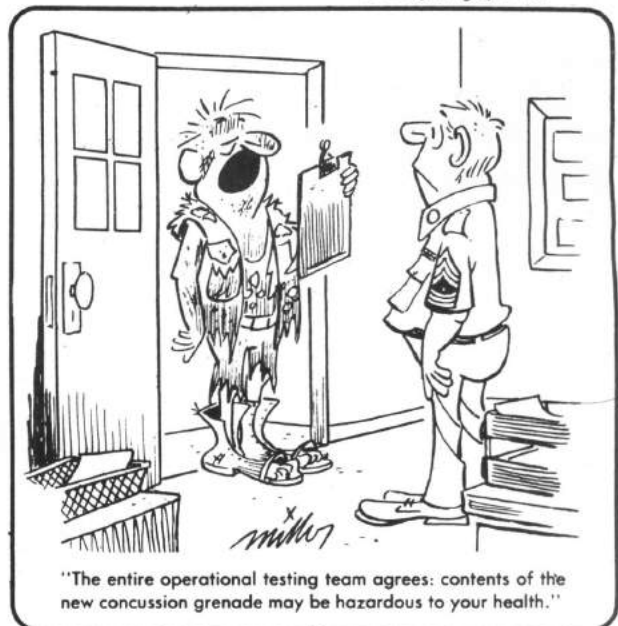
Harry Herman  
"A" 323 F.A.

Sorry I didn't get the information on the Reunion in time but maybe I'll be able to make it on time next year. I did attend one Reunion in 1948 and never heard of another one since then, although last year it did appear in the D.A.V. magazine in error. I'm especially interested in getting any addresses of the men in "A" Company of the 329th.

Clem Ciereck  
"A" 329th Inf.

Please send me any addresses you may have on the following men of the 330th Regiment: Donald Snyder, Jack Henderson, Jack Werlon, Nick Mitilenis or McGrath. They were all in Hq. 330th. Advise me on how I can become a member of the Association. I saw your notice in the Sept. issue of the V.F.W. magazine. I was in "L" and Hq. One of your members contacted me by phone and gave me your name and address for which I am grateful.

Carlos E. Morris  
DeLeon Springs, FL.



I enjoy reading the THUNDERBOLT. Thanks for keeping the Association alive. I have paid for the trip to Europe in full and am looking forward to it. Could you put a note in the THUNDERBOLT for me? "Would any of the members in "D" 308th Medical Battalion, know the address of our First Sgt." He was very good to all our men and I would like to get in touch with him.

Bernard Epstein  
"D" 308 Medics

(The address of Sgt. Compton was sent to Bernard.) ED.

Here is a photo of myself and the pet fawn of "I" 329th Infantry. This was during the occupation of Austria before I was transferred to Q.M. I have more pictures of my Buddies and will send them later. Would like to get my Division History book replaced. Illness kept me from attending the last Reunion in Cincinnati.

Louis Gomori  
"I" 329th Inf.



If it's at all possible, I'll be making the next ETO Tour with you in May. It sounds great and keep up the good work.

Robert Nordblom  
1 Bn. Hq. 330th. Inf.

Enclosed are the Dues for Milton L. Munitz who is 100% disabled and finds it very difficult to write.

Mrs. M. Munitz  
Hq. 330th. Inf.

I hope to make the Reunion in New Orleans and want to send my best wishes to each and everyone of you.

R.E. Baker  
"C" 329th. Inf.

I had Cancer Surgery and couldn't make the Reunion in Cincinnati. Also, lost my dear mother recently. I love you all. Keep well.

Howard Edwards  
"B" 329th. Inf.

Sorry to have missed the last Reunion. Am looking ahead to New Orleans in '79.

Walter J. Matters  
323rd. F.A.

Please make the change in our address as we don't want to miss out on any of our THUNDERBOLTS.

Merle L. Cailor  
2 Bn. Hq. 329th. Inf.

I was with the 83rd from Atterbury to the very end.  
Julian L. Piercy  
"B" 324th. F.A.

We regret that we have been unable to attend the Reunions, the past three years as Arthur has been ill. He is retired now.

We went to Winter Haven in Florida for the winter with our Camper and would have had a wonderful time but Arthur was so ill, we had to return to Winchester. He went to see the Doctor on April 5th, was put in Virginia Center in the town of Martinsburg, WV, and is still there as a patient. He was on the critical list for two months.

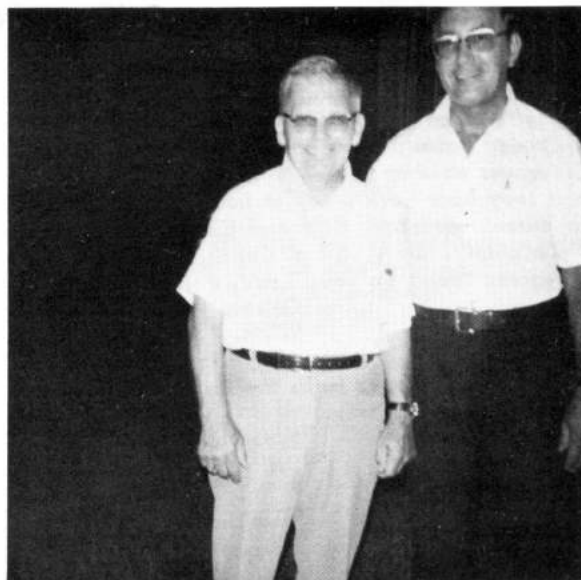
I called the Hotel in Cincinnati but I guess the message didn't reach you. Enclosed is a check for Arthur's Dues. He would certainly appreciate hearing from his Buddies.

Yours Truly  
Mrs. Arthur Hewitt

Went to see Joe Frankovich and am forwarding his Dues. He is looking forward to being with us in New Orleans. We had a nice chat together and I also saw Cecil Moore of the 330th Infantry.

We now have a new great grandson, and that makes two, a boy and a girl.

Dick Ammon  
"A" Co. 331st. Inf.



Dick Ammon and Joe Frankovich of "A" 331st. Inf.

Those photos on page 15 of the last THUNDERBOLT are mine and I would appreciate having them returned to me. I treasure them dearly.

Phil Poso  
"B" Co. 331st. Inf.

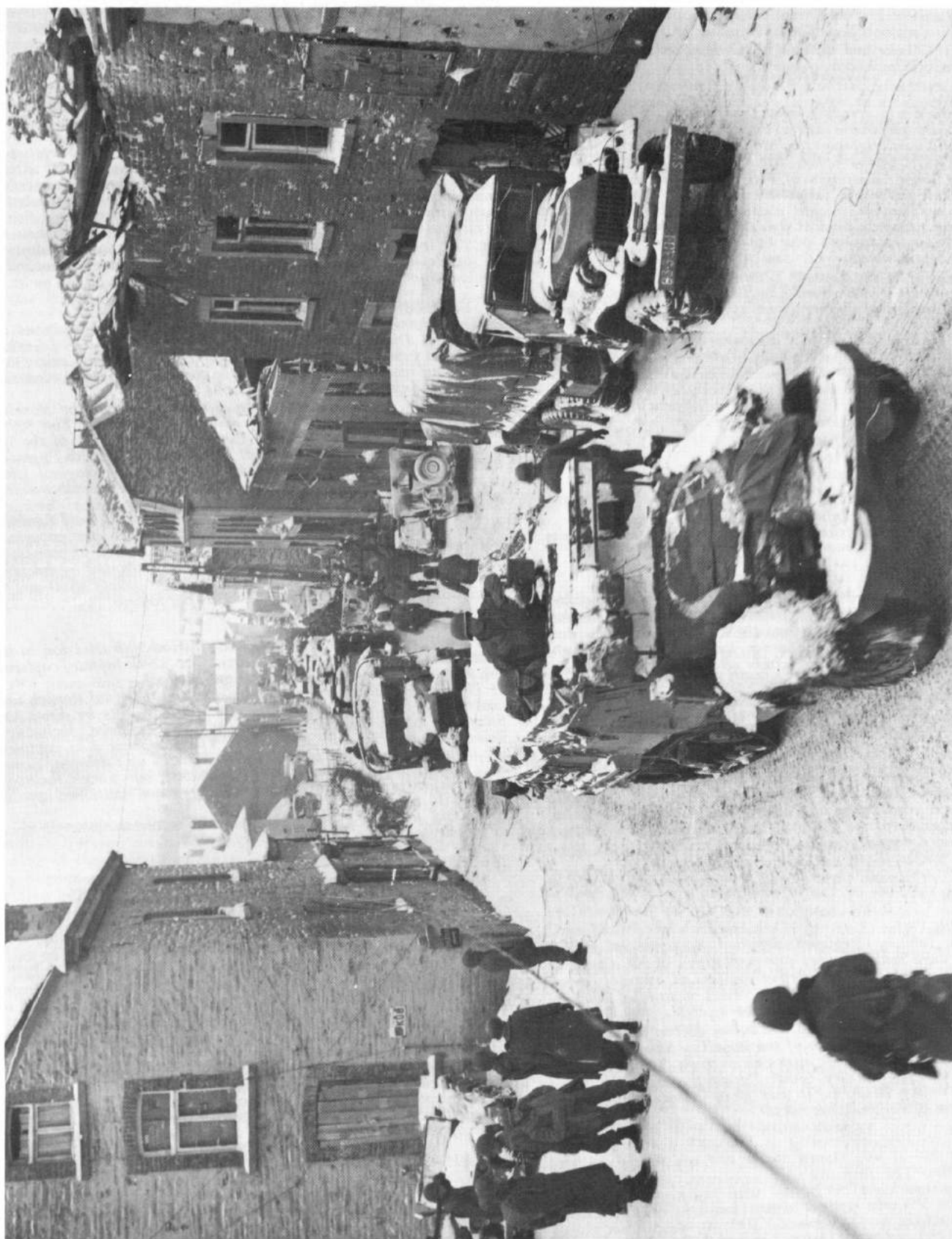
It's funny but just this morning I told my wife that I wanted to visit New Orleans and about an hour later, your letter arrived. We sure are going to try hard to be in New Orleans in August.

What happened to Father McCartin? He was with his brother on the first ETO Tour and used to write to me but I haven't heard from him in a year now.

James H. Griffin  
"G" Co. 329th. Inf.

(Father McCartin makes every effort to attend our yearly Reunions and sets aside one day to hold Mass for everyone. He is our adopted Regular and appreciated by all of us.)





LIERHEUX, BELGIUM. American Tanks of the 331st Infantry, 3rd Armored Division, and 83rd. Division on their way to the front, 9 January, 1945. Brrrr.

## HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Dear Buddies:

(My thanks to Amby Tynan for his mention of ~~the~~ "Historians Corner" in his Column and to Spike McCartin for his kind words at the Reunion in Cincinnati.)

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We had quite a trip across France from Troyes to Luxembourg City. A 300 mile excursion where we could see and enjoy the Countryside we were fighting for. We passed the fields of our fathers in W.W. I, Chateau Thierry, St. Mihiel, Verdun, Chalons and the small and large Cemeteries of both Allies and the Germans.

We drove day and night (sometimes with the headlights on) when those damn cat-eyes would almost put you to sleep while following a Jeep or 6x6 in front of you. Oh! those blessed P.Cat's - Army vehicles weren't easy on your kidneys.

It was in September that Lt. Sam McGill of Colonel Crabills 329th Infantry bluffed the German Commander, Major Gen. Estes into surrendering his 20,000 men to Magills Platoon and a show of force by 16 Thunderbolt Fighter Bombers. (Also protection from the French F.F.I.)

The M.P.'s got some pistols from disarming the P.W.'s - did you? There will be some pictures and reports on Orleans, and Luxembourg in my next Report. I wish all of you had a most Blessed and MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

William Kent O'Connell  
83rd. M.P.

## (HISTORY CONTINUED)

### 20 SEPTEMBER 1944

The Division continued its mission north of the Loire River awaiting relief by the 94th Infantry Division.

Patrol and Security missions were continued and training was carried on in all units.

### 21 SEPTEMBER 1944

Final arrangements were made for the relief of the 83rd Infantry by the 94th Infantry Division. The Division was informed that they would begin movement to the east into the XX Corps zone.

The Division issued warning order for concentration in the vicinity of Orleans and Montargis within 48 hours, ready for transport to the east by motor or rail. Combat team 331 was assigned an assembly area east of Esch, Duchy of Luxembourg.

The 83rd Infantry was formerly assigned to Third Army and XX Corps, effective this date.

### 22 SEPTEMBER 1944

Orders were issued to all units of the Division to assemble immediately in the vicinity of Orleans and Montargis. The 94th Infantry Division began relief of the 83rd Division along the Loire.

The 3rd Battalion of the 330th Infantry was relieved from Task Force "B" and departed from the Daoulas Peninsula in the Brest area to rejoin the Regiment, moving by rail and motor.

The Division Command Post closed at Vendome and opened at Boigny at 1630.

### 23 SEPTEMBER 1944

The 331st Infantry Regiment departed Montargis at 0600. Arrangements were made to meet representatives of XX Corps at St. Mihiel who would designate further routes and assembly areas in the vicinity of Esch. The Division received operational instructions from XX Corps giving mission of the Division. The Division was given the mission to destroy the enemy in the Remich area, patrol vigorously east to the line of the Moselle - Sauer Rivers and prevent enemy crossing of those rivers in its zone. Task Force Polk composed of the 3rd Cavalry Group Reconnaissance, reinforced, was attached to the Division. It was given a sub-sector in the southern portion of the Division sector.

### 24 SEPTEMBER 1944

Field Order No. 31 was issued stating the mission of the 83rd Infantry Division. The Division was reinforced, was given the missions to relieve elements of the 90th Infantry Division and elements of the V Corps without delay, maintain contact with V Corps and protect the North Flank of XX Corps, destroy the enemy in the Remich area and patrol vigorously to the line Moselle - Sauer Rivers and prevent enemy river crossings in its sector.

Instructions were received from the Commanding General, XX Corps, outlining the 112th Infantry Regiment (28th Infantry Division) and Combat Command "A", 5th Armored Division on northern sector of Corps area.

The 329th Infantry closed in an assembly area south of the city of Luxembourg at 1400, 24 September.

Division Command Post closed at Boigny in the vicinity of Orleans and opened at Luxembourg at 1600, 24 September 1944.

### 25 SEPTEMBER 1944

The 329th Infantry relieved the 112th Infantry at 1200, September and at 1700 relieved elements of Combat Command "A" within its zone. The 3rd Battalion, 329th Infantry closed into its assembly area in the vicinity of Luxembourg at 2100. The 331st Infantry moved into its assembly area and affected relief of Task Force Polk. Task Force Polk shifted to the south, relieving elements of the 90th Infantry Division. Preparations were made for the reduction of the Remich Bridgehead. Units of the 331st Infantry launched a limited objective attack and captured Grieveldange.

### 26 SEPTEMBER 1944

The Division completed movement into assigned positions in its sector. Dispositions at this time: 329th Infantry on Division left, 331st Infantry in center, Task Force Polk on right flank, 330th Infantry in reserve. Task Force Polk completed relief of elements of the 90th Infantry Division in its zone at 2400.

Along the entire Division front, patrols guarded the Moselle River line to prevent any possible enemy crossing. The 329th Infantry established contact with Combat Command "A" of the 5th Armored Division on the Division left flank. The 308th Engineer Battalion made a thorough reconnaissance of the Maginot Line defenses in order to secure information for an assault training program.

The 2nd Battalion, 331st Infantry, sent patrols toward Remich. During the day, the towns of Remerschen and Bous were occupied and enemy opposition in these operations was limited to patrols. A counterattack of approximately one platoon, supported by machine gun fire and mortars, developed from the high ground southeast of Grieveldange and was quickly repulsed by our forces.

### 27 SEPTEMBER 1944

Task Force Polk relieved elements of the 90th Division in its zone during night of 26-27 September. The 329th Infantry captured the towns of Osweiler, Dickweiler and Montach.

The 2nd Battalion, 331st Infantry, advanced toward Remich and knocked out machine guns in concrete emplacements by direct tank fire north of the town. Several towns were captured, including Wallenstein, Bech and Kleinmacher. The Regiment also captured the town of Schengen in preparation for attacks on Leningen, Ebnen and Wormeldange. During these operations, our forces received artillery fire from east of the Moselle River and sustained approximately 30 casualties.

Patrols from Task Force Polk made a reconnaissance in force to vicinity of Manon and took all prisoners.

### 28 SEPTEMBER 1944

Division continued patrolling west of the Moselle River.

The 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 329th Infantry moved to positions near the Moselle - Sauer River line.

The 83rd Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, on the Division left flank, maintained contact with the 5th Armored Division. The town of Remich was captured by the 2nd Battalion, 331st Infantry at 1210 and the 3rd Battalion captured the high ground northwest of Ebnen against heavy enemy machine gun fire and mortar fire in order to improve defenses along the Moselle - Sauer River line.

A gap was breached in three road blocks at Remich and they were prepared for friendly use in case of counter attack.

Considerable counterbattery fire was employed by Division artillery. Pockets of resistance on west side of Moselle River were being searched out and reduced.

The enemy was employing numerous ambush patrols. There was some evidence of enemy armor fire across the Moselle River in the sector of the 90th Infantry Division to the south.

### 29 SEPTEMBER 1944

The Division continued patrolling the west bank of the Moselle - Sauer River line and made reconnaissance for preparing defensive positions in depth against any possible enemy counter attack.

Patrols were sent out by the 331st Infantry to Wormeldange. The 331st Infantry occupied Hautekontz and Contz.

Task Force Polk sent out a patrol to verify report enemy tracked vehicles were moving north in the vicinity of Koecking.  
Some regrouping of the Artillery took place with view of obtaining maximum support along the entire front. Every effort was made by all units to locate enemy Artillery positions.  
A few prisoners were taken.

30 SEPTEMBER 1944

The Division carried on its assigned mission and maintained liaison with V Corps and Combat Command "B", 5th Armored Division, on the left flank at Befort.

The 1st Battalion, 329th Infantry, captured Oberdonven and advanced to within 1500 yards of Grevenmacher. Some enemy patrols were encountered in the 329th Infantry area.

Company "B", 331st Infantry, captured the town of Ebner against some small arms, mortar and Artillery fire.

Units continued to capture prisoners. Enemy patrol activity increased and counter-measures to punish enemy patrols were taken all along the Division front.

One counter attack by an estimated enemy army rifle Company was repulsed near Wormeldange by 331st Infantry.

Training in attack of fortified positions continued.

Task Force Polk attacked the enemy in the vicinity of Gavisse. The attack was supported by a platoon of tanks. Casualties were inflicted on the enemy and prisoners were taken.

(To be continued)

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#### INCOME CARDS DUE FOR VA PENSIONERS

All recipients of Veterans Administration pensions are reminded to complete and return the annual income questionnaire card that accompanied their November checks.

This requirement applies to all Veterans, widows and children receiving these benefits. Failure to complete and return the card will result in removal of the recipients name from the January payment lists.

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#### A PERSONAL NOTE

Are there any copies of "329 Buckshot Infantry Division" still available? It was the Regimental History published in Wolfenbuttel, Germany right after the War. I have a copy but am interested in getting another.

I'm still working on sending you some photos I took during combat. When the Winter and good weather arrive, I'll be doing more "Indoor work."

"I strongly endorse the resolution passed by the 83rd Infantry Division Association in favor of banning the public display of the Swastika, the symbol of Naziism. I do so not only because of my personal hatred of that symbol (as a Jew) but also because unlike so many Veterans Organizations, the 83rd Infantry Division Association has remembered that World War II was not only an adventure to be rapped about over a beer, but a crusade against evil. As you state in the resolution, many of our Buddies were maimed for life and died in that crusade."

"We should never forget what we fought for - and the horror of War. So, as civilians, we should keep the fight against evil going - so that our children and grandchildren will not have to face the horrors we went through.

Respectfully  
Harold Freeman  
"C" 329th Inf.

83rd Thunderbolt Division:

Comrade Howard Edwards was kind enough to send me a copy of the 83rd Infantry Division Resolution, as I have been working for ten long years to have the Nazi Emblem banned in the State of California. We were successful in having the California Senate pass the bill but we lost our battle with the California Criminal Justice Committee. They hid behind

the first amendment like a bunch of cowards.

Your resolution gave me new heart, I will read it at my next Department Executive Meeting December 1, 2, and 3. Needless to say your Organization has my full cooperation and support. We of the Jewish Veterans, Department of California, compliment you on the action you have taken. With your kind permission we would like to use your resolution for our department newspaper, also giving you some free advertising of course.

Thank you again for having the guts to send to Congress a resolution that is perfect.

I was born and raised in East Pittsburgh, so we do have something in common.

Nathan Whitman, Commander  
JWV Department of California

Thank you for your thoughts about penalties for those who display the Nazi Emblem.

It is a great help to me, as your Representative, to hear from you directly. It is a real challenge to have the responsibility of weighing and representing views of people who sharply are in disagreement with each other about the best course to pursue. I appreciate your effort in joining in shaping our government policy.

Sincerely  
Doug Walgren  
Member of Congress  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

#### RESULTS OF THE RESOLUTION

(The one that was sent to Top Government Officials (including the U.S. President and major News Papers)

As you can see, the only reply came from Doug Walgren of the United States Congress. It kind of makes you wonder if our Officials give a damn whether we have a legitimate gripe or not. To my knowledge, none of the News Papers have printed it because none of our people have sent me the clippings from their paper. I don't know whether any of our members sent the Resolution to their local papers as we have asked them to do.

(I have just one comment, and I've said this before many times, our members show great enthusiasm at our Reunion Meetings, but once they arrive home, all is forgotten until the next Reunion.) ED.

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#### SOME LATE NEWS.

Some of you people in "G" 331st Infantry will be more than interested to know that Gene Costanzo of the Pittsburgh Chapter, suffered a mild heart attack on the 26th of December while working on his new residence. He was in the Intensive Care Unit at the hospital for 24 hours and returned to the hospital on the 3rd of January, for further testing.

Results are not known as yet. Yours truly visited with Gene on New Year's Day and he looked fairly good to me. I think he could use some good cheer from his Buddies with Get Well Cards etc. ED.

On New Year's Day, I also visited Charles Navish who suffered another heart attack. He was still in the Intensive Care Unit when I saw him. He tells me that he may go to the Cleveland Clinic for further testing and a possible cure for his problem. Chuck was in "I" 329th Infantry and I'm sure he would appreciate hearing from all of his Buddies. Why don't you drop him a line or two? ED.

What happened to all those people that talked me into getting another E.T.O. Tour together for May of 1979? I made all the arrangements, got out the letters etc., and to date, the results are very poor. ED.



## URGENTLY WANTED

Information on where-a-bouts  
of

### SIGREID PERRSONS

"Medic of "C" 331st Infantry"  
Last seen in Boston, MA.

Walter Edwards, former Captain of "C" 331st Infantry, is in need of medical information he can supply for verification of his claim with the V.A. If you have information as to his where-a-bouts, please write to:

Walter Edwards  
2856 Jamieson Lane  
Indianapolis, IN 46268

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I just got back from Muskoka, Canada and while there, the son of Nester called to let me know that his Dad passed away on the 12th of September 1978. He died after a long illness. Please send his wife a copy of the THUNDERBOLT to show her that we remember our fallen Buddies.

Hope you are batting 500. Are you going to Europe?  
J.W. Nicholson  
A.T. 329th. Inf.

## NOTICE

The following Booster Ads were inadvertently left out or came in too late to be printed in the Ad Book for the Reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Zenz  
1125 Cannon Ave.  
Bethlehem, PA 18015

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carlbon  
"A" Battery 908 F.A.  
Stockton, CA

R.C. Hamilton  
Ad Book Chairman

Sorry that I could not make the last Reunion, but our School (and athletic duties) started that week. Am hoping to make New Orleans for sure.

Bedford L. Hunter  
Medic 908 F.A.

I went to Europe last year. I never followed any particular route or visited 83rd activities. I did however, make it a point to visit General Patton's grave. He was just a Colonel when I served under him in the 3rd Cavalry.

Earl F. McDonald  
Major US Army Ret.  
"K" 331st. Inf.

HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE SENT A COPY OF THE LETTER ABOUT THE NAZI'S, WHICH APPEARED IN THE LAST THUNDERBOLT, TO YOUR SENATORS ETC?

Because of the huge amount of material at hand for the last THUNDERBOLT, certain items had to be omitted to keep the size of the book down to our total 28 pages. The names of our Deceased for the year 1977-'78, those that were read at the Memorial Service, are printed below.

Guy Meyers E. - 329  
Pat Caruccio K. - 330  
Francis R. Doherty 908 F.A.  
Carl L. Katzung Hq. - 329  
Mike Sitnic H. - 330  
Robert Brown E. - 331  
Clifford Unbekant 83rd. Sig.  
Paul Kososky A. - 308 Eng.  
Nick Nykaza Serv. 329  
George Berlet G. - 331  
Ronald E. Surbaugh 1 Bn Hq 330  
Ralph Moore B. - 323 F.A.  
Libero Bachetti Serv. 324 F.A.  
Ollie Weismuller Hq. 908 F.A.  
Henry Berchick  
Edward Pawlak C. 308 Eng.  
Claude J. Waymire I. - 330  
Sterling Perkinson A. 908 F.A.  
Albert R. Foster 3 Bn Hq 330  
David Moore  
Frank Evans B. 908 F.A.  
Francis J. Kowalski G. - 331  
J.D. Sylvester K. & L. - 331  
Todd L. McLaughlin C. 908 F.A.  
Robert W. Pegg Hq. 323 F.A.  
Robert F. Morton 453rd. A.A.A.  
Thomas P. Daily 83rd. M.P.  
Rev. H.J. Schwartz 2 Bn Hq 329  
Michael A. Lux I. - 330  
George Guthrie Serv. 330  
Herman Koeneman I. - 329  
Jackson E. Woodward  
Eugene O'Brien L. - 329 Med.  
Ivan Couch 2 Bn Hq 331  
James C. Wallace K. - 329  
Bruce W. Richmond G. - 330  
Phil Remillard C. - 323 F.A.  
Jack Matthews Div. Hq.  
Joseph Pertusi G. - 329  
W.J. Tetlak 331  
Frank B. Pope  
Anthony Mediate M. - 331  
Frank Joviak 323 Med.  
George Mehalchick  
James Chimenti Med.  
Donald V. Roth M. - 331

We Pray that all 46 of our Buddies rest in peace. I express our sincerest condolences to those they left behind.

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If you know of an 83rd Buddy that has passed on, let this Office know about it. Send along the Obituary from the Newspaper or write some of the details because I'm sure his Buddies would appreciate it. Let us know the Unit he belonged to.

SEND US ALL INTERESTING 83RD NEWS ALSO.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**32ND ANNUAL REUNION-CINCINNATI, OHIO**  
**83RD INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**  
**AUGUST 17, 18, 19, 1978**

**Receipts:**

Registration Fees	\$20,942.00
Program Book Advertising	3,991.00
Raffle	901.94
Sale of 83rd Plates (Net)	62.00
Sale of 83rd Necklaces	12.00
Association Loan	300.00
Interest on C.D. and Savings Account	24.46
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$26,233.40</b>

**Disbursements:**

Registration Costs (Exhibit 1)	\$18,813.22
Program Books (Exhibit 11)	1,729.38
Raffle (Exhibit 111)	0
83rd Necklaces to Association	12.00
Association Loan Repayment	300.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$20,854.60</b>

<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$26,233.40</b>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$20,854.60</b>
<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$ 5,378.80</b>

*(\$35.00 due from Grand Hotel in New Orleans.)*

**Expenses:**

Dues to Association	\$ 1,896.00
Extra Hotel Registration Cards	96.00
Plastic Name Holders	70.00
Name Tags	36.38
Typewriter Rental	20.90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,342.56</b>

**Thursday Expenses:**

Show Wagon for Memorial Services	\$ 40.00
Music	350.00
Beer	468.66
Coca Cola	187.48
Chips and Pretzels	271.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,317.14</b>

**Friday Expenses:**

Coffee and Rolls for Bingo	\$ 224.56
Bingo Prizes (All donated)	0
Tour Busses	244.20
Buffet	5,220.00
Music	420.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,108.76</b>

**Saturday Expenses:**

Flowers	\$ 25.00
Raffle Prizes	0
Music	630.00
Banquet	8,372.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,027.00</b>

**Miscellaneous Expenses:**

Yarn for Coaster Pads	\$ 15.00
Candles	24.00
Candle Wax	20.00
Candle Holders	15.29
Registration Books and Paper	5.00
Paint	7.00
Glass Cutter and Sanding Belts	10.00
Phone and Postage	20.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 116.29</b>

**Albert Schaefer:**

Sign Material	\$ 5.00
Postage	13.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 18.00</b>

**Manlius Goodridge:**

Postage	\$ 30.00
Telephone	64.67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 94.67</b>

**BANK SERVICE CHARGE \$ 12.08**

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$18,813.82**

**REGISTRATION SURPLUS \$ 2,128.18**

**PROGRAM BOOK RECEIPTS \$ 3,991.00**

**Disbursements:**

Crittenden Press	\$ 25.58
Creative Printers	628.36
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 653.94</b>

**Hospitality Room:**

Room Rent	\$ 330.27
Whiskey	439.51
Beer	94.68
Coca Cola	52.50
Orange Juice	12.48
Potato Chips	46.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 975.44</b>

**R.C. Hamilton:**

3 Trips from Marion to Murray, KY.	\$ 61.00
Postage	18.00
Telephone	21.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>

**TOTAL PROGRAM BOOK DISBURSEMENTS \$ 1,729.38**  
**PROGRAM BOOK SURPLUS \$ 2,261.62**

**RAFFLE RECEIPTS \$ 901.94**  
**DISBURSEMENTS \$ 0**  
**SURPLUS \$ 901.94**

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*The above report is one of the finest ever submitted to this Association and the Kentucky Chapter can be mighty proud of their accomplishments. As the Editor of this Report, I want to personally thank them for making my job easy in every way possible. The Report was a bit late but there was no harm done in the Association operations. I'm sure that I speak for the majority of the membership, when I say:*

**THANK YOU - KENTUCKY CHAPTER!**

**YOU DID ONE HECK OF A JOB FOR ALL OF US.**

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Now it is time for all of us to start planning for the next great Reunion in New Orleans, LA. Put in for your Vacations NOW!!! Don't wait and then say that you are sorry later. It is shaping up to be a DREAM VACATION and the REUNION that will never be forgotten.

**THE DATES ARE AUGUST 16,17,18, 1979.**

**DUES ARE PAST DUE.** Those that have not paid for - 1978 will not be getting the THUNDERBOLTS. Please remind your Buddies.

## DECEASED

Manuel C. Martin, President of the 83rd Infantry Division Assoc. for 1963 - '64, passed away at the age of 58 after a long illness. He died on September 28, 1978 in Fall River, MA.

He worked as Deputy Sealer in the Department of Weights and Measures. He was a member of the American Legion and was also active in Democratic Politics. Besides his widow, he leaves a daughter Karen Ann Martin, a son Jeffery J. Martin, Jr., two brothers, Edward Coelho and Alfred Coelho, both of Fall River. He had two sisters, Mrs. Mary Wilson and Miss Alice Coelho and several neices and nephews.

Manny served in "F" Co. 329th Infantry.

William "Spike" McCartin called one day to tell me that William "Mickey" Gilbert of Fairfield Glade, TN, passed away. He was a member of "H" 330th Infantry and one of our Regulars. He attended the Reunion in Cincinnati and certainly looked hale and hearty at that time. No details are known.

Frank McGrogan wrote that Mrs. Luzie H. Alford informed him of the death of her husband who served in "D" 330th Infantry. He passed away on the 17th of January in 1976. This fact was not known until recently. Sherwood lived in Durham, NC.

Clyde C. Cavanah, Jr. of the 324th F.A. passed away on the 1st of March in 1977. This news was sent to me by the Secretary of the 11th Armored Division who got the message from Clyde's wife. Clyde was not in any of my files.

"I wish to notify you of the death of my brother, Eldon Brissman, who passed away on the 24th of May, 1978 after a short illness. He served in 3 Bn. Hq. 329th Infantry. Will you kindly remove his name from your mailing list."

Elvera Brissman

Jerry Zingg lost his dear wife recently. He hasn't attended a couple of our Reunions because she had been ailing.

Henry Trzeciak of "D" 331st Infantry lost his wife just before the Cincinnati Reunion. Details are unknown.

News of the death of Bill Shuman has come to me from many of our Buddies and from Suzanne F. Hartman, Bill's sister.

Bill Shuman was a Representative in the State of Pennsylvania and resided in Greencastle, PA. He died of a heart attack in Miami, Florida while there on a business-vacation trip. He was active in the fight to restore Veterans Day to its traditional date of November 11th and Memorial Day to the 30th of May. He was active in the American Legion and the V.F.W. He was active in just about all of the affairs in his community. He was inducted into the American Legion Hall of Fame.

Bill Shuman served on the Military Affairs Committee, was the Secretary of the Agricultural Committee and the Fish and Game Committee. He was business manager of his local Newspaper, was active in Church Affairs, Boy Scouts, fought to preserve the covered bridges and was on the School Board.

He is survived by three sisters and one brother.

Suzanne F. Hartman  
269 E. Grant St.  
Greencastle, PA 17225

(Bill Shuman served in Hq. Divarty.)



One of my dearest friends, John P. Guzik (Buttons, as he was called by his closest friends) passed away on the 21st day of October, 1978 after a long struggle with Cancer. He spent his last five months in several Hospitals in Pittsburgh and his last stop was at the V.A. Hospital. Even though John suffered greatly, he was jovial to the end.

He was the beloved son of Catherine and the late Frank Guzik; brother of Mrs. Marie Bova, Louis C., Mrs. Frances Piotrowski and Edward J. Guzik; also survived by neices and nephews.

Just about all of his Pittsburgh Buddies and many other 83rds visited him at the Hospital and later, paid their last respects. John was one of the regulars at the Reunions and we travelled together to many of them. He was my Race Track Buddy and this is where I shall miss him most. My wife and kids loved him dearly as he used to visit us often. John was friendly and kind to all those he knew and will be remembered in our Prayers always.

Samuel Klippa  
"D" 331st Inf.

Urban Augustin of "K" 331st Infantry died on the 12th of October, 1978. Mr. Augustin, 61, died at the Veterans Hospital in Minneapolis, MN, on Thursday, due to heart failure after being ill for about a year.

Six sons served as Pall Bearers. Survivors include his wife, the former Rita Hauser, two daughters, Mrs. Jerome (Annette) Krumrie of Inver Grove Hts., Sue at home, six sons, Thomas, Bill, James, Randy Richard and Marvin. There are seven grandchildren, two sisters and four brothers.

Urban was a Farmer, Township Assessor for twenty years, Federal Crop Insurance Adjuster, member of the V.F.W. and American Legion.

Tom Hensley  
"A" 330th Inf.

E. Loiacona returned the membership letter I had sent to L.J. Loiacona to inform me that he had passed away on May 5, 1976. No details were given in the message.

My husband, George W. Afflerbach passed away in 1973 and his name should have been removed at that time. Each time I received a mailing from you, I intended to write but just didn't. George always had a warm spot in his heart for the 83rd and was always proud that he was part of it. We had planned to go on the ETO Tour with the group.

Mrs. George Afflerbach  
Med. 329th Inf.

Robert E. Patton, beloved husband of Dolores Patton, beloved son of Robert H. Patton, father of Robert J., Thomas H., and Jane C. Patton, stepfather of Robert D., and Mary A. Richter, Linda C. Baxter and Margaret A. Brown. Also survived by nine grandchildren brother Howard Patton and Helen Taylor. He died on Friday, October 20, 1978.

This news was sent to me by Al Schaefer. Bob was a Paid-up member in the Association. He served in Hq. 323 F.A.

Al Schaefer also sent me a newspaper Notice of another man, but failed to mention if he was in the 83rd. The man was Terrance Toerner.

The last letter sent to Edward Bade was returned and marked "Deceased" by the Post Office. He was in 308 Engineers.

My husband Horace Guy Myers died August 6, 1977. The men in the Dixie Chapter were his Pall Bearers. He attended all the Dixie Meetings as well as the National. He was always a Paid-up Member. Horace was in "E" 329th Infantry.

Sorry to inform you that Michael Kerick of "B" 308 Engineers passed away on the 24th of June 1978 from Metastatic Carcinomatosis.

Mrs. Mary Kerick

The mother of Ralph Malec, 3 Bn Hq 329, passed away recently.



# DECEASED

Mr. Emil Olsen passed away on the 16th of November, 1978. He was a member of "A" 331st Infantry.  
Mrs. Edith Olsen

Nestor W. Barli of "F" 329th Infantry died on the 27th of November, 1978. A remembrance card was sent to me by his wife and marked "Self Explanatory." She also mentioned that she likes receiving the THUNDERBOLT. It will be sent to her for as long as she desires.  
ED.

John J. Debic dies. He was a T/5 in the 783rd Ordinance. He repaired Artillery pieces in the service. He was Inspector in charge of multiple dwellings and Urban Renewal Structures in Buffalo. He was a Metalurgical Inspector for Bethlehem Steel Corp. at one time. Surviving are three sisters. John was not in our files.  
By Lowell E. Claxton

Charles Navish of the Pittsburgh Chapter called to tell me that Arthur D. Hewitt of "I" 329th Infantry passed away on the 28th of November, 1978. Arthur's wife notified Navish.  
ED.

Joseph Callihan passed away on September 28, 1978 and I thought it should be published for his Buddies to see. He was living in Middletown, CT. His wife sent me the news.  
Charles E. Nothnagel  
"C" 324th F.A.

Mrs. Jean C. Riech, 67, of Springfield, IL (the wife of Arthur A. Riech of the 83rd M.P.'s) died on Friday, December 15, 1978. She was the daughter of Peter and Susan Clusker Graham and married Arthur in 1935.

Surviving are her husband Arthur, one sister Mrs. George E. (Mary) Thoma of Springfield, four brothers; Peter Graham of West Palm Beach, FL, John C. Graham of Norfolk, VA, James C. Graham of Springfield and George F. Graham of Springfield. There are several nieces and nephews.

Linda Rogers Gallo, the wife of John Gallo of "A" 308 Eng., died of a coronary attack on the 31st of December 1978. She was just 55 years old. John is a member of the Pittsburgh Chapter and one of the regulars in the Association.

Mrs. Gallo is survived by two sons; J.D. (Dan) 111 and David at home; the following brothers and sisters, Mrs. Joseph John, Mrs. Thelma Zimmer, Mrs. Zack George and Mrs. Paul Jeffries; Monsour Rogers of Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. James O'Jile of St. Louis and James M. Rogers of Uniontown, PA.

She was the daughter of the late Michael and Nioma Rogers and was preceded in death by a daughter Nioma Sue Gallo and a brother, John S. Rogers. We shall all miss her at our affairs.

Eugene Persinger informed me that Sam Muriale of "B" 324 F.A. passed away. None of the details are known. John Piscitelli also sent the same news. Sam had a Diner in Clarksburg, WV. I had just deposited his Dues Check the day this news arrived.

"DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE FOR NEXT YEAR, IF YOU LIKE BEING EARLY."

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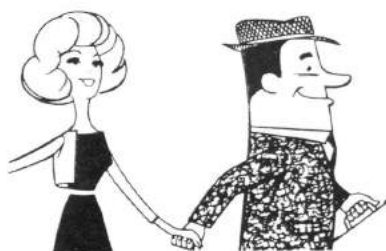
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