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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As President of the 83rd Association and a member of the Louisiana Chapter, I am overwhelmed as to the progress for our Reunion here in New Orleans. We can never be too satisfied with the way the plans are progressing, so our members of the Louisiana Chapter continue to work to make improvements in the program.

I am looking forward to the meeting with the Executive Board which is scheduled for May 5, 1979 at the Grand Hotel. Two of the members have stated that they would be present and I am looking forward for the responses from the other members within a few days.

I am a little disappointed, because I have received only negative reports on our search for a new Secretary-Treasurer. I hope that we can come up with some names before our meeting in August. We have a number, of good qualified men for the position, and I know that there will be some names available for the nominating committees before they meet. It will be a sacrifice for the individual that takes over the job, but it can be a rewarding experience.

We do have some good news, our membership has reached an all time high of 1420 paid up members. There are still some 90 or so members from last year that have not paid their Dues for 1978-79. Let's give it one more shot so we can reach the 1500 mark by August.

I have written letters to General Macon, Colonel Crabill and General York in the hopes that we can have them in attendance, or to receive some reply from them. I had sent a letter to Colonel Foster, but it was to the wrong Colonel Foster, so I do need a address for Colonel Robert Foster who commanded the 330th. I have also written to Ralph Neppel our Medal of Honor winner in hopes that he can attend.

I have received a number of letters from the members of the Association. I have tried to answer each one of them. Also, we have received a number of responses to our AD Program.

We should mention that you send in your reservations for your Hotel Room as soon as possible, as of this date over 50 rooms have been reserved. It's beginning to look like we will have a wonderful time in New Orleans, in August.

Joseph A. Macaluso
President
83rd Inf. Div. Assoc. Inc.

LOUISIANA CHAPTER REPORT

We have a few reminders for the members of the Association. In the last issue of the THUNDERBOLT many of you received an advance Registration Card for the Hotel. We have had good response as of this date. Those that reserved their rooms should be getting confirmation from the Hotel. It's very helpful when you reserve as soon as possible. It would be helpful to us that are making plans for the Reunion.

A number of letters have been sent to members soliciting ADS for the Program Book. We received many ADS. The cut off date is July 1, 1979, for all ADS so take time to fill out the Blank and send it to the 83rd in New Orleans.

We are looking forward to a large gathering for the Reunion as some of the reservations indicated that a number of the people are coming on Sunday or Monday to enjoy a full week of sight seeing. Remember, the rates at the Hotel are good for three days before and three days after the Reunion.

The major plans for the Reunion have been completed. We are looking forward to meeting with the Executive Board on May 5 at the Grand Hotel. We are amazed at the number of members, and a majority of the credit must go to our Sec'y.-Treas., Samuel Klippa.

Joseph A. Macaluso

SECRETARY - TREASURER REPORT

I had no column in the last THUNDERBOLT because of the amount of material on hand. This book has some of the leftovers in it and I'm sorry it was left out. There was a time when material for the book wasn't available as it is today, but now I have many writers sending me material of interest to their Buddies. Please keep this up with my successor to keep the book full and interesting for all.

I've been quite active in my travels since you last heard from me. Been to Florida last year, made several weekend trips and in February, I traveled to England and France to finalize arrangements for the "Special K Tour" which leaves on the 20th of May. It's going to be a great one with many added attractions. It's being called "Operation Friendly Invasion" and will be highly publicized by the papers and Television. Bournemouth, England is going to put on U.S.O. type shows with some surprises for us. I wish all of you could go there to celebrate with us.

I traveled in the company of Unit Representatives from many other groups that will be going there. They are all going to have their own places to travel in and for their celebrations. In Warren, Ohio, at the 1977 Reunion, the 331st Infantry talked about placing a Monument in St. Hilaire and I did some checking into how to go about it. I found out through correspondence that there was much difficulty in getting permission and the paper work would take too long to complete. The Monument would run into the tens of thousands of dollars not to mention the cost of maintainance over the years. I didn't consider it affordable.

Anyway, to make a long story short, I was advised that a Plaque would be just as appropriate and there would be no maintainance costs. Being that the 331st did away with the idea last year in Cincinnati, I felt obligated because of the previous commitment and will be putting up (and dedicating) two Plaques, one in St. Hilaire and the other in Sainteny. The Mayor of Sainteny sent a representative to Bayeaux, France to talk this over with me and I agreed to do this on my own, at my own expense. Now, whenever any of you get to those areas, you'll atleast see a mention of the 83rd in two areas where the 331st fought. It always saddened me to go there and see all the other Units with some sort of Monument or Plaque and we had nothing.

On March 11, 1979 the West Virginia Chapter received its Charter at a dedication in Parkersburg, and they were all happy to see it finally become a reality. Eugene Persinger their President has worked a long time to get them together, along with their Secretary John S. Governor and several others. CONGRADULATIONS to all of them.

They presented me with the "Coal Miner Statue" and I will certainly treasure it for as long as I live. The affair was one of the great happenings in this Association. The 83rd was well represented by Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. It was like a small Reunion and enjoyed by all who attended.

I had to skip the Mummers Show in Philly this year and it was something that I was looking forward to. Health and other commitments had priority. Maybe next year! This is a great show and I would recommend it to all of you who have never seen it. Take your movie cameras along.

I'll be writing just one more column as your Secretary-Treasurer and Editor and already I feel that I will miss the job. It saddens me, but health and family are important too. If all of you will continue to support the next Secretary, I'm sure our great Association will continue to prosper and grow to even greater heights. Do your share to help.

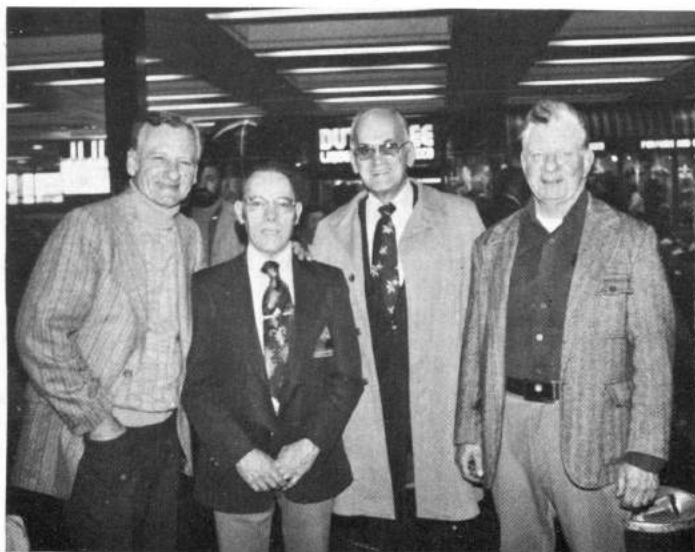
Maybe the next THUNDERBOLT will have some news to report on my successor. At the Board Meeting in New Orleans

on the 5th of May, I may get some information to report for your consideration before the Reunion. A few names were brought out but none are definitely interested in the job.

The last deadline for the THUNDERBOLT is: June 10, 1979 and the news should be in this Office by the 8th, to give me time to get it done. You must remember that there will be somewhere around 18 pages of names and addresses, with the covers accounting for four more, and that leaves just six pages for all the other material. If your news is condensed, you'll know why. Keep it short and as brief as possible.

Until next time, So Long and I want to wish each and everyone of you the very best of good health, luck and happiness. Hope to see a lot of you in attendance at the 33rd Annual Reunion in New Orleans. Let's get together and make this the best of them all.

Samuel Klippa
Secretary-Treasurer



Paul Chryst of the 91st Bomb Group, Russell Lamison of the 2nd Armored Division, Yours Truly and George Morgan of the 4th Infantry Division in the London Airport waiting to return home after a great week (except for the Channel crossing) in England and France. ED.

ANOTHER REPLY TO OUR RESOLUTION

We, the members of the Tallapoosa Chapter 32, Disabled American Veterans, in our regular meeting of November 7, 1978, unanimously passed a resolution to support the 83rd Infantry Division Association resolution of August 19, 1978, in its entirety. We feel that those who wear and display the Nazi Emblem are endorsing the inhuman atrocities committed by Hitler and his hoodlums and is against everything the Constitution of the United States stands for and should be outlawed in every state and territory over which the Stars and Stripes flies as the Universal Emblem of Freedom and Justice.

Disabled American Veterans
Chapter No. 32
Tallapoosa, GA 30176

George P. Lamar of "G" 330th Infantry sent me the above and said they received several responses. The letter was also sent to other organizations for their approval. ED.

BOSTON CHAPTER REPORT

In Boston, we have been quite active since the Reunion. The month of October, we had an excellent meeting at Norman Bilodeau's house. Netti Bilodeau treated us to a marvelous feed in her Amesbury Estate. Many thanks to Netti for such a nice time. Ray Bjork and his wife Flora showed us how to get out of Amesbury. Ray, you did a fine job.

It was certainly nice to see the people on the sick list back. Larry Arrigo has made a fine comeback after his operation. Livie Maynard, wife of the Boston Chapter President, Romeo Maynard, has won her battle for the 2nd time. So everyone is back in shape which I am glad to report.

November 4th, 1978, the men and women of the Boston Chapter went down to the Philadelphia Chapter Party to celebrate with them. At least 8 paid up members of the Boston Chapter attended this affair along with their wives and everyone enjoyed themselves. We had a real blast.

Ray Bjork was telling the folks from Boston how nice Larry and Mary Redmond was to him and his wife Flora when they arrived early at the Motel. Thanks Larry and Mary for showing the old man around. Of course Mary, I showed you the right way in Boston in 1960. Ha! Ha!

Lou Volpi along with his lovely wife Lucy, I would like to thank you for having so many for breakfast the morning after. I have been hearing about it Lucy since Nancy and I got back to Boston. I am sorry I did not make it, however, Joyce McCouch treated some of the 83rd tribe first class also.

Pat DiGiammerino had a little trouble with his Caddy in Brewster, New York, and had to stay overnight. However, the rest was good for them.

I had a Christmas Party at my house and a Boston Chapter Meeting at the same time. It was a real success. My daughter Nancy played Santa Claus and did an excellent job. The night was full of laughter with some 30 odd people. Thanks to Jim and Teddie Prentice for coming the most miles; also Mike Caprio, Hy Goodman, Americo Andreano and their wives for coming up from Rhode Island. Of course, I expected you folks from this home state. Paul Gundersen was the comedian of the evening as Santa Claus gave out presents to all.

At the meeting I was told that our past National President, Manny Martin had died. We were all saddened by this news. Manny was a true 83rder that did so much over the years for the National Association. Our Condolences to his family.

We have a meeting coming up in two weeks at Pat and Ginny DiGiammerino's house. I will give the report on this in the next issue.

Amby Tynan
Boston Chapter Reporter

Hi 323rders:

This is my first report for 1979. Nancy and I attended a marvelous time on New Years Eve. Many of the friends I grew up with at this party, so it was really like a Reunion.

I hope all you folks enjoyed the Holidays also, we certainly are looking forward to a better year in 1979.

In October Erwin Erhardt informed me of the recent death of Bob Patton. Bob died October 21st, 1978. He was a very popular man in the outfit. Bob was with us in Warren, Ohio and I also talked to him while I was in Cincinnati last August. Our condolences go to the Patton Family.

John Turkett has been sick for some time now. He went under two major operations in the Veterans Hospital in

Columbia, South Carolina. He is home now recuperating and it would not hurt to drop a note to him. He would be glad to hear from us.

I had word that Norman Thornton was ill at the last Reunion. I hope he is feeling better now and I will try and make contact with him before the next issue of the THUNDERBOLT.

Eddie Cass is in a Convalescent Home for some time now. Eddie's brother-in-law told me recently that he is not doing so well. I am going to pay him a visit this coming weekend.

I have been talking to many of the headquarters gang on the telephone over the Holidays. I will try to name some of them. James (Buck) Taylor and his wife Marge, Dick Brown, Vic Bravman, Bill and Lois Shaner, Dave and Nancy Nellies, Erwin and Norma Erhardt. (Erwin I always call on New Years Day for it is his birthday.) Norman McCormack and his family, (Mac has told me his robin purchased land right next to the family homestead and will build after the winter. The Tynan's will be up in Hartland for the ground breaking.)

On November 4th many of us 323rds attended the Phillie Chapter Party. John Piscitelli, Joe Gioia, Romeo Maynard, Bill Shaner, George Porter, Eddie McCouch and myself. We had a wonderful time. I would like to thank Joyce McCouch for making it extra nice. Bill Shaner and I stayed at the McCouch home where I put on ten pounds which I didn't need.

I certainly appreciated hearing from the following men: Jack Knight, Tom Houlette, Lee Taylor, Vic Bravman, Captain Bob Costello from good ole Battery "B". However Bob I remember was an Officer in most of the Batteries at some time in our training in the states.

In my Christmas Cards this year I put a list of names and addresses. If anyone sees mistakes, please inform me right away so we can get a more accurate and up to date list. I spent a lot of time getting this together but I am sure some of you appreciate it. Lets get on the ball and help me with the next list.

Well gang, I guess that is all for now. I would like a little news from the other Batteries plus addresses so we can make a list for the 323rd Battalion.

Amby Tynan
323rd F.A.

P.S. This report was to be in the last issue of the THUNDERBOLT. However, I seem to be having trouble getting it printed. The 83rd has a lot of problems with the mail

Late news is from John Turkett who had a nice visit from Orlo Hoover and his wife. This made John very happy. Orlo is retired now and traveling the country and back living in Marion, Ohio. I hope some of you received a card for St. Patricks Day. Buck Taylor and Nancy Nellies did.

EARTHLY VIEW

Offered an Airplane ride, the old lady said, "No Sir! I'm gonna stay right here and watch TV, like the Lord intended."

"This would be a better world if men always showed as much patience as they do when waiting for a fish to bite."

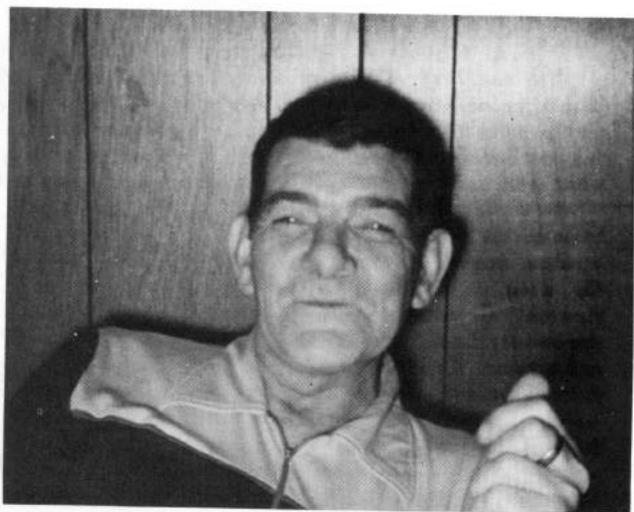
He. What is the difference between a Fort and a Fortress?
She. I don't know.
He. A Fortress is a Breastworks

WARREN CHAPTER NEWS

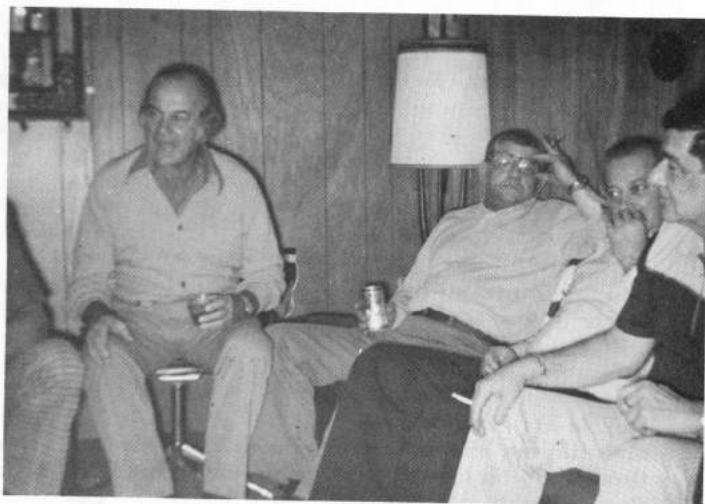
With the last vestige of winter rapidly fading and the harbinger of warmer weather, the Warren Chapter is again on the move to another Pre-Reunion warmup. The guys have the golf sticks all polished (while the dear gals struggle - what with all that Spring cleaning) and ready to challenge all the foolhardy that are willing to give a few strokes, and believe me, the arguments as to who deserves the most strokes based on last seasons performance resound over the area --- (meanwhile that sly ole "Sure As Shootin Newton" Caparanis waits quietly in the wings to separate the unwary from their quarter skins --- and to show ??? how anfractuious Cap can be - he gave all a golf cap to get them ethereal. Our monthly meetings have been rather well attended and sometimes hard to comprehend what Dick Kelly and Johnny Caparanis digging deep in their respective dictionaries to try to stump all present with a "War of Ten Dollar words" --- Actually a dignified way of name calling --- They are a barrell of laughs --- Speaking of meetings, the March meet at the home of Joe and Angie Philipone was a 110% turnout and the upcoming Reunion in New Orleans took up most all of the eve ning --- As of now it looks like a full "Fall out and present and accounted for" in August for the Warren Troops --- If Joe Philipone owned a Bar he would have to chargr atleast five bucks a drink to break even the way he pours 'em --- WOW! Talk about a bunch of "Schnoggered" ex-dog faces! --- Another well deserved round of applause to Babe Gautschi who again transported a Van load of guys and gals without getting us lost on the way home (No comment on the way to the meet.

This 'n that --- Bob Johnson coming along fine at last report from another round of surgery --- Johnny Shamrock still Doctoring with an ailing back and still the "Super Salesman" --- Johnny Teringo anxiously looking forward to "Graduation Day" from Kent State University (he's only in his Freshman year) --- Dick and Millie Kelly have their Plane Reservations already confirmed for New Orleans (By the time ya'all out there on the THUNDERBOLT line read this you had better do likewise) --- Lee Titus, R.J. Voracek and their wives showed their fortitudeness by taking a trip to Michigan to spend a weekend with good Buddy Loyal Pangle and wife Kate --- Hey! Those two guys deserve some sort of decoration what with two week-ends in a row from home base with a threat of one or two more snow flakes still in the air ... Isn't it amazing what one can do with a fresh tube of Preparation - H? --- Cheeze Bellay is chafing at the bit trying to get a release from his Doc to get back to work --- Our April Meet at the home of Chapter Prez Chuck Tomazin - then load up the Van again for the Annual Trek to Voraceks in May --- June, July and August will be our Annual Golf-Picnic Bash for Chapter guys, gals and guests --- **ALL THUNDERBOLT "Duffers, 'N Drinkers welcome" --- call any of your ole Warren Chapter Buddies for dates and details --- Our Sympathy goes out to Debbie Bellay Heim upon the sudden death of her husband Ron - Debbie is the daughter of George and Louise Bellay. Also, to the family of Helen Biro who passed away suddenly -- Mrs. Biro was the mother of Olga Teringo -- Remember, you only pass this way once, so be happy and tolerant wherever and whenever --- see ya'all in New Orleans.**

George Cooley
Warren Chapter Reporter
"A" 322 F.A.



Warrens own "Genesee Kid"



Cap says "Aw watta ya know about golf?" as Lee, Cheeze and Dick hope his tube of Preparation-H turns rancid.



See what I mean about fun 'n food? Warren ladies relax waiting for the goodies to digest.

WARREN LADIES AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER

With the Christmas Holidays and festivities which we all here enjoyed and will remember always, we go to our '79 calendar of activities.

Our first meeting of the year was held in January with our good Host and Hostess Ted and Dollie Holubka where we enjoyed a beautiful Birthday cake that Dolly thoughtfully had for G.C. (that guy Biggie who writes that other column) along with special refreshments and good stuff (food) --- then on to the February meeting, the men at Lee Titus's and the women at the home of Marge Voracek again with our own dear Babe Gautschi chauffering the Van --- Oh my, again ~~be~~ disappointments - foodwise or otherwise --- of course our men never fail us with their unlimited capacity for beer guzzling --- The March Meeting with ladies and men at the home of Angie and Joe Philipone --- What else can I say? More good fellowship, delicious food and refreshments --- By now you know we do our share of eating and drinking --- We now await the Wedding of Joe and Angie's daughter, Peggy, which promises to be a "Biggie" event.

Now for some goody tid-bits:

Our own prideful contribution to the Executive Board, Mike Skovran and wife Liz on to New Orleans in May for the Annual Meeting --- Daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Joel Songer presented Babe and Theresa Gautschi with a grandson in December, Stephen Scott --- Son and daughter-in-law of Ted and Dolly Holubka received a presentation of a grandson --- This should fill in the cold winter nights with baby sitting (?) bliss --- Our congratulations to both sets of proud grandparents --- The Titus's and Voraceks visited the Pangle family the latter part of March for a fun weekend --- Darn, they have all the fun! Speaking of fun, the Annual Ladies Fun Night is up and coming, taking in a Paul Anka Show followed with dinner (no men allowed!)

Now for "Not So Good News":

The Caparanis's had to cut short their Annual Florida Vacation in March when Helens mom took ill suddenly. As of this writing, her mother is recuperating slowly --- Theresa Gautschi fell down a stairway and broke her shoulder, but you can't keep a fun gal down - she keeps right up with this old crowd --- Theresa and Dolly's brother suffered a heart attack, and as of now we hear he is doing well.

Until next time around, stay well and we hope all of had a Joyous Easter. REMEMBER! Think Reunion.

Sincerely
Mary Ann Cooley

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER NEWS

The New England Chapter has been a little quiet since the Xmas Party, due to the weather and with all the travelers we have. The Abdinoors and the McCartins seem to have survived their Carribbean Cruise alright, but nothing was said about how they made out at the Casino's. The Smith's just returned from Italy where they spent two weeks. Dutchy said that their Anniversary should come more often, as this trip was a surprise for their 37th Anniversary from their Children. Helen and Dutchy visited Rome, Florence and Pezara, Italy. They had a swell time. Now, Georgia and Jim Emanouil will be leaving for Hawaii on April 17, for two weeks. So much for the travelers of New England.

On the weekend of March 24, the Francullo's had the

Brennans and the Emanouils over for their Church Dance and everyone had a great time. The Brennans and the Emanouil's put up overnight at the Francullo's Motel and the price was right. This way they didn't have to drive in the wee hours of the morning. We even got breakfast served Sunday morning.

We have some sad news to report, our Vice President John Donahue of 1 Bn Hq 329 has been very ill, to the extent that he has to retire from work. I spoke with John last night and he told me that he may have to go in for heart surgery. Good luck John, we're all pulling for you. Also, Lucien (Jigs) Elie's wife Millie is in the hospital and in bad shape. We are all praying for you Millie to get well soon as we all miss you.

We have asked all of you guys in the New England Chapter to send us any news that you may have for the THUNDERBOLT. Again we are asking, so get off your butts and write. Send news to: Jim Emanouil at 185 Littleton Road - Chelmsford, MA 01824 or Ernest Smith at 38 Gateway Lane - Lynn, MA 01905.

Jim Emanouil
83rd Signal Co.

"MINNIE REUNION IN PHILLY"

On the 24th of March, Virginia and I flew to Philly, PA to see the "Mummers Show of Shows" at the Civic Center. Al Belvedere met us at the Airport and drove us to the Sheraton Hotel where we gathered on the 22nd floor. Upon entering room 2212, we were greeted by Casey Kowalec and Jim Prentice and their wives. Later, Casey Szubski and his wife Eleanor from Cleveland, Ohio came in. It seemed like the early gathering for a Reunion.

After a nice snack and a few drinks, we left for the Mummers Show which was to start at 4:00 P.M. When we finally got through the crowds, we met Jim Bowie and his wife from New Jersey, also, Charlie Sihlanick and his wife from New Jersey. There was a group of the Philly Chapter there also. Needless to say, the Mummers Show was superb with all that glitter and music. It was something to see. I took some good movies this time and hope to show them in New Orleans in August.

We had a Minnie Banquet at the Hotel on Saturday with about 60 in attendance. It was Virginia's Birthday and Lou and Lucy had a large cake and candles, a surprise for her. On Sunday, Lou and Lucy invited us out of town guests to their beautiful home for dinner. Lucy made spaghetti and meat balls, salad and all sorts of desserts. A wonderful meal and plenty of drinks for all. A weekend to be remembered.

Well, this is all for now. See you in New Orleans.

Vito Palazzolo
Michigan Chapter
"G" 329th Inf.

A hen and a pig travelling together, passed a Church that displayed the sermon topic: "How Can We Develop The Poor?" The sympathetic hen clucked, "I know what we can do! We can give them a ham and egg breakfast."

"For you, the pig replied, that's a mere contribution. But for me, it's a total commitment."

A Portugese proverb: A visit always gives pleasure. If not the coming; then the going.



Teddie & Jim Prentice & Pat DiGiammerino.



Amby Tynan and Larry Arrigo.



Paul and Dottie Gundersen.

Please find a good spot for the above photos.
Pat DiGiammerino

LATE FLASH FOR "D" 330TH.

I spoke too soon, I just received a letter from John Jankovich today and he told me that his brother Urban is back in the hospital for his third spine operation as his legs were going numb. Drop him a line, I am sure he will be glad to hear from you. John sent me a nice donation for our AD Book.

Frank McGrogan

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

Spring must be here! At our April 1st Meeting everyone had even more enthusiasm than usual. We had slightly better than normal attendance with 33 participating in our up-coming Chapter events. Final decisions were made for our Spring/Dinner/Dance on May 12, to be held this year in Monesson at the Alpine, and also for our Annual Picnic Outing which is set for Sunday, July 3rd.

Everyone here has New Orleans fever already. Right now we are figuring out the best way to fly down as a group. You can bet whatever is decided, that the Pittsburgh Chapter will be well represented come Reunion time.

Want you all to know that one of our favorite sons, Ed Reuss of "I" 331st Infantry was awarded a General Electric Centennial Special Award. He was honored for his outstanding contributions to the many utilities customers of General Electric's Pittsburgh Shops throughout his 33 years of service. His boss said: "All major utilities that Ed services, respect the knowledge and dedication of Ed Reuss. All of our major customers ask for him by name."

We also want to wish Charlie Hopta all the best upon his recent retirement from American Bridge after more than forty years of dedicated service. Now he can really concentrate on becoming a golf Pro - good luck ole buddy.

Not to be outdone - we hear Adam Hasick has retired for the "second" time while most of us are still trying for just one. Adam served in the 308th Engineers.

Gene Costanzo wishes to thank everyone for their concern and many get-well wishes received and a special thanks to Casey Kowalec and the Cleveland gang. Greer Thompson of Hq 324 F.A. and Catherine are heading to Florida in April to visit son Allen and wife who are expecting in the Fall. Lou and Carol Kanes will be off on a Caribbean Cruise May 26th. Lou served in "B" 329th.

Yours truly is looking forward to celebrating the 35th Anniversary of D-Day in Europe along with Sam Klippa, Joe Danylo, Bill Wallis and Henry Golembiewski from our Chapter. If my camera is working right, I should have an interesting slide presentation to show at the Reunion.

Larry Leonardi

"A" 331st Inf.

Pittsburgh Chapter Reporter

REMINDERS

NEXT DEADLINE, JUNE 10, 1979. LIMITED NEWS AS THIS IS THE ISSUE THAT WILL HAVE MORE THAN 17 PAGES OF PAID-UP MEMBERS. NO PHOTOS, PLEASE.

DATES FOR THE 33RD ANNUAL REUNION IN NEW ORLEANS ARE: AUGUST 15, 16 AND 17, 1979. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A LARGE CROWD THIS YEAR.

908TH. F.A. - SPECIAL BULLETIN

JUST OFF THE HOTLINE:

It is not known that Howard (Flap-Jack) Carlbon, who has been prospecting in the Mojave Desert for a few months, with his favorite mule team, is in search of black gold. Has finally given up the struggle without ever striking pay dirt. Howie is currently camping at an abandoned Oasis on the outskirts of Stockton, CA, stocked with his barrell of refreshments (Coors), singing Ballads to his Burros. He and the pack will leave for New Orleans about July 1st, taking along plenty of rations (oats) and enough litter bags, for the Highway Patrol in most states are not too keen on animal leftovers. If the mules don't lose a shoe, old Flap-Jack should arrive at the Grand Hotel August 16th, in time for a cool Mint Julep.

Gung Ho!

From Buffalo

Michael Brick

"A" 908 F.A.

Have never been to New Orleans. Looking forward to seeing you at the Board Meeting in May. Jackie and her husband plan to join us for the weekend.

Received a letter from this fellow: G.R. Selman of West Virginia who seems to be in bad shape, and we want to see that he gets "The THUNDERBOLT" and want to make sure he is a Paid-up Member. Sent him all the information I could about the Association.

All is fine with us.

Lessie and Dick Riddle

3 Bn Hq 330th Inf.

(Two years Dues were paid for G.R. Selman by Dick.)

In response to your AD in the recent "Retired Officers Magazine:"

I served in the 908th F.A., Hq Battery for just a short time from October 1942 to March 1943 at Camp Atterbury. Was sent to O.C.S. at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma from there.

John M. Finkel

Hq. 908 F.A.

A friend of mine saw my name in the December issue of the THUNDERBOLT and brought it to me. I am enclosing my check and would appreciate a copy of the 83rd History.

Roland E. Eaton

"I" 331st Inf.

I would appreciate getting any help I can (statements attesting the fact that they saw me get wounded) to prove my disability. I was shell shocked, my spine and legs were wounded; in Disabled Research I was a Guinea Pig for Malaria studies, have a bad kidney, had open heart surgery, Prostrate surgery and have schrapnel in my right arm.

Would like to know the 308th Medics that were behind me in a Jeep between Julich and Duren. I am totally disabled and need the statements from anyone that knows of my injuries. Tony Harasak and Daniel Sanchez were there.

Henry A. Trujillo

153 La Vega - Apt. 2

Albuquerque, NM 87105

(We have a Buddy who is in need of your HELP. If you can help out in any way, drop him a line now.) ED.

(THE ABOVE WERE LAST ARRIVALS)

LETTERS

Sorry I haven't taken care of my Dues sooner. I love all my Buddies in the 83rd. Haven't been able to attend all the Reunions, but the ones I have attended, my wife and I really enjoyed them. My wife and I are making plans to be in New Orleans.

Leonard Reynolds
"G" 331st. Inf.

For some reason I received a letter addressed to me, but intended for you. I presume the person who wrote it, Joe Ring, had my address and wanted me to forward the information to you. He would like it known through the THUNDERBOLT that his address has changed and that he would like to hear from anyone in "A" 329th Infantry. I'm glad he wrote, because I now have someone else to write to.

Joe Stefancin
"A" 329th. Inf.

I would be more than glad to join our Association, the great 83rd Infantry Division. I was in "K" 331st Infantry but I am in debt \$10,000 for my wife's Cancer Operations and just can't afford it at present. I'm very sorry Buddy.

Thomas J. Keegan
"K" 331st. Inf.

I have never belonged to the Association before and I am glad to do so now. I was a member of the Engineers from Atterbury to the Elbe River.

Earl E. Miller
"A" 308 Eng.

Thank you very much for your nice letter. Dues for my Uncle are enclosed. I sent the information on the ETO Tour to him. He was very happy to hear about the 83rd and I sure hope he can go on the Tour to England and France.

Mrs. Charles Johnson
For Jesse Cullen
"F" 331st. Inf.

This is just to let you know that we haven't received a THUNDERBOLT since the May, June and July issue. We really miss them very much.

Betty Cailor
Wife of Merle L. Cailor
2 Bn Hq 329th. Inf.

(Book was received right after letter was sent.) ED.

Hope to see all of you in New Orleans, as we had to miss Cincinnati. We would like to have a couple of Decals for our camping trailer.

Jim Van Tassell
Serv. 329th. Inf.

It's about time I got back in the 83rd Division Association. I miss the THUNDERBOLT and all the news in it.

George M. Dubos
"A" 308 Eng.

No previous letters received. This is my first contact in many years with the Association.

James R. Alexander
"K" 331st. Inf.

I am planning to be at the Reunion in New Orleans.

Quinto DeAntoni
"I" 329th. Inf.

(Another new member.)

Sorry to tell you that I will not be going on the ETO Tour. We are going to Luxembourg in June for two weeks if my friends are located by Tillie Kimmes. Sorry to hear that you are giving up your jobs with the Association.

Arthur A. Riech
83rd. M.P.

Talked to you at the Cincy Reunion but never got the A.T. 331st. names and addresses. Want all of them to come to the New Orleans Reunion.

(List was sent and letters were sent to all the names sent to Mr. Parker. He sent me 8 new ones. Later he sent more letters to A.T.ers. in the 331st and sent me 7 more new names. This is one of the fastest growing Companies in the 331st and I wish more of you would take it upon yourself to write those personal letters to your Buddies. This is the best way to let them know you are interested in them and want to meet with them again.)

I have written to more than 100 of our members and they all are interested. Please send them Registration Cards.

Charles P. Parker
A.T. 331st. Inf.

We will not be going to the ETO because of circumstances beyond our control. Sorry to hear that you are giving up your jobs with the Association.

Don Clark
Hq. 308 Eng.

I want to tell you once again what an outstanding job you did on the THUNDERBOLTS.

Casey Kowalec
"C" 322 F.A.

Here are the Dues for another new member in "D" 330. This is his first time. Send him some extra THUNDERBOLTS.

Frank McGrogan
"D" 330th. Inf.

Whatcha up to? Having a sun tan or is the snow piled high? Heard from Brick and Clevenger and they told me about the nice write-ups in the THUNDERBOLT but we haven't received ours as yet.

(Second Letter) I apologize, we are reading the THUNDERBOLT now. Thanks for all you have done. See you in August.

Howard C. Carlborn
"A" 908 F.A.

Dues are enclosed. Would like information concerning the Reunion. I am making arrangements to attend.

Thomas E. Autry
A.T. 331st. Inf.

I'm still not back at work and need the assistance of a cane to keep me from wobbling. The wife started working in October. I do all the cooking at home, and the cleaning. Have to try and keep up my end. Go to the Y.M.C.A. now for swimming and work out in the health room. It makes me feel better. God Bless all of you.

Norman Schuster
"D" 331st. Inf.

Please send information regarding the Reunion in New Orleans especially the Registration Forms for the Hotel. Send three if possible, as I may induce two others to attend the Reunion with me. Thank You.

Joseph Valaitis
Unit Unknown
Philadelphia, PA

I had given some thought to going to Warren in '77 and also Cincinnati last year, but didn't think I could justify the cost at the time.

I don't have the same feeling about the Association as you do. My sole purpose in going to a Reunion would be primarily to see Company "D" 331st men and their wives, as I wouldn't have too much in common with people I have never known. I was somewhat disappointed in the last Reunion in Pittsburgh for there seems to be too much drinking and not enough good fellowship and visiting.

I retired 2½ years ago after working 30 years for WESTVACO Paper Company in different capacities as an Engineer. I joined the USAR after I came home from the service and retired at age 60 with 22 years of Active and Non-active Service. I retired as a Major.

I used to exchange Christmas Cards with quite a few of the Company boys but the list is rather short now as some have died and others stopped sending cards. Harry Gravelyn and I used to exchange cards and I would have enjoyed seeing him at the Reunion in Cincinnati.

Arthur A. Haight
"D" 331st. Inf.

We sure did miss you at the Christmas Party, but hope you all had a Happy New Year. Enclosed is a check from Charles B. Beam of West Virginia who heard from a friend that we were having a Christmas Party and came to join us. See you in N.O.

William A. Laughter
"A" 908 F.A.

Jeannie and I are looking forward to a great time with old friends in New Orleans this year.

Ernest Hamlin
"I" 330th. Inf.

Thank you for sending me the back issues of the THUNDERBOLTS. I enjoyed them very much and think you publish a very good magazine which is most interesting. I recognized a few names of Buddies. Am looking forward to the Reunion.

Quinto DeAntoni
"C" 308 Eng.

In the War we were shooting guns today we are shooting our cameras.

By A German General

Only God and my laundry knew how scared I was on D-Day.

George Morgan
4th. Inf. Div.

Here are my dues for the coming year and for my friend - Denzie A. Ward.

Floyd J. Richmond
"F" 331st. Inf.

I hope the Association will continue to prosper. Sorry to hear that you are leaving as you have done an excellent job.

James M. Alexander
"B" 908 F.A.

I'm applying for membership in the 83rd Infantry Division Association. We never had much thought about it before - but now that I'm in the later time of life and Piski has sent me this Application, it would be a good feeling to become a member.

Piski (John Piscitelli) was always one of my favorite Buddies during the War - always full of fun and a real morale builder. We needed Buddies of his caliber during the rough going and at times wondering if the Good Lord was going to let us make it

into the next day.

I do not recall Pisci mentioning you in the letters he sent over the years. I'm sad to read that a number of my Buddies passed away - some not very old - but we do not choose our time here - God does.

John G. Beard
"C" 323 F.A.

I have just relocated a Brochure that was sent to me in 1977 and am enclosing my Durs now. This is my first time in the Association. I have never received a copy of the 329th History and would appreciate it very much if someone could supply me with one. Please send me some past copies of your THUNDERBOLT. I was in 1st and 2nd Battalion and ended up in "E" 331.

Martin T. Walsh
329th Inf.

Saw your Notice in the TROA Magazine. I was a member of "A" 329th. Infantry and spent most of World War II with them. I would like to hear something about the 83rd Infantry Division Association.

Theodore R. Naimoli
"A" 329th. Inf.

I noted in the Retired Officers Magazine that you are interested in contacting World War II members. I was a member of "F" 329th. Infantry from late July until W.I.A. on January 9, 1945. In 1949 I was retired with the rank of Captain and would be interested in joining the Association.

Lawrence W. Groves
"F" 329th. Inf.

SERVICE CONNECTED VETERANS

If you haven't at this time received a "Priority Patient" data card from the V.A., furnish your name, address, Social Security Number and write to the V.A. Hospital or Clinic where you last received care, or to V.A. Headquarters Care Facility nearest your home. ED.

CALIFORNIA CALLING

Sorry for not being in touch with you fellows since I've moved to California 2 years ago. I've been out of touch with you too long. Thanks to Elie for sending me some THUNDERBOLTS with the Roster. This way I tried to contact some of the 83rd members in California. Most cooperative was Al Bizzini of Tracy, CA.

We had a couple of meetings at Al's home but the turnout was disappointing. Do you have any idea how we can get these boys motivated? In attendance were: Phil Poso, Ed Paulino, Joe Ruberto, Howard Carlbam, Al Bizzini and yours truly. Sounds like a Mafia Roster. What is a Pole like me doing among these Italians? We haven't given up hope to contact the southern California boys and form our Chapter. I hope those that read this THUNDERBOLT will get in touch with me, Ed Poninski, 30 Via Holon, Greenbrae, CA 94904 - or Al Bizzini, 228 Hollywood Ave., Tracy, CA 95376. So, let's hear from you guys.

In closing, again I ask the California Boys to get in touch. Also, the Nevada boys if they are interested.

(Keep up the good work you Californians, it takes quite some time and a lot of work on the part of just a few to get a Chapter going. If you don't believe me, ask Eugene Persinger and John S. Governor of West Virginia. Your best bet is to take advantage of the free advertising you can get in the local News Papers in the various towns in and around California.) ED.

Ed Poninski

Ed Poninski sent me the photo below, of a man who is not in our files and it should bring back memories to a lot of you Engineers in the 308. There was a note on the back of the photo to remind us that Berchtesgaden (where the photo was taken) is 9,780 feet high.



Earl Gagliasso in Berchtesgaden, Germany in 1945.

Many thanks for your recent letter and the information about the 83rd Division. I read with interest your plans about the "D-Day" trip. However, I have scheduled a trip to Hawaii for that time and will be unable to join the party. Enclosed are my Dues and I am delighted to make contact.

It is evident that you spend a great deal of time in the affairs of the Association and they are blessed to have someone such as you. I have a copy of the Regimental and Division Histories, and find them invaluable. I am a Civil War and Military History buff, so read much about Military History.

There were two or three "F" Company men from Maine as I recall and one was Bob Randall who is now deceased. Another was George Madore also now deceased. I still hope to go back someday and follow the route from St. Malo, Angers, Orleans, Luxemburg, Huertgen Forest, Duren and the Bulge where we chased around through so many villages.

I look forward to my membership in the Association.

Lawrence W. Groves
"F" 329th. Inf.

A BIT OF POETRY

(Taken from the D.A.V. Magazine)
Sent by "Reb" Folsom of "A" 330th. Inf.

I was that which others did not want to be.
I went where others feared to go, and did what others failed to do.
I asked nothing from those who gave nothing, and reluctantly accepted the thought of eternal loneliness ... should I fail.
I have seen the face of terror; felt the stinging cold of fear; and enjoyed the sweet tastes of moments of love.
I have cried, pained, and hoped ... but most of all,
I have lived times others would say were best forgotten.
Atleast someday I will be able to say that I was proud of what I was ... a Soldier.

By George L. Skypeck

THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO REMIND ALL OF YOU THAT ADS FOR THE PROGRAM BOOK SHOULD BE SENT TO: JOSEPH A. MACALUSO - 5353 PASTEUR BLVD. - NEW ORLEANS, LA 70122. DON'T WAIT TO THE LAST MINUTE AND BE LEFT OUT. DO IT NOW!

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MICHIGAN CHAPTER

Greetings from a place that has suffered along with the Eastern states, a Winter that has put us in the hopes that it would pass sooner then it did.

Although we must admit that we had a little less snow than the Winter of 1978, we had colder temperatures longer. We hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year, and are looking forward to the next Reunion in New Orleans.

The Michigan Chapter will hold its first Meeting of 1979 on March 18 at the home of Mario and Josie Muoio. Mario and Josie just returned from Las Vegas where Mario lost his pants and Josie brought home the bacon to save the day. We have invited the 453rd AAA who have joined the 83rd Association and are in the Michigan area, to attend our meeting.

Virginia and I are going to Philadelphia at the invitation of Lou and Lucy Volpi to see the Mummers Show. Last year we attended and enjoyed it so much that we decided to go again, and we thank Lou and Lucy and the Philly gang for a warm stay.

Not much more to say, so looking forward to the next issue, we may have more to say then.

Vito C. Palazzolo
Michigan Chapter

NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

Hi Buddies;

Well, here I am writing my Column which I thought I might not. Thanks to God I am okay and feel well again. I had been having chest pains for about five months and had been getting to the Doctor and they said my heart had enlarged due to my pressure. Well, you guessed it, on January 30th I had a heart attack. Was in the Hospital for ten days. I have slowed down a little, but with God's help and my wife and children, I'll be as good as new. This is why I always say: it's later then we think. Let's enjoy today while we can as we never know what tomorrow will bring.

This Saturday, we are going to Philly to see the Mummers and from what I hear, a swell weekend is planned for everyone who goes. I hear there will be about 40 people going. It's good to have these good times during the year. You get to see some of your friends more than once a year. It's just too bad that the world is so big.

I bet a lot of you are glad the Winter is just about over and Summer is here. We had more snow and rain then we've had in a long time. We had 24 inches of snow one day then three days of rain the next. That's the way it was most of the time. I know a lot of you had it very bad and I hope for every bad day you had, you get two swell days this Summer. That should even it out.

My Buddy, Don Thiebolt fell on the ice and broke his leg but from what I hear, he is coming along fine. My Buddy, Charlie Waldrop from South Carolina is also doing well after a heart attack and the heart surgery which just goes to show the guys from the good ole 83rd are plenty tough.

It doesn't look as though we'll be making the trip to New Orleans this year with the cost of things as they are, but we are planning another trip to Myrtle Beach for two weeks come October 1st. That will cost one third what it will cost for New Orleans for four days, so I'll have to lean that way. I know I'll see you in Philly next year. It's a shame the way the cost of gas has gone up. Last week it was 64.9 and today it is 72.9.

By the end of the year, it will be a dollar a gallon. If this guy Carter keeps giving our money to these other countries the way he is now, we'll all be on our backs. We have so many here who need help and can't get it. He even took the \$250.00 from the dead. They make sure they get their raise.

Well guys and gals, take care of yourselves and all of you

have a Blessed year full of good health and fun.

Your Buddy

Jim Bowie

"B" 330th. Inf.

THE KENTUCKY CHAPTER REPORT

The Kentucky Chapter met the weekend of March 10-11 at Natural Bridge State Park at Slade, Kentucky with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Walters, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hensley and Mr. and Mrs. Hershell McIntosh as Hosts and Hostesses. Twelve members were present, plus wives, children and friends.

A Business Meeting was held in the Park's multi-purpose Building at 4:00 P.M. on Saturday afternoon. The Meeting was adjourned for a delicious dinner in the Lodge Dining Room. At 7:00 P.M. we were entertained with dance music and singing by McIntosh and friends of the Walters. A wonderful time was had by all.

Sunday morning we had a breakfast, again in the Lodge Dining Room, as a group. Afterwards we visited in the home of the Walters for more singing and fellowship.

Our next Meeting will be June 9 and 10 in Marion, Kentucky with the Hamiltons as Hosts.

Ralph C. Hamilton

"D" 331st. Inf.

WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

Magnanimous - Stupendous - Excitation - Indescribable. This would sum up the meeting of the West Virginia Chapter, 83rd Infantry Division Association in Parkersburg, WV on March 11, 1979.

The President, Mr. Eugene Persinger opened the meeting with a Welcome address to all, and a very special thanks to Cleveland, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh Chapters for their support. Comrades, we shall not forget this deed.

Mr. Dunkin introduced the electrifying and illustrious State and National Speaker Mr. James Manchin, Secretary of State, of the State of West Virginia. He led the group with "The Pledge of Allegiance", using a very large Flag, making everyone aware of their responsibility to State and Country.

No man loves his State more, no man loves his Country more than A. James Manchin, a pillar of the State of West Virginia. Mr. Manchin presented our Corporation papers and made Jim Dunkin an Ambassador of Good Will, for the State of West Virginia.

The Secretary Treasurer read the Minutes from the last meeting, and gave the Treasurers Report. Under New Business purchasing ADS for the Louisiana Chapter, helping our Buddies with the cost of the 33rd Reunion in New Orleans. Please send in your \$3.00, if you haven't, don't let them down

Mr. James Dunkin introduced Mr. Roland Savilla, Col. Ret., now Director of Veterans Affairs for the State of West Virginia. Mr. Savilla discussed the future opening of the first Veterans Home at Barboursville, WV. Also, looking for another location in the northern part of the State. This was of interest to all Veterans. He extended to all, a warm welcome to his Office at any time.

The West Virginia Chapter bestowed three Honorary Memberships: one to Mr. Samuel Klippa, Secretary-Treasurer and Editor of the THUNDERBOLT - one to Mr. A. James Manchin, Secretary of State, of West Virginia and one to Roland Savilla,

Director of Veterans Affairs of West Virginia.

Mr. Harold M. Crouch of St. Albans, WV and Mr. Buford Crouch of Beckley, WV (no relationship) won the prize of \$25.00 in our Drawing.

Mr. Persinger introduced C.J. Spurgeon, one of our faithful members. Mr. Spurgeon presented to Mr. Samuel Klippa, Editor of the THUNDERBOLT, a Statue of a "Coal Miner" on a pedestal, with the words: "From The West Virginia Chapter."

Mr. Samuel Klippa presented the "West Virginia Charter" to Eugene Persinger, President of the West Virginia Chapter. Sam is one of the most dedicated men God ever created, you above us, Thank you, that he is part of us. Bless you Sam.

The meeting adjourned with a Prayer from Eugene Persinger. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, June 3, 1979 at 2:00 P.M. at the Wilmar Cafeteria in Parkersburg, WV.

Respectfully

John S. Governor

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



Samuel Klippa presents Charter to Eugene Persinger of WV.

The words beginning the first chapter of John Governor's report explain it all. The Charter Presentation to the West Virginia Chapter was a huge success and the main Speaker, A. James Manchin was one of the best and most inspirational men I ever listened to. I'm sure the people of West Virginia think so too. Mr. Savilla is "Gung Ho" for the vets and it was a real pleasure to meet such a man. I'll never forget this affair, as it was one of the very best.

Your Editor

Samuel Klippa

MARCH 11, 1979 - CHARTER PRESENTATION

It was a real pleasure for me to be in Parkersburg, WV for the fifth Charter Presentation since I became Secretary-Treasurer of the Association. I know for a fact that it has taken a lot of hard work on the part of Eugene Persinger for several years to get the group together finally and to meet the necessary requirements for the Charter. John S. Governor joined in with him and together with a fine group of West Virginians, they made it a success. I'd like very much to thank everyone of you and wish you every success in all your future meetings and affairs.

Samuel Klippa

Secretary-Treasurer - 83rd Division

PROGRAM FOR THE 33RD ANNUAL REUNION

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 1979

1:00 P.M. To 5:00 P.M.	Registration	Mezzanine
6:00 P.M. To 12:00 P.M.	Night at the Races (Interested Parties)	Race Track

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 1979

9:00 A.M. To 5:00 P.M.	Registration	Mezzanine
9:30 A.M.	Walking Tour of French Quarter	
9:30 A.M. To 2:00 P.M.	Golf Tournament (Interested Participants)	City Park
2:00 P.M. To 6:00 P.M.	Reunion Hospitality Room (Free Bar)	10th Floor
6:00 P.M. To 8:00 P.M.	Dinner - New Orleans Style	Tulane Room
8:00 P.M. To 12:00 P.M.	Dancing (Casual Dress)	Tulane Room

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 1979

9:00 A.M. To 5:00 P.M.	Registration	Mezzanine
9:30 A.M. To 10:00 A.M.	Welcoming Ceremony (All)	6th Floor
10:00 A.M. To 12:00 Noon	Business Meeting (Members Only)	6th Floor
2:30 To 5:00 P.M.	Boat Ride	Steamer Natchez
Evening	Night Life In New Orleans	French Quarter
1:00 P.M. To 5:00 P.M.	Reunion Hospitality Room	10th Floor

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 1979

9:00 A.M. To 1:00 P.M.	Registration	Mezzanine
10:00 A.M. To 12:00 Noon	Business Meeting (Members Only)	6th Floor
Unit Luncheons (If Desired)		
2:00 P.M. To 3:00 P.M.	Memorial Services	Pool Area
3:00 P.M. To 5:00 P.M.	Reunion Hospitality Room	10th Floor
4:00 P.M. To 5:00 P.M.	Memorial Mass By Father McCartin	
6:00 P.M. To 1:00 A.M.	Annual Banquet (Formal Dress)	Grand Ballroom
	Installation of Officers	
	Dancing	

Use the Registration Form below if you didn't get one with your last THUNDERBOLT. It will serve the same purpose as the ones sent out.

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Reservations must be in two weeks prior to arrival date. Reservations will be held until 4:00 P.M. If you plan to arrive after 4:00 P.M., a deposit for the first night is required. The deposit will guarantee your room. Cancellations must be made prior to 4:00 P.M. of the arrival date. This is required to get deposit returned. Check out time is 11:00 A.M.

WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND THE 33RD ANNUAL REUNION. GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN EARLY. GET THOSE ADS IN NOW.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR WHEN YOU SHOULD START THINKING ABOUT NEXT YEAR'S DUES TO GUARANTEE GETTING YOUR THUNDERBOLTS AND OTHER NEWS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

IF YOU HAVE MOVED, OR ARE PLANNING TO MOVE, PLEASE LET THIS OFFICE KNOW ABOUT IT IN PLENTY OF TIME TO MAKE THE CHANGE. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.



Above:

March 24, 1945 in Grevenbicht, Holland. "C" 329th Officers.

Left to right: Lieutenants Snyder, Hanson, Dave Springer of Wauseon, OH and Adelman. (C.O.)

Below:

Remember this scene?

On the road near Neuss, Germany. The fellow on the right may be Steve Kopacki.





April 10, 1945 - approaching the Elbe River.
Pfc. Harold Freeman and Sgt. Thompson.

FOR "C" COMPANY 329TH.

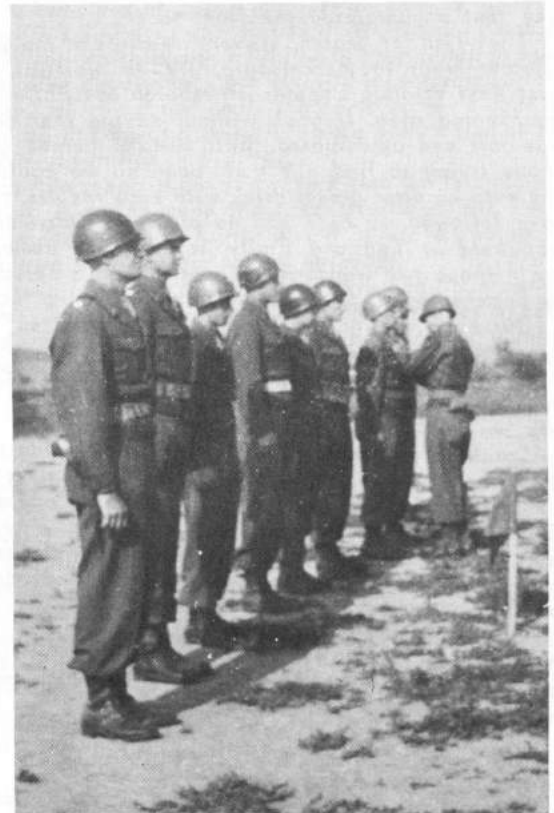
Here are a few prints I've been promising for a long time. I was using a liberated camera at the time, and you will note that some of the photos are not of the best quality because I was quite nervous at the time. I didn't see any of the photos until I got home in December of 1945 - so I never did know if I was getting any pictures at all.

You may wonder how I remembered the names, places, dates, etc. Well, I took a few notes enroute but mostly I made notes as soon as I saw the pictures when I got home. I was also helped by two books - one is: "329th Buckshot Infantry Regiment" which was published in 1945 in the town of Wolfenbittel, Germany.

I have "Thunderbolt Across Europe" and have a little booklet published in 1945 with a letter from Gen. Macon and it was called "The Thunderbolt Division - Story of the 83rd.

You can also learn a lot about the 83rd in great detail in the "U.S. Army of World War II" series which is still available from the Government Printing Office in several fat volumes. There are a lot of others that mention the 83rd - all good reading on a nasty Winter day sitting indoors very comfortably.

Harold Freeman
"C" 329th. Inf.



July 1945 - Niederalteich, Germany.
Bronze Star Awards with Harold Freeman
having his pinned on.

CLEVELAND CHAPTER

Hello Buddies:

Here's hoping all you T Bolts and your families have survived the past rugged winter in fine fettle, and are now planning your Vacations to coincide with our coming Reunion in New Orleans.

The Cleveland Chapter had our February Meeting at the Godfather's sister's home. Dominic, his wife, sisters Pauline and Rose and of course Pauline's husband (Pope John) put on a real Italian Spagetti dinner with all the good trimmings and of course the refreshments. To sum it all up, we had a Ball, with some dancing after to shake down the spaghetti and hot sausage and meat balls. This all took place after our meeting and election of new slate of Officers for 1979 which are: Earl Lindsey - President, Casey Kowalec - Recording Secretary, Walt Meczka - Treasurer, Lou Donnelly - Sgt. at Arms. Trustees are: Grobelny for 3 years, Szubski for 2 years and Giersz for 1 year. The Reporter is Al Uridel.

Blessed by the new Pope, man that guy really took the part, and looked the part, you'll see him in the accompanying picture. He also said Grace with a touch of humor - "Hail Mary, full of Grace, the Italians are in second place" which really broke us up. Then came the old pie in the face

bit, with the Godfather being the recipient again, only this time he knew nothing of it. "Casey K" planned it and I teamed up with him, Casey giving the signal, and me creaming. Dom is a good one, I made sure he couldn't see who it was that administered the final touch.

The 11th of March, seven members of the Cleveland Chapter went to Parkersburg, WV to welcome aboard the first West Virginia Chapter. Pittsburgh and Philadelphia were represented also. It goes without saying that our presence was felt and appreciated. Walt Meczka burned up the telephone trying to find a V.F.W. open so we could finish the day with an after dinner drink with zero results. (Walt should have followed me as I had no problem.) Our March meeting was held at Ted and Emily Szymanski's home, and once again those two wonderful people put on a spread that sent us home with full tummies and a smile on our face.

Our next meeting will be at "Czech's Acres" out in the open, should be nice enough by then.

I heard that Bill Herhuth is going to retire in August, he and Alma have a place to live in - in Florida, so it looks like we may lose a Buddy in our Chapter.

Speaking of losing a Buddy, Sam, it's going to be a sad day when you give up the Secretary-Treasurer duties. I can't give you anything but glowing praise and appreciation for the job you've done for the Association. You were faced with insurmountable odds, and came up with the ways and means to get our ship on a true course, once again. Thank you Sam.

Use what you can of the photos.

Those of you that have not paid your "79 Dues", do so now, and plan your Vacation for New Orleans and have a Ball.

Stay nice
Al Uridel
Cn. 329th. Inf.

(I ran out of space ole Buddy and hope you don't mind my one selection. The photos were awful large and would have taken three pages. I've got so much material and no space.)
ED.



PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER NEWS

In February, our Phillie Chapter celebrated 25 years of existence. Our Party was Hosted by our good Buddies Bill and Bea Chavanne - "C" 308 Eng. Bill and Bea are two of our biggest boosters and go getters for our Chapter. Bless them both. Bill Chavanne and Bill Appleby of the 783rd Ordinance beat all comers on the Pool Table. We think that they have been practicing. Larry Redmond of "H" 330th did the honors as Bartender.

Our March meeting was followed by a covered dish affair celebrating St. Patties Day. Our wonderful wives provided all the food and all liquids were provided by the Old Soldiers. A gala time was had by all.

On Saturday, March 24th, the Philadelphia Chapter hosted members and friends to the Civic Center for the Annual String Band Show. These Bands are one of our greatest attractions for our great city. They march every New Year's Day to bring in the New Year. After the show, Our Chapter hosted all members and friends, followed by dinner at the Sheraton Hotel here. Our good Buddies that were present here were: Jim and Teddy Prentice, Pat and Ginny DiGiammerino, Casey and Eleanor Szubski, Casey and Laura Kowalec, Virginia and Vito Palazzolo, Chuck and Mary Silhanick, Jim and Kay Bowie, Larry and Mary Redmond, Al and Ann Belvedere, Manny and Claire Lima, Frank and Mary McGrogan, Bill and Bea Chavanne, Sam and Vi Aiello, John and Josie Piscitelli, Lou and Lucie Volpi.

Guests of members were: Sally DiGivon and Steve Rippert, Lois Spoont, Bernie and Bunny Volpi, Marlene Bizzarri, George and Nellie Taylor, Again, we thank each and everyone. God Bless them.

For traveling great distances to visit us and our city, we wish them God speed and that they all had a good and safe trip home.

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

P.S. All credits for our String Band affair go to the Chavanne's for securing the tickets and to the Volpi's, Aiello's, Redmond's, McGrogans and Belvedere's for Hotel and dinner arrangements. Bless them, and again, our thanks.

CHAPLAIN'S STEEPLE

Again we wish to stress anyone sending us names of deceased Buddies, if possible, to mail their Company, Battery and Unit, as we wish to read them off at our Annual National Ceremony.

Lord! We extend our tributes to all our deceased and beloved Comrades. Accept our Prayers in behalf of the souls of thy servants departed. Welcome them to your house to rest in peace. Amen.

Dear Buddies:

For the December, January and February issue of our THUNDERBOLT we've been notified of the passing from this world of our following Comrades:

Nestor W. Barli	F-329
Clyde C. Cavanah	324 F.A
Eldon Brissman	3 Bn Hq 329
John P. Guzik	B-331
Urban Augustin	K-331
L.J. Loicana	D-308 Med.
Terrance Toerner	
Edward Bade	308 Eng.
Michael Kerick	E-308 Eng.
Emil Olsen	A-331
John Debic	783rd. Ord.
Joseph Callahan	C-324 F.A.

Sam Muriale B324 F.A.
Ed (Bud) Harmer B-331
Major Bottoms 324 F.A.
C.E. Shannon H-330

Our following Buddies lost their loved ones:

Jerry Zingg C-322 F.A.
Henry Trzeciak D-331
Arthur Riech 83rd. M.P.'s
John Gallo A- 308 Eng.

All of the above lost their wives. Our Prayers are with them. Ralph Malec pf 3 Bn Hq 329 and Bob Johnson of the Warren Chapter both lost their mothers. May the good Lord keep them all forever.

Our good Buddy Frank Cilinski of "D" 330th is back from the hospital with a diabetic and kidney condition. Hank Miller of "G" 330th is recovering from a stroke and Bob Allard of "M" 329th is on the mend. Howard Edwards of "B" 329th is home from the hospital after surgery. Eldon is in the hospital. George Higson of "B" 322 F.A. is recovering from open heart surgery. God speed for all of them and may they have a quick recovery.

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

We are past the halfway mark of another year in the history of our Association. Before we have a chance to turn around a time or two, it will be Reunion time. The New Orleans Chapter has been hard at work trying their best to make this another great Reunion for you to remember.

They need your help. It's hard work putting on a Reunion and those of you that have attended Reunions are aware of this and appreciate the Reunion AD Book. You can do your share by taking an AD in this book. The monies derived from the ADS are used to keep Registrations to a minimum.

A couple of weeks ago, my wife and I along with two other Philly couples travelled to West Virginia to attend their Charter Presentation. This is what makes this Assoc-great, seeing men backing their Buddies from another area.

This past weekend, the String Band Show of Shows was attended by boys from Philadelphia, Cleveland, Detroit, Boston, Connecticut and New Jersey. That is real 83rd spirit. If you have not sent in your ADS as yet, do it now.

Larry Redmond
"H" 330th. Inf.

I have been trying to locate this man for years. I had his address as South Carolina and one of the Dixie Chapter men told me to send it to North Carolina. I finally got him.

Larry Redmond

(Vol. 34 No. 2 is all gone because of the surge in our membership as of late, but there are still just a few of the others left and these are the ones that are going to the new members. I'm allowed to order 25% over the Paid-up, Membership and still ran out. If everyone would pay their Dues on time, we would never have this problem. More than 250 names were added to the list this year and there are just about that many going out to the V.A. Hospitals, the wives of our deceased and to the other Associations, FREE.

If you miss out on a THUNDERBOLT because of being too late in paying Dues, I'm sorry. Plenty of reminders are sent out and there are always NOTICES in the THUNDERBOLTS. Wrong addresses are another reason. The biggest fault is in the Postal delivery. Make sure you send me a "Change of Address Card" when you move.)

Your Editor
Samuel Klippa

GET THOSE DUES IN EARLY AND STAY ON OUR LIST

"FRANKLY SPEAKING" TO ALL MEN OF COMPANY "D" 330TH.

This is a reminder of a previous letter sent to you for an AD for "D" 330th in the Reunion AD Book. I would appreciate it very much if you would send your donation now as it is close to dead-line. I got a few, but not enough for A Full Page, which is our goal. I hate to make a pest of myself, but we are always there when we are called on to carry on our reputation.

I am happy to report there is no sick list for this issue. Frank Cilinski is on the mend and says "Hello" to all. Paul Vitantonio is feeling much better and if he stays that way, he and his wife will see us in New Orleans.

New address for Steve Ferko: 1817 Keystone Dr., Parma, Ohio 44134. Does anyone have Malcolm O'Malley's new address? We have a new member in our Company - John (Bernie) Herr, 314 Hanna St., Columbia City, IN 46725.

This is all for now. Will have more for you next time.

Frank McGrogan
"D" 330th Inf.

DECEASED

Mrs. James R. Rimmer writes that her husband passed away on the 25th of December in 1975. They were living in Ona, WV and James was a member of "K" 330th.

James Rimmer was one of those that remained in our files because nobody reported his death. Please! If you have information about one of our deceased Buddies, let this Office know about it. It would stop us from sending reminders to the families of our deceased. I'm sure they want us to remove the name from our files. ED.

It is with sadness that I write to tell you of the death of my husband, Leonard R. Hottel, after a long illness. He was just 57 years old and died in Memorial Hospital in Albany, IN. He died on November 28, 1978. He was a member of the 83rd Signal Company.

Leonard is survived by his wife Mildredk one son, David E. Hottel, a daughter Donna K. Fulter and 5 grandchildren.

Sincerely
Mrs. L. Neidoffer Hottel

Sidonia A. Columbus died on January 30, 1979. She was the wife of the late Joseph G. Columbus, mother of Paul, Joseph M., Steve, Ann Buechler and John Columbus. There were also 11 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Steve Columbus is a regular member of the Pittsburgh Chapter and served in 2 Bn Hq 329th Infantry. ED.

With my deepest regrets, I am writing to inform you that my husband, Burton Zinsser, passed away on the 3rd of December in 1978 after a short illness. He was a member of "G" Company 331st Infantry.

Mrs. Helen Zinsser

I just read in the February issue of "The Officer" of the death of Lt. Colonel Norman R. Bottom, USA (Ret), of Claremont, CA. Colonel Bottom was in the original cadre of the 83rd Division Artillery and remained with the 83rd throughout Combat. He was the Division Artillery S-2 during Tennessee Maneuvers. Overseas he was Executive Officer of the 324th F.A. Bn. He came to the Division from Silver Spring, MD.

I was sorry to read that you find it desirable to discontinue as Secretary-Treasurer.

George R. Irvine
Hq. 324th F.A.

HISTORIANS CORNER

Dear Buddies:

We left Chateaubriant after about a month, moving through Angers, Vendome (where I Kilroyed the ancient Castle of the Dukes of Burgundy) Rennes, Auxere and then St. Joan of Arc's city of Orleans. What a city! We M.P.'s along with you G.I.'s enjoyed the girls and good French cooking - both expensive - we didn't bother anyone we didn't have passes either.

The picture of the Chateau with this report is where the Division had its C.P.



It belonged to the Prefect of Paris and had most of the original furnishings, including Paintings, Sculpture and Antiques with the most beautiful curving stairway I have ever seen. (At those prices, nothing but the best.)

The local Gin Mill wasn't bad either. Here, one day, while on duty at the steps (it always happens to me) one of our M.P.'s, a former Golden Glover, loaded to the ears, came looking for General Macon. Before I could stop him, out came a Full Bird, he grabbed the Colonel by his Uniform and pulled back his fist - then he came out of his stupor long enough to salute ten times before he ran off.

One shocked Colonel turned to me "No Sir - I never saw him before in my life - Sir." Whew.

The before and after pictures show what a beautiful city Orleans was and is. (By the way, Sam Klippa asked me to hold off on the big Army pictures for awhile - not enough room. Next Report will be on all the happenings at Luxembourg City.

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

1 OCTOBER 1944

On the first day of October, the 83rd Division occupied defensive positions on the Moselle-Sauer Rivers with the right boundary at Uckange and the left boundary at Bollendorf. Task Force Polk held the sector at Uckange to Haute Kontz, the 331st Infantry from Haute Kontz to Mertert, and the 329th Infantry from Mertert to Bollendorf.

The 5th Armored Division was on the left flank, and the 90th Infantry Division was on the right flank of the Division.

The 329th Infantry continued its attack toward Greven-

macher. This regiment encountered mines, road blocks, and small arms and artillery fire, and at 1735 troops were approaching the outskirts of Grevenmacher. The towns of Oberdonven and Niederdonven were captured.

The 330th Infantry continued in Division reserve in the vicinity of Senningen. The 1st Battalion replaced the 3rd Battalion in the Maginot Training area at Heittange Grande.

The 1st Battalion of the 331st Infantry prepared for an attack at Wormeldange. The remainder of the regiment continued patrolling.

Task Force Polk continued vigorous patrolling in its sector. It maintained contact with the 90th Infantry at Uckange.

Defensive Plan "A" was issued. This plan was to become effective in case of a hostile counter-attack in the Division Sector.

At this time the Division Command Post was located in Luxembourg.

2 OCTOBER 1944

The 329th Infantry with the 83rd Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop attached, maintained contact with the 5th Armored Division at Bollendorf. On the right of the 329th Infantry, the 1st Battalion maintained contact with the 331st Infantry at Canach. Attacking through mine fields and road blocks, under heavy small arms and artillery fire, the afternoon of 1 October, A Company, 329th Infantry supported by artillery, reached the outskirts of Grevenmacher and during the nights of 1-2 October occupied and held the high ground overlooking the town. L and I Companies engaged the enemy southwest of Echternach.

The 330th Infantry in reserve, continued training.

The 331st Infantry maintained active defense in its sector along the river line. Patrols from the 1st Battalion made a determined effort to enter Wormeldange but the effort was unsuccessful because of heavy fire from the town and high ground. Our patrols fired on a 3 man enemy patrol swimming back to enemy territory, and killed all 3.

Task Force Polk, with the 1st Regiment de Paris and the 1st Battalion, 330th Infantry attached, continued to patrol vigorously the Moselle River line in the assigned zone. Troop B, 43rd squadron occupied Gavisse.

Groupe Lorraine, consisting of the 1st Regiment de Paris and the newly arrived 2nd Regiment de Paris was attached to the Division. The Groupe was attached to Task Force Polk and, less the 1st Regiment de Paris, was moved to Angevillers and placed on training status. A group of Officers of the Division was placed in charge of the training.

3 OCTOBER 1944

On the north, the 8th Infantry Division relieved the 5th Armored Division. The 329th Infantry Patrolled in its regimental zone from Bollendorf to the vicinity of Mertert

and maintained contact with the 8th Division on the left flank.

The 330th Infantry continued to train while in the Division Reserve. Small Unit Training was stressed.

The 1st Battalion, 331st Infantry sent patrols into the northwestern edge of Wormeldange. These patrols found Germans in the town. An enemy patrol endeavored to emplace machine guns and mortars in the vicinity of Stadteredimus during the night but was driven off.

Task Force Polk continued to patrol in its zone from Haute Kontz to Uckange. The 1st Regiment de Paris, repulsed this attempt of a 3 man patrol to cross the Moselle River.

4 October 1944

The 329th Infantry patrolled aggressively in the regimental zone from Bollendorf to Mertert. A patrol sent to Grevenmacher withdrew before strong enemy fire. I Company successfully engaged a 20 man patrol at Echternach. A platoon from G Company drove back an enemy patrol attempting to infiltrate southeast of Echternach.

The 331st Infantry and Task Force Polk continued active patrolling. The 330th Infantry continued in Division Reserve. Preparations were made for a Regimental Attack on 5 October, following which the regiment was to relieve the 331st Infantry. The 1st Battalion left the Maginot Line Training Area at Hettange Grande, went into a bivouac prior to acting as the opposition for the regimental problem the following day.

5 OCTOBER 1944

The 329th Infantry contacted the 8th Infantry Division on the left and the 331st Infantry on the right. I Company encountered enemy patrols in the vicinity of Echternach and forced them to withdraw. The 1st and 3rd Battalions continued to outpost the regimental sector.

A regimental attack problem was held by the 331st Infantry as the culmination of its training in Division Reserve. Following the Exercise the regiment went into assembly areas prior to relief of the 331st Infantry.

In the 331st Infantry, C Company was attacked by an enemy patrol which was dispersed. Several casualties were inflicted. Patrol of the 331st Infantry engaged an enemy patrol at Ehnen. Approximately 15 of the enemy were wounded. The 2nd Battalion was subjected to heavy artillery fire. The Regiment captured 20 prisoners of War during the period.

Vigorous patrolling by Task Force Polk along the Moselle River was continued.

6 OCTOBER 1944

A new permanent boundary left between the 83rd Infantry Division and the 90th Infantry Division was placed in

effect at 1200, 6 October at Plettange.

The 329th Infantry sector, Company C captured the town of Gerevenmacher, the night of 5-6 October. The capture culminated an attack which started the evening of 2nd October. Heavy mine fields were encountered across the narrow avenues of approach into the town. These avenues of approach and the town itself were dominated by enemy observation and artillery and mortar fire from east of the Moselle River. Artillery and fighter bombers were used to excellent advantage to support the attack of the Infantry.

The 330th Infantry, from assembly positions, completed reconnaissance for the relief of the 331st Infantry.

Patrolling continued in the sector of the 331st Infantry.

Task Force Polk relieved all elements of the 90th Infantry Division to the new boundary by 0900. Troop A, 43rd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron captured Uckange and Richmond. A patrol of Troop B, 43rd Cavalry Squadron repulsed a 12 man enemy patrol in the vicinity of Sentschich.

7 OCTOBER 1944

In the 329th Infantry sector, the 3rd Battalion launched an attack supported by tanks and artillery and captured the town of Echternach at 1815.

The 330th Infantry marched from assembly areas and relieved the 331st Infantry. The relief of the 331st Infantry began at 0800, and was completed at 2218. The 2nd Battalion received approximately 12 rounds of mortar fire in the vicinity of Basse Kontz after midnight, 7 October.

The 1st Battalion, 331st Infantry captured Wormeldange at 0300. Patrols reported that no enemy were left in Abn. A 10 man German patrol trying to escape by boat across the Moselle River in the vicinity of Wormeldange were badly punished. The Division was placed in Division Reserve.

In the Task Force Polk Sector, Troop B, 43rd Cavalry Squadron sent out a patrol which encountered an enemy patrol at Sentschich at 1000. The enemy withdrew.

The 1st Regiment de Paris repulsed a four man enemy patrol attempting to cross the Moselle River at Koecking at 0230. French Troops at Koecking captured 4 prisoners.

8 OCTOBER 1944

In the 329th Infantry sector, the 3rd Battalion captured five prisoners in the vicinity of Echternach.

The 330th Infantry continued patrolling its sector. Enemy mortar fire was received in the vicinity of Wormeldange, by our outposts.

The 331st Infantry closed in Division Reserve, vicinity of Senningen at 1100. The 3rd Battalion closed in the Maginot Training Area of Hettange Grande at 1100. This was the 3rd Battalion of the Division to undergo training on the Maginot fortifications.

9 OCTOBER 1944

The 329th continued patrolling. Two prisoners were taken.

The 330th Infantry continued to outpost its sector. Special attention was paid to ambushing enemy patrols.

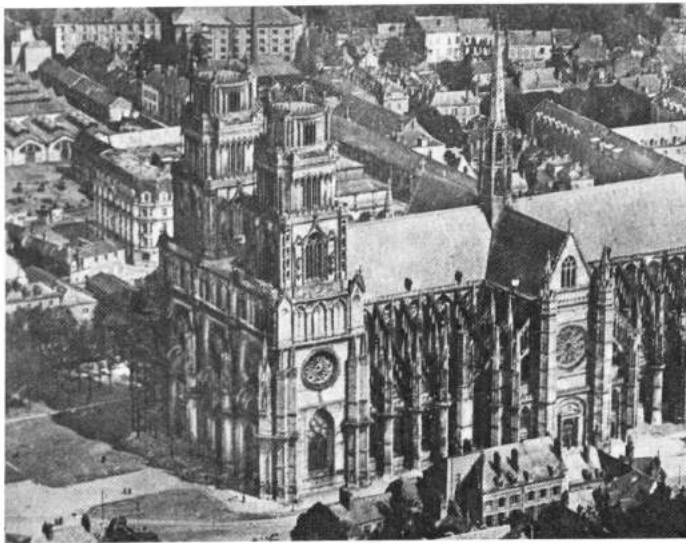
The 331st Infantry continued in Division Reserve. An intensive training program for small units, including the firing of weapons by replacements, was instituted. The 3rd Battalion continued to train on the Maginot Line.

Task Force Polk continued to patrol its sector. Contact was maintained with the 90th Infantry Division on the south.

The Division issued a counterattack plan for use of the Division Reserve in the sector of the 8th Infantry Division on the north in case of an enemy penetration in that area.

A technical study of bridges and fords over the Moselle River in the Division sector was completed by the Division Engineers and forwarded to Headquarters, XX Corps.

(to be continued)



It's a shame, but about three bombs hit the Church. It wasn't ruined though. It's very beautiful.



This Statue was badly hit by our bombs and so was the town of Orleans.

(HOW MANY OF YOU REMEMBER THIS?)

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Forces!

You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and Prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you. In company with our brave Allies and brothers-in-arms on other fronts, you will bring about the destruction of the German War machine, the elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe, and security for ourselves in a free world.

Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well trained, well equipped and battle hardened. He will fight savagely.

But this is the year 1944! Much has happened since the Nazi triumphs of 1940-41. The United Nations have inflicted upon the Germans great defeats, in open battle, man-to-man. Our air offensive has seriously reduced their strength in the air and their capacity to wage war on the ground. Our Home Fronts have given us an overwhelming superiority in weapons and munitions of war, and placed at our disposal great reserves of trained fighting men. The tide has turned! The free men of the world are marching together to Victory!

I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full Victory.

Good Luck! And let us beseech the Blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

D-DAY PLUS 35 YEARS

"Lock up your wives the Yanks are coming back."

The above headline appeared in the London Daily Express. It was intended to be humorous because of an interview on ITV the day before. It all has to do with the 35th Anniversary of D-Day, or "Operation Friendly Invasion," which is the name given to our next tour of Scotland, Wales, England and France. This is going to be by far the greatest of all the D-Day celebrations. I'm really looking forward to this tour. It is very possible that this will be the last chance for most of us to visit those places where we spent the most hellish days of our lives. The part in Bournemouth, England, with the USO type shows should be the greatest. Many surprises will be in store for us there. Too bad all of you can't attend.

Samuel Klippa - Coordinator

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I have no idea why the 93 men above have not paid their Dues this year. It is possible that some are in financial troubles, some may have passed on and I wasn't notified, and some just don't want to belong. Look the list over, you may know some of them and send them a reminder.

We could have gone over 1500 Members this year if the above men had paid their Dues. The next THUNDERBOLT will carry more than 1400 of the names and addresses for this year's Paid-up Members and there will not be much else in the book as our Postal Permit requires that we have a total of just 28 pages, including the Cover. I am urging the Chapters to keep their articles short for that issue. It will be my last one.

THE "B" BAG

One notion a young soldier in training likes to believe is that the war will be over before his unit will be committed to actual battle. He holds fast to the belief while his troopship is leaving his homeland, and even when camped on foreign soil within sound of cannon fire. But the war continues and eventually the moment of commitment arrives. This is a little story of what happens when the moment came for "B" Company of the 329th.

The troopship had been lying in the channel for two days off Omaha Beach, disembarking men of the 329th Infantry Regiment. Der Bingle was singing "Home on the Range" over the P.A. System when "B" Company, the last unit aboard, went down the nets to the landingboats. Shortly, each platoon stepped ashore, and was directed up the slopes toward the first fields of Normandy. The heavy weapons platoon was the first over the hill and halfway across the field when the first platoon, coming over the crest of the hill, caught sight of them. Unbelievable! The first platoon hastened to catch up, and when they did, they found half of the heavy weapons on the ground. A bouncing-betsy mine had been tripped by a man from another Division who had stepped outside the white tapes when passing our men. We were so green we didn't even call "MEDIC."

The next week we lived in those fields just off the beach, while the rest of the Division came ashore. Rumor had it that Eisenhower and Bradley were in the next field, and the German armor had moved up with Tiger Tanks. This coincided with the issue of a Bazooka to each squad. Meanwhile, all day and all night the ammo carriers roared back and forth on the road next to our field, and in the distance the thunder of the cannons never ceased. The reports about the paratroops were bad and continually we rechecked our equipment. Would you believe a full field inspection? Also, we reorganized the heavy weapons platoon.

Late one evening the order came to fall in, and as we were leaving the field, the word was passed that we were taking our place in the line. Silently we loaded into the waiting trucks and rode off into the night. Eventually we came to a stop, and the trucks quickly left us standing on a paved road in total darkness. Before we had time to wonder what next, the night exploded with blinding flashes and ear splitting blasts. The entire Company hit the side of the road as one man. Only yesterday, we had been

taught the shoulder of the roads could be mined. The explosions ceased and silently we began to get on our feet. As I was getting up I felt the man next to me drop down in the grass, he started up again, but quickly belied down again, and in a whisper I asked what was the trouble, and he said he was on a bouncing-betsy. He was my Buddy so I was reluctant to doubt him, but still it didn't sound right. I slid my hand underneath him and told him to raise up a little. As he did, something pressed upward and as I held it down I could feel it was a telephone field wire stretched taught by so many bodies. When everyone was back on their feet again, the Company moved quickly, by platoons, across a partly destroyed bridge the Engineers would rebuild every few hours. In minutes the Company was moving through the cobblestone streets of Carentan, and as the sound of their boots echoed off the row of curious little buildings, the men realized those earth shaking blasts were from their own artillery covering their movement into the town.

Richard A. Dickson
"B" 329th Inf.

THE GUY WITH THE MUDDY SHOES

It's rugged in the Infantry. You go for days without much sleep. You walk for miles with a heavy pack on your back and cold "C" Rations in your belly.

You get shot at, and there are land mines, and booby traps, and enemy mortars trying to blow you to hell. And sometimes they don't miss. You take it, and dish it out, and you hope you get to wear a pair of dry socks someday soon.

It's rugged in the Infantry. So, if you have a son in the Infantry or a brother or sweetheart, or father, or friend stick out your chest - you've got the right to be proud.

SOLDIER

I was that which others did not want to be. I went where others feared to go, and did what others failed to do. I asked nothing from those who gave nothing, and reluctantly accepted the thought of eternal loneliness ... should I fail. I have seen the face of terror; felt the stinging cold of fear; and enjoyed the sweet taste of a moment's love. I have cried, pained, and hoped .. but most of all, I have lived times others would say were best forgotten. At least someday I will be able to say that I was proud of what I was a SOLDIER.

Frank McGrogan

A TRIBUTE TO OUR FALLEN BUDDIES WHO ARE STILL BURIED ON THE CONTINENT

(Compliments of Father McCartin who was in France for the "D" Day Ceremonies last June)
It would be more than fitting if all of us would remember them always, especially on Memorial Day.

83RD. DIVISION - 330TH. INFANTRY

THOSE BURIED AT OMAHA BEACH

Aldi, Albert M.	Pvt	July 28, 1944	New York	D.6.11	Kachur, Frank L.	Sgt	July 6, 1944	OH	C.28.41
Allen, Lester G.	Pvt	July 28, 1944	IL	G.23.34	Kaye, Dan	Pvt	July 24, 1944	MI	C.12.20
Amundson, Milton A.	Pfc	July 26, 1944	TX	D.18.5	Keenan, Charles T.	Pfc	July 8, 1944	PA	F.8.5
Anderson, Richard C.	Pvt	Aug. 1, 1944	PA	D.23.19	Kelley, Benton E.	Pvt	July 8, 1944	AR	G.14.38
Arsenault, Wendell M.	Sgt	July 9, 1944	NH	A.10.25	Kiessling, Karl	Pvt	July 25, 1944	PA	G.24.24
Ascolillo, Felix J.	Pfc	July 18, 1944	NY	D.24.43	Kinzy, William H., Jr.	2 Lt	July 16, 1945	TN	C.28.24
Asper, Verdie S.	Pfc	July 16, 1944	WI	G.27.34	Komlos, John	S. Sgt	July 4, 1944	PA	D.18.16
Atwood, Joseph C.	1 Lt	July 28, 1944	NY	E.27.22	Korczakowski, Leo L.	Pvt	July 16, 1944	PA	F.2.8
Auclair, Jean-Baptiste P.	Pfc	July 5, 1944	RI	D.15.7	Kowalewski, John	S. Sgt	July 11, 1944	CT	D.5.23
Baldwin, William E.	Pvt	July 27, 1944	IL	G.27.42	Kydon, William S.	Tec 5	July 8, 1944	MI	D.16.30
Berlin, William J.	Pfc	July 12, 1944	NY	D.11.37	Lawrence, Russell	Pfc	July 22, 1944	KY	D.28.5
Bodine, Albert N.	Capt	July 5, 1944	WV	A.19.21	Lewandowski, Robert A.	2 Lt	July 5, 1944	PA	C.9.11
Borngraeber, Stanley L.	Pfc	July 22, 1944	WI	E.12.41	Lindsey, William L.	Pvt	Aug 1, 1944	TN	C.17.8
Brehm, Floyd S.	Sgt	July 23, 1944	CA	D.26.28	Little, Joseph D.	Pfc	July 4, 1944	GA	C.8.4
Breuder, George M.	S. Sgt	July 25, 1944	WY	H.9.39	Lonzer, Harold M.	Pfc	July 5, 1944	PA	D.8.44
Burg, Phtip	S. Sgt	July 18, 1944	OK	C.17.46	Lueders, Henry E., Jr.	Pvt	July 22, 1944	MO	F.1.12
Burkey, Paul D.	S. Sgt	July 9, 1944	WV	F.24.33	Luoma, Oliver L.	Pvt	July 28, 1944	MN	D.22.19
Burkhart, Harold J.	Sgt	July 16, 1944	OH	H.20.27	Lupucy, John	Pvt	July 18, 1944	CT	E.17.44
Cassidy, Johnnie	Pfc	July 8, 1944	MS	E.5.23	Maczinko, Andrew	1 Lt	July 16, 1944	NJ	D.5.6
Caughron, Fred T.	2 Lt	July 16, 1944	TX	D.27.14	Masston, Nick J.	Sgt	July 14, 1944	OH	C.26.23
Chapman, Kenneth L.	Pfc	July 6, 1944	PA	A.4.37	May, Harry T.	Pfc	July 20, 1944	OH	C.21.30
Clayman, Jake L.	Pfc	July 15, 1944	VA	C.6.47	McCartt, Willie O.	Pfc	July 27, 1944	TN	C.14.39
Clevenger, George A.	Pfc	July 4, 1944	KY	I.26.45	McCoppin, Donald W.	S. Sgt	July 4, 1944	OH	D.5.7
Coldiron, Walter T.	Pvt	July 28, 1944	IN	U.24.3	McDaniel, Hartwell L.	Pfc	July 7, 1944	VA	C.18.18
Combs, Gilbert	Pfc	July 11, 1944	OH	D.7.30	McGinnis, James C.	S. Sgt	July 26, 1944	PA	F.12.26
Connelly, Ralph V.	Pfc	July 15, 1944	NJ	E.8.26	McQuiston, Robert V.	Pvt	July 5, 1944	TX	J.19.31
Corsello, Salvador J.	Sgt	July 10, 1944	OH	D.14.8	Mentillo, Joseph T.	Pfc	July 4, 1944	CT	C.20.4
Coss, John C.	Sgt	July 7, 1944	OH	D.20.24	Miller, Clarence T.	Cpl	July 17, 1944	KY	I.17.27
Costa, Edmund	Cpl	July 16, 1944	MA	C.22.36	Miller, Warren E.	Pvt	July 25, 1944	NJ	C.14.5
Cumpston, William D.	Pvt	July 11, 1944	PA	D.18.23	Miltenberger, Harold G.	Pvt	July 8, 1944	PA	C.18.9
Cundiff, Ralph	S. Sgt	July 6, 1944	KY	E. 24.26	Monticciolo, Vito	Pvt	Aug. 2, 1944	NJ	A.19.18
Davidson, Ernest N.	S. Sgt	July 15, 1944	PA	G.1.34	Morgan, John L.	Pvt	July 27, 1944	PA	D.11.6
Dean, Donald O.	Pvt	July 25, 1944	KN	C.26.20	Mott, Jimmie H.	Pfc	July 26, 1944	TX	A.10.18
DeMatteo	Pfc	July 8, 1944	OH	D.15.30	Muhar, William S.	S. Sgt	July 6, 1944	OH	D.4.44
DeMore, Thomas E.	Pvt	July 12, 1944	NJ	C.27.21	Munoz, Frank L.	Pvt	July 4, 1944	TX	D.23.8
Dennis, Eugene J.	Pvt	July 16, 1944	ME	E.9.34	Myers, Joseph B.	Pvt	July 8, 1944	Columbia	A.18.28
Diefenbacher, Arthur J.	Chap.	July 5, 1944	PA	D.17.44	Myers, Leroy J.	Pvt	July 19, 1944	OH	F.18.12
Douglas, Henry H.	Pfc	July 9, 1944	KY	D.8.30	Naber, Francis C.	Pfc	July 18, 1944	WV	C.15.25
Eggert, Joe O.	Pfc	July 5, 1944	IN	B.5.30	Nadeau, Elude	Pfc	July 7, 1944	Canada	B.16.32
Eidell, Harold M. Sr.	Sgt	July 4, 1944	PA	C.15.10	Nagle, Robert F.	Tec. 4	July 5, 1944	PA	C.3.34
Fann, Omer L.	Pfc	July 7, 1944	IL	C.26.4	Ondrey, Frank	Pvt	July 25, 1944	OH	C.21.47
Finnigan, Joseph T.	1 Lt	July 8, 1944	MO	E.26.23	Onusko, Albert	Pvt	July 19, 1944	PA	F.7.5
Floyd, Buddy Milton	Pvt	July 27, 1944	NC	D.20.28	Orr, Victor H.	Pfc	July 18, 1944	KY	E.22.26
Franchino, Joseph P.	Pvt	July 8, 1944	NJ	D.7.22	Ort, James H.	Sgt	July 20, 1944	MI	A.22.46
Galloway, Thomas A.	Pfc	July 4, 1944	IN	A.23.29	Osgood, Everette, Jr.	Sgt	July 25, 1944	IL	D.3.43
Gartman, Forest F.	S. Sgt	July 21, 1944	TX	C.9.13	Oswalt, John H.	Pfc	July 9, 1944	PA	C.17.21
Gilley, Calvin J.	Pfc	July 25, 1944	NC	D.5.17	Paraska, George	Pfc	July 9, 1944	MI	A.20.20
Gillock, Sanford C.	Pvt	July 6, 1944	IN	C.20.13	Parker, James C.	Pvt	July 12, 1944	TN	A.22.20
Gray, Cameron W.	Pvt	July 27, 1944	PA	F.25.27	Parks, Robert L.	Pfc	July 22, 1944	PA	G.21.34
Greitzer, John A.	Sgt	July 6, 1944	OH	D.15.16	Pedro, John, Jr.	Pvt	July 24, 1944	MA	F.13.26
Grossi, Joseph P.	Pfc	July 2, 1944	PA	J.26.5	Paterson, Andrew E.	Sgt	July 27, 1944	TX	D.2.47
Hackett, George R.	Pfc	July 11, 1944	IA	E.16.24	Prebol, Benjamin J.	Pvt	July 26, 1944	NJ	G.10.37
Haer, Raymond C.	Pvt	July 4, 1944	PA	B.8.32	Pirlozzi, Philip J.	Pvt	July 16, 1944	OH	F.21.17
Harper, Charles E.	Pvt	July 27, 1944	IL	C.9.25	Pisano, Vito	Pvt	July 8, 1944	NJ	B.10.44
Hartman, Frank O.	Pfc	July 11, 1944	IN	C.19.19	Pugliesi, Gabriel P.	Pvt	July 16, 1944	NY	C.20.8
Haskell, Robert W.	Pfc	July 26, 1944	MA	D.6.6	Ragnoni, Joseph	Pvt	July 15, 1944	PA	D.11.19
Hawkins, Roy C.	S. Sgt	July 15, 1944	VA	C.4.13	Ragone, Vincent J.	Pfc	July 28, 1944	NY	D.17.6
Hazlett, Gerald A.	Pfc	July 4, 1944	NJ	B.14.15	Rakes, Geanie C.	Pfc	July 8, 1944	VA	D.21.24
Helm, Charles J.	S. Sgt	July 26, 1944	NY	D.26.27	Raley, Maurice H.	Pfc	July 19, 1944	KY	A.4.26
Hicks, Thomas R.	Sgt	July 11, 1944	TN	A.17.28	Ready, William J.	1 Lt	July 15, 1944	MI	A.20.21
Hill, Martin F.	Sgt	July 26, 1944	WV	F.12.16	Reed, Raymond H.	Pvt	July 26, 1944	AR	C.12.3
Hoagland, Robert T.	Pfc	July 6, 1944	PA	F.8.13	Rice, William J.	Pfc	July 26, 1944	MO	F.16.22
Hollifield, James R.	S. Sgt	July 5, 1944	NC	A.7.36	Ritter, Lester G.	Pvt	July 13, 1944	NY	B.21.47
Hoppe, Arthur G.W.	S. Sgt	July 7, 1944	IN	C.18.4	Rodolo, Dorio H.	Pvt	July 19, 1944	NY	G.13.15
Huelsensbeck, Leroy W., Jr.	Pvt	July 25, 1944	NJ	D.1.13	Rogers, Pearl E.	Pfc	July 16, 1944	TX	E.16.18
Hurlburt, Charles E.	Pfc	July 18, 1944	CT	J. 15.32	Ross, Robert S.	2 Lt	July 26, 1944	IL	D.10.27
Hutkoski, Adam	Pfc	July 26, 1944	MA	B.9.38	Rust, Kenneth	Pfc	July 4, 1944	IN	C.22.28
Jeffries, William B.	Pfc	July 4, 1944	Ky	C.12.10	Roydon, Eugene	Pfc	July 27, 1944	KY	E.21.43
Johnson, Richard H.	Pvt	July 29, 1944	MI	F.13.27	Satterblom, Arthur M.	Pvt	July 8, 1944	IL	D.25.17
Johnson, Robert M.	Pvt	July 16, 1944	MN	I.21.31	Schrank, Richard C.	Pvt	July 20, 1944	MD	J.16.31
Johnson, Russell	Sgt	July 15, 1944	KY	A.12.36	Schuvie, Victor F.	Tec. 5	June 30, 1944	KN	E.16.33
Jones, Mitchell F.	Pfc	July 17, 1944	TN	C.7.22	Scott, Carl H.	Pvt	July 26, 1944	PA	C.25.25
Juhan, Charles J.	2 Lt	July 6, 1944	FL	A.21.19	Sekanic, Joseph J.	Pfc	July 25, 1944	PA	J.27.3

Shaffer, William O.	Pvt	July 15, 1944	NY	C.3.32	Urwin, Robert	Pvt	July 26, 1944	NY	H.7.39
Sharp, Edwin W.	Pvt	July 4, 1944	IN	D.14.16	Vujatovich, Nick	S. Sgt	July 14, 1944	PA	D.12.23
Sheffek, Harold C.	Capt	July 16, 1944	VA	C.25.23	Ward, William W.	Pfc	July 4, 1944	IL	C.15.41
Silverman, Arthur	Pvt	July 11, 1944	OH	D.22.24	Warenbak, Anthony J.	Pfc	July 19, 1944	NY	C.15.14
Sobala, Carl	Pfc	July 8, 1944	OH	D.13.16	Welch, George H.	Pvt	July 25, 1944	MS	C.5.38
Soblewski, John J.	Pvt	July 26, 1944	PA	A.7.19	White, Arthur T.	2 Lt	July 14, 1944	NY	C.27.26
Southworth, Harry H.	Pfc	July 17, 1944	WV	C.25.34	Whittle, Joseph H.	Pvt	July 17, 1944	GA	C.17.7
Spawn, Arthur F.	T. Sgt	July 7, 1944	MO	C.27.19	Widyszewski, John J.	Pvt	July 26, 1945	PA	D.14.21
Strassner, Bright M.	Pvt	July 19, 1944	PA	C.19.39	Widmeyer, James H.	Pfc	July 5, 1944	OH	D.19.37
Stoneburg, William T.	Pvt	July 25, 1944	MI	C.16.3	Williams, Don	Pfc	July 27, 1944	TN	C.9.17
Strauss, William B.	Pfc	July 16, 1944	IN	C.10.20	Wingate, Lowell D.	Pvt	July 27, 1944	IN	C.15.24
Stroupe, Martin S.	Pvt	July 27, 1944	IL	C.7.8	Wodaszak, Alexander A.	Tec. 5	July 5, 1944	OH	F.11.12
Studley, Warren S.	Pfc	July 23, 1944	MA	F.26.33	Wolfe, William J.	Pvt	July 27, 1944	PA	C.1.31
Stuczynski, Casimir J.	Pfc	July 16, 1944	IL	E.26.32	Wood, Clarence E.	T. Sgt	July 12, 1944	KN	G.11.34
Terbeek, Raymond L.	1 Lt	July 7, 1944	OH	D.14.7	Woodall, Marvin	Pfc	July 15, 1944	KY	D.14.29
Thomas, William A.	Pvt	July 5, 1944	OH	D.26.16	Workman, John W.	Sgt	July 27, 1944	KY	C.6.9
Turner, Willie F.	Pfc	July 4, 1944	TX	I.25.21	Zentner, Charles R.	Pvt	July 16, 1944	PA	H.26.33
Tuttle, Earl C.	Pfc	July 20, 1944	WV	H.15.33	Zorich, Steve	Pfc	July 11, 1944	PA	F.1.41
Ulshoeffer, Theodore F.	T. Sgt	July 5, 1944	NJ	C.16.34					

THOSE BURIED AT HAMM OR ST. AVOLD

Reven, Walter E.	D.12.24	Ellis, Gerald F.	B.21.56	Baxter, Thomas, Jr.	C.9.45
Zamorylo, Walter	G.9.40	Ferrenburg, Robert E.	C.26.18	Ramey, Wilbur	A.17.51
Sims, Benjamin F.	B.11.60	Grubb, Elwood F.	C.10.63	Petty, Perry M.	D.48.21
Raiano, Anthony	K.25.31	Holland, Jarvis H.	C.24.52	Saffel, William J.	E.2.24
Backman, Bertil	C.20.82	Horvath, Arthur G.	C.8.38	Astuti, Joseph A.	D.19.40
Barkholz, Ernest C.	C.21.52	Jones, James G.	K.20.23	Enright, John J., Jr.	J.50.20
Benick, Mark J.	B.27.49	Krumree, Elmer C.	C.11.18	Ettinger, William U.	K.28.17
Breider, Mark J.	C.10.99	Miscosky, John I.	C.20.107	Kleinschmidt, Jos. P.	K.25.32
Burich, Iquatius	G.2.27	Shaffer, William L.	G.13.72	McCoy, Luther C.	E.26.28
Campbell, John E.	C.12.22	Thatcher, Richard E.	C.3.61	Pinkerton, Lawrence W.	D.9.19
Dodgen, Hubert L.	C.19.82	White, Charles P.	C.13.106	Rohrbach, David A.	C.31.53
Doyle, Robert A.	C.9.46	Williams, Joseph E.	C.28.45	Willoughby, Lester E.	E.25.41

 Many Thanks to Father McCartin for sending me the above names. To all of them and thousands of others, we owe our freedom for whatever it is worth, so lets remember them in our Prayers always. ED.



Normandy, France, June - 1978. Laying of the Wreath by Father McCartin for the 101st. Airborne.



L. to R. Father Francis McCartin, Lt. Col. John H. Lyons and LeMaitre behind the Colonel's left arm.

Father McCartin sent me several notes and clippings from the French news papers concerning his last trip to the Continent. He was honored to represent the 101st Airborne in their "Wreath Laying Ceremony" in Normandy for the Memorial Services. He was to have an Article ready for this THUNDERBOLT but the Holiday Season is keeping him quite busy. Hopefully, it will be ready for the next issue.

For a man who was not with the 83rd in the service, Father McCartin has certainly done his share of advertising us and doing his bit to make our name known. For this, I wish to Thank him on behalf of the entire Association. We appreciate it very much.

Your Editor
 Samuel Klippa

Colonel Lyons in the photograph, married a girl from Carentan and now resides there. He is originally from Kentucky. They have two children, both born in the U.S.A. The Colonel is President of the 101st Airborne Association in Carentan. He was Executive Officer of the 196th General Hospital in 1944-'45 and from 1945 to 1947 he was Executive Officer of the Western Base Section Hospital in Paris, France.

On the tour I am planning for the 20th of May, Colonel Lyons will be playing a major role in the festivities that all the Mayors of Normandy are putting together for the Military visitors. I hope to meet him at that time. The occasion is shaping up to be the biggest event since the War and there probably won't be another one like it in the future.

THIS PAGE IS DEVOTED TO OUR ARTILLERY

(John H. Turkett sent me a small black souvenir book that was given to all the members of Hq. Divarty and it was titled the "Serenade". I thought it would be nice to devote this page to our men in the Artillery to bring back memories.)

"SERENADE"

"Serenade" is the title of the book, because for a serenade to be fired by our Battalions, it was necessary to have every section of the Battery working together.

FORWARD

Have you slept in a foxhole along the canal at Carentan, or shuttled across the Purple Heart Crossroads, or smelt dead cows at Sainteny, or hunted snipers in the hedgerows, or lived in a resort hotel in Dinard, or seen the Citadel or Cezembre, or strolled with a gal at Chateaubriant, or carried blankets out of the cave at Tours, or waded in mud in Gressenich, or lived in a Monastery, or shivered in the Ardennes, or sweated it out at Calbe, or yelled with Victory at Schoningen? If you have, this book is dedicated to you.

James E. Rohrbaugh

THUNDERBOLT CAVALCADE

"Achtung Mein Comrades" of the Thunderbolt,
You boys who gave Fritz his last final jolt.
It was June 18th in One-nine- fourfour
When LST Seven clanged open its doors;
There was laughing and singing and all kinds of stuff
And it sure kept us going as the weather turned rough.
Friend Jerry came over and night after night
With Aerial bombs did pound left and right.
It was nerve-racking as hell and it sure made us sore
As we stormed up the beaches on Omaha Shore.

Herr Fritz had his pants down and his hide we did tan
As the fourth we did jump-off from old Carentan,
And we sure kept right on going right smack through St. Lo.
Both bombed 'em and strafed 'em; the rest you well know.
The hell on earth matched hell in the skies,
As we boxed-up the Wehrmacht in the Gap at Falaise.
Then came the seige of the Isle of Cezembre;
The Reich took a beating they will long remember.
Von Aulock gave up and made his "Swan" bow
And this was the end of Operations Malo.

Now summer had come; we'd enough of near misses
So we traded K-rations for eggs, wine and kisses.
We lived in Chateau and put on plenty airs
And none can forget both Vendome and Angers.
Each man had a Mam'selle in old Brittany
And for all those who didn't, there was "Club 63"
Sweet summer was flying and so were the Huns
Till they holed up in Siegfried behind their guns.
We stayed long enough to take Fritz in Beaugency
Twenty-thousand "kaput" was a figure quite fancy.

Two days and two nights we did dash across France;
Then tarried two months in the town of Hesperange.
The next stop we made was right close to poor Aachen.
Oh the door to Berlin we'd soon be knockin'.
The weather was cold but the nights were sure hot.
Old Hitler threw at us just all that he'd got.
He fainted and parried and stuck with a "Bulge,"
For "keeps" he was playing not pleasure indulged.
Did we sit there and take it right smack on the chin?
We struck right back damn hard till he went where he'd been.

The crisis was over and soon all went well
Where we rested awhile in Belgium (Fanzel)
Then like the March Lion we struck at the Roer
And the first German line of defense was no more.
There was shelling and fighting and we went like the deuce,
Though first to the Rhine we were stopped there at Neuss
From Neuss to Echt Holland and there by the canal
We made ready for Hitler and Operation Finale.

The bombardment terrific made pulverized swine
Of the Nazis who attempted a hold at the Rhine.
Then once across the river our boys went Berzerkus,
Rode tanks, cars and jeeps in a mad "Rag Tag Circus."
There was no stopping now, the last page was written;
We were there a pushin' and hittin',
Dog-tired and weary as we overthrew Calbe
But not too far gone to bridge the old Elbe.

We'd shot our last round, our war had been won
And now turned our motors to old Schoningen.
Much that there happened will never be told,
Our welcome, you know, was quite far from cold
The town was so peaceful a real Paradise
And what we learned quickly was "Don't Fraternize."
Fine trips we took daily, the rest you can guess
For who hasn't ridden the "Schony Express?"
H.D. Hubbard

NORMANDY

We loaded onto LST "7" on June 18 in the harbor of Portland, England, and set forth a little nervously and with forced smile for the Normandy Beachhead. Because of the rough weather our ship was unable to beach at its scheduled time, so we were forced to ride out the waves for five seasick days. During this time we saw our first scenes of battle - the vacant walls of the fighting village to the left, the tent city on the right that we later learned was a hospital, wrecked ships, mines, mine sweepers, fighter cover for the busy C-47's, barrage balloons, and an overall apparent confusion. Everywhere were fleets of LST's and LCI's, all waiting for a letup in the storm. Our ship came through an intensive (three near misses) bombing raid unscathed. Some of us thought we recognized the battleship lying nearby as our old friend the "Texas", which conveyed us across the ocean.

On June 23, 1944, the extra rations from shipboard having been hidden under the "liberated" blankets, we landed on Omaha Beach Red and proceeded to the vicinity of Bricqueville, France, where we set up camp. Four days later, after an all night blacked-out trip in the rain, we relieved units of the 101st Airborne Division at Carentan, in the position which we refer to as "The Canal."

The Radio Section moved into town and set up across the street from the church that rang its bells to signal the German batteries. It was here that KIJ! Miller became the hero of the day by chasing a sniper down an alley, and Wayne Lawson lost his pants during a shelling.

And then came the Fourth of July. The first time the Division went over to the attack. The first of many "Serenades" was fired in preparation for this attack. We moved on beyond Carentan to the "Five Crossroads" and then moved again and again until we had finally crossed the costly swamps. And every evening "Bed Check Charlie" would rattle over to make sure we were still there.

BRITTANY

We were still in our static positions in Normandy sweating out the occasional "incoming mail" and the boredom that accompanies such a position when 3000 planes flew overhead pointed toward St. Lo. We saw them turn and drop their bombs; felt the earth tremble, and heard the roar of the explosions. On July 26th the dreamed of breakthrough had become a reality.

Our own breakthrough occurred the evening of August 3rd, when we drove through Coutances and Avranches and, during a strafing attack, passed Mont Saint Michel on our way to positions on the approaches to St. Malo. We were greeted all the way with wine, flowers, eggs and kisses. When we moved to a position just north of Dinan, was the time most of us met and made friends with the French people. Here we learned how to say "des oeufs," "Avez-vous cognac," "Zig zag" and lots j ore. This was where the Battery had a formation because of some girl having trouble with her bicycle, and all the kids seemed to have plenty of balloons while the Metro Section was trying vainly to get more. It was in Brittany that Owens, Hughes, and L.H. Smith captured our first prisoner and, reinforced by Reid, let him escape.

The "Citadel" and the "Mad" Colonel von Aulock capitulated on August 17th and we moved to an estate near Rennes. It was here that our newspaper "Nee-ha," was published.

From Rennes we went to Chateaubriant where we lived for a few days on the thickly wooded hillside overlooking the city, and then packed up and returned to St. Malo Peninsula. This time we occupied

occupied the Hotel de la Mer, in Dinard. Rooms overlooking the water served as perfect O.P.'s from which to watch the artillery and aerial bombardment of the Isle de Cezembre. The hotel offered the best living accommodations the battery had occupied up to that time. We became a firing battery while in Dinard, but since all of the rounds fired by the multiple-barreled rocket gun fell short of the target, we were unable to "fire for effect." The rumor has it that we were the first to fire the new weapon in combat.

It was fun to watch the colorful fireworks as the P-38's dropped flaming gasoline tanks on the island. Hubbard, who was CQ in the CP, was the first to spot the surrender flag on Cezembre. He told the General and the "Cease Fire" order was given. After the enemy had surrendered, it was time to leave Dinard. Most of us felt a little sorry to be saying goodbye to the "swell set-up" we had there.

LOIRE VALLEY

Following the fall of the Ile de Cezembre, our battery returned to its position in the woods at Chateaubriant, where we remained for the first two weeks of September. We went on some hikes here, had some drill, stood retreat, and had our arms inspected. The Division had taken up a holding position along a 250 mile front and our work was momentarily at a standstill.

It was here that "Beezle" was born, making "Buzzie" Shelton a happy man. Al Long struggled under the weight of a mine detector trying to find a little kid's wrist watch; and Chris Heine tried to explain to a French girl that the straddle trench he was digging was really a machine gun nest. The second half of September was spent on the grounds of the Chateau de Monce, near Vendome. This was the prettiest of all the battery positions. We went boating on the river, played tennis, fished, and went into Vendome. "Club 63" became a byword among the fellows. The Survey Section stayed in town and kept some green and lavender bath tubs in working condition for the battery. Some of us went on a photo tour of Orleans and saw the famous Cathedral and the partially damaged statue of Joan de Arc.

We didn't even stop our boating and fishing and sight-seeing when the 83rd again broke into the news with the surrendering of 20,000 Germans to our Division. And then those rumors. There are always rumors. "We're going to Metz." "We're going to Nancy." "We're going to Aachen."

We went to Luxembourg.

LUXEMBOURG

We spent 2½ months in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, living most of the time in barracks at Hesperange, on the outskirts of Luxembourg City. We had finally settled near a city. Ice cream ... stores ... street cars ... ice cream ... pastries ... movies ... ice cream ... women ... ice cream.

In our spare time in our barracks the men turned to their hobbies. Burgess and Captain Burleson tried to see which could build the better photo enlarger. Roth shined up a tandem bicycle, only to be relieved of it by the M.P.'s. Nurches showed a movie every night until someone discovered that he had the missing projector & made him send it to Battalion. We had an electric washing machine that worked on occasion, and nearly every section was getting a radio fixed by Epstein.

Hesperange was our "home away from home" for three weeks. "Moms Place" was here, where the piano player signalled the German soldier upstairs that Americans had entered the cafe. And we had to drive two miles to go two blocks because of the blown out bridge.

The 802 TD's occupied some of the buildings in this camp, and they came in handy the night of the paratroop scare. They were nice fellows to have around because we could beat them in touch football.

During our stay in Luxembourg, we spent a few days in Biwer, Mondorff, and the Convent. Forward Switch and some of the wire crew stayed in Biwer, where a German soldier woke up Yelk and DeLuca and tried to take them his prisoner, but they told him to wait until morning.

THE BULGE

On December 4, 1944, we left Luxembourg and travelled 118 miles (crossing the "non-frat" border) to reach Gressenich, about half way between Aachen and Duren. This was the most "Alles Kaput" town the Battery had ever occupied. We lived in what was left of the

cellars, and everyone ran lines to the generator so as to have lights and music. The Luftwaffe put in a fairly strong appearance here, but our own planes so outnumbered them that we didn't even bother to duck for cover when they approached. And that awful gooeey mud, knee deep in places and damn it all, you couldn't avoid stepping in it. "Jerry" tried several counter-attacks here, but they were all stopped with the help of those famous "serenades." We were now further into Germany than any American troops had yet been, or would be for quite some time.

But then one of his counter-attacks didn't bounce, and he was on his way up the road to Liege, the way that would cut off all these troops before Duren. We ate our Christmas Dinner at the town of Gressenich and then, on the night of the 26th of December, we left for Belgium to help put the brakes on Von Rundstedt's steam roller. We had New Year's Dinner in the "Black Eagle Cafe" in Barvaux, and then moved to Izier, then to that frozen spot in the fields, then to Jevigne and finally Ottre. Our part of the fighting in the "Bulge" was over, and we moved back to a rest camp in Fanzel. The deepest penetration of the Germans had stopped only three kilometers from this little farming village, and the people were grateful. McKay learned how to milk a cow, and Levrault and LaChance practiced talking French with the sweeter girl who lived in the building the Orderly Room occupied.

We'd gotten away from the fighting for awhile, but we hadn't escaped the rumors. "Our fightings all done, we've paid our debt to society. We're going back to France as school troops to train new Officers. We'll never see action again." We went back alright. Back to the Roer River up in Germany. Back to the mud.

GERMANY

We were "Secret" now. Everyone who was moving up to this sector. No shoulder patches. No numbers on bumpers. Change your Code names.

We relieved the 29th Division Artillery in Schaufenberg, just short of the Roer River. It was almost as muddy here as it was in Gressenich. We were Ninth Army now, part of Montgomery's forces waiting for the swollen Roer River to subside so we could bridge it. And while we waited, "Bedcheck Charlie" tried to find us, but as was his habit, he missed us. "Mek Mek" found us, though, and she has stayed with us ever since. And then came Monty's big drive. The Roer was crossed by the Battery on February 28, 1945.

After crossing the river, the 83rd took off on its first dash through the enemies lines. Our Recon party was the first into Grefath, beating the Infantry by some twenty minutes. German tanks tried to cut us off after we had dashed up this road, but the P-47's stopped them. And then our Infantry reached Neuss and were the first to arrive at the Rhine River. We moved the Germans out of one city block of Neuss and set up by sections in rather comfortable little houses. Charlie Ives, Jim Myles and Hank Erbe arrived here. Hank and McClure had a baking contest and we were eating fancy pies and cakes for several days.

Then another rest period, this time at Echt, Holland. During a ball game, we saw C-47's flying over, and we knew the Rhine Crossing was on. We left Echt and took off in search of the front lines. After several short stops we arrived in Beckum on April 1. This was the beginning of the mad and furious dash toward Berlin that was to carry us 280 miles in the next 13 days. We were one of the troupes in the famous "Rag Tag Circus." We had German vehicles, and those tremendous four wheel trailers. And the loot! (sh-h-h-) Lugers and P-38's and cameras and Swastikas, and knives and uniforms and I'll trade you a Luger for two cameras eighty dollars and a bottle of schnapps. And then it was the 13th and we were in Calbe.

We found a bunch of motorcycles, Mellman accepted the surrender of a Colonel and a Major, Paul discovered another Colonel sick in bed, and the next day the Germans captured Paul and Kurtz on the way back from getting water. We had a skirmish with some Germans who tried to come across the Saale River beside our CP, but we pushed them back. Greene and Burley will remember this. And Keith, Hughes, Lawson, and Almgren leading the motorcycle brigade. And our "Welcome Back" party for Kurtz in the "Thunderbolt Cafe" during which the Battery, the Band, the guest of honor and everyone else got pickled. And Holman talked Russian over the radio to our Allies a few miles away. And then we moved from Calbe to Schoningen and the war was over.

YES, THE WAR WAS DEFINITELY OVER.

(To my knowledge, this is the first time that "Serenade" was published in the THUNDERBOLT and I hope you liked it.)

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