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The President's Spot

Years back when we were a bit younger, the time between Birthdays and other Holidays seemed to be an eternity. But now, as we are getting older, the time seems so short. When I accepted the Nomination and was elected to National President for the 1980 83rd Reunion it seemed so far away. Now, it's almost in my lap!! My year as President of what I consider the most wonderful group of People around, will come to an end on August 23rd, 1980. In one way it will be with regret, but in another it will feel good. Our Members who are past Presidents and Reunion Chairmen know what I FEEL AND MEAN. There is a lot of unseen hard work, running around, making telephone calls and writing letters to put on what is hoped to be a Reunion that will please everyone. A list a yard long can be made of all the things that are thought of and sometimes missed. But we have tried not to miss anything. Please notice I said tried, no guarantees!!!

This morning at work I thought of a million things to write, but tonight I seem to be at a loss for words. Sam Aiello and I had hoped to come up with a final "Atlantic City Trip" set up by now, but there are many different Tour Groups and Bus Companies that we are trying for the best arrangement. We have been notified that some Summer arrangements are starting to come to light and we want to give you the best for your money!! As for now, take off time for the Buses from the Marriott will be approximately 1 to 1:30 P.M.

I would like to ask anyone who has not as yet sent in their Ads to please do so. Don't forget the Ad Book helps to cover some of the Reunion expenses and helps a little with the Hospitality Room Frank McGrogan, that hard working Gentleman, is putting our Ad Book together with the help of Larry Redmond and Al Belvedere. They would like to have all Ads in by July 1st, 1980. This will give them a chance to line it up for the Printer. These Men have my vote of Thanks, because it takes a lot of dedication and labor to put out a good Book and I know they will do their best.

Just a reminder about sending in your Hotel Reservations. Don't delay too long, because the Hotel notified us the Price, Waterhouse (a large CPA Accounting Firm) will be there at the same time as the 83rd.

I'll bring this letter to a close with a wish for Good Health to everyone and God Bless.

**Sincerely,
Bill Chavanne
Natl. Pres.
308th Eng. C**

SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT

Hello Buddies:

Here we are at the last edition before reunion. Can you believe it? I hope all of you have your reservation in to attend this reunion in Philadelphia. If the executive board meeting is any indication of the hospitality you will receive in August, believe me it will be unreal. I know there are some members, due to reasons beyond control, who won't be able to attend, but if at all possible for you to attend, do so.

I want to say to all of you that this has been a wonderful year. A great highlight of my life. Pearl and I have enjoyed all of your letters. Both the complimentary ones and the other kind. You have all been a big help to me in this new undertaking. We did drop in membership this past year. I am going to work to increase it and I am asking all of you for your help in getting it done. You know this job can't be done by one person. It takes all of you out there. As you read this think of someone whom you know who isn't a member. Send me names and I will send them a letter. Old friends can never be replaced. The memories are wonderful. Let's get all those old friends back with us. Join a chapter near you. There is nothing like meeting for a weekend and having a good time with old friends.

I wish I could meet you all personally but since I can't, this is the best way I know to say "Hi", and hope to see as many of you as possible at the reunion.

Hope your summer is really enjoyable and try and make that reunion in Philly. We will sure be glad to meet all of you. You are a great bunch and can't be beat for a friend.

Yours,
Bob Derickson
3rd Bn Hq. 329th

The pictures were taken in Philadelphia at the Executive Board meeting May 3, 1980.



Men

Front row: Bob Derickson, Al Belvedere, Andrew McKenna, Bill Chavanne.

Second row: Manny Goodridge, Mike Skovran, Sam Aiello, Joe Macaluso, George McGrogan.

The two men standing up are, John Piscitelli, and Louis Volpi

As you can see you were well represented by your Executive Board. Missing was Dick Riddle who could not be present because of illness in the family.



Women:

Bottom Row: Lucy Volpi, Bea Chavanne, Vi Aiello, Liz Skovran.

Top Row: Anne Belvedere, Josie Piscitelli, Marry McGrogan, Kathleen Powers and baby daughter, Mary Elizabeth, daughter and granddaughter of Capt. Mac., Mena Macaluso.

Missing from the women section was Avalon Goddrige and Pearl Derickson. These two stayed home. They don't care for flying. Manny and I will keep at them and do our best to get them there next time.

Mr. President,

I am a 83rd man, got with the 83rd in Belgium in Dec. 1944. Went through the bulge, til it all stopped in April 1945, in Icholes Germany across the Elbe River. I received a bronze star citation for sticking my neck out like the dummy I am. At that time, I was proud of my actions.

I was in B. Co. 331st, Danny Moore was my Captain til he got killed. After that, Lt. Cres was B Companys Commander. My Platoon leader was Lt. Cutts. I was S/Sg. squad leader of the best darn group in E.T.O. They were, Pozo, Judge, Roll, Killen, Seaman, Shelly, Kilebrew, Childers, & myself. I have lost the rest of my squad. As I said, we were the best! I did not receive a purple heart, for I kept my butt on the ground. One of the men had been with the 83rd from the start, & had about 23 days under fire, he was hit 3 times. Now a man in another platoon unbuckled his overshoes so snow get into them, purposely. His feet froze, I was told later, he had both feet taken off. Another man purposely shot his knee cap & the end of his big toe. He too was sent back. I never saw him again. I know a Mr. Johnson, here in Ky., who was hurt in basic training, he did not go overseas. He is service connected as are the others I have mentioned. All these are considered Hero's of W.W. 2. Now I'll get to the point. I was in an accident where I got a brain concussion, a broken back. I have 3 metal plates in my right arm. One for each bone. I have been making 2 or 3 trips to V.A. Hospital in Lexington Ky. per month since April 1977. The service connected have priority over me, regardless of how or where they were wounded. They still have their travel pay. The un service connected dont, unless they draw a pension. They also have a 9 per. ct. increase per yr., that the un-service connected don't get. A friend of mine spent 4 yrs. in the South Pacific & is a nevous wreck. He is not service connected! I don't mean to complain about anyone who was under fire getting all they can. But it looks as though, those like me are penalized for not getting wounded.

In short, we are being discriminated against because we did not receive the purple heart. Something should be done!

Since this has been festering inside me for some time, I just want to air it before the 83rd division, & see what others may feel. If you possibly have room in the next Thunderbolt, please print this. My standing is, I am adjacent of D.A.V. Chapter 49, in Junction City Ky.

Carmi Lockhart
Junction City Ky.
Ph. No. 606-854-6005

WHICH IS CORRECT
THE YOLK OF EGG IS WHITE. OR
THE YOLK OF EGGS ARE WHITE ?

NEITHER, THE YOLK IS YELLOW

Greeting from your Board Chairman:

My last letter as an officer of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, is to let everyone know that I am proud to have served such a fine group of people. We have a well organized association, and the number of good officers has increased to the extent that we have a bonifide association for the future.

My personal thanks to all the men and members I have served with, and if ever I can assist the 83rd, just call. I hope that everyone enjoys this reunion. If you don't, SHAME ON YOU.

As always
Lou Volpi

Hellos Buddies:

As we all know, we are now coming down the home-stretch before Reunion time. The Reunion Committee has been hard at work, and the results coming in on Motel Reservations are proving it. As you all know, or should know by now, Hotels and Motels only reserve a certain amount of room, so it always pays to make your reservations early. Every year we have the same group of complainers, men who have failed to register until the last minute, then are ready to complain because of the room they got or the location of it. I only wish that each and every one of you got a chance to serve on a Reunion Committee some year, I am sure that you would soon understand what I mean.

I don't know how many of you realize it, but each year with the increased costs of everything, it gets harder and harder to put on a Reunion. I was looking over some old records a few weeks ago and believe me, the room rates have increased three or four times what they used to be. The Bar setups are at least three times what they used to be, the Banquets that we used to pay between \$4.00 and \$5.00 for are now averaging between \$15.00 and \$25.00 per person. Then the big problem we are faced with is Unions, you can't hardly get a glass of water without *it* is served by Union help and that helps add to the expenses.

Gentlemen, I am not on the Reunion Committee, but I speak with experience, and am well aware of the job that is in store for the Reunion Committee, so I ask you, before you come in with a chip on your shoulder and ready to find fault, put yourself in their position, and see just how fast you would be ready to tell the complainer, to "GO TO HELL". If you have any complaints, save them until you return home, then sit down and say to yourself, "THANK GOD I WAS ABLE TO MAKE ANOTHER REUNION". Think of that poor Buddy who wanted to be there, but he was called by the man above.

Larry Redmond

Hello Buddies:

Now that I am on my feet again, I would like to take a minute out to thank each and every one of you for the very nice Get Well Cards that I received.

I had just gotten over receiving a pile of them from my trip to the Hospital in November and December, then on April 22nd, I was stricken with a very serious Heart Attack. I almost didn't make it this time, but with that good old 83rd fighting Spirit, I have rallied on quite well. At the present time I am able to get outside and take short walks, but no driving the car or no riding in a car except to the Doctors Office.

It has been rough just sitting around not able to do anything, but each day I feel a little better so I guess that it was worth waiting for.

With the pile of cards I have received, I never thought that I knew so many 83rd men, they came from all over the Country. It is a wonderful feeling to have friends. Here's hoping that I will be with you all at the Reunion. I also want to thank you all with the help you gave me with the Add Book. Returns were great, granted, they were less than I had hoped for, but we have to remember, there is now a recession.

Sincerely
Larry Redmond

TO THE MEMBERS AND WIFES OF THE 83rd INFANTRY DIVISION ASSN.

Although, I answered each one individually, I would publicly like to thank the men and women and their chapters, for their kind and warm expression of sympathy, on the death of my wife, Estella "Teddy" Prentice, May 7, 1980. The many flowers, cards, Mass cards and telephone calls were deeply appreciated by her family and me.

"Jim" Prentice

PUBLICITY DIRECTORS REPORT

Well, Bob, I hope you've been getting a good response to the personal letters you sent out. You've been doing a great job as Sec'y-Treas. and as Sam Klippa, Larry Redmond, Mike Brick, Frank McGrogan, Joe Macaluso and many others, too numerous to mention, can tell you its the personal letters that build up the membership. I've covered the Veteran's magazines and newspapers, but as I've said before, its a one shot deal, but the letters really get the response. Hope you're able to report that we're up to full strength.

"Jim" Prentice

**REUNION CHAIRMAN'S CORNER
SAM AIELLO "C" BATTERY 908**

Michigan Chapter Report

As I put my pen to paper, I reflect over the past year, and all the work the Philly Chapter has put into the 34th reunion, to be held at the fabulous Marriott in August. After spending a weekend at the Marriott for the Executive Board meeting in May, it was well worth it, and I'm sure all our members will agree to that.

The Philly Chapter has a great program lined up for the reunion, on Wednesday August 20th, for our early birds, we have planned a "good luck" trip to Atlantic City, "Las Vegas East", to one of the beautiful Casino's there. If anyone is interested please drop a line to Bill Chavanne, in order for the bus to pick you up the Marriott we must guarantee in advance a minimum of 40 people a bus. It may be a worthwhile trip \$\$\$\$.

On Thursday and Friday mornings we have reserved 80 seats for the AM Philadelphia Show, its an interesting show, very informative and entertaining, with a different celebrity guest every day. So all of you TV BUFFS CAN SEE HOW A TELEVISION SHOW IS PUT TOGETHER. On Thursday afternoon we have a cooking demonstration for the girls, Chinese and Polynesian Cuisine, so all of you Julia Childs' get ready, it should prove to be a tasty treat.

On Friday evening the 22nd, there will be a gala Block Party, Philadelphia Style, with all the trimmings everything from popcorn, right down to cotton candy. And of course on Saturday the 23rd our Annual Banquet to end a great time.

I'm sure everyone who attends this reunion will certainly have an enjoyable time. There has been a great deal of time, and effort, put into this event for just one purpose and that is for all of our 83rd members to enjoy every minute that they spend in Philly. As I mentioned in previous articles the Marriott has many comforts to offer us, that is why we decided on the Marriott. Every detail on accommodations was taken into consideration, right down to the 1500 free parking spaces. So you see we have left no stone unturned to make everyone happy. I hope that each and every one of our members will make a concerted effort to be there in August, to show that even after 34 years since the end of World War II, there is still unity. God Bless all of you, and thank you.

**SAM AIELLO, Reunion Chairman
1128 Durfor Street
Phila., Pa. 19148**

Members of the Michigan Chapter were saddened in April when our Buddy Mario Muoio passed away following a long struggle against Cancer. Mario, who was a devoted member of both the Michigan Chapter and the Association, first became aware of his illness shortly after attending the Reunion in New Orleans last year. But he never gave up the thought that he would overcome it and actively participate in the 1981 Reunion in Michigan. He will be missed by all of his many friends both in and out of the Association, and especially by those of us who have been with him in the Michigan Chapter. His Buddies in the Chapter were honored to have acted as Pallbearers at the Funeral.

We are now in full swing with our monthly Chapter meetings, having held our first one of the year at the Nick Barbu's, then at the Bruce Winchell's, and last month at the Vito Palazzo's. We have one coming up at the home of the Loyal Pangles's in Flusing and then in July we'll all get together at the Taylor House. Our meetings are open to all who would like to attend and we were especially happy to see Josie Muoio at our last meeting. We've missed her the past months.

On our sick report as of this writing is Vito Palazzolo who entered the Hospital recently for some repair work but who expects to be back in circulation shortly. Ray Dutton is another Chapter member who has been in the Hospital recently. Since we do not hold meetings during the winter months we did not know of Ray's problem until recently and we feel bad about the fact that we allow ourselves to get out of touch with our Buddies. This shouldn't happen in our organization.

Plans for the '81 Reunion in Detroit are going forward although nothing definite has been pinned down as of this writing. The boys in Detroit have been meeting with and talking to various Hotels and Convention Bureau Personnel to try to come up with the best Program for the best price. The downtown Detroit Hotels where we've been in the past are now gone and Convention Hotels in the Suburban areas are asking Premium prices for their Facilities and Rooms. However, we hope to negotiate an acceptable price with one of these Hotels and come to Philadelphia with an outstanding Program that, as in the past, will make your Detroit Trip a pleasurable experience. Incidentally, one of the Highlights of the 1969 Detroit Reunion was a Tour of the Hiram Walkers Distillery in Windsor, Canada. We are trying once again to arrange this same Trip as a part of the Reunion.

Congratulations are in Order for Bruce and Jean Winchell on the Birth of their newest Grand Daughter. The young lady was born in April to the Winchells Daughter Michelle who, with her husband, lives way up North in Alaska.

Hope this report meets the Thunderbolt deadline, so we'll see you in Philadelphia in August and also in '81 in Detroit.

I Really Enjoyed Our Talk

**Bob Taylor
B-329**

THE WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

The West Virginia Chapter had their Meeting on March 22, 1980, at The Wilmar Cafeteria, in Parkersburg, W.Va. The weather was great, but we didn't have a very good turnout, as we had expected. President Eugene Persinger was ill, and was not present.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President John Shepherd, and our Guest Speaker was Mr. 83rd, Samuel Klippa, with his news of the upcoming trip to Europe, and also Ideas on how to make our Chapter Meetings more Interesting. Thank you Sam, we are always glad to see you and have you visit with us. Sam, you are always welcome at our Meetings.

The Reading of the By-Laws was postponed due to illness of Mr. James Dunkun. We had one new Member, Mr. Clark Johnson, of Martinsburg, he also had his wife Elsie with him. He traveled about 250 miles to get there, we are hoping that he can come to all of our meetings.

The W.Va. Chapter will have an ad in the Program book for the Philadelphia Reunion, to be held August 21, 22, and 23rd.

We have been having our Regular monthly Chapter Dinners, and it has grown into a very good get together. We started out with our Christmas Dinner, and we have been having one every month. Our last Dinner was on May 10th, at Diehl's Restaurant in Nitro, W.Va. We had 19 present, Members and their Wives. We also had a Surprise Birthday Party at the dinner for 5-Members, Eugene Persinger, Don Pettry, John Governor, Arthur Blankenship, and Bootsie Crouch. Mrs. Virginia Governor baked the cake, Mrs. Helen Persinger furnished the Ice Cream.

The W.Va. Chapter is planning a Picnic sometime in July, and we hope that all of the Members can be present. One of our Members Paul Pauley has been in The Hospital, but his is out and doing fine now, as long as he sticks to his diet. We are getting all of the Members Birthday's and we are sending a Birthday card when their Birthday comes around.

We are running a Campaign to get new Member's out to our meetings. We have 36 Member's so far, and we are setting a goal for over 50 men at our next Meeting We are working on getting a 100% Booster Ad, from our Chapter, in this Program Book.

Our next meeting will be at The Wilmar Cafeteria, in Parkersburg, W.Va. on June 8th. at 1:00 P.M. Hope to see you all in Parkersburgh. This is all the news for this time.

Don W. Pettry
b-323rd. F.A.

P.S. I am also sending a few Pictures, taken at our Chapter Dinners.



The W.Va. Chapter

Front Row: L to R: Bootsie Crouch, Mary Pauley and Virginia Governor.

Back Row: L - R: Evelyn Shepherd, Esta Pettry and Helen Persinger.



The W.Va. Chapter

Front Row: L - R: Eugene Persinger, Harold Crouch and John Shepherd.

Back Row: L - R: Don Pettry, Paul Pauley and John Governor.

308th Engineers Co. "C"

Hi Buddies,

I received a nice surprise on Memorial Day weekend. An old war buddy came to California to visit and dropped in to see us.

We had a wonderful time talking of old times together.

We hope to see him at the reunion in Philadelphia. All you 308th Engineers, "C" Co, come to Philly to the reunion and meet all your buddies again.

John Capelli made the trip from Coast to Coast, why can't you make it to Philly.

Hope to see you all at the reunion.

Quinto De Antoni
308th Engineers "C" Co.

The "B" Bag

The first time I saw Major White, later a Colonel, was in a field in the Normandy hedgerows. He had shed his fatigue jacket and was in his undershirt with a belt of machine gun ammo hanging around his neck, holding a machine gun by the barrel with an asbestos glove, and spraying wildly thru the trees surrounding the field. He looked like he was trying to fight the whole war by himself; but let me start at the beginning.

July 4th, 1944 was the big push in the hedgerows, and three days later after continual pounding from an unseen foe we were still within a hundred yards of our take off point. At this time "B" Co 329th was in battalion reserve, but early one morning we were ordered to replace "C" Co in the line. They had to be in big trouble if we were sent to replace them. Not knowing exactly where "C" Co was located the men of "B"

Co. worked their way along the hedgerows in the direction of the front. The third platoon reached a junction of four fields and as they tried to go thru the cattle gates to the field ahead they were fired upon from the flanks by unseen machine guns. The rapid rate of fire left no doubt who was manning the guns. As "B" Co kept down along a sheltering hedgerow awaiting the next move, one of our tanks, the first we had seen, appeared in the field behind, but could only provide covering support because it couldn't get thru the hedgerow. About then a squad leader called back "lets go"! As the first men ran along the hedgerow there was an explosion and three of them were flattened on the ground; but just as quickly as they had gone down they raised their heads, retrieved their rifles and helmets, and with the "lets go" still ringing in their ears took off in the direction of their squad leader. The men didn't know what hit them a rifle grenade perhaps, but they were hardly scratched and though no more of it. As they reached the opening in the hedgerow the order "scouts out" was given. Two men entered the field and proceeded in different directions in search of "C" Co. As the scout to the right reached mid-field an unbelievable figure emerged from the foliage at the far end of the field. He was a G.I. in his undershirt, his head wrapped in a white bandage his chest crisscrossed with a machinegun belt, and he held the machine gun with an asbestos glove. He swung around and let off a few bursts thru the trees, and signaled to the scout to cross the field. Before the scout could relay the signal "B" Co was already pouring over the hedgerow where the other scout had located "C" Co between a double hedgerow. Actually they were in a lane that led from the Carentan-Periers road back into a quaint little country cottage. Gradually "B" Co settled in with the men of "C" Co who immediately drained our canteens. It was their second day without water. Almost all the "C" Co men were wounded, and we wondered what had happened to them. Later we found out the lane was being used as a collection station so that their situation wasn't as serious as it appeared.

Meanwhile the wildman in the undershirt joined us and we found out he was Major White. He had a slight head wound, and when we first saw him in the field he had just routed the enemy machine gunners who had prevented us from reaching "C" Co. He briefed our officers on the situation and after outposts had been established at each end of the lane we spent the next few hours moving the wounded to the rear and bringing up additional ammunition. About noon time the outpost at the paved road fired at Germans crossing the road and carrying things on their backs. When Major heard the report, he said they were swinging to our left and advised our company commander to

place all our BAR men at the hedgerow in the rear of the house and back of the barn with instructions to keep down and hold their fire until they could tell where the German guns were located, then burn'em out. The word was passed along the lane for everyone to be ready. In a little while some mortar shells dropped around us but they were either short or long and except for a couple of tree bursts none fell in the lane. As soon as the mortars stopped a couple of machine guns opened up from the orchard back of the cottage, trying to angle their fire into the lane. Our company commander, a 1st Lieutenant because we had already lost our Captain, was positioned to the rear of the lane with the company runner, who spoke fluent German. They had a phone line back to our own mortar section who were waiting for fire directions. The runner heard a German shout an order to place a gun in an opening in the hedgerow near the back of the orchard. He pointed to the spot and as the Lieutenant raised his carbine, a tripod and a heavy machine gun dropped into the opening. Two quick shots and the gun was never manned. The shot seemed to be the signal to start the six BAR's in the back of the house. The mortars joined in and in minutes there was no answering fire. A couple G.I.'s slithered out past the orchard and came back with two fish tail and one heavy machine gun on a tripod, and the only they had seen were "good ones".

When it became apparent the area was "secured" we tended our wounded one BAR man lost a little hair and skin on his head, one Lt. had a belly full of potato-masher splinters, a delightful job to help pick them out, and one rifleman was cut in the cheek by a mortar fragment.

This was the first time the company had faced the foe, and they had performed exceptionally well. Major White complimented them by saying "he wished he had more men like them". They accepted the compliment graciously, but understood that he had given them the advantage, and the credit for the outcome had belonged to him. Never-the-less it had been a badly needed boost to their confidence, and since they had much to learn about fighting a war, they considered themselves lucky to have had such an opportunity.

Richard Dickson
B Co 329th

Greater Boston Chapter



Julie Atkocius, Larry Arriyo, Vitle Atkocius.

FROM THE OLD OFFICE

Dear Buddies:

Wow! I thought time was really flying by when I was Secretary-Treasurer, but it seems that it is going by much faster now! It's hard to believe that this is going to be in the last Issue before our Reunion, the end of another year.

The E.T.O. Tour this year has kept me just a bit busy. The world situation as it is today has kept the crowd down very low. Some people were just plain scared to travel at a time like this, but in most situations, it was a problem of money because of the slack period we are experiencing. To those of you that didn't go this time, I'm sorry you missed out on the fun, and to those that did go, many Thanks for coming along to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of V.E. Day.

This year there was another Ceremony at Hamm Cemetery where yours truly placed a wreath at Patton's Grave on behalf of the Armed Forces. Luxembourg is the one place where most of us wanted to be and believe me, it's the greatest place in all of Europe. All our friends were out to greet us and to celebrate with us. It's the only place where I really feel like I AM WITH MY FRIENDS AT HOME.

Brussels was also enjoyed by all and Anne Shelton put on another great show for all of us. I presented her with my 83rd Bolo Tie and she sure appreciated getting it for her collection. We had a Buffet Dinner here, Foreign Style.

In Liege, we stayed at a Ramada Inn right in the heart of town and this helped us to get around easier on our own and see all the places of interest. The Ceremony here was at their equivalent of: "The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier" and again yours truly laid the wreath on behalf of the Armed Forces. After the Ceremony we had drinks with all the Officials at the Town Hall and then proceeded to one of the better Hotels for Luncheon. It was a great afternoon and a lot of fun. The people provided us with their cars to go to places we wanted to see and most of us went to the Military Cemetery in Holland. Many 83rders are buried there and I HAVE THE LIST IN CASE ANY OF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICULAR NAMES. Yes, Liege is quite a place, and I'm sure all of us enjoyed it.

After Liege, we traveled to Amsterdam for another visit and this is where the tour ended for me, while the others went on to Copenhagen by train. We stayed at a new Motel in Amsterdam and had to use the Bus to go to other parts of the town as we were out on the edge of town this time. Amsterdam hasn't changed much except for the area we were in. The Show Windows are still there by the Canal, the old Hotel we stayed in on the first trip, the one that burned down, has been rebuilt and back in business. The thing about Holland that is exceptional at this time of the year are the Tulips. They are so big and beautiful and just about everybody grows them.

Too bad I had to miss Copenhagen, but maybe one of the others will tell you about the train ride and the city and sites they saw. Only nine of our group went there. As before, I BROUGHT HOME MANY SOUVENIRS FOR MY COLLECTION AND HAVE TO SEND MANY OF OUR Bolo Ties and Pendants to the people that requested them for their collections. This part has become quite costly for me, but I'm sure the people appreciate them and will enjoy them for years to come.

There is one thing I'm sure has come out of all the trips I planned for the E.T.O. and that is the fact that the name of the 83rd Infantry is better known now. The two Plaques that were dedicated last year in Sainteny and St. Hilaire will remind all our future visitors that the 83rd was there. I've got

arrangements started to place a Plaque in the Wormeldange area of Luxembourg near the Moselle River next year, possibly in September, and this will also be for the 331st Infantry, but this time I will have to ask all 331st members to donate to the cost of the project. Approval has to come from the Officials of Wormeldange and then everyone in the 331st will be notified in plenty of time. Keep this in mind.

My long distance flying days are over, at the request of my Doctors, and if I decide to go next year, it will have to be by boat even though it will lengthen the travel time by many days. If any of you are interested in the Dedication in Luxembourg next year, please let me know so that I can get some idea of the number of people that will be in the group.

Things are running pretty smoothly here at home for a change. We are getting old just as everyone else, and with old age comes all sorts of problems that all of us must expect more and more. Do all the things you enjoy while you can, or are still able to do, because time is running out for all of us as we get older. Let's enjoy the company of all our Buddies at the next Reunion in Philly and be glad that we did.

I had a lot of news that I had been saving since the last issue of the Thunderbolt and with the travel and my health, didn't get around to putting it together for this issue. Maybe next time, if there is room for it. The next book will be filled with Reunion news and photo's of the fun and frolic of another great yearly get-together. SEE YOU ALL IN PHILLY, Lord willing.

One last reminder, get your Dues in early if you don't plan to attend the Reunion and don't forget those all important ADS that help the Host Chapter to defray the costs of the Hospitality Room at the Reunion.

Samuel Klippa
"D" Company - 331

"D" Company - 331st Infantry

Dear Buddies:

The end of another year for the Association has come already and I'm hoping that most of you are planning, or have already sent in your Reservations, to attend another grand Reunion in Philly. There are for sure about ten "D" Company men that wrote and told me that they will be there. The Philly area is very close for a lot of our members and travel costs will be very low. Our friend Lettieri is planning to be with us for the first time.

My requests for a "D" Company AD in the Program Book were answered by just seven men to date and I'm sure we can do better than that. Let's go fellows, maybe you still have time to send your \$5.00 to me so I can put a page together for the best Company in the Association. Let's not fall beside the wayside now.

Will cut this one short this time and keep all the other news for the Reunion so we can have something to talk about. SEE YOU IN PHILLY.

Samuel Klippa
"D" Company-331st.

Dear Bob:

I ran across these photos which were taken in Bishofsreut, Germany. This is the weapons platoon, or what was left of it immediately following the end of hostilities.

I am enclosing the negatives which were made from the original photos. If you can use any of this in the next Thunderbolt feel free to do so.

The pictures are marked on the back.

The old "tickers" behavior will prevent me from attending the Reunion, as it has for the past five year.

Give my regards to all.

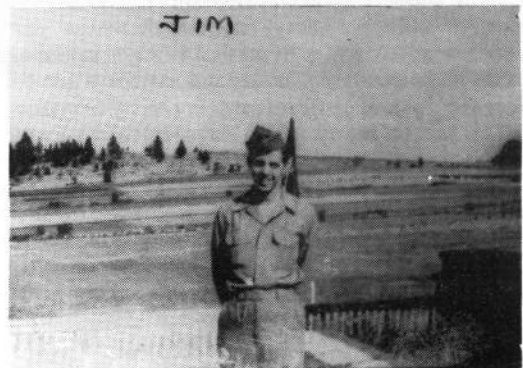
Sincerely
George E. Relyea
1720 Paula Dr.
Tallahassee, Fl. 32303
G-330



Guarderdo & Relyea



Relyea



Jim Pietrogalle
Company Clerk



Roger Pride



Left to Right:
Back Row - Pipkin, Cunningham, Guarderdo, Relyea.
Front Row - Hesketh, Cummins, Pollack, Mills.



**Lt. William Hesketh Company Exec.
Weapons Platoon Leader during combat.**



Weapons Platoon G. 330

**L to R - Rakestraw, Pipkins, Phillips, Cunningham, Sanders, Pollack, Relyea.
Front - Pride, Cummins, Mills.**

Hello Buddies:

Here it is almost Reunion time again, and plans are pretty definite for Philly. Rollie & Millie Warner and Eleanor & Tare are going to drive down, to save a few bucks, and see some of the country.

Lou & Irma Lesjak informed me of their 4 grandchildren. I haven't any info on Jim Lindsey's family, so we'll wait to see what comes up.

Joe & Julie Lanza have a son that is a priest, guess they're proud, who wouldn't be.

The Earl Lindseys became grandparents again, this one on April 1st. some joke their daughter Carol pulled on them.

Getting back to Jim Lindsey, his back problems have him walking around all hunched up. I could offer Jim a suggestion, as long as he is all hunched up, why not look for night-crawlers - (or dew worms) "Ha!"

Heard from my good buddy Harry Hochman, he wanted to know all the particulars about our coming Re-

union, these were sent to him, along with a suggestion that he cough up with his dues, and he'll get his "T-Bolts", (no tickee, no washee)"

Our April meeting at the Szubski residence was another smash, Eleanor went all out to see that our tummies were filled with yummys, also there was a lot of coca-cola consumed. We also welcomed aboard a new member, Henry Irzeciak, slowly but surely the guys are finding their way into the fold.

The Klugiewiczzs went on another cruise, that salt air must do something for Al, as Eleanor never argues with him about going, (how about it Al?) On their return home, their son (he had a rough time last year, but is fine now) presented them with a bouncing baby boy, their first, so congrats are in order.

This being Memorial Day, the Cleveland Chapter participated in the Services, (just six of us, Szubski, Kowalec, Warner, Lindsey (Earl), Cox, and I) paid our respects. We were rewarded with a Citation from the V.F. W. Post, for attending the services these many years. There are men in our Chapter who have never marched with us, but receive the same honor as those who do. Casey Kowalec is going to have a couple zeroxed, and the original one plasticized and send to the Infantry Museum, if they'll accept it. Casey made another wish, to be at the next parade next year, how about that?

Our next meeting will be held at the Hank Giersz's cottage at Lake Milton, we should have a good turnout weather permitting.

The Cleveland Chapter extends our deepest Sympathy to Jim Prentice on the loss of his wife Teddy, this was a shock, especially to me, as I had just sent her a get well message and Jim answered saying she was doing fine and planning to make the Philly Reunion, it's a damned shame.

Well buddies, it's getting near that time, we'll be enjoying each other's company, so stay healthy, stay nice and dues are due, so pay nice.

*Al Uridel
Cn. Co. 329*

P.S. How about some of you Cannoneers from 329 making an appearance, 35 years is a long time and time is getting shorter and shorter.



Jim Lindsey, A. Uridel at Cleveland Chapter 1979 Xmas Party.

KENTUCKY CHAPTER REPORT

Our chapter is steadily growing with two new members added the last two meetings:

Norman Earls, Route 2, Vevay, Indiana 47043
 Arthur Doggett, Route 1, Verona, Kentucky 41092
 Samuel M. Orsich, Box 1535, Henderson, Ky. 42420
 Wilson Day, Ponderosa Drive, Cincinnati 45239

Welcome aboard comrades:

Our June meeting was held at the home of our National Secretary Bob Derickson and his wife Pearl's home in Hamilton, Ohio. They served a lovely picnic dinner with about 48 people present, including wives, guests and children. Bob and Pearl worked hard along with the help of their son Ed and his wife Kathy Ann, and their daughters Marie Lynch and Barbara Weinrich. A delicious breakfast was also served to the members and their wives who stayed in Hamilton. A good time was had by all. Thanks Dericksons, we needed that.

We were honored to have the National President, Bill Chavanne and his wife Bea, and the National Board President Lou Volpi. Also Ralph and Geri Gunderson of the Florida Chapter. Ralph is a charter member of both the Kentucky and Florida Chapters.

According to Bill's report an outstanding reunion is coming forth in Philly. Make plans to be there August 21, 22, and 23, 1980.

We were glad to have Betty Schaffer, widow of our departed comrade, Al Schaffer, along with their two daughters, Sandy and Gloria. Hope they will continue to be active with us.

Our raffle winner of \$175.00 was Ms. Margaret Stokes of 3533 Mayo Drive, Louisville, Kentucky.

VISITORS - Members

National President and Mrs. Bill Chavanne.
 National Secretary and Mrs. Bob Derickson, their children.

Ed and Kathy Ann Derickson and children Andy and Robin.

Marie Lynch from Louisville, Ky. and Barbara Weinrich, from Middletown.

Guest Mrs. Eloise Boughter from Louisville, Mrs. Boughter brought word that her son's father in law is from Louisville, Mr. Norbert J. Wafzig, is a former 83rder. Maybe we can get another member.

Our next meeting will be at the reunion in Philly and then the October 6 meeting will be held at the Sheridan Motel in Louisville. Full detail will be given at next meeting.

President & Mrs. Cecil Walters

Chaplain & Mrs. Kermit Hargis

Mr. Fred Fowler
 Ms. Margaret Stokes

Mr. & Mrs. Manny Goodridge

Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Richmond

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Mr. & Mrs. Alex Ford
 Mrs. & Mrs. Owen Jones
 Treasurer & Mr. Tom Hensley

Mr. & Mrs. Herschel McIntosh

Mr. & Mrs. Theo Ritchie
 Mr. & Mrs. Henry Whelan

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Dalton

Mr. & Mrs. Wilson Day -
 New Member
 Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Doggett
 Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Gunderson
 Mr. & Mrs. R.C. Hamilton

Mr. Dan McCarty & Son Dan
 Mrs. Betty Schaffer &
 Daughters, Gloria &
 Sandra
 Mrs. Eloise Boughter



Bob and Pearl Drickson's granddaughter Robin, holding up the cake that Avalon and Manny Goodridge brought up for dessert.



Fred Fowler, R.C. Hamilton, and Ralph Gunderson in deep discussion.



Bill and Bea Chavanne with Manny Goodridge in the Derickson's backyard.



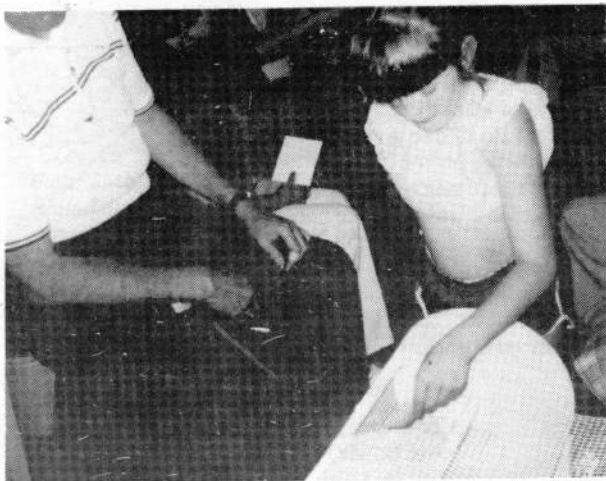
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Derickson, parents of our National Secretary Treasurer, as honored guests.



Dan McCarthy with Margaret Stokes holding on to her winning ticket for the \$175.00.



The two pixies of the Kentucky Chapter, Tom Hensley and Theodore Ritchie.



Robin Derickson drawing the winning ticket.



Fred Fowler, Alex Ford, Mrs. Ford and Tisha Ritchie.

83rd Division 83rd Division Reunion

The 83rd Infantry Division hold the 34th Reunion in Philadelphia, Pa. on August, 21-23, 1980 at the Marriott Inn. All World War II 83rd Division members are welcome and urged to attend. The popular Fleet Avenue Barber Alfie Uridel may be reached at 341-4339 for details and reservations. He is being assisted by Casey Kowalec who may be reached at 524-7690.

HELLO MR. PRESIDENT — SIR.

Running the Country you must be a busy man
So I'll get to the point as quickly as I can,
A veteran of World War II in the ETO
We had no Canada or any other place to go,
We fought for our Country and people to be free
But there is a lot on my mind bothering me.

While you have pardon on your mind,
Pardon me if I step out of line.
I agree with you let the boys come home,
They have suffered enough since they have been gone.

I was away from home in World War II
I have a question, if I may to ask you.
Now I was wounded and received the Purple Heart
I also got the Silver Star for a battle I've never forgot.

There are no complaints for the service I did
I do have a request, loosen up the lid.
You have the power to make things click,
So pull some strings and help the war sick.

We war veterans would appreciate a break,
Hoping I'm not asking too much for you to undertake.
We need some type of pension to pull us through,
And thanks, Mr. President, for anything you can do.

Our concern for the hostages they are holding in Iran
We are ready to defend our people if you so command.
It's our duty and we back you one hundred percent,
Until their release to safety we will not be content.

Co-C 331 BN
83rd Inf. Div.

Haran R. Martin
Winston Salem, N.C.

Hi Buddies.

I dont know where the time is going a I just finished reading the last Thunderbolt and my next column is due.

Since the last column I wrote quite a few things happened First Emil Wehling broke his shoulder about three weeks ago. From the way I understand it he was standing on his wifes shoulders trying to put a bird house in a tree that was about 25 foot high. He tried to reach a little higher and fell off her shoulders landing on a empty beer drum. That just shows you what can happen when there is a drum laying around empty. Emil is doing fine now and hopes to see all his buddies at the reunion in Philly.

My Buddy Charlie Waldrop and his proud wife just had a new Grandson and if you hear anything that sounds like thunder coming from South Carolina thats just them raising cane. Congradulations, hope you have many more there great. I know I have six of them.

My Captain is in the hospital with his heart acting up on him. I dont know what it is but thats seems to be the trend now. Age doesnt seem to mean anything. I have heard of more people in the last year having trouble with there hearts than anything else. Take care Capt. and you will be as good as new. I am feeling great now and even doing things I never did before.

My wife and I just celebrated our 42 anniversary on the 7th of May and they said we'd never make it. We hope to celebrate the year 2000 together and I dont mean maybe. I wonder where the reunion will be that year. Maybe the Jersey Chapter will run it. O.K.?

Dave & Mille Benick were up from Florida last month and like they always do when they come u p, they visited us at the Garfield VFW for our meeting. I know they had a good time. They hope to make the reunion in Philly.

I hope Larry Redmond is doing well from his heart attack and his wife Mary has had some trouble too. Take care you two and start enjoying some of this life.

I dont have too much news to give you but I would like to leave you with this little poem. Its called:

The way to go

I've heard the cry, "Atsa the way to go!
And I guess it must be true,
And I've pondered a bit on where they went
And why and what did they do.
It's not that I'd like to go there —
The vim and the fervor I lack.
And I don't care much for the way to go,
What I want is a way to come back.

I leave you with this hoping to see you all at the runion. And just remember its later than we think, enjoy everything today, as tomorrow never comes.

Your Buddy
Jim Bowie
Co. B. 330th



Big discussion, Larry Dalton, Owen Jones, Ed Derickson, Floyd Richmond, Herschel McIntosh, Dan McCarthy and Danny McCarthy.



Something is funny: Nora Lee Walters, Mildred Doggett Avalon Goodridge and way in the back ground is Andy Derickson, grandson of our own Bob Derickson.

On April 3rd, 1980 Charlie and Anne Bonafiglio celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. A dozen or more of the Philadelphia Chapter members had the honor of attending a surprise party given for them by Ann's sister, Fran. Everyone attending had a wonderful time and Fran deserves a lot of credit for the affair she held for them. Best of Luck to Charlie and Anne and we wish them twenty-five more years of happiness. Charlie was a member of Battery "C" 908 Field Artillery.

Frank McGrogan

North Tonawanda Man

DAV Taps Leader

A World War II combat infantryman, Lowell E. Claxton of 109 6th Ave., North Tonawanda, is the new commander of Western New York District Council of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

His five battle stars include one for participation in the Battle of the Bulge with the 83rd Infantry Division.

Claxton, along with other new district officers, will be installed for a one-year term on Friday evening at 6 p.m. in John's Flaming Hearth Motor Inn, 447 Main St., Niagara Falls.

The principal speaker will be William J. Szabo of Niagara Falls, a member of the state veterans' public relations staff. Claxton succeeds Richard A. Wannemacher Jr., a Town of Tonawanda resident, as commander.

Others Take Office

Other DAV district officers taking office will include Matthew O'Hara of Buffalo, Martin Hageman of Derby and Anthony R. Delgatto of Manchester, vice commanders; George McCroskey of Angola, treasurer; Frank Fantanza of Rochester,



Lowell E. Claxton

... leads disabled vets

judge advocate; the Rev. Timothy Armstrong of Jamestown, chaplain; Alphonse Santucci of Rochester, adjutant, and John Wilczek Jr. of West Seneca, sergeant at arms.

Claxton's election makes him a double winner. Recently, he was elected commander of the DAV's Queen City Chapter #91 of Buffalo. The chapter shares club-rooms at 29 Clemo St. with the Joseph Hriczko Post 6245, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Lowell E. Claxton

109 - 6th Ave.

N. Tonawanda, N. Y. 14120

E Co. 330



Historians Corner

Dear Buddies.

Just a few more words about Luxembourg some pictures, than on to Germany.

The large picture is of Prince Felix of Luxembourg, General Macon and in the shadow Chief of Staff Col. Krauoff. I'm the M.P. It was taken in Nov. 1944 on the Prince's visit to the Div. C.P.

By the way I sent a copy to Prince Jean and received a nice "thank you" note.

We also had Generals Marshall, Patton, Eisenhower, Simpson and Hodges here.

The Generals food and liquor must have been excellent. If I remember correctly his cook was called "Beans" and made the best pancakes and did wonders with those miserable dried eggs.

The otherr picture I took of the city.

For a change of pace I've included a caricature of myself done by Sgt. George White M.P. inside the entrance to the C.P. was Abie my Nickname.

The other piece is a copy of how to act, when as a citizen, you arrive home on rotation?

I hope you enjoy both.

Also, did you know we had our own cartoon character Oilbub? He was drawn by Sgt. Fizfires of the Engineers. I'll include one from time to time. He touches on the, as it was then, lighter side of being a G.I.

Hal O'Neill of Signal visited the other day and remembers checking out the old City of Luxembourg, among other things. Jim Brennan of 330th is a neighbor and a fellow parishner.

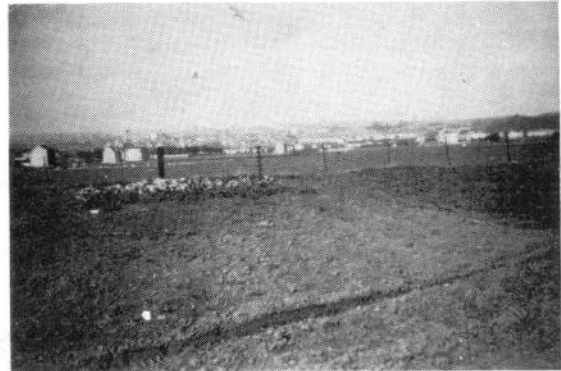
There are quite a few 83rd'ers on Long Island.

I'll have another U.S. Army combat picture of the 83rd in the next report.

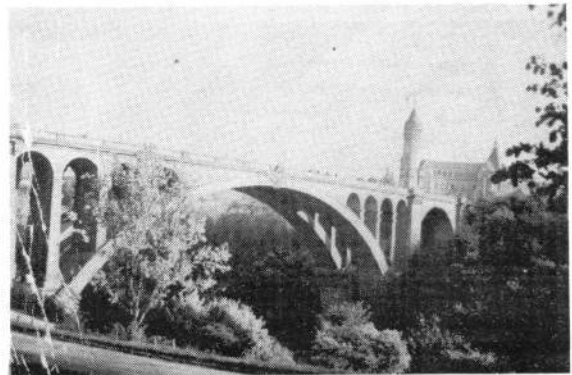
Wm. Kent OConnell
83rd M.P.s



Prince Felix of Lux., General Macon, Col. Krautoff (In shadow).



Luxembourg City taken from Div. C.P.



The main bridge over the gorge.



Taken from the big bridge, R.R. bridge in background.

With the men now leaving our organization to return to the States, we have found from reports drifting back to us, that these men are required to attend a school for two weeks. The purpose of this school is to teach them culture and refinement in order that they may adapt themselves to a far gentler life in the States. The men are all anxious to return home and having a 2

weeks delay is hard to take, so in order to remedy this we have compiled this pertinent data.

After this short course it will be unnecessary for you to attend any school and you may go directly home confident that you are able to mix with any group be it in a salon or saloon. Our course carries the GOOD HOUSEKEEPING SEAL OF APPROVAL.

EXCERPTS FROM OUR SHORT COURSE

1. Upon arriving in America you will be amazed at the large number of beautiful girls you'll see. Remember boys, NEW YORK is Not PARIS. Many of these girls have occupations such as stenographers, sales girls and beauty operators. Therefore, you do not approach them with "How Much!" A proper approach is "Isn't it a beautiful day". or "Were you ever in Scranton". Then you say "How Much".
2. If you are visiting at some-ones home and after spending the night are awaking by a gentle rap on the door informing you that the household is arising, the proper answer is "I'll be down shortly", etc. DO NOT SAY "Blow it out your A--".
3. Your first meal in the morning is called breakfast, you'll find a strange assortment of foods, such as cantelope, fresh eggs and milk, etc. are apt to grace the table. Do not be afraid of them, They are highly palatable. If you wish more butter, You merely turn to the person nearest you and say, "Please pass the butter". You DO NOT say "Throw me the Goddam Grease".
4. If while in a group you find that a biological urge is coming over you, and you find it necessary to defecate, do not grab a shovel in one hand and paper in the other and head for the garden. You will find that 90% of the homes in the States have one room called a bathroom, ie - a bathroom in most cases contains bathtub, wash basin, medicine cabinet and toilet. It is the latter you are most likely to use in this case. ED NOTE: A toilet is a bowl like contraption partially filled with water, that after using one merely presses a lever and it is ready for use again.
5. You are invited to some-ones house. If on arriving you find that all the chairs are occupied, do not squat down in a corner in the manner of an Indian and say that your perfectly comfortable. Have patience, your host or hostess will soon provide you.
6. Belching or passing wind in company is strictly frowned upon. If you should forget about it however, and belch in the presence of others, such expressions as "Excuse me" are used. DO NOT SAY "It must be the lousy chow we are getting".
7. When at dinner, you will find that each item has a different dish of it's own. In the army you have learned to eat delightful combinations as Corn-beef and pudding mixed, Lima beans and peaches so do not empty each small dish into one large dish, to make it more palatable. Instead learn the strange civilian way and in no time you will learn their "Seperate Dish and like it.
8. If you are intertaining at home and plan on seeing any stimulants you must be more than careful. It has been your experience overseas that such drinks as Under-ripe-Wine, Alcohol and Grapefruit juice or a combination of Cognac and Water, which our French Friends

are a bit more discriminating. So DO NOT serve any of the above if you want to keep your friends.

9. When a person has erred back in the states, he is informed of this by his associates with such statements as "I believe you have made a mistake" or perhaps you have overlooked this" etc. If by chance it is your duty to inform someone of a blunder DO NOT accuse him of having **screwed up**". Any of the above are considered more suitable.

10. If upon leaving friends after a visit and you have misplaced your hat, you will probably find it in a closet. You must meet this situation by turning to you host and say "I don't seem to be able to find my hat". DO NOT SAY "Don't anybody leave this room some **S.O.B.** has got my hat."

11. If in your travels in the States especially in a strange city you feel it is time to find a place to sleep, you should go to the nearest hotel. Upon arriving there you should register. After which you'll be shown your room. You are NOT IN COMBAT. Do not go up to the nearest house, and throw the occupants out in the yard and lie down and go to sleep.

12. You do not need to be afraid of Bombs. DO NOT wear your helmet in the house.

13. Upon arriving home, you will no doubt be offered a real American Whiskey. It is at this time that ou will be called on to exccercise the peek of control. Merely accept the drink and in due time your glass will be re-filled. DO NOT get a wild gleam in your eyes, snatch the bottle from your hostess and proceed to drain the bottle, cork and all.

14. You will no doubt go to a movie in the states. You must remember that seats are provided. There is no need for your helmet. DO NOT whistle every time a female between 8 and 80 walks across the screen. If your vision is impaired by a person in front of you move your seat. DO NOT SAY Move your head JERK.

15. Do not go around hitting everyone of draft age in civilian clothes. He might have a medical discharge from the service. Ask fim for his credentials and if he has none, then go ahead and sock him.

16. Upon your arrival you will find a pair of pajamas laid out on the bed. Pajamas are a two piece sleeping garment which is put on after all other clothes are removed. Upon seeing them try to act as if you are used to them A remark such as "My what a delicate shade of Blue" would show that you are not taken back by their prescence. However do not say "Now how the hell do you expect me to sleep in this get up.

17. Several times during the day you will have to urinate. Do not go behind the nearest tree or automobile to accomplish this. All building have accomodations. See Sec. 4 above.

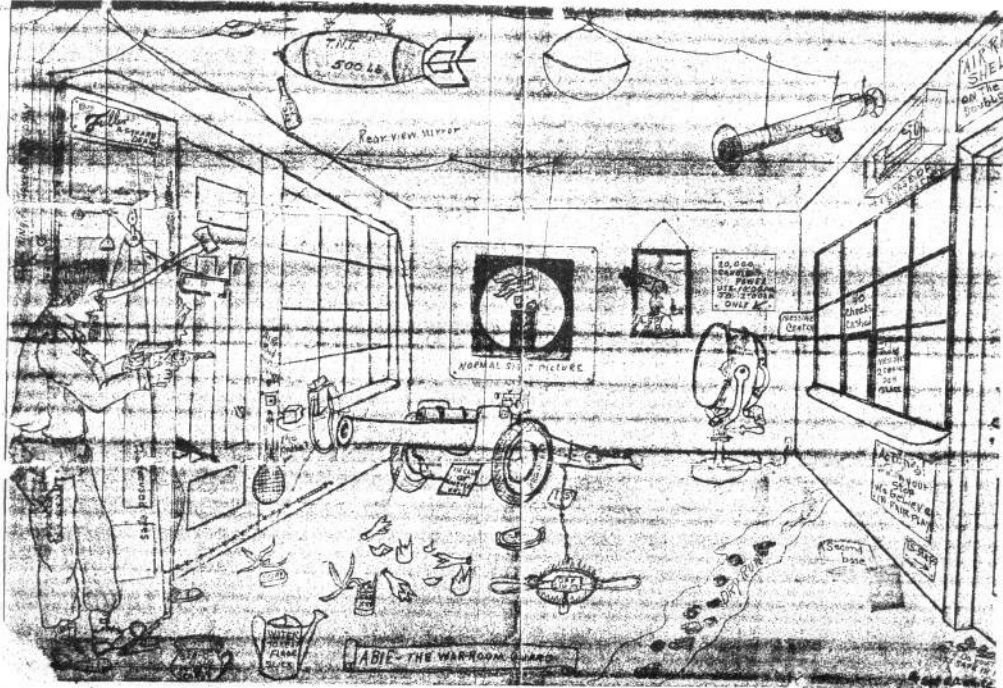
18. It is exceedingly bad form at any time to attempt to open a beer bottle with your teeth, regardless of how anxious you are to get its contents, and in the event of your hostess says, Pass the Nutcracker" DO NOT HAND HER A BEER BOTTLE.

19. Never blow in your soup to cool it off, unless it is some popular tune of the day. St. Louis Blues does especially well with Chicken Noodle Soup.

20. Always tip your hat before striking a lady.

NOTE STUDENTS: You should complete this course in ettiquete so as to be ready to face society unashamed.

If you are a gentlemen at heart these helpful hints will be easily naturally to you but if you are a bum, you may have to work a little harder at it. At any rate it is worth it believe me, I know. DONT FAIL TO SEND YOUR APPLICATION.



Due to an oversight "The Historian Corner" material was left out of last issue.

Report from the Louisiana Chapter:

Mr. Derickson:

This note to inform you of the death of S/SGT Louis J. Klancer of Company "C" - 331st Inf. Regiment - 83rd Inf. Div. Loule is my cousin & we served together from about Feb. 1945 until April 6, 1945 when I was severely wounded on the Weser River, Germany. He was well known especially by Capt. Edwards, Sgt. Chura, Lt. Williams.

Louie passed away Oct. 1979 at the age of 56 - Born April 12, 1923 from a massive Heart Attack.

He was not a member of the Organization although I had been trying to get him to join for sometime.

He is survived by his wife, Hilda, Son James, Daughter Joan & Sister Josephine.

If you would be kind enough to print this in the Thunderbolt, I would be glad to hear from His friends and mine.

Thank you.

Melvin J. Klancer
2229 North 26th Street
Sheboygan, WI 53081
"Co." C - 331st

This is a memorable day that I am writing this article, 6 June, how many memories that day brings.

One member, Laurence Armand, is recovering from an operation on his back, he left the hospital about two weeks ago, and should be doing fine. He has made his reservations for Philly, he will fly in with his wife.

Leonard Prelutsky is planning on being at the reunion, he doesn't miss an opportunity to be with his men from the 308 Med.

Haven't heard from Carl Bidner, but I sure will make an attempt to get him to come to Philly.

My wife and I will arrive on Tuesday and make the trip to Atlantic City with the group.

It was sad news to hear that Jim Prentice's wife has passed away, the group from Louisiana sends its deepest regrets to Jim. I only knew Jim's wife for a short time, but I am sure that she will be missed by the entire 83rd Group.

I want to express my thanks to the Philly group that entertained my wife, my daughter and myself during our short visit to the city of Brotherly Love. My family is looking forward to the reunion in August.

Joe Macaluso

We are getting ready for our largest reunion since World War II for the 323 F.A.Bn. It will be wonderful to see so many at one time.

Captain Ralph Morgan has hopes of attending along with Frank Wirth. They are close 323rd buddies from the Falls Church, Va. area. Ralph is in London, England to visit his son.

Orlo Hoover, on his way home from Florida, went to see John Turkett. He had quite a visit with him in the V.A. Hospital in Columbia, S.C. John passed away a day or so later. He was a real soldier who was very popular among his outfit and proud to be a part of it. Our Sympathy goes to John Turkett's family.

I just tried to telephone James "Buck" Taylor in Modesto, Ca. However, I got no answer. Buck and Marge must be out painting the town red.

George Polites and I had quite a chat on the phone since the last issue of the Thunderbolt. George Polites and I had quite a chat on the phone since the last issue of the Thunderbolt. George was in the hospital for a while, however, he is back home and tells me he is doing very well.

John Medeiros was down on a trip to Bermuda. John played a lot of golf and with his sharp pencil had a wonderful score.

Tom Papile is doing very good. I talked to him on the phone about a month ago. His family keeps the telephone busy so it is hard to get to talk with him. I hope to see him in July.

Romeo Maynard and his wife Livie, after all their trips, are known as the Honeymooners. Romeo and Livie have been active in the Boston Chapter. It is wonderful to have them always helping out.

Dave Nellies is home from a visit with his Mother in Florida. Dave and his charming wife Nancy take this trip every year.

Norman McCormack and his wife Anita also spent a vacation in Florida. I talked to their beautiful daughter Robin while they were away. "Mac" is also a Grandfather now.

George Connors will be in charge of the Rhode Island delegation going to the Phillie reunion. Erwin Erhardt tells me that he trained him well in Cincinnati, Ohio for this event.

I wish more of you 323rds would send news to me. I hope to see you all at the reunion.

A tip of the Irishman's Hat goes out to Howie Carlom and Mike Brick for a job well done with the 908 FA. They are two marvelous buddies to have in the 83rd.

John Piscitelli, our Chaplain, is doing a fabulous job and is a proud member of Charlie Battery 323rd.

Nancy and I will be in Phillie in August for the reunion and then we will be off to Ireland for a couple of weeks.

**Amby Tynan
323rd Reporter**

We have had several new members join the Boston Chapter since the last issue of the Thunderbolt.

Everyone in Boston is looking forward to the reunion in Phillie. It will be a real blast I'm sure.

Paul Gunderson, 308 Engineers, phoned me on his return from his vacation. He and his wife Dottie had a marvelous winter down south.

Larry Arrigo, 308 Engineers, went under a serious operation and came out of it very well. His wife Fran is very good at keeping us informed of his condition. I PLAN TO SEE HIM THIS WEEKEND. Their son John is getting married in a few weeks and we hope Larry is well enough to attend.

My wife Nancy won a trip to Ireland. We are planning to spend a couple of weeks there after the reunion. Nancy also went by personal invitation to see the Tall Ships in Boston and spent the day viewing them aboard the Aircraft Carrier U.S. Kennedy.

Pat and Ginny DiGiammerino are looking forward to their son David's wedding in Kent, Ohio next October. The family of the Bride-to-be is on from Ohio this week, so the DiGiammerino's must be quite busy.

Mike Caprio and Hy Goodman have been very busy with the new American Legion Post in Providence, R.I. Mike wants me to go down to see it which I hope to do in the near future.

The Boston Chapter was shocked to hear of the death of "Teddie" Prentice, wife of Jim Prentice. She was a real favorite at all our Boston Chapter Meetings. She would attend the meeting even when it was very painful for her. Jim, Nancy and I would have been down if we had known about "Teddie". The Boston Chapter sends our condolences to you and the family.

Captain Leo Peloquin passed away. He was from Warwick, R.I. The Boston Chapter sends our sympathy to Leo's family.

I met Bob Hunnewell from 329 Infantry, along with one more 83rder, at the parade on the 27th of May in Braintree. They were both on the reviewing stand. I was real proud to see these men of the 83rd taking an active part in local events.

The Boston Chapter has a meeting coming up shortly. Hope to see everyone in Phillie.

Amby Tynan
Boston Reporter

MY INSOMNIA IS REALLY TERRIBLE

I CAN'T EVEN SLEEP ON THE JOB

WARREN CHAPTER NEWS

Writing for the Warren Group from the sun coast of Florida seems like some kind of "Far-Fetched" dream of a newsmans who is on vacation yet working for the guys. Thanks to my wire service guy, Lee Titus, I am able to put together a few items of happenings from up-North. While on the subject of Lee, it seems that he is trying to emulate the production line of his Employer, General Motors. He and Birdie have just introduced their 1980 Model Grandchild number 12. The Titus's are not stopping there. There are plan in the offing of a couple more production lines, namely son Tim and daughter Sandy who are at this writing negotiating for their own Franchise. Anyhow - Congratulations.

And too - Congratulations to Marge and Ray Voracek who were honored as Parents-of-the-year of Maple Hts., Ohio (We've enclosed a copy of the news article to our Editor with hopes that he will get in in with this issue of the Thunderbolt) "Way to go Marge & R.J.! ...

The Warren Chapter welcomed its newest member Joe Venutti and wife Elvira while having their annual May Picnic-Golf outing (wonder if the Genessee Kid is still out there counting strokes?) - ... We will miss Past Chapter Prez. Charlie Tomazin at this Reunion who with wife Ann will be enjoying a trip to Europe - have a good one Chuck & Ann - ... a yearly happening that Mary Ann and I will miss is the week-ends with the Titus, Voracek and Gautschi Gang down at Paradise Lake who incidently will host the July Golf-Beer-Golf and Picnic bash! We should hear all about it in August in Philly - ... George and Louise Bellay will also be missed at the Philly round-up - seems that the Cheezer will be due for his annual check-up at the Cleveland Clinic on July 30 - ... Good Luck Pal and also to Larry Redmond who was admitted with a Heart Attack God grant that all our Guys ailing out there get back on track with us soon. - ... Board Member Mike Skovran back from Philly and doing his usual great Job with the Chapter Newsletter that Mary Ann and I look forward to every month - ...

The Deepest Sympathy of The Warren Chapter is felt for Mike Skovran and Family upon the passing of Sister Julia Stanislaw - To Jim Prentice and Family in the Loss of their beloved Teddy - Jims wife - and to the Family of Mario Muoio who passed away about a month ago. God Grant them their final Reward and Eternal Rest. ...

Well Thunderbolts - I guess thats about all that can be cleaned from the Chapter News-Service for now - Mary Ann and I will see you all in Philly. God Bless.

George Cooley Sr.



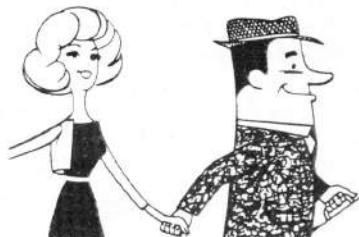
HONOREE — Raymond and Margaret Voracek of Maple Heights will be honored on Sunday as "Parents of the Year."

Maple Hts. couple honored as parents

Raymond and Margaret Vorracek of Maple Heights will be honored as "Parents of the Year" at a program at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, in the Czech Catholic Union hall, 5349 Dolloff Rd.

The event, honoring the parents of six children and grandparents of seven, will be sponsored by the Czech Catholic Union.

The Voraceks are members of Our Lady of Lourdes Church. They belong to Anton Blazek Post No. 2079 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Warren, O., chapeter of the 83rd Infantry Division Veterans. They own a catering service. Voracek is a life member and former director of Czech Karlin Hall, 5304 Fleet Ave.



WE'RE MOVING

OUR NEW

ADDRESS IS.

G Company 331st Infantry

I know that my task as a reporter for G Company would not be complete without writing an article about the officers that served with the Company.

When I reported to the company in October 1943, I was the low man on the totem pole. Bill Waters was the Commanding Officer, then there was Dellow, Gahn, Davis and on other officer. Being the last one on board, I was assigned to the last Platoon (The Weapons Platoon).

The Division had just come from Maneuvers, and there was a lot of changes being made. When things finally settled down in February 1944, we got the word that we were headed for overseas. To fill the roster one other was brought in, (Ernest).

This was to be our first string, In Bill Waters, we had an individual that would play the game according to the book, and an officer that excelled in Military Bearing. I learned a considerable amount of leadership from Bill Waters. The other four officers each had their good points, but we would not know how good they would be until we entered into Combat. We did not have long to wait, on July 4th we lost Gahn and Ernest. On the 6th of July, I was evacuated, and Davis got his present shortly after. Dellow, who had taken over the Weapons Platoon was lost a few days later. Within one week only Bill Waters was unscratched. The flood of replacements started to arrive. A couple of officers were brought in while I was in the rear, I never had the opportunity to meet them. Each time an officer was lost, the platoon sergeant would take over the platoon. More replacement officers were assigned to G Company, but once again it is hard for me to name all of the replacement officers. I can recall a few, I was the only one of the original officers to return to the company. There were officers, by the name of Gilmore, Baird, (he stayed with us a short time, then was reassigned at a later date), Spaulding, and Witherspoon.

When I assumed Command of G Company at St. Malo, there were only two officers left, Bill waters had transferred to Battalion Staff. In regrouping after St. Malo, there was a flood of replacements to the Battalion. In G Company we got officers by the name of Berlet, Vollmeer, Balick and McElroy We were in a relative quiet position, and it is good that we were. It gave the officers time to get acquainted with the men. Up to this point we did not have this opportunity. Once we moved on to the offensive, it was evident to me that we needed the young officer rather than the older ones. Berlet did stay with us to the end, but Balick and McElroy, who were in their middle 30's, could not stand the pressure and had to be relieved. Berlet managed to stay with us, but to this date, I don't know how he managed to survive the Weapons Platoon.

Vollmeer was one of the young officers, he did an outstanding job, from time to time he was evacuated, but always returned. Baird had returned to G Co after the bulge and he too did an outstanding job with the 2nd Platoon. In Vollmeer and Baird, I had two of the finest officers in the army. They were assigned some difficult tasks, but with the experience they had acquired, both of them always found the right solution. It was a pleasure to have these two officers in G Company.

Somehow, during the course of nine months of combat, there were some 24 officers that passed through the command of G Company.

There were three officers that I recall Becker, Mote and Graff. In Becker and Mote we had two young officers. Graff had been the Communication Sergeant for the Battalion,

and received a Battlefield commission. He was assigned late in the war and had very little chance to command in combat. Mote had gone to Europe with another company and was a replacement in G Company. I don't think he ever accepted the responsibilities of an officer, when the firing began he forgot that he was an officer and that he was suppose to lead. Becker joined us too late in the game, it took him some time to adjust, but I think he would have made an excellent combat officer. One of the hardest jobs an officer had, was adjusting to the men of his platoon. He would come in as a replacement, he knew very little about the leaders of the platoon and less about the men. His adjustment had to be quick, and in most cases we did not have the time available. That is why it is hard for me to remember the name of all the officers. Some spent too little time with us. I believe that the one thing that made my job a lot easier, was the fact that I knew the men in the platoon, I knew the Sergeants who would be the leaders. This was due to the fact that I had trained with these men in the states and in England before we went into combat. I was no better off than the replacement officer when we first went into combat, I had to adjust to combat conditions, it was one of the toughest things that I ever had to do in my lifetime. Once we got to the area where we had a breather, I realized that I could make the grade, and things would come easy for me. Experience is the best teacher, and the longer you stayed with it, the better the conditions were. In their lies the answer, too many of the officer replacements did not stay with the unit longer enough to gain the experience he needed to lead a platoon in combat.

As time goes on, I realize more and more how fortunate I was to be surrounded by some of the finest officers and men that served in the Army.

Capt. Mac

CHICAGO CHAPTER NEWS

The Chicago Chapter scribe has been lax in his reporting duties. Our new editor is doing a great job in his trying job and is a worthy successor to Sam Klippa.

We have had a good year in Chicago. We are getting together more frequently and have had good turn-outs. For a first ever we are having a picnic in June, and our new farmer member, Will Hanson, has invited us to visit his farm in July. This will be interesting for us "city folk".

Our Bill Bogacz is going to Poland this year and is counting the days. Tony Novak and family are going to Florida. We are all looking forward to Philly. This historical city should have an appeal to all American's. And the best is that we will see our old Buddle's also.

See you in Philly
Joe Adam "A" 330th

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

Hi Buddies:

Here we are again one year closer to reunion, which is going to be a great one this year here in Philly. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE MEN WHO SENT ME THEIR DONATION TOWARDS THE AD IN OUR Program Book for this year. I also received a lot of nice letters from the men.

According to the response I received, we should have a very good turnout this year. The following is the names of the fellows who said they would attend the reunion this year:

Capt. Fritts, O'Malley, Tangelos, DelPadre, Harrell, Marra, Snyder, Dodd, Schick, Schriener, Silverman Jackson, Mikel, Jones, Ball, DiAntonio, Vitantonio Walker, Zimmerman, Rosenberg, Fulautor, Gurgal.

Frankle Cillinski and myself are looking forward to entertaining you men in our "Home Town" this year. I contacted Capt. Fritts and Sgt. Dodd by telephone this year and they both promised me they would be here and not pull any ranks on anyone (ha-ha).

Also, congratulations go out to DelPadre and his wife, Mary as one of their daughters just presented them with another grandson.

I also received word from John Jankovich telling me that his brother Urban is still on the sick list but if everything goes well to tell Bob Thompson that they will be here for the reunion.

I am looking forward to hosting all the company "D" men who attend the reunion this year and best of luck in your travels.

**Just Mac
Frank McGrogan
Company "D" 330th**

Warren Ladies Auxiliary News

Hi Everyone:

It's catch up time again for news from the Warren ladies. As we grow older, time flies by faster. Seems like only yesterday that I sent in the last article.

March

Babe and Theresa Gautschi were hosts for both meetings. The ladies had their meeting upstairs, while the men were in the recreation room downstairs. After the meeting, we joined our husbands and then proceeded to celebrate the farewell party given to George and Mary Cooley, who joined the retirement colonies in Florida. President Babe Gautschi presented them with a beautiful set of silverware, on behalf of the Warren gang; then the food and drinks brought on the singing followed the next morning by the hang overs, but everyone agrees — We had a great time.

April

Our meeting was hosted by Doloris and Ted Halubka and as usual the food and refreshments were most enjoyable.

May and June

Both meetings were held in conjunction with the mens golf outings at Smelko's Pavillian. The men play golf all morning then the slave girls bring their food out for the afternoon picnic. Just kidding fellas, we still love you all.

Of course now as time draws close for us to make plans to attend the 1980 Reunion in Philly, our meetings are centered around that topic. Our sincere sympathy to Jim Prentice on his great loss. We will all miss Teddy very much.

Pearl Johnson is still recuperating at home from her recent stay in the hospital.

Louise Bellay also is recuperating at home after a knee operation.

Congratulations again to: Pat and John Shamrock - 25th Wedding Anniversary, Dick and Millie Kelly - New Grandson, Daughter Janet. Birdie and Lee Titus - Our twelfth Grandchild, another daughter of Charlene.

Well thats all from the Warren Auxiliary. See you in Philly.

Birdie Titus

*FOR THE THUNDERBOLT
908TH. F.A. SPECIAL*

*From the North-South-East and Far West a Host of
'A' - BTRY. Members will journey forth to Phila. Pa. for
the 34th Annual Reunion.*

**FRANK ADACHOWSKI
WALTER BERNHARDT
EUGENE BONFIGLIO
LELAND BOYERS
MICHAEL BRICK
HOWARD CARLBOM
JOHN CLEVINGER
CHARLES DAILEY
ANGELO DELGUAICE
ELIAS HATEM
STUART HITT
HENRY HUDSON
ROBERT HUGHES
BILL LAUGHTER
FRANK MANGUM
EDWARD MARQUARD
CHARLES MORGASON
FRANK PALASKY
CLATE REICHENBERG
CHARLES STINE
WILLIAM SCHRODER
JOHN SIENKIEWICZ
ALEX TYSON**

We will arrive at the Marriot Motel on Aug. 16. or 17th.

*Reported by
M. Brick*

West Virginia Chapter News

We had a good attendance at our meeting on June 8th at the Wilmar Cafeteria in Parkersburg. The reading of by-laws was again postponed due to illness of Jim Dunkin. Also William Stark was absent due to illness. We wish them a speedy recovery. We had four new members at this meeting: Jesse Cullen, James Fouty, H.B. Lohr Jr., and Niel Naples. This is due to the work of Vice-President Leonard Hoskins to get new members for which we appreciate very much. This makes forty members in our chapter.

Our guest speaker at this meeting was Bill Chavanne President of the National Association of the 83rd. He and his wife attended a meeting in Hamilton, Ohio on Saturday night and traveled to Parkersburg Sunday morning to be with us at this meeting. That is a very long drive and we are very pleased to have such a well known couple to visit our chapter.

A letter was read from Mr. 83rd. Sam Klippa about interesting ideas to make a better chapter and events about his trip to Europe.

We are planning on having a picnic in July. The time and place will be determined later.

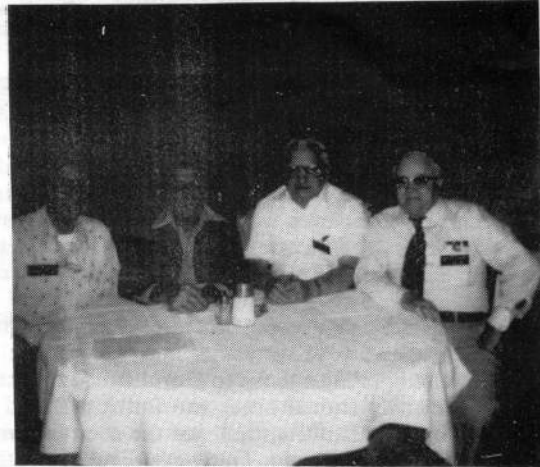
Officers were nominated and an election will be held at our next meeting which will be in Ripley, W. Va. at the Best Western, McCoy Restaurant on September 7th, at 1:00 P.M. We would like to see every member present at this meeting.

Don W. Pettry, Reporter
B 323 F A

Bill Chavanne was at our Meeting



L to R - Helen Persinger, Mrs. Bill Chavanne, Bill Chavanne, Eugene Persinger.



L to R - Faye Davis, David Baker, John Shepherd, Arthur Blankenship.



L to R - John Swecker, Jesse Cullen and Walter Farnsworth.



L to R - Eugene Persinger and Bill Chavanne.

FLORIDA CHAPTER NEWS

The Florida Chapter met in Punta Gorda, Florida on May 3rd with 19 members and their respective spouses in attendance. Beautiful arrangements by Bill Nickell, F Co, 329, provided us with Gulf view motel rooms at reduced prices and a sumptuous sit down dinner at the Italian-American Club followed by dancing to music even we 'oldies' could appreciate. Chapter President Ludger Lizotte, 83rd Sig. Co. conducted our business meeting and called for a show of hands of those members planning to go to Philly in August. As a result of the response the membership present voted to reserve one hotel room to be used as a Chapter meeting and hospitality room. Anyone contemplating a move to Florida and interested in Chapter membership should check the Bulletin Board at the Marriott reunion registration desk for the room number of the Chapter hospitality room. Our next regular meeting and annual election of officers will be held in Ft. Lauderdale in November with Ralph Gunderson, D Co, 331 acting as host.

See you in Philly
R.M. Sullivan, Sec'y-Treas.
Div. Hq. Co.

P.S. Bob could you please provide me with an update of Association members who reside in Florida. I'm sure that there are a lot of new ones and we are always looking for additional Chapter members. Thank you.

Dixie Chapter Report

The Dixie Chapter held its meeting May 17th in Greenville, South Carolina with about 30 people present.

We elected our new officers for the year. Mr. Jesse Pirkle, President; Mr. William Minick, 1st Vice President; Mr. Wedward Thomas, 2nd Vice President; Mr. William Laughter, Secretary-Treasurer; Mr. Haran Martin, Chaplain; and Johnie Ball, Reporter.

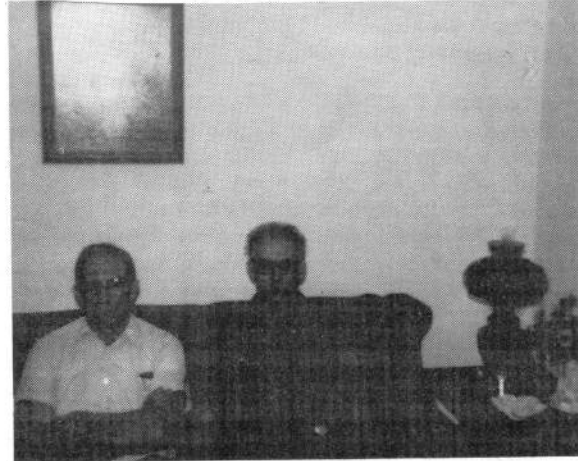
Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of John Turkett of Winnsboro, South Carolina.

Come on all you "Buddies". Let's make Philly one of the biggest meetings we've had.

*Johnie Ball
"D" 330th*

Am enclosing two pictures, if you can use them. The picture with five people are Leslie Riddle, Easter Loup, Hazel Ball, Clifton Loup and Johnie Ball. Clifton and Johnie were in the same Co. "D" 330th, and had not seen each other in about 35 years. They had their reunion last August in New Orleans. The other picture is Dale Hoosier and Floyd Richmond. They were in the same Co. "F" 331st. Floyd visited Dale last September and that was the first time they had seen each other in about 33 years. They had a wonderful week of talking over all the good times. Johnie and Dale are looking forward to seeing "all their Buddies" in Philly in August.

*Johnie Ball
Reporter*



Dear Buddies:

Here is a letter thought you might all like to read:

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find check for \$6.00 for dues, for my son, Milton L. Munitz. He is unable to write. He is 100 percent disabled.

Best Wishes

Sincerely
Mrs. M. Munitz

Milton was in Hq. 330th. His address is 8533 Hawkins Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44320.

How about some letters or cards to let him know he is not forgotten. You don't have to know him personally. Just let him know you are a fellow 83rd. I bet it will make him feel better just to let him know we are thinking of him.

Bob

New England Chapter

On May 25 we had our 1st cook-out at Jim and Georgia Emanouil's in Chelmsford Mass. and it was a very nice day doo, — weather you could not ask for better.

We had everything you can think of to eat and drink and the gang was in good form. Thanks Jim and Georgia for sharing your beautiful place with us.

It was a great surprise to see a long lost friend in Mr. & Mrs. Joe Petrucci from North Providence R.I. come in and spend the day with us. We enjoyed your presents and hope to see you at more of our times

We also had Dot and Jim Brennan from Warwick R.I. Nick & Mary Francullo from Lynn Mass. Helen & Dutchy Smith, Lynn Mass, and for the 1st time in a long time a pillar of the outfit who has been sick and re-sick but is now able to get out, our one and only John J. Donahue from Burlington, Mass. Welcome back to the Gold John we missed you too long.

Also a 1st was Edger "Chico" Cormier of Shirley, Mass. Chico was all dressed up in his Post County Commander's American Legion outfit as he had to make a parade and after he came over to spend the day with us also hope to see you again Chico.

Some of our old stand by's were not able to come as they had other things pland, but we hope that you will be able to make the next one.

At this time I would like to thank you all for coming and spending a great day together.

Our next 2 month getogether are on June 22 at Nick & Mary Froncullo 10 Bessom St. Lynn Mass. and on July 20th at Jim & Dot Brennan's 136 Phillips Ave. Warwick R.I. Hope to see more new faces again. So if you have not been able to attend any of our times before we'll greet you with open arms. So dont forget the above dates. All 83rders are welcomed.

Nick Francullo

We are sorry to report that we lost another member, news paper clipping inclosed. Richard Williams, Hq. Co. 331st.

Enclosed are three photos taken during our cook out.

BATTLEFIELD COMMISSIONS — The National Order of Winners of Battlefield Commissions is seeking as members those who received battlefield commissions in combat. Contact Maj. Marion Charnock, USAR-Ret., Cmdr., NOWBC, P.O. Box 398, Tappahannock, Virginia, 22560.

Richard Williams, Lynn Tech teacher

LYNN — Richard J. Williams Sr., 58, 17 Spruce Road, died Sunday at Lynn Hospital after a lengthy illness.

A lifelong resident of Lynn, he was the son of the late James C. and Ellen J. (Winston) Williams.

For the past 16 years he was a history and civics teacher at Lynn Vocational and Technical Institute.

Mr. Williams was a graduate of English High and Salem State College.

He was an Army Veterans of World War II, and served as a radio operator with the 83rd Infantry Div., in France, and Germany.

He was past president of the Lynn Teachers Union and held various positions in the American Federation of Teachers. He was a member of the E.F. Gilmore Chpater, 64, Disabled American Veterans and the 83rd Infantry Div. Association.

He leaves two sons, Richard Williams of Huntington Beach, Calif., Mark W. Williams of Taunton and one daughter, Miss Maura E. Williams of Londonderry, N.H. two sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Churchill and Mrs. Elizabeth McGuire, both of Lynn and several nieces and nephews

The funeral will be held Wednesday from the T. W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 67 Ocean St., at 8 a.m. followed by a mass at 9 at St. Mary's Church and burial in Pine Grove Cemetery.



Frontrow - L to R

Edger Cormier & Dutchy Smith

Second row - L to R

Nick Francullo, Jim Brennan, Jim Emanouil, John Donahue and Joe Petrucci.



**Front row - L to R
Helen Smith & Helen Petrucci
Second row - L to R
Dot Brennen - Ann Halligan, Mary Francullo, Mary
Lampropoulos and Georgia Emanoull.**



**Dutchy Smith, Nick Francullo, Jim Emanoull, John
Donahue and Joe Petrucci.**



October 1944

A letter of instructions from VIII Corps placed the boundary between 83rd Division Third U.S. Army on the South of STENAY — AVETZ all inclusive to 83rd Division. ROS. SAARBURG, INCLUSIVE TO Third Army; TRIER inclusive to 83rd Division. The Division was ordered to continue its present mission.

The 329th Infantry continued to patrol in its sector from BOLLENDORF to MERTERT. Company K attacked and repulsed a force of 15-30 Germans who had crossed the MOSELLE RIVER into ECHTERNACH.

The 330th Infantry continued patrolling and out-posting its sector. Artillery and mortars were fired at targets of opportunity.

The 331st Infantry in Division Reserve continued combat training. The 1st Battalion replaced the 3rd Battalion in the [MAGINOT Training Area near HETTANGE GRANDE at 1430. The 2nd Battalion continued training in small unit problems.

This article will continue in following issues.

Phila. Chapter News
Reporter
John T. Piscitelli

On Sat. April 3rd our Phillie Chapter welcomed our Exec. Board of our Nat'l Ass'n. need I say that they were welcomed with open arms. As all our Thunderbolt Buddies are, whenever they come to Phillie, a great Program was presented to the Board for our Reunion in August. By our Nat'l Pres. Bill Chavanne of C-308-ENG. and our Nat'l Chairman Sam Aiello of C-908-F.A.

The Program was accepted by the Board, and our Reunion is now ready. No one will be sorry, anyone not having a good time at our 34th Annual Reunion, will be strictly their own fault. We were happy to see Lou Volpi, Mike Skoran, Manny Goodridge and Joe Macaluso & wife and their Daughter and Grandchild. And our good Buddie Bob Derickson. We miss Bernie Riddle and his Missis. Our Prayers are with her to get better and to attend our Reunion.

On Memorial Day our Chapter marched in the Annual Parade for the 13th consecutive year. They told us, "That the Parade was shorter." It seemed longer possibly old age? After the activities we all retreated to our Chapter Home. Where the Buffet was catered by our Good Friend Joe Ponzio of L-330. It was one of the best days for a Parade. We made T.V. News Channel 3 in Phillie here. Coffee and was served by our lovely wives. Well Buddies and Ladies God willing see you all in Phillie here. Any Questions or for Info. contact Sam Aiello, Nat'l. Chairman and Bill Chavanne, Nat'l President. Cheers.

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

Chaplain's Steeple
Chaplain
John T. Piscitelli

Dear Buddies,

since our last reunion we have been notified that (26) of our Buddies have left us and gone on to their reward. May the good Lord keep them even till the end of time. The following deceased since our last issue.

Theodore DeMasse	Div. Arty. Hdqrs.
Bernard Weitzel	908 F.A.
Al Schaefer	Med. 323
Ray Jenkins	B-329
Fred W. Lord	B-330
Delmar S. Borton	?
Wilson F. Dunbar	H-330
John Turkett	308 Eng.
Louis C. Meyer, Co. C 308th Engr. Btn. 83rd Inf. Div.	
Home Address:	
281 Northridge Rd.	
Indianapolis, In.	

May they through the good Lord always rest in peace Amen.

Our Buddie Larry Redmond of H-330 was pretty ill due to a Blockage of a Heart Valve. He was in serious condition in-ITU in Bryn.Mawr Pa. Hosp. Larry's home now our prayers are with him to get better. And to be with us at our Reunion. Bill Chavanne C-308 was also pretty ill in Intensive Care for awhile. He's home now, working to get our Reunion going. Both fighting 83rd Thunderbolts. We're been notified by Larry Redmond that Vince Dianna of H 330 lost his wife of 38 yrs. from a heart attack. Our prayers and condolence's are with him.

Also get well to Mrs. Derickson, hope to see her with Bob in Phila. Get well to Mike Rudy B-908 after his operation. Cheers Bob.

Well Buddies I hope all our news will be good news for the coming year. Another man ill and operated on was Frank Loeb of Div. Arty. Frank had Leg Vein trouble very painful. God bless each and every Thunderbolt and their families. Pray to see you all in Phila.

National Chaplain
John T. Piscitelli

Jim Bowie, Co. B. 330th, 55 Castle Harbor Drive, Toms River, N.J. passed away on Friday.

Wilson Dunbar, Co. H. 330th, 5710 Green Timbers, Humble, Texas, passed away May 10, 1980. Both with Heart Attacks.

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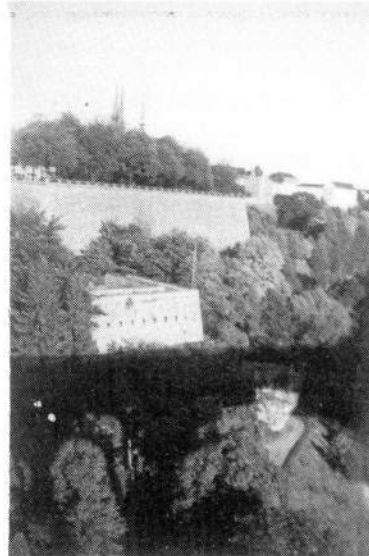
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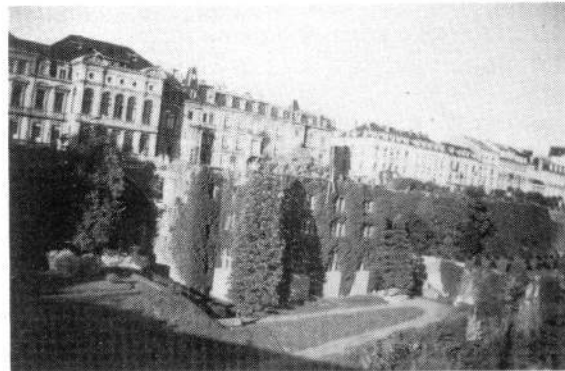


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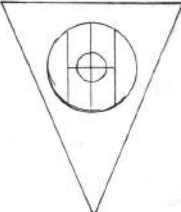
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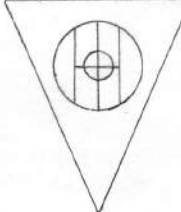
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 1980

- 9:00 A.M. - Registration.
- 4:00 P.M.
- 10:00 A.M. - Ladies, we have reserved 80 seats at the Channel 6 TV Talk Show.
- 11:00 A.M. - "AM Philadelphia". They usually have Celebrities on hand to interview, so plan to be there. The only catch is you must be at the Studio by 9:15 A.M. No problem really because the TV Station is across the street from the Marriott Motel.
- 2:00 P.M. - Chinese and Polynesian Cooking Demonstration for the Gals by one of the Head Chefs of the Kona Kai Restaurant. Room to be announced.
- 2:00 P.M. - Hospitality Room Open.
- 4:30 P.M.
- 6:30 P.M. - Sit Down Dinner.
- 8:00 P.M.
- 8:00 P.M. - Dance your troubles away. .Cash Bar
- 12:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 1980

- 9:00 A.M. - Registration.
- 4:00 P.M.
- 10:00 A.M. - Men's Business Meeting. to noon
- 10:00 A.M. - Ladies, we have reserved 80 seats at the Channel 6 TV Talk Show.
- 11:00 A.M. - "AM. Philadelphia". If you were not able to get seating yesterday, today is your day!!
- 2:00 P.M. - Memorial Services.
- 3:00 P.M. - Hospitality Room.
- 5:00 P.M.

- 8:00 P.M. - Come visit us on the Midway with the Phantastic Philadelphia Block Party!! Enjoy the Popcorn and Cotton-Candy and make sure you visit all the stands along the way. Ladies, we have been assured the Palm Reader and the Tarot Card Reader are genuine. So, lets see if the predictions are true! Dress will be casual.
- 10:00 P.M.
- 10:00 P.M. - Dancing.Cash Bar
- 12:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1980

- 9:00 A.M. - Registration.
- 1:00 P.M.
- 10:00 A.M. - Men's Business Meeting. to noon
- Ladies - Time is yours today. Make yourself lovely for tonights Banquet or if you should want to see Center City, the Bus route No 44 stops directly in front of the Marriott. It will take you non-stop to the City and back the same way. Your are on your own
- 12:30 P.M. - Unit Luncheons.
- 2:00 P.M. - Hospitality Room.
- 4:00 P.M.
- 4:00 P.M. - Mass.
- 7:00 P.M. - Gala 83rd Div. Annual Banquet. Ballroom Dancing.Cash Bar
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