

Hello Buddies:

Here we are coming down the homestretch of another year in the History of the great 83rd Infantry Division Association. As the time goes on, before we realize it, the Reunion will be upon us and once again we all gather as one big family and exchange handshakes and friendship among one another. Once again, we will have the chance to meet those long lost Buddies that we haven't seen since we left Europe so many years ago. Unless you have attended a Reunion, you can't imagine the great feeling it is to meet that long lost Buddy and renew old friendships.

Holding a Reunion is far greater than just a Veterans Convention, it is the gathering and meeting of men who lived together, fought together, and saw many of our unfortunate Buddies die together. We are far different than an American Legion Convention or a VFW Convention or many of the other Organizational Conventions, we are men who saw combat together, just like one big family, so why not start making plans to join us and try to meet those old Buddies that we have missed for so many years.

To those of you who have never attended a Reunion, you just can't believe what you have missed, last year I saw some men attending their first Reunion and meeting old Buddies and actually crying like meeting a member of their family that they haven't seen for years. These Reunions are made possible by a hard working group of men who form a Reunion Committee and work hard all year making plans so that you can come and have an enjoyable time. We can never give the credit that is due these men who serve on these Committees for the fine job they do, but there is always that certain few who can complain about what they got for their money. Believe me gentlemen, if you got nothing else than the chance to see that long lost Buddy for the first time, it was worth all the money you could spend. Just think, having the chance to sit there with him after all these years and sharing a drink with him and renewing some of the days and nights that you spent together in combat. Each year our ranks get thinner, from time to time throughout we hear of another Buddy who has passed away. Before we have the same misfortune, let us try to make at least one Reunion and renew our past friendship with our Buddies.

Each year we have a problem with our Membership, it is like an elevator, it goes up and down. As I read in the "THUNDERBOLT", there was a comment by our National President that our membership fell off because of change of Officers. I wish to make a correction on this, change of Officers is no excuse for any drop in membership. Over the years we have had some of the finest men as Officers that any Association could possibly have, yet membership has dropped off. This is not the fault of the Officers but of you its members. Many of you have become delinquent in your membership, not because you don't want to be a member, but because you accidently let it slip by, others have moved and have forgotten to give a change of address, and your mail comes back marked "Moved-No Forwarding Address". Having served as a Secretary-Treasurer, I know just

how hard this job can be. The only way to make it easier is with your co-operation and help, so please do your part now. Lets not blame the falling off of membership on our change of Officers, but on you the members. Another big thing in the drop of membership is the death of our members. Remember gentlemen, we are all getting older and our days are slipping by, so let us stay on that roster as long as we can.

As a final comment, we are in need of your help on our Reunion Program Book. I have sent out over 300 letters requesting adds and the returns have been very slow. Remember, this is your Association, any help you can give is for your benefit, not just the Reunion Committee. Please send in your Adds, no matter how large or small, every little bit helps. Also, remember your dues, as you know it will be \$10.00 next year, but \$10.00 well spent.

Larry Redmond

#### NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

Hello Buddies:

Well here we are again getting all the news that I have received up to the dead line. First of all Nick and Mary Francullo have become Grandparents again for the sixth time. Daughter-in-law, Mary Lou presented them with a 7 lb 9 oz baby boy on March 9th, Paul Joseph Francullo, all are doing fine.

In March Duchie Smith and Lou Rossi took a plane trip to Atlantic City for a few days to try their luck. They said that they did great, but though better not take anything home with them, so they left it all there for the next time. That is nice of you Lou and Duchie. They will be looking forward to seeing you all again. Ha. Ha.

I called our President, John J. Donahue, the other day to check on him and he is holding his own. Take your time, John, we are thinking of you. He also said that he would try to make our next meeting at Nick's house on June 14th.

Lou and Emma Rossi sold a piece of land next door to their house to their daughter and son-in-law to build a house. So Lou will be building it for them. Great father, you are Lou. He also tells me that he likes that because if Emma picks on him too much all he has to do now is go next door. Ha. Ha. (Not so Emma)

Lou and Emma are looking forward to the Pittsburgh Reunion to see the Sihlanick's and the Cooley's as Lou said it has been a long long time.

Also in February, James Smith, son of Duchie and Helen Smith got married to Joanne Colombani. They both are attorneys and will be in the law business in Lynn.

I called Jim and Georgie Emanouil to check on them and they are on the go too. Jim is a big ELK'S man but he will be ready for the reunion.

I received a letter on May 9, 1981 from Grace and Michael Brick of Buffalo, New York. Michael was operated on in March for a back condition and is walking with the aid of a cane. It looks doubtful as of now for them to be at the reunion. But if the health stays sound it is possible he will be there. We are all looking forward to seeing you Mike and Grace. Jim and

Dot Brennan were in Florida for a few weeks and met there daughter Bernadette down there and they did some sight seeing. Bernadette's husband Mike is a Lt. in the Air Force in Mississippi. Also Dot and Jim's other daughter, Christine is graduating from Rhode Island College on May 22, 1981 with a Bachelor of Science in Health Education. Good Luck, Christine. She was given a party at home and it was a great one. Everyone had a great time. Well Buddies this is it until the Reunion. See you all in Pittsburgh.

Your buddie  
 Nick Francullo  
 Hq. Co. 3rd Bn 330th



Jim you lost your head -  
 Georgia Emanoul, Gloria McCartin



It must be a good story -  
 Mary Francullo, Emma Rossi,  
 Jim Emanouil, Dot Brennan.



Just having a ball - Emma Rossi, Spik McCartin



It taste good - Duchie & Helen Smith



Is the lights to bright Boys - Duchie, Lou, Jim



What a good time -  
Mike & Marie Champey, Karl & Ingrid Burkhard



Totten, Smit, Linski Shells, Weilgoziac



How do we look. -  
Spike McCartin, Jim Brennan, Nick Francullo



Bedway, Totten, Malecki, Sheridan

P.S. Just received this note from our President, John Donahue. Had a baby boy born to my youngest daughter, Dennise Ann Levett, Patrick Michael, that is my eighth grandchild. Four boys and four girls. Was born on my birthday, March 26th. On April 30th I will be going to the hospital for bladder and prostate check up. Grandson graduates in June 7th (Construction Carpenter). I won't be at this reunion. Not feeling right yet. Nick I am sending some pictures of 1st BN. 329th A.T. boys. Please see if you can get them in for me.

Your Buddy  
John Donahue



Joy

1st BN 329th A.T.

## DIXIE CHAPTER REPORT

**Hello Buddies:**

The Dixie Chapter busted out the seams on the 23rd of May in Winston-Salem North Carolina. Our Chaplain, Haran Martin wrote letters, made phone calls and we had thirty-six new faces. Altogether we had seventy people present. We elected new officers:

**President**

**1st Vice President**

**Secretary-Treasurer**

**Reporter**

**Chaplain**

**Bill Minick**

**John Cox**

**Bill Laughter**

**Johnie Ball**

**Haran Martin**

Dick Riddle gave us a report on what is being set up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for the reunion. We are now looking forward to that reunion in August.

We had several prizes to give away. Some of the winners were, Jake Glenn, Mary Dickerson, Ed Thomas, Kyle Sluder, Buck Cox. Hope I didn't leave out anyone.

Again, we hope to see you "All" in Pittsburgh.

If any of you ladies out there in 83rd land are interested in getting a Southern Cookbook, our ladies have one for sale. They are \$5.00 per book. You can order them from Mrs. Frank Jackson - Florine, Route 1, Box 264, Oliver Springs, Tennessee 37840 or the Dixie Chapter will have them at the reunion.

**Johnie Ball, Reporter**



**Mayor of Greenwood, S.C. giving Platt of 83rd Inf. Div. to President-Dixie Chapter Jessie Pirkle. Also Hazel Ball.**

## BOSTON CHAPTER

Hi 83rds!

We are getting ready for the Pittsburgh Reunion in August. It certainly does look like a wonderful program from what we read in the Thunderbolt. Pittsburgh always had excellent reunions in the past, and the Boston Chapter believes that this will be the best one of them all!!!

We have had several meetings since the last issue. The first of which was held at Pat and Ginny DiGiammerino's home. Ginny had a lot of pictures of their beautiful grandchild's birthday party, so the women had much to talk about. The men discussed the 1982 Reunion.

Larry and Fran Arrigo held the next meeting at their lovely home in Norwood, MA. Horse Shoes was the sport of the day. Tony Catino and Mike Caprio were the Winners over Jim Prentice and Ray Bjork. It was good to be outside after the cold winter. Chow Call was really welcome after a few games, believe me!!! The food was served until the late hours along with a few drinks!

Thank you Pat, Gin, Larry, and Fran for the wonderful times that you folks showed us folks of the chapter.

The May Meeting was held at the Tynan home in West Roxbury, MA. Bob Honeywell was the "STAR" of the day. We had a lot of laughs with a "little TEA" while Nancy and the girls were getting the food set up. Nancy and I would like to thank so many for coming and for all the help putting everything out for a good time.

The boys from the Boston Chapter were sure glad that I had such a nice letter written to me from Mike and Grace Brick. Mike is looking forward to getting some of Stuart "Cookie" Hilt's Clam Chowder. Mike, we are looking forward to Howie Carlbon's Onion Soup with the California touch!! I hope to see you all at the reunion in Pittsburgh!!!!

Ginny DiGiammerino's mother is being operated on June 9th, to get a pacemaker. Gin has been busy going back and forth to the hospital. We are hoping that everything will work out fine and that Gin's Mom will recover successfully.

The Boston Chapter will have its' July Meeting at the Pine Hotel, in South Falliburg, New York to start the ball rolling or the "1982" Convention.

I must sign for now. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in August.

**Amby Tynan**

**Boston Chapter Reporter**



**Some of the Greater Boston Chapter men at Larry & Fran Arrigo's house.**

35TH. ANNUAL REUNION

PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 19, 1981:

Earlybird Registration ..... 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
Earlybird Party with Beer, Pretzels & Dancing ..... 7:30 P.M. to Midnight  
Race Track - If there are enough interested) ..... Time to be set later

THURSDAY - AUGUST 20, 1981:

Registration ..... 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
Golf Tournament for those interested ..... Early A.M.  
Hospitality Room (free booze) ..... 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
Octoberfest, Dancing and Refreshments ..... 6:30 to Midnight

FRIDAY - AUGUST 21, 1981:

Registration ..... 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
Business Meeting ..... 10:00 A.M. to Noon  
Hospitality Room (free booze) ..... 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
Beer Party and Dancing (free booze) ..... 8:00 P.M. to Midnight

SATURDAY - AUGUST 22, 1981:

Registration ..... 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.  
Business Meeting ..... 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon  
Unit Lunches ..... (48 Hours Notice)  
Memorial Services ..... 2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.  
Hospitality Room ..... 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.  
Mass ..... 4:00 P.M.  
Banquet ..... 6:30 P.M.  
Orchestra ..... 9:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. (Open Bar)

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IF YOU HAVEN'T MADE YOUR RESERVATIONS AS YET, PLEASE DO SO NOW WHILE THE THOUGHT IS FRESH IN YOUR MINDS.

DON'T FORGET TO WRITE TO THAT BUDDY OF YOURS, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT YOU HAVEN'T SEEN IN A GOOD NUMBER OF YEARS. HE MIGHT NEED A LITTLE BIT OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO GET HIM OFF HIS BUTT.

WE WELCOME YOU, ONE AND ALL, TO PITTSBURGH.

German Buffet

Red Cabbage  
Spaetzels  
Beef Sauerbraten  
Potato Pancakes  
Sauerkraut  
Knockwurst  
Wiener Schnitzel (Veal)  
German Potato Soup  
Marinated Vegetable Salad  
Sweet/Sour Cucumbers

German Chocolate Cake  
Bavarian Cream Pies  
Linzer Torte

Coffee, Tea, Sanka, Milk

Sit Down Dinner

French Onion Soup

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Individual Tossed Salad (2 dressings)

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Roast Sirloin of Beef (Medium)

Jackson Potatoes  
Stir-Fried Carrots & Zucchini  
Rolls & Butter

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Chocolate Mousse

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Coffee, Tea, Sanka, Milk

**1981**

**35th. Annual  
Reunion**

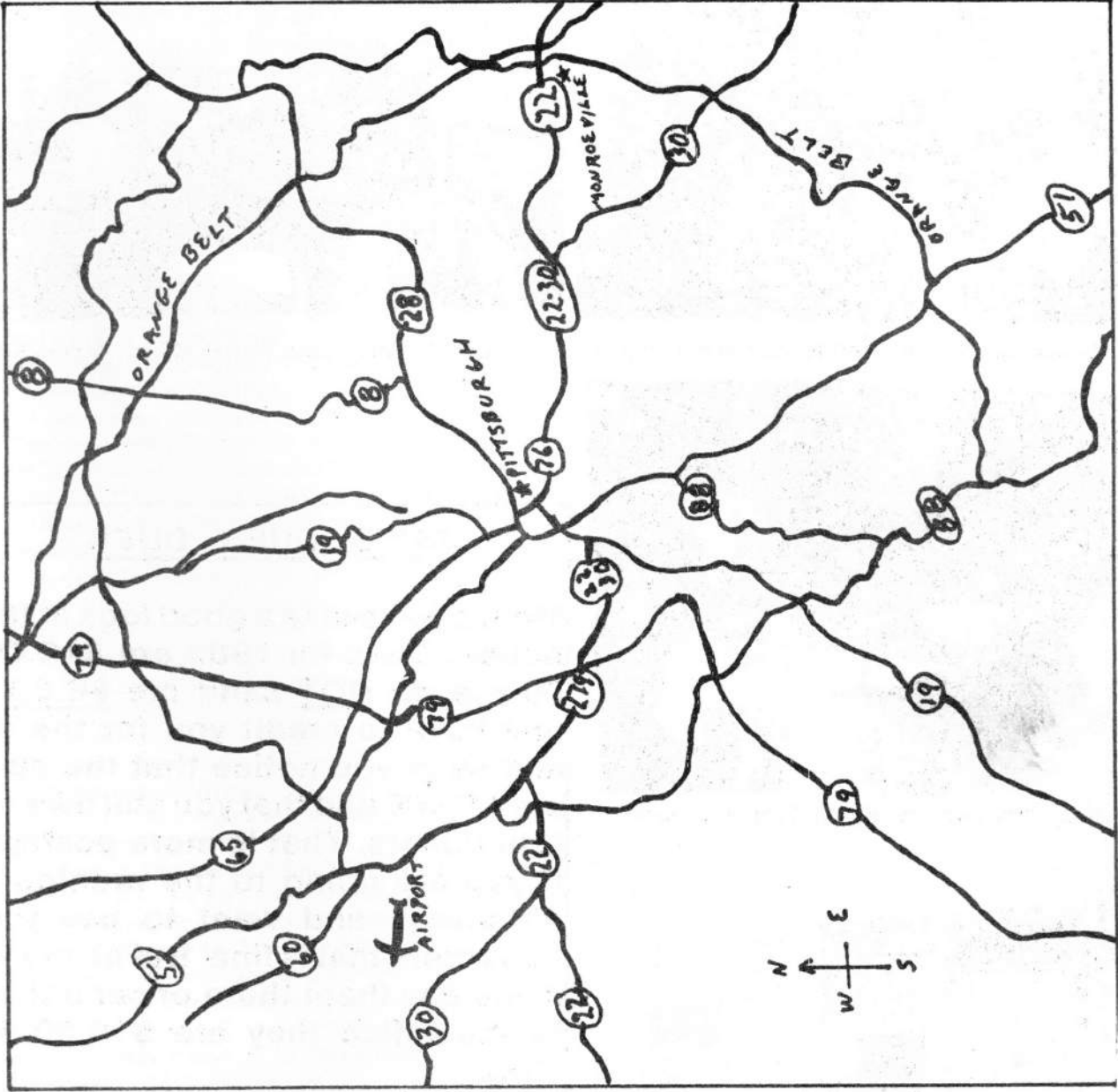
ALL ROADS LEAD TO  
PITTSBURGH - THE  
CITY OF CHAMPIONS.

I have tried to draw in all the main roads that lead into the city. Use this layout on your map and you should have no problems finding your way into Monroeville.

There are going to be many detours in the area at that time of the year, because of construction and roadway repairs, so if at all possible, try to come in off of Route #76 (Pa. Turnpike) and get off at Exit #6. This is just a short distance from the Hotel and will save you much time in the traffic around the area.

S. Klippa

**August  
20, 21, & 22nd.**





Greater Boston Chapter men sporting their new headgear.



Some of the Greater Boston Women at Larry & Fran Arrigo



Kelly Tynan with the Boston Chapter women.



Nancy Tynan modeling the new hat for the Greater Boston Chapter.

**DUES DUES DUES**

Men, please take a good look at this notice. Dues for 1982 are \$10.00. Please do **NOT** send me **\$6.00**. I just have to credit you for the six and send you notice that the dues are \$10.00 and that you still owe me four dollars. That is more postage. If you are going to the reunion in Pittsburgh and want to pay your dues there that is fine. But no matter if you pay them there or send them to the office they are \$10.00 for 1982.

**Bob Derickson  
Sec. Tres.**

**Mail your check or money order to:**

**83rd Inf. Div. Assoc.  
3749 Stahlheber  
Hamilton, Ohio 45013**



## KENTUCKY CHAPTER REPORT

The Kentucky Chapter held their Summer Meeting with Bob and Pearl Derickson as our hosts.

This meeting was something new for us. Everyone brought a covered dish for a regular picnic. We all met at the College View Motel where Ed and Kathy Derickson, son and daughter in law of Bob and Pearl, are the new owners and they made everyone welcome. At four o'clock we all went to the Park on the Campus of Miami University. Happy hour prevailed there until our business meeting.

Our President, Arthur Doggett presided over the meeting. The first thing was the announcement that Kermit Hargis had suffered two strokes and was in need of everyone's prayers. Hurry and get well Kermit. We missed you and Maxine.

Bob Derickson gave a report on the Board meeting and the reunion in Pittsburgh in August, urging everyone to go. He assured the Ladies that there was a large shopping mall close to the hotel and was big enough to keep them busy for the time they were there.

Committees were appointed to select the place for our meeting in October. Our group is growing with every meeting and it is like one large family. We look forward to every meeting and seeing everyone.

After the meeting we had a white elephant sale. Such handiwork by our ladies. Anyway our sale netted the chapter \$315.00. Not a bad way to make the chapter some money.

After the sale the ladies put out the food. They really outdid themselves. Around sixty some people to partake of it and then it was not all eaten. So you people know what the Kentucky Chapter can do.

Then late in the evening back to the motel and the usual gab fests. No one wanted to break up. Ed and Kathy furnished the chapter with a room for a hospitality room. Thank you both.

We met the next morning and all went together to the restaurant next door for breakfast. So ended another mini reunion for the Kentucky Chapter. Looking forward to seeing everyone in Pittsburgh and another great time.

R.C. Hamilton



Our two Hoosiers, Jeannette & Alberta



Howard & Janet Eduard Hamilton  
New members for Kentucky Chapter



Kentucky Chapter men.



Two fairly new to Kentucky Chapter - Millers & The Bakers.



Walters & McTulosks



R.C. & Louise Hamilton, running late for breakfast

#### GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER NEWS

On Memorial Day, May 25th, our Philadelphia Chapter had the honor of firing our 83rd rifles for three veteran's Groups in our area. We honored the Italian American Veterans, then we participated in the parade in Nabeth, Pennsylvania, and were the firing squad at their Memorial Service after the parade. The American Legion Post of Belmont Hills, Pennsylvania asked Lou Volpi if we would fire for them, and we all agreed. We all gathered in our cars and went and fired for them. The Legion was so touched that the 83rd went to fire for them, that quite a few of them broke out in tears.

After the ceremonies, the Legion Commander introduced us as the Great 83rd Infantry of World War II, which made us all proud to be there. After almost four (4) hours of Marching and firing we returned to our Chapter home, where our lovely wives had our tables all set up for a great get-to-gether. The catering was done by Joe Ponzio and his wife Olive. A great time was had by all. The women supplied cakes and dessert - God bless them all.

Frank McGrogan, "D" 330th, surprised every one by visiting with his wife Mry and his daughter, Barbara and his son-in-law, John. Frank is still on the mend. But

he is a good fighting man and may we see him more often. Dave Rosenberg, "D" 330th, also visited us with his wife, Anne. Dave has also been laid up for quite awhile with severe back trouble. He had just started to get around.

Our honor guard and rifle squad were:

Charles Anderson	"A"	331
Joe Ponzio	"L"	330
Berny Mendelsohn	"C"	308 Eng.

Flag Bearer

Joe Gioa	"C"	323 F.A.
Jim Price	"C"	331

Al Belvedere	"K"	331 and Al Belvedere, Jr.
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Lou Volpi	Parade Commander	"A" 324
John Piscitelli	"C"	323, Chaplain

Ed Kozemzski of the Pacific America Division was there also with his wife. He's a great square dance caller in our area. We had a few dances at our chapter home to finish off our day. Lou and Lucy Volpi had the chapter and guests at their home after we closed our chapter home - to finish our great day of tribute to our deceased buddies. I can just say God Bless Everyone.

John Piscitelli

#### MICHIGAN CHAPTER NEWS

**I just can't believe how time is going by so quick. It seems that I had just sent in my last article only a few days ago, and now it is time for my next issue.**

**The weather is beautiful here in Michigan right now and everything is turning green. Time for me to spend outside and get everything into shape. Been doing a lot of golfing already and hope to get in at least two days a week.**

**The Michigan Chapter has had our second outing out of town, as we said in our last article, we are trying a different approach to get more members to attend our minireunion, all around the State of Michigan.**

**In the month of March the Michigan Chapter held their meeting at the Presidential Inn, in Romular, Michigan. Jack Daugherty, and Nick Barber, set up the Room reservations, Banquet, and meeting rooms. A fine turn out.**

**Those present were Vito and Virginia Palazzolo, Jack and Henrietta Daugherty, Nick and Sylvia Barbee, Bob and Rita Taylor, Bruce and Jean Winchell, Lee and Dorothy Hetrick, Bill and Jean Goodwin, and George Bossler. We were greeted by our Committee, and shown to the Hospitality Room, where we started our consumption of Hap-**

py Water. Then we started our meeting. There were various discussions on the reunion in New York, and Bob Taylor will review them at the Board Meeting in May. After our meeting we changed clothes for our Banquet. A real good meal with all the trimmings was served.

After dinner we were escorted to the Moose Lodge, which Jack Daugherty is a member, and we joined more Moose members, for a real nice evening of dancing to an old time Big Band Music. What a time we all had dancing to the music of the 40's. Drinks were very reasonable since we were guests for the evening. Later on we were joined by Jack's daughter and son-in-law. We all stayed until the end at 2 a.m.

A big hand for a job well done to our Committee, Jack Daugherty and Nick Barbee. Thanks again for a fine week end.

Our next outing and meeting will be on June 17th in Lansing Michigan, our State Capital. Bill Goodwin and George Bossler will be our Committee and since I know these fellows, I am sure they will have a fine program for us. More on this Mini Reunion in the next issue. That is about it for now, I haven't heard any bad news so I guess Michigan Chapter is anxious to get to the coming reunion in Pittsburgh.

Regards to all chapters.

Vito Palazzolo  
"G" 329th



Philadelphia Firing Squad



Philadelphia Chapter

Philadelphia 83rdrs



LETTERS

I would like roster of "C" 331st people if possible. Having been back in the Association only three years, I don't know what went on before that time or what happened to the people I used to know. I missed you at the meeting of the Cleveland Chapter because I had back surgery at that time. Hope to see you at the reunion in August.

Louis L. Donnelly  
"C" 331st

I think the Plaque in Luxembourg is a worthwhile endeavor and I congratulate you for your personal dedication to the project. At this time, I doubt that I can attend the Dedication Ceremonies.

Henry Neilson (Col. Ret.)  
331st. Infantry

I recently saw in the Thunderbolt where John Jankovic became a member but no address was given. Would appreciate his address and that of T/Sgt. Michael G. Bozsoki and Raymond V. Langguth.

Norman B. Hoover  
"M" 329th Infantry

## HELP

Philip S. Annis is looking for these Medics and I don't have them in my files. If you can help, please send them to me and to Philip at: 62 Summer Street, P.O. Box 128 - Dover - Foxcroft, Me. 04426.

Sam Klippa

Here are the names:

Capt. Robert J. Lavoie

Capt. John F. Ling

1st Lt. Siguard A. Rosenfield

1st Lt. Omer A. Thomas

S/Sgt. Russell F. Harvey

S/Sgt. Cyril F. Van Abel

Tec. 3 Hilmer N. Anderson

Sgt. Roy K. Franz

Sgt. Edward E. Noonan

Tec. 4 Horance G. Leng

Tec. 4 Lee Roy Holm

Tec. 5 Lawrence L. Osborn

Tec. 5 Malcolm L. Young

Tec. 5 Joseph Allen, Jr.

Pvt. Herman E. Seitz

I have been on the "Sick List" for more than three weeks now. Had Open-heart surgery 10 years ago. Would like to pass the time by writing to my Buddies of "I" 329 who I haven't seen in 35 years. I will see that the one I know, get a copy of the list you sent me.

Frederick D. Kibbey  
"I" 329th

GOOD LUCK

Gutergluck, Germany  
April 15, 1945

It was a busy morning for me and other members of "A" Company setting up our perimeter defenses on the outside of town of Nutha, Germany. We had just captured the town after a night of fighting and Captain Coons our Company Commander called a meeting of the platoon leaders.

"We have accomplished our mission," he said, "but we have lost communication with the other units and I don't know if the Third Battalion has taken the town of Gutergluck about five miles to our left." It was important that our left flank be protected and the only way to verify that the Third Battalion was there was to go and look.

"Lieutenant Fraunberger," the Captain said, "you take my jeep and take a ride over there to find out what is going on." As I was getting into the jeep he yelled after me, "take good care of the jeep, they are hard to get."

This was farm country and there was only one main paved road between the town we were in and the town of Gutergluck. The country was flat and one could see for a great distance with unobstructed view.

I drove off toward Gutergluck in a relaxed peaceful mood enjoying the countryside, driving carefully to miss the shell holes in the road and not to damage the captain's jeep. It was a clear morning and I could see the town about a half mile down the road. I could also see an American tank creeping along at a leisurely pace about half way between me and the town entrance. It was heading in the same direction as I.

I overtook the tank and passed it when I was about 500 feet from the entrance to the town. The tank Commander was sitting in the cupola of the tank and he gave me a wave with a big loud "Hi Yah," as I passed.

After another minute of driving down the road things started to happen real fast. When I was about 200 feet from the point where the road disappears with a sharp left turn in between the buildings of the town of Gutergluck, I suddenly spotted a German half-track personnel carrier coming from the town toward me.

I hit the brake pedal with all my might, stopped the jeep, and then I had difficulty shifting the gears into reverse. With my eyes glued to the German half-track which kept moving toward me I fiddled with the gear shift and clutch pedal trying to put it in reverse in order to turn around and head back from where I came.

During these seconds, which seemed like an eternity, I had completely forgotten about my ally, the tank, that I had passed on the road a minute before. They announced their presence with the ear shattering boom of their 75 MM cannon about 50 feet behind me. A split second later I saw the front end of the half-track explode and disintegrate before my eyes with the dozen or so German soldiers being blown through the air.

Just about this time I managed to get the gear shift of the jeep into reverse gear. I backed up the jeep in order to make a turn on the narrow road and then headed back up the road. As I passed the tank I saluted them in a thankful gesture. I was both grateful and proud of their marksmanship. There was a momentary fleeting thought that passed through my brain like, "suppose they had missed with the first shot," but I did not dwell on it.

I must have hit some of the shell holes in the road on the way back, but I did not notice. My one thought was to get back to the Company Command Post in Nutha and report to the captain that our left flank was exposed as the Third Battalion was not in the neighboring town of Gutergluck.

We learned later that the tank that helped me was part of the advanced party of the Third Battalion. They moved in during the day and captured the town of Gutergluck thereby securing our left flank.

We received orders to move on that same day and I did not have any opportunity to learn who the men in the tank were that saved my life. Whether or not the name Gutergluck which means "Good Luck", when

translated to English, had anything to do with the outcome of the incident that day will never be known.

Stephen J. Fraunberger  
A Co. 392th Inf.

Perhaps someone that was in Anti Tank at that time and saved my life, would read it and let me know who he is so I can thank him.

Stephen J. Fraunberger  
51 Silleck St.  
Clifton, N.J. 07013

**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.**

#### NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE 83rd

##### AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

A motion was made at the reunion in Philadelphia last August by Bill Doty to direct the Executive Board to draft an amendment of our by-laws. It states as follows:

The present president would not be eligible to run for the fifth member of the Executive Board until the following year. The Executive Board directed our Judge Advocate, Andrew McKenna to draft an amendment to be published in the Thunderbolt prior to the August annual meeting in 1981 in Pittsburgh.

The ammendment to be voted on at that annual meeting:

“To amend the by-laws to add to Article V, Section 3, a new subparagraph to be known as (g) to read as follows:

“The member who is president during an annual meeting shall not be eligible for the Executive Board until he has been out of the office of President for a period of one (1) year.”

#### ODDS AND ENDS

Over the years, I have heard much said about Wills, some good and some bad. The good part is that all affairs are taken care of before death comes and there is very little trouble for those left behind. The bad part is the fact that nobody knows just what to do right away and much of the Estate will fall in the hands of the wrong people.

Here is something I picked up in another magazine (The Ivy Leaves) and it was written by their Service Officer. Many of you out there will benefit from this, I'm sure.

#### “REVIEWING YOUR WILL”

Because your will should reflect current wishes and circumstances, it is important to review it from time to time and at least every five years. You may also want to make changes in it for any number of reasons. Here are some significant points to consider in reviewing your will:

1. Have you moved to a new State? Your will's terms should agree with the laws of your State.
2. Have you bought or sold property or aquired new assets? Some of these transactions may require changes in your will.
3. Has there been a gain or loss in property value of your home or other holdings?
4. Have changes, such as marriages, birth's, adoptions, deaths or divorces occurred in your family recently?
5. Have you changed your mind about a previously named beneficiary?
6. Is the Executor you have named for your will still the right choice to carry out your directions?
7. Has there been a change in the health of a dependant or a beneficiary who must be cared for indefinitely?

Remember that your will be altered anytime. You can either execute a new one or add a codicil (will supplement). Bear in mind that you cannot change a will by scratching out the name of a beneficiary or by rewriting a provision on the original will. A codicil must be written with the same formality as your original will and adhere to the same rules. Also, after making a new will, destroy all copies of the old one.

#### MUSEUM MEMORIAL BATTLE OF NORMANDIE IN 1944

(The following is a letter I received from the Director of the New Museum soon to be opened in Bayeux, France. Maybe a lot of you have items that may be of interest to the museum for display).

It is a pleasure to inform you that the town of Bayeux, Normandy, France, has recently the works for the long waited Museum for the Battle of Normandie 1944. The city of Bayeux which was liberated on June 7, 1944, was then for three months long, the only intact town liberated where Allied troops and administrations both U.S. and British were settled, beside French De Gaulle brand new one.

The purposes of the organizers are ambitious, motivated by the sincere wish to preserve, for generations, a faithful record of the human sacrifices and military operations of 1944. This record will include not only the permanent display of the mementoes of war (weapons, uniforms, equipment, insignias, documents) but also a library of books, newspapers, photographs, maps and diaries. In this regard, appeals are now being made to former servicemen who fought in Normandie, and to their Associations in search for military souve-

nirs of this period, from documents up to Armored fighting vehicles and Artillery guns.

We are happy to announce this news and we kindly request that you bring it to the attention of all members of your Association.

To communicate with us, you may write to one of the following addresses:

Hotel de Ville de Bayeux  
BP. 20 - 14402  
Bayeux, France

J.P. Benamou  
17 rue de Bayeux  
14250 Tilly, France

Hoping to have you visit in our new Museum which will be opened on next July 1981, just beside the British War Cemetery in Bayeux. We count on your interest in this Battle of Normandie Soldier's Memorial and will be most pleased to hear from you in the near future.

J.P. Benamou  
Museum Director  
(By Samuel Klippa)

#### PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographs are being offered of Troop Ships, Navy Transports and attack transports, Army and Navy hospital ships, U.S. Merchant vessels that did service as troopships - and many foreign troopships that carried U.S. troops.

As the prizes show, these are in sizes suitable for framing. If you are not satisfied with the photos which are produced by experts, return them for a full refund.

During your days at sea you probably didn't have the opportunity to learn many facts and figures about your ship. A fact sheet telling the details about your ship comes with each photograph, at no additional cost.

Allow 2 to 3 weeks for processing and time in the mail.

Photo cost \$4.00 for 8x10, 2 for \$7.00 and three or more \$3.00 ea.

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Send your name, address, size of photos and amount to:

Troopship Photos  
P.O. Box 1131  
Arlington, VA 22211

#### OF INTEREST TO VETERANS

##### INSURANCE DIVIDENDS:

A record \$619.7 million in dividends will be paid this year to nearly 4 million veterans who have kept their GI life insurance policies in force.

Dividends are paid automatically on the anniversary date of an individual's policy and no application is necessary.

The dividends are paid on USGLI and NSLI and VSLI policies still held by veterans of World War I and World War II and the Korean Conflict. Disabled veterans, who hold a special type of insurance will receive increased dividends this year officials said.

Because of higher interest rates earned by insurance funds, this year's total dividends are \$53 million above the 1980 payments.

Although the amount of dividend will vary because of type and face value of policies, age at time of issue and renewal, and how long the insurance has been in force, the average payment of World War I vets will be \$296; World War II vets, \$168; and Korean vets \$67.

(From AUSA NEWS)

#### WHEN YOUR SPOUSE DIES

**SBP or RSFPP:** 1976 legislation provides that all reductions of retired pay for spouse coverage are suspended beginning with the first full month for which no spouse is eligible for the survivor benefits. The retiree must write a personal letter to: Retired Pay Operations (Dept. 90), U.S. Army Finance and Accounting Center, Indianapolis, IN 46249. In this letter advise USAFAC of death of spouse, indicate retiree's Social Security Number, and enclose a copy of the death certificate pertaining to the deceased spouse.

**BENEFICIARY OF UNPAID RETIREE PAY:** The retiree must file a new designation indicating the recipient of his-her unpaid retired pay due in event of retiree's death. Address for Retired Pay Operations is indicated above. Death Certificate is not required.

**BURIAL IN NATIONAL CEMETERY:** Deceased spouse is eligible for burial in a National Cemetery on the basis of written agreement signed by the retiree indicating that he or she will eventually be interred in the same grave. DD Form 214 is needed.

**LIFE INSURANCE:** Examine policies in effect and change beneficiaries designated or cancel or cash policies as desired. Death and Birth Certificates are needed.

**TITLE TO HOME:** If the deceased spouse was co-owner of home, it will be necessary to effect change and required registration of deed. A similar change will be required in the case of a mortgage on home. Death Certificate needed.

**BANK-SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, STOCKS-BONDS AND AUTOS-BOATS:** If these items are co-owned, the surviving retiree must effect appropriate changes of ownership. Death Certificate is needed.

**WILL:** If retiree has made his spouse the principle beneficiary of his estate, it is necessary to draw a new Will. The legal Assistance Office at Army Posts can assist if requested. If the retiree has made his spouse the Executive of his own estate, it will be necessary to make a new designation.

**ID CARDS:** The ID Card of a deceased spouse should be turned in to any Military Installation.

(As taken from AUSA NEWS)

### USWA's GEORGE KUTSKA RETIRES

George Kutska, Subdistrict 15 director, retired on February 1 after a USWA career that started in 1937 when he became a Charter Member of Local 1229 in Monesson, PA. From 1941 to 1948, he served his Local as a grievor, Treasurer and Financial Secretary and was elected President in 1948. He served as the Local's top Officer until he was appointed a Staff Representative. He was named Subdistrict Director in 1979.

Other Union positions held by the long-time activist include five years as a member of the Wage Policy Committee and Co-Chairman of the Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Negotiating Committee since 1953.

A Community Activist, Mr. Kutska served as President of the Monesson Community Fund, on the United Way's Mon Valley board of directors since it's inception and on Charleroi-Monesson Hospital board of directors from 1951 to 1979.

(He was a member of "H" 329th Infantry and to my knowledge and records has never been a member of the 83rd Association. S.K.)

### BEWARE THE STIFF ARMED STRANGER; HE MAY BE LIFTING YOUR WALLET

Planning your next vacation? Hang on to your wallet - a jet setting bunch of International Pickpockets may be coming with you.

About 150 of the worlds most talented pickpockets each year travel the same European circuit as the most affluent tourists, according to an expert, who advised police in most countries. These "tops", or "maestros," limber up on pockets around London in May, pick their way through Scandinavia and northern Europe as the weather becomes pleasant, take an August break and return to London in September, flexing their long sticky fingers as the second wave of rich tourists arrive.

Members of the select band are from Columbia, Venezuela and such North African countries as Tunisia. Earning as much as \$200,000 yearly, they can afford spiffy Continental clothes and well cut raincoats to conceal their loot and they possess the social graces that let them blend in with the crowd at Claridge's.

Staying in the U.S. won't make your pockets any more secure according to an expert in the New York

City Police Department. Thousands of top Latin American pickpockets spend the winter Holiday Season in New York, "to do some Christmas shopping, so to speak." Some head south to tourist havens such as Miami, while others vacuum such events as Mardi Gras and the Rose Bowl Parade.

Many of the best pickpockets were trained in Bogota, Columbia pickpockets' Harvard known as the "School of the 10 bells," which charges \$3,000 tuition. For the final exam, a mannequin wearing a suit with 10 bell-hung pockets is suspended from the ceiling on a spring; the student must empty the pockets without ringing the bells.

For vacationers, these tips on local pickpocketing specialties may be useful: In Hong Kong, don't go near little children who want to help you into sampans. They wet their little fingers and try to slip off your rings.

In Korea, beware of tykes selling food at train stations. They may have hooks on their fingers to cut your watchband.

In Japan, little children are O.K., but don't turn your back on people in the subways. They cut your camera straps with scissors, or disintegrate your pockets with chemical sprays.

In Central Europe and in France, shun people with stiff-looking left arms. A favorite trick is to fill the left sleeve with an artificial limb, leaving the real arm free to steal.

And in the U.S. try to avoid chewing gum stuck to your subway seat, people with garlic breath or strong perfume, or folks who drop ice cream on your foot. All are distracting techniques used by pickpockets, say the experts.

(From the Wall Street Journal)

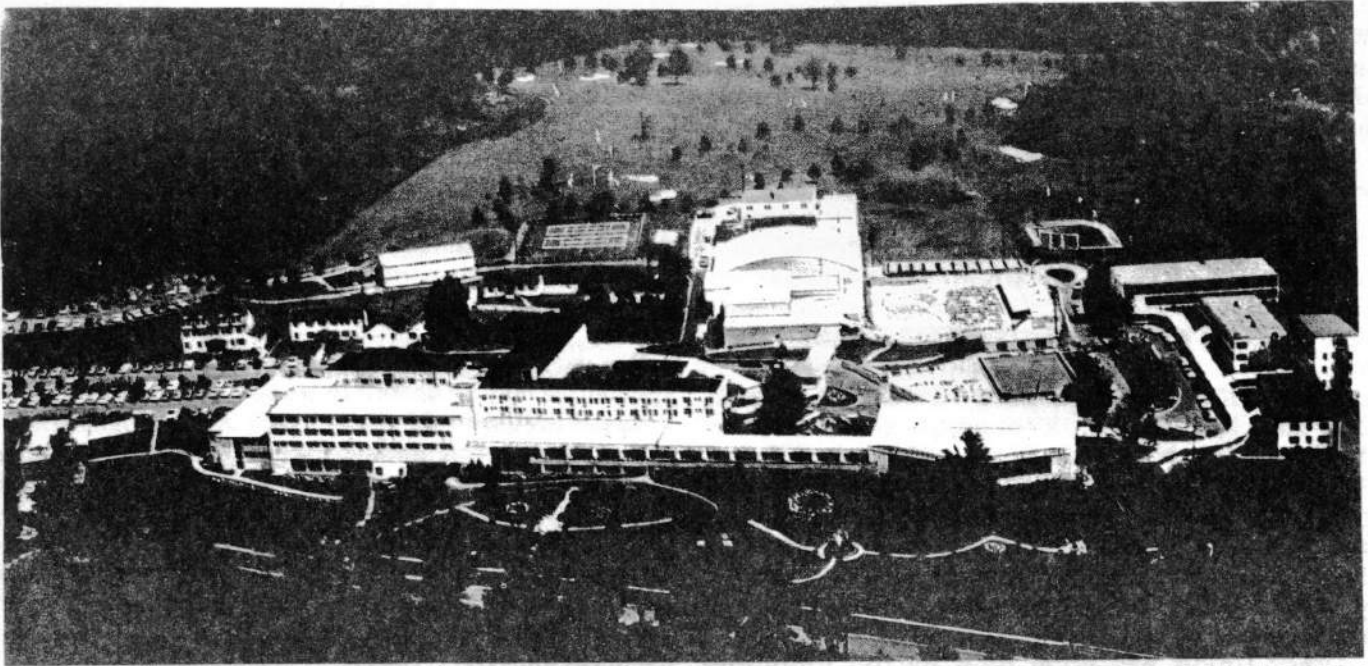
(The above article was sent to me by Don Schwartz of "G" 331 and I thought it would interest a lot of you).

Samuel Klippa

I have almost completely recovered from the spinal operation and am back to normal with my home chores and recreation.

Sylvain Fishman  
"G" 329th. Inf.





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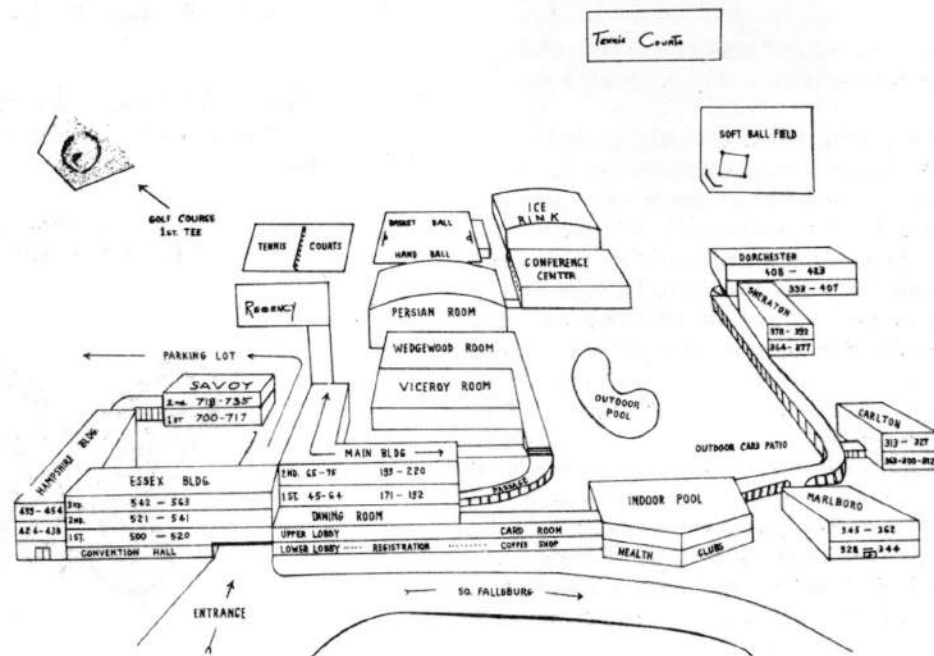
The Pines

SOUTH FALLSBURG  
NEW YORK

HERE IS AN AERIAL PHOTO OF THE PINES IN

South Fallsburg, New York, the proposed site of the reunion in 1982. Take a good look at this men. We will be voting on this in August. This was sent to me by Pat DiGiammerino. Pretty nice looking.

The PINES







**Manny Goodridge, John Ruprecht, Joe Macaluso, David & Liz DiGiammerino, at Pittsburgh meeting.**



**Bill Laughter - Dixie Chapter**



**Another Group relaxing after Pittsburg meeting.**



**Bob Derickson on left - Gene Costanzo on right**



**Relaxing after Business meeting in May, in Pittsburg.**

## **NOTICE**

**Any notices that a Chapter wants to put in the Thunderbolt to invite Association members to visit with them should be put in one issue ahead. This will give them time to make plans and arrangements to visit with you. If you wait until the issue or quarter of the event it's too close to the date. They could get it in time or they may not get it in time to make plans to visit with you.**

**Thank you  
Your Editor  
Bob**

# French City Still Honors Its 'Liberator'

Gratitude carries at least a 33-year life span for the residents of Dinan, a city of 75,000 in western France.

The gratitude stems from an August day in 1944 when an American officer ceased the artillery fire that was pounding the medieval buildings of the city and eventually led his troops through the streets as warmly received liberators.

Col. Rupert G. Macpherson (USA-Ret.) of Decatur was that soldier, and earlier this month he returned to Dinan.

A day-long ceremony in Dinan was climaxed by an assembly at which, Macpherson reports, "I was awarded the gold medal of the City of Dinan for being the first American in the city and, as they claim, its liberator."

Macpherson, now a semi-retired Decatur businessman, wears the title "liberator" somewhat uneasily, preferring to place much of the credit for his success at Dinan on the local members of the French resistance.

The ceremony marked Macpherson's third visit to the city since 1970, each one providing an opportunity to reminisce with survivors of the Resistance about their first meeting.

After landing in June, 1944, at Utah Beach, 10 days after D-Day, Macpherson's outfit, the 802nd tank destroyer battalion attached to the 83rd infantry division, began moving south and then west toward the port of Saint Malo.

By early August his troops were approaching Dinan. Macpherson's orders were to "see if the city was clear of Germans and if we could proceed through it to Saint Malo."

Macpherson found the bridge leading into the city had been destroyed. He also could see German troops moving around the city.

A bombardment began — one that Macpherson later found killed "about 18 or 19" civilians.

On Aug. 3, Andre Morin, a lieutenant in the Dinan Resistance unit, and Fred Nuttal, an Englishman living in the city, rowed a small boat across the Rance River around the city and met Macpherson.

They assured him that the Germans were leaving. While similar information in other cities had not always proved to be reliable, Macpherson recalls something about them made him trust these men.

He reported the information to his commanding general, who ordered an end to the shelling. But he also told Macpherson to find out for himself about the enemy's status in Dinan.

Under cover of darkness, Macpherson and another American soldier rowed across the river with Morin and Nuttal.

In the city, they gathered in a small, candle-lit room to receive information.

Suddenly, the downstairs door slammed, heavy footsteps were heard on the stairs and the candles were quickly extinguished.

"Andre," Macpherson recalls, "went over to a large picture frame, pulled it back and revealed a machine gun aimed directly at the door."

The men tensed.



Rupert G. Macpherson

But the intruder was a friend and soon the session resumed.

"I got an idea from that, though, what they must have lived with during occupation," says Macpherson.

The next day his troops entered the city without major resistance.

Crowds gathered in the streets to cheer the Americans and many were cheering for their lives.

"There were some Resistance men who were scheduled to be shot the next day when we entered the city," Macpherson says. "For them, we got there just in time."

Many years have passed and several of the Resistance fighters are gone. Every day there are more and more people in places like Dinan to whom German occupation is only a chapter in a history book.

Still, the fires of resistance simmer for some citizens in Dinan, perhaps more than in other villages since Macpherson says that neither he nor anyone in the Army he has contacted can recall similar ceremonies since the 1940s.

Macpherson plans to return to Dinan again this year. This time he will present a citation from the Army to Morin for his aid during World War II.

That gesture is in keeping with Macpherson's view of the wartime events.

He refers to his acceptance speech presented earlier this month.

"I told them (the people of Dinan) that I was a soldier with tanks, troops, guns and an air force to help me fight," he says of August, 1944.

"All you had were your hearts."

## CHAPLAIN'S STEEPLE

Well Buddies we'll soon be receiving our last issue of the Thunderbolt for the year 1980-81. Thirty (30) of our Buddies have left our world up to and including our spring issue. One good note our good friend John (Reb) Folsom "A" 330th called me at 1 o'clock in the morning. Someone sent his name into our obituary column. He was sorry he could not attend his own funeral. Sick as he was, he expects to be with us awhile.  
(EDITOR'S NOTE:) Sorry about that Reb. You are again in the active file.

We're with you John Folsom. Hope to see you soon.

Lucy Volpi lost her brother. Bea Chavanne lost her Brother-in-Law. Mary Redmond lost her Brother and Nephew. May the Good Lord be with them always.

John Daum, "D" 330th is in the hospital with a heart attack. Our prayers are with him, and his wife, Margaret. May they be with us soon.

Two names given to the editor by Eugene Persinger.

Walter Farnsworth passed away March 15, 1981 and Delbert Kennedy passed away on April 17, 1981.

Well buddies, here's hoping that we all meet in Pittsburgh, in full force. The Good Lord willing.

John T. Piscitelli  
National Chaplain  
"C" 323 F.A. BN.

## DEATHS

I am writing to inform you about the death of my father, Nathan Kircheimer, on February 25, 1981. He was part of Service Company, 331st. Infantry.

He was always proud to have been a part of the 83rd and he spoke fondly of many men with whom he served. At the few Reunions that my mother and I attended with Dad, I had an overwhelming feeling of pride for all the men who were present. What they did for our country, can never be fully told.

Sincerely  
Alice Lambert

Enclosed find an Obituary for J. Richard Budding from York, PA who passed away on the 15th. day of May, 1981. We didn't know he was an 83rd man until we saw it in the News Paper. He was the Attorney for the V.F.W. here. It is strange how you find out who was in your Division, especially when they live in your own back yard.

J. Richard Budding, 70, husband of Catherine Nusbbaum Budding, died on the 15th. of May following an auto accident on the 15th. of May. A passenger in the car was also killed. Mr. Budding was a Staff Sergeant in the 83rd. Infantry Division in World War II. (His Unit is unknown and his name is not in the Association files). This came from Elaine Young of York, PA..

Dean S. Otto of A.T. Co. 329th Infantry, passed away on the 17th. of November, 1979. This was learned from my latest letter to all members in my files in our membership drive for 1980-'81. Mrs. Betty Otto wishes us "Good Luck" with our Reunion.

Mrs. Dean S. Otto

Mr. Shehan (Henry) died on September 28, 1980. He had a Massive Heart Attack on September 26th. Also, he had Uremia and was to be on a home dialysis machine the week following his death. It is very difficult to adjust to this most trying time in my life.

Henry felt very close to the fellows of the 83rd. I think there was a certain bond between those who shared the experience of War. I would be very happy to hear from any of you and would be glad if any of you would drop by when you are in the area.

Edith Shehan  
(wife of Henry Shehan)  
Medic - 329th. Inf.

This notice came from Sam:

Dear Mr. Klippa:

My husband,, James E. Bishop passed away July 15, 1980, very suddenly with a heart attack, so please remove his name from your mailing list and save your association some postage.

Yours truly  
Mrs. Violet Bishop

From Dick Sullivan:

Robert C. McClelland Anti-Tank Co., 329th Inf. passed away on April 17 in Lehigh Acres, Florida. He was a charter member of the Florida Chapter and his absence will be felt throughout our Chapter and by his many friends in the 83rd Division Association. Anyone wishing to send a memorial may send it to the following address:

Robert and Dorothy McClelland Memorial Fund  
St. Jacobs Lutheran Church  
1460 State Street, N.E.  
N. Canton, Ohio 44721

From Sam Klippa: Nathan Kircheimer, 268 Woodfield Road, West Hempstead, New York died on February 25, 1981.

Clarence E. Rogerson (May 1981)  
101 Cherakee Drive  
Moundsville, West Virginia  
Former Member 908 F.A.

Received word on January 16, 1981, that Harry W. Osteen of Greenville, South Carolina had passed away. Harry will be remembered as platoon Sgt. of the Anti-Tank Platoon of HQ. Company, 2nd. BN. of the 329th Infantry. Harry was all Soldier, and on at least three occasions, he turned down a Battlefield Commission, so as not to be transferred to another Company or another outfit.

Two years prior to Harry's death, his lovely wife Ida Mae passed away. At the time of his death, Harry was a Supervisor at the "Boy's Home of the South", Belton, South Carolina.

Submitted by Larry L. Hoskins  
 Vice-President  
 West Virginia Chapter, 83rd Infantry Div.  
 26 Oakland Ave.  
 Wheeling, West Virginia 26003



Dick Riddle, Bill White, Bob Derickson, Sec. Treas.



Bill White, Tina White, Dick Riddle.



Dick Riddle & Bob Derickson

### HISTORIAN CORNER

Dear Buddies:

I wrote and expressed our condolences to the Family of General Omar N. Bradley. I had only just sent the "General" the last copy of the Thunderbolt with General Macons obituary when he himself was called!

I had been corresponding with General Bradley for quite a few years. The enclosed is the Remembrance card sent to me.

On the way back from my daughter's graduation from the University of Kentucky I stopped in at the Bradley Museum at Carlisle Barracks in Pennsylvania.

I had quite a conversation with the Assistant Curator, Mr. Randy Hackenberg and he was kind enough to personally take me through the Bradley Museum.

One great shock to me -- there is not one piece of information in his files on any part of the 83rd Infantry Division.

He will gladly accept any of your 83rd material that is looking for a good home. It will be indexed and cross indexed and I'm sure will be appreciated.

In this issue, I have started the "After Action" reports.

I will start again, in the next issue, the U.S. Army photographs.

See you in Pittsburgh  
 Wm. Kent O'Connell  
 83rd M.P.

### 22 October 1944

The 329th Infantry Continued patrolling with little happening. Plans were made to send the 3rd Battalion to the MAGINOT Training Area at Hettange Grande the following day. The 330th Infantry used a section of tanks to fire at suspected pillboxes across the MOSELLE River in the vicinity of PALZEN. Two pillboxes camouflaged as haystacks were uncovered. Enemy artillery was light and no enemy patrols were contacted during the day. The 331st Infantry continued in Division Reserve.

The 32nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron continued maintenance of equipment. Radio sets were installed and preparations made for future employment.

### 23 October 1944

In the 329th Infantry sector patrolling continued. Outposts of Company E dispersed a patrol of six enemy at 0830. A German patrol of approximately 25 which attacked an outpost was repulsed.

The 3rd Battalion, less Company L, left as a garrison in ECHTERNACH, closed in the MAGINOT Training Area at HETTANGE GRANDE at 1220 to undergo a course of instruction in attack of pillboxes and permanent fortifications. A platoon of Company A, 774th Tank Battalion and a platoon of Company A, 308th Engineer Battalion accompanied the battalion for training. The 330th Infantry had little enemy activity in its sector.

The 331st Infantry, in Division Reserve, continued training. The 2nd Battalion returned from HETTANGE GRANDE and closed in the vicinity of LUXEMBOURG at 1600. Motors were made available to the 1st Battalion and the battalion placed in reserve for the 329th Infantry as a replacement for the 3rd Battalion at HETTANGE GRANDE. Training of small units continued.

### 24 October 1944

Patrols of the 329th Infantry encountered a twelve man enemy patrol in the vicinity of (L099314) at 1100. Considerable rifle and machine gun fire was exchanged. The enemy patrol withdrew only after being placed under mortar fire. Three enemy were wounded. The 330th Infantry sector was quiet except in the vicinity of STADTBREDIMUS where enemy artillery and mortar fire was increased. Plans were made to employ tanks in direct fire on PALZEM the following day.

The 331st Infantry, in Division Reserve, continued training.

### 25 October 1944

The 32nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron was placed in line and relieved elements of the 330th Infantry between SIERCK and WINTRANGE by 1200.

The Division readjusted the front as follows: 32nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron from SIERCK to WINTERANGE, 330th Infantry from WINTRANGE to MERTERT, the 329th Infantry from MERTERT to BOLLENDORF.

The 329th Infantry suffered seven casualties from mines in the vicinity of GREVENMACHER. Patrolling continued.

In the 330th Infantry sector elements of the 1st Battalion were relieved by the 32nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron. Starting at 0730 a platoon of tanks placed 100 rounds of High Explosive into PALZEM by direct fire. A church steeple used as an outpost and a building being used by the enemy were demolished. No counterbattery fire was received.

The 331st Infantry remained in Division Reserve. Members of the Division Staff conducted a Command Post Exercise for Regimental and Battalion Staffs.

The Division issued a new plan for use in case of hostile enemy thrust in the Division sector. The new plan employed the newly attached Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron on the South Flank.

### 26 October 1944

In the 329th sector the 1st Battalion moved to the North flank, after being relieved by the 330th Infantry, incident to the boundary readjustment. Company L was relieved in ECHTERNACH by the 1st Battalion and prepared to rejoin the 3rd Battalion at HETTANGE GRANDE.

The 330th Infantry sector remained generally quiet during the day.

The 331st Infantry, in Division Reserve, continued training.

A patrol of the 32nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron engaged an enemy patrol entering GRANDRAN at 2055. The Squadron received five casualties from enemy mortar and artillery fire, falling in the vicinity of BASSE KONTZ. Sporadic fire continued until 1600. At 0730 the Division Artillery fired 24 rounds of 155 mm into the GERMAN city of TRIER (L2029) in an effort to damage railway installations.

### 27 October 1944

In the 329th Infantry sector the 83rd Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop was relieved from attachment to the regiment and reverted to Division Reserve North of the city of LUXEMBURG. Company L rejoined the 3rd Battalion in the MAGINOT Training Area at HETTANGE GRANDE.

In the 330th Infantry sector a carrying party delivering rations to Company L in GREVENMACHER was ambushed at 2015 by an enemy patrol. Five casualties resulted. During the 30 rounds of enemy artillery fell in STADTBREDIMUS (L0108).

The 331st Infantry continued in Division reserve. Reconnaissance was made of the 329th Infantry sector in preparation for relief of that regiment the following day.

The 32nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron intensified its patrols. Three observation posts on BASSE KOMTZ received enemy mortar throughout the day. An enemy force estimated at 120 forced the personnel of an observation post at Q0096 to withdraw.

#### **28 October 1944**

During the night of 27-28 October the city of LUXEMBOURG and adjacent area received 17 rounds of 280 mm shell fired from a German railway gun east of the MOSELLE RIVER. Several civilians were injured but no military installations were damaged. The 329th Infantry outposted its sector with only one contact being made with an enemy patrol. In the 330th Infantry sector an enemy patrol ran into booby traps and trap flares and were fired upon. The 331st Infantry completed reconnaissance for relief of the 329th Infantry.

#### **29 October 1944**

The 329th Infantry continued active patrolling. An ambush patrol contacted enemy in the vicinity of (L005024) and dispersed them. Another enemy patrol at (L007018) was dispersed. In the 330th Infantry sector supporting artillery silenced enemy machine guns in the vicinity of BESCH (L0102). Patrolling continued. The 331st Infantry in Division reserve continued training. The 32nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron continued patrolling and made contact with TASTFORCE POLK on the south. The Commanding General, Third Army, visited the Division Command Post following a visit to Headquarters Twelfth Army Group. Following the visit plans for relief of the 329th Infantry by the 331st Infantry were cancelled.

#### **30 October 1944**

In the 329th Infantry sector the 3rd Battalion returned FROM THE MAGINOT Training area at HETTANGE GRANDE in preparation for relief of the 2nd Battalion. Infantry supported by artillery and mortar fire dispersed a 15 man enemy patrol in the vicinity of GIVENIGS (L1227). Another patrol of 4 was sighted in the vicinity of L013393 which immediately withdrew. Two Belgians used as laborers by the Germans were captured. The 330th Infantry maintained the same outposts and positions. The Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon arranged an ambush in the vicinity of STADTBREDIMUS (L0108) for the night 30-31 October. The 331st Infantry in Division Reserve carried on training. The 32nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron engaged a 15 man enemy patrol in the vicinity of BASSE KONTZ (Q0096) at 0530, killing one and capturing one. Clearance of mine fields on the Eastern slopes of HILL LE STROMBERG (Q0096) continued.

A counterattack plan was issued which contemplated use of the 9th Armored Division (Combat Command B) with the Division Reserve to destroy possible enemy forces engaged in offensive action in the sector and to restore present front line positions.

#### **31 October 1944**

On the last day of October, the Division held positions on the MOSELLE- SAUER RIVERS as follows:

32nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron from the Army Boundary on the South of SIERCK LES BARNES to WINTRANGE: the 330th Infantry from WINTRANGE TO MERTERT: the 329th Infantry from MERTERT to the 8th Infantry Division boundary on the North of BOLLENDORF.

In the 329th Infantry sector, the 3rd Battalion relieved the 2nd Battalion, which moved to the MAGINOT Training Area at HETTANGE GRANDE. A 50 man patrol in the vicinity of (L025374) was driven off by Infantry supported by artillery. In the 330th Infantry sector, no contact was made with the enemy. Enemy artillery and mortar fire was light. Plans were completed for a heavy weapons Proficiency Test to be held the following day. The 331st Infantry continued in Division Reserve. The 32nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron drove off a 3 man patrol in the vicinity of (U0096). The enemy was active throughout the day with mortar and artillery fire.

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# MEMO

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**Thank you  
Your Editor  
Bob**

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