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PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Buddies:

At last, the work load is nearing an end. The record breaking Reunion is over. We of the Pittsburgh Chapter hope you enjoyed it and returned home safely. It was the toughest year of all those that I had the pleasure of being one of the Officers, and it must be the Old Age that made it tougher. Now I can relax and just work at the little jobs.

It was my hope to have the final accounting ready for this Report, but it seems that those who have money coming to them are very slow in getting out the Bills. All of the indications are looking good, and we will show a profit. For a while though, with the way the "Booze" was flowing, yours truly was a bit leary.

All the Hotel Personnel were tickled about having us there and were surprised to find that we were a well behaved group. Management was exceptional in the way they worked with us and seemed to do everything in our favor. We in the Pittsburgh Chapter thank them for their cooperation in helping to make the **"35TH. ANNUAL REUNION"**, one of the very best.

Hard luck has hit some of our Buddies who had planned to be with us. Col. Henry Royall of North Carolina cancelled out at the last minute because his wife had fallen and broke her shoulder. Charles Ensley of Flint, Michigan cancelled out because his son was in a very bad accident with his little Chevette. Frank Albano had to have Surgery about the time he was getting ready to come to Pittsburgh. To all of them, and those who I have forgotten to mention, we wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you next year.

When I got home from the Reunion, I had with me an enormous amount of notes for all sorts of information, such as "Address Lists", the address of the Computer Firm that can locate lost Buddies and many other things. I haven't caught up as yet, but you will have your requests answered before you read this Thunderbolt. I promise you that.

For the information of those who bought those Raffle Tickets (pink ones) for the big prize, we did have a winner for the big hit. I know the man personally and want you all to know that he was really thrilled about it. He called to thank me and all of the Pittsburgh Chapter for selling him that ticket. It's best that I don't give out his name.

Here are a couple of early reminders for all of you. This past year, many of our Buddies missed out on reservations at the Headquarters Hotel and had to go elsewhere. As I have said many times before, get those reservations in early, because it is easier to cancel out if something else comes up. Make your plans now to be with us in the Catskills next year. Reminder number two, please remember that Dues are now **\$10.00** and don't forget to remind your Buddies of that fact. It saves the Secretary all that added Postage when he has to ask for the additional \$4.00 balance.

I don't remember if I thanked everyone responsible for the success of our Reunion, but if I did miss someone, I'm sorry. The Officers, the members and all of my

Pittsburgh Chapter Buddies deserve all the thanks I can give them. God Bless all of you.

In less than two weeks, (I'll probably be back home before you read this) I'll be going to Luxembourg where I'll be dedicating a Plaque for the 331st. Infantry. I'm just sorry that I'll not have a larger group attending. There will be just five of us with three planning to meet us there. Never-the-less, we hope to advertise the fact that the 83rd was indeed there and want everybody to know it. I'll give you a Report in the next Issue of the Thunderbolt.

I want all of you to know that it was certainly a real pleasure to serve you this past year as President of the best Association in the Country today, also for the many other years for your cooperation, kindnesses and good wishes. or those who have become dear friends of mine, I hope we can meet at the Reunion for many years to come. You have to remember though, that age is slowly creeping up on us and time is running out. Do all the things you can do now, while you can still do them. You don't get a second chance.

Thank you one and all. May you enjoy the very best of good luck, health and happiness throughout the remaining years. **SEE YOU AT THE PINES HOTEL IN THE CATSKILLS**, next year and hopefully in Ft. Lauderdale the following year.

Sincerely

Samuel Klippa, Past President

This is the address of the Computer Center for tracing lost Buddies.

**Military Locator Inc.
P.O. Box 5369
Orlando, FL 32855**

**IS IT LEGAL FOR A MAN
TO MARRY HIS WIDOW'S SISTER?**

OF COURSE NOT,
IF SHE'S A WIDOW, THEN HE IS DEAD

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Buddies:

I want you all to know I am very happy in your electing me as President of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. I would like to thank each and every one of you individually but it would take too long.

I was and am very happy in the way that you accepted the site for our 1982 annual reunion. The Pines is a great place. I, personally, have never been to a resort of this kind, but now I must say that there is no better place than this type of a resort to hold our reunion. As you all know the dates of our reunion will be on September 13, 14 and 15. So come in and register on Sunday. We prefer the members to come in on Sunday and leave on Thursday. If you would like to spend a week there, you will have to check with the management. We know that they will do their best to accommodate you.

We cannot believe the cooperation we have received from the management so far. We want this to be a success, and so do the people who run the Pines. We are hoping to fill the entire resort. How about it? Once you arrive there and you find how many things are available, you won't believe it.

This will be the first time in the history of our great organization that our members will know exactly what it will cost them for the coming reunion. During your stay at the Pines you will have a table assigned to you, or your group, in the dining hall. This will be your table during all your meals. Breakfast is 8-10 am, lunch 1-3 pm and dinner 7-9 pm. You do not have to go to the dining hall at exactly 8 or 1 or 7. You may go at your convenience. Your waiter or waitress will be there waiting for you. As I see it it is the best and you all will love it.

There is a very small charge for Ice Skates, Indoor Tennis and Horseback Riding. The Golf Course is free. Oh! yes if you want a Massage, well there is a charge for it.

Remember there will be no registration fee except your annual dues of \$10.00. You must remember that if you have not paid your dues for 1981-82, this will be your last issue of the Thunderbolt. So hurry up and get your \$10.00 in to Bob Derickson. While you have this fresh in your mind, it would be a great help to your reunion Committee if you would take out your paper and pen and write to your Buddies about joining the great 83rd Infantry Division Associa-

tion. Who knows maybe you can convince them to come and see you at the reunion.

The Reservations will be honored on a first come first served basis. So if you are planning on attending the reunion, I am advising you to get your reservation in fast.

I want to thank the Pittsburgh Chapter for putting on such a nice reunion. They were so well organized that they were all able to mix in with the remainder of the 83rd and have a good time. There was no crowding at the dinner tables. It was nice to see members other than the host chapter pitch in at the open bar. I was told by some of their members that the women worked very hard to get everything in order for a good reunion. Thanks again to a great chapter, Pittsburgh for doing a good job. I know that we, The Greater Boston Chapter, will do our very best to give you all a very good time in the coming year.

I want to thank John Piscitelli and Casey Kowalec for putting on such an impressive Memorial Service. It was so well organized.

As you all know the 1983 site for the reunion will be Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The membership voted unanimously in favor of Fort Lauderdale at our last business meeting in Pittsburgh. So let's give them our support because they are a nice bunch of guys. After all they are 83rdrs.

In closing I want to express my thanks for electing me as your President. I know that I will give it all I can to make this a great reunion. You see you all are my buddies. Until the next issue of the Thunderbolt, may God bless each and every one of you.

Mike Caprio, President, 83rd.

SECRETARY-TREASURER CORNER

GREETINGS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS:

Here we are at another September. FALL TIME. TIME TO FALL IN WITH YOUR DUES IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY SENT THEM TO THE OFFICE OR ATTENDED THE REUNION IN PITTSBURGH. If you did not attend the reunion we missed you. It is a great time of fellowship, renewing old acquaintances and making new friends. There is nothing that beats going down the hall and having someone tap you on the shoulder or clasping your hand. If you missed that then start planning and try to make the reunion next year in New York. Something new - already the Boston Chapter is hard at work. Our good buddy, Pat DiGiammerino has already called and there is information in this issue of the Thun-

derbolt. Will be different. Will be in September and that in itself is different. Again I say, something new. Plan on trying this one out. 1983 Florida is planning on being the host chapter and then in 1984 we, the Kentucky Chapter will be your hosts. Just wanted to give you this future information.

Now to membership and dues. **DUES ARE \$10.00.** This year we have an active roster of 1485 members. Thanks to all of you who supported your great organization, the 83rd Infantry and backed me in my job. Pearl and I thank you all. Now do me another great deed. **GET THOSE DUES IN RIGHT AWAY AND SAVE YOUR ORGANIZATION SOME POSTAGE BY NOT HAVING TO HAVE A REMINDER SENT.** I would like to see us over that 1485 mark by Christmas and we can do it if you will just get that check for \$10.00 in the mail right away. **LET'S TRY FOR THE 1500 MARK THIS YEAR.** I sure would like to announce at the reunion next year we even topped this year and this is the largest the organization has had so far. **REMEMBER IT IS UP TO YOU. I CAN'T DO IT BY MYSELF.**

THUNDERBOLT: If you have news and pictures for any issue of the Thunderbolt, please send pictures that do not have to be returned. That also costs a lot of postage. We will try our best to get all news and pictures in that you send. That is what other men like. So send me any you have.

Again, Pearl and I thank you all. We love getting your letters and comments. We hope this has been a good year for all of you with all the sickness and loss of loved ones. Remember God is still there with his hand on our shoulder guiding us as he did on those dreary days of the War. If you know of someone who has strayed from our fold guide them back. We welcome everyone with open arms. May your holidays be happy ones and the coming year a good one. We love you one and all.

Bob
3rd BN HQ. 329th

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Another fine reunion has come to a close and congratulations are certainly in order to President Sam Klippa, Reunion Chairman Curly Ruprecht and each and every member of the Pittsburg Chapter for a job well done. The room accommodations were great, the program was great and the hospitality couldn't be beat. Additional thanks must also be given to the Pittsburg Chapter for all the conveniences and hospitality that they extended to the Executive Board meeting held at Pittsburgh in May.

Our sincerest good wishes and thanks must go out to Dick Riddle as he steps down from the Executive Board after five years of dedicated service to our Association. He is

deserving of the appreciation that is extended to him not only for his five years on the Executive Board but also his one year as President of our Association. Good luck Dick and thank you.

As one reunion comes to a close it is not too early to start thinking of our next one, which of course will be at the Pines Hotel in South Fallsburg, New York. This will be a whole new concept in reunions. The Pines is a resort hotel, the type of which we have never been to. The time of the reunion has been changed to the middle of the week, and the dates to the month of September. It is especially important that the change of dates to September be remembered and to make your plans accordingly. The challenge of hosting this reunion has been taken up by the Boston Chapter under the leadership of our new Association President, Mike Caprio, upon his elevation to this high office in our Association. We all feel and believe that Mike will do a very competent job.

Bill Chavanne of the Philadelphia Chapter was elected at our Pittsburgh Reunion as the newest member of our Executive Board. Bill was President of our Association at the time of our Philadelphia reunion and will now serve on the Executive Board for a term of five years. If Bill continues to show the competency and enthusiasm he did as Association President, he will prove to be a very valuable member of the Executive Board.

In closing I would just like to once again to urge all members to start making their plans now for the Pines in 1982. Most of all remember the new dates, September 13, 14 and 15, 1982. **GET YOUR DUES OF \$10.00** in to the Treasurer now if you have not already done so.

Mike Skovran
Executive Board Chairman



NOTICE

I know this is asking a great deal of all of you, but I would appreciate it very much if you would send pictures that do not have to be returned. It is very hard to keep up with all the postage it takes and the time to get them all sorted. We all know pictures make the best news so maybe you can have an extra set made. Also pictures with a great deal of red in them do not reproduce on the Thunderbolt paper. So make sure that the pictures are clear.

THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

Bob

This was the mailgram sent to the President of the United States before our banquet on Saturday night at Pittsburgh.

**HONORABLE RONALD REAGAN
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

From the Officers and Men of the 83rd Infantry Division Association Assembled in reunion at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Combat fighters from Normandy to the Elbe and the closest Allied Ground Forces to Berlin at the end of World War II. We send you greetings and support your decision to restore the military power, prestige, dignity, and honor to the United States of America in relations with foreign nations one hundred percent.

**O.B. "Dick" Riddle
President of the National Board of
83rd Infantry Division**

**Robert E. Derickson
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MEN OF CO. K. 331ST INFANTRY

I am proud to say Co. K. was well represented again in the 83rd Infantry Division Ad Book. Thanks to all of you who responded to my request.

If you know of anyone else who was in Co. K, please let me know.

The Pittsburgh Chapter is to be commended for having the largest Reunion ever. Next Year the Reunion is going to be at the Pines Resort in South Fallsburg, N.Y. I wish more of you men would come to Reunions. Next Year should be a great one. Plan right now to come. I believe it will be the second Week in September. The Thunderbolt should have information from time to time. The Boston Chapter will Host this Reunion.

I met Andrew Wargo from Co. K. in Pittsburgh. We hadn't seen each other for 37 years. He, Theodore Ritchie and I sat for several hours over a few drinks reminiscing about Army Days.

The Booster Ad is \$5.00 per person. I must turn the Ads in by the end of June. Please make the check payable to the 83rd Infantry Division Assoc. and send it to me. (Albert A. Belvedere, 1428 Hillside Terr., Pennsauken, N.J. 08110). I am getting an early start by putting it in the Thunderbolt now in lieu of sending separate letters later.

Hope everyone is well and hope to hear from all of You. Don't forget to try to make the Reunion. You have a whole Year to plan for it.

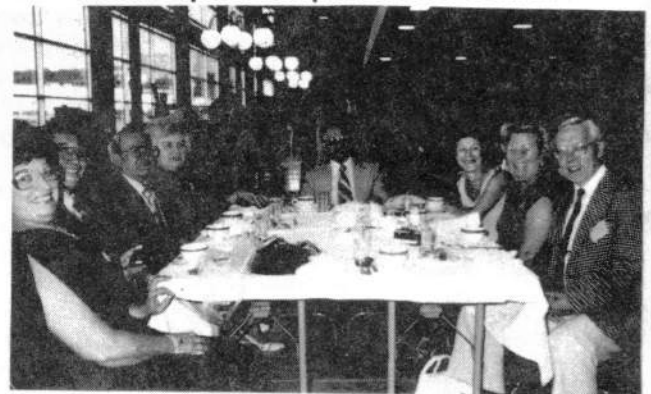
Al Belvedere
Co. K. 331st Infantry



Philadelphia Chapter Honor Guard



Philadelphia Chapter Honor Guard.



One of the Philadelphia Chapter Tables at Saturday Banquet.



Part of the 308th Engineers at the Banquet

BOSTON CHAPTER REPORT

The Boston Chapter would like to thank the Pittsburgh Chapter for a most wonderful reunion down in Monroeville. I don't know of anyone that went home unhappy. Thanks again!!!

The Memorial Service was especially a highlight of the reunion. It certainly was a real tribute to our departed buddies. Al Belvedere did his job well with the firing Squad!!

I often wonder how Lou Volpi can still fit into his uniform! Al tells me that he is good with the old sewing needle and offers his men extended benefits!!! (HA! HA!)

The DiGiammerino Sons and Daughter-in-laws gave their parents, Pat and Ginny, a party to celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary. It was truly a REAL BLAST!!! Lou Volpi and Jim Prentice came down from Lou's house in Philadelphia. It was like having a reunion at the American Legion Hall in Malden, MA. Then at Pat and Gin's house we had another party. Nancy and I didn't get back to Cape Cod till the wee hours of the morn. I don't know, but Paul Gunderson said it was all gingerale! Fran and Larry Arrigo sang a few old songs from their day. (These songs were before my time) We all wish Pat and Ginny happiness for the next forty.

It certainly was nice to see my old friend John Donahue back at the reunion. John sure has had his share of illness and operations. He really looked his old self again. Keep up the jogging John and you will be 100% in September of next year.

Ray and Flo Bjork got back from traveling over the country. They are letting us know what a wonderful trip they had.

Jim Prentice was at the reunion and has been telling us that he has been traveling quite a bit. He went to Knoxville, TN. after the reunion, plus Philadelphia, Boston, and the Catskills. Jim is now resting in Hartford, CT.

Congratulations to Mike Caprio for being elected to president of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. Also to his campaign manager, Hy Goodman.

Bill Chavanne should be congratulated for his victory to the office of the executive board. Bill has an excellent record with the 83rd and I am sure that it will continue in the coming five years.

John Piscitelli and Casy Kowalac have done a marvelous job (as Chaplain and Asst. Chaplain) respectively, over the years.

Bill Shaner from Altoona, PA., a member of the Boston Chapter, came down for a meeting in July. Bill and his wife Lois had a lovely day at the DiGiammerino's Home.

Some of the Boston Boys were down to Fallsburgh, NY to make sure that we are doing everything possible for a successful reunion in "82". I am sure that Mike Caprio will fill you in with more information on this.

I attended the dedication of Hunnewell Park.

This park was named for one of our men from the 329th, Robert Hunnewell. Everyone had the latest style hats on.

Father "Spike" Morrisette is making a fine recovery after his recent operation. We have hopes of having him with us at our September meeting.

I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

AMBY TYNAN
BOSTON CHAPTER REPORTER

323 REPORT

Well boys, we sure did have a wonderful turn out at Monroeville, PA this year!!!

The radio section was very well represented at the reunion. with Romeo Maynard, Erwin Erhardt, Virgie Waldrep and Ed McCouch. I met with Bob Reasonor on my way home.

Dave and Nancy Nellies really had quite a get together with Al Covi and his wife Betty. We had a wonderful time with them on the 8th floor. Don St. John sang a few old songs from back in the year of the BIG ONE!!!

We sure did miss Buck Taylor and Dallas Williams this year. I will have to write to both of them along with Jack Knight who is a neighbor of Dallas.

The gang was sorry that Willie Snodgrass had to leave the reunion early. However Willie, we hope we will see you at the Catskills next year!!!

George Connors had us sign a Get Well Card for Norman Thornton who hasn't been all that well. We hope that Norman is doing a lot better now.

I must say THANKS A MILLION to the boys that sent their donation in for the memorial page in this year's book. William George was more than generous with his donation. Next year maybe we can have a full page in memory of our departed buddies.

In July, Bill and Lois Shaner were in Boston for a visit and we spent a lovely evening with Americo George. Americo looks like a kid ready to enlist in the army. Americo and his wife Betty could not do enough for us and we certainly had a lot of laughs that evening.

Tony Piantedosi and I got together a few nights ago. Tony could not make the reunion this year. I told him about Dom (Godfather) Christopher buying all the drinks this year. Dom, I won't tell you what he said!!! However, Charlie Battery will be having a special meeting, I am sure.

David Hurt from Highland, New York was all smiles at the reunion. I must find out how he stays so young.

Prior to going to Monroeville, Nancy and I spent a day with Norman and Anita McCormack in Maine. We really enjoy our visits with them. Mac's daughter

Robin showed us the house that she and her husband are building themselves. Harland, Maine sure is beautiful country. Robin, we wish you and your husband all the best.

I tried to make contact with Les Taylor on my way home from the reunion, but he must have been playing golf!!! Les has been my right arm over the years with his information on the outfit. Nancy and I were disappointed in not seeing you this year Les!!!

I was on the phone with Victor Bravman and also Tom Papile, they both are doing fine.

George Polites, Bill Shaner and myself spent an afternoon together at George's home in Dracut, MA. just talking over the good old days.

On one last note, I must say it is always nice to see and talk to Joe Giore at the reunion and Phillie Parties.

Well, thats all for this issue!!

AMBY TYNAN
323rd F.A. Bn.

DONALD ST. JOHN

Man Earns Doctorate

Donald P. St. John, son of Donald and Amy St. John of Altoona, was awarded the doctor of philosophy degree in history of religion at Fordham University, N.Y.

Since 1977, Dr. St. John has taught religious studies at Allegheny College, Meadville.

A graduate of Bishop Guilfoyle High School, Dr. St.

John earned his bachelor of arts degree at St. Francis College, Loretto, and his master of arts degree at Temple University.

Dr. St. John has accepted a position as assistance professor of religion at Marovian College, Bethlehem, Pa., where he will reside with his wife, Teri Rae (Hopkins) St. John of Meadville.

REUNION CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

PAT DIGIAMMERINO SER. BATTERY 323RD F.A.

Hi Everyone,

This is going to be a short note. First I would like to thank the Pittsburgh Chapter for a job well done, it was a good reunion, thank you.

The 36th annual reunion is going to be at the Pines Hotel, So. Fallsburg, N.Y.

Make your reservations early, some reservations are already in.

Some of the activities are listed in this issue of the Thunderbolt. The plans for outdoor square dancing is in the making.

Pat DiGiammerino - Reunion Chairman
36 East Border Rd.
Malden, MA 02148

TO ALL COMPANY "K", 331st. MEMBERS

This past summer I had the great pleasure of a visit from Everett E. Rogers, with his charming wife and daughter. Everett looked very good, cheerful, and as happy as a young scout. We spent a most enjoyable evening talking about old times, and trying to remember all the Veterans of our Company. He knew absolutely nothing of our Association and was most grateful for the information. I presented him with many of the past issues of the 83rd. Thunderbolt to take back with him so that he could catch up with news of the past. Everett certainly intends to mail in his dues in the immediate future and would like very much to hear from old Buddies who remember him.

His Address is:

12827 N. 42nd Dr.
Phoenix, Arizona 85029

**An 83rd buddy,
Normand Malo
Co. K. 331st**

WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER REPORT

I have received a report from Sam Klippa and Bob Derickson on the National Reunion, and from all reports it was a huge success. The attendance was very good and everyone had a wonderful time. I was sorry that I could not make the reunion on account of illness.

We have been having our regular monthly dinners and are still recognizing all of the members and their wives on their birth days, and we are slowly receiving new members. We have received four new members since our last report. They are Leon Swiger, Walter Kerchner, Robert Crow and Zeke Lannon from Tremont City, Ohio. Watch out Ohio, we are getting your men. To date we have four Ohio 83rders in our chapter.

We had our regular summer pic-nic at Ledar Lakes, at Ripley, West Virginia. One of our members that had never been to one of our meetings was there, Mr. Gilbert Selman from Cowen, West Virginia. We all had a wonderful time and everyone had a wonderful time and everyone had all they wanted to eat. It was a real success.

We had our regular meeting on September 13th, at the Wilmar Cafeteria in Parkersburg, W.Va. We had Mr. Gale Harper, from the Veterans Affairs Department of W.Va., as our speaker. He gave us information on the benefits of the veterans and what they are entitled to. We have lost a lot of our regular benefits. He urged all Veterans to write to their congressman and House of Representative on this matter.

We had our election for the year, and voted unanimously to retain our present officers for another year. They are President-John Shepherd, Vice-president-Larry Hoskins,

2nd vice-president-Charley Spurgeon, 3rd vice-president-Harold Crouch, 4th vice-president-Clark Johnson, Sec.-treasurer-Don Pettry, Historian-John Swecker, Advisor-John Governor, Chaplain-Eugene Persinger, Staff-Reporter-Eugene Persinger.

We are planning on having more Chapter Activities during the next year, and having a special meeting of our members in the Wheeling and Moundsville, W.Va. areas. We have a lot of members from the Northern Panhandle who do not participate in our meetings and we are planning on going up to be with them during the next year.

Well this is all for now, and may the Good Lord bless all of you.

Our next meeting will be December 6, 1981 at the Wilmar Cafeteria in Parkersburg, W.Va. All 83rd men are welcome.



Presenting Honorary Plaque and membership Card to Secretary of State of W.Va.

A. James Manchin.

L-R: Eugene Persinger, John Shepherd, A. James Manchin, James Dunkin and Don Pettry.

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

Dear Buddies,

Tempest Fugit! It doesn't seem possible that more than a week has passed since so many 83rders all gathered for our 35th Reunion as guests of the most gracious Pittsburgh Chapter.

At the outset, the New England Chapter members and their guests wish to extend to the Pittsburgh Chapter their heartfelt thanks for such an enjoyable time, from beginning to end. Beginning with Wednesday evening, those of us who arrived early were entertained with spirits and music and an opportunity to greet and visit with other early arrivals. Thursday dawned with everyone looking forward with anticipation to the much talked about "Octoberfest", which turned out to be most palatable and hunger satisfying, thirst satisfying and happy feet satisfying. The entertainment provided by the Band was most amusing and prompted much laughter. Everyone had a great evening and one day had

passed. Friday slid in with the men attending their meetings and the women visiting the nearby malls, trying to win a prize at the Bingo game or simply enjoying the pool or visiting with friends around the hotel. Then it came time for everyone to spruce up to gather again for our annual Beer Party, only to be complemented with a beautiful cheese and fruit table, a first according to my recollection, and a pleasing and tasty treat. Everyone tablehopped, group pictures were taken by some of the chapters, some of us did a good bit of dancing, a good bit of elbow bending and another day had passed leaving us with fond memories. Saturday morning arrived, sunny and bright, with the women scurrying off to their hairdresser appointments for the grand finale on Saturday night and the men rushing off in groups for their annual election, amidst the sound of false fire alarms ringing in the building, and the smell of burnt bread from the kitchen. At 2:00 P.M. we all congregated outside for the parade and memorial services. It was a nicely arranged program, touching and unforgettable. Father McCartin had invited all to attend Mass at 4:00 P.M. in the hotel which he celebrated with Father Steve Lanza, newly ordained priest and son of Joseph Lanza, one of our Cleveland 83rders. After Mass was over Father Steve gave us his blessing and that pleased us all.

Before we knew it, it was time to don our best bib and tucker for our last night together for another year. It wasn't long before one after another appeared dressed to the hilt for a long evening of fun and merriment. After dinner, there was more dancing and tablehopping, finally highlighted with a Grand March led by the American flag and the majority of us falling in step to the music. It was a memorable three days and to the PITTSBURGH CHAPTER, we again say THANK YOU!

We were very happy to see our own Chapter so well represented at this Reunion. We had a total of twenty-one actual eighty thirders in attendance, beginning with our own beloved John Donahue, Nick Francullo and his wife, Mary, Jim Brennan and his wife, Dot, Lou Rossi and his wife, Emma, Ernie (Dutchy) Smith and his wife, Helen, Jim Emanouil and his wife, Georgia, Mike Petitti and his wife, Nina, Joe Petrucci and his wife, Helen, Al Tartaglia and his wife, Ann, Carl Burkhard and his wife, Ingrid, Mike Champey and his wife Marie, Bill (Spike) McCartin and his wife, Gloria, Warren Boucher and his wife, Sue, Cliff Woolridge and his wife, Shirley, Harry Benedette and his guest, John Marysz, Nick Panero and his wife, August Farias, Bill McKee and wife, and Robert Sessions and his wife. If I have omitted anyone from this list, I apologize, the more the merrier.

Also in attendance were other guests of our Chapter members whose name I do not recall at the moment, including Jim Brennan's daughter Chris and her friend, Terry Micale. Chris and Terry report they had a great time. They even got to "Heaven" on their trip to downtown Pittsburgh which was a really great surprise for them.

A few of us met some of our old buddies we hadn't seen in some time. I was happy to see my Third Battalion Buddies, Al Vevio and Bill Sullivan. Jim Brennan met a couple of his old friends from Signal, Ludger Lizotte and Robert Barber. I am sure there were others I am not aware of.

We were sorry that Ed Patch and his wife and Arthur and Mary DelPadre were not able to be with us this year. We know that Arthur and Mary have had sickness in the family and Ed Patch had a business commitment he couldn't leave

We are all looking forward to seeing the movies taken by our roving cameraman, Joe Petrucci. Joe has a knack for just casually meandering around and the next thing you know, you are on camera. Thanks Joe, we appreciate all that attention!

We never had a problem locating Al Tartaglia and Nicky Panero during this Reunion. We could always find them in the pool. I am sure they went home well washed and bleached. Ann Tartaglia went home a little more prosperous too, after her win from the stripcards. I guess it pays to gamble, Ann!

On Friday afternoon, while Helen Smith and Emma Rossi entertained our ladies in the Rossi Suite, the men of our Chapter held their Annual Meeting in the Smith suite with the election of officers as follows:

President	James F. Brennan
Vice President	Albert Tartaglia
Treasurer	James Emanouil
Asst. Treasurer	Louis Rossi
Secretary	Nick Francullo
Sergeant at Arms	Joseph Petrucci

Honorary President John Donahue

Congratulations Guys!

We are all looking forward to another year of working and being together.

There is one more important thing I want to mention, and that is the great job that Pearl Derickson did in organizing such a complete list of 83rd members and having it ready for distribution at the Reunion. Thanks a million Pearl, this will be a great asset to us in keeping track of one another.

Our best wishes to you all for Happy Holidays ahead!

As ever, **Nick Francullo**



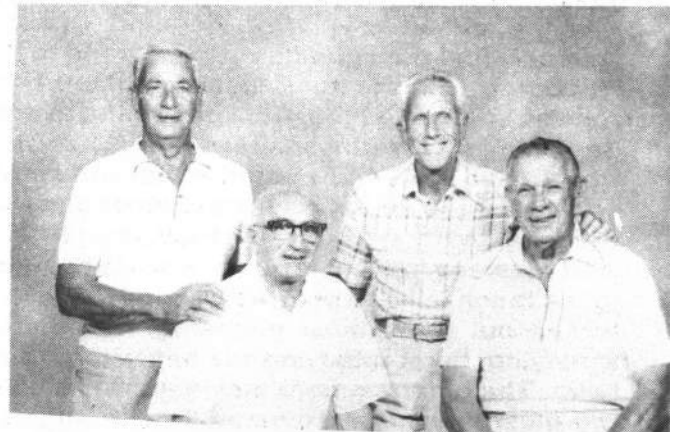
Some husbands & wives of N.E. Chapter



Jim Brennan, Nick & Mary Francullo and guest, Chris Brennan and Terry Micale

MINI REUNION HELD

In August of 1981 Mort Goldman held a mini reunion of Cannon Company-329th. Anyone belonging to this outfit please get in touch with Mort Goldman, 495 River Terrace, Toms River, N.J. 08753, Phone: 201-349-6449. Picture of the four men. Mario Bertani, Carl Gamble, Bill Solomon and Mort.



MICHIGAN CHAPTER REPORT

Once again we come to the next issue of our great Thunderbolt, and as I look back a couple of weeks, I think of the great reunion the Pittsburgh Chapter had prepared for us. Congratulation. Congratulations are in order for President Sam Klippa and John Ruprecht and the staff and members of the Pittsburgh Chapter. Each person in charge did their respective jobs very well. to name a few: Alicandri, with the Hospitality staff did a good job serving all who were thirsty. Gene Costanzo provided good music for all occasions. All the men and ladies made everyone comfortable and at ease. The Michigan Chapter had a good representation this year. Those present were Jack and Hankie Daugherty, Lee and Dorothy Hetrick, Ed Zerucha, Bob and Rita Taylor, Bruce and Jean Winshell, Bill and Jean Goodwin, Ray and Donna Dutton and of course Virginia and myself Vito Palazzolo.

We saw a lot of new faces this year, and the association is growing more as the years go by. We enjoyed visiting with all our friends in the various chapters. The memorial service was one which we all look forward to, and this year was one of the best.

The Michigan Chapter is planning a social and meeting at the House of Lee and Dorothy Hetrick on September 20, at which time we will have our election of officers for the year 1982. Company "G" 329th Roll Call -- Sterling Rubright, John Fay, Ames Miller, Ed Jocek, Francis Murphy, Bob Brinkman, Felmore Kohler, John Cupina, Florentine Casile, Vito Palazzolo, Chester Morgan, and of course all the beautiful ladies. We hope to see everyone next year.

So long until the next issue, have a real nice Thanksgiving, and the coming holidays.

Sincerely
Your shirt and cap maker
Vito Palazzolo
200000Lancaster
Harper Woods, Michigan 48225

Hi Engineers.

I hope all you men and your better halves who made the 35th Reunion had a good time and are now back to work. Or are just plain relaxing and starting to look forward to next years activities at the Pines. I'd say we had a nice size group at Pittsburgh and maybe we'll have a bigger gang next year. Some of us gathered together in my room for a little "bull session" and get acquainted again. While there, we decided we would all go out to Dinner on Friday night. We had what I would call a small Banquet made up of 28 people (including wives) and enjoyed every minute of it. I'd like to be part of more get togethers and maybe with more of the Fellows and Gals.

Fellows, I'm going to beat a "Dead Horse" again but I need all the information I can get. I would like to increase my list of names of Men from all Companies and I need your help. If you have any Names and Addresses tucked away of past Buddies that were in your Company, please send them to me so I can add them to the listing and contact them. Also, if any of the men were Officers, let me know their rank. Since I am from C company, I would not recognize other names unless you tell me.

I am trying to beat the 9/10 deadline and if I am lucky, I'll make it. I'm sending a few pictures of Engineers and Wives taken at the Saturday night Banquet. Next year, lets make it a big picture of all of us. It was a pleasure to both see you at the Reunion and to hear from you by mail if you could not make Pittsburgh.

Sincerely
Bill Chavanne "C" 308th Eng.



Still can march after all those years.

Perkasie News-Herald
Sept. 2, 1981

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schuster, Sellersville, along with Frank Meyers from Perkasie, and John Miklos from Pennsburg, recently attended the 35th annual reunion of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, which was held at the Marriott Hotel in Pittsburgh. The 83rd Infantry is a division that fought through Europe in World War II and has five battle stars to its credit: Normandy, Brittany, Central Europe, Rhine Land and Ardennes. There were over 700 people in attendance. Next year the reunion will be held at "The Pines" resort in the Catskills and will be hosted by Bernard Cov, who is also a member of "D" Co., 331st Infantry.

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 Deluxe in 1st, 2nd & 3rd choice: 1st choice

2nd choice 3rd choice

Name and Address of Roommates or Other Guests



HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Dear Buddies,

I'm proud to be your historian for another year. Please God, we all make it for another reunion in 1982.

This was another great one thanks to the men & ladies of Pittsburgh. Bob, Billand John and all my buddies thank you for making it that way for me.

(P.S. to Joe Macaluso - the 331st was not always on reserve.)

I've included in this report a copy of a Unit Citation to prove it!

I'll have more of these citations in future issues.

Here are also more "After Action" reports. I'll save the Army pictures for the next Thunderbolt when I pick up our travels in Europe paid for by Uncle Sam and the U.S. Army.

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

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APO 83, U. S. Army

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 227

23 November 1945

UNIT CITATION

Under the provisions of Section IV, Circular 333, War Department, 22 December 1943, and as approved by the Commanding General, Third United States Army and Eastern Military District, the Third Battalion, 331st Infantry is cited for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy from 1 April 1945 to 3 April 1945.

The Third Battalion, 331st Infantry Regiment is cited for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy at Hamm, Germany. After having completed relief of 2d Armored Division, Third Battalion, 331st Infantry was assigned the mission of seizing crossings of the Lippe River intact. As the leading elements approached the bridges leading into Hamm from the north, the enemy succeeded in destroying the highway bridge but leading elements pushed over the fire-swept 500 foot railroad bridge and cut the wires leading to the demolitions set under the bridge. The remainder of the battalion continued to cross and take up positions south of the river. Supplies were hand carried through almost continuous fire over the railroad bridge and casualties were evacuated over the same difficult route. At 1100, 2 April, the enemy launched the first of a series of counter-attacks in which he committed large forces of infantry and armor in an attempt to drive the men of the Third Battalion out of the bridgehead. The counter-attacks, characterized by individual fighting at close range in the subways of the railroad station, in houses and in the streets, were repulsed by maximum use of rocket launcher teams, mortar, artillery and all available weapons combined with the eager and bold aggressiveness of the troops. During the night, infiltrating enemy, attacking under the cover of darkness, were driven back. The enemy attacks the following day were even of greater strength and ferocity. Cooks and ammunition carriers who had carried food and ammunition to the troops shouldered weapons and fought. The troops, isolated by accident of terrain and limited approaches over natural carriers, held their ground tenaciously and in the face of direct fire of the enemy. During the three day period, the men of the Third Battalion, 331st Infantry exhibited unwavering courage and fighting determination in establishing the bridgehead at Hamm and repulsing the determined counter-attacks without yielding a yard of ground. As a result of the battalion's vigorous attack and spirited defense, the enemy suffered stunning losses in men and material and a bridgehead was provided for future operations into the Ruhr Valley. The unflinching devotion to duty and the courage displayed by each man of the battalion reflect the highest traditions of the armed forces.

PITTSBURGH REPORT

The Pittsburgh Chapter was privileged to have such a great turnout at the reunion. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as Sue and I. Just getting together with all our friends again made it for us.

I know all those in our chapter did their best to make it one of the finest reunions we've ever had.

Since a picture is better than a lot of words, I'm sending a few to take the place of a longer report this time.

God Bless
Larry Leonardi
A-331



"A tribute to our buddies"



Memorial Services



At the 331st Annual Luncheon



"A" Co. 331st. Reunion Turnout.

CLEVELAND CHAPTER REPORT

Hello Buddies:

Hope you all survived that fabulous reunion put on by the Pittsburgh Chapter. The Banquet dinner left something to be desired, but don't fault Pittsburgh Chapter for that. The caterer really screwed up. "nuff said."

Cleveland Chapter was really well represented this year. There were 23 members out of 27, and wives made it even more. Our C.P. was visited by a lot of people and a lot of refreshments were consumed.

We welcomed aboard a new member, Earl Geiseler, he was presented a plaque accepting him as an honorary member. Earl and Mary have been great people to us, always there when needed. Earl accepted the plaque with tear in his eyes and speechless and there were many others there with tears, including mine. (Szubski had the plaque made)

It was a real pleasure meeting my buddy Bill Solomon after 36 years. The guy didn't change a bit, except for some grey hair. That's what a reunion is all about, meeting the long lost buddies again, and talking about the past. I gather that the Catskill reunion will be attended by more of my buddies, so I can hardly wait.

The Memorial Service was once again the highlight of the reunion. I found it very difficult to suppress the tears.

Looking around, I didn't see many dry eyed people, if any. Maybe if a few of the "no shows" would get involved just once, they would never miss another reunion. Time however is running out, the taps list gets longer and longer every year, and one day the bells will toll for us. Casey Kowalec doing his usual yeoman's job of assisting our Chaplain John Piscitelli in rendering the Service. Speaking of Services, the Mass on Saturday was well attended. Joe Lanza's son Stephen assisted Father McCartin in celebrating the Mass. You can bet your bottom buck that Joe and Julie Lanza were proud as hell of their son, and congratulations are in order.

Cleveland Chapter will have an Octoberfest a bit premature at Kowalec's residence. Booze and plenty of food is on the menu. Anyone in the neighborhood is cordially welcomed. We are accepting new members, protocol and proper procedure is discarded. It is too late in the day to refuse anyone that wishes to join our Chapter. Get your feet wet you guys in greater Cleveland, join our Chapter and enjoy the fun.

Our buddy Chester Czech is coming along real fine. Chet had the misfortune of having his voice box removed. He is taking voice therapy now and from what is heard, is coming along fine. We wish Chet all of the best and hope that he attends our meetings as in the past. My wife and I became grandparents again, our son John and his wife had a baby boy. Needless to say we are happy with the new addition.

Once again you guys that haven't paid your dues, do so now, the dues are now **\$10.00** so dig a little deeper and keep our association at the top of the list.

Stay nice and pay nice, and if you must, fight nice.

God Bless
Al Uridel
"CN" 329th

HELLO BUDDIES:

Here we are, just having gotten over our 35th Annual Reunion, and about to embark on another great year in the history of our Association. We hate the thoughts of it, but this helps make us all another year older. Thank God that there are so many of us still left to help make these Reunions the great Reunions they are. As we read each issue of the "THUNDERBOLT" and see the names that are added to the list of deceased, let us all take an extra minute out to say a Prayer for each and every one of them.

Well Buddies, for the first time, Mary and I were unable to make the Reunion. We were unable to go due to her serious illness, but although we weren't with you in body, we were with you in our thoughts and Prayers.

Now for something for the good of the Association. This year I wrote a letter to the Executive Board, trying to have Ammendments to the By-laws, in order to have ammendments, they may be ammended by a three fourths vote of members present at a meeting, but they must be

submitted to all members in written form not less than 30 days prior to a meeting.

These potential Ammendments were presented to the Board about ninety-four days prior to the meeting, which gave ample time for a notice to be sent out. I am appealing to the Board again this year to take the proper action on these potential Ammendments. I feel that in all fairness to our members, no President or Executive Board Member should serve more than one term of office, that means one year for the President and five years for the Executive Board Member. This gives more Members a chance to serve as an Officer in the Association. I don't think that this necessitates a special letter be sent out, it should be able to be printed in the "THUNDERBOLT".

Larry Redmond
Co. "H" 330th Inf.

Hello Buddies:

Well here we are once again, having just gotten over another Reunion. This being the 35th, makes us stop and realize how long it has been since we were to-gether in World War II. Some of us have met at Reunions, but some of you who have never attended, don't know just what you have missed.

This year, unfortunately I was unable to attend due to my Wife being seriously ill. This is the first one that she and I haven't attended. We both look forward to it every year, but when illness strikes, we just can't make it. Each year we look forward to once again seeing new faces of men who served in Co. "H", this year there were seven men in attendance. I had a call from Capt. Masters when he arrived home, he was also expecting to see some new faces of some of our men from Western Pennsylvania and Ohio. Lets get on the ball and try to make it in New York next year.

To those of you who sent me in contributions for the adds in the add book, I want to thank you very much. I am sorry that I am unable to send all of you a copy of it, but not being able to attend this year, I was unable to get enough books to send you each one. On top of that, the postage is quite expensive and being on a fixed income, I don't have as much extra money for mailing as I used to when I worked. Our add was a great success, thanks to so many of you fine men.

Now to get to the main part of the Association. Dues are now due for this year, if you are not paid up, you will be dropped from the mailing list. Lets not have any Co. "H" men drop out. We still want to be one of the largest companies in paid up membership. Dues are \$10.00 so please send them to-day, also try to talk a Buddy into joining. May God Bless you all.

Larry Redmond.

G Company 331st Infantry

Hooray for Pittsburgh, we had probably the largest gathering ever. Those of you that were not in attendance missed a great reunion. I guess as we get older we enjoy the company of our buddies more and more.

G Company had a good turnout 16 in all, but I had expected more because Pittsburgh is in the heart of G Company territory. For those that were present I enjoyed being with them. Our three workers from the Pittsburgh Chapter deserve a lot of credit. Ed Walsh, Al Sues, and Gene Costanzo. I think now, that they know what work there is to a reunion. Our thanks to these three men, also to Ed's wife, and Al's wife, these two gals worked as hard as the men.

It was good that Bob Piette and Harold Ladley spent the full time with us at the reunion. Bill Bogacz looked good after returning from his trip to Poland. I do believe that Bill is the guy that started all the trouble in Poland.

Our hats off to Drewniak for standing up to Major Synder and joining G Co. men instead of the Medics. Loyal Pangle looked great, he was in a good mood, and seemed to enjoy himself more this year than he has in the past two years. Keep up the good work, hope to see you for many more years. The rest of the group seemed to be rolling with the tide. Joe Phillipone was missing something, but I believe it was for the best. Vance Tuttle looks as if he will go on forever. Baird comes to be the official Photographer. John Teringo has recovered from his ordeal and is looking great. Titus after enjoying his retirement for a few months, is still in great form. Still want to know where he puts all of the beer.

I sincerely hope that all of you that were members during 1980-81, will once again send in your dues for the new years. We expect to have even more members this year.

For those of you that live in the New England states, we are coming to see you next year. You will not have an excuse to miss the reunion in 1982. It will be at the Pines Hotel in Fallsburg, N.Y. in the middle of September. Let's make our plans now and let's see some of you fellows, that are always planning to be there, but you never show.

Capt. Mac

REPORT FROM THE LOUISIANA CHAPTER

Just returned from a successful reunion in Pittsburgh. The Pittsburgh Chapter is to be commended for the great turnout at the 35th reunion of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. The Chapter should also be commended for what I thought was the finest Memorial Service. It brought tears to many dry eyes. Some of the men that were in attendance for the first time were impressed with the Services. I can say that the Louisiana Chapter had one of its finest turnouts Laurence Armand, Leonard Prelutsky, Joe Macaluso, John Cordaro, and a newcomer

attending his first reunion, Isadore Labbe of Duson, La. Issy had a great time, he felt lost at the reunion until he ran into Larry, than the Cajin began to flow. I was also given the name of another Louisianan, a fellow by the name of Miia from Abbeville. I will be in touch with him.

Also, I want to inform Claude Morgan of Tickfaw, that I had the opportunity to meet his counterpart, Chester Morgan, if these two fellows could get together they would solve all of their problems. It made me feel good when a number of the members wanted to know when we would have another reunion in New Orleans. These fellows had been to a number of reunion, but they said that they enjoyed the one in New Orleans, best of all. Something to think about, but it may be some years down the road. The next reunion takes us to the mountains in New York, followed by one in Ft. Lauderdale in 1983. Kentucky seems to be think of 1984. By that time we may be all to old to attend reunion.

I know a couple of members are after me to schedule a meeting for the Chapter, I am trying to come up with a date and place for a meeting, if any of you can suggest a date and place feel free to get in touch with me so I can notify the other members here in Louisiana & Mississippi. Our list of members, in these two states is growing, now all we have to do is have a meeting so we can get to know each other.

Joe Macaluso

New Jersey Chapter

We in Jersey want you to know that it was wonderful for us to see you all once again. It took Fran and I a week to recuperate after the reunion.

All the praise we can give go to the Men and Women of the Pittsburgh Chapter who did so much in making the reunion a huge success. Our thanks to you for being the wonderful people you are.

There was an Open Bar at the Evening Activities as well as the Hospitality Room. Pittsburgh Members would tend to our needs for refreshments. Our own Emil Wheling volunteered to help and spent two nights behind the Bar. Emil is the true spirit of this great organization. Again our thanks to all who helped.

We are pleased that our own Manny Epstein was chosen as one of the new Sargents at Arms. Congratulations Manny.

How about Joe DePeri and Viola Day trying to outrun each other to the Curio Shops to add to their collections. Wilson Day stood close by, ready with his checkbook.

Found out Ed Kirgen is retiring in September from C.P.I. He will probably spend all his time at the Golf Links getting ready for next years reunion. Talking about golf, how about the Louisiana Flatlander?"

Larry Armond showing us how to play a mountain course. He has the agility of a Mountain Goat. Remember Larry to bring enough balls with you next year as you know the consequences.

Adolf and Mary Senica (A330), it was the first reunion for them. They joined our group and contributed to the fun and enjoyment. Adolf had been in the Butcher Business and never could get away to attend before.

Our Catholic Mass was celebrated by Father McCartin with newly ordained Father Steve Lanza assisting. Later in the Mass Father Steve gave us the Newly Ordained Blessing. Our Congratulations to him and his parents, Joe Lanza's (A331).

Also want to thank Bill and Gloria McCartin for bringing Father McCartin into our midst. He has contributed much to our reunions.

I learned that Ken Baird (G331) is running for the State Legislature in Indiana. You fellows in Indiana get behind him and give him your help. Ken and Phyllis are proud of their son Bruce. He along with his Military School Horse Troop were in President Reagan's Inaugural Parade.

One last note, it seems like the Moonshiners in New Jersey are cutting in on Kentucky's racket. Tom Hensley from Kentucky was quite upset when he saw an article in his local paper about a raid on a Jersey Still. Take Note! you Kentuckian's, you have probably been drinking (Joisey Whiskey) all those years and didn't know it.

Take care and God Bless you all.

Stan Bielen
1st Bn Hdqs. 331

GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

Dear Buddies:

Once again the Thunderbolts went all out for our 35th annual reunion at the Marriott in Monroeville, Pennsylvania. A great salute and a job well done, to our good buddies Sam Klippa, John Ruprecht, Jim Kane, and all men of the Pittsburgh Chapter. Then to all their women for all the work and time involved. The attendance broke all records. As we grow older I believe we're drawing closer together. We're well into our new fiscal year, getting ready for the Catskill Mountains, In September 1982. It will be here before we know it. God Bless each and everyone again for a job well done.

A great thanks to Casey Kowalec, Jim Kane, Jim Burton, (Our great singer) all the candle lighters, and the wreath placing men of the Pittsburgh Chapter. Thanks to Al Bevedere, the Captain of our Honor Guard, and rifle squad of the Philadelphia Chapter. A great Thanks to our Greatest Buddie Col. White and all the men and women who participated in our ceremonies. Our Memorial services are the whole bag of our great association. Too bad quite a few stayed away from it. It is their loss.

No matter how many ceremonies I've been to, whether it was V.F.W., D.A.V., American Legion, Purple Heart Veterans, Amvets, Sons of the Veterans, the one from our own great 83rd Infantry Thunderbolts is the one that really chokes me up.

The 83rd is the one where we actually fought and some died, and a lot of us are now passing on every year. Quite a few of us were born and raised together, and we're now growing older together.

Let's hope and pray we gather many years into the future.

Hope to see everyone next year at the Pines, GOD WILLING.

**Your buddies
John T. Piscitelli
"C" 323rd F.A.**

"FRANKLY SPEAKING"

Here we are, at the start of another year for this great Association of ours. I don't have too much news for this issue as you all know I was unable to attend the reunion but from all that I have heard it was another great one and the guys and gals of the Pittsburgh Chapter did a great job. Again, we take our hats off to all of them.

I think congratulations are in order for a couple of men - Mike Caprio, our new President and Bill Chavanne, elected to the Executive Board. Good Luck and Good Health to both of you and I know you both will do one hell of a job.

I received a nice letter from George Tangelos's wife, Barbara, she told me George will retire the first of September and he will join the Honey Club (Honey, do tis - honey, do that). She also told me she is not feeling too good, she must loose 45lbs. as she has diabetis, that is why they did not make the reunion this year. Barbara, get in good shape for next year.

I think by now the O'Malleys are in order for congratulations again as they are grandparents again.

Loads of Luck to Paul and Gloria Vitantonio with their new home, also here is their new address - 7900 Plank Raod, Thomson, Ohio 44086.

Johnny Walker and myself had our own reunion, here in Philly, for about an hour and a half at his hotel where he was staying - he was here with the VFW convention. Johnny is now in business for himself - anyone needing a flag, get in touch with Johnny. I also received some pictures from Steve Ferko that were taken overseas which I will have in the Thunderbolt at a later issue.

Well, buddies, this is the last issue of the year - it's now time to bid you all a Merry Christmas and a

Happy new Year and to my Jewish friends Happy Hanukah and may God Bless You and thank you all again for all your prayers and cards you sent me.

Your old buddy,
Frank McGrogan (Mac)
Co "D-330th"

DIXIE CHAPTER REPORT

The Dixie Chapter all the Southern Gentlemen and wife's wish to express our gratitude and thanks for the wonderful time we were shown at the Pittsburgh reunion. It could not have been better. The Service and rooms were the best. Everything was great. As for Sam and his wonderful group you did a fine job. Putting a reunion together takes experts. I think everyone enjoyed their stay at Monroeville, and again we thank everyone involved in doing the great job.

The Dixie Chapter will have the next meeting in Greenville, S.C.. The date is not available at this time. The Christmas Party will be in Gatlinburg, Tenn., Dec. 5th. Everyone attend if possible. Take the time for a good time. See you there.

Johnnie Ball

Poem by our chaplain Haran Martin of the Dixie Chapter:

THANK GOD FOR LIFE

**We were combat soldiers,
Who Fought in World War II
There were many dangerous missions
that were rough to live through.**

**We were the 83rd Infantry Division,
The Thunderbolt was our name.
We fought our battles to victory,
with honor, glory and fame.**

**There were many brave soldiers
whose life in battle was given.
Fighting to keep America free,
so our women and children would live.**

**We, who are now still living,
let us pay our dead respect,
The ones who fought for the purpose,
their memories we will never neglect.**

**Let us pray to our Heavenly Father,
who knows the purity in our hearts.
That stood by us through our battles,
Thank you God, we haven't forgot.**

**Haran Martin, Chaplain
"C" 331 st**

323rd REPORT

I am sorry to say, that Headquarter's Battery did not support the Memorial in the upcoming Reunion Book. It is very disappointing to me. However, I would like to thank the men that donated to this cause: William George, Erwin Erhardt, Willie Snodgrass, Donald St. John, Ed McCouch, Bill Shaner, and Jim "Buck" Taylor. "Thanks to all of you!!" At least I know you fellows read my column in the Thunderbolt!!

Well on to other news! Bill and Lois Shaner are coming to visit me during the first part of July. I hope to get a few of the crowd together while they are here. I am sure that I will be able to show them a good time.

Eddie McCouch's wife Joyce was recently in the hospital and we hear that she is now recovering nicely.

Don St. John is busy with his daughter's wedding. certainly hope that you don't sing at it Don!! (Ha! Ha!) If you fellows can remember back to W.W. II, Don St. John was a singing star. However, time has changed his voice. Now his brother-in-law Bill Shaner is the STAR in the singing department.

Marge Taylor sent me a lovely card while she was vacationing with her folks in Germany. I certainly appreciated it Marge!!! It's a good thing that I taught Jim Taylor how to cook while we were with the 323rd, as this year Jim stayed home.

Romeo and Livie Maynard recently toured a part of Canada. They were telling us recently what a wonderful trip they had and all the places they visited.

Well that is all the news for this issue. Hope to see you at the convention.

AMBY TYNAN - 323rd REPORTER

KILLED IN ACTION: INFORMATION WANTED

S/Sgt. Charles W. Schneider (Known as Bill)
A.S.N. # 32022714
Company "C" 330th Infantry Regiment
"Killed in Action" July 27, 1944.

Does anyone remember this man or how he was killed in action. If so, please send all information to

Mr. Arthur G. Schneider
10 Ocean Parkway (B6)
Brooklyn, New York 11218
PHONE: 212-435-5411

CO "D" 331st. by Gene Nolte

As usual Co. "D" comes through with a good turnout for the annual reunion with seventeen veterans making the scene. Your reporter saw for the first time since Europe 1945 genial Tom Morris (looked no older).

For the ones who didn't make the reunion here is a list of your buddies who were in Monroeville (Pittsburgh), Pa.

Norm Schuster
Bill McKee
Jim Lynch
Ralph Gunderson
Andy Churpak
JOHN Miklos
John Miklos
Sam Klippa
George Komlos
Franklin Myers

George Odenweller
Wilbur Campbell
R.C. Hamilton
Tom Morris
Gene Nolte
Hank Trzeciak
Hank Trzeciak
Bernie Cove
Merle Akam



TO A GALLANT WARRIOR

A tribute to Former 1st Sargent, Frank Palasky, of "A" Btry, 908 F.A. who will undergo a serious hip operation this October. All "A" Btry members wish you a successful operation and a complete recovery.

For our new England friend, Amby Tynan, an "A" BTRY member of the 908th F.A. from Stockton, Calif., will send you one of his better onions to help get your soup started this fall.

HOLIDAY CHEER:

We wish all our friends of "A" BTRY and other members of the 908th F.A. a very Happy Holiday Season.

Mike Brick

908 F.A. News

All members of the 908th F.A. are very grateful to Delbert Jurden of HD QT'S Btry who presented slides at this years reunion which were taken from Atterbury through the E.T.O. He also gave out to each individual, original roster lists of their respective units. We hope the Jurdens can come back to south Fallsburgh, New York, next year with more slides and other photos.

Reported by Mike Brick

908 F.A. BULLETIN

Attending Another Grand reunion in Monroeville, Pennsylvania were these members.

"A" BTRY

Frank Adachowski
Warren Boucher
Leland Boyers
Michael Brick
Howard Carlborn
John Clevenger
Henry Hudson
Robert Hughes
William Laughter
Eddy Marquard
Ellsworth Massie

"B" BTRY

Ralph Allen
Michael Bacha
Nick Bertovich
George Callender
Jules Desgain
Michael Jarmoska
Jim Prentice
Michael Rudy
Art Waples
Edward Williams

"C" BTRY

Sam Aiello
Charles Bonfiglia
John Cox
Joe Danylo
Quentin Pease
Leroy Renninger
Sam Rissmiller
Francis Rood
Paul Sadlon

HDQ. BTRY

Marko Evasevich
Nelson Hetrick
Delbert Jurden
Robert Kelly
Harold Winzierl

SERV. BTRY

Albert Fowler
Manny Goodridge
John Ruprecht

Reported by Mike Brick

'Jamie' remembered as a Good Neighbor

JAMES BOWIE has received the unanimous vote of his Berkeley Township neighbors at Holiday City at Berkeley as their all-time good neighbor.

Sadly to them, Bowie died last summer.

In a letter to the *Asbury Park Press*, E. William Lauro, a neighbor who lives at 56 Castle Harbor Drive, put it this way:

"Not a day passed by when someone, somewhere always shared the beneficence at the hands of 'Jamie,' a distant relative of the legendary Jim Bowie, who was killed at the Battle of the Alamo," Lauro wrote. "He could do anything, a veritable 'largo al factotum.'"

"This included appliance repair, plumbing, electricity or what have you. And if you

Good Neighbor

EDITOR'S NOTE: The *Asbury Park Press* solicited nominations for Good Neighbors, and the response was overwhelming. Selections for the three stories on this page were made from suggestions from our readers. Because of the response, Good Neighbor will become a weekly feature to be published every Sunday.

didn't get up soon enough after a snowstorm, he would already have cleaned your driveway and walks."

Noting that his "love for people was boundless," Lauro added:

"Any given day a neighbor would be awakened in the morning for Jamie might be fixing your roof or chimney or resurfacing your driveway. It was all a gesture of good will and generosity, and all his asked in return was a 'Thank you.'"

Lauro, who moved here five years ago from East Orange, said he did not know Bowie until Bowie moved to Holiday City three years ago.

"ALL A WIDOW had to do was mention that she had a problem," he added, "and, Jamie would try to take care of it."

Mrs. Matilda Trosino, a widow living at 53 Castle Harbor Drive, described Bowie "as a lovely person always willing to help a neighbor."

"He was the most accommodating person I have ever known."

Mrs. Trosino and her late husband, Thomas, came from Cedar Grove.

Mrs. Ruth Henry, Mrs. Catherine



Tim McCarthy/*Asbury Park Press*

Mrs. Ruth Henry (left) and Mrs. Catherine Bowie display World War II memorabilia of Mrs. Bowie's late husband, James.

Bowie's closest friend here, termed him "a wonderful man and neighbor considerate and helpful to all."

"If we ever had any problems, he was always there to help us."

Mrs. Bowie, known as Kay to friends, likes to tell about the "42 great years we had since our marriage."

"There were those bad days during World War II when he was fighting in Europe with the 83rd (Thunderbolt) Division in the battles of St. Lo and the Bulge," she recalled. "But in recent years we have enjoyed

the annual reunions with his old buddies

"Jim was older than most when he went into the Army, and we had been married since May 7, 1938. Our first child, James W., was born the December before he went into service, and he died the following June. Jim never got to see him.

"He never spoke much about the war, but he came back with two Purple Hearts (awarded for being wounded in action) and a Bronze Star for valor. His old captain and

'Jamie' remembered by neighbors

several other infantrymen always maintained a close relationship with him.

"Jim never complained about any of the hardships he had to endure during the Battle of the Bulge, and from what his buddies told me later, he was always ready to give them a hand. He was an acting sergeant at the time he was discharged."

WHEN BOWIE retired as a laboratory technician from Flintkote in East Rutherford three years ago last September, he and his wife sold their home in Carlstadt.

They wanted to enjoy the clean air of the Shore, and the easy pace of the retirement-type community. Their children and six grandchildren also live in the area. They are Thomas J. Bowie, Lakewood, and Mrs. Susan Kaprowski, Sayreville. Last May 7, the Bowies celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary.

On June 6, the 35th anniversary of D-Day in Europe, Bowie suffered a heart attack from which he never recovered.

Mrs. Bowie and her neighbors are still trying to adjust to his loss, and are finding it difficult.

"He loved people and we loved him," said Lauro simply, "and as far as he's concerned, we find him irreplaceable."

The Kentucky Chapter wishes to thank the Pittsburgh Chapter for a wonderful reunion. The hospitality was something else. It was great for all the chapters to be together on one floor. Ritchie said that was the closest to an elevator that he had ever been. The McIntosh's and the Derickson's were across from each other so they could leave their doors open for everyone to enjoy the Kentucky hospitality. Great fun. We had a short business meeting on Friday afternoon with the report that the Kentucky Chapter had 22 men and their wives attending the reunion. We are real proud of that turnout. Watch out you Pennsylvanians we may top you yet. Our next meeting with election of officers will be held at the Sheratin Hotel in Louisville, Ky. on October 24. If any of you are in the area at that time you know you are more than welcome. Our Christmas party which is really something else will be at Natural Bridge State Park at Slade, Ky. on December 5. Stay overnight and eat breakfast together the next morning before starting on your homeward journey. Again we say everyone is welcome. We urge all of you when you have a little time on your hands to please send a card to Kermit Hargis. He and Maxine need our prayers at this time. Let us all be thankful when we have our health. Again the Kentucky Chapter wishes to thank the Pittsburgh Chapter for a good time held by all. We wish all of you a Happy Holiday Season. Look forward to seeing all of you. Anyone thinking of attending the Christmas Party at Natural Bridge should get a reservation in with a deposit immediately. The address is Natural Bridge State Park, Slade, Kentucky. 40376, Phone 606-663-2333.

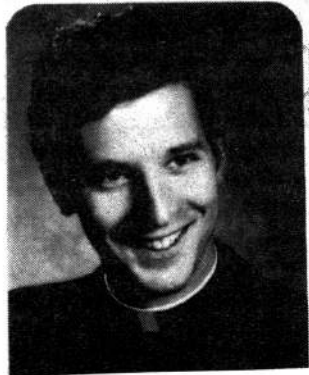
R.C. Hamilton
"D" 331st.

Chaplain's People

We were notified of our following Buddies that have passed on... May the Good Lord take care of them always - even until the end of time. Amen.

J. Jess Bowers
Lt. Ira L. Boyer, IA
Leonard Podige
Killed in Midair crash July 8, 1980 outside of Atlanta, Georgia. Lived at 3381 Rockneir Ct., Lithonia, Ga. 08215
Henry Hine
George T. McCabe
Herbert F. Sheridan
Henry Shehan
Charles J. Vaughn
Col. Robert G. Maxwell

783rd OAS
"F" 329th retired as Lt. Col.
Service Co. 329th
"H" 330th passed away - May 21, 1981
83rd IIG, A-LL passed away - May 23, 1981
Army - Medical Corp. passed away September 1981
Medics 329th passed away September 28, 1981
"I" 329th passed away July 31, 1981
passed away August 26, 1981



This is a picture of Father Stephen Lanza who assisted Father McCartin at our Catholic Service Saturday afternoon before our banquet at the Marriott. Father Lanza is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lanza, "A" 331st, 210 S. McKinley, Dover, Ohio. Joe is a member of the Cleveland Chapter. Our best wishes and may Father Stephen go far in his vocation. God Bless him. We remember in our prayers, Frank McGrogan, Mary Redmond and all our ill members and their loved ones who are ill. We pray for a speedy recovery for all. This we ask through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Your Chaplain
John T. Piscitelli,
"C" 323rd

DIRECTIONS TO THE PINES HOTEL

NEW YORK CITY
NEW JERSEY &
METROPOLITAN AREA
WASHINGTON, D.C.

New York Thruway to Interchange 16 (Harriman) & then west on 17 (Quickway) to (Toll free Super Highway) to exit 105B - proceed to village of South Fallsburgh. Turn left at movie theatre. one mile to the Pines.

Via George Washington Bridge: Enter New York state thruway at Interchange 14 (Spring Valley) - proceed as above.

New Jersey Turnpike: Connects with Garden State Parkway at Interchange 10, proceed as above.

Washing: Enter New Jersey Turnpike at Interchange 1 via Delaware Memorial Bridge. Proceed as above.

MASSACHUSETTS

Massachusetts Turnpike. . .thru Berkshire extension to N.Y. thruway. . .see below directions on how to proceed from Albany.

ALBANY AREA

Take New York State Thruway South to Kingston Interchange 19 - proceed southwest on Route 209 (approx. 25 miles) to Ellenville, turn right (west) to Woodbourne, turn left (south) on Route 42 to South Fallsburgh. At movie theatre turn right 1 mile to the Pines:

CHICAGO, DETROIT
AND OHIO POINTS

Indiana East-West Toll Road and Ohio Turnpike into the Pennsylvania. Connect with New Jersey Turnpike at Interchange 6. Continue North on N.J. Turnpike to Interchange 10, where you will enter the Garden State Parkway. See Directions on how to proceed from this point above.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

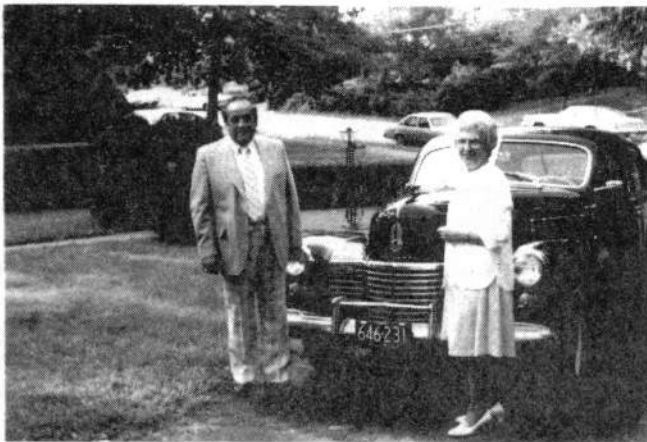
Enter N.Y. State at Buffalo - Drive East on N.Y. State thruway. At Interchange 36 Syracuse, e turn south on new Rte. 81 (Toll free Super Highway) to Binghamton: drive east on Rt. 17 (Quickway) (Toll free Super Highway) to exit 105B. Turn north on Rte. 42 to South Fallsburgh, at movie theatre turn left 1 mile to the Pines.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

Enter New York State at Champlain Port of entry. Proceed on new Route 87 Northway (Toll free Super Highway) to Interchange with New York State Thruway at Albany. Proceed as from Albany.

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Route 1-84 to Middletown Exit 4W going west. Proceed as Directions from New York City on Rte. 17 (Quickway) to South Fallsburgh.



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Ray Bjork, Pat DiG., Nancy & Amby Tynan

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