



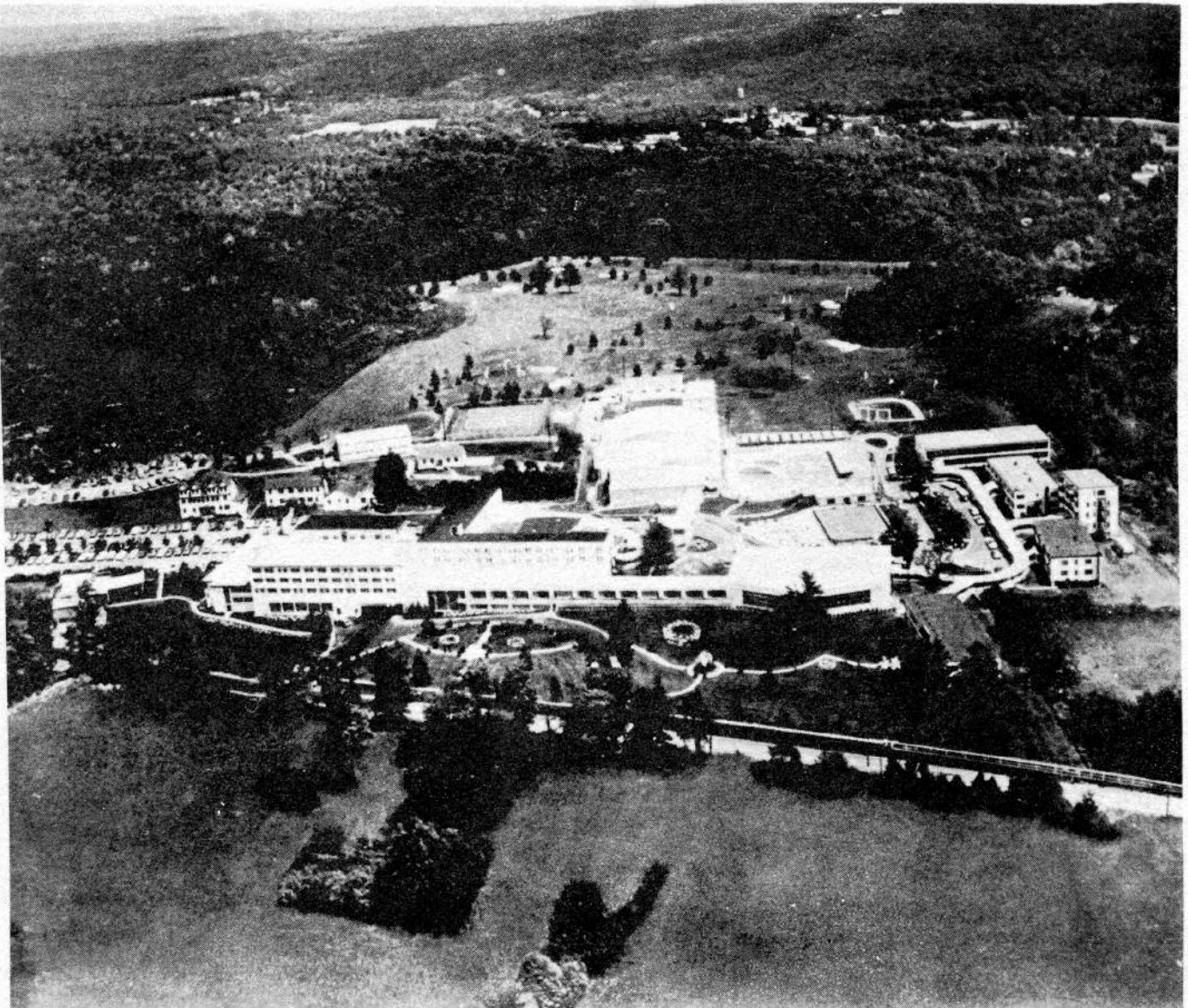
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This being my last column as your President; I want you to know that I have enjoyed being President of the Greatest Division Association in the United States of America. To me it has been a great Honor. I hope that I have not offended anyone in my previous columns. As I have mentioned before I will do my utmost for this Reunion to be the very best ever, if it isn't, well at least I tried.

As you all know, we had our meeting with the Executive Board, at the Pines, on May 1st and 2nd. I believe that they are all satisfied with the Pines. They saw for themselves that what we explained in the previous issues of the "Thunderbolts" about the Pines is true. The Executive board will verify this. The reservations have been coming in strong and believe it or not, but we may have a full house. There are many things I would like to say but I will leave this to our Reunion Chairman, Pat DiGiammerino. We have had a great deal of help from the Greater Boston Chapter Members. The Chapter has been meeting at least once a month so that we will not leave any stones unturned.

If you haven't sent in your DUES for 1982, do so now. My year as President is coming to an end, where has the time gone? The Reunion will be upon us before you know it; if you haven't sent in your Reservation, do so now, time is short.

I am confident, that when Reunion time is over, we will all be leaving the Pines with the feeling that it was the Greatest Reunion ever. Who knows we may meet again at the Pines in the near FUTURE. So until September, when we shall all meet at THE FABULOUS PINES in So. Fallsburg, New York, in the Cat-

skills, May God Bless You all.

Respectfully

Mike Caprio
National President

SECRETARY TREASURER REPORT

Hello Buddies:

Just doesn't seem like it is time to be doing this report again. But the calendar says the beginning of June and the grass is growing so it must be getting close.

In my last letter to you I talked to all of you about getting ready to go to The Pines and that we would tell you all about it in this issue. I imagine that all the Board Members will have something to say. But here is my version. Ladies Bernie is planning a special shopping trip to a close by shopping center for those who wish to go. So you husbands are not going to be as lucky as thought you were. For those who don't want to go shopping, their is plenty at the pines to keep you occupied. Maybe some of you have been to a resort area. Pearl and I have never had the opportunity to do this. We looked forward to it as a new experience. It truly was.

The Pines is a huge place. Has an indoor tennis court, horseback riding, golf, baseball diamond, indoor and outdoor swimming, shuffle board, art shows, and auctions, Bingo and a large outdoor patio. Something, as you can see from the enclosed program, going on constantly. You won't be able to get it all worked in. They tell us the weather there in September is beautiful so come one and all. You will need to participate in all of the above to keep yourself busy and work off all the food Bernie and his staff sees that you get. He and his lovely wife Jean will welcome you all with their great smile and most cordial greeting. The Boston Chapter is to be congratulated. They made all Board members and their wives most welcome. We hope you will all join us in September. We are looking forward to a wonderful time and we hope that all of you are.

Now back to the job at hand. There are still quite a few of you out there who HAVE NOT PAID THEIR DUES for this year. Have we done something to hurt you, if so please let us know. If not and you have just neglected it, won't you please sent your \$10 in to us right away. WE NEED YOU TO KEEP THIS GREAT ORGANIZATION OF OURS GROWING AND TO STAY NUMBER 1.

LOOK AT THAT MEMBERSHIP CARD. IF IT DOES NOT SAY AUGUST 1982 on it THEN YOU ARE BEHIND IN YOUR DUES. RENEW RIGHT NOW.

Looking forward to seeing you all in September at the Pines.

Bob

SOME REQUESTS FROM BERNIE COVE AND HIS STAFF:

Check in at the Hotel first.

After checking in please make sure to go to the dining room and register with Mr. Don Browar and also the night club reservation table. Register with Mr. Ernie Rhinelieb.

REUNION CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hello buddies,

As you know, this is the last issue of the Thunderbolt before reunion time.

To all chapters who haven't responded to the ad program, reunion time is getting close.

Upon your arrival at the Pines, please get in touch with Mr. Bernard Cove, Maitre'D, or Mr. Don Browar, assistant Maitre'D. This is for seating in the Banquet room and the night club.

This will be your seat for the duration of your stay.

Ice is plentiful. Take your container to the Service desk. There will be no charge. Room service for ice is only 75¢ cents and is plentiful.

Chapter room "CP" are also available at a price that is unbelievable.

For those of you who would like to charge your stay at the Pines, personal checks, Visa & Master Card will be accepted.

For those of you who are flying to New York or New Jersey, pick up bus tickets at the Port Authority office, to So. Fallsburg. This will be the Shortline bus service.

Just another reminder for those who haven't as yet sent their ads in. The time is getting short.

Thank you.

Pat DiGiammerino
Reunion Chairman

PERSONAL CHECKS, VISA, AND MASTER CARD WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO CHARGE THEIR STAY AT THE PINES HOTEL. NO AMERICAN EXPRESS CARDS.

CORRECTION:

Edward B. Thomas is very much alive. Mrs. Thomas called to tell me that a **BIG MISTAKE** had been made. This is one mistake we are glad to correct. Ed sent us the name of Richard B. Scheck as having passed away and Ed's name also got added to the list. We are truly sorry for this mistake but we are glad to announce that Ed is alive and very much a part of the 83rd. Hope you forgive us Mr. & Mrs. Thomas.

Bob

KENTUCKY CHAPTER REPORT

The Kentucky Chapter had their annual picnic meeting with Bob and Pearl Derickson as our hosts.

We met at the College View Motel, which Ed and Kathy Derickson own, around noon. Some of the members had arrived about 9:00 a.m. in the morning. Owen and Jeanette Jones had their daughter Judy with them. What a talented person she is and just as lovely as her parents. Went to the park about 3:30. The food is unbelievable. If Bernie ever runs out of cooks at the Pines he could call on some of the Kentucky Chapter ladies. Charlie Schmidt was responsible for all the meat and was it ever good. The beef would have melted in your mouth. Thanks Charlie. Wilson Day presided as President this time as our President was graduating from Square Dance School that night. Maybe he and Mildred will give us a demonstration at the reunion.

The Chapter is still working on getting a bus to go to the reunion. We had some more new members join our chapter. We are constantly amazed at the growth of our chapter. When we think of how hard Manny Goodridge worked to get this going and how some thought that when the reunion was over in Cincinnati it would fold up it sure makes you feel good to see how it is expanding. Think what our reunion will be this next time.

Our next meeting will be August 7, 1982, at Owensboro, Kentucky, the site of the 1984 reunion. If any are close to that spot about August 7, come on along with us to our meeting.

We had our auction sale with Wilson as our auctioneer and Vi coaching him along the way. Did very well.

Let us know if you want to join us in August. If not we will see you in September at The Pines.

WEST VIRGINIA REPORT

This is West Virginia Chapter of the 83rd Infantry Division Association calling again.

We will be having our next meeting at the Wilmar Cafeteria in Parkersburg, West Virginia on June 20, 1982, at 1:00 p.m.

The nomination of Officers for our Chapter will be held at this meeting and then will be elected at our next meeting in September.

This meeting (June 20) is not expected to last very long as we plan on going to Blennerhassett Island for a boat ride after we adjourn.

We have 58 members in our Chapter with 4 of these from Ohio and 1 from Virginia. We cover a large territory and we believe there are many more men out there who would like to join our Chapter. If any of our members know of any one, get in touch with them or let us know and we will write to them.

Included with this invitation is a Birthday list and addresses of members, and also a renewal application for dues for the coming year, July 1st, 1982 to June 30, 1983.

We will be seeing you, Sunday, June 20th. Come early. Buy your dinner at the Wilmar Cafeteria. (They are noted for good food. Attend our meeting. Then go with us for a boat ride.)

May God Bless You.

Sincerely,

Don W. Pettry

Secretary Treasurer, West Virginia Chapter

Dear Mr. Belvedere:

My husband, Myron H. Miller, formerly of the 331st Infantry, Co. "K" of the 83rd Division, died on November 18, 1980 at the Veteran's Hospital in Columbia, Missouri.

Please put this notice in the Thunderbolt.

Dolores Miller
(Mrs. Myron H. Miller)
Rt. 2 Box 255
Dixon, Missouri 65459

I have a sad task I must perform you that my husband Albert Zegunis has passed away on May 28, 1982, of a heart attack. He went into active duty with "I" Co. - 330th Infantry and came back home in 1945. He was in the Korean Conflict also and returned in 1951.

He enjoyed the Thunderbolt, always reading about the places he had been.

His wife
May Zegunis and daughter

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The members of the Executive Board that included Joe Macaluso, Manny Goodrich, Bob Taylor, Bill Chavanne, Association President Mike Caprio, Reunion Chairman Pat DiGiammerino, Bob Derickson, Bernie Cove and myself met at the Pines Hotel, South Fallsburg, N.Y. on May 1, 1982 to discuss and approve the program, as set up by the host Chapter Boston and the Hotel management, for the annual 83rd Infantry Division Association Reunion to be held at the aforementioned hotel in Sept. 1982.

The entire program was discussed, the hotel was reconnoitered and the food was thoroughly and amply tested, so therefore it is the unanimous opinion of the Executive Board Members thereof that all is in order and the readiness for the members of the 83rd Infantry Division Association to experience an entirely new and unique concept in Reunions that will long be favorably remembered by those that will be in attendance in September, 1982. The approved program as it now stands will be found elsewhere in this issue of the Thunderbolt. Once again if you haven't sent in your room reservations as yet, do so now so that you won't be left out. Bring your golf clubs for all the free golfing that you may want, bring your bathing suits for swimming in either an outdoor pool or an indoor pool and bring your appetites for all of that gourmet food to be prepared by Bernie Cove (Co. D, 331st. Inf.) Martri D.

Remember there will not be any registration fee, all you will be asked to pay is \$10.00 for your 1 year membership dues in the Association. If you haven't all ready sent in your ad for the Reunion Ad Book, do so now. The monjes derived from the sale of Ads in this Reunion Ad Book is the only source of income that the Boston Chapter will have to offset any Reunion Expenses.

You will also find elsewhere in this issue of The Thunderbolt several proposed changes to the by-laws of our Association presented to you the members for your perusal. Although they may be insignificant they will be acted upon at our business meeting at the Reunion. Furthermore if any Association Member have any specific changes they would like to see made to our Association. By-Laws they are asked to bring them up on the floor of our business meetings so that they can be acted upon.

In the past our Reunion Membership meetings have gotten out of hand somewhat with a lot of unnecessary, unrelated and repetitive comment made both from the head table and the floor. This only prolongs the meetings, accomplishes very little if anything and just keeps us from enjoying all the good fellowship and fun that we have come to expect from the Reunions. Everyone and anyone that has anything to say will be recognized by our President Mike Caprio and heard but are asked to keep their comments to the point and to the minimum.

See you at the Pines in September, 1982.

Mike Skovran
Executive Board Chairman

Edmund (Jerry) Bucholz has been named Director of Ticket Sales for the Detroit Tigers, it was announced yesterday by Jim Campbell, president and general manager.

"Bucholz has a thorough knowledge of our ticket operation," stated Campbell. "He has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities throughout his career and has an exceptional gift for dealing well with people."

BUCHOLZ'S career is a reflection of that observation.

The native-born Detroitier worked as a turnstile operator and with the concessions department during the 1930's at the then Navin Field ballpark.

Bucholz also packed peanuts and poured soda pop into cups. He did cleanup duty on the bleacher and pavilion seats, all for a pass to witness his favorite Detroit Tigers play baseball.

He played CYO basketball during the winter seasons with the St. Francis D'Assisi team.

BUCHOLZ, better known as 'Jerry' to the Detroit area sports fans, was a star athlete in the West Side Courier League and in the Detroit Amateur Baseball Federation as a top notch shortstop for many years.

He was a great defensive player, covering plenty of ground. Bucholz was a terrific clutch-hitter, getting the base-hit when most needed.

During World War II, Bucholz distinguished himself and the 83rd Infantry Division of the U.S. Army while serving in the European Operations during three years of military campaigns, 1943-45.

BUCHOLZ, a staff sergeant, was the recipient of five major battle stars, including the prestigious Silver Star.

On July 4, 1944, Bucholz was cited for 'gallantry in action' as he tossed two hand grenades and followed with rifle fire to knockout a German machine-gun nest near Les Balieres, France.

Bucholz also was awarded a Purple Heart with two oak leaf clusters for injuries suffered by mortar fire in France, Belgium and Germany.

European war frontier, Bucholz renewed participation on the West Side Detroit sandlots along the fast-pitch softball and baseball fronts.

BUCHOLZ served in a variety of people and service oriented industry. He associated with Norm Swinkowski as a business partner in hotel, tavern and restaurant management. Swinkowski of Warren, Mich., currently is sales manager for O'Neil-Hoffner Fisheries.

He returned to the Tiger Stadium scene in 1974 as he joined the Detroit Tigers Ticket Department and performed in the sale of daily admissions before moving to

the Advance Ticket Window at the corner of Michigan and Trumbull. His most recent duties came in the ticket management operations of the front office.

"I'm very proud to be associated with the Detroit Tigers and welcome the challenge of this new position," voiced Bucholz.

A RESIDENT of Dearborn, Bucholz has been married to his wife, Elaine, for 36 years.

They are proud parents of two married daughters and three grandchildren.

Julie Anne is married to Arnie Dunder and have a son Brian and daughter Emily. They reside in Baldwin, Mo. Arnie is an excellent golfer in the St. Louis area.

BUCHOLZ'S other daughter, Barbara (Bonnie) is married to Michael Busch. They live in East Jordan, Mich., with their son, Zeker.

LATE BULLETIN

YOUR SECRETARY TREASURER RECEIVED WORD ON SUNDAY, JUNE 27, THAT FRANK MCGROGAN PASSED AWAY ON SATURDAY, JUNE 26. MORE ABOUT FRANK WILL BE IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE THUNDERBOLT. FRANK WAS A DEVOTED 83rd MAN AND WILL BE MISSED VERY MUCH. OUR SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY. FUNERAL WAS JUNE 30 AT PHILADELPHIA.

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Bucholtz's career is a reflection of that observation.

Born in Detroit on Aug. 19, 1915, Bucholtz worked as a turnstile operator and with concessions at Tiger Stadium during the 1930s.

During World War II Bucholtz distinguished himself and the 83rd Division of the U.S. Army while serving in Europe in 1943-45. A staff sergeant, Bucholtz was the recipient of five major battle stars, including the prestigious Silver Star. He also was

awarded a Purple Heart with two oak leaf clusters.

Upon his return, Bucholtz served in a variety of people and service oriented businesses such as hotel and restaurant management. He joined the Tiger Ticket Department in 1974 and served in the sale of daily tickets before moving to the Advance Ticket Window and most recently in the ticket management operation in the front office.

"I'm proud to be associated with the Tigers and welcome the challenge of this position," Bucholtz said.

A resident of Dearborn, Bucholtz has been married to his wife, Elaine, for 36 years. He has one daughter, Julie Anne Dunder who lives in Baldwin, MO, and another, Barbara (Bonnie) Busch, who lives in East Jordan, MI.

BOSTON CHAPTER



Taking "Five" at the Pines.



Bill & Bea Vhavanne, Joe & Mena Macaluso at the Pines



Pat & Gin DiGiammerino, Mike & Vera Caprio at the Pines.



Enjoying the Pines



Bob & Rita Taylor, Mike & Liz Skovran at the Pines.



Manny & Avalon Goodridge, Bob & Pearl Derickson at the Pines.

HELLO BUDDIES:

Here we are coming down the home stretch of another great year in the History of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. In a few short months we will be headed for New York to celebrate our 36th Annual Reunion.

To many of you, the celebration of a Reunion is only a thought, because you have never had the pleasure of attending one and see how wonderful it is to meet those Buddies who fought side by side with you in World War II. Going to a Reunion is like going to a family reunion because you are there with men who were like part of a family to you in combat.

The Greater Boston Chapter has worked very hard to make this a spectacular Reunion, and I am sure that many of you Men and your Wives would more than enjoy it if you were to try to attend.

Our Association is more than just a Veterans Organization, it is made up of men who fought side by side, who lived together and many have died together. Remember, we are all getting older and our chances of being together get less and less each year. Why not try to make at least one Reunion before it is too late. Come out and see that long lost Buddy that you have thought of so often, and longed to see, but distance between you kept you apart.

In behalf of the Reunion Ad Book Committee, I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to those of you who so generously contributed to the success of the Ad Book. Not having served on a Reunion Committee, you can't appreciate the real meaning of this Ad Book. The success of this book helps make the Reunion a success.

Hoping to see you all at our 36th Annual Reunion in New York in September, I am

Sincerely
Larry Redmond

COMPANY "H" 330th INFANTRY

HELLO BUDDIES:

Here we are, coming down to the end of another great year in the history of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. In a few short months we will be gathering in New York for our 36th Annual Reunion. To many of us, these have been 36 fast years, a lot has happened and many of us are now starting to show our age.

Over the years, we have been quite fortunate, Company "H" has had a very nice turnout at the Reunion, and as time goes on, we seem to meet another man with whom we have served, but haven't seen since the War.

It is always a great feeling to meet a new face at a Reunion, one that we have missed for so many years. Here's hoping that we will see many more new attendants at our Reunion. Remember, we are getting older.

The members of the Greater Boston Chapter have been hard at work trying to bring us one of the greatest Reunions ever held. Believe me, that is a very hard job, because each year in the past, the Reunion Committee's have worked very hard to do the same thing, and believe me we have had some great ones. I think that my wife and I have attended about 32 of the 36 Reunions, and so far, we have never been disappointed at any of them.

I would like to extend a personal thanks to those of you who got behind me and sent in their donations towards the Ad Book. Company "H" is very well represented in it. If any of you men have names and addresses of former Company "H" men, please send them to me so that I can add them to my mailing Roster.

Well Buddies, I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Reunion in New York in September. Until then, May God Bless You All.

Sincerely
Larry Redmond

BOSTON CHAPTER

One more year has gone by as we move on to the 1982 Reunion in the mountains. The Boston Chapter has been up to the Pines making plans. We were very happy that the Executive Board was happy and approved of these plans.

Many thanks to Bernie Cove (Co. "D", 331st Inf.) for his wonderful hospitality and the help that he has given while the 83rd members were up at the Pines Resort.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the many 83rdrs who responded with ads and boosters. All the chapters did a splendid job! Our good friend Larry Redmond has especially done a marvelous job for us on the Ad Book. I don't know how we can ever thank you enough Larry!!!

I just received a letter from Sam Klippa. I had asked Sam to help out a buddy on health aid for a disability. Sam wrote that he had forwarded the information to the man. Thanks Sam for your usual good work.

I also recently heard from Mike Brick. His wife Grace is going to try to get him back in shape to out-do Howie Carlbom, which shouldn't be too hard, huh Mike? At least this is what Stuart Hitt tells me. I hope to see you all up at the Pines Hotel in September.

Paul and Dot Gunderson are back from Florida. We were all sorry to hear about Paul losing his mother and sister-in-law in such a short time.

We have had a lot of meetings here in Boston and the attendance has been excellent. I have missed most of them lately due to Nancy's health. I have however managed to meet with Mike Caprio, Pat DiGiammerino, Larry Arrigo and Bob Hunnewell. These men have been a big help to me in keeping everything at my end in line.

I certainly appreciated the people who visited and sent cards and flowers to my wife while she was hospitalized. Nancy is home now and doing better everyday. She is looking forward to going to the upcoming Reunion.

Michael Caprio, son of President Mike and Vera Caprio recently graduated from Bryant College in Smithfield, Rhode Island. He received his Masters Degree in Business Administration. We want to wish Michael the best of luck in any future endeavors.

The family of Donald J. Schwartz sent a very nice note wishing that we have a great reunion in South Fallsburg, New York. They also sent an ad in Donald's memory.

Boston Chapter President, Romeo Maynard held the last meeting at his home in Westport, Mass. Romeo's Wife Livvy made sure that everyone went off their diets with all those tempting dishes.

Well, that is about it for this issue. See you all at the Pines in September.

Amby Tynan

HELLO BUDDIES:

Just think, only about 3 months before we meet again. This time in an entirely different way. Everyone tells us how beautiful the Catskills are, so now we can see for ourselves.

Our March meeting was held at the Szubski residence, and let me tell you that we always enjoy going to the members homes. First of all, the chow is warm and good, the hospitality is the best. Getting back to Szubski's, they served corned beef, and all the trimmings. This being close to St. Pattys' Day, corned beef and cabbage had to be the chefs' special.

Needless to say, all was consumed, and enjoyed no end. No complaints from our corner.

The May meeting was held at the home of Lou and Priscilla Donnelly's residence, and once again we received the royal treatment. Good food, good everything including the weather. We never miss the Donnelly meetings as it gives us a chance to get out for a drive. I have my own special chauffeur (Rollie Warner on the long trips) so it is easy for me.

Our Memorial Day participation in the Parade was attended by only 6 members --- a pity, but we made the best of it. The post commander asked for rifle

squad volunteers, so Bob Uher, Earl Lindsay and Casey Szubski did the honors for the first session and yours truly filled in for Uher in the second session. I must admit that the guys did themselves real proud, what with not having a rifle in their hands for about 37 years. We were complimented on a job well done, and asked to do it again next year.

Getting back to our meetings, I forgot our April 18th meeting, how could I? It being our 40th wedding anniversary. The meeting was held at Czech's Acres, as all meetings not held in someone's home will be.

We had a nice turnout to help us celebrate. Emily Czeck even baked a cake for us with a whole bunch of candles on it, thanks Emily. It was real nice of you. Forty years is a long time, but we'll look for 50, what the hell, we're still young yet.

Our son and daughter-in-law took us to dinner the night before. We dined and danced and had a few beers, and had a ball. Even our grandson 7 months old had a ball, all the ladies were hugging and kissing him. Casey and Laura Kowalec will celebrate their 40th on July 25th so congrats will be in order to them.

It was good seeing Joe and Julie Lanza at our meeting. Joe has a very sick Mom, and is busy running back and forth taking care of her. First things first Joe and Mom is always number one.

Millie and Rollie are grandparents again. That makes nine, how do they remember all the names?

Casey and Eleanor are having a graduation party for son, Mike, he graduates the 11th of June, so I can get this in, I think the Chapter is invited, we are. Priscilla Donnelly was hospitalized about 3 weeks ago, but all is fine now. I haven't heard anything different, so I am assuming she is okay.

No further news from anyone, I'll wrap this up and say God Bless you all.

Stay nice

Al Uridel
'C' 329th

G COMPANY 331st INFANTRY

The summer is here, and that means that our reunion is not to far off. A letter was sent out to 70 men from G Company that I have on my mailing list, only two were returned.

I am looking forward to a large turnout of G Company in September. We will be in the northern Area for the first time in many years. The fellows up in the New England area should make plans to attend the reunion. It is a great feeling to meet with your war time buddies. Many of you that have never attended a reunion are in for the time of your life. Just to see

the fellows from different units reliving the days of 1942-45, is a wonderful experience and one that you will treasure.

It has been 37 years since we left Germany in 1945, but you will be surprised to see how well you remember the fellows you served with, and how well you will remember our tour through Europe in 1944-45.

You should not wait too long before making plans for the reunion as of May 1 over 500 people had registered. There is still plenty of space available.

I have talked to a few of the fellows since the last Thunderbolt. Mort Gaynor has called a number of times, I hope that the recent storm in Connecticut has not been too hard on him. I talked with Ed Murphy, he will be up north at the time of the reunion. I hope that he can find the time to be with us. Beau Titus seems to be enjoying himself now that the winter is over and he can make his trip to his trailer.

I called Kat Pangle to see how Loyal is feeling. I am not sure that they will attend. Loyal is not getting around like he would like to, it seems the new medicine does not agree with him. Our hopes are with you Loyal, keep the spirit up.

Capt. Mac

REPORT FROM THE LOUISIANA CHAPTER

Our meeting on March 20 was held at the Baton Rouge Hilton Hotel. Five members attended the meeting, we hope to have more in attendance at our meeting on June 12 in Lafayette, La. It was agreed on that we would hold at least three meetings each year in Louisiana, and the fourth meeting would be held at the reunion site of the Division Association.

Isadore Labbe has made arrangements for our meeting at Don's Seafood Restaurant in Lafayette. We hope that the members notified will join us in the heart of Cajun Country.

My wife, Mena, and I would like to express our thanks to Bernie Cove and the wonderful people at the Pines, for showing us a super week end at the Executive Board meeting. We are both looking forward to our visit in September. We would also like to express our thanks to two wonderful couples. The one thing we were not sure of on the trip to New York in May was the transportation from the Airport in New York City to the Pines in S. Fallsburg. As we stepped off the Plane at Kennedy Airport, Mike and Liz Skovran were waiting in the Terminal to take us on our last leg.

On Sunday after the meeting Bob and Rita Taylor drove the wife and I to the Big Apple for our return flight home. Both of these couples went at least two hundred miles out of their way to accommodate us.

That's what makes the 83rd Division Association such a great outfit. There is no way that we can thank these people for that type of hospitality.

We are in hopes that many of the members of the Louisiana Chapter will make their plans to attend the reunion, every one should enjoy it.

Joe Macaluso

NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

Once again we are approaching the "Main Event" our annual reunion. Our Jersey Chapter should be 100% in attendance. It's our good fortune to be within two or three hours driving time to the Pines Resort. It has amazed me and I'm sure others when a reunion has been held so close to some of our members and they fail to attend, while others travel great distances to enjoy this great event. My wife Fran and I just returned from a week at a Pocono Mountains Resort and if this is any indication of what to expect at the Pines, we're in for our best reunion ever. The food was the best we ever had and the activities available should keep everyone busy and happy.

Chapter News -- Good news is our buddy Frank Reichmann has been attending the Chapter meetings every month. Frank also joined the VFW Post where we meet. Emil Wheling is the Historian for the Post and couldn't pass up the opportunity to sign up a new member. Welcome Frank, it's great seeing you and having you as a active member. You who are closer and don't attend meetings should take note! Frank drives 65 miles to the meetings. Another who never misses a meeting is Charlie Sihlanick. Charlie had a narrow escape recently when up on a extension ladder, checking the gutters on his house. When climbing the ladder he didn't notice that the hooks were not in place, upon reaching the top of the ladder the top section came down catching his toes between the ladder rungs. Mary tried to free him but his weight was too much for her. When she went in for a crowbar, Charlie passed out causing him and the ladder to fall backward on to their front lawn. Both his hands were cut but otherwise escaped serious injury.

Haven't heard from Manny Epstein for a while. I'm sure we will see him at the reunion. Manny doesn't make our meetings because of his dislike of night driving. I wonder if he only dates during the daylight?

We're talking about a chapter trip to the Atlantic City Casinos. Now if we can get Joe DePeri to take a day off from work, he would probably come out ahead what with the salary he pays himself. Only kidding Joe.

That's it for this issue. Looking forward to seeing you all at the reunion.

Take care and God Bless You.

Stan Bielen 1st. Bn. Hqs. I331

Eleanor and Al met at the hospital shortly after her graduation, when he was a patient recovering from an industrial accident but not too sick to play tricks on his nurse. His nurse became his bride 40 years ago this month, shortly before he went overseas with the Army during World War II.

The couple has two sons, Alfred J. in California, and John L., here. There are four grandchildren, including a brand new one, which accounts for a crib ready and waiting in the grandparental living room, and a buggy ready and waiting on the grandparental porch.

Eleanor nursed at St. Alexis off and on for almost 40 years, and did private duty as well. Then for a while, until 1980, she was a volunteer at the hospital.

She says she and her husband, now a retired barber, are looking on their retirement years as "a second honeymoon," even though he will remind her that the war really didn't allow them a first one. Says Eleanor, "We both feel 39."

He has his own boat and goes fishing a lot, he says with tongue in cheek, "to get out of arguing with her." Eleanor says she doesn't mind arguments because of the well-known making-up fun.

The Uridels have maintained some of their interests down through the years. Members of the Cleveland Chapter, they participate in regular reunions of the 83d Infantry Division



Eleanor and Al Uridel celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on April 18.

Association. And she keeps up a collection of china, cut glass and Hummel pieces, among them a Royal Doulton mug she once bought at a rummage sale for all of three cents.

Recently Eleanor has become interested in the Secular Franciscan Order, formerly the

Third Order of St. Francis, and now is a novice in the fraternity which meets at St. Joseph Franciscan Church on Woodland Ave.

Because of a heart condition, Eleanor has had a pacemaker since 1975. She is faithful to her "no added salt" diet, eats more fish than meat, and plenty of properly cooked vegetables. She refers to her contributions today as her "pre-cardiac recipes."

She is faithful to her prescribed medications, and to medical check-ups too. But, by nature, Eleanor is inclined to "overdo." This is where friend husband comes in. He does all the heavy work at home as it is, but he has to keep a keen eye on her as well.

If he sees her going at anything too vigorously, including kneading bread, he takes over. There's no argument about it. Al simply steps in and takes over. And she loves him for it.

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

Well, here we go again with what has been going on with the members of the New England Chapter.

To get on with what has been happening since the holidays, in March, Helen and Dutchy Smith along with Lou and Emma Rossi took off to San Juan, Puerto Rico for a week's rest. They report they had a great time with wonderful weather. I was told that Dutchy lost his gold watch and also his jewels.

In April, the Francullo clan was increased again due to the good work of our daughter Terry and husband Bob. They presented us with another granddaughter, which brings the number of our grandchildren to seven, five granddaughters and two grandsons. Her name is Kira Marie and she weighed in at a little over seven pounds. She is just beautiful and everyone is doing fine.

On May 1st, Jim and Dot Brennan's daughter, Chris, became engaged to Dean Duckworth. We understand they plan to be married in September of 1983. Good Luck Chris and Dean.

On May 9th, Jim and Dot Brennan along with Chris, flew to Mississippi to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Bernadette and Mike. They had a most enjoyable time and also took a little side trip to Memphis. Mike has just received a promotion to Captain and also two special awards for outstanding performance. Congratulations Captain, David! Incidentally, Mike is a Instruc-

tor Pilot and Controller in the Air Force.

At this point, I should backstep just a little to last February when Karl and Ingrid Burkhard's daughter was married on Valentine's Day. They are a delightful couple and we extend our Best Wishes to Kris and John.

Just around that time we had to extend our sympathy to Helen Petrucci on the loss of her mother. Also, we extend our condolences to Arthur DelPadre on the loss of his brother, Pat.

On May 22, 1982, about a dozen couples of our Chapter gathered at the home of Karl and Ingrid Burkhard in Carmel, New York. Karl and Ingrid were most gracious and entertained us in great style. They have a lovely home, with a great deal of Karl's handiwork displayed in its architecture and design. Karl, we didn't know we had such talent in our midst. Thank for a most enjoyable weekend. We enjoyed every minute of it.

As for myself, I have been laid up, or at least away from work for the last few weeks. I had to have a little surgery on the back of my hand, and as usual, didn't behave myself afterwards so I haven't received the doc's O.K. to go back yet.

Mary and I are leaving for Kentucky on June 25th and expect to spent a couple of weeks with Mary's family. After that we will be looking forward to our trip to the Pines.

Have a good summer!

Nick Francullo
For the N.E. Chapter



Having a ball at Karl & Ingrid's home in N.Y.



Just talking things over



Just a great Group



A great time in N.Y.



Dutchy lost goldwatch and "jewels"



GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER NEWS

At our last business meeting our members voted to have our June meeting in Elizabeth Town, Pennsylvania. Another meeting in the near future will be held in the Maryland area. Quite a few of our members are from our own Dutch Country of Pennsylvania, and Maryland, Delaware, and South Jersey area's -- we hope we can increase our membership by having meetings in our out-laying areas. Our Memorial Day Services were a great success. Lou Volpi was once more Honored to be our Parade master. Al Belevedere was the Honor Guard Commander. We once again did the Honors of Firing Squad for the Memorial Parade. We also fired 3 volleys for the Italian War Veteran's of Narbeth, Pennsylvania area. After the morning parade and firings, all the men drove to Belmont Hills, American Legion Post, and our Philadelphia 83rd Chapters, did the Honors for the Third time Memorial Day. Firing our rifles for 3 volleys in Honor of the Belmont Post War dead. The three groups invited us back again for next year's parade.

We all agreed to do so as long as we're healthy and able.

We had a great bunch out with us for a good showing of all Thunderbolts. We had a catered affair and open house for all 83rd men and friends. Also neighbors and friends of the Narbeth area. Again Thanks to all of our out-of-town friends that took part in the parade. Mostly thanks to all our wives for taking care of our chapters home, and all the Home Desserts and goodies that they supplemented while we were parading.

Again thanks to each Thunderbolt and everyman and woman that did their part on a great day. **GOD BLESS THEM ALL.**

Reporter
John T. Piscitelli
"C" 323rd R.A. Bn

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER REPORT

The Pittsburgh Chapter held its June monthly meeting with the usual excellent attendance. Memorial Day has passed and it seems appropriate at this time to ponder some good thoughts of our buddies who have gone and also of those who are still hanging in there. It is amazing to me how our guys show up for meetings without fail month after month. We have something together that may be very hard to explain. Not only are we dedicated to the 83rd. Association and to the Pittsburgh Chapter but also feel responsible FOR and obligated TO each other. It was fate that brought us together not so many years ago, and now we are all brothers-those that are gone and all the rest of us who are still hanging in there.

On May 1st we had a great time at our annual

Spring Dinner-Dance which for the first time was held at the Elks in Monesson. About 60 of us enjoyed a delicious sit-down dinner and later danced away the night to a live band that played our kind of music.

We all got involved in the famous 83rd Conga-line which finally ended up in a tight circle of people in the center of the room. This brought back fond memories of many past annual reunions.

Received a nice surprise note from Ex-Pittsburghers Glenn and Nell Wible (A-331) who live in Los Alamitos, Calif. My last report in the Thunderbolt about the planned bus charter to "The Pines" has enticed the Wibles to join us. They plan to be visiting family in Pittsburgh prior to the reunion. We do have space on the bus and the Wibles are more than welcome on our "fun wagon to the Catskills".

At the June meeting final plans were set for our annual picnic on June 27. It seems like only yesterday was last year's picnic and we were making final preparations for the Pgh. Reunion. Where does the time go?

Our special beautiful couple of the month award goes to Sal and Theresa Scicoloni (I-329) who recently celebrated 31 years of happiness together. Sal told me they enjoyed a moonlight river cruise on the Spirit of Pgh. which included an evening of good food and dancing under the stars.

Joe DeLuca (Div. Arty.) told me his lovely wife underwent a gall bladder operation recently and we want to wish Juliette a very speedy recovery.

We sadly report the death of Dimitrius Rakoci (Medics-330) on May 30. He was once a member of the Pgh. Chapter but we had not seen or heard from him for several years. We extend our sympathy to his loved ones.

Sue and I want to thank Dave and Millie Benick (A-331) for their gracious hospitality when we stopped in to visit at their Del Ray Beach, Fla. condominium this past March. What a beautiful spot to retire. Had the pleasure to see their little grand-daughter Danielle, who is two years old and the apple of Dave's eye. I'm the camera buff and Danielle was my favorite model all day. She sure is a cutie.

This is the last report before the reunion and hope that many of you will help the Boston Chapter financially and purchase ad space in their program book.

See you at the Pines - Keep well.

Larry Leonardi
A-331



MICHIGAN CHAPTER NEWS

The best part of this report is the fact that we had two opportunities to get together since our last Thunderbolt report. We're alternating between dinner parties at various restaurants and meeting at a member's home. This seems to be the schedule agreeable to most people so we'll continue in this fashion with a hope that better attendance will be our ultimate goal.

Ray Dutton and Donna Best were at our party in Brighton. Ray was telling us about how he had been zapped by a blood clot during the Holidays. He spent a month hospitalized and medicating to get rid of it. It was good to see him up and around. Ray's guest, Donna, was a very busy modern day Florence Nightingale during Ray's setback. She had just started to work at a children's hospital when Ray got hospitalized. She got lot of practice in a real hurry.

Ed Zerucha and George Bossler spent some time together talking about their favorite subject --- RETIREMENT. George is convinced that's the way to go and states that one more year of work is it for him and than he's going to hit the easy life.

Lee and Dorothy Hetrick were a little late getting to our party. They had an earlier date attending the baptism of their granddaughter, Erin. They both are enjoying the blessings of grandparenthood.

The Daugherty's and the Palazzolo's sat together at their favorite corner table. I guess Bill is seeking all kinds of business advice now that he is seriously getting into tailoring. I suppose The Thunderbolt could give Bill a free plug by informing the membership that Bill is ready, willing, able and waiting for any orders involving mens garments. Bill and Virginia again spoke of the fine treatment given them by Lou and Lucy Volpi when they were in Philadelphia. They are very grateful and emphasize that it's nice to go to another city and receive such warm and friendly care.

The Goodwin's were their usual nice people. They are always in attendance -- always very friendly -- always in good spirits--a nice couple to have at any function. I wish Bill would give me some copies of the pictures he takes so we could have them in The Thunderbolt.

On Sunday, May 16th, the gang met at the Barbu residence. Nick and Sylvia were the perfect host and hostess -- after they burned the hot dogs and hamburgers, they had plenty of TUMS, ROLAIDS and MAALOX available. The liquid refreshments helped to remedy some of the damage done by Nick's innovative cooking. It was a joy to host the gang and we hope it happens again soon!!

Our vagabonds, the Hetricks, visited California early in May. These two will travel anywhere, anytime at the drop of a hat. If they keep this up they'll find it cheaper to buy their own airplane.

Ed Zerucha did make his retirement official on May 1st. Don't see much of a change in him yet. A couple months of Honeydos will get him in the proper frame of mind.

Jack and Hankie Daugherty are proud to announce the arrival of their new granddaughter, Angela Dianne. The young lady entered the world on May 9, 1982 after

considerable difficulty. We are happy to report, that MOM, POP, ANGELA and the GRANDPARENTS are all doing fine.

The Bill Goodwins are going to try to keep up to the Hetricks on this travel routine. They are going to visit friends in New York City on the way to the Reunion at the Pines ----- LOOK OUT BIG APPLE!!!!

Bob Taylor arrived without his wife, Rita, and it was like having apple pie without the ice cream. We missed seeing her but having a busy schedule had her going elsewhere. Bob gave us a report on the goings on at the recent Executive Board meeting. Sounds like everything is in readiness for A Great Reunion in September.

George Bossler was pleased to inform us that his son, Glen, will be home from the Air Force in September. George hope to bring him to the Reunion. I wonder if Dad can keep up to Son on the fun and games time. George had some sad news to report. His buddy, Dick Yoder, is having Back problems and this why he has not been at the last two chapter doings. We wish him well -- we miss him -- hope to see him up and around S O O N !!

We were informed via the grapevine that Bruce and Jean Winchell are in Knoxville attending the World Fair. Upon their return home they plan to pack and leave for Alaska. Their daughter's home was severely damaged by a fire. Bruce and Jean are going to spent alot of time helping to rebuild the home and get things back in order. We wish them a safe journey under very trying circumstances.

That's it for now -- hope to see everyone at THE REUNION.

Nick Barbu

DIXIE CHAPTER

March 20, 1982 we had our first meeting in Burlington, North Carolina. That was the first time in that area in twenty-five years. It was one of our best meetings.

We had 51 for dinner, two new members, nine visitors. We were glad to have them. Thanks to the group at Burlington for a great week-end.

We were very HAPPY to find out the report on our Ed Thomas, that he had passed away was a mistake.

Hope Mildred Minick is out of the hospital and at home. Hope to see you at the next meeting Mildred. Kitty Thomas was to have surgery the 21st of May. Kitty hope you are doing fine by now. Hope you can make the next meeting. Our next meeting will be June in Greenville, South Carolina.

Meadows Minick was elected to represent the Dixie Chapter on the Board. For Joe Macaluso, this is the address I have for Clifton Loup, 7021 4th Street, Marreso, Louisana. He was in Co. "D" 330th.

**Reporter
Johnnie Ball "D" 330th**

U.S. ARMY SIGNAL CORPS ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 7740
Fort Gordon, Georgia 30905

1630 Venus Street
Merritt Island, Fl. 32952
23. March 1982

Robert Derickson
83rd Infantry Division Assn.
3749 Stahlheber Road
Hamilton, Ohio 45013

Dear Sir:

I understand that the 83rd Infantry Division Association will be holding a reunion later this year. Our congratulations and best wishes for a successful get-together.

Over the years, the U.S. Army Signal Corps has trained thousands of men and women in the various phases of communication. Today, these highly skilled people are scattered across the nation.

The Signal Corps Association is interested in locating these professional communicators and making them aware of the Association and its goals.

Undoubtedly some of your members have served with or worked for the Signal Corps at some period of their careers. Therefore, we would be most grateful if you could publish the attached information in any newsletter or other publication that goes out to your membership. Any publicity that you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

William C. Willmot
Publicity Chairman

TO MILITARY COMMUNICATORS

If you have ever served, or are currently serving, with the U.S. Army Signal Corps, either in the military (active, reserve or National Guard) or as a civilian employee, you are invited to join the U.S. Army Signal Corps Association. Communicators from sister services and allies are also welcome to join and become part of this unique organization.

The Signal Corps Association was formed to recognize the proud history of the Signal Corps and to preserve its ever evolving history for posterity. In accomplishing this goal, recogni-

tion will be given for outstanding achievements by signal soldiers, Army civilians and Signal Units.

Members of the Association represent many skills and skill levels and share a background of highly specialized training and working together as an integrated team. Here is a chance to join other communicators like yourself.

Members of the Association receive copies of the Army Communicator, the Voice of the Signal Corps, as a benefit of membership. This professional journal contains timely articles on world-wide communication developments. Here is an opportunity to learn what the Signal Corps is doing today and what is in store for the future.

Additional information and applications for membership are available by contacting: Signal Corps Association, P.O. Box 7740, Fort Gordon, Georgia 30905.

NOTICE NOTICE

ARTICLE V SECTIONS 3 NOMINATIONS

(a) A nominating committee shall be appointed by the President at the Friday meeting of each Annual reunion of this Association. The Committee shall consist of nine (9) members, as follows:

Two (2) representatives from each Regimental Unit:
Three units -- total Six (6) men. Two (2) representatives from Division Artillery. One (1) representative from Division Special Troop Unit.

This is just a correction of an mathematical area changing 5 to 9 members on the nominating committee.

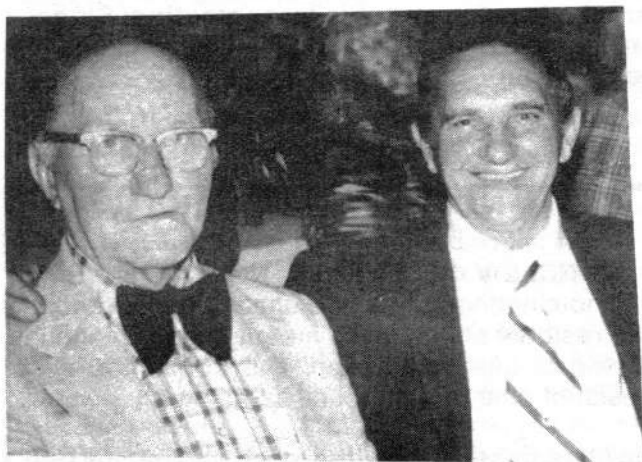
ARTICLE VIII Section II Meetings

A meeting shall be held each year on the first Saturday in May at the reunion site of the Host Chapter for the next annual reunion. The Chairman of the Executive Board may, in his discretion, change both the date and meeting place, but in no event shall such meeting take place less than seventy five (75) days before said annual meeting. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman of the Executive Board at any time during the annual meeting of this Association.

The Executive Board is recommending that the words (or further than two hundred (200) miles from city of the Host Chapter of the next annual reunion) be scratched from Section 2 of Article 8.



Happy Anniversary
Theresa and Sal Scicoloni



Two loyal Pittsburgh members, Emil Becker and John Marek.

Dear Mr. Derickson:

Just a note to let you know that 83rd'er William A. Springer passed away November 4, 1981. He died of a heart attack. He would have been 66 December 29, 1982. He was still working, he worked the day of November 4 and had the attack that evening.

Sincerely (his wife)
Marion R. Springer
Box 3
Wildwood, Pennsylvania 15091

CHAPLAINS STEEPLE

At this time of year our season for Memorial Day, Flag Day, and our Independence day, the 4th of July, we pray for our Buddies, the living and the Dead.

Six (6) more of our men have left us since our last issue of the Thunderbolt.

1. George Tonner
2. Col. J.D. Smith - Division Headquarters
2. Col. J.D. Smith - Division Headquarters
3. Clyde Rusk "H" 329th
4. Marion Miller "K" 331st
5. Donald Schwartz "G" 331st

We ask the good Lord to look after them all ways. Through all eternity even until the end of time. AMEN.

CHAPLAINS STEEPLE

We pray for all the wives, children, and families that have gone from us. We pray for those that are left behind and not to give up, and to carry on for the sake of their families.

GOD BLESS THEM ALL

Again we wish any one sending in names of our deceased comrades to also send in their company and unit.

Thank You

Again Bob we of the Philadelphia Chapter wish to thank you for the great Thunderbolt in the Spring Issue. Even the color scheme, yellow and black is the 83rd. We think the 83rd magazine should be the same color as the spring issue all the time.

Bob again for a job well done thank you.

We have a great memorial service set up for the Pines in New York. We talked every thing out with Ambrose Tyman and also Jim Prentice. They already have copies for the services.

Hope to see everyone at the Pines.

Your Chaplain
John T. Piscitelli

Dear Bob:

I want to pass along some information on the death of Franklin Kelly. He died in December of 1981 of a massive heart attack. He was from Co. "F" 331st Regiment. His home address was 15372 S. Station Road, Columbia Station, Ohio 44028.

Sincerely
George D. Naylor, Jr.

CHOW HOUND

The happiest times in the army, I still think about them now.

Was when I had two legs under the table,
Putting away that army chow.

There was other things not so bad,
But I can't think of any right now.

All I can think of at the present,
was when they yelled time for chow.

We were given many details, we couldn't do we
knew not how.

But there was one detail we all knew, was how to
destroy that army chow.

For breakfast there was powdered eggs,
Hydrated milk that never seen a cow.

If there were no spuds on the table, then we
wasn't having army chow.

I'll never forget the good ole S.O.S.

I can taste that same-ole-stuff now.

You have never eat a square meal, If you've
never eaten army chow.

The cold cuts every Sunday evening, with a
quart of milk half sour.

Yet the best thing in the whole army, was that
poor food we called chow.

There was 10 in 1 - C's and K's, and Spam today
they call it Treat,

But our Chow was very delicious, compared to
what our enemies eat.

Now I pulled K.P. many times, and the army food
was the best.

It was the male cooks in the kitchen, That turned
the Chow into a mess.

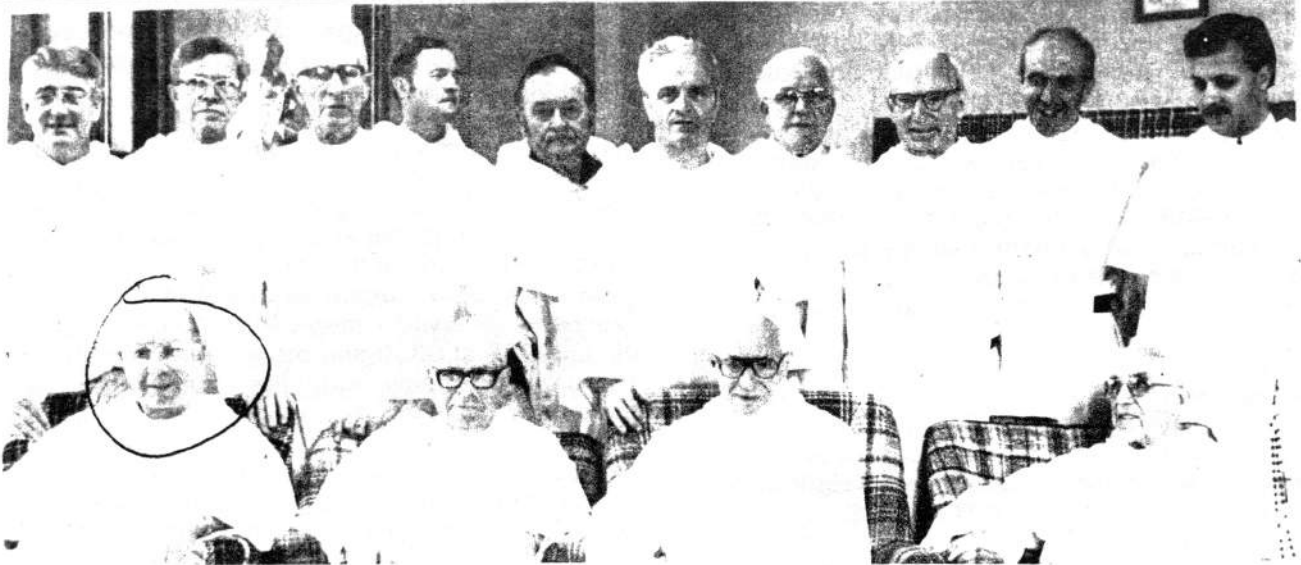
If there should be another war, I think the
women should be took,

So we men could do the soldiering, and our
sweet little women can be the cook.

Now all these things I have said, most of them
are true.

If the food had really been so bad, We wouldn't
be here today with you.

Haran Martin
Dixie Chapter Chaplain



Dear Bob:

While I'm home recovering from a near fatal attack of asthma, 10 weeks in the hospital, felt it would be a good time to catch up on my long overdue letter writing to friends, etc. The first on the list was the 83rd - pay my dues and get my reservation in for the coming reunion at The Pines. Really looking forward to seeing a lot of my old buddies. Many of them from the general Philly area that I just haven't gotten together with since the convention in Philly a couple of years back.

I'm enclosing a paper I received a little while ago from my dear friend, former Catholic Chaplain for the 331st, Father Jean P. Cossette, O.P.

The Padre is still located at the Dominican Monastery, 27 Bartlett Street, Lewiston, Maine. I have a picture of The Padre, which I have circled, along with others. Thought you might mention the Padre in the next issue - maybe put in the Photo if you can. I send him my Thunderbolt magazines and I know he enjoys reading them.

Am enclosing my check for the dues.

Looking forward to the reunion at The Pines. See you there! Best wishes for a great reunion -- hope all is going well. I will be sending my booster ad to Abe this week. See you in September.

Joseph P. Lacy
Service Co. 331st

In the Division Sector, only sporadic enemy artillery and mortar fire fell throughout the day. Information was received from VIII Corps that the defense of the radio station at JUNGLIMSTER would be assumed by Battery B 467th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, (AW).

14 November 1944

Regrouping continued in accordance with movements initiated on previous day.

During the night of 13-14 November a seven man patrol from G Co., 330th Infantry crossed the MOSELLE RIVER at (L023130) and advanced to RJ at (L05051265), a few meters outside of WINCHERINGEN (L053130), and returned without incident at 2400. No enemy was encountered, nor were road blocks or mine fields discovered in the area covered. The 331st Infantry relieved elements of the 329th Infantry and the 330th Infantry in its new regimental sector.

The Division Artillery Headquarters and Headquarters Battery closed its Command Post at MONDORFF (P9402) and opened new Command Post at HESPERANGE (P8610) at 0900.

In the 90th Division area XX Corps. Engineers completed and MI Treadway bridge across the MOSELLE RIVER vicinity of CATTENON (920907). Work continued on a floating Bailey Bridge at a point 300 yards downstream. The bridge at MALLING (U956927) was completed and ready for traffic at 1400.

15 November 1944

The regrouping of the Division was completed early in the day. All units continued to patrol vigorously East to the MOSELLE - SAUER RIVERS.

A "no fire line" extending through Q005948, Q016915, and Q016900 was established by arrangement with Task Force POLK. This "no fire line" was on the Northeast flank of the 90th Division bridgehead. The 322nd Field Artillery Battalion continued to support Task Force POLK East of the MOSELLE RIVER.

Between midnight of 14 November and first light on 15 November a 7-man enemy patrol operated in the 330th Infantry area South of STADTBREDIMUS (L0107). The group was dispersed by fire from an outpost and forced to withdraw. Two patrols from the 330th Infantry crossed the MOSELLE RIVER during the night 14-15, November. One from the 3rd Battalion reached a point close to DILMAR (L044077) and returned at 0100 to report no activity or personnel discovered, although some fortifica-

tions were observed. An 8-man patrol from Company A crossed the river vicinity SCHAEGEN (Q00797) and penetrated to edge of PERL (Q0209), encountering no defensive works, minefields, bobby traps or enemy personnel.

Units of the 331st Infantry continued to consolidate positions. Elements in reserve spent the day cleaning weapons and equipment.

The 774th Tank Battalion conducted a demonstration for selected personnel of the Division at 1430 showing the operations of the tank flame thrower.

16 November 1944

The 83rd Division continued to patrol East to MOSELLE - SAUER RIVERS from SIERCK (Q005946) to BOLLENDORF (L014404). Operations for the period were limited to our patrols crossing the MOSELLE RIVER and training for those units in reserve.

Plan "X" revised 15 November 1944 (See Item 20, G-2, G-3) Journal, 10 November 1944 was issued to units of the Division for meeting possible offensive action of the enemy in the Division Sector.

In the 330th Infantry Sector a three-man patrol from I Company crossed the MOSELLE RIVER at L020075 with the mission of going to DILMAR (L043077) to observe enemy activities. The patrol had difficulty with the river being at flood stage and were not able to reach their objective. Outpost of Company observed 2-men enemy patrol in vicinity of Q009987 at 0300 and drove them off with fire. There was no enemy mortar fire and the artillery for the period was light.

The 331st Infantry continued its present mission and conducted training programs for those units not actually occupying positions on the front line.

The 83rd Division Artillery continued to support Task Force POLK.

A general warning was received from higher headquarters that the enemy may be expected to use air in greater strength and to employ such strength for offensive operations in the near future. Units were directed to complete detailed plans for air raid security.

17 November 1944

Normal patrolling activity continued without incident.

At 1225 the Commanding General directed that the 330th Infantry send contact patrol across the

11 November 1944

OPERATION UNICORN

The 329th Infantry continued patrolling in the northern portion of the Division sector. Task Force POLK reported no contact with enemy during previous night.

The MALLING bridge was completed at 0300. The river level started to drop at 0600.

The 330th Infantry and 331st Infantry remained in the staging area. Plans were made for movement across the river.

At 1704 a request was received for the use of the Division Artillery on a large enemy tank concentration at Q0490. The tanks were engaged by a squadron of fighter bombers and all the artillery with the XX Corps. The concentration was broken up with approximately 6 tanks destroyed and 15 more put out of action.

At 2120 word was received that the operation control of the XX Corps over the Division ceased at once; that the Division was to revert to its original status under VIII Corps; that the Division would relieve Task Force POLK without delay at which time it would revert to control of XX Corps. Attachments of the Chemical Company and the battery of 155 Gun (self propelled) ceased also.

The 330th Infantry was ordered to relieve Task Force POLK from SIERCK North to WELLEN (L0619) 12 November. All elements possible to relieve during daylight were to be relieved starting at daylight. The remainder were to be relieved the night of 12-13 November.

12 November 1944

At 0630 an enemy counterattack developed from the East in the vicinity of PETITE HETALE. The artillery with the Corps was employed on defensive fires to assist in breaking up the counterattack. The Division Artillery covered the draw from Sierck to MOUNTERMACH. The counterattack was beaten off with considerable loss to the enemy. Over two hundred German dead were found in the streets of PETITE HETTANGE after the engagement.

The 329th Infantry was given the mission of relieving elements of Task Force POLK in the GREVENMACHER area.

The Division Command Post moved from MONDORFF and closed in the vicinity of LUXEMBOURG at 1400.

The 331st Infantry remained in the staging area.

Relief of the remaining elements of Task Force POLK was completed by the 330th Infantry at 1800 and by the 329th Infantry by 1830. With the completion of the relief Task Force POLK reverted to XX Corps Control and began assembling in Corps Reserve in the vicinity of VOLKRANGE.

With the relief of Task Force POLK the Division ceased to participate in OPERATION UNICORN. Plans were initiated to reoccupy the Division Sector with three regiments on line each with two battalions up and one in Reserve.

Task Force MARKLE was dissolved.

The 330th Infantry was notified to garrison and hold LE STROMBERG HILL at all costs.

13 November 1944

Field Order Number 35 (See Item 151, G-2 Journal, 12 November 1944) was issued, restated the Mission of the 83rd Infantry Division, reinforced, to be that of patrolling vigorously to the SAUER - MOSELLE RIVERS and prevent enemy crossing thereof, protect South Flank of VIII Corps and maintain contact with Third U.S. Army.

The 330th Infantry accomplished their mission by vigorously patrolling East to the MOSELLE RIVER from SIERCK (Q005945) North to GREVELDANGE (L0010).

The mission of the 331st Infantry was to patrol vigorously East to the MOSELLE RIVER from GREVELDANGE North to MERTERT (L0938).

The 329th Infantry was ordered to patrol East to the MOSELLE - SAUER RIVERS from MERTERT to BOLLENDORF (L014404). Two platoons of the 83rd Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, reinforced with one reconnaissance platoon of the 802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion were attached to the 329th Infantry.

One medium tank company was placed in direct support of each regiment, task units were to be used on secondary mission as artillery then not required for training or for primary mission. In addition one platoon of the light tank company was placed in direct support of the 329th Infantry. Movement was initiated by the tanks and artillery to positions in each regimental sector.

The 774th Tank Battalion received new flame throwers for use in the tanks. Training began in the installation and use of the flame throwers.

DIXIE CHAPTER REPORT

We had a great week-end in Greenville, South Carolina on the 5th and 6th of this month.

Our new slate of officers for 1982 are as follows:

President	Lucy Satterfield
1st. Vice President	Billy Walker
2nd Vice President	Ed Thomas
Secretary Treasurer	Bill Laughter
Chaplain	Haran Martin
Reporter	O.L. Cook

We had 45 members present and 3 visitors. Dick Riddle and Lessie had their granddaughter with them. She is a beautiful baby.

We had lots of prizes and so many winners I can't name them. Thanks to the group in Greenville for a wonderful week-end.

Our next meeting will be in October here in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Johnnie Ball,
Reporter



This Snapshot was made of these Co. "B" 329th men at the Dixie Chapter meeting in Burlington, N.C. on March 20, 1982. They are from left to right: Ed Thomas, Worth Wells, Bennie Amick, Billie Walker and Jesse Pirkle.

Some first time seeing of some of these guys since War days.

HISTORIAN CORNER

Dear Buddies:

It seems only yesterday that you first elected my your Assistant Historian and then Historian.

This 1982-83 year will be my tenth anniversary.

Thank you! It has been my pleasure to serve you. I hope my work has met with your approval. I will miss seeing you as I will be unable to attend the reunion. However, I wrote to Robert Derickson that if you wish me to continue -- I will accept.

This issue will contain two more citations and two zeroxed pages from the booklet, "St. Malo 1944." I wrote of it in my last report plus "After Action Reports." By the way their #1 booklet is "Normandy 1973" and #4 is the "Battle of the Bulge". Both excellent and also "Sky Books".

I have three more U.S. Army photographs for future issues. I wish you all the best of reunions.

I know what I'll be missing by not being there. Raise one for me.

WE WERE THE BEST

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

The 2nd and 3rd Battalions and Cannon Company of the 330th Infantry closed into the staging area South of Luxembourg at 11:00, November 10.

The 331st Infantry, having closed into a new area November 9 and 10, immediately prepared for future employment East of the Moselle River. At 1515 the 331st Infantry was motorized by XX Corps and placed in Corps Reserve, prepared for movement on Corps order (See Item 380, G-2, G-3, G-3 Journal, November 10.

Task Force POLK continued occupation and consolidation of positions taken over from 330th Infantry at 2140, 9 November. The 3rd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron reconnoitered routes for nightly contacts points.

32nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron was relieved from attachment 12, 10 November, moved to the city of Luxembourg, attached in place to 14th Cavalry Group, and placed in VIII Corps Reserve. (See Item 349, G-2, G-3 Journal, 10 November 1944).

The bridging operations continued to be delayed due to the height of the river. Operations were continued to both MALLING and CATTENOM sites even though approaches were inundated to a depth of three feet. Ferrying of weapons and supplies continued at both sites. The crest of the river was expected to pass the bridge sites about 1600. At 2400 a report was received of the river falling one foot nine inches during the previous 24 hour period in the 5th Infantry Division area at PONT-A-MOUSSON.

MOSELLE RIVER to maintain contact with Task Force POLK in the advance to the North.

In the 329th Infantry sector, an enemy patrol was sighted across the river vicinity L05903588 at 1200. These troops entered a house at that point and were taken under fire. At daybreak an estimated 10-man enemy patrol was met at L105285 and driven off.

The 323rd Field Artillery Battalion moved to vicinity of CANACH in order to provide better support for the advance of Task Force POLK to the North and also to support possible patrol activity of the 330th Infantry.

Intensive training was carried on for those units in reserve.

On the left flank of the Division, the 8th Infantry Division was in the process of being relieved by the 28th Infantry Division. The 9th Armored Division remained in Corps Reserve midway between the 8th and 83rd Infantry Division vicinity MERSCH (P8329). The 73rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion and the 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion were at this time supporting the Division.

18 November 1944

There was no change in the mission or disposition of the 83rd Infantry Division from that outlined in Field Order Number 35.

On the Division right flank, the 330th Infantry extended from SIERCK (Q005945) North to GREVELDANGE (L0010), with the 1st Battalion on the right and the 3rd Battalion on the left. The 2nd Battalion remained in reserve.

The 331st Infantry occupied its part of the Division sector from GREVELDANGE to MERTERT (L0923) with the 1st Battalion on the right and the 3rd Battalion on the left leaving the 2nd Battalion in reserve.

At 1000 the 330th Infantry reported a patrol in contact with the 3rd Cavalry Squadron East of the MOSELLE RIVER. Company I encountered enemy patrol of undetermined strength at L008080 - patrol was forced to withdraw. Later in the day, contact patrols from 3rd Battalion and Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon crossed the MOSELLE RIVER at L019062 with no difficulty.

The Commanding General, VIII Corps, visited the Division Command Post at 1325. He discussed with the Chief of Staff the desirability of employing the cavalry reconnaissance troops and one company of armored infantry of the 9th Armored Division along the Division front for purpose of training.

19 November 1944

A new temporary boundary of the MOSELLE RIVER for operational purposes was agreed upon between the 83rd Division VIII Corps and the 10th Armored Division (XX Corps). This temporary boundary was agreed upon at Army level.

In the sector of the 330th Infantry no contact was made with the enemy during the day. A patrol from the 1st Battalion crossed the MOSELLE RIVER at SCHENGEN (Q009978), made contact with Task Force POLK and collected data regarding terrain, enemy troops, and types of fortifications. A small bridgehead was established on the east bank of the MOSELLE RIVER opposite SCHENGEN.

Patrols from the 331st Infantry were active during the period. A patrol from the 3rd Battalion reached L091231 and discovered an enemy observation post in vicinity of MERTERT (L095233), another patrol approached the town of MACHTUM and fired on enemy observation post in that area.

ONE DAY IN BRITTANY PART III

"B" Company's next directive sent them straight across town while the 3rd Battalion invaded St. Servan over on the right. A couple of our tanks rolled along the first street, and by firing down the driveways punched holes in the walls in the back yards. The rifle platoons slipped thru the walls and spread out between the houses. The first men to cross the next street were fired upon by a machine gunner several blocks away. One of our BARs answered him, and stepped back beside a house. The machine gun then answered him. This little dual was repeated until a rifleman, screened by some hedge, crawled out near the curb, and when the machine gunner appeared this time, the rifleman dropped him. Just then a 1939 black four-door Chevy came speeding in our direction, probably fleeing from the 3rd Battalion over in St. Servan. As soon as we could determine who was in it we shot the windshield out of it. It stopped short, the four doors flew open and two German officers ran out of each side into the arms of "B" Co. men. The car, with only a few hundred miles on it, later became our company commanders vehicle.

The company had nearly moved thru the town when a couple men, hearing voices in the rear of one of the last buildings went to investigate. When they peered around the back of the house they saw one of their officers and a couple mortar men adjusting the gun at the base of the last wall of the town. The riflemen were about to join the mortar crew when they heard the officer direct the men to set the mortar at ninety degrees, or straight up! They were relying on the wind to carry the shell to the other side of the wall. That meant the target must be very close. After several rounds had been fired, a couple BAR men were called to go under the wall in a narrow trench that curved for about fifteen feet into the field on the other side. They were actually in an orchard that was surrounded by a

hedgerow, and the fields beyond sloped downward. Each BAR man picked a side hedgerow to watch, when a couple riflemen came under the wall. They were going thru the orchard and wanted cover until they reached the hedge. They had almost crossed the orchard when a rifle and a black helmet appeared in the shrubbery of the right hedgerow. A BAR opened up, the men crossing the orchard hit the ground, and the black helmet vanished. The riflemen immediately returned, and went under the wall. The BAR men continued to fire at intervals along the top of the hedgerows. One used all his ammo and left. The remaining man decided to stay a bit longer because he suspected some Germans were still out there. In a short while the sun went down, the last light was fading, and the BAR man was planning on leaving. As he crouched low in the trench, he was startled by the most fearsome sight he had ever seen. Roaring up from the fields on his right, streaked a large black ball trailing a thirty foot tail of fire. It oscillated up and down as it ripped across the sky in front of him, then went down in the fields on the left. As he crawled back under the wall he wished he had left sooner, the company was gone and it was getting dark. While moving thru the streets he wondered how he could ever explain what he had just seen, and decided it would be best not to mention it at all. Shortly he recognized a couple of men from "B" Co. walking patrol, and they directed him to his squad. Their post for the night was a section of wall at the edge of town. When he found his buddies they called him to a spot where they could see over the wall. One of the men said "watch this", and fired a shot at a pile of cylinders stacked under a tree in the field across the way. One cylinder exploded and a large black ball streaked upward trailing a fiery tail. His muffled comment was "fearsome", then asked "who has the duty".

Richard Dickson
"B" Co. 329th

This is the last story I can contribute to the Thunderbolt, because I've told all I know. My European tour ended at the Moselle River so if anyone wants to continue from there, I'd be most interested. Hope you all enjoyed my stories.

RD



Otis Was There

World War I veteran Otis Anderson, who served with the 83rd Army Division, walked to Memorial Day services Monday in Gardens of Memory. The service was one of many such memorials conducted in Delaware County and across the nation. (Star Photo by Kyle Evens)

HEADQUARTERS 83D INFANTRY DIVISION

APO 83, U. S. Army

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5 December 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 Second Battalion, 330th Infantry is cited for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy from 7 August 1944 to 9 August 1944.

The Second Battalion, 330th Infantry is cited for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy. At 0830 on 7 August 1944, the Second Battalion, 330th Infantry launched an attack toward St. Joseph, France. By 0930 the leading company began receiving intense artillery, machine gun, and small arms fire. All through the rest of the day, heavy fighting went on and the two leading companies were able to advance another three hundred yards before darkness came and defensive positions were prepared for the night. Before dawn on the 8th, the German artillery began a concentration which blanketed the entire battalion area and lasted for forty-five minutes, and its intensity delayed the jump-off time of the battalion's attack. The battalion sector was some 1800 yards in width and ran through woods of varying density and over bald open hills that were under direct enemy observation and subject to all their fire power. At about 0800, the battalion resumed the attack. Here the battalion bore the brunt of the division attack, being almost in the center of the division sector. It encountered the strongest of enemy installations, including permanent gun emplacements hewn out of the granite rocks of a quarry and an extensive series of foxholes and trenches reinforced by stone walls and barbed wire entanglements. Several times hand to hand combat was needed to reduce these positions. Even though outnumbered, it continued the attacks against fanatical opposition in the face of intense artillery concentrations, including multiple-barrelled rocket projectors, anti-tank guns, 88 mm. guns, mortar, and machine fire. Through aggressiveness, determination, and sheer courage, by 1030 it had gained six hundred yards of bitterly contested ground. Then the enemy counter-attacked. The numerically superior enemy closed in upon the battalion and a furious hand to hand battle raged. Radio operators, runners, and liaison personnel all joined in the battle to muster every available weapon to force the enemy back. Finally the fighting skill and spirit of the Second Battalion showed its effect. Those enemy who were not killed, wounded or captured were put to rout and their morale broken. Without respite the battalion's attack continued. When one company was suffering heavy casualties and became disorganized by fire from a self-propelled gun, the last remaining officer in the company, at great risk to his life knocked it out with a bazooka. Such leadership and disregard to personal safety characterized the actions of all members of the battalion. By night-fall it had advanced to within five hundred yards of the St. Joseph Fortress, and by constantly pouring fire from small arms, mortars and artillery into the Fortress, they prevented the enemy from manning their gun positions atop the Fortress, thus being able to clean up the outposts of the enemy that surrounded the Fortress. The heavy shelling shook the Fortress continuously throughout the night. The next morning, the German Commander of the Fortress, his troops decisively defeated and thoroughly demoralized, and seeing the hopelessness of his situation, surrendered the Fortress. Battalion losses during the three days action were one hundred fifty-four killed, wounded or missing. An estimated two hundred sixty-one Germans were killed, four hundred twenty eight taken prisoner, and one hundred seventy-eight wounded. Five enemy assault guns, three self-propelled guns, five anti-tank guns, seven anti-aircraft guns, one tank, and seven mortars were destroyed. An undetermined but large amount of enemy small arms ammunition, and food stores was captured or destroyed. Thus, during the three day period from 7 August through 9 August 1944 the Second Battalion, 330th Infantry with a notable display of courage, combat skill, and determination, broke stubborn enemy resistance at St. Joseph and the approaches to St. Malo, decisively defeated the enemy, and prevented them from denying our entry into the St. Malo-Dinard area. The undaunted courage and unswerving devotion to duty shown by each man of the battalion reflect the highest traditions of the armed forces.

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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, 330th Infantry is cited for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy from 10 December 1944 to 13 December 1944.

The Third Battalion, 330th Infantry, is cited for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy. On the morning of the 10th December 1944, from an assembly area near Grosshau, Germany, the battalion attacked with the mission of capturing and securing the town of Strass, Germany; and thus permitting the 5th Armored Division a place of debouchment from the Hurtgen Forest in its drive to the

Roer River. Taking advantage of darkness, the battalion entered the town of Strass, completely surprising the enemy but when the enemy discovered the battalion had entered the town, intense resistance was encountered. The enemy maneuvered its supporting forces until it had sealed off the assault companies by completely surrounding the town. Despite constant artillery, mortar and MG fire, the Third Battalion threw back daily counterattacks by numerically superior forces of enemy infantry supported by tanks and assault guns. During the four day period which saw six battalion commanders in command, due to wounds or death incurred in action, the battalion displayed its superb fighting spirit by refusing to allow itself to be defeated. Without food for three (3) days and without sufficient medical supplies to treat the ever increasing number of its own and enemy wounded, the battalion never lost its determination to succeed in the face of what appeared to be a desperate and hopeless situation. During this period the Third Battalion lost 293 men killed, wounded and missing, while enemy suffered as estimated five hundred and fifty (550) casualties. Five enemy tanks were destroyed by our forces during this period. As a result of the outstanding courage and determination to succeed displayed by every fighting man of the Third Battalion, 330th Infantry, from the 10th through the 13th of December 1944, a strong enemy force was repeatedly driven from the town of Strass, which enabled the 5th Armored Division to execute its drive toward the Roer River and seal off the vitally important Roer River Dam area. The aggressiveness and superb devotion to duty displayed by the Third Battalion against overwhelming odds and under extremely difficult conditions merits much praise and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the armed forces of the United States.



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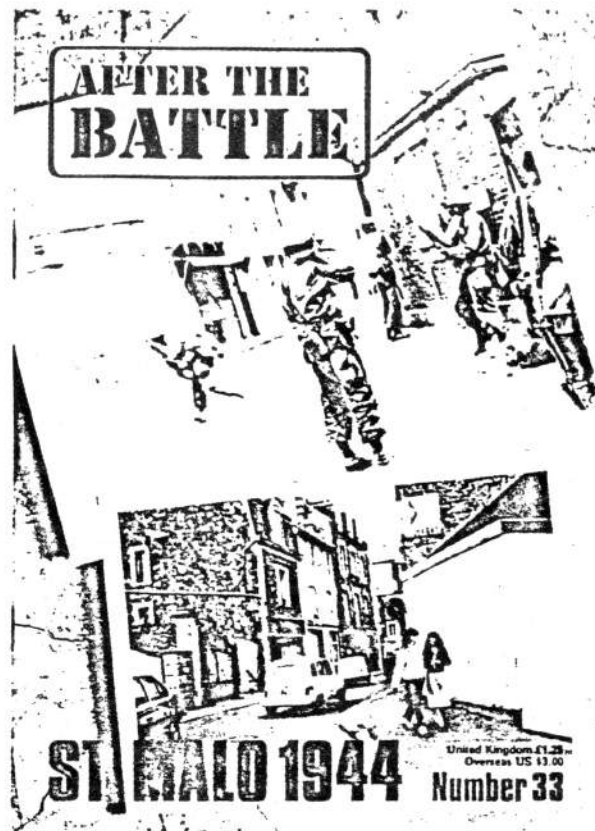
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1982

2:30 P.M.	CHECK IN AND ENJOY OUR HOTEL FACILITIES	
3:30 P.M.	SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENT	OUTDOOR POOL
4:30 P.M.	COMPLIMENTARY BINGO ... PRIZES!!	MAIN LOBBY
5:00-7:00 P.M.	HOSPITALITY ROOM	ASCOT HALL
7:00 P.M.	DINNER IS SERVED IN THE MAIN DINING ROOM	
8:30 P.M.	"INFLATION, INVESTMENT, AND THE MIDDLE INCOME FAMILY" PROF. JOEL LERNER	MAIN LOBBY
9:00-10:30 P.M.	SHOWTIME IN THE PERSIAN ROOM AFTER THE SHOW, DANCE IN THE WEDGEWOOD ROOM	
12-1:00 A.M.	THE COFFEE SHOP IS OPEN LATE SWIM	INDOOR POOL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1982

7:30 A.M.	GOOD MORNING! GOLFERS BREAKFAST	MAIN DINING ROOM
8:00 A.M.	BREAKFAST IS SERVED IN THE MAIN DINING ROOM	
8:00 A.M.	THE GOLF COURSE IS OPEN	JERRY GOLDEN, PGA PRO
9:00-5:00	REGISTRATION IN THE LOWER LOBBY	COLLECTION OF NATIONAL DUES
10:00 A.M.	ALL HOTEL FACILITIES ARE OPEN	
10:00 A.M.	ART VOGUE...ART AUCTION	MAIN LOBBY
10:00 A.M.	VOLLEYBALL GAME	
10:00 A.M.	SLIMNASTICS AND YOGA WITH ROSLYN	SIDE LAWN
10:00 A.M.	APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE FOR MASSAGE & FACIAL	HEALTH CLUBS
10:00 A.M.	ICE AND ROLLER SKATING	JON AND PATRICK, PROS.
10:30 A.M.	NATURE WALK WITH MORRIS SPELLMAN	LEAVE FROM LOWER LOBBY
10:30 A.M.	PING PONG TOURNAMENT	OUTDOOR POOL
11:00 A.M.	HORSEBACK RIDING	SIGN UP AT THE SERVICE DESK
11:00 A.M.	COMPLIMENTARY DANCE CLASS WITH SAUL	CARD PATIO
1:00 P.M.	LUNCHEON IS SERVED IN THE MAIN DINING ROOM	
2:00 P.M.	ALL HOTEL FACILITIES ARE OPEN	
2:00 P.M.	NUMEROLOGY WITH LENORE GAINES	MAIN LOBBY
2:00 P.M.	HORSEBACK RIDING	SIGN UP AT THE SERVICE DESK
2:00-5:00 P.M.	HOSPITALITY ROOM	ASCOT HALL
2:30 P.M.	SOFTBALL GAME	
2:30 P.M.	SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENT	OUTDOOR POOL
3:30 P.M.	CURRENT EVENTS WITH HAL ROSS	MAIN LOBBY
4:30 P.M.	COMPLIMENTARY BINGO...PRIZES!!	MAIN LOBBY
5:30 P.M.	HAPPY HOUR...REDUCED PRICES	LOBBY BAR
7:00 P.M.	DINNER IS SERVED IN THE MAIN DINING ROOM	
8:30 P.M.	MORRIS KATZ...INSTANT ART SHOW	MAIN LOBBY
9:00-10:30 P.M.	MUSIC AND DANCING IN THE PERSIAN ROOM	
10:30 P.M.	SHOWTIME IN THE PERSIAN ROOM AFTER THE SHOW, DANCE IN THE WEDGEWOOD ROOM	
12:1:00 A.M.	THE COFFEE SHOP IS OPEN FOR A LATE SNACK LATE SWIM	INDOOR POOL

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1982

7:30 A.M.	GOOD MORNING! GOLFERS BREAKFAST	MAIN DINING ROOM
8:00 A.M.	BREAKFAST IS SERVED IN THE MAIN DINING ROOM	
8:00 A.M.	THE GOLF COURSE IS OPEN	
9:00-5:00 P.M.	REGISTRATION IN THE LOWER LOBBY	COLLECTION OF DUES
9:30 A.M.	MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING FOR ALL MEMBERS	PERSIAN ROOM
10:00 A.M.	ALL HOTEL FACILITIES ARE OPEN	
10:00 A.M.	SIGN UP AT THE ACTIVITY DESK FOR TRIP TO RACE TRACK	
10:00 A.M.	SLIMNASTICS AND YOGA WITH ROSLYN	SIDE LAWN

10:00 A.M.	CALL FOR APPOINTMENT FOR MASSAGE	STEAM ROOM AND SAUNA
10:00 A.M.	COLOR, FASHION, DECORATING TIPS WITH LENORE GAINES	MAIN LOBBY
10:30 A.M.	COSMETICS DEMONSTRATION BY SERAFINA	SOUTH LOBBY
10:30 A.M.	NATURE WALK WITH MORRIS SPELLMAN, NATURALIST	LEAVE FROM LOWER LOBBY
10:30 A.M.	PING PONG TOURNAMENT	OUTDOOR POOL
11:00 A.M.	HORSEBACK RIDING	SIGN UP AT THE SERVICE DESK
11:00	COMPLIMENTARY DANCE CLASS WITH SAUL	CARD PATIO
12:00 NOON	"SIMON SEZ" WITH HANK LEIDS	OUTDOOR POOL
1:00 P.M.	LUNCHEON IS SERVED IN THE MAIN DINING ROOM	
2:00 P.M.	ICE AND ROLLER SKATING	LESSONS & RENTALS
2:00 P.M.	HORSEBACK RIDING	SIGN UP AT THE SERVICE DESK
2:00-5:00 P.M.	HOSPITALITY ROOM	ASCOT HALL
2:15 P.M.	"MR. PINES" BEAUTIFUL LEGS CONTEST	MAIN LOBBY
2:30 P.M.	GOLF TOURNEY...CALLAWAY SYSTEM...TURN YOUR SCORE INTO THE GOLF PRO...JERRY GOLDEN	
2:30 P.M.	SOFTBALL GAME	
3:30 P.M.	BASKETBALL FOUL SHOOTING CONTEST	
3:00-5:00 P.M.	SQUARE DANCING	OUTDOOR CARD PATIO
3:15 P.M.	"NAME THAT VOICE" WITH HAL ROSS	MAIN LOBBY
4:00 P.M.	COMPLIMENTARY BINGO...PRIZES!!	MAIN LOBBY
5:00 P.M.	HAPPY HOUR...REDUCED PRIZES	LOBBY BAR
6:30 P.M.	DINNER IS SERVED IN THE MAIN DINING ROOM	
7:30 P.M.	BUS LEAVES FOR RACE TRACK FROM LOWER LOBBY	
7:45 P.M.	OLD FASHIONED SING A LONG WITH SHIRLEY	MAIN LOBBY
9:00 P.M.	MUSIC AND DANCING IN THE PERSIAN ROOM	
11:00 P.M.	SHOWTIME IN THE PERSIAN ROOM	
11:30 P.M.	LAST BUS RETURNS FROM THE RACE TRACK	
	AFTER THE SHOW, DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY IN THE WEDGEWOOD ROOM	
	THE COFFEE SHOP IS OPEN	

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1982

7:30 A.M.	GOOD MORNING!! GOLFERS BREAKFAST	MAIN DINING ROOM
8:00 A.M.	BREAKFAST IS SERVED IN THE MAIN DINING ROOM	
8:00 A.M.	THE GOLF COURSE IS OPEN	JERRY GOLDEN, PGA PRO.
9:30 A.M.	MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING IN THE PERSIAN ROOM FOR ALL MEMBERS	
10:00 A.M.	ALL HOTEL FACILITIES ARE OPEN	
10:00 A.M.	TRANSACTIONAL ANALYSIS WITH LENORE GAINES	MAIN LOBBY
10:00 A.M.	CALL FOR APPOINTMENT FOR MASSAGE & FACIAL	HEALTH CLUBS
10:00 A.M.	ROLLER AND ICE SKATING	LESSONS & RENTALS
10:00 A.M.	SLIMNASTICS AND YOGA WITH ROSLYN	SIDE LAWN
10:00 A.M.	INDOOR AND OUTDOOR TENNIS	PHIL HOGG, PRO.
10:30 A.M.	NATURE WALK WITH MORRIS SPELLMAN, NATURALIST	LEAVE FROM LOWER LOBBY
10:30 A.M.	NEEDLEPOINT & RUG HOOKING WITH RITA	SOUTH LOBBY
10:30 A.M.	BOCCI TOURNAMENT	SIDE LAWN
11:00 A.M.	COMPLIMENTARY DANCE CLASS WITH SAUL	CARD PATIO
11:00 A.M.	HORSEBACK RIDING	SIGN UP AT THE SERVICE DESK
12 NOON	COMEDY HOUR...HAL ROSS	MAIN LOBBY
12:30 P.M.	PING PONG BALL IN THE ICE BUCKET CONTEST...WIN A PRIZE!!	
1:00 P.M.	LUNCHEON IS SERVED IN THE MAIN DINING ROOM	
2:00 P.M.	ALL HOTEL FACILITIES ARE ON	
2:00 P.M.	HORSEBACK RIDING	SIGN UP AT THE SERVICE DESK
3:00 P.M.	MEMORIAL SERVICE	SOFTBALL FIELD
4:30 P.M.	MASS IN THE CONFERENCE CENTER	
6:30 P.M.	GALA COCKTAIL PARTY	UPPER MAIN LOBBY
7:30 P.M.	GROUP PICTURES	UPPER MAIN LOBBY
8:00 P.M.	83rd BANQUET DINNER	MAIN DINING ROOM
11:00 P.M.	SHOWTIME	PERSIAN ROOM
	AFTER THE SHOW, DANCE IN THE WEDGEWOOD ROOM	
	THE COFFEE SHOP IS OPEN	

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1982

7:30 A.M.	GOOD MORNING!...GOLFERS BREAKFAST	MAIN DINING ROOM
8:00 A.M.	BREAKFAST IS SERVED IN THE MAIN DINING ROOM	
8:00 A.M.	THE GOLF COURSE IS OPEN	LESSONS & RENTALS
9:30 A.M.	MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING FOR ALL MEMBERS	PERSIAN ROOM

10:00 A.M.	ALL HOTEL FACILITIES ARE OPEN	
10:00 A.M.	"YOUR DREAMS" WITH LENORE GAINES	MAIN LOBBY
10:00 A.M.	CALL FOR APPOINTMENT FOR MASSAGE AND FACIAL	HEALTH CLUB
10:00 A.M.	ICE AND ROLLER SKATING	LESSONS & RENTALS
10:00 A.M.	INDOOR AND OUTDOOR TENNIS EVERYDAY!!	
10:30 A.M.	PING PONG TOURNEY	OUTDOOR POOL
10:30 A.M.	NATURE WALK WITH MORRIS SPELLMAN, NATURALIST	LEAVE FROM LOWER LOBBY
11:00 A.M.	HORSEBACK RIDING	SIGN UP AT THE SERVICE DESK
11:00 A.M.	COMPLIMENTARY DANCE CLASS WITH SAUL	CARD PATIO
12 NOON	"TRIVIA" WITH HAL ROSS	MAIN LOBBY
1:00 P.M.	LUNCHEON IS SERVED IN THE MAIN DINING ROOM	
2:00 P.M.	ALL HOTEL FACILITIES ARE OPEN	
2:00 P.M.	HORSEBACK RIDING	SIGN UP AT THE SERVICE DESK
2:00 P.M.	ICE AND ROLLER SKATING	LESSONS & RENTALS
2:15 P.M.	"LET'S MAKE A DEAL" WITH LENORE GAINES	MAIN LOBBY
2:30 P.M.	SOFTBALL GAME	
2:30 P.M.	SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNEY	OUTDOOR POOL
3:00 P.M.	POSITIVE MEDITATION EXPERIENCE WITH HANK LEIDS	ASCOT HALL
4:00 P.M.	COMPLIMENTARY BINGO...PRIZES!!	MAIN LOBBY
5:30 P.M.	HAPPY HOUR...REDUCED PRIZES..	LOBBY BAR
7:00 P.M.	DINNER IS SERVED IN THE MAIN DINING ROOM	
8:15 P.M.	SING A LONG WITH SHIRLEY	MAIN LOBBY
9:00 P.M.	MUSIC AND DANCING IN THE PERSIAN ROOM	
10:30 P.M.	SHOWTIME IN THE PERSIAN ROOM	
	AFTER THE SHOW, DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY IN THE WEDGEWOOD ROOM	
	THE COFFEE SHOP IS OPEN FOR A LATE SNACK	

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1982

8:00 AM.	GOOD MORNING! BREAKFAST IS SERVED IN THE MAIN DINING ROOM	
8:00 A.M.	THE GOLF COURSE IS OPEN	
10:00 A.M.	ALL HOTEL FACILITIES ARE OPEN	
10:00 A.M.	CALL THE HEALTH CLUB FOR APPT. FOR MASSAGE	
10:00 A.M.	SLIMNASTICS AND YOGA WITH ROSLYN	SIDE LAWN
10:30 A.M.	NATURE WALK WITH MORRIS SPELLMAN, NATURALIST	LEAVE FROM LOWER LOBBY
11:00 A.M.	HORSEBACK RIDING	SIGN UP AT THE SERVICE DESK
11:00 A.M.	COMPLIMENTARY DANCE CLASS WITH SAUL	CARD PATIO
11:30 A.M.	PING PONG TOURNAMENT	OUTDOOR POOL
12 NOON	IMPROVISATIONS WITH HAL AND LENORE	MAIN LOBBY
1:00 P.M.	LUNCHEON IS SERVED IN THE MAIN DINING ROOM	

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5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.	HOSPITALITY ROOM	ASCOT HALL
7:00 P.M.	DINNER	DINING HALL, MAIN LOBBY
9:00-10:30 P.M.	DANCING	PERSIAN ROOM
10:30 P.M.	SHOW	PERSIAN ROOM
10:30 P.M.	MUSIC	WEDGEWOOD ROOM
	DANCING AFTER SHOW	PERSIAN ROOM
12:00-1:00 A.M.	LATE SWIM	

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1982

7:30-8:00 A.M.	EARLY BREAKFAST FOR GOLFERS	CONTINENTAL STYLE
8:00 A.M.	BREAKFAST	DINING HALL, MAIN LOBBY
9:00 A.M.	ALL HOTEL FACILITIES OPEN	
9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.	REGISTRATION	LOWER LOBBY
1:00 P.M.	LUNCH	DINING HALL, MAIN LOBBY
3:00-5:00 P.M.	HOSPITALITY ROOM	ASCOT HALL
7:00 P.M.	DINNER	DINING HALL, MAIN LOBBY
9:00-10:30 P.M.	DANCING	PERSIAN ROOM
10:30 P.M.	SHOW	PERSIAN ROOM
	DANCING AFTER EVENING SHOW	
12:00-1:00 A.M.	LATE SWIM	

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1982

7:30-8:00 A.M.	EARLY BREAKFAST FOR GOLFERS	DINING HALL, MAIN LOBBY
8:00 A.M.	BREAKFAST	LOWER LOBBY
9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.	REGISTRATION	PERSIAN ROOM
9:30 A.M.	MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING	DINING HALL, MAIN LOBBY
1:00 P.M.	LUNCH	
2:30 P.M.	GOLF TOURNAMENT	ASCOT HALL
3:00-5:00 P.M.	HOSPITALITY ROOM	OUTDOOR-POOLSIDE
3:00-5:00 P.M.	SQUARE DANCING	DINING HALL, MAIN LOBBY
6:30 P.M.	DINNER	
7:45 P.M.	BOARD BUSES FOR 83RD NIGHT, MONTICELLO RACE TRACK	PERSIAN ROOM
9:00-10:30 P.M.	DANCING	PERSIAN ROOM
11:00 P.M.	SHOW	
12:00-1:00 A.M.	LATE SWIM	
	DANCING AFTER EVENING SHOW	

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1982

7:30-8:00 A.M.	EARLY BREAKFAST FOR GOLFERS	DINING HALL, MAIN LOBBY
8:00 A.M.	BREAKFAST	PERSIAN ROOM
9:30 A.M.	MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING	DINING HALL, MAIN LOBBY
1:00 P.M.	LUNCH	BALL FIELD
3:00 P.M.	MEMORIAL SERVICES	
4:30 P.M.	MASS	
6:30-7:30 P.M.	COCKTAIL PARTY	PERSIAN ROOM
8:00 P.M.	83RD BANQUET	DINING HALL, MAIN LOBBY
11:00 P.M.	SHOW	PERSIAN ROOM
	DANCING AFTER EVENING SHOW	

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