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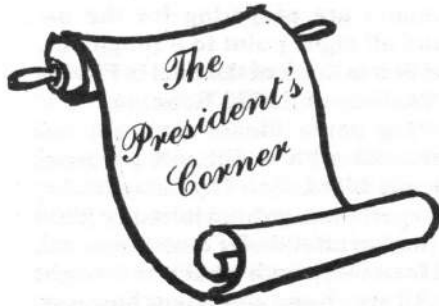
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Hi Buddies:

Time for another Thunderbolt and that means the Reunion at the Hyatt Palm Beaches is coming closer. Oh, how these years roll by as we get older and we think about seeing our "old" buddies. Why put off getting together again when you remember the great times you had at Reunions in the past. Get those registration Cards in now.

Your Reunion Chairman, Sam Schwartz, has more details in his letter in this issue so I won't go into those except to congratulate him on the tremendous package he is giving to the membership. Financially this is turning back the clock to several years ago and we appreciate the cooperation of the Hyatt Palm Beaches Hotel in helping us with this offer.

Our program, because of the change in locale, has been some delayed but we have found several options which we will attempt to bring you providing the cost is right. More in the next issue.

As a special for the "early birds" on Wed. night (Aug. 17) we are offering a dinner and show at a local dinner theatre for \$35.00 per couple or \$17.50 single. This is not an official part of the Reunion hence the extra charge. Please send your check, made out to: Florida Chapter-83rd. Inf. Div. Assn., to our Reunion Treasurer, S.J. Fishman, 501 Coconut Isle - Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. 33301. We have to have a group by mid-May in order to finalize this deal.

Alright let's hear from you, both for registration and the special for Wednesday, so we can give you another top Reunion.

Ralph Gunderson

SECRETARY - TREASURER REPORT

Dear Buddies:

We have the holidays behind us and have begun to think of the reunion in Florida. Hope that all of you enjoyed your holidays as much as Pearl and I did with our family. Our children were all here and everyone ate too much food.

Pearl and I attended the Kentucky Chapter meeting at Natural Bridge, Kentucky. Cecil and Nora Lee Walters and Herschel and Imogene McIntosh can't be beat as host and hostesses of a party. They really go all out to make you feel welcome and insure you of a good time. Which we all did.

Time now to start thinking again of memberships. Please look at your card. If it does not say 1983 you are not a paid up member for this year. Please put a check for \$10 in the mail to office here. We will be watching the mailbox for those letters.

We are trying to get caught up with all the mail that came in over the holidays. Our weather has turned cold but no snow. Maybe we won't get any this year and I won't have to try and give some to Mike Skovran and Joe Macaluso. They won't take it anyway.

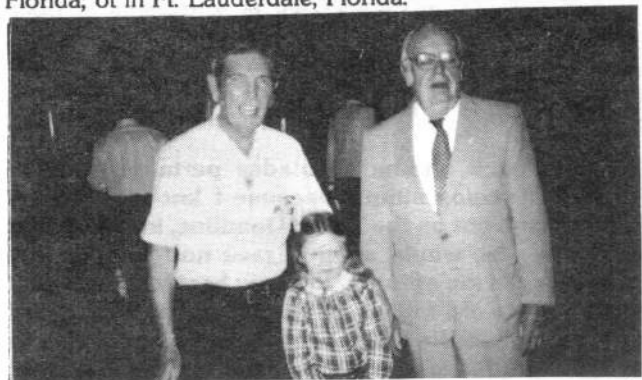
Hope all of you are well and the New Year is good to all of you. Send in those \$10.00 dues right away. Help to keep our membership up. I don't know what else I can do to get you to send it in to me. If any of you have any suggestions I would be glad to try them out. Send them in and save the organization the money it will cost to send you a reminder personally next month.

Will be looking for all of you at the reunion in Florida.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Bob Derickson
Hq. Co. 3rd Bn 329th

P.S. Oh yes, notice that the Florida Chapter has changed the place for the 37th Reunion. To be held at West Palm Beach, Florida; or in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.



The winner of the raffle drawing at the Kentucky Chapter Christmas Party in Slade, KY was Rhonda Lutes. She is a Granddaughter of Cecil Walters brother. Standing with Rhonda is Cecil Walters and Arthur Doggett.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

On Saturday, Nov. 6th 1982, the Florida Chapter met at the Holiday Inn in West Palm Beach. We had an attractive rate, which enabled all of us to spend a weekend here. We had over fifty members present, including our wives and guests. Many things were discussed about our Reunion next year, which will be held in West Palm Beach on Aug. 18th, 19th and 20th. You will read more about this from our Nat. President Ralph Gunderson, and our Reunion Chairman Sam Schwartz. We were very happy by having our Past Nat. President Sam Klippa, and Wilbur Campbell come down from Pittsburgh to attend our meeting and provide us with some expert Advice about our coming Reunion. Just hope they feel well, and can continue to attend our future meetings.

We missed William and Lois Drugash at this meeting and hope they are well and will be at our next meeting, hich will be in the Orlando area.

Bill Herhuth has accepted the job to take care of our Ad Book. As you know this is a big task, and when you receive the Ad Blanks, please do what you can to help us put on a good and successful Reunion. I'm depending on my Co. A-331 st Buddies, and seeing them all in West Palm Beach.

Sue Chuzi made beautiful Hats which she sold, and enriched our Chapter, as she donated all monies to our Chapter. Ivonne Lizotte also made beautiful things which are going to be sold at the Reunion. Many other women volunteered to enhance our Boutique Table.

It was good to see Col. Edwin J. Crabill and his beautiful wife at our meeting.

We had Election of Officers at this meeting, and the following men were elected.

President
V. President
Sec.-Treas.
Judge Advocate
Chaplain

Bill Herhuth
John Clevenger
Dave Benick
Paul Buchman
Bob Duke

Dave Benick
Co. A-331 st

Hello Buddies:

I held back on the accolades pertaining to the Catskill Reunion simply because I know of the extension Bob put on the T-Bolt Deadline, knowing that everyone else would send in rave notices. The Reunion was in my opinion, the very best, and was best suited to us old fogies, plenty of rest and food and entertainment. We of the Cleveland Chapter, wish to thank Bernie and his Associates for the beautiful Banquet night Decorations, it was something new and pleasant to behold. Cleveland Chapter enjoyed the polite and prompt service received from Jose and Reuben our waiters and bus-boy, they were simply marvelous. (Thank them for us Bernie).

We here in Cleveland are preparing for the onslaught of winter, and all signs point to a rough one, but all we can do about it is think of the heat in Florida and get heated up thinking of the 83 Reunion.

We are experiencing some illness amongst our members. Geo. Safranko with a difficult problem, Ralph Malec practically blind, Bob Grobelny having had an electrifying experience, getting jolted by 2500 volts and surviving (no fun intended) Frank Balcerzak sent to the hospital for a week with what was thought to be a heart attack. All are up and about now however, so we can enjoy their company and comradeship again.

We are preparing for our annual Christmas Party and Raffle which takes place Dec. 11th. This always turns out to be the highlight of the year for us as there is a lot of fun in store for us, and a lot of sincere friendship shown toward one another.

Our Nov. meeting was held at the home of Chester and Emily Czech, and a good meeting it was, plenty of food and refreshment was served as the Czechs didn't want to be out done as seems to be the custom with our members.

Bob and Marge Miller were the Host and Hostess for our October meeting and once again the Chapter enjoyed ourselves with good food and the rest that goes with a good time.

Just got a call that Casey Kowalec is in the Intensive Care Unit with a heart problem. I don't have all the info as yet - will let you know later

Rec'd a call from Casey that Eleanor answered as I was out fishing, enjoying this 75 degree weather (Dec.3rd). Casey is out of the Intensive Care Unit and on the road to recovery. He said that he was planning on attending our Annual Party Dec. 11th so that is good news. This being the last issue for 82, I sincerely hope everyone enjoy's the Holidays, and stays healthy.

Here are a couple of more ways to let you know that you're getting old:

You turn out the lights for economic reasons rather than romantic.

A Fortune Teller offers to read your face.

Your back goes out more than you do.

Until next year - stay nice, fight nice, and get your 83 Dues paid if you want to get your T-Bolt.

Al Uridel
Cn. Co. 329

P.S. I now have Eleanor in the Hospital, Coronary Unit. Dec. 4.

WARREN CHAPTER #1
--HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US --
30 WONDERFUL YEARS TOGETHER

The Florida Chapter of the 83rd Division will be hosting their 37th Reunion in Palm Beach at the new beautiful Hyatt Hotel August 18th, 19th and 20th. Everyone seemed to enjoy the new concept of dining together at the Pines, and we decided to get the same thing for our 37th Reunion.

At the Hyatt we will have the M.A.P. plan, which consists of full breakfasts and dinners, leaving your days free to enjoy all that Florida has to offer. The hotel is ideally located in a beautiful country-like area. It is just a few miles from the airport, and the hotel will supply courtesy buses to and from the airport, beaches, and shopping areas.

All rooms are deluxe. The rates of \$40 a day per person includes 2 meals a day, including the banquet and all taxes and gratuities. The activities there are fishing, boat rides, beautiful beaches for swimming, dog races, golfing, and other activities too numerous to mention. For the ladies we have beautiful shopping areas.

Dave Benick hosted the 83rd Florida Chapter reunion November 5th and 6th, 1982 at the Palm Beach Holiday Inn. Through him we found this lovely new hotel, and wish to thank him for it.

President Ralph Gunderson, Vice-President Dave Benick, Sargent-At-Arms Ben Chuzi and myself worked together to arrange this future convention, and you are in for a real good time. We wish to thank Sue Chuzi and others for their contribution of hats and novelties that were sold at the Florida reunion, and added the proceeds to our treasury.

We hit the beach at Omaha in 1944, so let's hit it in Palm Beach in 1983.

So "Come on down and get sand in your shoes."

Sam Schwartz
Reunion Chairman

Dear Bob:

In your next issue of the 83rd Thunderbolt please remove the name of George Cooley from the list of staff reporters and print my name in place of his. Cooley is now living in Texas and cannot keep up with our Chapter News so for the umpteenth time the Warren Chapter has shafted me into the job.

I will try to send in our articles prior to your deadlines.

Lee Titus
708 Northfield Rd.
Bedford, Ohio 44146
Co. G - 331st Inf.

For those of you who wonder why #1 appears after Warren Chapter, it indicates that we received the First Charter from the 83rd Association, 30 years ago, in 1953. The Cleveland Chapter was the First Chapter organized and sponsored our First Reunion in 1947, but were a little slow in applying for their Charter.

We are 18 members strong and are all married to 18 lovely ladies who have stuck by us thru thick and thin for many years. To my knowledge there has never been a divorce in the Warren Chapter which is a remarkable record. Our ladies formed the Warren Chapter Auxiliary in 1956 and hold their monthly meetings, separated from the men, but at the same time, and the same place. (each member takes his turn in holding meetings in his home). 10 of our members are officially retired, 8 are still hard working men.

Our October mens meeting was held after the last golf outing of the season at Smelko's Golf Course, the ladies meeting was held at the home of Millie Kelly.

The November meeting for the men and women was held at the home of George and Louise Bellay.

On December 12th our Ladies Auxiliary will deplete their treasury again by taking the old soldiers out to our annual Christmas Dinner at Cafe 422 which is one of Warren's finest Restaurants. The men will pick up the bill for refreshments after the dinner. We will all go home with full bellies and empty pockets.

We all missed seeing the Pangles and Cooleys at the Reunion, but hope to see both of these fine couples in the very near future.

Before closing out this article, I just have to get something off my chest. I wish to correct the article in the fall issue of the Thunderbolt written by old friend Jim Prentice in relation to the march from the hotel to the Memorial Service. Colonel Macaluso was **not** assistant to Colonel White in the march. They each led a separate group. Those are Silver Eagles that sit on Mac's shoulders, not Silver Oak Leaves.

Would also like to inform Sam Klippa that if his article was printed correctly, the 4 men from "D" Co. 331 was not the most in attendance at the Pine's. Co. "G" 331 had 15 members there, and I'm sure other units had even more.

Since this article will not appear in the Thunderbolt until after the holidays, on behalf of all the men and women from Warren Chapter we wish one and all Good Health, Good Luck and much Happiness for 1983.

Lee Titus
Chapter Reporter
and Agitator

Hello Buddies:

Here comes an appeal for help!

As you know it takes a lot of planning and cooperation to run a reunion, along with that it takes a lot of cold cash.

To have a good reunion, we need a successful program book to help defray the costs. So, I'm asking all of you to do your part in obtaining ads. We try to obtain ads from businesses, friends and our own members, anywhere from a full page to a booster ad. It may mean a little work, but the results could be very satisfying in making this a great reunion. The price of the ads have not increased. So I am asking each member to send in some type of an ad.

Send them in early, as they do play a very important part in our reunion plans.

Make all checks payable to the 83rd Inf. Div. Assoc.

All ads are to be sent to:

**WILLIAM HERHUTH
RTE. 1 BOX 620
CLERMONT, FLORIDA 32711
Phone (813) 424-1559**



Eugene Persinger, Harold Crouch, Rex Carson



Eugene Persinger, receiving Charter from John Shepherd.

WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER NEWS

Our December 5th meeting was held at the State Veterans Home in Barboursville. We had lunch with the veterans in their spacious and spotless dining room. The food was delicious.

The meeting was opened by our new President, Eugene Persinger. A resident of the veterans home was or guest, Mr. Charles White "A" 331. Our attendance was fair. It was good to see Larry Hoskins and Rex Carson who have been absent.

Letters were read by Eugene from Sam Klippa and Bob Derickson. Sorry that you fellows could not be with us. Maybe another time. Also had a nice letter from John Governor of Lynchburg, Virginia. We miss you John and Virginia.

Christmas gifts were exchanged by Chapter members and everyone brought gifts for the veterans in the residence. Door prizes were won by Esta Petry and Rex Carson.

Our meeting was short. The American Legion And VFW Post of St. Albans were due to hold their Christmas party for the Veterans. Our chapter was invited to join them. A good time was had by all. Photos were taken by Eugene and Helen Persinger.

**John Shepherd
"L" and Hq. Co. 331st.**



Mary Pauley, Paul Pauley, Helen Persinger, "Bootsie" Crouch, Harold Crouch.



Don Petry, Esta Petry, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mary Pauley, Paul Pauley.

KENTUCKY CHAPTER

The first thing we want to do is thank the Boston Chapter and Bernie Cove for a wonderful Reunion, in fact we are just getting back to normal, after all the fine food we've had to change our diets to weight reduction.

Our Chapter had our annual Christmas Party at the Natural Bridge State Park at Slade, KY. on Dec. 4. The turn out was great, we had approximately 45 members and wives in attendance. Some of our most active members were absent, reason unknown. But we do know Kermit Hargis is still in the V.A. Hospital in Lexington, KY. He's unable to walk but under the circumstances is doing as well as can be expected. His wife Maxene, plans on having him home for Christmas. Tom Hensley reported that Theodore Ritchie had been rushed to the Hospital, the day before with a severe nose bleed, so he was unable to attend.

Upon assembling at the Park, our President Arthur Doggett had a Business Meeting at 3:30 P.M. that afternoon, where we elected our officers for the coming year. After adjournment we had an exchange of gifts and then retired to the Lodge where we had an excellent Buffet Dinner. The evening consisted of live music which started at 8:00 P.M. and continued until 12:00. Food and drinks were plentiful during this period, of which we are very grateful to Cecil Walters and wife Nora Lee and Hershel McIntosh and wife Imogene of whom planned this affair and provided the food. The affair was consummated with breakfast at 8:00 A.M., in the Dining Room where most of the attendees met and then stopped, on the way home, at the Walters Residence for a superb Brunch.

In summation, a great time was had by all.

It was decided, during our Business Meeting that whenever a male member of our Chapter is hospitalized or if he should pass -away, I, M. Goodridge should be called collect immediately in order that flower arrangements can be completed on time. My number is 606-491-0298.

You are all invited to our next Chapter Meeting to be held at the Executive Inn in Owensboro, KY. March 12, 1983.

Reservations can be made by calling Toll Free: KY Residents use: 800-482-8480, Residents of other States use: 800-626-1936.

Or write:

Executive Inn
Executive Boulevard
Owensboro, KY. 42301

A \$20.00 Deposit is required and all reservations must be in by March 1st. 1983.

M. Goodridge

P.S. Just want to report that Ritchie is out of the hospital and doing very well. Just has to mind the doctor's orders and behave himself.

THE PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

I know this report is going to be late because I waited until after our Christmas Party/Dinner/Dance on Dec. 11th to write this. Everyone had a great time. Don't know if the alcohol had anything to do with it but everyone did a lot of dancing. The live band playing our kind of music had a lot to do with it too, I think.

It was also an occasion to welcome our newly elected chapter officers. But first, a few words of praise for our outgoing President Andy Churpak for a job well done these past two years. He somehow always managed to keep our meetings under control - and sometimes it wasn't easy.

Our new President is Lou Kanen, who did such a great job as Vice President, was moved up as our new leader. I think all of you remember Lou for the excellent job he did at the Pittsburgh Reunion. He was responsible for our Memorial Services. The newly elected Vice President is Jules Desgain. Jules has been a very active member and should do well as our VIP.

Steve Blasko, without a doubt, remains Secretary. Since Steve and wife Gert will be residing in Florida most of the winter, Assistant Secretary Ed Ruess will take over until Steve returns in the Spring.

Sam Klippa, our "Mr. 83rd.", was unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Yours truly will retain duties as Chapter Reporter and Photographer, which also includes the keeping of the pictorial history of the Pittsburgh Chapter.

Everyone at the Christmas Party who went to "the Pines" were reminding each other of the fine time we had. Thanks to Mike Caprio, Pat DiGiammerino and all the Boston Chapter for their efforts and a special thank you to Bernie Cove, who initiated such a great idea in the first place. I think we'll be ready to do it again in 1985.

Now, we are getting excited about Florida. We understand that a better reunion deal has been found at West Palm Beach rather than Fort Lauderdale - You can be sure that Gunderson, Schwartz and Benick have the situation well in hand.

Sue and I spent a few days in New York City in October. While there we had the opportunity to meet with our dear 83rd friends Dave and Ruth Feig. We went to lunch and enjoyed a couple of pleasurable hours together. Two beautiful people!

Good news! Chuck and Lu Caven are looking forward to be Grandparents for the first time. Daughter, Kimberly Comer is expecting in June or July.

'Til next time - Happy holidays and a healthy New Year.

Larry Leonardi
"A" - 331

ARMY

For Claim W.W. II 83rd INF. DIV. 330 REG. HQ CO. Need to contact Donald Snyder, Don Carter, Jack Henderson, and Jack Werlow or two Doctor's of Regimental Aid Station also Co. L. Talley and Sequatis or Ennis A. James & Bud Hill.

**Carlos E. Morris
P.O. BOX 1007
De Leon Springs, Fl. 32028**

Dear Robert.

I am writing you hoping you can help me get a claim on my hands as I had them frost bitten along with my feet, while on the Front Lines in the Ardens or there about. In Jan. 1945.

I was in I Co. 3rd Bn. of the 329th Regt. 83rd Inf.Div. I am hoping you can locate someone from my Outfit who can verify my being frozen, as stated above, as nearly all my Squad went back with me, some lost toes and their feet.

We were in about two feet of snow at near 20 Degree below weather for several days and nights. My hands were frozen stiff and my feet never got warmed up for about a month or so. The VA says I have to have witnesses saying I had frozen hands before they will do anything. Hoping you can help. I returned to my outfit after leaving the Hospital.

Sincerely
George L. Pittman
4611 3rd. Ave.
Spokane, Wash. 99206

P.S. I went to the Hospital in England.

Louisiana Chapter

Once again the deadline has overtaken me. I have been very fortunate since returning from the reunion, my work has kept me busy. I haven't had much time to contact the men from the Louisiana Chapter. However, I can assure you that a letter will be out to all members of the Chapter before the end of the year.

In reading my mail, I find that plans for the reunion in Florida in 1983 are now coming along fine. The Florida Chapter has had to move the reunion from Ft. Lauderdale to the West Palm Beach area of Florida. We are assured of some reasonable rates in that area. To the men of the Louisiana Chapter, I am sure that you will hear from me before you read this in the Thunderbolt. I sincerely hope that we once again can begin our quarterly meeting.

Joe Macaluso

G Company 331st Infantry

I am a little late in reporting once again. Since returning from the reunion in September, I have managed to keep myself busy. I have been fortunate, my work has been plentiful, and the prospects for 1983 looks good.

I talked with Titus a few weeks ago and every one seems to be o.k. in the Warren Area.

Mort Gaynor has called, he is still enjoying his work, but I believe that he should take the retirement at the end of the year. Talked with Kate Pangle, Loyal seems to be o.k., but he is not able to get around like the Loyal of old. Keep the spirits up and maybe someone will find a cure for you. We want to see you at the reunions again.

Haven't had any news from any of the other fellows. Kenny Baird has not been heard from in some time. Drop us a line, we would like to hear from you.

Don't get nervous Kenny, but I enrolled in a Real Estate Course in September, I have completed the course, and will take the State Examination on Dec. 18th. I promise not to be in competition with you, I don't plan on selling Real Estate.

I know the Thunderbolt will come to you after the Holidays, but I hope that each and every one will have an enjoyable Holiday Season.

The plans for the Florida reunion have been altered, the place has been changed, but I feel that it will be better for all. I will not go into details, because you will be able to read about it in another section of the Thunderbolt.

I think all of you should consider coming to Florida next August for a great reunion. Those of you fellows in the south should attend. Those of you in the north should give it some strong consideration. Time is getting short for all of us.

Capt. Mac

New Jersey Chapter

When you receive this Thunderbolt, we will be well into 1983 and you should all be preparing your plans for our West Palm Beach Reunion.

Most of you have probably heard about the change to the Hyatt Hotel in West Palm Beach. This is done because we will receive a much better deal than we would have received from the Marriott in Fort Lauderdale.

We appreciate the effort put into the planning of the reunion by the Florida Chapter. It should be a good one as we have many dedicated men in the Florida Chapter now, something we lacked at our last reunion there.

Being a member of the executive board will give me the opportunity to visit the site and review the program when we meet in May. I also look forward to seeing my many friends again.

Now for what's news in Jersey--Frank Reichmann called me to say he had been hospitalized for a stomach problem. Frank has had a number of ailments since the last reunion, we hope this is the last of them. I wonder if you who belong to the V.F.W. recognized Fred Klein (1st Bn. Hdqs. 331) being in the Sept. '82 magazine (see photo)? Fred was a close buddy of ours and we're quite proud of him.

At the last meeting Charlie Sihlanick asked me to thank Amby Tynan for getting a Grab Bag for Charlie at the reunion. Charlie wants to know who the young good looking gal is that's always with Amby and how come he never brings his wife to the reunions? (Charlie's kidding you Amby).

My wife Fran had seen the Joe Skurka's (E-330) at the Woodbridge Mall recently. I failed to mention in my last column that they were at the Pines Reunion. They told Fran it was the second for them and that they had a great time. They are looking forward to the one in Florida.

Noticed Sam Galati's and Frank Todd's names on the membership list. We have not seen them for a long time but I remember the many great times we had with them at the New Jersey Chapter affairs. Maybe we can get together soon.

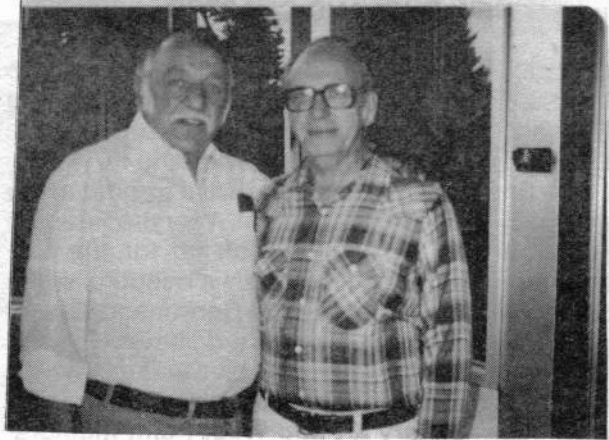
Manny Epstein called to say he received his tape of the last reunion. Let us know if you have a tape player, we can show it at one of the meetings.

That's it for this issue. Wishing you all the best.

Stan Bielen



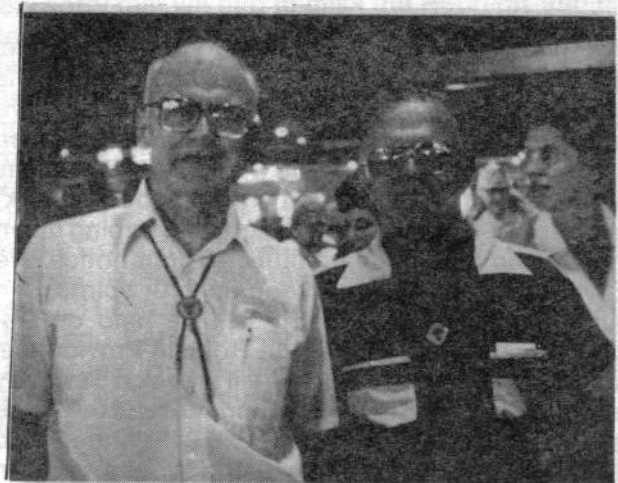
Making it Official . . . Howard Vander Clute, (left) Adjutant General; Frederick Klein, (center) President of National Pharmacies, Inc.; and J.A. Cheatham, (right) Quartermaster General . . . sign the official papers naming National Pharmacies, Inc. exclusive supplier to the New, Official VFW-Sponsored Prescription Drug and Vitamin Program now available to all VFW members and their families.



Joe DePeri and O.L. Look both from F Co. 330 meet at the Pines.



Left to Right: Wilson Day, Busboy Dave, Joe Deperi, Waiter Reuben, Stan Bielen and Manny Epstein, at the Pines.



NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

First of all, the New England Chapter would like to say "Thanks Boston Chapter" for a great reunion. The weather, food and entertainment was tops. Now we will be looking forward to Fort Lauderdale in 1983.

The New England Chapter had a great turnout at the Reunion and we all had a great time. After the Reunion the Brennans and Francullos took off for the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. It is a beautiful place to visit. We visited the Information Center and viewed a movie of West Point. We also visited Thayer Hall and West Point Museum. The Military Museum has a diversified collection of 16th to 20th century arms, uniforms, flags, military art and West Point memorabilia. It also contains trophies of wars since the American Revolution, 1775, and at 5:00 P.M. we watched the Parade review at the Parade Ground and boy, was that something to see; it made you feel proud to be an American. If by chance you are in the area, make an effort to visit West Point. You won't be disappointed and as always, you will meet someone you know and this time we met Bill Shaner and wife and their gang from Pennsylvania. They stayed at the same motel and visited the Academy also - it was good to see you all again, Bill.

In October we had our regular meeting at Jim and Dot Brennan's in Warwick, R.I. We had a good turnout and the food and beverage was tops as always. The Francullos, Champeys, Petittis, Emanouils, Rossis, Smiths, Davises, and Al Tartaglia were all in attendance. Now, Mike, I hope you took all the information that Al gave you and got everything straightened out. This was all free information. We missed seeing the other members of our Chapter, but everyone had something else to do that had to take precedence that day, but we were thinking of you all. Oh yes, also you Chuck Abdinoor and all the rest of the New England gang. Try to make it the next time. Also, if you have not paid your New England Chapter dues, we would like to hear from you.

I received a letter from our big guy, John Donahue. he tells us he is not feeling too well as his Angina is kicking up again, and has a lot of headaches and eye trouble and he feels that his Reunion days are over. John Donahue, for those of you who did not know him, was the life of a party, and he was our "sneak" photographer. He took great delight in creeping up on someone and taking their picture without notice. We miss your tactics John, but keep up your spirits.

Our Annual Christmas Party will be held on December 11, 1982 at the Marriott Hotel in Providence, R.I. and it is a weekend deal. We will arrive on Saturday around 1:00 P.M. and leave on Sunday about the same time. We will have an afternoon filled with 'cheer' food and fun and a full course dinner in the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Claus dropping in at our Chapter Room later in the evening. At this writing we are expecting thirty of our members to attend.

Well, this is it for 1982 - Th New England Chapter

wishes National and all Chapters of the 83rd Infantry Division and their families A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

YOUR BUDDY

NICK FRANCULLO



Visit to West Point after Reunion



Good Luck Mike.



Happy Bunch of New England Girls.



L to R: Top: Helen, Georgia, Mary F. Mary, Betty, Ann Emma



HELLO BUDDIES:



Here we are starting off a New Year, the year that should belong to us, 1983. Here's hoping that it will be the biggest and best year in the History of the Association.

Well to start off with, as most of you know, the deadline for the news was September 10th, which was just about Reunion time. As always I figured on having my news letter for that issue of the "THUNDERBOLT" so I got it off in August so that the Secretary-Treasurer would have time to get it to the printer before he went to the Reunion, then when he got back he would just have the Reunion news to worry about. One evening, about the 27th of October I received a phone call from him telling me that my letter would not appear in this last issue of the "THUNDERBOLT", as he had just received it in the mail that day. It took six weeks for the mail to go from Philadelphia to Ohio, he stated that there was a note on the envelope stating that it had gotten lost in the Mail. I guess that we are due for another Postal Rate raise to help expedite the delivery of the mail.

Well enough of that for now. Both Mary and I were very sorry that we had to miss the Reunion, and of all Reunions, we would have to miss the number one Reunion. From what I hear, between Bernie Cove and the Greater Boston Chapter, it was a Reunion to be long remembered. I have received quite a few letters from men who attended and I have had nothing but praise for this Reunion. God Bless the Greater Boston Chapter for the great job they did, and God Bless Bernie Cove and the entire organization at the Pines for the treatment that they bestowed upon our Members. All I can say for now is that I sincerely hope that Mary and I are both well enough to make the Fort Lauderdale Reunion. Missing two Reunions in succession is bad enough, but I sincerely hope that we don't miss the third.

I haven't been able to do as much letter writing as I used to do, so if you were one of the men who helped me make the Ad Book the great Book that it was, and I haven't sent a Thank You to you or acknowledged receipt of your add, please forgive me. I tried to acknowledge all of them and express my sincere



Bill Davis, Jim Emanaul, Lou Rossi, Dutchy Smith, Charlie Halligan, Nick Francullo.

thanks and appreciation to you for helping us, but as I said, my letter writing has slipped due to the problems we have been having here between the two of us. As many of you know, I had two serious Heart Attacks in the past two years and am having considerable Angina Attacks and can't do as much as I used to do, plus the fact that Mary was very bad in July, she almost died from a complication of Diabetis, Jellow Jaundice and a Liver Infection. We were both verry sorry to hear of what happened with Mildred Minnick, she was a very wonderful person and was very close to both Mary and I, Jake Glenn was also another very close friend to both of us.

To the boys of Company "D" 330th, in behalf of Frank McGrogan, I can't begin to express my sincere thanks to each and every one of you who helped Frank with his ads. Also for the very nice letters and cards that were sent to his Family and are still coming in to them. Frank was a very wonderful friend of mine and a true and loyal Member of the Association. Up until a couple of days before he died, Frank was on the phone to me to make sure that Co. "D" ads were all in the book. I promised him that they would be and his wife Mary kept sending them to me up until almost Reunion time and the Greater Boston Chapter worked with me in accepting them up until I received the last one. I know that every one of you will miss Frank, I know that I do, believe me I miss him like a Brother and many a day I go to the phone to call him before I realize that he isn't with us any longer. If a lot of you knew how he took the Association to heart, you would know why we are the great Association that we are to-day.

No one can take his place, but you can all do your part for the good of the Association by sending in your \$10.00 to-day, if you have already sent it, send in dues for your less fourtunate Buddy who can't.

Sincerely
Larry Redmond

COMPANY "H" 330th INFANTRY

HELLO BUDDIES:

You don't know how hard it is for me, trying to write this letter to be published in the next issue of "THE THUNDERBOLT", usually the first issue after the Reunion, there is always something to say about who from Company "H" was there for the first time, or of the grand time that we had having Company "H" men together to go over old times and share a drink or two together, but this time it is different. Missing from the group this year will be Mary and I, this will be only the second Reunion that we have missed, and up until the other day we were sure that we would make it, but the

Doctors said no to both of us. As many of you know I have had a couple of severe Heart Attacks and am now having severe Agina spells, in fact I had a couple of bad ones this week and thought that I would be back in the Hospital again, but I rallied out of them. Mary has had a couple of bad Diabetic Attacks, the last one was very serious and she was in a coma in the Hospital for about 10 days before she finally came out of it. The first four days she was very bad and they didn't expect her to live, but thank God, she is doing quite well now. She still has good days and bad days, so the Doctor said that he thought it would be too dangerous for both of us to try and make the trip.

The other night I had a phone call from Captain Masters, and when he asked me if I would be at the Reunion, it almost broke my heart to have to tell him that we wouldn't be there. It is going to have to be hard to accept, sitting here each day and night thinking of all of you men up there and wishing that we were with you, but there is nothing more that we can do but accept it.

Before I get carried away, I want to thank each and every one of you who lent me their support on the Ad Book. The returns were great, maybe next year we can even have a longer list on it if I can get more names and addresses to contact. Many of what I have, moved and I am unable to contact and others don't want to be bothered. Lets all get on the ball and drop a line to at least one Buddy that we have the name and address of. Lets try to get him to send in his dues and help make Company "H", the largest individual Company in the Association. Better still, give him a Christmas Gift of a Membership, that way we may be able to shame him into joining. Remember dues are \$10.00 per year, payable now. Membersip dropped a little this year and with the large number of deceased Members we have this year, it will drop even more, so we need new ones to replace them. Please send me any names and addresses that you may have and let me try and contact them. One more thing I want to mention, that is, there were several of you men who sent additional money over and above the cost of the Add, believe me, it came in handy, some of it was used to help build up our add and others was used to help cover postage. With the increased cost of Postage to-day, it is harder to keep up the large mailing list especially when you are on a fixed income, so again, thanks to those of you who helped me out this year. I appreciate it very much.

Well Buddies, as I close this letter, I want to say that Mary and I both extend our best wishes to all of you. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL, and with the help of God we both hope to be with you next year.

Sincerely
LARRY REDMOND

COMPANY "H" 330th

HELLO BUDDIES:

Here we are with another year passed, another Reunion gone by and last but not least another year added to our ever growing ages. Well to start off with, although I was unable to attend the Reunion once again, having suffered the second Heart Attack, and my wife just out of the Hospital after having almost died from a serious Diabetic Attack plus Yellow Jaundice and Infection of the Liver, the first four days they had no hopes for her recovery, she went from 135 pounds down to 85 pounds, but is slowly coming along and starting to gain her weight again.

Well Buddies, in a way I have let you men down, although the replies to my requests for ads for the Reunion Program Book didn't come in as well as I had expected, thanks to some of the men that sent in extra money, I was able to put some of you on the list who had been constant contributors to our book. I still owe some of you men a copy of the

HELLO BUDDIES:

Here it is time again to get the news in for the next issue of the "THUNDERBOLT", and also time to be enroute to New for this our 36th Annual Reunion.

Believe me, of all the letters that I have written for the "THUNDERBOLT", this is going to be one of the hardest ones I have ever had to write. I can almost say that I am writing with tears in my eyes, thinking of all of you men enroute to New York for this Reunion, while I am sitting here at home trying to write to you.

As many of you know, I have had two severe Heart Attacks and although I have gotten over them quite well, I am still suffering from severe Angina Attacks which are brought on by the Heart condition. On top of that, Mary has been very sick with severe cases of Diabetis and has been in the Hospital several times, the last time she was in a coma for ten days and for the first four days they didn't expect her to live, but thank God, she is doing quite well right now, but neither one of us are allowed to attend the Reunion strictly on the orders of the Doctor, so here we sit eating our hearts out thinking of each and every one of you who are there.

You can all rest assured that although we are not there with you in person, our hearts are there with you and you are all thought of in our Prayers. I know that there are many men who do not attend the Annual Reunions each year that feel bad about not going with you, but when you are as dedicated as both Mary and I are, who have only missed two Reunions, it is a very hard pill to swallow.

page of names of Company "H" men that we had in the book, but due to my health and the health of my wife, I haven't gotten around to sending them. I sincerely hope that I will soon be able to do it, because next year I am going to look for your help again in making Company "H" page, the largest in the book. I also want to ask any of you who haven't paid dues for this year, to please do it now. Send a check or Money Order in the name of the 83rd Infantry Division Association and either send it to me or to Headquarters. The dues are \$10.00, if you have already sent them in and you would like to help a less fortunate Buddy, send it to me and I will have the records checked and find a Co. "H" man who is on the unpaid roster.

May God Bless you all, and may you have a happy and healthy New Year. Remember, we are all getting older and our ranks are getting thinner. Lets keep in contact while we can.

Sincerely
Larry Redmond

There are so many things that I would like to say that I am sure that I could write enough to fill this entire "THUNDERBOLT", but as I sit here trying to write, it is harder each time I hit another key on the typewriter to get the next letter to come up on the paper. All that I can say for now is that Mary and I both extend our best wishes to all who are there and have only one big regret, and that is that we are not there with you. I am sure that the boys from Boston have done everything that they could to make this one of the greatest Reunions you have ever had the pleasure of attending. You will notice that I said "One of the Greatest", because I don't think that anyone can ever give a better Reunion than Philadelphia, I say this from the bottom of my heart and not just because I am a Philadelphia man.

Before I forget it, I want to thank each and everyone of you personally who contributed to the Ad Book to help make it the great success that it was. Working with the Ad Book Committee again this year, I had tremendous returns, which proves that I still have many friends in the 83rd Infantry Division Assn. Working on the Ad Book is a lot of hard work, but when you get the support of the members that we had this year it makes your job an easy one. Sorry that I can't be there in person to thank you all, but you will have to accept my thanks in writing.

Well the time has come to call it an end to another letter for the THUNDERBOLT, and with it Mary and I both want to tell you how much we will miss you all. May you all have a wonderful time and God Bless you all.

This year as the Chaplain reads out his list of departed Buddies, we all have to stop and think for a minute, let us all take a minute out to say an extra Prayer for those Buddies who were with us last year, but are with God this year. May they all rest in peace. Let us all remember, that as this list gets longer, let us all remember that we are all getting older and let us all try harder to make the next Reunion and meet those Buddies who were always so close to us. Again, I can't begin to tell you the thoughts that are in my mind, as I sit here thinking of you men who are enroute to this our 36th Annual Reunion. Again I say "MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL".

Sincerely
Larry Redmond

LATE FLASH

HELLO BUDDIES:

Here I am with a last minute note. I just received a letter in the mail to-day from our National President and he praised me for the hard work that I have done on making the Reunion Program Book the success that it has been for the past several years, and told me that the Florida Chapter would appreciate any help that I can give them, so here I go again.

If my health bears with me, I am going to be hounding the same men again this year for their support on ads for the Reunion Book, so get ready for my letter writing. This year I am going to have to start earlier because of my health, I can't do as much at one time, so I am going to have to ask for your full co-operation.

Remember, this is your Association, it doesn't belong to me or any other member, so any help you can give is for the good of the Association. The price of the ads hasn't been given to me as yet, so until you hear different, we will hope for the same thing. Remember, the greater the ad you can give, the more help you are giving the Reunion Committee. This Book is what helps make the Reunion, were it not for the extra monies derived from it, we would have to raise the registration fees to almost double of what they have been in the past. Let us start planning do-day, either send me the money for your ad or start saving for it so that you can send a larger one than you sent last year. Again God Bless you all and we thank you for your support.

Sincerely
Larry Redmond

Larry Redmond
132 Rockwood Drive
Havertown, PA 19083

P.S. My Mail Carrier enjoys delivering mail here and I enjoy receiving it. Remember, you can get 11 more names and that \$60.00 takes a full page Booster Ad.



Alfred Lupo

ALFRED LUPO, 56, of 10 Ivy Trail, Greenville, S.C. He served with the 83rd Inf. Div. in World War II.

This was sent in by Leroy McManaway, M. Co. 218 Ashmore Bridge Rd. Mauldin, S.C. 29662

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE:

Dear Bob:

I saw on Mike's 83rd association card that he was only paid up until August 1982, so I'm sending the ten dollars hoping that I can continue getting the Thunderbolt I always enjoyed reading it.

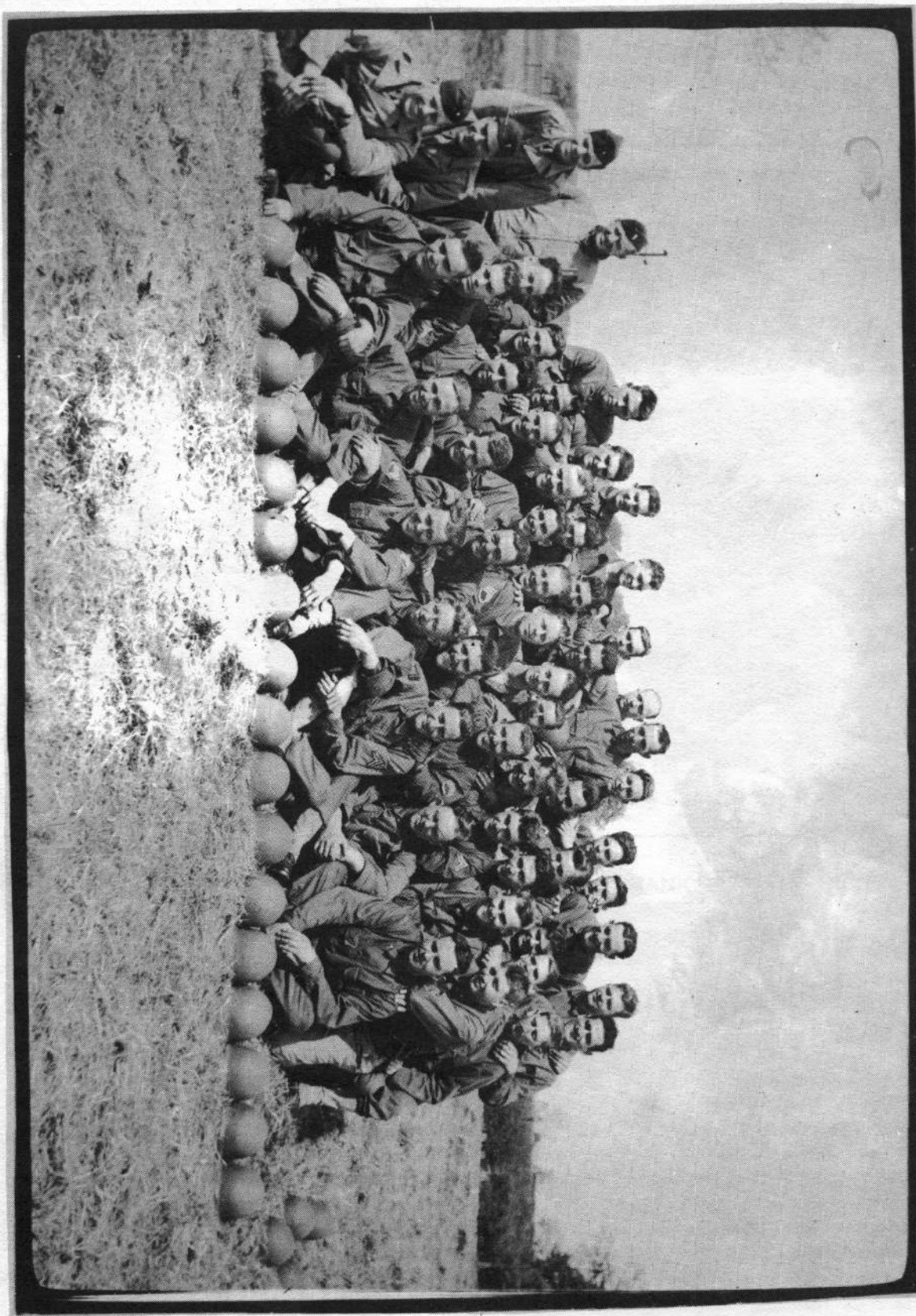
If possible will you please put a thank you for me to the 83rd'ers in the Thunderbolt for their sympathy cards and Mass cards. Especially to the 908 that sent Mike cards and letters while in the hospital.

Thank You
Mrs. Michael Brick

Grace the Thunderbolt will keep on coming to you and you need not send any more money. You will still receive it. You are in our prayers.



May 1945 -- Steve, Ferko and Frank



Co. "D" 330th, England 1944

**MEN OF CO. K.
331ST INFANTRY**

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

The Deceased Names from Co. K. were all sent to me, with donations, from their Buddies. I am sure there are many more we could add to this List.

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

The Greater Boston Chapter, headed by Mike Caprio and Pat Di Giammerino should be commended for the outstanding Reunion we had at the Pines. Anyone who was not there missed a Super Reunion; not forgetting Bernie Cove and his Staff for overextending themselves in order that the 83rd was well fed and entertained superbly. We are looking forward to visiting the Pines again in 1985.

Quite a few Men from Co. K who attended got together and had a great time. Among them was First Sgt. Earl McDonald and his lovely wife Fran. It was nice to see him after all these years, and we enjoyed their Company. He also joined the Philadelphia Chapter.

I will contact you in the near future for \$5.00 Booster Ads in next Year's Ad Book. We must go on with the tradition Co. K started. I would like to extend my Best Wishes for Happy Holidays for You and Yours.

Al Belvedere
Co. K. 331st Infantry



AFTER 37 YEARS

1st SGT. Earl McDonald, Staff SGT. Al Belvedere at the Pines.



**Men from Co. K at the Pines
331st Inf.**

Right to Left: Manny Epstein, Emmanuel Lima, Earl McDonald, Al Belvedere.



**PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER'S
PROUD HONOR GUARD**

Memorial Services at the Pines.



PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER GIRLS

Left to Right: Anna Belvedere, Mary, Lucy Volpi, Virginia Palazollo (Detroit) Lucy Bifano.

BOSTON CHAPTER REPORT

It is time to get my report off again. We have had many meetings here since the reunion. Boston has been very active and looking forward to going back to the Pines in 1985.

In November we had a dinner and meeting at the Golden Steer Restaurant in Walpole, MA. Robert Hunnewell got the "Performer of the Year Award" from our President, Romeo Maynard. The food was wonderful and we had many laughs.

At our last meeting, we had the nomination of officers for the year 1983:

President	Hyman Goodman
1st. Vice President	Bernard Cove
2nd Vice President	Larry Arrigo
Sec./Treasurer	Mike Caprio
Chaplains	Father Morissette Father Lanza
Recording Sec.	Romeo Maynard
Sgt. at Arms	Reymond Bjork
Membership Chairman	Paul Gunderson
Staff Reporter	Ambrose Tynan
Ways & Means: Chairman:	Pat DiGiammerino Ambrose Tynan Arthur Waples

The meeting was at the DiGiammerino's home. Ginny really put out lots of "chow" with many new dishes which were very good. Even with the icy conditions, many attended. Thanks to Ginny for a nice time.

Paul Gunderson is now in sunny Florida. He is certainly thinking of us up here in Boston.

Larry and Fran Arrigo are taking a vacation in Florida next month. All I can say is, Bill Chavanne must be taking excellent care of his gang from the 308 Engineers.

Nancy and I had a card from Howle Carlborn (the kind for the 908 FA). He has California all straightened out. We certainly missed you at the reunion. We also missed our favorite pal, the late Mike Brick, and his wife.

My good friend, Jim Prentice, has missed the last few meetings. I have tried to call him at his home in Hartford, Connecticut, but there has been no answer. I sure hope that he is on vacation! Jim is a real trooper for the 83rd and I miss him.

My brother is visiting from Florida and he tells me that Bill Donahue is enjoying himself in Florida.

Bernie Cove and his wife were coming to Boston last weekend. However a storm turned them back to the Pines. We were looking forward to showing Bernie a real good time. I am sure that you have received your raincheck by now Bernie.

Nancy and I went on a trip to Altoona, PA to visit with Bill Shaner and Don St. John and their wives. They are both members of the Greater Boston Chapter. Shaner's son, Jerry, took me to the Altoona Irish Club. I had such a good time. I am going to tell my good friend Kent O'Connell about it. I thought I was in the "Old Country".

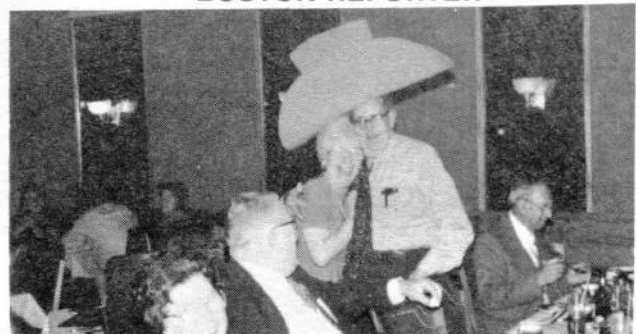
Orlo Hoover wrote me that he has been visiting with his son in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Orlo has been sick this past year and is making a splendid come back.

Dallas Williams and Jack Knight are doing fine out in Portland, Oregon. I telephoned Buck Taylor in California. He was not at home, however, his wife Marge was and she told me that Jim was doing great. Nancy Nellies send us a nice card. I guess Dave was at the football game. Les Taylor is going to retire from his teaching job after 35 years. He looks so young maybe he will go back in the Army. Captain Morgan, as we knew him, along with Frank Wirth and Otto Kiovisto are taking care of things in Washington, D.C.

A tip of the Irishman's hat to Jake Erwin for keeping in touch with me. Walter Harding will see us in Florida next August. Nancy and I may go down in March. There is a young Captain, Bob Costello, I would also like to see. I can hear Ed McCouch and Al Covi blowing the train whistle and I have to go to work now.

Bill Conley died here in Boston, MA. after a long illness. I believe he was in G Co. 329 Inf. Bob Kendell of the 323 FA died last September. Bob was a radio man in Headquarters Battery. Our sympathy goes to both families of these men.

Till Next Issue
AMBY TYNAN
BOSTON REPORTER



Bob Hunnewell, and one of his many hats

BOSTON CHAPTER



Boston Chapter "Rooters"



Eating meeting at the Golden Steer Restaurant, of the Greater Boston Chapter.



Larry Arrigo, Bob Derickson, Mike Caprio, Joseph Macaluso.



At Attention! Larry Arrigo, Hy Goodman.



November meeting of the Greater Boston Chapter, held at the Golden Steer Restaurant.

Calling Company G

Editor:

I would like to hear from anyone who served with Company G, 330th Infantry, 83rd Division, during the Battle of the Bulge, December, 1944, in Luxemburg.

If anyone knew my brother, P.F.C. Miller C. Green, who was killed in action, please write to me.

Mrs. Aloysius Snyder

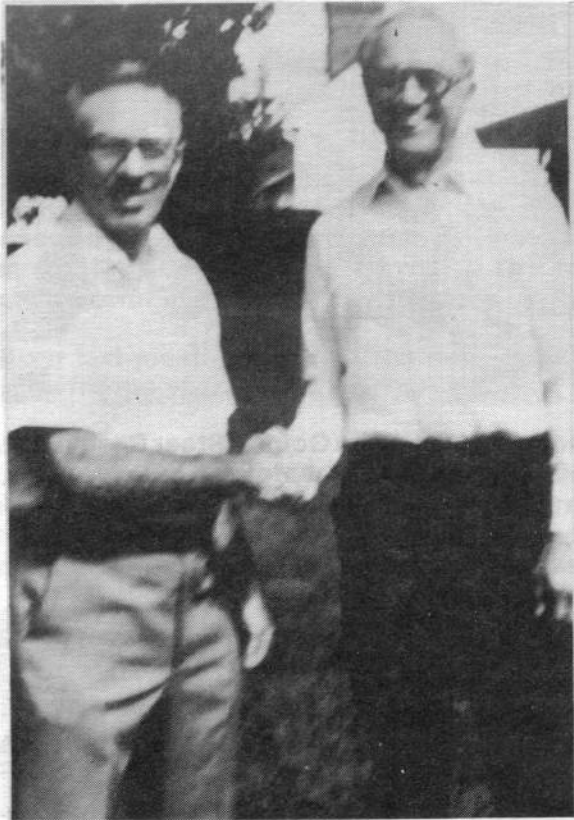
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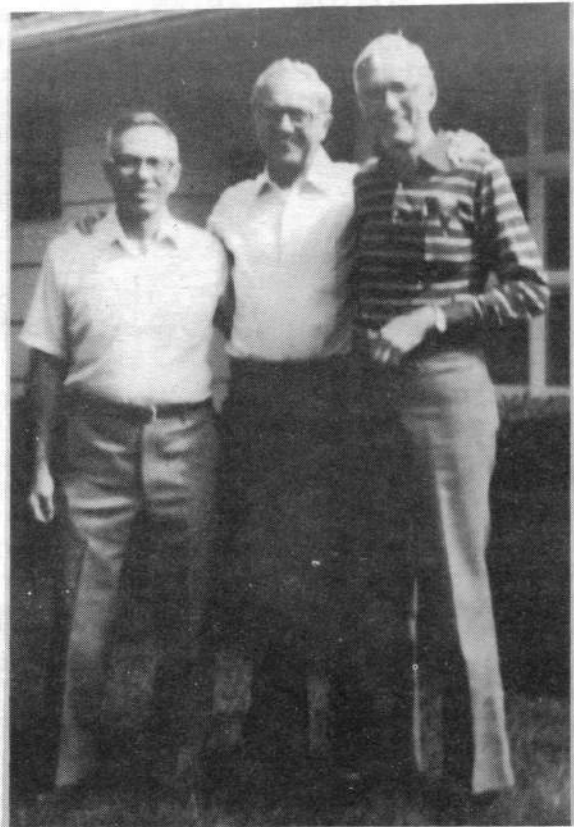
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Not knowing how and where he died has been a heartache for the past 38 years.

Mrs. Aloysius Snyder
Swanton



APENOWICH NOLTE



APENOWICH NOLTE ODENWELLER

**CO "D" 331st. INF.
by GENE NOLTE**

Co. "D" 331st. held a mini-reunion after leaving "The Pines" on Thursday, September 16. George and Polly Odenweller, Gene and Janet Nolte drove to Penfield (Rochester), New York, for a visit with Phil and Marie Apenowich. George, Gene and Phil had not seen each other since Phil was captured in September, 1944.

It was quite a nostalgic get-together. Phil once again relived the horror stories of his captivity by the Germans. Phil and Marie were very hospitable hosts for our over-night stay. Maybe the Noltes and the Odenwellers have convinced Phil and Marie to attend a future 83rd. reunion after telling them about the super time everyone had at "The Pines" this year.



Hello Buddies:

Boy! The time sure does fly by quickly anymore. Seems as though we just got home from the wonderful Reunion in the Catskills and here it is time once again to get another article in for the Thunderbolt. It has been just a couple of weeks since I read the last issue.

Hope all is going well for all of you and that you enjoyed the Florida type weather we were having. Predictions are for a big change now and we better start thinking about the freezing weather, snow, etc. until Spring. I hope also that all of you enjoyed the Holiday Season as much as possible with the Economy what it is today. There are many families that will not enjoy the Holidays because they are having difficulties in making ends meet. They are in for even more difficult times.

Made another trip to Florida this year and attended the Florida Chapter Meeting in West Palm Beach. Would you believe, I attended more of their Meetings than some of their members have? It's true! Had a great time with them. Learned that they have changed the Reunion site from Ft. Lauderdale to West Palm Beach because of the fantastic deal they got from another Hotel. Believe me, this change was made for the better for all of us.

Florida has a Chapter that is showing a lot of enthusiasm for the upcoming Reunion and from what I have seen, they are going to put on a great show for us. They are all hard at work already to insure that the Reunion will be one of the very best in our History. I'll leave the details up to them, and you will be reading about them in the future issues of the Thunderbolt.

Had plans to attend the Kentucky Christmas Party on the 4th of December and the West Virginia Christmas Party on the 5th, but had to cancel both for health reasons. I'm sorry fellows, it just wasn't to be. I'm sure I would have enjoyed both parties especially being in your company. Hope all of you had a great time and that you have many more in the future.

While in Florida, I learned that James G. Smith had passed away, but was unable to get any details. He served in Hq. Company of the 330th. His residence was in Largo. My good friend Bedford F. Foster of Hq. 330th, passed away (I believe in July) and this came as a real shock to me because I was planning to get together with him on this past trip. he lived in Ft. Pierce, Florida. My deepest sympathies to both of their families. May they rest in peace.

My mail since the last Thunderbolt, has shown me that my Buddies of the 331st appreciate the photos of the Plaque I dedicated in Gravenmacher, Luxembourg in September of 1981. The Government and the people of that community are the ones responsible for the wonderful job. They went all out to make the best they could. This past year, another was dedicated in Echternach, Luxembourg by C.E.B.A. and I am enclosing a photo for your viewing. You will notice that the 83rd was shown along with all the other Units that fought in that area.

Next September, C.E.B.A. will unveil a Monument to the American G.I. and they are now making plans to make it a great affair. They have invited me there for the dedication and asked that I get a group together for the occasion. I'm hoping that enough of you would make the journey with me and show them that we really care. I had originally planned to

go there in May, but have cancelled in favor of the September trip to represent the 83rd. If you are at all interested in making the trip with me, drop me a line right away so that we can get together on some sort of plan. There will not be a Mass Letter put out this time because the cost is something I cannot afford anymore. Luxembourgers do things up right and I'm sure they will make this a most memorable occasion.

I had much more in my mind to write about, but for now this brief article will have to suffice. Best of good luck, health and happiness to all of you. God Bless you all.

Samuel Klippa
"D" 331st. Inf.



This is a photo of the Monument that was put up by C.E.B.A. in the village of Echternach in Luxembourg. Our E.T.O. travelers can't miss it when passing through the town.

Dear Robert:

I could not make it to the reunion this year. Two days before we were going to leave for The Pines, I had a bad fall at work and broke my Pelvis. So when the reunion was on I was flat on my back in the hospital. I was there 24 days but home now and getting along good. After my accident my wife called the Pines, and told them about my problems. So they sent my deposit back. I thought that was very nice of them.

I'm sending you a check for my dues for 1983.

As always
Harold J. Fisher
Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Dear Buddies:

I know I missed one of the Best of Reunions."

Bernie Cove told me all about his plans when I visited him at the Pines prior to the Re-Union.

I've included the last of the unit citation and a letter to General Macon.

The cover of the reunion in Boston 22 years ago, like us, is now an antique. I've also continued the "After Battle" reports.

The U.S. Army photograph was taken Jan. 17, 1945 at Borigny Belgium. The men are of the 1st. Ptt. 333rd. Anti Tank Co. of our Division.

I wish you all the Best of the Holidays.

We Were the Best
Wm. Kent O'Connell
83rd M.P.

Continued from previous issue of the Thunderbolt!

and penetrated to edge of PEEL (Q0209), encountering no defensive works, minefields, booby traps or enemy personnel.

Units of the 331st Infantry continued 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 the MOSELLE - SAUER RIVERS from SIERCK (Q005945) 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, 16 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 C Company observed 2-man 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 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 Divisions 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 3rd Infantry Division from that outlined in the Field Order Number 35.

On the Division right flank, the 330th Infantry extended from SIERCK (Q005945) North to GREVELDANGE (L0010), with the 1. 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.

On the extreme left, the 329th Infantry patrolled

East to the MOSELLE - SAUER RIVERS with the 3rd Battalion on the right, the 2nd Battalion on the left, and the 1st 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 the 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 purposes 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.

Enemy patrols were particularly vigorous in the 329th Infantry area. At 0700 and 0900 six and fifteen-man patrols approached two front line observation posts but both enemy patrols were driven off. At 1100 an eight-man patrol was discovered at L077335 and forced to withdraw after suffering three casualties.

In order to take advantage of a relatively inactive period, the Division initiated a three-week course of advanced training for selected non-commissioned officers at MONDORFF (P9402). Some of the more important subjects to be taught were map reading, tactical training of the infantry soldier, combat orders and troop leading, patrolling, tactics (from a rifle squad to and including an infantry battalion) and other essential subjects.

On the Division left flank the relief of the 8th Infantry Division by the 28th Infantry Division was completed at 0830.

20 November 1944

Foot and motorized patrols continued to operate along the Division front while reserve elements were engaged in training activities and maintenance of equipment.

The 329th Infantry, 330th Infantry, 331st Infantry, and the 83rd Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop received instructions that the 10th Armored Division would take over the mission of Task Force POLK. A temporary boundary between the 83rd Infantry Division and the 10th Armored Division was established on the MOSELLE RIVER from SIERCK North to a point L0720 then east to the SAAR RIVER at L1520. The 330th Infantry was ordered to make a study of the bridge site at REMICH with a view of protecting it if possible from the West side of the river and to investigate the possibility of sending a security force to the East bank immediately prior to the uncovering of the site by the advance of the 10th Armored Division.

At the request of the XX Corps, and with permission of the VIII Corps, the Division agreed to support by fire the advance of the 10th Armored Division in its drive North toward SAARBURG (L1413).

The 330th Infantry was directed to withdraw Company B from the BASSE KONTZ area to Battalion Reserve in the vicinity of BURMERANGE. The regiment was ordered to send contact patrols across the MOSELLE RIVER behind the front lines of the 10th Armored Division as they advanced North in order to study the terrain and determine the nature and amount of enemy resistance.

Activity in front of the 331st Infantry was limited to patrol action. A six-man enemy patrol was ambushed by Company K at L079231 at 0900 and a fire fight ensued. The result of the action was four Germans killed and two escaped.

At 1630 a 15-man patrol was sighted by Cannon Company of the 329th Infantry at L0911356 and brought under fire by this organization. Plans were completed this date with officer representatives from the 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron for employment by the 329th Infantry for purposes of training.

The 774th Tank Battalion continued to fire a great many secondary missions.

The Battalion fired five concentrations and several harassing missions on KONZ KARTSHAUS (L1820) and LIERSBERG (L1425), MENNIG (L0205), SIMZ

(L0605), and several small towns. While on a routine patrol, a tank ran over an enemy mine at road junction Northeast of WASSEREILLIG and was destroyed by burning.

21 November 1944

Normal patrolling and training activities continued along the Division front without incident.

Having been uncovered by 10th Armored Division, East of the MOSELLE RIVER, Company B, 330th Infantry, was withdrawn from area BASSE KONTZ North to a point (Q0199). The area was covered with observation posts during hours of daylight and by patrols at night.

The 331st Infantry had one patrol cross the MOSELLE RIVER vicinity (L026118) but made no contact with the enemy.

There was no patrolling by the enemy in the 329th Infantry sector. A company problem was held for C Company and one platoon of B Company.

Shortly after midnight on 21 November a single enemy plane passed over Division area. At 1840, three to five enemy planes were over the area and two hours later what was believed to be a jet-propelled plane passed over U998993 flying Southeast. Shortly thereafter a single plane was heard over the same position, and four aircraft were over the area between 2115 and 2240. One of these flights dropped six small bombs in the vicinity of SENNINGEN (P9217), not far from the 331st Regimental Command Post, but no damage resulted.

22 November 1944

The Division continued patrolling and training activities without incident. In the 331st Infantry sector the 2nd Battalion was relieved by the 3rd Battalion, which closed in reserve at 2215.

Officers from Troops A & B, 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron and Company B, 52nd Armored Infantry Battalion (all units from the 9th Armored Division) received final details from the 329th Infantry regarding the relief of two platoons of the 83rd Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop and Company G, 329th Infantry. (Relief was to be completed by 23 November).

The Division Artillery carried out minor regroupings in order to better support the advance of the 10th Armored Division on the East side of the MOSELLE RIVER. The 323rd Field Artillery Battalion closed in vicinity CANACH (P9813) at 0915. The 324th Field Artillery Battalion closed vicinity WECKER (L0222) at

1630. The Assault Gun Platoon, 774th Tank Battalion (being used on secondary mission) closed vicinity MICHELSHOF (L026315) at 1100. A TOT with three battalions was fired on MACHTUM (L0618) at 1830, and on NITTEL (L0618) at 1850.

By First Army order the MOSELLE RIVER from SIERCK (L0094) North and East through TRIER (L2028) to KOBLENZ (L8995) became the permanent boundary between the First and Third Armies (See Item 345, G-2, G-3 Journal, 22 November 1944).

Platoons from the 331st Infantry and 330th Infantry were tested by a group of Division Officers. The following techniques were observed: The attack of intermediate objective (the outpost line of a defensive position) and final objectives, and reorganization and consolidation of final objective.

23 November 1944

Patrolling and training activities continued throughout the Division. Enemy patrol activity was increased somewhat during the day and their efforts were directed toward taking prisoners, cutting wires, tapping communication lines, in determined attempts to get information concerning our strength, plans, movements and operations. One man was killed and three listed as missing as a result of these enemy patrols.

Relief of Co. G, 329th Infantry, by Company B, 52nd Armored Infantry Battalion, was completed and Company G moved to an assembly area vicinity OSWEILER (L0632). 1st Battalion, 330th Infantry, withdrew from its positions covering the river line on the right flank of the Division area, and moved into an assembly area vicinity ITZIG (P8711), Company C remained behind at BURMERANGE (U9799).

Company B, 308th Engineer Battalion, operated a survey at SCHENGEN (Q0097), and continued hydrographic study of the MOSELLE RIVER at that point.

One jet-propelled plane was observed flying South over HERBORN (L0628) at approximately 0930. An unidentified aircraft was observed at 2230 over (P8710).

The entire Division was alerted to "Stand By" at 2300, but no unusual activity was observed or reported in the Division area during the night 23-24 November.

24 November 1944

Patrolling of MOSELLE RIVER, West bank, from SIERCK (L0094) to the mouth of the SAUER RIVER (L1124) and thence North along the SAUER RIVER to the Division boundary (L0240), continued without incident.

Two platoons, 83rd Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop and the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon, 329th Infantry, withdrew to assembly areas upon relief by Troops A and B, 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, units of the 9th Armored Division attached to the 329th Infantry, Company B, 52nd Armored Infantry Battalion, also a unit of the 9th Armored Division attached to the 329th Infantry, moved into position and effected relief of Company G, 329th Infantry.

Company I, 330th Infantry, relieved Company C at

BURMERANGE (U9799), Company C withdrew to assembly area vicinity FENTANGE (P8508) close to remainder of 1st Battalion.

Company C, 331st Infantry, relieved Company A at 1530.

The Reconnaissance Platoon, 802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion, was relieved from attachment to the 83rd Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop at 0900.

No enemy air activity was reported over the Division zone during the day.



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APO 83, U. S. Army

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 221

2 November 1945

UNIT CITATION

Under the provisions of Section IV, Circular 333, War Department, 22 December 1943, and as approved by the Commanding General, Third United States Army and Eastern Military District, the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon, 329th Infantry is cited for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy from 4 September 1944 to 16 September 1944.

On 4 September 1944, the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon crossed the Loire River into enemy held territory with the mission of scouting enemy positions and movements. After about six days of extended patrolling through an area some seventy miles wide and one hundred miles deep south of the Loire River, the platoon received word through French informants in Issoudon, France, that a large force of approximately 20,000 Germans was moving eastward in an attempt to escape through the Belfort Gap into Germany. Racing through enemy territory, heedless of the threat of capture or annihilation which faced them at every turn, the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon boldly effected a contact with the Commander of the German forces and convinced him of the desirability of surrendering his force to the American Army. While the Platoon Leader returned to the Regimental Command Post for instructions, the platoon was charged with the mission of maintaining contact with the enemy force and restraining the local FFI from making any premature show of force. Armed with but a few rifles, machine guns and pistols, this courageous group virtually contained the entire enemy force by their sheer audacity and bold and aggressive patrolling. Constantly patrolling the area, tracking down rumors of other enemy groups, being sniped at by isolated enemy armed with burp guns and having their vehicles sabotaged by authorized American representative. This meeting occurred on 11 September 1944 at the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon Command Post at Romorantin. Arrangements were made to have the German Force proceed to three assembly areas along the Loire River where they would formally surrender and collaborationist French, the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon held on to their prize until arrangement could be made to have the German Commander meet with an authorized American representative. This meeting occurred on 11 September 1944 at the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon Command Post at Romorantin. Arrangements were made to have the German Force proceed to three assembly areas along the Loire River where they would formally surrender and turn in their weapons. The long trek to the river began with the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon acting as guides, flank Guards, and liaison agents with the French Forces along the way. Only the timely intervention of the men of the platoon prevented frequent outbreaks by the FFI who were not familiar with the situation or the terms of the surrender. Finally, on 16 September 1944, at Beaugency, France, the German commander surrendered himself, his troops and all of their equipment to Major General Macon, Commanding General of the 83d Infantry Division, acting on behalf of the Army Commander. The outstanding gallantry of this intrepid group of soldiers in arranging and executing the first and largest mass surrender of the war up to that time is without parallel in the annals of military history. The courage and devotion to duty of every man of the platoon reflect the finest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

HEADQUARTERS XII CORPS

Office of the Commanding General

Major General Robert C. Macon
Commanding, 83d Infantry Division, APO 83, U. S. Army

APO 312, U. S. Army, 1 September 1945

My dear General Macon:

It is with genuine regret that I relinquish command of the XII Corps.

Before I leave I want you to know how grateful I am for the fine performance of the 83d Infantry Division while under my command. Its actions have always reflected the leadership of its commander, the experience of its staff, and the high soldierly standards of its veteran troops.

Ours has been a most pleasant association. Please accept for your division this expression of appreciation together with my warmest good wishes for yourself and my friends in the 83d.

Sincerely,

/s/ S. LEROY IRWIN

Major General, U. S. Army, Commanding.

DIXIE CHAPTER NEWS

The Dixie Chapter was not too well represented at the National Convention held at the Pines at So. Falsburg, N.Y. this past September. However, those of us that did attend had a great time. As already mentioned in the Thunderbolt by several of the other chapters, we were very saddened at the death of Mildred Minick, wife of one of our members, W. Meadows Minick. Sympathy shown to Meadows at the convention was really appreciated by all of the Dixie Chapter members and especially by Meadows.

On November 11th Meadows underwent surgery at the University Hospital in Augusta, Ga. for a double by-pass heart operation. He has had this problem for some time and was advised by doctors to have surgery. He stood the Operation very good, and was kept in intensive care for some time. He was then transferred to Eisenhower Hospital at Fort Gordon, Ga. for further recuperating. He is now at home and getting along just fine. Drop Meadows a card at Rt. 2, Kinards, S.C. 29355.

Dick Riddle is a patient in the Veterans Hospital in Augusta, Ga. at the present time. Talked to Lessie by phone today, and she said that Dick is getting along pretty good, but they still have not determined just what this trouble is. They are running quite a few test, and Lessie said that she just did not know how long Dick might be in the hospital.

We had our Christmas party this past week-end, Dec. 4th and 5th, at the Riverside Motor Lodge in Gatlinburg, Tenn. This is always a great occasion for us and we had a great time. Over 90 people attended this party. As Special guest we had Billie Glenn, widow of Jake Glenn who passed away in July of this year. She was presented a plaque in memory of the work that Jake had done for our organization. Also attending as special guests were Jake, Jr. and his wife Betty.

I spent 10 days in October in Las Vegas visiting with my old Army buddy, Don Clayton. While there I attended the Octoberfest celebratio sponsored by the German-American Club of Las Vegas. This was held at the Sahara Convention Center. We had a wonderful time.

The next meeting of the Dixie Chapter will be the second week-end in March 1983 here in Newberry, S.C. at the Newberry Inn (Best Western). We are looking forward to a big attendance at this meeting.

O.L. Cook, Jr.
Reporter

I am inclosing a copy of a poem written by our chaplin, Haran Martin, in memory of Jake Glenn. Please include this in your next Thunderbolt.

Also inclosed are a few snapshots taken at the National Convention.

LOYALTY

He was a good friend to all,
and was loved by everyone.
He liked to associate with his friends,
if it be business or having fun.

When you saw him yesterday,
again today he was the same.
He never seemed to change his way,
he built himself this type of name.

He was a true devoted comrade,
to the Dixie Chapter of the Eighty Third.
When he made anyone a promise,
he never failed to keep his word.

We all are going to miss him,
especially the family he left behind.
For they all dearly loved him,
to them he was so special and kind.

May I say to all you good comrades,
who was not too acquainted with our friend.
In my opinion he was a scholar,
that is also the opinion of others who knew him.

This man we have spoken about,
the memories will live on and on of him.
We will never forget those dedicated days,
spent with our departed comrade - JAKE GLENN.

Chaplain Dixie Chapter 83rd Inf.
Haran R. Martin
CO. C. 331st.



Nellie & Fred Messina

NEWS FROM THE 783rd

HI BOB!

How time flies when you are busy. Seems like it was just last week we were having all that fun at the reunion at The Pines in New York.

Since that memorable week we have had the pleasure of talking to Labbe and Mohon. Poor Labbe missed the reunion at the last minute when his brother was stricken with an illness. He is OK now. Percy Mohon's back kicked up but both are vowing to get to Florida next year. Percy also came through with another new found 783rder. "Q" Boyett. He gave me his telephone number, 1-205-662-4892, and his address is Rte. # 2, Millport, Alabama, 35576. I called "Q" and he was really excited to be found and he asked about everybody. He has had a by-pass operation and he is feeling better all the time and he too is looking forward to "seeing you all" at the Florida reunion.

Doc. Pfeifer and bride had a nice trip to California but were unable to make contact with either Grayson or Kimball. Fortunately his son was home and his refrigerator was full. (P.S. I goofed, change your address sheets, Grayson's number is 1-209-229-2630). It may also interest you to know that we are still trying to get more fellows interested in the reunions as we sent out 43 letters with address lists and photos to all those who were not able to get to the New York reunion and with all the wives showing their best ---- who knows?

Lastly, John Forster finally made contact with Lloyd Grayson and it was a moving experience for both, so do what I've been preaching. Pick out one, or a couple of your old buddies and call or write them. It will be worth 100 times the cost and effort.

P.S. Stay healthy, eat roughage.

Rags Rangnow

Have a happy and healthy New Year Bob and take care of my good buddy, Arthur.

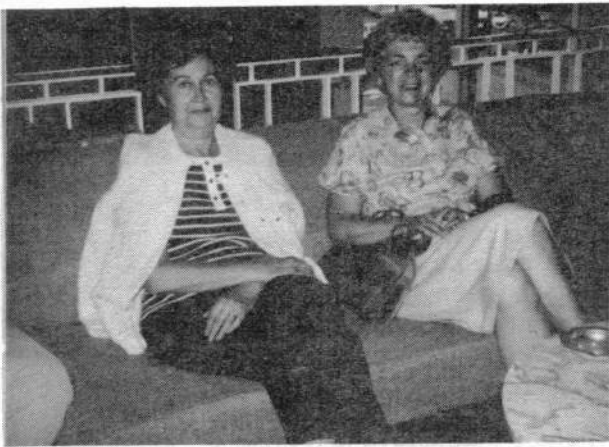
CALL LETTERS:

W30JX:7
John A. Aller
10008 Coggins Drive
Sun City, Arizona 85351

Dear Bob:

Do you have on your roster or someone in the Hamilton, Ohio area by the name of Darrel Chism. He was listec' from Hamilton, Ohio, Co. "" 331 st. Div. I have lost his address and his whereabouts. If you know of him please inform me. Is there anyone from the 83rd out here in Sun City, Arizona? Would like to hear from them.

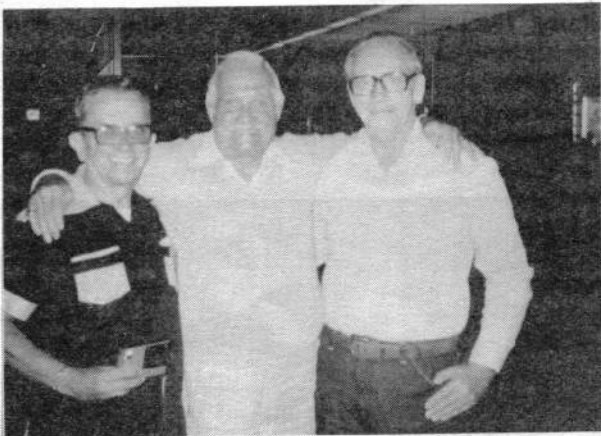
Also anyone that is a Short Wave Operator. I still keep in touch with members by Short Wave Radio.



Hazel Wehling & Fran Belien



John & Virginia Cox



Jack Krebs, Morris Pearson, O.L. Cook

such as Jim Young K4TGC in St. Pete, Florida, every Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. EST on 14, 235 Kc. My call letters are W30JX Sun City, Arizona, 10008 Coggins Drive, 85351. Those that care to talk to members of the 83rd.

Sorry I did not make it to the reunion this past but I hope everyone had a good time. Too far away now. But if its ever out this way, I won't miss it. I've met a lot of Co. "F" fellows that I had not seen since leaving Europe at Pittsburgh. It is one I'll never forget.

Still trying to write a book on us doughboys, the way it really was.

I remain
Joahn A. Aller
Co. "F" 331st

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER NEWS

Reporter
John T. Piscitelli

At our October meeting we had our election of officers for the year 1982-83. The new officers are as follows:

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| President | John Daum |
| Vice President | Al Fisher |
| Secretary | Lou Volpi |
| Treasurer | Al Belvedere |
| Chaplain | John T. Piscitelli |
| Quarter Master of Equipment | Manny Lima |
| Sgt. at Arms | Bill Hoolan |
| Sgt. at Arms | Lester Hauck |

After the meeting and all new officer's approved by members present, our lovely wives served us a hoagie night, with coffee and all members quenched their thirst at our very nominal bar where the price is always right.

Anyone of our Thunderbolt buddies visiting our area: we meet the third (3rd) Saturday of each month. Contact anyone of our members for directions.

In November we had dinner for our installation of officers. Arrangements were made for the Drexel Brooke Club by Joe Gioia and his friend Mary. A great time was had by all. The 50-50 was won by Joe Gioia's granddaughter. Lucky little girl.

We are now preparing for our Christmas Dinner at Fran O'Brien's on our city Line Avenue. My!!! It seems like yesterday that we left the Pines. We sure await our reunions every year. More as as we get older. Again we ask all our Thunderbolt Buddies to send in their dues for 1982-83. God willing we will see you all in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Your Buddie
John Piscitelli
"C" 323 F.A. BN.

CHAPLAIN'S STEEPLE

John T. Piscitelli
Chaplain

The Philadelphia Chapter lost three (3) more men since our last issue. Our chapter has been pretty hard hit. So far in 1982 we've lost (9) men. Quite a few lost contact with each other. With our chapter and National Association as we grow older we should all keep closer together. The three (3) men we lost were:

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| Howard D. McLaughlin | 83rd Quarter Master |
| Carmine Fiato | "M" 330 |
| Anthony Barbone | "H" 330 |

Most of us in our chapter were born and raised with Barbone. Quite a few of us attended his viewing. Larry Redmond, "H" 330 who was his platoon Sgt., since the days of Camp Atterbury and combat. Also Harry Stevens of 330 Medics. Harry carried him off the field in combat when Barbone almost lost his arm.

We thank each and everyone that attended the viewing and also Anthony Barbone's funeral. The following day our chapter did the honors' as pall bearers. Lou Volpi, Al Belvedere, John T. Piscitelli, Bernite Mendelsohn, Joe Gioia and Manny Lima. God bless each and every one, for a job well done. We try attend whenever some one passes away or is very ill. The only way we find out when something happens to our Buddies is when we write for dues, or send them Christmas cards. Serious illness as we grow older should make us all keep in touch with each other.

Seven (7) other men have passed on:

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| Norman Bessette | |
| Robert Kendell | |
| William Gliebe | |
| Robert B. Turner | "M" 330 |
| William T. Oliver | |
| Alfred Lupo | |
| Norman F. Lucas | Hdqs. 3rd. Bn. 329th
"L" 329th Sept. 1982 after a
long battle with cancer. |

May the Good Lord keep them all at his side throughout all eternity. Even with the end of time. Amen.

We still ask for all buddies that send in names to please send in the Co. and units of the Deceased. As we approach 1983 we all pray for a long life -- God willing.

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

One more death notice:

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| Karl Schmittel | Serv. 908 |
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1982 REUNION

INCOME

Ad Book	\$ 6,772.00
50/50 Club	360.00
90 83rd Lapel Pins	270.00
90 83rd T-Shirts	404.00
50 Patches	50.00
Womens Auxilary Arts & Crafts	<u>848.00</u>
Total	\$ 8,704.50

EXPENSES

50/50 Club	180.00
Bell Hop, Liquor, Soda, Snacks for Boston C.P.	288.15
Lapel Shields, Insert for Shields, Cellophane Bags	117.00
Printing of Ad Book	1,056.00
Ladd Printing (Instant Printing)	223.75
U.S.P.S. Postage	877.07
U.P.S. Service	150.25
Liquor for Hospitality Room	2,515.50
Flowers, Wreaths, Singer	91.00
T-Shirts	317.00
Lapel Pins	250.00
Banner for Banquet Hall, Raffle Tickets, Flowers, Corsages	268.04
Plaques	127.71
Security	155.00
Printing Forms for Ad Book	50.00
Golf Trophies	22.00
Bank Charges	19.29
Services, Parking, Delivery	185.00
Hospitality Room for May Meeting	122.00
Non-Profit Mailings (2)	284.74

EXPENSES AFTER NOV. 10th, 1982

Printing of Original Transcript	142.00
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