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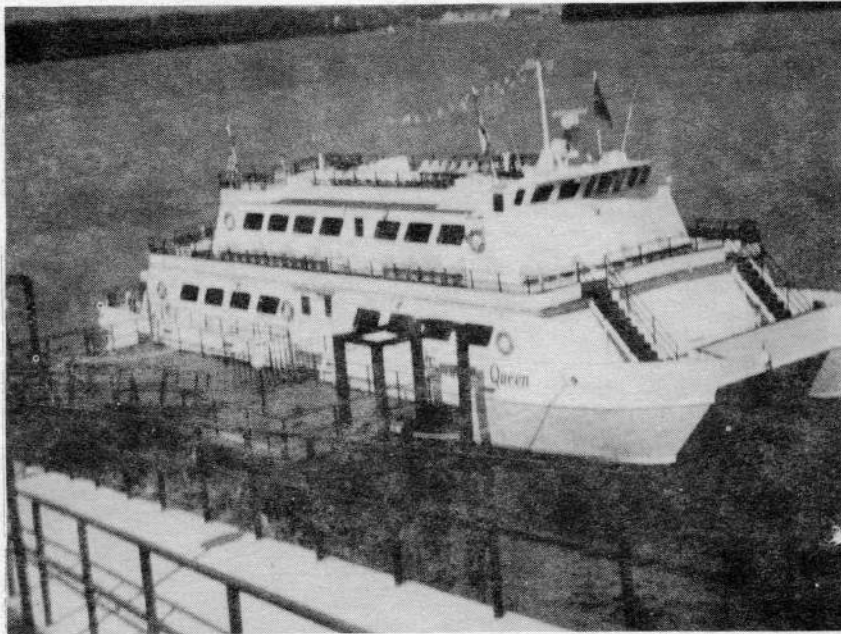
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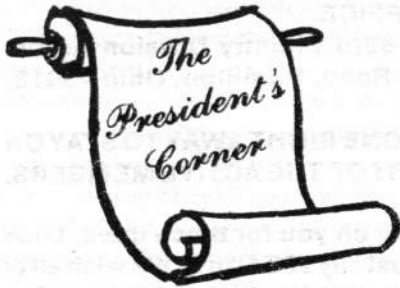
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		Michael Caprio 1981
		Ralph Gunderson 1982



The year 1984 is now here. We hope you all had a pleasant holiday season. Keep thinking 1984 and the reunion in Owensboro, Kentucky. I have been remembering some of the headlines that appeared 40 years ago in the "U.S. Stars and Stripes" and also the U.S. papers about the 83rd. See if you remember them. Maybe you can even remember more. "83rd first to the Rhine," "How to put salt on a German General's Tail", "83rd captures 20,000 Germans", "It was Hell Hedge rows and Heinies". Bring back memories. I am glad it is all behind us. Aren't you????????

We can all talk about those headlines and be thankful we made it. That is why we have that Memorial for those who did not make it, Each year our number grows less. Come to the reunion while you can and enjoy the fellowship of your old buddies. Since the last issue of the Thunderbolt here in the Kentucky Chapter we have lost two good men. Theodore Ritchie and John (Jay) Wright. They were dedicated 83rd men and will be missed by all.

We hope you will make every effort to be at the 1984 reunion in Owensboro, Kentucky. Reservations are coming in real good. Send yours as soon as possible. We are looking for a large attendance. We know all of us in the Kentucky Chapter will enjoy the reunion and will do all we can to see that you enjoy it and meeting with your buddies. How many more years will the 83rd be having reunions? Let's all go while we still can.

Look for all the reservations forms elsewhere in the Thunderbolt. Get them completed and mailed to the right person.

Remember your dues for 1984 are supposed to be in. Get your \$10.00 off to Bob Derickson immediately. We need you.

May 1984 bring peace thruout the world and Happiness and Good Health to all of you.

Support the ad book. That helps with the cost of your hospitality room. Send that to R.C. Hamilton.

We will be looking for you in Owensboro, Kentucky for the reunion in August.

YOUR PRESIDENT

Arthur Doggett
783rd ORD.



Arthur and Mildred Doggett



Here we are into a New Year. Cold and ice have prevailed for most of us. Pearl and I hope that all of you had as wonderful a Christmas as we did.

We thank all of you who sent us cards and best wishes for the holiday season. Pearl says one card was prettier than the next. We appreciate them all. Your kindness means a lot to us.

Kentucky Chapter has lost two of their faithful members. Theodore Ritchie, known to all of us as "Ritchie", and John Wright known to many as "Jay". They both passed away since the reunion. They will be sadly missed by all and especially by the Kentucky Chapter. Our sympathy to Theessa Ritchie and her family and to Marybelle Wright and her family.

Manny and Avalon Goodridge have both been "under the weather". We hope for a speedy recovery to both of them. We miss you at the meetings.

Plans by the Kentucky Chapter for the August reunion are keeping all the Chapter members jumping. There is more about it elsewhere in the Thunderbolt. Golf reservations go to Paul Bryar. No money involved. But Paul has to know how many men and women plan to participate. So get that form to Paul right away.

Early Bird arrivals for the beautiful boat trip on the Ohio river will need to get their reservations in early. Just come and get on that boat and let the captain do the steering while you watch the sunset. The reservation form and check for \$5.00 per person goes to Manny Goodridge. Do this right away.

Now for the third form. This form must go to R.C. Hamilton. He has to know how many are going in order to make reservations for lunch which will be served at Camp Breckenridge. No money involved in this form either.

Now remember there are three reservation forms elsewhere in the Thunderbolt. Golf form to Paul Bryar, Boat ride reservation form and \$5.00 per person must go to Manny Goodridge. Camp Breckenridge trip form must go to R.C. Hamilton. No money involved. Get these forms into the right person immediately so you will be counted.

NOW IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES OF \$10.00 GET THOSE IN IMMEDIATELY TO ME

HERE AT THE OFFICE.

**Bob Derickson, 83rd Infantry Division Assoc.
3749 Stahlheber Road, Hamilton, Ohio 45013.**

THIS MUST BE DONE RIGHT AWAY TO STAY ON THE MAILING LIST OF THE ACTIVE MEMBERS.

We are counting on you for those dues. Look at your card. It must say 1984 on it. We wish all of you a Very Happy and Healthy New Year. See you in Owensboro. All members of the Kentucky Chapter are really working hard to make it a success for you. Get your reservation in to the Hotel early.

SUPPORT YOUR REUNION. GET AN AD INTO R.C. HAMILTON IMMEDIATELY.

**Bob Derickson
3rd Bn. Hq. 329th**

FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

I have attempted many times to thank the members of the Association for electing me to the Board some five years ago. In the next issue, I will try to express my thanks and also my thoughts on being a member of the Board. However, I must first, bring to the attention of the members of the Association, some information that has come into my possession just a few days ago.

I received a letter from Lee Titus, inclosed was a clipping from the Ohio VFW News from 1981. It was mailed to him by Ambrose Tyman. A copy of the clipping is printed in this issue of the Thunderbolt. It states that another member of the 83rd Infantry Division has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Sam Phillips was a Medical aidman assigned to Co. C 308th Engineers and was recommended for the Medal of Honor while he was a member of the 83rd Division. He did not receive the medal until Feb. 4, 1945, at that time he was assigned to another unit.

I have been unable to get a copy of the Citation. Sam Phillips has requested that we keep this at a low key.

Joe Phillipone has recently talked to Sam Phillips, he states that Sam has kept this information to himself, and members of his family were not aware of the Award until many years after the award was received.

I have written to Sam Phillips, I told him that I would respect his privacy, but as a member of the Board, I thought it would be my duty to let the members of the Association know of his achievement. I have instructed Bob Derickson to send him his membership Card and also to put him on the mailing list for his Thunderbolts. I informed Sam that at our meeting in August 1984 that I

would recommend to the Association that he be made a Life Member of the Association.

I have requested that the President of the Association, Arthur Doggett, issue to Sam Phillips an invitation to attend our reunion in Kentucky in August 1984.

I am now in my fifth year as a member of the Executive Board. It has been an honor for me to serve, because I feel that in some way it has helped me to thank the members of not only G 331st, but also all the members of the Division for giving me the opportunity to serve with you. I feel proud that I was a member of one of the better Divisions.

In my years as a member of the Army Reserve I came into contact with Officers and Enlisted Men that had served side by side with our Division in Europe. Believe me, you can feel, that by serving with the 83rd Division, you served with an outfit that was outstanding and in many cases head and shoulders above the rest of the Divisions. Although I was a member of the Association since the early 1950's I was not active and felt that I should not take an active part in the meetings because so many of you had laid the ground work for an outstanding Association.

My hat is off to those that had the foresight to organize the Association, and to those that played an outstanding part in keeping the Association going thru the early days. During my term I have come into contact with some of the finest individuals that I have ever known, and in the next article I hope to thank each and every one of those men and their wives.

Joe Macaluso

83rd Comrades

The Kentucky Chapter welcomes you to Owensboro, Kentucky for our 38th Annual Reunion-August 9-10-11-1984.

Since we are centrally located in Mideastern United States served by five Interstate Highways, a days drive from most of our members, we are expecting the largest attendance ever.

Owensboro is a typical Kentucky city on the Ohio River with many tourist attractions. Known for it's famous Bar-BQ and bourbon-James C. Ellis Thoroughbred Park within one hours drive (Racing daily) -Ben Hawes State Park and Golf Course five minute drive from hotel-Glenmore's Little Museum and Distilleries-Owensboro Area Museum-Three shopping malls and many other attractions-come early and stay late-you will find plenty to do.

We have a great group of Guys and Gals in the Chapter who have been working very hard on the Reunion. We believe everyone will have a good time.

The following is a tentative program and may be altered:

Early Birds-Wednesday Night-August 8-Ohio River Cruise on The Executive Queen.

7:00-9:00 PM-Dinner before or after cruise (on your own)

Cash Bar and snacks on the Queen \$5.00 per person (See reservation form elsewhere in Thunderbolt for this event).

Thursday - Registration

Ladies Entertainment-Pearl Derickson Chairperson Dinner and Dance-Country Western with square dancing included-Western attire if you wish.

Friday-Registration

Camp Breckenridge tour with free lunch at the Camp, compliments of Earl C. Clements Job Corp Center (Reservation form elsewhere in Thunderbolt).

Business meeting-Ladies shopping tour and entertainment.

Dinner and Dance.

Saturday - Registration

Business meeting - Memorial Service Annual banquet and dance

Sunday morning-breakfast before departing

Hospitality room - Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Top name entertainment in the Show Room Lounge each night, if you desire (on your own)

Golf will be available each day at Ben Hawes State Park-five minutes from hotel-Golf tournament???

The motel is excellent. They have worked with us top-notch. Anything we have asked for, has been provided. We hope you will be well pleased.

See you August? 9-10-11 ? Y'all come - YOUSE guys come too!!

R.C. Hamilton
Reunion Chairman



83RD. INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

1983 REUNION

INCOME

Ad. Book	\$6,417.00
Registration Fees & Dues	7,710.00
Raffles, Boutiques, Arts & Crafts	<u>1,624.00</u>
Total	15,751.00

EXPENSES

Hyatt Hotel-Fri. Luncheon, Ice Cream Social, Beer (Hosp. Room) etc	\$3,868.00
Dues to Secy-Treas. Collected at Reunion	2,350.00
Orchestra	1,500.00
Court Reporter	150.00
Transcript Of Meetings	286.00
Ad Book Printing	1,417.00
Flowers, Wreathes, Corsages, etc.	348.00
Bus for shopping	210.00
May Meeting of Executive Board	524.00
Ladies's gift presented at Registration	405.00
Raffle & Boutique Merchandise	250.00
Entertainers of Fri. Night	475.00
Advance from National Treasury	500.00
Printing & Stationery pd. by National Office	327.00
Hospitality Room, Liquor, Glasses & etc.	1,684.00
Supplies	231.00
Bell Hops	175.00
Postage	223.00
Plaque	52.00
Printing Tickets, Badges, Xerox Coping	<u>130.00</u>
Total	\$15,105.00

1983 REUNION INCOME	\$15,751.00
1983 REUNION EXPENSES	<u>15,105.00</u>
PROFIT TO NATIONAL	646.00

PRESIDENT
REUNION CHAIRMAN

Ralph B. Gunderson
Sam Schwartz

WE'RE READY....IF YOU ARE!!!

An Up-dated report on your '83rd Division' ETO Tour
in 1984

More '40th Anniversary' Events Planned'

It seems pre-destined that this short headline will become more and more prominent in 1984. The interest has been aroused and nearly every country in Europe is planning some special activities to honor the historic occasion of 40th Anniversary actions in WW II.

In the short time since your 1984 tour was announced to enable our members and families to take part in these extraordinary commemorative events, a seemingly endless number of announcements have been issued in Europe proclaiming additional exciting events. They are far too numerous to detail here, but certainly the recent revelation that the United States is erecting its first WW II monument overseas at Utah Beach tops the list. It will be dedicated officially on June 6, 1984, when members of the 83rd will be present to take part. You, too, can be on

***** KENTUCKY CHAPTER REPORT *****

The Kentucky Chapter is working hard on the reunion. We met for our Christmas meeting on December 3, 1983 at Natural Bridge, Kentucky with Cecil and Nora Lee Walters and Herschel and Imogene McIntosh as our host and hostesses. A really great meeting. The whole Kentucky Chapter wishes to thank these four people for the great job they do every year in seeing that we have a good time and that everything goes well for this meeting.

We had approximately thirty-five (35) members and their wives in attendance. Ames Miller our new president presided over the meeting. Arthur Doggett and R.C. Hamilton went over the plans for the reunion. They are working hard on the Early Bird Arrival which is the boat ride on the Ohio River. Anyone wishing to attend this should get their reservation form and the \$5.00 per person in to Manny Goodridge immediately. R.C. Hamilton is in charge of the trip back to Camp Breckenridge. He must know how many in order to put in reservations for the luncheon to be served at the Camp. Get that form in to R.C. right away. No money involved in this. For the golf tournament. Paul Bryars has accepted this responsibility. We know this will make many of his friends happy. Get that reservation form to Paul so he knows how many men and women are going to participate. Lots of forms but the only way we can give you satisfaction. We are trying to please all of you. These forms are all elsewhere in the Thunderbolt. Make sure that you send the right one to the right person.

hand, to participate in the memorial and wreath ceremonies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, when the 'Eternal Flame' will be rekindled, on June 8th in Paris.

Invitations from many local mayors have been extended to honor 'your' division, and these will be accepted as time and circumstances allow. There is no doubt but that 1984 is recognized as being probably the last time that 'major' events can be staged with a good representation (age and health takes its toll) of the WW II G.I.'s.

Our reservation list is now beginning to grow, and at this writing, bookings have nearly reached the halfway mark to guarantee the operation of your 'exclusive 83rd' tour. With the great importance being placed in 1984's celebrations by everyone abroad, there seems no doubt but that it will be 'in a full go position' very soon. Plan to join 'The Thunderbolts' next year, and REGISTER NOW! Each of the mayors who will be welcoming us back in special receptions, the organizers of the commemorative celebrations need to have a firm figure soon because of the great response from other military units, and of course, hotel space is extremely critical in Normandy during the D-Day period.

Also remember the ad book. Most important. These funds help us to give you a good reunion. There is an application for this elsewhere in the book. Get this to R.C. Hamilton immediately. If you can't attend the reunion at least let all your buddies know you are thinking about them and wish them a good reunion. Lot of things for you to take care of and we are going to do our best to see that everyone is having a good time. Take care and we hope to see a great many of you at the reunion on August 9, 10 and 11, 1984.

We have lost two of our hard working and faithful members now since the last reunion. Theodore Ritchie and John (Jay) Wright. We are all saddened by their passing and send our sympathy to Theessa Ritchie and her family and to Marybelle Wright and her family.

Manny Goodridge
908th

Dear Bob:

Sorry I didn't get these off sooner, but I am in the Hospital. I was in three weeks before Thanksgiving and only got home three weeks when I had another bad attack and was rushed back. Had two more Heart Attacks while in here. They are going to operate and do 4 By Passes.

Sorry I missed my news for the Thunderbolt. Hope to be at home in time for the next one.

Larry

Dear Bob:

I have maintained my membership in the 83rd Infantry Division Association for many years. I had hoped to attend the 1982 reunion at the "Pines" here in the Catskills, as I only live 40 miles north near Kingston, New York.

Unfortunately I had brain surgery in March of 1982 and was not well enough to attend.

The good Lord was with me and my health is fine. I would like to say hello to my buddies from Charlie Company, 330th Infantry and compliment the Officers of the organization who have done an outstanding job through the years to keep the organization going.

My wife, Florence, and I live in the small town of Saugerties on the bank of the Hudson River just north of Kingston, New York.

Hope the reunion was a success this year and hope you return to the "Pines" in the near future so I can attend.

Cliff Snyder
"C" 330th Inf. 2nd Platoon
11 Edith Avenue
Saugerties, New York 12477

Once again men it is time to cheer a member up. Let's get some cards off to Cliff and hope he will be able to attend the reunion in the near future.

Bob

***** NEW JERSEY CHAPTER *****

Hello Buddies:

I am writing this article three weeks before Christmas. In reflecting over this past year, it has had it's good and also it's bad. We lost family and friends who were a great part of our lives. They will never be replaced. We must cherish those who remain with us for whenever we lose one we lose a part of ourselves. In this association we have friends who are like family. We should all enjoy this family as we would our own. They are a great group and you can make it even greater by your membership, attending chapter meetings and the reunions. It's a great thrill seeing one of your buddies whom you haven't seen in many years, I'm sure you'll feel the same way.

We have been meeting every month at the VFW Post. In the last issue of the Thunderbolt, I asked

those of you in the chapter to come to the meetings and present your ideas as to how we can better accomodate all the chapter members. Now that the weather isn't a factor in your attending, come join us.

Chalie Sihlanick our Secretary - Treasurer expressed his unhappiness at the last meeting. As our members are not assessed dues we don't have any money for Charlie to treasure. Maybe we can correct that in the near future.

The "Big Rumor" in the last issue has materialized. Frank Reichmann has done gone and got himself "HITCHED". Frank married Paula on Sept. 26. He sold his house in Oxford and is living with his bride in Princeton. We're all happy for Frank and want to wish them both many years of happiness. Frank made the November meeting even though it's 130 miles roundtrip. Fred Klein should come and congratulate our buddy at the next meeting.

Vito Lascari had a slight stroke. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him at the meetings soon. Joe DePeri was in Hawaii for the holidays to visit his son and daughter. His son is stationed at Pearl Harbor. His daughter visiting her brother, liked Hawaii so much, she decided to stay.

Manny Epstein has passed the New Jersey Real Estate License Exam. He didn't tell me what a passing grade was, but I'm sure Manny got an A. Ever since Ed Russell joined a private golf course (mingling with all the swells) we haven't seen much of Ed. Hope we can get out together soon. Nothing new from Emil Wehling except they are feeling fine. Fran and I have been to Atlantic City quite often lately. Our children gave us three days at the Playboy Casino for our 35th wedding anniversary. Fran had a sore arm from pulling the slots, while I had sore feet from chasing the Bunnies. No luck for either one of us.

That's it folks. Wishing you all well.

Stan Bielen

NOTICE!!!

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

THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT.

Bob

*** DIXIE CHAPTER ***

O.L Cook Jr. has really been cooking up some good parties at Newberry S.C. for the Dixie Chapter, a correction our last meeting was Oct. 14-15 not Oct. 7-8, there was dancing and other entertainment on Friday night, the "Wind Fall" Band supplied live music they were good. Lounge accommodations were excellent, could not be better. The Newberry Inn Motel Manager Tom Groce opened his doors to the 83rd Inf. Dixie Chapter. We all want to thank him for his generous hospitality. Tom and wife Pam joined in with us when they had time to spare, they are two swell people. On Saturday afternoon Oct. 15. we called our meeting to order. The Ladies were asked to sit in, due to subject National Reunion 1986 at Knoxville, TN. Carroll and Ruby Brown are in charge of Convention, it is every members duty to give help to promote and make this a Convention that will be long remembered. This is two years away so there should be plenty of time to come up with a good program. We all must give support one or two can not accomplish this alone. We all must chip in to succeed. Now our meeting continued on our past and present business. We excused the ladies so they could go shopping again, we had a average attendance for dinner. A count of 51, the food was delicious and plenty as usual for seconds. As we all know Leroy McManaway is our official Photographer, he takes pictures of the exciting happenings at each meeting. Leroy is also known as the Candy Man. He and wife Marva have a thriving descriptive Candy Business. "DATS-WY-HE-SO-SWEET". May I say to all the nice ladies or persons who helped O.L. Cook with the fine delicious and superb food and drinks for the Hospitality Room, and Leroy's candies and nuts. We are grateful for thoughts and kindness in supplying your efforts. Saturday night we were pleased to have some guest I hope they enjoyed their visit and will join us again. O.L. thanks again for making this a perfect session. We look forward to the next Newberry meeting. Our Christmas Program at Gatlenburg, TN. will be Dec. 2-3-4. Will give report next issue. May God bless you and your families. With wished your Holidays were pleasant.

Johnnie Harvey Ball
Reporter

Pictures from Dixie Chapter on Page No. 11

Dear Sir:

I am trying to locate Unit History of the 83rd Inf. Div. My father-in-law was with the 81st field artillery. In fact he was a forward observer who was blown from a tree and rescued by several soldiers while supporting the Inf. Div. I am working on our family history so I need all the help I can get. I am doing a family display case for each Vet in our immediate member. If you can help me I appreciate it. I need patches and crests from your unit for display also. Thank you.

Jim Hardy
583 Glynbrook Street
Salem, Oregon 97303

My wifes Dad is: Forest Lovett RA 19005032

*** BOSTON CHAPTER REPORT ***

This report will be a fast one to make the deadline which almost slipped by me! We are very happy to hear that Flora Bjork is doing very well after her operation. Ray Bjork has been talking to us on the telephone. We certainly missed them at our last meeting.

Saw Lou Volpi's picture in the kitchen of his restaurant in the last issue of the Thunderbolt--At work? Good Luck Lou and Lucy from all of us in Boston.

I noticed that after the Florida Reunion Bielen and McCartin went for a River Cruise. No mention of the goodies on the boat. Stan, I may make it to New Jersey to one of your meetings. Charlie Sihlanick can buy the drinks--ha! ha!

My good friend and historian certainly looks good in the Thunderbolt. The last picture must have been taken over in Ireland. Kent keep up the good work in your Historian Corner. Thanks again for helping me on my missing person. You know, Flushing, New York very well.

The meetings in Boston have been well attended. We are getting new members all of the time. The food and drinks are excellent too!

Larry Arrigo is taking lessons on the accordion from Armstrong. Larry is about 30 years behind with his music. Tony Catino says that Larry does better with his TV lessons.

Hy Goodman and Mike Caprio finished the Bocci Season with a win over the Malden, Massachusetts area group of the 83rd. Arthur Wafles kept the two teams honest. Scott from North Hampton, Massachusetts has been on the inactive list on the Bocci Team all season.

I understand that Ed Cormier from 331st A Company is having another Beano Party at the Veterans Administration Hospital for the Greater Boston Chapter.

Our Accordion Player, Armstrong, and a famous singer, Bob Hunnewell, did a marvelous job entertaining us at the last meeting with the ladies joining in. 329th Company I taught Hunnewell how to survive anyhow!

The next meeting will be at Fran Arrigo's House. Santa will be there with all the goodies. This happy occasion will be next week.

Pat and Gin DiGiammerino were up to visit Bernie Cove at the Pines Hotel in South Fallsburg, New York recently.

John McGillivray of 330th Anti Tank Company died September. He was a retired Federal Marshall.

Also in September, Arthur Del Padre died. Larry Arrigo and Pat DiGiammerino were Pall Bearers at his Funeral. Arthur was a member of the 330th D. Company.

Our condolences to both of these families.

Thanks to all that helped us with our recent drawing.

Happy Holidays
Amby Tynan
Boston Reporter

*** 323 FA BN REPORT ***

John Piscitelli wrote me a nice letter keeping me up to date with some 83rd news.

I had a letter from Captain Bob Costello last September telling me that Willie Medling and he were chatting on the telephone which he really enjoyed. Willie also sent a set of pictures that were taken in Germany by Wayne Pageatt from Dowagiac, Michigan. We do not have an address for Wayne. If anyone does have one, please forward it to us.

Lt. Peter Weltevrede has been writing to me from Grand Rapids, Michigan. Pete has been having health problems but never lost his sense of humor. Nancy and I enjoy hearing from him. Pete told me that Captain Morgan calls him from Falls Church, Virginia which was very enjoyable for these two **Old Men**.

I see and hear from George Connors quite often. Now that the Red Sox have quit for 1983, George will have more free time.

Victor Bravman is doing well--I have talked with him on the telephone. Tom Papile was in the Hospital for a hip operation. However, it has been postponed for a few months.

Norman McCormac and his wife, Anita, were visiting us on their way to Puerto Rico. They also stopped by on their way back to Maine. "Mac" and I had a lot of good laughs about that famous Cow he shot in Normandy, France. I hope Norman and Anity enjoyed their visit here in Boston. Anita said that they will try to make it to the reunion in Kentucky in August.

Everyone is looking forward to seeing the heavy artillery from the Cincinnati area -- Erwin Erhardt, Bruce Deem, Tom Houlette and Bob Scheumann. David Nellies will come down from Menton, Ohio to add a few stories to their collections. Maybe Willie Snodgrass will sing a song or two from the good old days.

Bill and Lois Shaner have been traveling around the country. Don and Amy St. John tell me that you can't slow Shaner down in his senior years.

Bill don't forget your 41st in February.

I must add to this report with regret the recent death of George Ken Willis. Willis died in mid November. I was told this by his twin brother, Don Willis. They both served in the 323rd Hq. Btry. Our sympathy to his wife, Betty, and his two children along with Don and his family.

Unil the next issue--I hope you enjoy your holidays.

Amy Tynan
323rd FA



Some of the Boston Gang at the American Legion Post.



Ed Cormier seeing that everything is in order.



Boston Chapter Group
At meeting in Rhode Island, at Howard Rogers Post, American Legion.



Charles Durant checking numbers at Bingo Party, held at Vets Hospital.



Helen Piantedosi, Dottie Catino, Nancy Tynan, Phyllis Scott at Boston Chapter meeting.



Amby and Nancy Tynan with Family at son Charlie's wedding.

***** G COMPANY 331ST INFANTRY *****

Another Christmas Season is upon us and I sincerely hope that we are all in a position where we can enjoy it. We can all look back on 1983 and feel that in some way it has been a good year for all of us.

I talked with Kate Pangle last week, she informed me that Loyal is doing much better and once again his attitude is good. This is saying a lot, because he has just returned home after spending three weeks in the hospital in Detroit, Michigan. He had a second operation on his disc, and in talking with Kate she feels that it has done him some good. He still wears his brace but he has shown some improvement. We should all take our hats off to Kate, she has fought this battle with Loyal, and with both of them pulling together we can expect only good results. Stay in their Loyal, we are all with you, and we send our regards. Had a letter from Beau Titus, sending me some information about another 83rd Men who has received the Medal of Honor. Beau got hold of the clipping and immediately went to work. He has Joe Phillipone look the fellow up in Youngstown, Ohio. I know that Beau had sent the clipping to me in order for me to take some action on it.

He informed me that on a recent trip to the Carolinas, Joe Phillipone met with Troy Mayse. It is good when we can look up our buddies as we travel around the States. Joe is hopeful that Troy can join us next year in Owensboro, Ky.

As a reminder, those of you that are planning to attend the reunion, it is not too early to send in your reservation. The Kentucky Chapter is planning a good program for us, with a trip back to Camp Breckinridge included. It will be

good to revisit our old training areas. I joined the Division at Camp Breckinridge and have some fond memories of the place. That was the first time in my life that I had been subjected to that kind of cold weather. Believe me I will never forget the many cold and rainy nights that we spend running tactical problems over the hills of Kentucky. It was a relief when we were sent to a Combat area.

I heard from Mort Gaynor, I thought he would have retired by now, but he still is working, and maybe that is the best for him. I have managed to keep busy for the past few months, I have been wanting to write a letter to all members of the Company, but I had to postpone it, but sometime early next year, I will get the letter out to all Company members.

Recently I acquired a new License Plate for my automobile, I thought only fitting that I do this. The new Plate number is Co. G. 331.

Capt. Mac

***** WARREN CHAPTER NEWS *****

Meetings - October: Our annual "Election of Officers" meeting combined with a Golf outing and refreshments was held at Smelko's Golf course with a good turnout of 14 golfers. New Officers were elected as follows:

President	Roscoe "Babe" Gautschi
Vice-President	Ray Voracek
Sec'y-Treas.	Joe Venuti
Chairman Good & Welfare	John Teringo
Chaplain	Bob Johnson
Ticket Chairman	John Shamrock

November - John and Helen Caparanis was our genial hosts and as usual the refreshments were enjoyed by all. Our Ladies Auxiliary held their meeting upstairs and the men downstairs, in the recreation room. There will not be a December meeting, but we will take our lovely wives out to that fine restaurant (Cafe 422) on the strip for our annual Christmas party. For years our ladies have absorbed the cost of the food, but this year our Chapter will furnish the food and drinks for the whole affair. They have already labeled us "The Last of the Big Time Spenders".

We also discussed the recent discovery of another Medal of Honor recipient from the 83rd. Amby Tynan sent us an article from the Ohio V.F.W. News, published in 1981, indicating that Sam Phillips, now living in Youngstown, Ohio was awarded the

Medal, Feb. 4, 1945 by General George C. Marshall. Sam served as a Medic, Technician-Fifth Class with Co. C. 308th Engineer Btn. Our own Joe Phillipone had met and talked to Sam a few times, as they live only 3 or 4 Blocks apart and Joe never knew that Sam had the Medal. Information from Phillipone was forwarded to our Executive Board Chairman, Joe Macaluso for further action.

Our Deepest Sympathy to the George Bellay Family on the death of George's Father, Steven Bellary, October 7, 1983. Mr. Bellay was 103 years old and was the third member of the Bellay family to expire in 1983.

Also, to Elmer Titus on the loss of his wife Fay on Nov. 26, 1983. Although not a member of the 83rd. Elmer and Fay attended ten of our reunions as the guest of the writer and has many friends in the Association.

Sick Call - our old Buddy Loyal Pangle from Flushing, Michigan, returned home again Dec. 1st. from Detroit General Hospital, after 3 more months in a Flint Hospital and subsequent transfer to Detroit for another operation on his neck. He wears a special heavy "Halo" device and with the help of his wonderful wife Kate, must almost learn to walk again, a few steps at a time. Loyal has been in hospitals a total of seven months in 1983. I like to keep Loyal's many friends in the Association informed on his health because no-one in the Michigan Chapter has bothered to send him a card, or called to inquire of his health for a very long time - so you won't read about him in the Michigan Chapter News.

Since the last issue of the Thunderbolt - George and Louise Bellay and John Shamrock have been in and out of the Warren Hospitals. They are all feeling better now and back in action.

Well, that's all from Warren for now except our wishes for good health and good luck to all you nice people for the New Year.

Lee Titus
Chapter Reporter

Alfred Bailey
435 Fountain Ave.
Flemingsburg, Ky. 41041

I would like to have the address of Sgt. Robert Kuhagen Med. Bt. Co. D 308.

He was from Chicago and I served with him from Nov. 1942 to Dec. 1945.



Dot Martin, Ermalee Watkins



Minnie & John Wells, F-330



June & Ermalee Watkins. Ermalee Watkins died Oct. 18, 1983



Hazel & John Ball D-330



Dot & Joe Fogleman, F.A. 322



Mary & Larry Redmond
Dixie Chapter in Newberry, S.C. H-330



We visited the W.Va. Veterans Home in Barboursville, W.Va. on Dec. 12th, and presented them a check, to be used for the Veterans for Christmas. Left to Right: Chauncy Hunt, Arthur Blankenship, Don Pettry, Bonnie Bronder, Jim Durkin & Eugene Persinger.

Hope we can get it in the paper.

Eugene

Dear Mr. Derickson,

it saddens me to advise you that my beloved husband, George M. Burg, who served in the 83rd Signal Company during World War II, passed away Dec. 21, 1983, at age 70, and was laid to rest on Dec. 24, 1983. George is also survived by a son, a daughter, grandson and three granddaughters.

He often told of his many experiences with the 83rd Signal Company and at one time belonged to the Association.

If a notice of his death appears in a future issue of the Division bulletin, I would appreciate a copy and am willing to pay the costs.

Sincerely Ours,
Mrs. George M. Burg
111 Hutton St.
Penn Yan, N.Y. 14527

FIRST LIBERTY IN WALES

This little story was brought to mind by Kent O'Connell's report in the Thunderbolt about the 83rd Military Police. However this story is about temporary MP's and should illustrate why official MP's were needed.

The first morning 'B' Co. 329th rolled out of the sack in Erddic Park in Wrexham, Wales they were told half the company could go on pass that day, provided each man understood the British money... pounds, crowns, and shillings. The other half of the company could go out the next day. It didn't take long to learn, so when the trucks moved out at noon, half the company was aboard. Most of them carried some kind of bag folded neatly in their pockets to bring back everything from candles to cake for their buddies left in camp.

The dust on the road out of camp hadn't settled when a platoon sergeant came looking for volunteers. With more than a little suspicion in their voices Danny and Red, who were caught flat-footed in front of their tent, asked what kind of detail was involved. The sergeant, an unusually kindly person, replied that twenty men from the company were wanted for MP duty in Wrexham, just to watch over our own men and help them get back to camp before the 11 PM curfew in the event they might not be able to find the route back. Danny and Red grinned at each other, they thought as a team. They told the sergeant to sign them up. As he left he directed them to report to the CP at 5:00 PM in OD's, leggings and pistol belt equipped with bayonet. While Dan polished his boots, Red pointed out that this would be an opportunity to survey the town before their turn to go on pass. Every time they looked at each other while they were getting ready they laughed out loud. They were really excited about this lucky break.

It was less than a ten minute truck ride to the Wrexham police station where a platoon sergeant met the detail and issued MP arm bands and assigned the streets they were to patrol in pairs. Dan and Red, of course, went together. They were assigned to a four block section of Market Street. It was the main shopping district in town, and started with the canteen at one end, and went as far as The Kings Crown, a pub at the far end of the street.

The boys left the police station, and on the way to their assigned beat they passed a picturesque little neighborhood public house. Through the small panes of the front windows they saw the first sergeant in the middle of a group of 'B' Co. non-coms at the bar. When they entered the boisterous chatter changed to an uncomfortable hush at the sight of their MP arm bands, but the first sergeant broke the silence by offering them an English beer. They promptly refused the offer because of the duty, but thanked the sergeant and left shortly after saying hello to a couple of their buddies. The conversation had picked up before they reached door so they felt better about disturbing the party atmosphere in the pub.

On Market Street it seemed as if the whole town was out shopping. They crowded the entire length of the narrow cobblestone street; window shopping along the way. It reminded Danny of a Christmas card scene. As they drifted with the crowd, they noticed a pretty little brunette, wearing a knitted shawl across her shoulders, hurrying past the people on the narrow sidewalk. When she spotted the two GI's she left the sidewalk and made her way directly to Dan and Red. In a delightful Irish brough asked "are you MP's?" "Why sure, what's the problem Miss?" they returned. With a very serious face she claimed her panties were missing, pink ones with black butterflies, and I think they were taken by one of your chaps. She had to be kidding, but the MP's decided to go along with her act. They asked where these chaps might be and she led them through the crowd to The Kings Crown. The pub had a large bar room, and the group seated at the far table against the wall sent up a roar when the three walked into the smoke filled room. The colleen squeezed between the crowded tables toward the group across the room. The MP's tried to follow, but some of their buddies grabbed them by the arm to ask them to explain the money again. They thought they had been charged double for their beer, but Dan and Red explained that they had been served a double size beer. "Simple when you don't drink," they kidded.

Eventually they reached the table where the colleen was talking with the American soldiers and their girl friends. Dan made up his mind the farce must cease so he asked the girl to point out the man she suspected of pilferring her pink pants, which she did. With a wink toward the soldier, he asked the two to step out side where it was quiet enough to talk. Dan led them to a side ally next to the pub and opened the wooden door he noticed in the wall. Inside was the dark backyard of the pub. He turned to the colleen saying, "now before we can accuse this soldier we have to be sure your panties are missing; would you care to step inside?" She cringed as she looked into the darkness and meekly decided she would rather drop the matter. The soldier escorted the girl out of the ally and happily waved goodbye to the MP's. Dan and Red headed for the station house, they didn't want to risk losing their pass for tomorrow.

As it turned out, Dan and Red never got back to The Kings Crown. They discovered the servicemen's program at the "Y" and enjoyed many evenings playing ping-pong and dancing the hoky-poky with the nicest Welsh girls.

Richard Dickson
"B" Co. 329th

TODAY

The best thing you have in the world is Today.
Today is your savior . . .

it is often crucified between two thieves. . .
Yesterday and Tomorrow.

Today you can be happy,
not yesterday, or borrowed from tomorrow.

There is no happiness except Today.

Most of our misery is left from yesterday
or borrowed from tomorrow.

Keep today clean,
make up your mind to enjoy your food, your
work, your play,

Today anyhow.

Today is yours.

God has give it to you.

All your yesterdays He has taken back.

All your tomorrows are still in His hands.

Today is yours.

Take it pleasures and be glad.

Take it pains and play the man.

Today is ours.

Use it so that at its close you can say . . .

I have lived and loved Today!



L-R: William (Bill) Laughter, Hazel Ball, Frank Jackson.
Laughter A-908, Jackson D-330

***** DIXIE CHAPTER *****
Sickness and Deaths

We are sorry to report that O.L. (June) Watkins wife Ermalee passed away Oct. 18th 1983. Ermalee was operated on Aug. 18th 1983 she was victimized of cancer that took her in just two short months, we send our sympathy to June and Family may God be with you in times of sorrow. Dale Hoosier lost his Father Oct. 31st. 1983 after a long illness. The family has our sympathy and prayers.

Roger Wilsons wife Alta lost her mother in October, may Gods Blessings be with you and family you have our sympathy.

Jesse and Carolyn Pirkle were at the meeting in Newberry S.C. After all the misfortunes they were faced with in death and sickness we are glad to have Carolyn back on her feet and kicking.

John Ball is still not well, he has missed the last meetings, we don't know Johns ailments his physical disorder is strange, Good Luck John. Dick Riddle will be going in the Hospital Dec. 5th for Ear problems don't know how serious the operation will be. Everyone let Dick hear from you. Joe Foglemans wife Dot has been seriously ill, I am not sure of her condition at this time, but was told she went through a lot. We all send our sympathy, get well Dot. John Wells had an eye operation Nov. 8th. don't know how effective the operation was, he is now at home using medication. John, hope you will see us at the Christmas Party. If there is any one that I have overlooked or didn't know about I hope by now everyone is up and around all of you have our Prayers and loving Thoughts.

John Harvey Ball
Reporter

***** NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER *****

Hi Buddies:

Here we are at the end of another year, a year older and a little slower, but the 83rd Division Association is what it is all about - great friendship and good and bad memories.

Our New England Chapter Christmas Party will be held on Dec. 10, 1983 at the Sheraton Boxborough Inn and Conference Center in Boxborough MA. and it was another great time. We had Jim and Dot Brennan from RI., Marie and Mike Champey from Middletown, Conn., Nina and Mike Petitti, Bridgeport, Conn., Ingrid and Karl Burkhard of Carmel, N.Y., John Donahue of Burlington, MA., Betty and Bill Davis of Newburyport, MA., Ann and

Charles Helligan of Lowell, MA., Mary and Nick Francullo, Lynn, MA., Emma and Lou Rossi of Lynn, MA. We all enjoyed the food and drinks and had a great time. To all of our New England Chapter members who did not make it, we still miss you and think of you. You know, it is not the number of members you have, it is the togetherness behind it.

After our Christmas Party we will be planning our big Reunion in Kentucky and we expect New England to have a great turnout. Kentucky Chapter and National President, Arthur Doggett, you will be hearing from the New England Chapter.

On the sad side, we would like to say we have lost a great member through the death of Arthur DelPadre D. Co. 330th and he will be greatly missed. The New England Chapter extends its deepest sympathy to Mary and family.

This is all the news I have until after Christmas. The New England Chapter members would like to wish all of the Chapters and National Officers of the 83rd Div. Assn. a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Your Buddy Always,
Nick Francullo
Hq. Co. 3rd Bn 330th Inf.



The thinker of New England



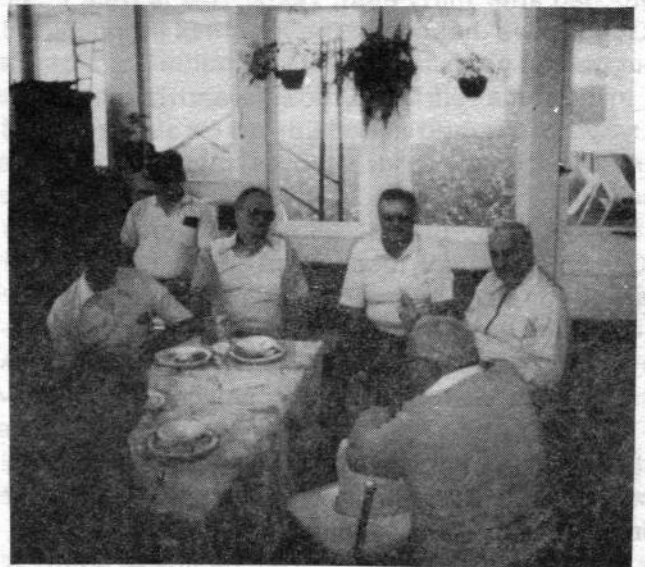
A great time in Florida



The great Cooks



Talking about Owensboro, Ky.



Some of Heros



What was that joke Mike



Clarence & Lucille West

*** 783 ORDINANCE COMPANY ***

At this stage of our lives we know all about the good news and the other so lets start with some good news. Q. Boyett who had to call off the last reunion because of the heart attack was found back on the job supervising the logging operation where wood is \$45.00 a cord. Anybody got a truck?

Some of the best news came from Doc Pfeifer who while enjoying the marriage of his son in Calif. also went fishing and caught Lloyd Grayson and Al Awbrey. Doc and Agnes spent the night as Lloyd's guests and Al and his wife came over for a grand reunion of their own. The Pfeifers then went to dinner at the new daughter-in-laws, Mothers, home in Walnut Creek which also happens to be the corral of Ivan Goodman. One phone call and the former Lt. came a jogging to the former 1st. Sgt. (Just like he always did) and another grand reunion was had after thirty eight years! This is what I call "Good News" hearing of the rebirth of friendship in our golden years.

In the same vein Carl Frederick and (bathing suit) Alyce drove up and visited Ed Perko's ala carte farm and had a wonderful day. Lloyd Grayson is trying to beat the A.T.&T. break-up by calling many of you including a surprised Sam Candelieri. I called "Candy" last week because Arthur's letter came back and "Doc" is always telling me what to do, its like having two wives. Candy is fine in spite of some eye trouble and he hopes to get to Ky. Please note his address is 74 Cobane St.

The bad news is about Bill Appleby who was sticken suddenly last week with leaking vessels behind the right ear. I have seen Bill a couple of times and after ten days Bill is free of the headache, is thinking straight again and is looking like his good "old" self. He will need five more weeks of bed rest so here's a good time to send Bill a happy line like "I'll see you in Kentucky".

More good news is my lucky dialing finger. Would you believe we struck pay dirt three times. Henry McQuaig, Andy Grant and Jesse Tilford! Henry was found at 724 Magnolia Ave. Panama City Florida 32401 - Phone 9047855310. Mac has been retired for two years enjoying it and his health. He was naturally shocked to learn the last reunion was so close to home.

Andy retired at sixty eight, five years ago, hasn't heard from anyone in years and his health is stable. He resides at 1140 Markwell La. Louisville Ky. 40219 502-969-1544. Andy was instrumental in my locating Jesse. One call to info. and there was a surprised Jesse who's been retired nine years and lives at 1701 Harlod Ave. Louisville, Ky. 40210 510-

776-1881. And of course the three of them were so impressed with my salesmanship that they promised they will sign up for the reunion. Jesse and Andy better be or we'll all march up and get them.

The other bad news came from Gene Reynolds wife who called to tell me that Gene lost his battle with throat cancer in Sept. You know they moved to the Rockies three years ago from Ohio and Gene really benefited from the scenery and the move.

In our tracing we also found that Kendall Armstrong died three years ago and Mike Dziabiak eight years ago in Calif. also from cancer. This of course means we know not the time or the hour so lets make 1984 one grand reunion. From what I'm hearing I'm expecting to see at least thirty five of you at the reunion so get your reservations in NOW.

Got a nice letter from Dot Foster and John's dog Mobe and she is sending in her reservations for her son, daughter-in-law and grandson! Another interesting fact is that we have now located ninety-three 783ders and while the figure slowly climbs I know there are a few more that would like to be found. Any more clues would sure help, just drop me a line.

Labbe reports that he is thinking about retirement but we don't care, he comes to all the reunions anyway. Arthur Doggett tells me that Ray Downing will bring that "little" guy, 1st Sgt. Jones, see its going to be a great one!

Lastly we want to help Doggett all we can with his reunion so Carl Frederick has agreed to be the chairman of the 783rd Booster Ads. If you can would you please send Carl \$5.00 or whatever please, so we can be properly represented in the 1984 Ad book for the reunion. Carls address is N-48-West 16111 Donald Menomonee Falls, Wis. 53051.

Hut two,
Rags Rangnow

A happy and healthy Christmas to you and yours
Bob and keep Arthur calm.

*** CN. CO. 329 ***

Hello Buddies:

We in Cleveland are counting our blessings, most of the Chapter are in "fair to middlin" shape. Ed Josek had to go in to get his heart catherized, Al Lacinski had some problems with his heart, Rollie Warner was operated on a hernia on Monday, and left the hospital on Wednesday, Bob Grobelny had a "Rear Admiral" work on his butt, all feeling fine now

though, and looking forward to the Holidays and better things.

We had our last 3 meetings at Josek's in Sept., Kowalec's in October, and Hleczkas in Nov., these all turned out to be more like banquets, with good food and refreshments galore. Now our Christmas party will be hosted by Chester Czech in a party room that he is affiliate with. Earl Lindsey is growing a beard for the occasion, (the paunch he already has). Everyone is looking forward to another good time. Our January meeting will be at Bob Grobelny's more eating, how in hell can you lose weight at the rate we're going? I say eat and enjoy, for when the digger slaps you in the chest, with the spade "their aint no more".

We welcomed aboard Steve Ferko as a new member, looks like he'll stay with us, I say, what took you so long?

Bob Uher has a new hobby - wood carving and he won 1. prize in a contest he entered. Bob carved out a horse that is truly a beautiful piece of work, we all congratulate him in his new involvement.

Just receive word from C. Kowalec that George Sofranko is incapacitated again, stay in there George, we're all rooting for you. George has been having a great deal of problems, and has accepted them with faith and determination.

We have two new members that I failed to mention before, Bob Miller & Kit Williams, they are with us over a year now, in fact they were members a long time ago and dropped out, it's good to have them back in the fold again.

Hope everyone out there has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year also a Healthy One.

Stay nice, fight nice, and pay your dues.

Al'Uridel
C. Co. 329

***** PITTSBURGH CHAPTER *****

Greetings and a happy New Year to you from all of us in the Pgh. Chapter.

We just held a successful Christmas Party and dinner at the Monesson Elks to ring in the holiday season. Each of the ladies present was delighted with a Christmas gift received from the chapter. Since we have voted to do this for so many years now, it has almost become a tradition. It is one, I think, we should keep.

Our chapter had planned a larger turnout for the Veterans Day Parade but it was such a rainy, cold, bone-chilling day that it was not very well attended. Jules Desgain, our spearhead, who owns an army

jeep along with a Cadillac Convertible (with top up), decorated with 83rd banners, was in the parade; and, also a few good men from our chapter.

I think this was one of the few times an Infantry Combat unit made a choice to ride instead of march down Fifth Avenue. Nonetheless, the 83rd Infantry Division was represented in the Veterans Day Parade to honor all of our buddies. Past and Present. And that's what it's all about, isn't it?

Treasurer, Sam Klippa is handling our reservations for the Executive Inn for the reunion. He's collecting \$25 deposits for rooms and sending them as a group so the Pgh. Chapter may be together on the same floor or area of the hotel. So far the response has been very good.

Joe DeLuca is arranging for a charter bus to Owensboro. This will happen only if we are able to get 40 to 44 people to commit themselves to go this way. We went to "The Pines" on a charter bus and we had a great time.

Do you know this man? Welcome to a new member into the chapter and 83rd Ass'n. He's Anthony DeGregory who was with E Co. 329th Inf.

Ed Ruess has let us know he will be retiring from General Electric on Jan. 31. after 38 years service. Happy retirement, Ed.

We deeply regret the loss of our buddy Ted Ritchie. We shared a lot of good times at a lot of reunions together. And, he attended most of them. We'll all miss him.

Also, one of our local 3rd men recently passed away. We offer sympathy to the family of Steve Hajdu of Daisytown, Pa. He was with 83rd Div. Arty.

Paul and Rita Diethrich recently took a trip to visit with CN 330th buddy Sam and Charlotte Cordiano in Wickliffe, Ohio.

May we wish Gene and Yolanda Costanzo a happy 40th wedding anniversary on the 29th of December. Seems like just yesterday doesn't it, Gene?

Our buddy Andy Churpak, D-331, has had a painful hip operation and we hope he will have a rapid recovery.

We were delighted to welcome Mary Hassick to our X-mas Party. Will always have fond memories of our buddy, Adam. Mary and Adam's youngest son, James, will graduate in May from W. Virginia University as a Chemical Engineer. Shortly thereafter he will also marry fiance, Martha, and that's what we call icing on the cake -- Congratulations!

On this happy news, I'll close, wishing you all again a very prosperous, healthy and wonderful New Year.

Larry Leonardi
A - 331

*** FROM THE OLD OFFICE ***

Hope this column finds all of you in the very best of health, and content after the Holidays, which I hope were very happy ones for you and yours. All that is left now is to stay home on these cold days and figure out the way to get those bills paid. Then, by the time you get that done, it will be time to get more bills going for Easter. There just is no end to that.

These deadlines for the Thunderbolts sure do come by very quickly. I had accumulated a large amount of material for this issue, but while cleaning up this Office to have it ready for Christmas, I misplaced a lot of it. Maybe you'll get to read it in the next issue. This old lad is getting absent minded.

Nothing new has been happening around here, but there has been a lot of bad news coming in to this Office. The biggest shock was when Bob Derickson called to tell me that my dear friend (and good friend of most of the 83rd regulars at the Reunions) Ted Ritchie had passed away. He looked so good at the Reunion that I thought he had his illness licked. I'll surely miss his company at the rest of the Reunions. He will be missed by everyone, I'm sure.

Col. Quentin Pease of the 324th Field Artillery, passed away on the 13th of July, 1983. He had served in the Army for 32 years and retired on a Medical Disability in 1971.

He was part in the Invasion of Normandy, France. He conducted Worship Services throughout the world during his Military assignments. Col. Pease served in Germany twice, Korea and Hawaii and made trips to Vietnam during that conflict. His most recent assignment was Chief of the Air Defense Branch, Special Weapons Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations with Headquarters in the Pacific. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for this.

His other decorations were: The Bronze Star, European African Middle East Campaign Medal with five Battle Stars, the American Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the Army of Occupation Medal, the National Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Basic Missile Badge. He also received numerous Citations and Commendations.

He participated in two Atomic blasts, was a member of George C. Brown Post of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Retired Officers Association.

He is survived by his wife Sallie; a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth Hughes, of Kansas City; a son Daniel Vail Pease of Bixby, Oklahoma; three sisters, Ester K. Seaman Paxton, Ruth Ione McCleskey of Shawnee, and Marjory Sharp of Pittsburg; two grandchildren; and one brother, Daniel B. Pease of Riverside, California.

This man was very popular in his Community, and there were so many articles written about him, that this book couldn't cover them all. One thing is for sure, the 83rd will miss him, especially those in the 324th.

Andrew Churpack, a member of the Pittsburgh Chapter and "D" Company, 331st Infantry, has been Hospitalized for a Hip replacement. We are hoping for a speedy and complete recovery. Andy is one of our regulars at all of our meetings and affairs. He is a true 83rder.

Our good Buddy, Gene Costanzo is in real good shape again. Bill Jacobs of 3 Bn Hq 331st Infantry is doing just great after having By-Pass Surgery. He doesn't look much different than he did before the Surgery. Welcome back!

Here is a "Change of Address" that you fellows in the 330th might be interested in: Glendon R. Millet from 16 Balch Avenue in Groveland, MA 01834 has moved to: 3046 Windmill Village in Punta Gorda, FL 33950. He has just become another prospect in the ever growing Florida Chapter.

I made mention in a couple of my past columns about the Dedication of the "American G.I. Monument in Clervaux, Luxembourg. This event took place in September and I was unable to attend. We were represented by three 83rders and that made me very happy. The three were: Bill Nickell, Richrd Dickson and Florentino Casile. Richard Dickson sent me this report:

"The Ceremony was lengthy and well planned. It started with a Convoy of Military vehicles through the town to the Monument. Any visiting Veteran, if he so chose, could ride in a vehicle. The drivers of the vehicle, owned it and retored it. The original markings had been preserved and some Americans had found that the vehicle had belonged to their outfit.

When the convoy arrived at the Monument, the crowd had gathered, and among them was Prince Henri with his new American wife. After the speeches and the presentation of flowers, all Veterans were invited to a Cocktail Hour in the Castle to meet the Mayor and numeros Dignitaries, including the Sculptor and active Military Personnel of the Luxembourg an American Armies.

This was then followed by an excellent Buffet Banquet complete with Speakers and a Dance Band. Each American was presented with a Bronze Meddalion of Ike, Patton and Bradley. It was designed by the Artists who created the Belgium and Luxembourg money.

The next day, the wife and I visited a few towns on our way to the Airport. The Country is as beautiful as ever, but beginning to change enough so that it doesn't quite look like the place we remember. Tillie Kimmes said there will be many American Vets returning next year and anyone expecting to visit, should make arrangements early."

Samuel Klippa
D-331st Inf.



Tillie Kimmes talking to the American Tour Guide. She is the lady that makes all the arrangements for Veterans visiting Luxembourg. She is the Secretary of C.E.B.A.

LET'S GET THOSE DUES IN AND WATCH THE 83RD GROW AGAIN. DROP YOUR BUDDY THAT PERSONAL LETTER AND GET HIM INTERESTED AGAIN.

I thought it would be a good idea to add a few jokes to help fill this page, since I misplaced the other material during my cleanup campaign. Hope you like them as much as I did. A bit of a smile or a laugh never hurts.

Officer: "Are you happy now that you are in the Army?"

Soldier: "Yes, Sir!"

Officer: "What were you before you joined the Army?"

Soldier: "Much happier, Sir!"

A lawyer visited a client who had been in an accident. "I've come to help get your damages," the lawyer said. "I've got all those I want," the client replied. "What I need is repairs."

In Basic Training, the Drill Sergeant asked, "Does anyone here know shorthand?"

Two recruits, expecting cushy jobs, eagerly volunteered. "Good", the sergeant said, "Report to the mess hall on the double. They're peeling potatoes and are a little shorthanded."



The above photo was sent to me by Tillie Kimmes, and it shows Prince Henri and his American wife, unrolling the "Memorial to the American G.I." in the Castle Court Yard. It would have been nice to have a photo of the 83rders admiring the Statue.

A member of the 4th Infantry Division, George Morgan, sent me a lengthy description of the affair, and he made me feel as though I was right there with him. Thank you George, and all those that sent me information about the Dedication. I'm hoping to get over there for the Fortieth next year by boat and will meet several others of the 83rd in Luxembourg. We'll be in Normandy when the other 83rders are there with the Tour. We are planning to spend a month just touring all over the place, as we see fit. No rush!

By the way, those of you that are planning to go with the 83rd, must write to Bob Derickson, not me. It will save you much time in getting your arrangements made. He has all the information from the Travel Agency for you.

See all of you over there.

Samuel Klippa
"D" 331st Infantry

Chaplain's
Steeple



Dear Buddies:

Since our last reunion we have lost 18 of our members listed in our Fall Issue Thunderbolt. I've been notified that Arthur DelPadre of "D" 330 Inf. has passed away. Arthur was among the first to receive a Battle Field Commission. Also a very good friend of mine. Henry Glista of C-323 F.A. Bn. has gone on to his Reward, may the Good Lord keep them all. Again we ask all our Buddies that report a friend passing on to send us the Unit and Bn. and Regt. No. Any one knowing any members that's ill please drop him a line to cheer him up. Sometimes the best medicine is a letter from a friend. Our good buddy Arthur Doggett has a wonderful plan setup for our Memorial Services. And also for a great reunion in August. Larry Redmond was in the hospital with a Heart condition. We pray for his quick recovery. Also Bill Appleby 783rd Ordinance is in the hospital we also pray for his quick recovery. We pray for all our ill comrades for a quick recovery, and may they all join us once again in the near future. Bless each and every Thunderbolt. The living and the dead. Amen.

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

Henry R. Glista	C-323rd	Sept 1983
Theodore Ritchie	K-331st	Oct 1983
Everett C. Deger	K-331st	Aug. 1983
Leo G. Hamlin	322nd. F.A.	
Albert J. Quatroche	"G" 331st	March 1983
William J. Lehman	Letter returned marked	Deceased
George Kenneth Willis	323rd	March 1983
Elizabeth "Betty" Clark	wife of Donald J. Clark	Hq. 308Eng. Sept. 1983
Charlie A. Modlin	Word received from Ernie Modlin	
"A" 329th	October 1982	
Hugh P. Davis	Word received from his wife Dorothy	
83rd Q.M.		
Harry Swedloff	Word received from his brother Jack	
No division listed		
Eleanore Uridel	Word received from Casey Kowalec	
Beloved wife of Al Uridel		

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Everett C. Deger

Everett C. Deger, 66, died at his home, 823 D. Fairbury, Neb., Wednesday, Aug. 17, 1983.

The retired Fairbury businessman was associated with his parents, Charles and Clara Deger, and later his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Boerner, in the firm Deger's Wallpaper & Paint.

Deger was a director of the Fairbury State Bank and a former long time board member of the Fairbury Cemetery Association.

Survivors include his wife, Twila; three sons, Steven Deger of Humphrey, Dana Deger and Gregory Hergott of Fairbury; two daughters, Barbara Rothwell of Hyannis and Carla Deger of Omaha; sister, Phyllis, Mrs. Alfred Boerner of Fairbury; and six grandchildren.

Rosary will be conducted at 7:30 tonight, Friday, in Nuckolls-Meyer Chapel. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Michael's Catholic Church with Father Paul Sheehy officiating. Memorials were established. Burial will be in the Fairbury Cemetery.



Theodore W. Ritchie Sr.

10-14-83

**T.W. Ritchie,
farm manager,
dies at age 61**

PARIS — Theodore W. Ritchie Sr., 61, of 1927 Clifton Avenue, a farm manager for more than 30 years for Aislyergne Farm on Winchester Road in Bourbon County, died Friday night at Bourbon General Hospital.

Ritchie, who was also sales manager for Central District Tobacco warehouses in Paris, was a World War

II veteran and a member of the Bourbon County Farm Bureau.

A native of Nicholas County, he is survived by his parents, William B. and Claudia Jackson Ritchie; his wife, Theessa Franklin Ritchie; a son, Theodore Ritchie Jr., Paris; and a daughter, Judy Ritchie Tucker.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Lusk Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Evergreen Memory Gardens. Visitation will begin at noon Monday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Dear Robert Derickson,

On 28 August 1942, I was transferred to the 83rd Infantry Division after serving one year with the 29th Division at Ft. Meade. I was attached to Division Headquarters and while there our unit along with several other units formed a touch football team. We were fortunate in that our team played the 308 Medics for the championship of the 83rd Division. We won the game, and as the picture tells the story, I was presented with the trophy by Major General Frank Milburn.

This is the picture and I have enough copies to give to the other players, but I don't have the addresses and their names. By having this picture printed in the Thunderbolt, I hope that the boys on the picture and any not on the picture will kindly send me their name and address and I will forward to them the picture.

From Division Headquarters I was sent to Company A, 329th Infantry where I trained and served overseas.

I hope that anyone who remembers me from Division Headquarters or Company A, 329th please drop me a card so that I can begin our friendship again.

Sincerely
Sgt. Joe Stefancin



December, 1942
83rd Division Photo
CAMP ATTERBUY, INDIANA

Major General Frank W. Milburn, commanding general of the 83rd Infantry Division presents the trophy to Sergeant Joseph F. Stefancin, captain of the division's champion touch football team. The latter, a team representing division headquarters, headquarters company and the 83rd Signal company, defeated the 308th Medics in the tournament finals, 13 to 0, Saturday afternoon in zero weather and on a snow-covered field.

*** FLORIDA CHAPTER ***

The Florida Chapter met on November 11 and 12 at the Best Western Motel in Ocala, Florida and had approximately 35 members and wives present. We were very happy to have Parker Black of Anti-Tank 331st and his lovely wife Rose join our Chapter. Parker Black comes from Maine, and now resides in Sarasota. Would you believe that after almost 40 years Parker met with his supply Sgt. Leo Schneider at this meeting. The ladies were invited Friday evening to Lou and Ivonne Lizzotte's home for a buffet dinner, and the men went to a restaurant for dinner. Saturday, the men had our business meeting in the afternoon, and in the evening we had a delicious prime rib dinner at the Caverns restaurant in Ocala, followed by dancing. It was a wonderful week-end and all arrangements were made by Lou and Ivonne Lizzote, who did a fantastic job.

A number of our members were not well enough to attend this meeting. We all hope they will be well enough to attend future meetings. As usual Wilbur Campbell of Pittsburgh attended our meeting. It is always good seeing him.

As you will be receiving this issue after the Holidays, I hope everyone had a good Holiday. We are happy to report that John Stewart, a member of our chapter and a Co. A 331st man was married on September 19th to a lovely woman named Anna Mae. We are all so happy for him and wish them the best of luck.

Our next meeting will be the first week-end in February, and probably will be in the Tarpon Spring area. Tarpon Springs is a beautiful greek village, and has one of the most famous Greek restaurants in the country. If anyone from the 83rd will be in the area about the first week end in February, we would be happy to have you join us. Also Walter and Elizabeth Marshall (he made the beautiful clock for our reunion) are hosting this weekend, and anyone who knows them both, will know what a weekend is in store for you.

We had elections at this meeting, and the following men will be our officers for 1984.

President	Jim McDonald
Vice President	William Drugash
Secretary-Treasurer	Dave Benick
Judge Advocate	Edward Smith
Chaplain	Bob Duke

I just received a letter that Bill Herhuth was not feeling well. Hope that he gets well soon.

Dave Benick
"A" 331st

*** "A" 331st REPORT ***

I am very happy to report that at our reunion in West Palm Beach, Co. "A" 331st had thirteen (13) members in attendance and getting stronger. Charles Hoffman and E.A. Mason from Oviedo, and Coral Gables, Florida and Co. "A" 331st men attended their first reunion. It sure was nice seeing them. I know that there are many more men from Co. "A" 331st and am looking forward to seeing them in Owensboro, Ky. in 1984. So let's go Co. "A" 331st and let's see if we can top Co. "D" 331st.

We hope that when you read this, our good buddy Dave Feig will be over his operation and on his way to a very healthy life. We sure did miss Ruth and Dave at our reunion.

Dave Benick
Co. "A" 331st.

Dear Bob:

Received your card in regards to my dues. You can apply the money for my 1985 dues.

Sorry we couldn't make the reunion, but with Loressie's condition it was impossible. She's doing quite well.

By the way, I'm going to join the 83rd on it's Sentimental journey overseas next year. Our son and daughter are going to take care of their mother while I'm gone.

I suppose Galaxy Tours can get me the Air Fare from Wausau. (Republic Airlines come in here.)

Bob, I'm enclosing a snapshot of Loressie and I. If you can get it in the Thunderbolt I'd appreciate it. Hoping to see and meet you next year.

Best regards
Bill



Robert:

Here are pictures of the men from Co. F. 329th that attended the reunion in W. Palm Beach. I would like for you to put it in the Thunderbolt.

In order the pictures: Trybonyats, Nickell, Gasset, Carroll, Fishman.

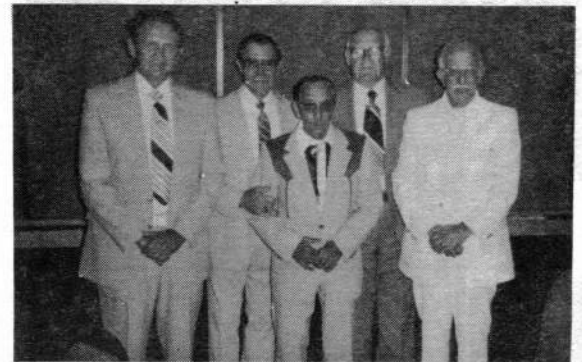
Also this is a picture of the 3 fellows from the 83rd that attended the dedication ceremony in Luxembourg in Sept. also a picture of the monument.

The mens names are: Richard A. Dickson, Florentino Casile, William Nickell. Will you please put these pictures in the Thunderbolt.

Thank You
William S. Nickell
263 N.E. Dycen Ave.
Port Charlotte, Fl. 33952



Richard A. Dickson, Florentino Casile, William Nickell



Trybonyek, Nickell, Gasset, Carroll, Fishman - Co. F 329th

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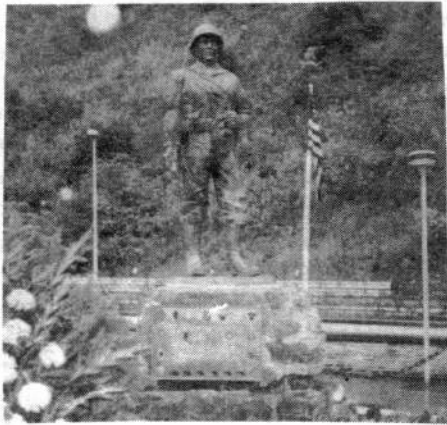
Walter C. Cranston, Jr. Word received from his wife
"H" 330th December 25, 1983

George M. Burg Word received from his wife
83rd SIGNAL December 21, 1983

Walter T. Reed Word received from his wife
"G" 329th September 20, 1983

The sympathy of the entire 83rd goes out to all the families of these deceased members and wives.

Men: Larry Redmond was operated for Heart Surgery. Had four by-passes. Came through the operation fine. Word from Mary.



Dear Bob:

Since receiving your letter of July 27th I've intended to write you. However I've had a little added problem of my "Arthritis", and since I'm 70 years old in 9 days it really "loads me down". I'm extremely sorry to miss the 40th Reunion in Florida, but its unavoidable.

I had contact with two local 83rd men, who greatly enjoyed the reunion meeting. I'm extremely pleased to hear a number of people inquired about me. I assure you if possible I would have been there. Yet, as conditions now exist I am unable to ride more than 15 or 20 miles in a car or bus. This limits my travel greatly. So it's fly to the closest town. Too often it's a long bus ride to the vital location, this I can't do. So I'm very extremely sorry, but I can't make it unless the situation is within limited bounds. So, I understand 1984 is Owensboro, Ky. As I would like to make it if the Airport is close to the Hotel etc. Please believe me, I'm extremely sorry to miss the past several years, but I can't do much about it (I hope you can read my writing) the Arthritis even bothers my hands, so writing is difficult also. Enough about my personal problems. I'm GRATEFUL & PROUD to be a LIFE MEMBER of the Assn. FOR THIS I'M MOST THANKSFUL.

I appreciate the "Thunderbolt" and its facts and data. I spend time in reading & reviewing every word. If anyway possible I will try to be in Owensboro next year if it's possible in the extremely difficult circumstances. I greatly appreciate the Association and all 83rd members, and never missed from Day II in Cleveland thru 12 years. But my circumstances have prevented it as I have stated before. For this I'm very sorry.

I'm also sorry to report that a member of "C Company 331st Art Johnson passed away several months ago. He was a wonderful man in our "Charlie Company" and I miss him. Also I'm afraid Julius Wilbert Thompson of Kentucky south of Louisville

never answers my letters and I cant reach him by phone. So I fear he maybe missing also, as last X-mas his lady friend wrote me and stated he was in Louisville Vets Hospital. If anyone has an information on him I would certainly like to hear from them.

Jim Burton, of 329th called me about Owensboro in 84, plus fine report on Florida wonderful reunion. I'm acquainted with him plus John Raikos, Ned Smith and several others here in Indpls. I would like to keep in touch always the "Great 83rd Div. Assn.." and all it's members. Rest assured I will make it if at all possible, under all the difficult circumstances.

I was in the plans of #1 reunion plus the one here in Indpls. as #2. I'm proud of all you guys and your terrific job of carrying on the reunion plus the Thunderbolt and other fine work, typical of Old 83rd performances in WW II.

I'm sorry to note the luck of members from "Charlie 33" and feel a bit responsible due to my unattendance. I will do anything you might suggest to help keep 83rd rolling. If I can physically do so. No one in the world has more PROUD RESPECT for our Association than I do. I'm ashamed to be unable to carry my part now. But I'll try anything you suggest.

I'm closing this lengthy epistle, as I realize Im' not doing much - however I'm still greatly proud of all of the 83rd. Div. and will forever be so. Please use a few of my words in the next Thunderbolt.

Expecially appealing to the "Charlie 331" group to join in and help keep the "Great Assn." going strong.

Sincerely and best wishes to all
Walter H. Edwards, Jr.

This article came with Ralph's check for his dues for 1984.

OLD BUDDIES:

Rolla's Ralph Wavra had an old friend drop in recently, Ralph's old foxhole buddy. Frank Ciolkowski and his wife of Baraboo, Wisconsin came to Rolla to visit Ralph and his wife.

Wavra and Ciolkowski served together in that foxhole in the European Theatre of World War II, now 38 years ago.

Lots of Memories.



Dear Buddies:

You may have read in the Spring issue of our Thunderbolt, that I was looking forward to writing a report on our meeting the Russians at the Elbe in May of '45.

I have scrapped the idea as it didn't seem to promote any interest. I had only two responses.

However I kept up my correspondence with the Russian ex-soldier from Leningrad.

We became very friendly exchanging pictures, etc. and writing on a personal basis.

Next Spring I will write a short report on our Elbe meeting using the pictures I have.

I'm sharing with you my last letter to him, which also contained newspaper reports & editorials from our American papers.

It speaks for itself of my feelings at that time.

I digress from my usual writing of the 83rd's past, as this incident will now enter future history books, other historians will write of it.

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

P.S. I hope you have all had the Best of Christmases.

Dear Zinori:

The feeling in my country, and also with me, is running very strongly against your country after the shooting down of a commercial S. Korean jet with rocket fire.

The score is - one Russian military rocket equals the loss of 269 innocent civilians of multi national backgrounds of which 51 were my fellow country men including a member of Congress.

You and I are innocent pawns in this horrible exhibition - but it does effect us both. Me, with a sense of outrage, you as a Citizen of a country supposed by peace loving.

Your countries military and civilian aircraft

have entered U.S. airspace - guided away - not shot down!

You and I saw much death & disstruction during the war, but this was the destruction of peaceful civilliance going their peaceful way.

Can you imagine those 12 minutes of terror, horror and panic before the plane hit the water?

There was no excuse for this brutality!

I know my fellow 83rders now would not initiate to meet yours at any river.

In anger & sorrow Kent

Dear Bob:

I would appreciate the following to appear in the next issue of the Thunderbolt.

Thank you
C. Fred Messina

*** CO. K 330TH INFANTRY ***

We have sent out letters to all Co. K buddies of whom we have addresses. We would like to see as many men from Co. K as possible at the 83rd Infantry Reunion, August 9, 10, 11, 1984 in Owensboro, Kentucky.

Les Elkins, George Palmero, J. Les Volkmer and myself are going all out to contact everyone we have an address or telephone number for.

If there is anyone from Co. K receiving the "Thunderbolt", and did not receive a letter, we urge you to attend the 83rd Infantry Reunion in Owensboro, Ky.

To those who will attend, please write or call:

Lester Elkins
R. 2
Ladoga, Indiana 47954
Tel.: 317-362-4844

Nellie and I wish everyone in the 83rd a Happy Holiday Season and a Blessed & Happy New Year.

*** PHILLIE NEWS ***

Reporter
John T. Piscitelli

We of the Phila. Chapter, had our spaghetti and meatball night prior to our October meeting, the catering was done by our Host's at their Restaurant in Narbeth, PA Lou & Lucy Volpi. Our good friend "Mousie" of H-329 & Art Frederici surprised us by joining us after a Football game. A great time was had by all. After the meeting the Phillie Thunderbolts held their meeting while our Auxillery prepared desserts.

Our Election of Officer's for 1983-1984 is as follows:

President	John Daum
Vice-President	Jim Price
Secretary	Louis Volpi
Treasurer	Albert Belvedere
Chaplain	John T. Piscitelli
Quarter Master	Emanuel Lima
Sgt. at Arms	Joseph Gioia
Sgt. at Arms	Charles Bonifiglia

As of our Oct. meeting, we have 138 paid up members and 35 paid ahead for 1984. A very good start.

We're working as a team to get a bus for our Aug. 1984 reunion in Owensboro, Ky.

We also have a schedule setup for our coming year 1984 with the approval of our members. Any Chapter members wishing to go by bus. Remember to get your bids in early. Contact our Pres. John Daum or Lou Volpi and Al Belvedere. Again we ask each and everyone to contact an additional potential member. Lets head for the 1500 mark.

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

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

I was unable to make my report for the first issue of the Thunderbolt because I was in the midst of moving. Now that I am settled, my permanent address is:

65 Westminster Dr. So.
Vincentown, N.J. 08088
Tele. # 1-609-859-9111

Co. K was well represented in the 83rd Ad Book. We should all be proud. Thanks to all of You who responded to my Request. The Florida Chapter ran a Super Reunion. Those who attended had a good time. There were Ten Men from Co. K present at the Reunion. We sat and reminisced with our First Sergeant, Earl McDonald. He also had records of all the Men in our Company.

There are Four Men from Co. K. that belong to the Philadelphia Chapter: Al Belvedere, Earl McDonald, Emanuel Lima and Emanuel Epstein.

Our 38th Reunion will be in Owensboro, Ky. on August 9, 10 & 11th, 1984. Again, I am asking all the Men of Co. K to attend this Reunion. If you know of anyone who was in our Company, please let me know.

The Booster Ad is \$5.00 per person. Please send it to me as soon as possible. I know Co. K. will be well represented again.

I have some sad news to report. Manny Epstein called me, informing me that Theodore Ritchie had passed away. He will surely be missed at Reunions because we always met Ritchie, smiling as usual, and his lovely wife Theessa. The other day, I received a note from Mrs. Everett Deger, notifying me of Captain Deger's death. He was our Company Commander when we went into Combat. He was buried on August 20, 1983. That is when we were at the Reunion in Florida. He had said, He was hoping to attend the Reunion in Owensboro. May God Bless both these Men. Our Condolences go out to Mrs. Theodore Ritchie and Mrs. Everett Deger.

For those who would like to send Cards the following are their address:

Mrs. Everett C. Deger
410 Seventh St.
Fairbury, Neb. 68352

Mrs. Theodore Ritchie
1927 Clifton Ave.
Paris, Ky. 40361

Remember, plan to be in Owensboro in August, 1984. The Holidays will be over by the time this Issue is out. I hope You and Yours had a nice Holiday. My Wife Anna sends her best to all of you. May you All be Blessed with Good Health.

Al Belvedere
Co. K. 331st Inf.

POEM BY HARAN MARTIN
Chaplain Dixie Chapter

"MAC LOVED THE 83RD"

I'm looking for a Medic
whose name I forget
I've been asking around
But no luck as yet
My hopes that I'll find
This ole buddy some day.
I'll throw my arms around him
And this is what I'll say.
How have you been ole pal
Do you remember me.
We met in a battle at Polle
On the Wesser river in Germany.
Do you remember Pvt. Mac's
Last request and dying word.
They can't take us
We're the fighting eighty third.
I guess we went crazy
We were raving mad.
We fired all the ammo
That five buttoned up tanks had.
Then came the silence
Not a gun shot was heard.
There Mac gave his life
For his country and eighty third.
You dressed my wounds
And I kept on firing.
Our enemy was giving up
They were moaning and crying.
From my wounds and loss of Blood
My vision became blurred.
but we kept on fighting
For Mac and the eighty third.
You was a good medic
Your job was well done.
Working with the dead and wounded
Dispite the firing gun.
I was hurting and frightened
But we gave Mac our word.
We would fight to the end
For him and the eighty third.
Many others like Mac
In Battle lost their life.
Leaving our hearts filled with pain.
It cut like a knife.
Mac was a brave hero
He was a real fighting man.
Said let's get 'em eighty third
I know that we can.
We conquered the enemy
As they carried Mac away.
I said Mac we didn't let you down.
We won the battle for you today.

*** K 330TH ***

Dear Bob:

Really hadn't realized I was delinquent in my dues until I got my fall edition of the Thunderbolt.

Here is a check for two year's dues. I'm optimistic, but if I don't make it thru to use up the time, the association can use the remainder.

There are at least four-make that six of "K" 330 making active plans to be in Owensboro next August.

Come on you K 330 men lets head out just as we did so many times in 44-45.

This will be my first and I'm looking forward to it. Might even see the "Mad Major" again.

See you in Owensboro
Edgar Haynes

*** THE WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER ***

We met at The Best Western Inn in Parkersburg on Dec. 4th 1983 and what a conference room it was. Excellent! We had dinner at the restaurant. The food and service were great. We wish to thank the management of The Best Western Inn, in providing us with a meeting place for our Chapter and also John Swecker for his help in obtaining this place.

Our attendance was not what we expected due to the weather (rain all day), illness and the Holiday Season. We had a good meeting with a talk by Jim Dunkin and his experience in the War. A motion was made and passed to donate Fifty Dollars to The (West Virginia) Barboursville Veterans Home. Arrangements are being made to present a check to H. Woody Williams, The Home Commandant and the Veterans in person on Dec. 12. We also plan to take some Gifts for the Veterans for Christmas). Two boxes of candy were given away. (door prizes. Helen Persinger and Chauncy Hunt) at our Chapter Meeting. We had an exchange of Christmas Gifts and every one present received a small box of candy. Our next meeting will be on March 18th, 1984, with the location to be determined later.

That's all for now
Don. W. Pettry
B-323 F.A.

West Virginia Chapter



At the Florida Reunion Boston Chapter
The Muellers, The Coves, The Maynards, The Scotts,
The Hermans, The DiGiammerinos, Hy Goodman,
Mike Caprio, Larry Arrigo.



Mr. & Mrs. Brandano, Mr. & Mrs. Bernie Cove, Mr. &
Mrs. DiGiammerino, on a recent visit to the "Pines".

Medical Center

150 South
Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02130



**Veterans
Administration**

**Pat. Di Giammerino
36 E. Border Road
Malden, Ma. 02148**



October 10, 1983

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Margaret Wood
Recreation Therapy



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*** WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER ***

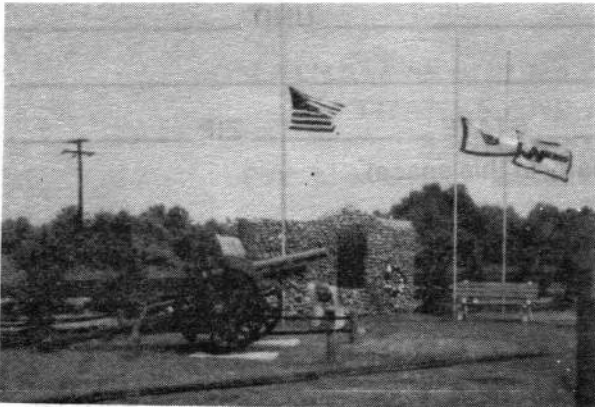
The CITY OF NITRO (My Home Town) was officially named a WORLD WAR I Memorial City on Sept. 29th 1982 and dedicated on Nov. 11, 1982.

NITRO got it's name from the production of gun powder and Nitrocelluose. Was built over night by thousand's of construction workers.

I could go on and on but space won't permit the real story, am enclosing two photo's of the MEMORIAL PARK and a copy of the Dedication Ceremony.

Feel free to use any of the enclosed booklet for reprint, with permission from Mayer Ashley, CITY OF NITRO.

John Shepherd
L & Hq. 331



*** WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER ***

Hello Bob:

Our visit to Cincinnati Aug. 5th to attend the 37th annual reunion of Co. L 331 was a blast as usual. My wife and I had a grand time.

The battles were fought all over again, they get bigger and better as the years go by.

The women enjoy these get togethers as much as the men.

Since joining the reunion in 1980 I've had the pleasure of meeting someone new that I haven't seen since Basic its always a pleasure to see these good buddies.

Keith Killian made a surprise visit this year, it was good to see him again, we had a long talk about our exploits while on the grand tour with the 83rd.

Bob thanks again for the visit you and Pearl paid us while staying at the Rodeway Inn, it was most enjoyable.

As I mentioned before, next year we were to reunite in Louisville and as planned to hop on over to Owensboro but a last minute change was made to have next year's reunion in Erie, Pa.

Well what can I say, win some, lose some.

John Shepherd
L & Hq. 331

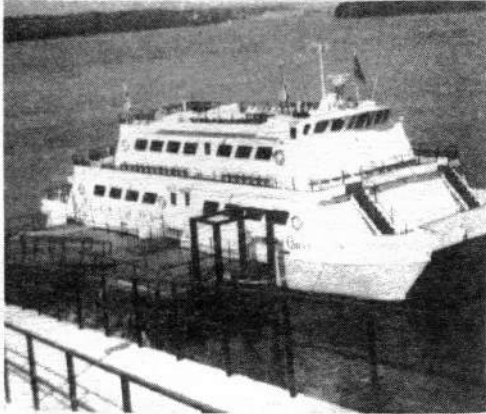


Florence & Frank Jackson

In order for the Kentucky Chapter to determine the transportation needs and the number of guests for the following events. Please return the reservation forms to the appropriate person and address as soon as possible.



38th ANNUAL REUNION AUGUST 9-10-11-12, 1984



RESERVATION FORM

**EARLY BIRD WEDNESDAY NIGHT AUGUST 8, 1984,
THE EXECUTIVE QUEEN OHIO RIVER CRUISE 7 TO 9 PM
COST \$5.00 PER PERSON**

Complete and Mail to:

**Manny Goodridge
621 Oak St.
Ludlow, KY 41016
(606) 491-0298**

Enclosed is payment of \$ _____ for _____ People. Signed _____

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City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Tel. _____

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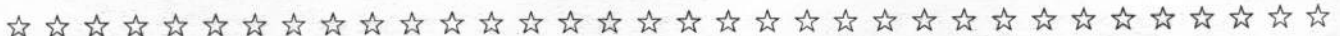


Please reserve me _____ tickets for the Camp Breckenridge Job Corp Center Tour. Bus transporation furnished.

Friday August 10th. Free lunch.

Signed _____

Mail to: R.C. Hamilton
Box 374
Marion, Ky. 42064
(502)965-4310 day
(502) 965-5266 night



Golf Tournament



Man's Name _____

Woman's Name _____



Paul Bryars
2840 Ross-Hanover Rd. Lot 4
Hamilton, Ohio 45013

Reunion will be in **Owensboro, KY**, August 1984. The dates are **August 9, 10, 11, 1984**. Start making your plans to attend the 38 Reunion.

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\$5.50 each

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Robert Derickson
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★ OFFICE PHONE:
★ 513-863-2199

★ DATE..... SIGNATURE