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we will honor our departed commrades**



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March is here already. In just six months we will be beginning our 38th Annual Reunion in Owensboro, Ky. Our plans are coming along real well and we are looking for one of the best Reunions ever. The Hotel informs me the reservations are coming in very strong. We believe all will enjoy this site in the middle of the country. We urge you if you have not sent your reservations in to do so as soon as possible. If you can't make it you can always get your deposit back. In Fla. last year some were late in sending in their reservations and had to stay at another Hotel away from the Reunion Site. We have 550 Rooms reserved and we think we will fill them all.

If you are coming in on Wed. and plan on the river cruise please send your Reservation along with \$5.00 check for each person who plans to go. Send check to Manius Goodridge, 621 Oak St. Ludlow, Ky 41016. If you would like the tour of old Camp Breckenridge, Ky, this is a free trip with a free lunch at the Camp. Send name and number who plan to go to R.C. Hamilton Box 374 Marion, Ky. 42064. A form for these activities is in the latest copy of The Thunderbolt. The Golf Tour form is in the Thunderbolt also.

We are doing all we can to make your reunion one of pleasure and fellowship with our buddies. We consider what we are doing a pleasure and not work. It is a pleasure to work for the Assoc. and my fellow buddies.

Write to one of the fellows you served with and try to encourage him to be with us at the next reunion. I feel sure some know

nothing about the reunions. I have in the past six months received letters from fellows who knew nothing about our reunions for the past 37 years. They know now.

Above all make plans to come to Old Kentucky and we will do our best to make your stay for a few days a very pleasant one. If you have any questions please write me we will keep you informed.

**Your Pres.
Arthur Doggett**



Dear Buddies,

do not forget to get your reservation right away for the Reunion. The Ky. Chapter has 550 rooms

blocked off for this Aug. 9-10-11. At this date over half of these rooms are already reserved. Manny reports that he has around 280 reservations for the River Boat Cruise at this time. So if you are planning to take a cruise on the river you had better send them in now. R.C. Hamilton reports that he has more reservations in than can be handled in one day. So plans are being made to have a second trip, which means there will be a trip for Thursday and Friday. The lunch will be furnished by the job corp center, free of charge. The ladies will have a program planned for those ladies remaining at the Inn on these two days. Paul Bryars reports the Golf Tournament is coming along fine. Hope that all of you will enjoy the reunion as much as we are enjoying getting ready for it.

Now for the members that have not sent their 1984 dues in yet please do so. This will save on postage by not having to send a special reminder. This would have been one by this time if Pearl hadn't been in the Hospital for about three weeks with pneumonia and complications. It will be about two more weeks before she can give me help to get this job done. By you doing this now it will mean less notices to be sent out and also will save on postage. Thank you fellows hope to see you in Owensboro.

Report has been given to me that there will be over fifty people going on the 40th Anniversary tour of Europe. We wish them a safe and enjoyable trip. We will wait for report from them at the reunion. In

rear of the book you will find the applications that are needed for the Reunion. Fill them out and send to the right person to avoid any errors or disappointments.

Also the Ky. Chapter has been saddened again with the loss of a dedicated member. O.L. Dalton, Salem, Indiana. May he rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Elsie.

Your Sec. & Tres.
Bob Derickson
3rd Bn Hq 329th

**WHEEE!!!! The 83rdrs are a coming
to Kentucky!!!!**

We of the Kentucky Chapter are overwhelmed at the response we are having from you. We are expecting one of the largest attendance ever. The motel has 250 rooms already reserved.

The Camp Breckinridge tour may have to be expanded to a tour on Thursday, August 9 and Friday, August 10 in order for them to accommodate us.

Since the boat can only handle 350 people comfortable the Early Bird River Cruise may have to be set up in two cruises - 6-8 P.M. and 8-10 P.M. on Wednesday August 8. A cut off date for application will be June 30, 1984.

Due to another convention ending at the Executive Inn on Wednesday August 8, the Inn people advised us that rooms may be short for Wednesday night only. If this occurs, the Executive will make all arrangements for accommodations at another Motel nearby - Holiday Inn - Days Inn or Quality Court - until Thursday, August 9. All other Executive facilities will be available to you. Dining, pool, health club, etc. This also applies in case of an overflow at the Inn, so get those reservations in as soon as possible.

Airline information subject to change. Check with your travel agent. All major airlines to Louisville, Ky. with (5) Allegheny commuter flights daily to Owensboro, Ky. Limo service to Executive Inn. From Evansville, Indiana commuter flight daily to Owensboro, Ky. Executive Inn provides limo service from Evansville. Please notify the Executive Inn well in advance of arrival time.

Convention Rate: For 4 days and 3 nights lodging (August 9-10-11, 1984) \$240 per couple, includes double occupancy room of \$120 per person in a double occupancy room or \$170 per person in a single occupancy room. Included are 6 catered meals, 3 breakfasts and 3 dinners. Lunches are on their own. Standard Rate: For additional nights other than the convention dates of August 9-10-11, 1984 will be \$40.00 per room per night. These prices include gratuity and Tax.

The Executive Inn will not guarantee room location or check in time before 1:00 p.m. The Kentucky Chapter will work with them where possible but **this is their policy.**

WE NEED YOUR ADS FOR THE AD BOOK. Send them as soon as possible so we may know how to prepare our budget. Remember, every cent of the ad money is used to defray reunion expense, so get them to us.

June 30, 1984, is deadline for ads, reservations for Camp Breckinridge tour and Early Bird River Cruise. Forms are available elsewhere in the Thunderbolt.

Golfing available at Ben Hawes State Park. Golf tournament reservation form elsewhere in this publication. Paul Byars in charge.

Daily Thoroughbred racing at Ellis Park Race Track 30 miles from the Executive Inn.

Looking forward to seeing you in August.

R.C. Hamilton
1st Vice President
Reunion Chairman

***** LOUISIANA CHAPTER REPORT *****

Once again I have to report that the Louisiana Chapter has not been active. The blame for this falls on my shoulders. I have not been able to devote the time to set up meetings we should have to keep the Chapter active. I hope in the future this can change. There always seems to be some activity that interferes with our meeting plans.

I did have a call from Lawrence Armand. Larry called to inform me that he was in the Hospital to get a complete Physical. He has not had a checkup since his back operation some three years ago. He felt that he needed the check up to prove that he was doing everything right. Playing Golf as much as he and Ruth does seems to agree with both of them.

Leonard since his retirement has tried a few new occupations, but hasn't settled on any as yet. I do envy him, being retired, and selecting the various types of work that he would like to try his skill at. The letter that I sent to all of the Chapters, as a member of the Board, went to Leonard in the Louisiana Chapter. I know that Leonard has a lot of advice that he can lend to the Organization.

I haven't heard from Labbe in Duson, but I have a strong feeling that he will be in Owensboro. Arthur Doggett should be able to bring him to the reunion.

I haven't heard from any of the other Louisiana Chapter members, but I will get some correspondence to them before the reunion. Let's make an effort to attend the reunion, so we can have a meeting of the Chapter at the reunion.

Joe Macaluso

*** FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ***

Our friend and comrade, and devoted Judge Advocate for many years, William (Bill) Doty is in need of all our prayers and our good wishes that we can send to him. He has been ill for the past three or four months. In February, he was in the hospital with pneumonia, he had spent the better part of December in the Hospital with a Heart Condition. Bill is in Northwest Community Hospital, 800 West Central, Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004.

The first year of my tenure was a memorable one, as all five years have been. With the reunion in Philadelphia, I knew that I had a long distance to travel for the May meeting with the Board. I believe the better part of being a member of the Executive Board is getting to the reunion site the day before and having an opportunity to meet the members of the Chapter that is hosting the reunion. The meeting in Philadelphia was special to me, because it gave me the opportunity to see my granddaughter for the first time. My daughter came in from New Jersey to be with the wife and I for that weekend. The Board meeting gives the members of the Board a chance to see the amount of planning that actually goes into putting on a reunion. I think, because I had this opportunity, I probably expected too much from the members of the Chapter sponsoring the reunion. I went away from the meeting with mixed feelings as to whether or not the reunion would be a success, and that we would be unable to please the members of the Association. A series of letters followed, and from all indications I must have stepped on too many toes. I had no intentions of doing that, but some how felt, that because I was serving as a representative of the general membership, I had to raise some objection. I created some hard feelings, and I hope that some day I can make amends.

For making the Executive Board meeting a successful one for me I have to thank Lou and Lucy Volpi. To Lou, for seeing that my wife, Mena, and I and the late Andy McKenna, had a chance to attend Mass in a beautiful church in Merion. To Lucy, for taking us into her home and providing us with a fabulous breakfast. Thanks to both of you, I can never repay that debt of generosity.

The Board Meeting in Monroeville posed even a greater problem of Transportation. Not knowing the area, the wife and I had a wonderful tour of the city of Pittsburgh, a little costly, but one that I shall remember. This being my second meeting, I was aware of what would take place, and what questions I should ask. I was hoping to make a better impression. Once again the wife and I found two good samaritans, Sam Klippa and Curley Ruprecht. The

wife and I had a late flight out of Pittsburgh on Sunday afternoon. Sam and Curley saw to it that we were occupied for all of the hours we were there. First, to attend Sunday Mass, then a wonderful Meal at a Restaurant in I believe, Washington Heights. We also had the opportunity to spend a few hours with Sam's wife and son. Sam, your wife is a wonderful person.

It is a good thing that the wife and I enjoy travelling, because in the four years with the Board we have made the rounds. I thought that the tour through Pittsburgh was great, but the best was yet to come. The third meeting at the Pines, was the icing on the cake as far as our travels go. I had made plans to get to the Pines and had called for all types of information as to how I would get from Kennedy Airport to S. Fallsburg. I knew what had to be done, but when we got off the Plane at the Airport, we still had no idea as to how we would get to the Pines. Being a member of a great outfit like the 83rd Division, you can expect to find great people. As soon as we disembarked from the plane, our problems were solved, there waiting in the Airport Terminal were two wonderful people, Mike and Liz Skovran. These two people had driven some hundred miles out of their way to meet us at the Airport. It was a very trying experience for them, because they had to travel through New York City during the midday traffic.

The Boston Chapter did a wonderful job in organizing the Board Meeting.

Bernie Cove and the people at the Pines went all out to see that we enjoyed ourselves while in New York. But, good things never come to an end, because once you get into these places you have to find your way out. Once again, Mena and I had the good fortune of being associated with some gracious people. Bob and Rita Taylor decided that the bus ride to the City was too much, so they decided they would take the long way back to Michigan. They drove Mena and I to the Airport, but since the plane was three hours away, we decided to have a picnic on the banks of the East River near Shea Stadium. The food was provided for by the Pines. The fourth trip to the Executive Board Meeting in May was to West Palm Beach, Florida. Another long plane ride, but also another enjoyable trip. Our stay in Florida, once again was a memorable one. The hospitality of the south was very much in evident, despite the fact that it was dispensed by a group of people from the North that finally decided that the South was the best place to live.

The men and women of the Florida Chapter overdid themselves in showing the members of the Board and their wives, a wonderful two days. To help Mena and I fulfil our religious obligations, we

have to thank Stan Beilen for the transportation, I hope in some way that Mena and I did a good turn, because Stan decided to attend Mass with us.

This year will be the fifth and last year on the Board, and once again I am looking forward to the trip to Owensboro, Ky. It promises to be as memorable as the other four, and Mena and I are planning to be there to enjoy the Hospitality of the Kentucky chapter.

I know that this has been a lengthy article, but I did want to express my feelings for those members of the Board that have gone out of their way to make my stay on the Executive Board an enjoyable one.

I have chosen this article as a means of expressing my thanks. I would rather thank these people in person at the meeting, but in keeping with the Board's policy of keeping the meetings as short as possible, I thought I would use the Thunderbolt as my means of expressing my thanks.

Joe Macaluso

Note: It has come to my attention that Pearl Derickson has been admitted to the Hospital after suffering a Heart Attack. Our hopes and prayers that Pearl has a speedy recovery, and that she will be with us in Owensboro.

***** THE WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER *****

The West Virginia Chapter met at the Best Western Motel in Parkersburg, W.Va. on Sunday, March 11th, 1984. We had an excellent turnout of members at this meeting. We had several new members and also some members from other Chapters of the 83rd. Ezio and Frances Alicandri from Pittsburgh Chapter and Arthur and Mildred Doggett from the Kentucky Chapter. Arthur gave us information about the Reunion and other information to improve our Chapter. A discussion was held that maybe the members from the Wheeling area might want to form a Chapter there since they have a long way to travel to our meetings. A committee was appointed to see if the W.Va. Chapter could hold a Reunion in the Charleston area some time later. A motion was made and passed to place an Ad of \$35.00 (thirty five dollars) in the Reunion Program book. A letter was read from the Barboursville Veterans Home with thanks for the fifty dollars donation for Christmas.

John Shepherd received a letter from a World War I Veteran of the 37th Division, 136th F.A.

Harold Roth, who wanted some pictures of the 155 Howitzer, which is in the Nitro World War I Memorial Park.

We are sending a get well card to Pearl Derickson, with all members present signing. Door prizes were won by Linda Dunkin and Arthur Doggett. (He donated it to the W.Va. Chapter). The date and location of our next meeting will be determined later.

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

***** 323rd Report *****

It is time to get this report out again. We are certainly looking forward to the reunion this year in Kentucky.

I wish to remind you that you must send me a donation for our Memorial Page in the ad book at the reunion. It is nice to remember our buddies. This reporter always has in the past.

I received a welcome letter today from Don Willis letting me know Al Covi paid him a visit while traveling in So. Carolina. Covi also stopped at Captain Ralph Morgan's home in Falls Church, Va. Frank Wirth was there also. It is real nice to hear about these wonderful meetings.

Since the last issue of the Thunderbolt, I talked on the telephone to Elis Kinder now from California. Kinder hopes to be in Kentucky this August. It was great talking to him. Thanks to Howie Edwards for being my Private Detective out in California.

In the month of March, Nancy and I are going to vacation in Florida. We have plans to meet Captain Bob Costello from **Good Old Battery B**. Also, Walter Harding wrote and we will be seeing him. I think he is close to Bob because he knows all the restaurants in that area and never puts on weight.

We have had a few chats on the telephone with Joe Rector. He is doing well and we will be meeting in the next few weeks.

Victor Bravman has had a major operation and is recuperating at his home in Canton, Ma.

Otto Koivisto of Hq. Battery passed away last summer. Otto had much suffering over the later years.

Walter Dryburg died in December 1983 after a short illness. Our condolences go out to the families of both these great men.

Don't you Headquarters men forget to send the money for the Memorial Page in the reunion Ad Book. Willie Snodgrass and Erwin Erhardt have already sent their money. Many thanks to them. In case you lost my address it is - 121 Sanborn Ave., West Roxbury, Ma. 02132.

Hope to see everyone in Kentucky in August. Until then, bless you all.

Amby Tynan
323rd F.A. Bn.

*** BOSTON CHAPTER ***

Boston Chapter has had a very successful drive on for membership and is still working hard at it.

Had a nice note from Ray Orsene from Conn. Ray is going to do some traveling this summer with his wife up to Cape Cod. Ray was with Charlie Company 331st Infantry.

Tony and Helen Piantedosi took a trip to South of the Border for a Mexican Holiday. Tony told me he is already to go back. They had a real good time.

Larry and Fran Arrigo are on a cruise to the Islands from Florida. They should be grandparents in the next few weeks.

Just got word that Pearl Derickson is in the hospital. Pearl we hope you are back home now giving orders to Bob.

Bernie Cove and Don Browar of the Pines Hotel, S. Fallsburg, N.Y., along with their wives, paid a visit to Pat and Ginny DiGiammerino's home. On their visit to Filene's Basement, Jeanie Cove and Rhoda Browar along with Don had no trouble getting fitted but Bernie had put on the extra inch and is still growing. Ha! Ha! (Only kidding Bernie). They went on to the Quincy Market Place which made it a wonderful day. The next night some of us got together till the early hours of the morning at Pat's house. It was like a Mini-Reunion.

I had a letter a while back from Vitie Atkocius which is like getting a note from heaven. He is a traitor to Holy Cross and I am sure he will be fighting Irish on St. Patrick's Day. Vitie, I will be thinking of you in So. Boston at the Parade.

On Sunday, March 18th, we will have our next meeting at Pat DiDiammerino's house. The April meeting will be in Rhode Island.

Walter Tetlak passed away in 1974. We just found this news out by trying to increase membership in the 83rd.

Bob Hunnewell informed me of the passing away of Eva Sylvia on January 23rd, 1984. She was the wife of Fred Sylvia of Co. I 329th Infantry. Eva is a loss to all of us who knew her.

Just before Christmas Flora Bjork passed away suddenly after seemingly recovering from an operation. Flora was a regular at our Boston meeting.

Helen Piantedosi's sister Lee passed away since my last writing, which was sad news for all of us.

Americo Andreano lost his sister. Americo was a member of 331st A.T. Company.

David R. Noyes died last year. His family sent notice of his death.

Condolences to all the above families from the Boston Chapter.

Thats all for now.

Amby Tynan
Boston Chapter

Dryburg

Walter Dryburg, 61, of Malden, died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1983 at 12:01 a.m. in the Brownsville General Hospital.

Born in Centerville Borough on May 8, 1922, he was the son of the late Walter and Jane Cairnes Dryburg.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Army, 83rd Infantry Division, with the rank of staff sergeant at Normandy, Northern France; and Rhineland and Ardennes in Central Europe. He was decorated with a bronze star.

He was employed by the HBC Barge Co. of Brownsville.

He was a member of the St. Thomas Aquinas R.C. Church of California, the Brownsville Eagles 1356, and the American Legion Post 705, Centerville.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Margaret and Elaine.

Surviving are his wife, Lucille Nelson Dryburg; one son, Walter Jr., Washington; and the following sisters, Miss Ann Dryburg, Malden; Mrs. Mildred Palmer, Clarksville; Mrs. Jane Matta, Burbank, Calif.; and Mrs. Ellen Philp, Centerville.



Larry Arrigo, Jim Prentice. Hey! That was a good one.



Bernie Cove, Don Browar, Amby Tynan, Larry Arrigo, Hy Goodman, Vera Caprio, Nancy Tynan, at Colonial Restaurant, Lynnfield, Mass.



Bernie Cove and Don Browar, from the Pines Hotel, holding Mike Caprio's Handiwork.



Leaving Colonial Restaurant after Dining and Wineing.



Fran Arrigo, Jean Cove (from the Pines), Nancy Tynan, Gin DiGiammerino, Vera Caprio, Rhoda Browar (from the Pines).



Hy Goodman, Pres. of Boston Chapter, Larry Arrigo, Bernie Cove, Amby Tynan, Mike Caprio, Pat DiGiammerino.

-NOTICE - NOTICE-

Co. L. 331st will be meeting at Erie, PA on August 11th and 12th, 1984. Any one interested please write or call Elmer Carlson, 1641 W. 32nd St. Erie PA, 16508. Telephone (814) 864-6013.



Dear Buddies:

In this report I'm continuing the "After Action" reports.

The write ups enclosed are from an 1945 issue of our "Thunderbolt."

Do you remember it was called prior to this, the "Spearhead"?

Stuart Hitt won't! Stv. B. Btry. 908th F.A. won a 2 day pass for submitting the name "Thunderbolt".

The U.S. Army photograph is of a Long Tom Rifle of Btry. C 981st F.A. Bn. of VII Corp. supporting the 83rd at Hebran-val. Belgium on January 14th 1945.

This winter reminded me of our time during the "Bulge". You too?

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

**"WE HAVE DONE YOU NO HARM—
DO NOT HARM OUR LITTLE HOME."**

These signs-in English,-are greeting Allied troops as they push on into Germany. They're being found in almost every house.

We wonder if the Germans actually think we're such a bunch of suckers to fall for this line of spit. How about the Poles and the Russians? Would they fall for it? Are they? NO!

**Then why should we?
You answer that one.**

It must be with a terrible sense of guilt that the Germans put up these signs. Why should they think the softy soldiers of decadent democracy would destroy their little homes?

You don't suppose they think we'd do such a thing without provocation do you? Or do you suppose they feel guilty about destroying half of Europe...and think we intend to destroy all of Germany?

They're guilty all right. Guilty as hell. And they know it. They're scared stiff. The war's right in their front yard. The shoe pinches. It's on the

other foot. And they know that, too.

These Germans, every one of them, waved deliriously at their mad Fuhrer only a few months ago, even a few weeks ago. They swelled over it victorious armies. They blessed their heroic sons...tools of Hitler's dirty work. They gave him a rousing OK.

Now look at them. About face...snivelling...whining...cajoling...pleading...saying "pretty please."

Ah, they're a cagey lot these Germans. They're smart and they're going to play us for all they're worth. It's damn near the end of the line in more ways than one for most of them. They know it only too well.

So, when it comes to signs, we've got one of our own. It's a good one, and we'll plaster it on every house we see.

**"UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT
DEMOCRACY AT WORK."**

Anniversary

April 20, 1945

To Every Officer and Enlisted Man of the 83rd Infantry Division:

One year ago today the last elements of the 83rd "Thunderbolt" Division landed at Liverpool, England to commence the final training phase prior to active participation in World War II. We of the 83rd have come a long way since then. Time and events have moved swiftly. We have kept pace with them—indeed we have played important roles in combat operations that have achieved historic significance by concretely demonstrating the will of free peoples to end forever the tyrannies of suppression and aggression.

The panorama of the past year is sharply etched by our successes in operation against the enemy. We all remember spearheading the drive to cut the Cherbourg Peninsula—our first operation. Memory of the historic fall of the fortress citadel at St Malo and its twin city, Dinard, is still vivid. We also proudly recall the surrender of nearly 20,000 Nazis while holding a defensive line which stretched for more than two hundred miles along the Loire River. We are reminded of our activity in Luxembourg where we succeeded in pushing the enemy back across the Moselle River to complete the liberation of that country from the Nazi yoke. Likewise we cannot forget our drive through the Hurtgen Forest to the Roer River at Duren, our key role in smashing the enemy's winter offensive in the Ardennes, our victory in the race from the Roer to the Rhine, our lightning—like drive from the Rhine to the Elbe River.

We are ever mindful of those from our ranks who made the supreme sacrifice and the others who have shed their blood in battle. We continue the fight firmly determined that these comrades shall not have fought in vain. The memory of their heroic contribution to our cause serves to inspire us to continued and greater efforts.

As we stand today on the threshold of final victory in Europe, we all pray for an early cessation of hostilities with the German enemy. I take this opportunity to express to each and everyone of you my sincere gratitude for your courageous and gallant efforts of the past year. We can all be justly proud of the record of our Division and I heartily congratulate you on your achievements. Your conduct has always been in keeping with the highest military standards and a credit to our country. It is my earnest hope that you will soon be home, enjoying the peace and comfort of the United States. God be with you always.

ROBERT C. MAGON
Major General, United States Army
Commanding



A 155-mm "Long Tom" rifle of the 981st FA Bn, VII Corps, hurls a projectile at German positions, near Hebronval, Belgium. Note the camouflage of white cloth wrapped around the barrel of the gun. Battery C, supporting the 83rd Inf. Div.
1/14/45

25 November 1944

Patrolling continued along river line and units in reserve carried on trailing. 2nd Battalion, 330th Infantry, completed relief of 3rd Battalion at 1200.

Enemy plane flew over area shortly after midnight. Eight or ten V-weapons projectiles went over during the course of the day, headed either Southwest or Northwest. Four enemy planes were over various parts of the Division zone between 1930 and 2100. The 10th Armored Division was contacted regarding establishment of a 1930 and 2100. The 10th Armored Division was contacted regarding establishment of a "No Fire Line" South of which no patrols of the 331st Infantry would cross the MOSELLE RIVER. Due to their dispositions, the 10th Armored Division could not, at this time, establish a "No Fire Line" East of the MOSELLE RIVER. The 331st Infantry was therefore ordered not to send reconnaissance patrols across the MOSELLE RIVER in front of the 10th Armored Division.

The 422nd Field Artillery Group fired three counter-battery missions on sound locations reported by Battery A, 285th Field Artillery Observation Battalion. The 323rd Field Artillery and Companies B and C of the 802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion fired TOT on enemy battery positions at 1405. The Division Artillery Air Outpost observed the firing and reported the area well covered and an ammunition camp burning in the vicinity.

First week of Advanced Training School for Non-commissioned officers at MONDORFF (P9402) was completed.

26 November 1944

Patrolling East to the MOSELLE and SAUER RIVERS continued without important occurrences.

1st Battalion, 329th Infantry, accompanied by one Platoon, Company A, 308th Engineer Battalion, moved to vicinity of HETTANGE GRANDE (U3591) for training in the assault of a fortified position, using MAGINOT LINE installations.

During the period that the 1st Battalion, 329th Infantry, remained in the HETTANGE GRANDE training area, the 1st Battalion, 330th Infantry, was made available to the Co. 329th Infantry, upon request to this Headquarters. The Battalion remained under control of Co. 330th Infantry, until alerted by this Headquarters. The battalion will be prepared to move by motors on 2 hours notice. Fifteen trucks from the 330th Infantry will be furnished on a thirty minutes notice for movement of the 1st Battalion.

The 308th Engineer Battalion continued its study of the MOSELLE RIVER at SCHENGEM (Q0197) at the same place Company B operated a ferry. The river level had risen at 1800, a total of 9.7 feet since 1200, 20 November 1944, and the velocity of the current was estimated to be 5.8 miles per hour. Company A, 308th Engineer Battalion, carried out road repairs in two or three parts of the Division area, and Company C assisted the 774th Tank Battalion in preparation of area for tank demonstration.

Enemy planes were over the Division area at 0215, and again at 2200 and 2300, and during the course of the day at least 10 V-weapon projectiles were reported crossing the area from the East and moving either Northwest or Southwest.

27 November 1944

Patrolling continued along the Division front.

Division Artillery planned a five-day program of artillery fires upon enemy pockets West of the MOSELLE RIVER and known enemy positions and emplacements elsewhere. Battery C, 559th Field Artillery Battalion, was attached to the 422nd Field Artillery Group at 0800, although remaining in previous location outside the Division area, movement to position with the 422nd Field Artillery Group planned for the following day.

Company A, 308th Engineer Battalion, was engaged in constructing a gun position for the 422nd Field Artillery Group and assisted the 329th Infantry in construction of gun emplacements in the Regimental area. Company C, 308th Engineer Battalion, experimented with methods of effectively neutralizing Anti-Tank ditches in enemy territory.

Planes were over the Division area in small numbers between 1800 and 2030, being reported by the 330th Infantry and the 331st Infantry.

The 3rd Cavalry Group having been assigned the mission of relieving the 10th Armored Division within its zone, requested the artillery assistance of the 83rd Division. The request was granted and it was stated that an artillery battalion would be moved to the South on the 28th of November.

Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer Training School began its second week of intensive work with a selected group of Non-Commissioned Officers from the units of the Division.

28 November 1944

Considerable patrol activity during the period resulted in detailed information on a number of points along the Division front. A patrol from Company K, 329th Infantry, went close enough to WASSERBILLIG (L1124) to determine that enemy troops still occupy the town. Patrol returned at 0300 after capturing one Prisoner of War from pillbox at (L10502515) and killing three. Mines and road blocks were found outside the town; one member of the patrol was injured by a scau mine at (L102254). Another patrol from Company G, 329th Infantry, attempted to knock out enemy artillery Observation Post at (L095354). Of the twenty-five men who made up the patrol, one was missing and eleven were wounded when patrol returned at 0230; wire protection and electrically controlled mines and dynamite charges surrounded the objective, forcing the patrol to withdraw. A patrol from the Maruder Platoon, 29th Infantry, went to BORN (L1129) and returned without incident to report the own clear, but approximately fifty enemy troops occupied the ground between the town and the SAUER RIVER. A patrol from Company B, 52nd Armored Infantry Battalion, reported GIRSTERKLAUS (L1032) clear of enemy, and a patrol from Company L, 329th Infantry, found HINKEL (L1132) likewise clear. In the 329th Infantry area, C Troop 9th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron relieved A Troop of the same organization. Company C, 52nd Armored Infantry Battalion, was attached to the 329th Infantry.

The 1st Battalion, 330th Infantry, submitted a plan for movement to the 329th Infantry area to be executed on a 90-minute alert upon order from the 00, 329th Infantry. (See Item 272, G-2, G-3 Journal, 28 November 1944).

The 323rd Field Artillery Battalion and 324th Field Artillery Battalion moved to new positions at ELLANGE (P9603) and APAPGE (P9813), respectively, to support the 3rd Cavalry Group in position East of the MOSELLE RIVER. Battery C, 559th Field Artillery Battalion (155 Gun), was attached to the 22nd Field Artillery Group, and moved into position vicinity BERBOURG (L0227).

During the afternoon, the Chief of Staff, VIII Corps, visited the Division Command Post and talked with the Division Chief of Staff concerning future employment of the Division. Orders were issued for the 330th Infantry to be prepared to move by motor early on 30 November to GRESSENICH (K9842) in combat formation, with the following attachments: 323rd Field Artillery Battalion, Company C, 602nd Tank Destroyed Battalion (Towed), Company B, 308th Medical Battalion, and Company B, 308th

Engineer Battalion. The Division was scheduled to relieve one of the Divisions in the VII Corps. The 331st Infantry was directed to relieve all elements of the 330th Infantry in the line prior to 0001, 30 November.

Company A, 308th Engineer Battalion, assisted the 81st Field Artillery Battalion in construction of emplacements, and Company B conducted a mine and booby trap demonstration at the Non-Commissioned Officers School. The hydrographic station conducted by the 308th Engineer Battalion at SCHENGEN (Q0197) reported the MOSELLE RIVER to be falling rapidly at 1800.

Enemy planes flew over the Division area at 1845 and again at 2015, and some ten V-weapons were reported during the day, one of which crashed at 1500, without causing any casualties, West of the city of LUXEMBOURG.

29 November 1944

The 3rd Battalion, 331st Infantry, completed relief of the 330th Infantry at 1630 and assumed responsibility for the area at that time. 2nd Battalion, 330th Infantry, closed in new area vicinity FILSDORF (L9205) at 1700. Company B, 52nd Armored Infantry Battalion, attached to the 329th Infantry was relieved by Company C, same organization, at 1245.

A Marouder Platoon patrol from the 329th Infantry went into GIRSERKLAUS (L1032) and found one house occupied by the enemy. The Marouder Platoon fired on the house and dispersed the enemy.

The 331st Infantry reported that an enemy patrol cut communications between 1st Battalion and Company C. Two members of the enemy patrol were wounded when fired upon by outpost in vicinity of RJ (L040163).

The 330th Infantry sent a patrol from Company I to contact friendly forces, and obtain information on terrain, and enemy activities East of the MOSELLE RIVER.

1st Battalion, 329th Infantry, and one Platoon, Company A, 308th Engineer Battalion, continued training in assault of a fortified position at HETTANGE GRANDE. (U8390).

Company C, 308th Engineer Battalion, continued operation of ferry and hydrographic station at SCHENGEN (Q0097). The river continued to fall. The difference in water level from 201200 to 291300 was 6.4 feet.

In the rear areas, reserve units continued training, and the Non-Commissioned Officers School proceeded with its program of special training at MONDORFF.

The Division Artillery continued to fire on road junctions and possible mortar and artillery positions. Between 1400 and 1600, 800 rounds were fired on the above targets by the 323rd, 908th, and 324th Field Artillery Battalions. A prisoner of war captured said the harassing missions were particularly effective.

30 November 1944

The 83rd Infantry Division on the last day of the month had the mission to patrol vigorously to the SAUER - MOSELLE RIVERS and prevent the enemy crossing thereof. Two regiments were on the line. The 331st Infantry on the right from a point on the MOSELLE RIVER (L0102) to MERTERT (L0923) and the 329th Infantry on the left from MERTERT to BOLLENDORF (L0140).

The Division CP was located in the vicinity of LUXEMBOURG.

The 331st Infantry was disposed along the MOSELLE RIVER with the 3rd Battalion on the right, the 1st Battalion in the center and the 2nd Battalion on the left.

The 329th Infantry occupied positions along the MOSELLE - SAUER RIVERS with the 3rd Battalion on the right, the 2nd Battalion in the center, and Troop B and C of the 89th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron on the left. Company C of the 52nd Armored Infantry Battalion occupied positions within the 2nd Battalion sector. The 1st Battalion and one Platoon, Company A, 308th Engineer Battalion, continued training on MAGADT LINE fortifications in vicinity of HETTANGE GRANDE.

The 330th Infantry was assembled in reserve awaiting orders to move to the VII Corps area. A quartering party including Battalion Commanders departed for the 4th Division area at 0850. Company C, 774th Tank Battalion, was attached in place to the 330th Infantry effective 1200.

Company C, 802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion having been attached to 330th Infantry at 1200, 29 November 1944, was detached effective 1200 this date.

The 308th Engineer Battalion discontinued operation of the ferry at SCHENGEN at 1800.

The 83rd Division Artillery at this time was supported by the 73rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, the 3rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion, and the 811th Tank Destroyer Battalion (SP) (firing secondary mission). The attachments to the Division Artillery were the 802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion (Towed), 453rd Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion (AW), the 422nd Field Artillery Group, consisting of the 1st Field

Dear Ed:

Enclosed is the picture I told you I would send to you.

My brother Hughie is the one on the extreme left of the picture. the other (6) people are not identified.

Again Information on Hughie is listed below.

Pvt. HUGH J. WILLIAMS JR.
Serial Number 33,610,239
Co. "F" 331st Inf. 83rd Inf. Div.
APO 83 c/o Postmaster New York, N.Y.

I would appreciate any information you might be able to get about Hughie and I'm sure the rest of our family would also.

Thank You Again, Ed. Your Cousin,

Jack Williams

Hughie Williams:



His brothers address is:
Jack Williams
75 Wayson's M.C.
Lothian, Md. 20711

***** FROM THE OLD OFFICE
IN PITTSBURGH *****

Deadlines sure come around quickly these days. I almost forgot this article, but since it is snowing outside (we are expecting about six inches) this is a good time to get this news out. Did you ever see a worse Winter than this one? Maybe its just me, but I hope I never see another bad one as this. Wish it was done and over with already.

This Ole Man is ready for a warmer climate, but I can't convince my wife to move somewhere else. This year the whole Country has had their share of bad weather and I'm just wondering where I'd have to go to get away from it. Hawaii is the best selection but we just couldn't afford that.

Many things have been happening around here since the last T'Bolt was put out, but I haven't been keeping notes and they either slipped my mind or were misplaced.

It was very sad news to hear that my good friend, Bill Doty, was hospitalized several times last year. He has done so much for me and for our Association in the past. I'm sure that everyone wishes him a Speedy Recovery and want him to get well soon so that we can get together at the Reunion in Owensboro. Anthony Novak, of "D" 308 Medics, who lives in the Chicago area also, was hospitalized for Prostate surgery. One day after Tony, I was to have the same thing done, but it turned out that the Doctor preferred to try more medication instead and to wait and see what happens. So far so good. To Bill and Tony, GET WELL REAL QUICK.

Read in the last T'Bolt that Mrs. Uridel had passed away, and it came as a shock to me because I thought she was doing so well. Al Uridel was a member of Cn. 329th Infantry. Our Sympathies go out to Al and family.

I've been kept busy planning my tour of Europe, and this time, I'm really thrilled about it. This will be far different from the other eleven trips I made because I'll be doing things as I please. No more schedules and no gripes to listen to. We will be renting a Van over there and travel at our leisure. In the beginning we had six members, but now there are just three for sure but that's good. It would have cut our expenses in half with the other three as far as travel costs go. Captain Mac said that he might meet us in Normandy or there about.

Bob Derickson tells me that he has fifty 83rdrs signed up with Galaxy Tours this time. If that's true, the 83rd will be well represented. Those of you that have never been on one of my Tours, will surely enjoy this one. I heard recently that President Reagan, the President of France and the Queen of England will take part in the Festivities.

Joe Danylo, Jules Desgain and I are making plans to visit seven or eight Countries in Three weeks. I can't fly and will be going by boat (the Q.E. 11) and this adds a couple of weeks to my trip. I'm sure I will enjoy it though, because it will be different. Another 83rder, Ralph Morgan will on the same ship with me and will return home the same time as I.

The next Deadline is June 10th for the T'Bolt, but I'll not have any news for you at that time. After the Reunion will be the best I can do, so I'll get a description of my travels out to you at that time. If all goes well, I'll see a lot of you at the Reunion and tell you about the trip.

We in the Pittsburgh Chapter, have been working hard right along, planning our future affairs etc. We still hold our Meetings the first Sunday of each month and if any of you are in the area at the time, feel free to join us and have a drink with us. You won't be bored because we still average about 28 members to a meeting. Neither the rain nor the snow keeps us from attending.

Gene Costanzo of "G" 331, tells me that his wife is going to the Hospital for Arthritis Surgery, and by the time you read this, she should be well recovered and back to being herself again. We wish her the very best of everything.

Several of our guys have been in Florida this Winter and attended the Florida Meeting. Chuck Caven of "A" 331 is still there, Larry Leonardi is still there, and Wilbur Campbell of "D" 331 spent a couple of weeks there. Jules Desgain "B" 908 F.A. was there on a weekender. Chuck Caven wrote that his wife was ailing but I don't have any details on that. We wish her the very best and a speedy recovery.

Here is a photo of a very lovely young lady, the daughter of George Gelety of "F" 330th Infantry. She is a straight "A" student (which you must be to get into St. Vincent's College) and we are proud of her.



KAREN A. GELETY

"Karen A. Gelety, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Gelety of Belle Vernon, PA, has been accepted for admission to St. Vincent College, in Latrobe, PA. Karen will major in Political Science for four years."

In the absence of Steve Blasko, our untiring Secretary, who is spending the Winter in Florida, Sal Scicolone of "I" 329 has been filling in and doing a great job for us. Steve is scheduled to be back in

May and I'm sure he will give us a report on the Florida COLD. Brrrrr!

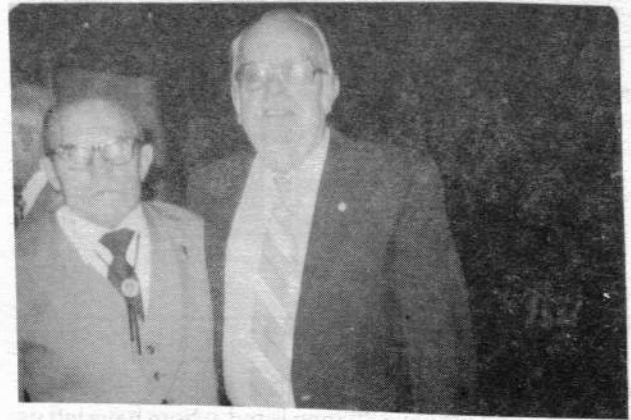
FACT. More than half of the guys in the Pittsburgh Chapter are now retired. If that isn't a sign that we are getting old in this Association, I don't know what is. Better start enjoying yourselves to the fullest. Time is running out. The latest two to retire in our Chapter are: Matt Pintar of "L" 329th and Ed Reuss of "I" 331. We wish them much joy and happiness in their retirement.

Ted Lozowski of "E" 329th showed up at one of our Meetings after a year of being absent for an illness. It was good to see him again and in fine spirits.

I was planning to attend the West Virginia Meeting of March 11th, but just couldn't get someone to go with me. Can't travel alone anymore. Sorry fellows, maybe next time when the weather is better.

This is about it for now, so until the Reunion, So long, God bless. Best of good luck, health and happiness to all of you.

Samuel Klippa
"D" 331st



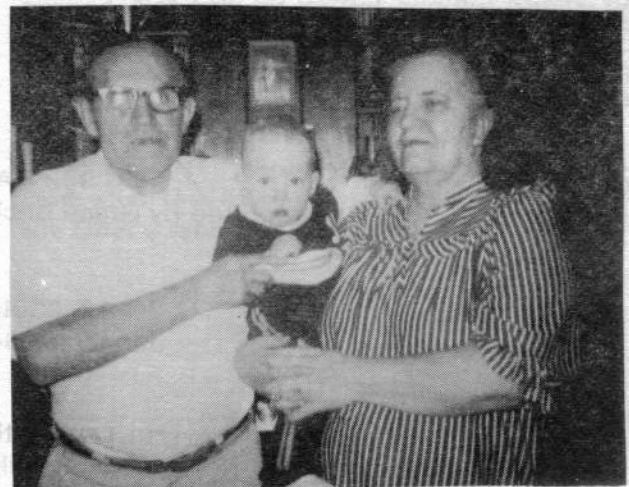
Eugene & Helen Persinger with latest Grandson "Joey".



Eugene Persinger, Arthur Doggett.



Helen Persinger, Frances Alicandri, Ezio Alicandri, Eugene Persinger.



L-R, Front Row:
Helen Persinger, Mrs. Arthur Doggett, Frances Alicandri.
Back Row: Eugene Persinger, Arthur Doggett, Ezio Alicandri, Mrs. Chauncey Hunt.

Chaplain's Steeple



Dear Fellow Thunderbolts,

our Obituary List is growing by leaps and bounds. As of March 3rd 1984 we have 35 men listed, whom have left us since our Florida Reunion. Quite a few of our men have lost wives and children to numerous to mention. Our prayers and condolences go out to all their survivors. May they all be in the presence of the good Lord for all Eternity even until the end of time, Amen. Quite a few of our Buddies, have been in the Hospital this past year, and we pray for a quick recovery for all of them.

Larry Redmond and his wife Mary are both recovering nicely. Hope to see them both soon. Bookie Mendelsoh C-308 is home recovering nicely from a suspected Heart condition, sorry to hear of Mrs. Uridel passing away a very lovely lady. Our prayers go out to Al and to all members that lost their loved ones.

We're getting ready for our Memorial Services. Any one with any suggestions, feel free to write myself, or Casey Kowalec, or our National President Arthur Doggett.

This Ass'n belongs to all of us and any suggestions for improvement will be greatly appreciated. Remember when any deceased Buddies names are sent in please include Units-Btns-Regts.

Again God bless everyone, God willing see you in August.

Chaplain
John T. Piscitelli
C-323-F.A. B.n.

Charles E. Morgason "A" 908 F.A.
Box 174 Reported By Grace Brick
Waldron, IN 46182

Orville S. Dalton A.T. 330th
P.O. Box 449 Jan. 21, 1984
Salem, I N 47167

Minor R. Minor Hq. Co. 329th
133 S. 4th St. Reported by Family
Springfield, IL

Myron H. Miller K Co. 331st
R #2 Box 255 On Nov. 18, 1980
Dixon, MO 65459 Reported By Family

Alexander Tyson "A" Brty. 908 F.A.
1630 Shawn St. Reported By John Clevenger
Philadelphia, PA 19111

Harry Swedloff
1900 J.F.K. Blvd. Reported By Brother
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Paul Cico "F" 330th
Bx. 302 R#3 Reported By His Wife
Tarrs, PA 15688

Phillip Deresla "F" 331st
3432 S.R. 580, Lot 431 Reported By
Charlie Schmidt
Clear Water, FL 33519

Milton Brger (Dentist) 329th
Reported By John Budak

Robert J. Criswell Aug. 9, 1983
5230 E. Jewell Ave. Reported By His Wife
Denver, CO 80222

Frank Bunk "G" 331st
13641 Granger Rd. Reported By His Wife
Garfield Hts., OH 44125

Donald G. Ervin "2nd Bn." Hq Co. 331st
Wellston, OH June 2, 1983
Reported By Jay Goodman

Leon G. Hall "G" 329
5440 Pierce St. Reported By His Wife Dorothy
Merrillville, IN

NOTICE FOR FELLOW 83RD MEN

Bill Doty has been in and out of the Hospital since Sept. 83 up to Dec. 83. Since then they had to amputate his left leg below the knee. I called Rita last week and she told me Bill is doing much better now. If anyone would like to send Bill a card, you can send it to this address.

William M. Doty
2003 W. Lunt Ave.
Chicago, IL 60645
I am sure he would appreciate hearing from his 83rd Buddies.

We all wish you a speedy recovery Bill. We all are looking forward to seeing you in Owensboro this Aug.

Bob Derickson

***** KENTUCKY CHAPTER CHATTER
BY VI DAY *****

We just returned from a lovely weekend in Owensboro, Ky and Evansville, Ind. We had about fifty members at Owensboro. Its a great place for a mini vacation.

Wilson and I had a room in the East Motel. We had stayed there previously because of Heidi and got to like it there. The view of the Ohio river is super. They are losing the river bank, the shrubs were gone & we wondered if the bank would hold - it did. You have to see it to understand what I'm saying.

Pearl Derickson got out of the Hospital on Thursday and was at Owensboro on Friday. She is one gutsey lady and we all love her and wish her well.

We all missed Jay Wright, Theodore Ritchie and Orville Dalton who have preceded us in death since the August reunion. We also missed their wives Elsie Dalton and Theesa Ritchie. Mary Wright came to the meeting and we were happy to see her. May God bless and keep them in his care.

Kermit Hargis is still in the V.A. Hospital at Lexington. He has been there for several years now and our hearts reach out to him and his wife Maxine.

I don't want to overlook anyone in the Ky. Chapter. We missed the ones who weren't at the meeting. Bob Derickson told me to keep the article short, ha.

The ladies in the Chapter are a very talented bunch. I saw some beautiful crafted items which will be for sale at the Reunion in August. Save your "Pennies". Dena McIntosh had a lovely oil painting at the meeting which I believe was a gift to her father, Herschel. She is planning on making two prints to be raffled at the Reunion. It's very apropos.

Some of the ladies toured a Cigar Factory which had been converted into small shops. Wilson, his brother Elmer, wife Dee and I went to Rose Maries at Evansville. We went two days and got lost both days. Its a charming store. I know some of you are collectors so I'll pass this tidbit on. When the master woodcarver, Ulrich Bernardi, was in the United States, he made a scheduled stop at Rose Maries. The custom build table with attached vise did not arrive on time. The collectors were arriving so Bernardi pointed to a live tulip poplar tree in the yard, Bill Hillenbrand owner of Rose Maries nodded his head. Bernardi started carving. He carved a beautiful Madonna & Child into the tree. We saw it this past weekend.

Wilson and I met Bernardi at Schnitzelbank in Frankenmuth Mich. last fall and had dinner with him and other collectors. We have several of his 20" carvings and are very proud to have them. If anyone is interested in a side trip to Evensville, the people from the Chapter will try to accommodate you per R.C. Hamilton. Some of the members will have cars. Wilson probably will get lost again but its fun being lost with him.

Oh, we had some guests from Pekin, lil. Betty & Ed

Kirgan. It was nice seeing them again. They were not at the August reunion in Florida.

Mildred Doggett had major surgery but is now on the road to recovery and is keeping Arthur in tow which isn't easy as you all know. They are busy Square Dancing and love every square.

Enough chatter, see you all in Owensboro in August.

Viola Day

Dear Buddies:

On Feb. the Phillie Chapter attended their annual Spring Band Festival. A great turnout, and fun night for all. Our chapter President made reservations at the J.R. Cafe in the Phila. Centre Hotel. A great Dinner and renewal of friendships. Anthony Gianni and his lovely wife Ida joined us for the first time. He's now a member of the Phillie Chapter and national Ass'n. We're all getting ready for Owensboro, Ky. Send in your reservations, also a deposit those wishing to go with us from Phillie. Send deposit for Bus to Pres. John Daum or Sec. Lou Volpi and or Treasurer, Al Belevedere. We're leaving Narbeth, PA Sunday evening Aug. 5th at 6 PM. Will arrive at Owensboro, Ky. Monday evening Aug. 6. Will leave Ky. the following Sunday Aug. 12 between breakfast and noon. Will arrive in Phillie Aug. 13. Monday afternoon. Make your reservations accordingly.

We're asking all Thunderbolts to send their ads for the National Book, to their unit collectors as soon as possible.

Let's all remember why our 83rd Inf. Ass'n. was formed. Not only for Parties and our Annual Banquet, but for all our deceased Thunderbolts. To keep their memories in our minds and the memories and thoughts and heroics of all 83rd as long as some of us are alive.

We'll keep the words of General Milburn, when he said, when they hit the ground we bounce. Be one of the Doer's send in your dues. Don't be a Do Not.

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

NOTICE!

I Co. 331st will have a company reunion on June 14, 15, 16, 1984. Write to Chester Rice, Colony, OK 73024.

*** 783rd Ordnance ***

You fellows were real good to me which means that I have a lot to report on many of you so much so that I just might "ramble" but lets start with all the Christmas messages for so many of them had to deal with the Kentucky Reunion.

Tom Riley reported in through his good wife Betty, that he is still working long hours for the Ayer Water Dept. We just might see him this year.

Frank Szalontay is doing well in spite of his self confessed "thinning gray hair". Join the crowd Frank, at least your honest, now Paul Bryars! Frank is coming to Ky. and will have an advantage over the rest of us duffers as he maintains a Golf Course at Madison Ohio. Drop by and he'll treat you to a freebee.

Frank Amodea want to be remembered to "all my buddies". Frank is still needed very much at home but he is hoping to make Ky.

Herschel Weaver's are enjoying better health and traveled the west last year and looking forward to Ky.

The report on **Bill Appleby** is terrific. He is back to work calling square dances. He has sold his home in Philly and has moved to his farm at Rd. #1, Box 1656, Pottsville, Pa., 17901. Bill and Martha will be leading some dances in Ky. Finally heard the good news from **George Harris's** good wife Mettie that they have reservation for 84. Your all going to be surprised to see the shape "lumberjack" George is in.

Now to break these messages up a little let me relay the news of all the "new" fellows I was lucky enough to find.

Ernest Jim "Chris" Christian thanks to a clue from Bryars we found Ernest in good health at 418 Carriage Drive Tyler Tex. 75703-216-561-3717. He immediately called Bryars and he sure would like to see us all. He has joined the Assoc. and sent a photo and he still looks like the same good "old" Chris. Lets see you try extra hard in Aug. Chris. We will guarantee you that Bryars will not be first in the chow line. Chris then let me to **Ray Wiggins**, 5712 W. 92nd St. Overland Park, Kansas 66207-913-648-3868. Ray was really happy to be "found" he is retired and playing golf five days a week, except Jan. He says he's also deep into antique clocks, bring some to Ky. Ray a lot of the wives love their antiques!

Flavy Bush has been found at Rte. #2, Manchester Tenn. 37212 615-728-7279 but all was not well. Flavy's wife had just returned from the hospital with a stroke and I could not talk to Flavy as he had a stroke five years ago and he has lost his voice. Otherwise he is doing well as he is still working his farm. He would really like to hear from some of you as he gets very depressed. So please try to remember our friend in need.

Joe Orbin 14811 Howard St. Cresentown Md. 21502. 301-729-3218 Sgt. Joe was with us in Atterbury and left with Joe Stubber for the Air Force. Joe was his jolly good self, surprised to hear from us and very much interested in

meeting the old gang. Can you imagine Joe told me he went through eight basic trainings. Joe is retired from the Postal Service since Oct. and is in good health.

Harley Maxwell 3050 Crescent Dr., Columbus Ohio 43204. 614-276-2345. Like almost everyone else Harley was surprised at the call and asked many questions about many of you. He too is retired and "has" the normal aches and pains of the sixty's. We hope to see him in Ky. encourage him.

Eino Suomela 462 Mildred Rd., Rd. #3 Todd Manor Pa. 15012. 402-929-5370. Eino asked for many of you including Lt. Kimball he would like to get to Ky but he is unable to travel because of his bad back. We'll get Blasko to drop in for a beer, Eino.

Sadly I must also report we found two of our buddies to be deceased both G. Conrad and Ralph Wheeler died in the 50's so lets all count the blessings of the years.

This brings our "found" count to 101 which is good but we can with your clues find more. Please look and write me. Gene Bond reported that he has a little case of agina and was told not to go hunting. Naturally, he went and got his biggest buck ever, 2001 lbs. and he sent me a picture to prove it. That is you on the left isn't it Gene?

Phil Barabara is his same old fun self, can you imagine he not only claims I sent him Arthur's Christmas card he also said the money fell out! I'll see you at the races Phil but I'm not betting with you! Ed Perke was delightfully surprised to receive a call from Percy Mohon and reiterates how pleased he is to have been "found". Of course Percy and Ed are counting on meeting in Aug. Also Hobart Belt reported in that he was glad to hear from Troy Bishop. Hobart also got married to Kate and we'll be greeting them all in Ky. Aubrey Wilcox is feeling his oats. He says he will be in Ky. on Aug. 8 "gotta get a chance to push Doggett in the river". Aubreys July operation has him feeling fit as a fiddle. Steve Blasko has many of us jealous, spending his winter at his Florida beach haven, reports that his eye is back to normal and is promising "to get a couple of 873rdrs to come to Ky. with him." We'll be all eyes Steve, but remember Bryears don't count!

Isadore Labbe has talked to Mohon and Boyette and can't wait to show up in his "Caddie", which I can relate, is a very good taxi where you don't tip the driver. Another first timer at the reunion will be Al Unfried who tells of writing to Hobart. Is this going to be a reunion, oh boy it sure is. And I hope Herman Hackstock's wish of getting to the reunion comes true. Herman is living alone on his farm but does get to Detroit to see the kids. Get a nice letter from Bob and May Burns. Bob's funeral job slacked off so now Bob's a substitute teacher in the local school. I'm telling all you fellows don't miss this reunion, not only Agnes but now Bob will be teaching Doc Pfeifer a thing or two. We also heard that Doc and Agnes are really going to give one and all a surprise at the reunion. Go ahead try and guess. Talked to Bill Litrenta and he told me he ran into Phil Barbara at the casino in Atlantic City. Bill indicated Phil

didn't know how to bet and I guess that's why Bill still lives in South Philadelphia! Arthur has been in touch with George Parker and he too says he will be there but not in the kitchen.

Lastly, Ivan Gilman told us of his trip back to our old stamping grounds in England. He tried to convince me that he remembered the Nantwich Church the best of all. If that's true, why did Arthur Doggett always call him Lt. Pub Gilman?

I have had many letters from Carl and Alyce Frederick they are fine and Carl still wants all your money for the 783rd Ad page. Please send him your \$5.00 if you forgot.

My apologies if I left someone out of this, write me and give me heck and you will get double space in the next issue.

Hut two,
Rags Rangnow

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

I have recently written a letter to all members of G Company to see if G Company can once again have the largest turnout at the reunion in Owensboro. For many years G Company was the leader, and with the work of Leroy Titus, we set a goal for all of the other units in the Division. You will probably receive the letter long before you read this in the Thunderbolt. I am trying to get not only the members of G 331st interested in attending reunions, but also all members of other units in the 83rd Association. It is a great feeling to be with your buddies.

In his last letter Beau Titus sent me a picture of Frank Bunk and his wife, Jean. Frank died in December of Throat Cancer. His wife has requested that his picture be printed in the Thunderbolt. I have asked Bob Derickson to print the picture. Although Frank Bunk never attended a reunion, he was a paid up member of the Association and read the Thunderbolt religiously. Frank was one of the unsung heroes of the 83rd Division. He went overseas as a PFC, but once the fighting began, he showed that he was willing to tackle any job assigned to him. He followed Singleton around and learned the ropes. When Singleton had his unfortunate accident, the one man waiting to take over as Platoon Sergeant was Frank Bunk. After taking over the Platoon he proved that he could lead. I know that one or two of the officers that I had assigned to that Platoon, could not perform and the burden of leading the Platoon, fell on Bunk's shoulders. He together with men like Gaynor, Pangle,

Titus, McAbee, Piette, Singleton, Flanary were the backbone of the Company. I know that officers are assigned to lead the Platoons, but the Platoon Sergeant were the force behind the leaders.

I am sorry that in all of these years after the War I was unable to meet with Frank Bunk, and express my thanks to him for a job well done.

I know that in past four reunions I have been unable to meet with the G Company men that have attended the reunions. Being a member of the Executive Board it is indeed an honor, but also a very time consuming job. This is my last year as a member of the board and I hope that beginning next year, I will have more time to spend with the men of G Company.

Haven't talked with Kate Pangle lately, but I do hope that Loyal is showing some improvement. I know that Loyal has probably attended his last reunion, and I know that some day I plan on driving up to Michigan to see him.

To all of you men in Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, this reunion in Owensboro is within driving distance, make your plans to attend. For the men who helped form the Division and to those that joined the Division at Camp Breckenridge, the area around Owensboro should bring back fond memories.

Capt Mac



Jean & Frank Bunk. Frank died Dec. 5 1983. He had cancer.

*** WARREN CHAPTER NEWS ***

December: On December 11th the men and ladies of the Warren Chapter spent a most enjoyable evening at the fabulous Cafe 422 on The Strip. We were all surprised and pleased to see C.M.H. recipient Sam Phillips and his lovely wife walk through the door and join us, in the Banquet and Refreshments following the meal. Joe Phillipone had invited them to attend as our guest, but kept their appearance a secret. We welcome the Phillips to all of our future meetings and functions although we understand that Sam's work schedule prohibits his attending our Sunday meetings. Pictures of this Gala Party should appear with this article.

Meetings:

January: Hosts for this meeting was Dolly and Ted Halubka.

February: The Chapter meeting for the men was held at the home of John Teringo while our ladies held their meeting and monthly gossip session at Theresa Goutschi's home.

At both monthly meetings - as usual the food was great and the booze wet. Plans were made for the spring and summer functions, Golf, Picnics and the Kentucky Reunion in August. Of course the conversation always ends with a discussion on Retirements and Social Security Benefits. By the end of September, two more of our members will be retired. Ray Voracek joins the old folks in June and Mike Skovran in September. Our scorecard will then read 13 members retired and 5 still working.

Congratulations: To Pat Shamrock - The newly elected President of the Warren Chapter Auxilliary, also Pat and husband John are Grandparents for the 6th time. Another Granddaughter born in January. The Warren Chapter members now have a total of 72 Grandchildren.

Sick Call: JOHN TERINGO spent Christmas in the Hospital and is home and feeling much better now.

BIRDIE TITUS in the hospital for 10 days and an operation on her shoulder. She is home now, but still has a very painful "Wing".

MARG VORACEK now recovering from a painful wrist operation and exercises her wrist daily to keep husband Ray in line when HE RETIRES IN JUNE.

Michigan: LOYAL PANGLE Kate reports that Loyal is feeling a little better and is eating better.

Chicago BILL DOTY sorry to hear that you are in the hospital Bill. Certainly hope you are well and strong again by August.

Rhode Island-ed "SPUD" MURPHY Co. G. 331 - Sorry to hear you have been ill over the Holidays "Spud" and missed your annual winter in Florida. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Our Deepest Sympathy to Mrs. Frank Bunk of Garfield Hts., Ohio. Husband Frank, formerly of Co.

G. 331 st died December 5, 1983. Well, thats all from Warren for now - our wishes for Good Health and Good Luck to one and all for the Summer.

Lee Titus
Chapter Reporter



1983 December Party - Warren Chapter Men

Standing L to R: Caparanis, Bellay, Skovran, Titus, Phillips, Shamrock, Tomazin.

Sitting L to R: Voracek, Teringo, Venuti, Kelly, Phillipone, Gautschi.



December Christmas Party - 1983
Warren Chapter Ladies Auxiliary

Standing L to R: Shamrock, Caparanis, Gautschi, Kelly, Bellay, Tomazin.

Sitting L to R: Phillips, Phillipone, Titus, Voracek, Venuti, Skovran, Teringo.

*** NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER ***

HI BUDDIES:

First of all I would like to make a report on our December Christmas Party which was held at the Sheraton Boxborough in Massachusetts. It was another big smash with a great turnout. We had Bill and Betty Davis from Newburyport, MA., Jim and Georgia Emanouil and Charles and Ann Helligan from Chelmsford, MA., Nick and Mary Francullo, Louis and Emma Rossi, Dutchy and Helen Smith all from Lynn, MA., Joseph and Helen Lichacz from Taunton, MA., Bill and Gloria McCartin from Lowell, MA., Joe and Helen Petrucci of North Providence, RI, Al and Ann Tartaglia of Johnston, Rhode Island, Carl & Ingrid Burkhard of Carmel, N.Y., Mike and Marie Champey of Middletown, CT., Mike and Nina Petitti of Bridgeport, CT.

We all made it a very nice weekend and the pool was very nice. We also had a streaker swim right by Ingrid - she had to take a second look to see if it was what she thought she saw and it was.

We also had another first, we could not get Mrs. Claus, but we got one of his elves to help at the Christmas Party and he was a great hit with all.

We missed Dot and Jim Brennan of R.I., Ivy and Harry Beneditti of Palmer, MA, The McKees of Three Rivers, MA and of course our John Donahue of Burlington, MA. We hope you are all O.K. and will see you soon.

The weather has been very bad and we hope that when it breaks we will be on the go again.

Plans are going good and some of our members have their returns back from the Big "E" in Owensboro, Ky. so we will be there with bells on Arthur, and know it will be a great time as southern hospitality just can't be beat.

The Smiths and the Rossis are going on separate vacations. The Smiths to Santo Domingo and the El Embahdor for their 42nd Anniversary. Good Luck Dutchy and Helen and may you have many more. By the way, Helen, I hope you didn't let Dutchy take his watch to the beach this year. You know how he is about losing things.

The Rossies are going to Puerto Rico to celebrate Emma's 60th birthday and to look for Dutchy's wrist watch that he lost last year. Good Luck Emma on your 60th. I hope you won't be mad at me for publicizing your age, but you look good. Hope you have many more.

Mary and I have celebrated our 38th Anniversary this year, February 23rd. I hope Mary stand me a little longer because I have no other place to go.

Sorry Bill and Betty Davis that we weren't home when you came to visit the Rossis, but we still think of you.

Mike and Nina Petitti are still living in Bridgeport, CT, but they are planning to move to Kentucky.

Also received word that Mike Champey of Middletown, CT. has lost a brother and sister since Christmas. We are very sorry, Mike and Marie - New England Chapter extends its deepest sympathy.

Also Karl and Ingrid Burkhard are off to Florida for a three week vacation. Hope you both enjoyed it and are sporting good tans by now.

Jim and Dot Brennan's daughter, Bernadette and her husband Mike, motored to Colorado, then flew to Seattle, Washington, where Mike began his training at Boeing to upgrade to Commander Pilot of the C141 he now flies since his transfer to McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey. They are now in Oklahoma where he will complete his training before returning to New Jersey. Their daughter Chris and her new husband, Dean, are doing fine. Dean just started a new job with Sweet Micro Systems which is keeping him pretty busy and they have just acquired a third person to their household, a beautiful beige and white blue eyed Siberian Husky which is keeping them both busy. Good Luck with the house training Chris and Dean.

This is all for now - I hope all the rest of our Chapter members are well and happy and hanging in there.

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



Helen, Jim & Georgia. Enjoying the party.

*** KENTUCKY CHAPTER NEWS ***



Gloria & Spike McCartin



It was a great time



Just how much can you drink, Lou.

Our March meeting was held at the Executive Inn in Owensboro, Ky. The home of the 1984 Reunion.

Some of our members arrived there on Friday the 16th of March, in order to complete some of the Reunion plans. The others arrived for the meeting which was held at 3:00 PM on the 17th. We had fifty (50) persons in attendance and everyone is quite excited about the Reunion. The women have been busy getting their crafts together. They think they'll be well prepared by Reunion time. Reservations are coming in and from all indications we'll have a record attendance, as of the 17th of March there were 250 rooms reserved. Our early bird boat ride is also pointing for success since we now have 275 reservations. Arthur Doggett gave us a report on his visit to the West Virginia Chapter meeting, the week before.

R.C. Hamilton, our program chairman, gave us a tentative schedule of the Reunion. We believe the schedule will be satisfying to all, especially the trip to Breckenridge. The size of what remains there is much smaller but will be large enough to bring back many memories. We're also going to be served lunch.

Arthur stated that he had invited the President of the United States, who had declined, due to Commitments but said we should expect Senator Ford and Governor Martha Layne Collins.

We had two couples as visitors:

Thomas Autry & wife Eva
Edgar Klinglas & wife Betty

After the meeting, Tom Autry joined our Chapter, we hope our conduct will be such that he and his wife will look forward to meeting with us as time goes by.

Two of our most staunch chapter members were unable to attend due to illness. They were:

Floyd Richmond & wife Alberta
Larry Dalton & wife Jessie

Looking forward to seeing them in June. Our chapter meetings have now been changed to June 9th Bob & Pearl Derickson, October, Slade Ky. Christmas Party, Columbus, Ind. and the 1985 March meeting at French Lick, Ind.

This meeting lasted approximately 2½ hours and after adjournment we retired to the usual Saturday night buffet where we stuffed ourselves in preparation for a later get-together.

Manny Goodridge



In three years, freedom's greatest symbol will celebrate her 100th birthday. But to make it, she needs our help

Save the Statue of Liberty!

BY THOMAS FLEMING

SHE HAS STOOD at America's gateway, holding aloft the torch of freedom, for almost 97 years. Seventeen million immigrants have streamed past her to seek new lives in our land. Poets have hailed her as the "Mother of Exiles." She has survived hurricanes, floods and explosions to become the symbol that says "America" to the people of every continent.

Now, for the first time since her dedication in 1886, the Statue of Liberty needs our help. Last year, National Park Service

PHOTO: DIRK GROB

engineers informed President Reagan that Miss Liberty was in alarming condition. Beneath her hand-hammered copper skin is an intricate web of 2000 iron armature bars, designed by famous French engineer Alexandre Gustave Eiffel. Over the decades, many of these bars have deteriorated to less than half their original thickness. A decision is being made whether to coat the bars with a material that can stand abrasion or to replace them with a more durable metal such as stainless steel. The statue's copper skin, which weighs 200,000 pounds, has also been thinned by air pollutants and acid rain. Pieces of the torch have fallen into the waters of New York Harbor; the torch and portions of the right arm may have to be completely replaced.

President Reagan could have responded to this grim news by asking Congress to appropriate the millions needed to restore the Lady of Liberty. Instead, he is asking

Americans to join in a tremendous national effort to rescue her—and to rededicate the nation to the values she represents.

The President knew that the immense, 151-foot figure was not built with government money. The people of France, inspired by a committee of private citizens known as the Franco-American Union, had dug into their pockets to raise the two million francs (then \$400,000) that enabled sculptor Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi to devote nine years to Lady Liberty's creation. A similar fund drive was launched in the United States to pay for the pedestal. Joseph Pulitzer, himself an emigrant from Hungary, put the power of his newspaper, the *New York World*, behind it. Eighty percent of the \$107,091 raised by that appeal came from Americans in amounts of less than a dollar.

These days, that money would barely pay for repairing the hem of the statue's skirt. But President Reagan was convinced that a wealthier America would respond to an appeal to restore the Lady to her original beauty and strength—with voluntary contributions from the people. He asked Lee Iacocca, chairman of the Chrysler Corp., to form a federal advisory commission to organize fund raising.

The 20-member commission, which includes Bob Hope and former president of the United Auto Workers Union Douglas Fraser, knew at the outset that Miss Liberty's troubles would not be its only concern. A few thousand yards from the Statue of Liberty lies Ellis Island, where almost two-thirds of the nation's immigrants entered the United States. Closed in 1954, Ellis has fallen into ruin. The commission decided that both the symbol of freedom and the gateway to it should be restored. The cost: \$230 million.

Even before the campaign was officially launched, people began responding. Bridgeport, Conn.,

SAVE THE STATUE OF LIBERTY!

concluded that a gift to Miss Liberty was a perfect way to say thank-you to the nation. Early in December 1982, a local toy center for poor children, known as Christmas Village, had been destroyed by arson. Sympathetic people from all over the country had donated enough money to restore the center before the holiday. Instead of sending thousands of thank-you letters, Bridgeport organized its own fund-raising campaign and collected \$3600 for the Statue of Liberty, all from nickels, dimes and quarters contributed by school-children.

After one of the commission members, T. Robert Zochowski, spoke at the Walter C. Black elementary school in Hightstown, N.J., students organized a highly original festival, releasing hundreds of red, white and blue balloons with notes in them asking finders to write and learn more about the Statue of Liberty's birthday party. In addition, they raised \$200 selling 35-cent bags of chocolate-chip cookies. In Tucson, Ariz., the Manzanita elementary school staged a three-mile Liberty Run with students going from door to door to

collect pledges for the run. They raised \$2400.

Adult groups have been equally enthusiastic. The Veterans of Foreign Wars of Hicksville, N.Y., held a casino night that raised more than \$1100. Jersey City's Business and Professional Women's Club has begun collecting what it hopes will be tens of thousands of pennies under the slogan: "Copper pennies for the restoration of the copper gown of Lady Liberty."

In 1986, the Statue of Liberty's 100th birthday will be commemorated by a rededication ceremony on October 28. And the commission has also decided to hold a special celebration during the week of July 4th. The

YOU CAN BE PART of this unforgettable moment in our history! Get your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, school boards, local officials and newspapers involved. Send your tax-deductible check or money order to The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 1986, New York, N.Y. 10018.

tall ships from all over the world that made our Bicentennial so memorable have been invited for another visit. The heads of state from dozens of countries will be on hand. The Army and Marines will parade, Navy ships will boom out salutes and Air Force jets will zoom overhead as a rejuvenated and rededicated Lady of Liberty declares to the watching world America's continuing commitment to freedom.

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HURRY UP AND WAIT

Ask any former GI what he remembers best about his war years. He'll most likely answer, "the waiting."

If he's a combat veteran, he may choose not to answer you at all. Chances are he's succeeded in erasing the war's more violent, sanguinary episodes from all but the innermost recesses of his mind. He still remembers slogging through deep mud and sleeping in shattered, roofless buildings, on wet ground underneath tanks or trucks or in foxholes. He recalls surviving for months on Army C or K rations. But, most of all, he remembers the interminable waiting between battles or campaigns.

For troops enroute by ship to Europe and North Africa, there was

little to do except to sleep, stand in line twice a day to eat, write letters or play poker. For the most part, life aboard ship was, at best, sheer boredom. "About all we did," more than one homesick Kilroy reported, "was hurry up and wait."

In Britain, during the long months of waiting for the cross-channel invasion, American Army units trained by themselves and maneuvered with the British Army. While they waited, GIs bought up every available bicycle. During their off-duty hours many frequented neighboring pubs, some attended local churches. There was a lot of extracurricular maneuvering aimed at making friends with British families— especially those with daughters. Yet the greatest

single factor that helped GIs endure the long months of waiting was mail from home.

As one outward bound troop transport moved slowly past the Rock of Gibraltar on a dark, rainy November afternoon in 1945, this GI recalled his first glimpse of Britain's great rock fortress, exactly three years earlier. There'd been a spectacular Mediterranean sunset then and there'd been 44 ships, with everyone aboard watching the sea and sky for German submarines and bomber formations. Now there was only one ship. It was bound not for the broad invasion beaches outside Oran, but for New York City.

Our waiting was finally over. This ship was taking us home. ■

By William R. Wilson

Gen. Smith In 'Hall Of Fame'

Brigadier General Karl N. Smith, Louisiana National Guard - Retired, has been inducted into the Louisiana National Guard Hall of Fame, one of only six who have been so honored.

With the unveiling of his portrait, which will hang in the Hall of Fame, came a citation expounding his exceptional meritorious service in positions of great responsibility for thirty five years. He was cited for "skillfully and effectively applying a wealth of knowledge with outstanding efficiency in a myriad of duties. His foresight, keen analytical mind, sound judgement and superior management ability, to expertly adapt himself to any assignment or situation made him a premiere officer contributing immensely to the prestige of the Military Department and the Office of the Adjutant General."

General Smith is one of only two Louisiana National Guard officers to have received the National Guard Association Distinguished Service Medal and the first non General Officer to have been elected to an office of the National Association composed of some 40,000 officers.

He initiated action to convert National Guard personnel forms to that of the Active Army to facilitate transition from reserve to active status; prepared Federal legislation which became law authorizing the State Adjutants General to order Guardsmen into active service for failure to perform satisfactorily; assisted in the preparation and review of the Technician Personnel Act and the Reserve Officer Personnel Act.

In awarding him the Legion of Merit the United States army citation stated "his tenure of duty was characterized by many positive and beneficial



Brigadier General KARL N. SMITH, Louisiana National Guard - Retired, stands by his portrait which hangs in the Louisiana National Guard Hall of Fame at Jackson Barracks.

achievements directly attributable to his superior leadership and managerial ability and his skillful and effective application of a wealth of knowledge.

Following the ceremony, General and Mrs. Smith hosted a reception for some 150 of his military, social, civic, political and religious friends together with his

three sons, Karl, Jr., Alan, David, their wives and his seven grandchildren.

General Smith was a long time resident of Arabi before moving into Jackson Barracks. Together with the late Floyd R. Roy he organized VFW Post 7194 and the Thebian Fraternity.

CASUALTIES OF 83RD INF. DIV. IN WORLD WAR II

Killed in action.....	2850
Died of wounds	425
Total killed	3275
Seriously wounded in action.....	3809
Slightly wounded in action.....	6096
Seriously injured in action.....	111
Slightly injured in action	1044
Total wounded and injured	11060
Captured.....	177
Missing in action.....	501
total captured and missing.....	678
 Total Battle Casualties	 15013

If anybody should know where Capt. Nor Whitney, Company Commander Reg. Hq. Co. 3 Inf. please write:

Wm. J. Clark
413 Laurel Ave.
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

Joe Stefancin said he was very pleased about write up and picture that was in the Thunderbolt last time, but forgot to print his address with here it is:

Joe Stefancin
93 Eighth St.
Uniontown, PA 15401

Dear Robert:

I have noted in the February issue of the D.A.V. magazine that the 83rd Infantry Division is holding their annual reunion on Aug. 9-11, 1984.

Although I will be unable to attend this brings back many memories.

I landed on Omaha Beach as a replacement on D & G and was eventually attached to the 3rd Battalion, 329th Regiment Medical Detachment in Normandy, France. I was with the 3rd Battalion as an Aide Man with Company "I" until March 2, 1945 when I was wounded for the second time at the Rhine River in Germany. I was sent to Southern England to a hospital and was there until May of 1945. After reassignment to the 3rd Battalion I was assigned to "M" Company as an Aide Man in I believe was the town of Bergen in Germany. I spent some time with them until I was reassigned to the 8th Armored Division.

I have a request and an offer. I would like very much to acquire a pair of 329 Regt. shoulder crests. I would like to purchase them for the collection of units with which I have served. If someone has a pair they would part with I would appreciate them.

I understand that the 83rd Division was a National Guard unit prior to WW II. If anyone has knowledge of a return to National Guard status, I would appreciate the address of some unit of the 329th Regiment from which I might purchase a pair of the crests.

The offer --- I have a three page copy of the officers and enlisted men of "M" Company, 3rd Bn, 329th Regt. who were still with the company. I believe this was printed about September of 1945. The list contains the addresses that were applicable at that time. This is an original printing and is now quite yellow and a little brittle. I would gladly give this to any member of "M" company on request.

I am also enclosing photostats of a propaganda paper that was fired into "I" company lines by artillery. I believe this was either Belgium or Luxembourg.

It seems rather appropriate that I am writing this on the 39th anniversary date of being wounded. This is also about the same time of day.

I would really appreciate any help in acquiring a set of Regimental crests.

Best of luck to former members of the Division and the best of health to all in the future.

Sincerely

Alfred Martin

12500 Ulmerter Rd. Lot 171

Largo, Florida 33544

The 83rd Division took St. Malo and it was a pretty hard job. The whole German country is a fortress now like St. Malo was and the German soldiers are going to defend it meter for meter.

It will be a long, long way for the 83rd Division.

Only very few men of the Division will arrive. But thousands of wooden crosses at the German frontier will await the Boys from Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Tennessee, Kentucky and from the other States.

Those crosses will tell very loud in Europe where the Boys from the States have all to loose and nothing to win.

And it will be a long way even for your mothers, widows and children to visit your graves, if they want to see them only once.

The best chance will have those of your comrades who surrendered. They will be alive and see their homes again.

Of course your propaganda affirms you that the Germans treat the American prisoners badly. This is not true. We should think that your General Marcon or --- for example --- Colonel Crabel of the Regiment 329 knows it better.

Germany joined the Geneva Convention and Germany exactly takes care of the principles of this Convention.

Think it over, Boys! What do you do more, to get a wooden cross at the German frontier or to return to the States and to live there as usually.

Germany are treated in strict compliance with the Geneva Convention.

Thousands of servicemen are entitled to commendations they may not know they've earned

Americans suddenly are adopting a centuries-old European tradition. They have begun wearing colorful war medals and service ribbons on their chests at various fancy-dress social events.

At a time of controversy over public spending for defense, it seems that the military connection now has connotations of *nouveau chic* as well as patriotic pride.

Why? One reason, simply, is that the news is spreading: The government owes—and will give—handsome decorations to the many men and women who have served honorably in the U.S. armed forces.

I didn't realize this until a friend in the military tipped me off recently. Now I have three beautiful medals from World War II. These decorations are sculpted brass alloy mint pieces—slightly smaller than silver dollars—that cost the government from \$3 to \$30 to produce. I, however, paid nothing for them, not even the postage.

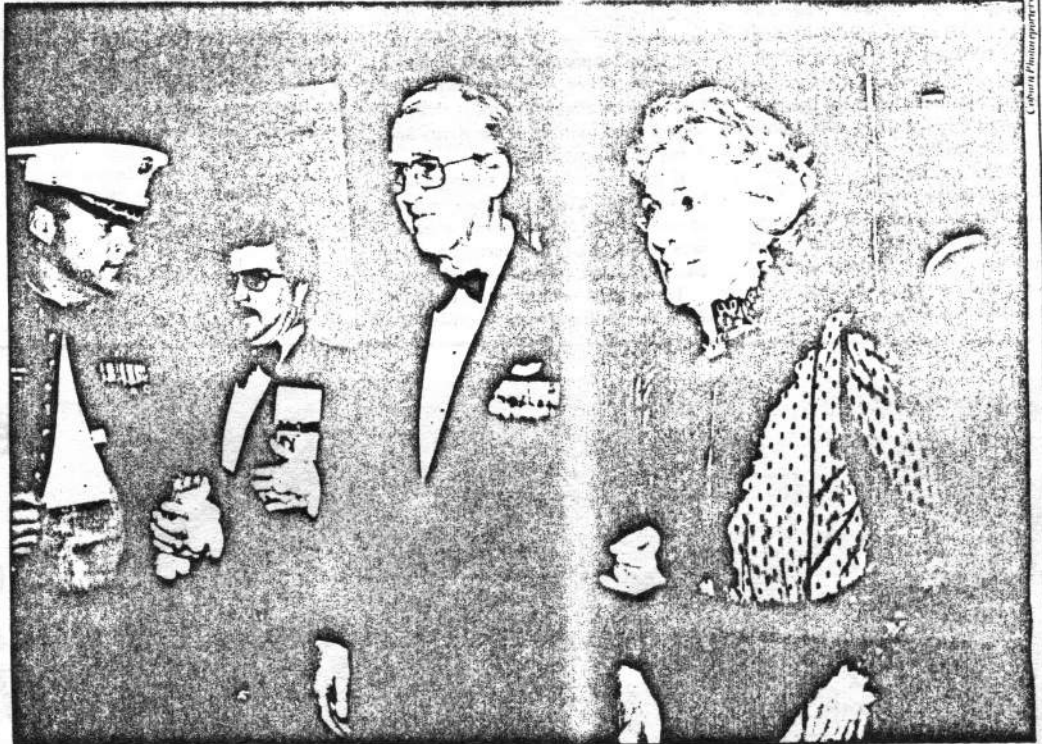
Who is eligible?

"Almost everyone [with an honorable discharge] who served during some period of conflict or during peacetime when the emphasis was on national defense is eligible," says Lt. Cmdr. Robert J. Schultz, Navy liaison officer at the National Personnel Record Center in St. Louis.

What medals are being distributed? A partial listing follows, with the qualifying periods of service.

- *World War II Victory Medal*: Dec. 7, 1941, through Dec. 31, 1946.
- *American Defense Service Medal*: Sept. 8, 1939, through Dec. 7, 1941.
- *National Defense Medal*: June 27, 1950, through July 27, 1954, and from Jan. 1, 1961, through Aug. 14, 1974.
- *American Campaign Medal*: Service in North and South American regions Dec. 7, 1941, through March 2, 1946.

If you have been on active duty with the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, old Army Air Corps, the Air Force or the Coast Guard and were honorably discharged, you should qualify for a campaign medal. The military handbooks say that campaign medals are "awarded to individuals who participate in a campaign or a war against a



In war medals and black tie, USAF Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Jimmy Stewart, actor, escorts wife, Gloria, to 1981 Inaugural Ball.

DID YOU GET YOUR MEDALS?

national enemy." Millions of service people have received at least one of the 20 or so campaign medals authorized since World War II.

Veterans of World War II lead the list of those who have been awarded medals, but many veterans of the Korean and Vietnam wars also are receiving medals owed to them.

Republic of Vietnam campaign medals, handcrafted in Vietnam, were

presented to U.S. service people there. The metal in them tarnishes easily, the ribbons are thin and, by now, probably faded. But these quaint decorations are rare and, as a result, are prized collectors' items. Today, the U.S. government distributes more durable versions of these medals.

I was in service from early 1944 through late 1946, which made me eligible to receive the World War II

Victory Medal, the American Campaign Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal. The Pacific medal, with two battle stars, was earned while I served on the *U.S.S. Crowley*, Destroyer Escort 303, during 1945. One star was for the Okinawa campaign and the other was for serving with the Third Fleet during the operations against Japan.

Once I got my medals, I wondered what to do with them, besides showing them around to family and friends. Could they be worn? If so, where, and under what circumstances?

There are uniform regulations.

Says Shelby Jean Kirk, head of the Office of Awards and Special Projects for the Chief of Naval Operations, "Uniform regulations do not allow the large, government-issue medals to be worn by civilians." She suggested that I have my medals framed in some sort of showcase for children and grandchildren to muse over.

However, it is permissible to wear

BY PETER WEAVER

authorized miniature replica of medals on a tuxedo or a white-tie outfit (women also can wear them with formal attire).

The miniature medals, priced from \$2.50 to \$8, can be purchased from military supply stores. (Check your phone directory Yellow Pages for listings under "Military Supplies" and "Uniforms.")

"Since the Reagan Administration came in," says Jimmy Muscatello, the owner of a military supply store in Washington, D.C., "there's been an upsurge in the use of miniature medals by civilians who were in the service." Anyone who is assigned to a foreign post with either the government or a major company, Muscatello adds, "can find all sorts of occasions to wear their medals."

Some data required.

You don't need special identification to buy miniature medals. Just supply your service number, dates of service and branch of service when you purchase them.

The National Personnel Record Center staff watches carefully for collectors, many of whom have never been in the armed services. They're in the market for the large, mint-piece medals the government gives away. "We can usually spot them," says Kirk. "They sometimes try to get certain medals they need for their collections by sending in phony requests."

Some veterans with legitimate requests may encounter problems when asking for medals. A fire at the National Personnel Record Center in 1973 destroyed millions of military records. But, says Commander Schultz, "almost all of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard files were recovered, as were a good number of the Army and Army Air Corps files."

If your records were among those burned, your claim still can be processed, but the checkers will need details about your unit, service dates and any other pertinent information.

The Record Center, which contains 71 million military personnel files, an-


nually processes about 600,000 letters requesting information about medals. It is estimated that some 125,000 medals will be shipped this year. Most requests come from World War II veterans, but some World War I medals are still asked for, generally for use at funerals.

How the screening procedure works:

Your request, which must include branch of service, identification number and service dates, is checked by a clerk who hunts up your records in one of the millions of cardboard boxes lining miles of metal shelves. Ask for a check on your eligibility to receive the Vietnamese government campaign medal and unit citations as well.

Once your claim is verified, an order is given for your medals to be shipped. (But be prepared to wait.)

To obtain a medal earned by a person in your family who has since died, include the death certificate with the necessary records.

Send your request to: National Personnel Record Center, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63132. 



Dedication Saturday

The new veterans monument in Sellersville's Lake Lenape Park will be dedicated Saturday morning following a parade down Main Street. The memorial is located across from the Sellersville Fire House.

Photo by Don Boorse

Sellersville will dedicate its new veterans memorial following a parade Saturday which kicks off a week-long Veteran's Week observance in the area.

The monument is located in Lake Lenape Park across from the Sellersville Fire House and features a war memorial surrounded by seven flags and is fully illuminated at night. The memorial was moved from its former location at the busy intersection of Main and Diamond Streets and nearly \$20,000 was spent for its relocation in the parkway.

To officially start the celebration, a parade will move through the borough to the memorial site, starting at 10 a.m. at the U.S. Gauge parking lot on Clymer Avenue.

The parade will go south on Diamond to East Grand view Avenue, then north on Main Street to Temple Avenue, east to the park entrance. Visitors are urged to park behind the Sellersville Fire House.

Highlight of Saturday's ceremony will be the raising of seven flags

represent Sellersville Borough; the U.S. and Pennsylvania with flags on the same pole; the Coast Guard; Air Force; Marine Corps; Army and Navy, and the dedication of new

plaques honoring the veterans of World War II, Korean and Vietnam.

The guest speaker Saturday will be Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Calvin H. Cole, pastor of Grace United Methodist Church of Harrisburg.

On Sunday afternoon, there will be a memorial service to commemorate those who gave their lives in military service. Members of the Pennridge area churches and their clergy have been invited to the service from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the memorial. The guest speaker will be Major General K. Frederick Mauger (Ret.), a former school superintendent and mayor of Milton, Pa.

Sunday also will begin Veterans Week in Sellersville. Mayor Joseph E. Hufnagle Sr. has officially declared Saturday as dedication day and the week of November 6 to 12 as Veterans Week.

All borough residents are asked to fly their American Flags from Saturday through November 12, said program chairman Brig. Gen. Hugh S. Niles (Ret.), a former World War II bomber pilot who served in Italy. "We want to make it a special week for all veterans," he said.

Niles, who retired from military service after 38 years of duty, has worked with the memorial monument program since its inception. His last assignment before retirement was chief of staff with the state headquarters of the Pennsylvania National Guard.

The memorial, with its 48-foot-wide elevated platform and plaques in honor of veterans of each conflict, was recently completed following a year-long effort.

Funds were raised through various public and private gifts along with volunteer labor.

On Friday, November 11, which is Veterans Day, there will be a ceremony at 10:30 a.m. at the

memorial to give awards to local pupils participating in essay and poster contests to describe what Veterans Day means. Awards for the winning entries will be given to pupils from the Sellersville Elementary School, Faith Christian Academy, St. Agnes School, and Bethel Baptist School.

At 11 a.m., fire sirens, church bells and the Schulmerich Carillons Inc. bells will ring to re-create Armistice Day in November 1918 marking the end of World War I.

In impressive ceremonies Saturday, the new Veterans' Memorial Monument was dedicated in Sellersville following a parade down Main Street.

The guest speaker, Lt. Col. Calvin H. Cole, an Army chaplain, and pastor of Grace United Methodist Church, Harrisburg, told the audience that "freedom is a precious commodity. Freedom and peace are to be guarded to the utmost."

Sellersville To Dedicate New Monument With Parade

Recalling the events of recent weeks, Cole called upon "those who lead us to face the reality and needs of national defense. Our men and women have made us proud. More than that, they have reminded us that freedom is a fragile thing. As Sam-Rayburn said, the dues have to be paid constantly."

Program Chairman Brig. Gen. Hugh S. Niles (Ret.) read a telegram from President Ronald Reagan. The Chief Executive said, "On this special occasion we recognize the great love of country felt by the young Americans who left their homes and families to fight in conflicts threatening both our freedom and national security. They are part of a long tradition of American citizens bravely serving our nation in efforts to repel the challenge to tyranny."

"Veterans and their families have shown the singular sacrifice and devotion that have repeatedly shaped America's destiny, this memorial will aid all of us in remembering the great depth of that sacrifice."

"I commend the citizens of the Sellersville area and the hard work involved in raising the funds to construct this monument. It will serve as an inspiration to future generations of the immense strength of private sector initiative — citizens joining in a common effort for the good of the community. Your success demonstrates that we Americans are capable of just about anything we can imagine."

State Rep. Paul I. Clymer read a citation from the state House of Representatives paying tribute to the citizens of Sellersville for their tribute to all veterans.

Bucks County Commissioner Andrew Warren said the memorial is a lasting remembrance of what this country stands for.

Saturday's ceremonies capped a 17-year effort to establish a suitable memorial to those who served in America's armed forces.

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The highlight of Saturday's ceremony was the raising of seven flags around the memorial. The flags represent Sellersville Borough; the U.S. and Pennsylvania; the Coast Guard; Air Force; Marine Corps; Army and Navy.

Also dedicated were plaques honoring the veterans of World War II, Korean and Vietnam.

Taking part in the hour-long ceremonies were the Pennridge

High School Band and the color guards of the Coast Guard, Gloucester, N.J., the Air Force Reserve, the Marine Corps Reserve, and the Navy, all from Willow Grove Naval Air Station; and the Army's Company C of the 1st Battalion, 111th Infantry, Doylestown.

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*** CLEVELAND CHAPTER ***

Hello Buddies,

All we read about now is about members or wives passing away, and having lost my own sweetheart, I know how hard it is to cope with the situation.

I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to those of you that offered sympathy and condolences. There were masscards from all over the country also sympathy cards, and even a card from Mort Goldman and wife Dottie informing me of a tree being planted in Israel (in memory of my wife), what a beautiful way to remember her. We also lost a buddy, Frank Balcerzak, a few days after my wife died, and the Cleve Chapter saw him off with our usual ceremony with Rev. Casey Kowalec officiating.

Our good Buddy Geo. Safranko, from what I hear is still under the weather, there isn't any news about him for a while now, no news is good news however. Being a reporter these days is a tough racket, people hate to disclose any news, one must eavesdrop and glean what little news is offered, by keeping awake. The Warner's, Rollie & Millie are going to be grandparents again that's number 10 for them, congratulations you two, can you picture 10 howling kids, each wanting something that the other has?

Our Annual meeting was held at the Szubski residence, plenty of food, plenty of refreshments were available as always.

We elected our slate of Officers for 1984, just one position was changed, elected again were the Sec. and Treasurer and Sgt. at Arms.

Pres, Bob Uher
Sec.
Treas.
Sgt. at Arms
Reporter

replaced Ted Szymanski
Casey Kowalic
Walt Meczka
Henry Irecziak
Al Uridel

Just got word that our good buddy Steve Ferko lost a brother this week, the Cleveland Chapter offers their condolences, (don't this stuff ever cease?) There being anything else to write about, I urge all members to make sure they pay their dues, and look up those long lost buddies.

Stay nice, fight nice, and come to Kentucky in "84".

Al Uridel

*** FLORIDA CHAPTER ***

We are very happy to report that the Florida Chapter had a very successful weekend meeting and social at New Port Richey, Fla. There were forty-one members and wives present, including Larry and Sue Leonardi, who is a member of our National Executive Board.

Walter and Elizabeth Marshall hosted this weekend which was truly in the 83rd tradition. Unfortunately Elizabeth Marshall was taken ill just before our weekend, and some of the plans she made had to be scratched. I just received a letter from Walter Marshall, saying Elizabeth was in the hospital for two weeks, and is home recuperating, and is doing well. We of the Florida Chapter wish her a speedy recovery, so she can continue the good work she has done for our chapter. Would you believe that Walter Marshall received door prizes from merchants in the area, and practically everyone who attended won a prize, which included a crisp \$50.00 Bill, two \$50.00 Bonds, an American Flag which was flown over the White House on July 4th, 1983 and won by Bill Nickells, and many more prizes. Some of our regulars were also missing from this meeting because of ill health, and hope to see them at our next meeting in the Ft. Lauderdale area the weekend of May 19th. If any 83rd members will be in Fla. at that time, and would like to attend our weekend, just contact me, and I will send you all the information, and directions.

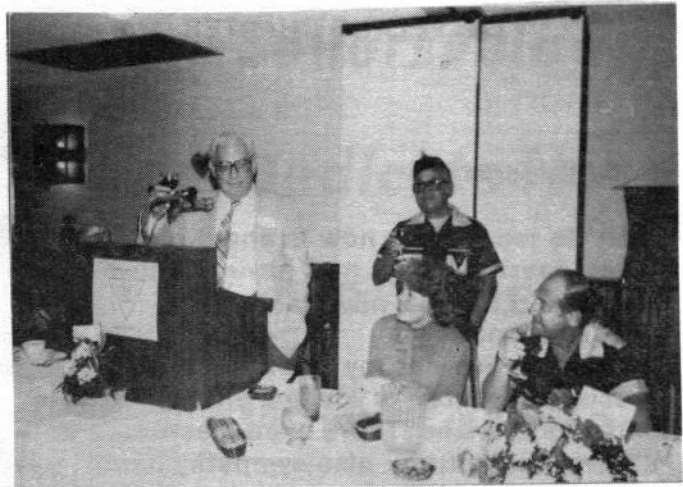
The Florida Chapter is proud to report that from our Reunion in West Palm Beach, we have increased our membership by thirteen members, and getting stronger. We would like to welcome into our chapter Paul Janosko, Louie Tidd, Andrew Balconis, Bert Hacker, Andrew Vavra, Robert Livingston, Dr. Eugene Mason, Albert Benjamin, Kenneth Scott, Frank Cancasci, Walter Harding, Parker Black, and Jules Desgain.

Dave Benick
Co. A 331st

Am enclosing some pictures taken at our meeting in New Port Richey. Perhaps you can put them in the next Thunderbolt.



Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gunderson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McDonald and the empty chair with the balloon represents Elizabeth Marshall who was in the Hospital.



Paul Buchman, making a toast. Gerri Gunderson, Walter Marshall, Dave Benick.



Mr. and Mrs. Larry Leonardi, Mr. and Mrs. Jules Desgain, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Perry, Mr. Emanuel Epstein.

Dear Bob:

Enclosed is a copy of the speech, given by Camille P. Kahn, the President of the CEBA club at the Dedication to the American GI Monument in Clervaux Luxembourg last Sept.

Hope you will be able to get it in the Thunderbolt.

Sincerely

William S. Nickell
Port Charlotte, Fl. 33952
Co. F 329th

Dear Veterans, Ladies and Gentlemen,

From May 10th to September 1944, our country was occupied by German Troops and suffered terribly. Some months after the military occupation, the Nazi Civil Affairs came to Luxembourg to meddle with Civil Administrations, they prepared a political annexation of the country and in 1942 drafted our youth into the German Armies.

The introduction of the compulsory military service was a failure. The whole country went on strike. A lot of Luxembourgers were executed. A great deal of the newly enlisted men refused to join the German Army, where they had to fight against their friends side by side with the hated oppressors.

The Underground Resistance movement was growing everywhere. It organized the escape of hundreds of young Luxembourgers, so that they could join the Allied Forces.

No wonder that this tough resistance was followed by drastic measures from the occupant. Many Luxembourg families were deported to Germany or put into a concentration camp, while their sons were executed as criminals, when captured.

Dear veterans, you may imagine the boundless joy that overcame all the Luxembourg people, when the valiant American soldiers repelled the German troops from the occupied territories and liberated our Grand Duchy on September 10th 1944. But this exultation however, was a temporary one; On December 16th, 1944, in a last desperate attempt, the Germans started the "Big Push", the well known Battle of the Bulge.. This battle destroyed the homes of thousands of people in the North of our country and in the Echternach area.

In these critical days about Christmas 1944, General Patton's Army pushed forward from the Alsace area in order to save the threatened regions. The American soldiers assumed the offensive and succeeded in checking the enemy's onslaught, driving the Germans back beyond their border. The American soldiers finally freed our beloved country from the Nazi yoke.

Dear veterans, we thank you for coming today because this day is an historical one and never will we forget what the American soldier did for us. Many of your buddies, dear veterans, lie buried in the ground of Hamm Cemetery. They paid the full price for our liberation from nazisme.

And you, dear veterans, you are the survivors of the dreadful battle. You were the greatest pacifier of the world. Your heroism is alive in the depth of our souls. Your paramount example is a mighty spur to us, to face new dangers and to go ahead courageously.

Look at this statue, which is to personify the G.I. of 1944-45. A G.I. looking so peaceful.

He reflects the spirit of the United States.

To Company C, 329th Infantry Members:

I will appreciate hearing from any members of Company C, 329th Infantry, especially Lt. David Springer.

The only other person of Company C, whose address I know, is Dusty Rhoades, 31 Church Road, York Beach, Maine 03910.

Dusty was good enough to visit me in Aurora, Illinois, some two years ago; it was great seeing he

and his lovely wife, Sally. Though all of these years have passed, Dusty hasn't changed one iota.

Again, I would be most appreciative if I could get the name and addresses of other members of Company C, 329th Infantry.

Cordially,

Leo G. Lauzen

*** DIXIE CHAPTER ***

The clock keeps running, it has caught me. I hope I'm not to late, with this report. The Dixie Chapter had a nice turnout at Gatlenburg Tenn. Christmas. The weather wasn't to bad every one had a great time. Our next meeting will be March 24th at Clemmons N.C. Our Reporter John Ball is still having problems. He will go back to Salisbury Vet. Hosp. tomorrow March 6th. He has been in and out of Hospitals for over a year. This doesn't leave me much time to report. I am trying to meet the mail today. Joe Fogleman's wife who was seriously ill in my last report, we are sorry to report, passed away the 1st of Dec. Joe you have our Sympathy. Dick Riddle is still visiting the VEt. Hospital, you have our prayers Dick. We all in the Dixie Chapter are looking forward to Owensboro KY Reunion Without the Chapters there would not be a National, so let's build a strong Chapter or Chapters. I hope every one out there is well, and I haven't overlooked anything.

John H. Ball
Reporter

VANISHING YOUTH

Look at all those lines
in the old Gentlemans face.
They are wrinkles from worries
that can never be erased.
That face saw the Depression
with no work and no pay.
It looked for food and clothing
for his poor family each day.
That face saw many hardships
It fought in World War I (one).
Then later came World War II (two)
And he lost a favorite son.
Never knock an old Gentleman
You never know what's behind those lines.
They paved the way for our Great Nation
Through acts of Duty many times.
So for all the vanishing youth
We must not ever neglect.
Let's face those wrinkle faces
And give them Love and Respect.

Haran Martin
Chaplain Dixie Chapter
Co. C. 331



The Earle C. Clements Job Corps Center extends a warm welcome to veterans of the 83rd Infantry Division of World War II. We invite you and your wives to participate in the tours and lucheons to be held in August during your convention.

Our Center is located on 850 acres of what used to be Camp Breckinridge. The majority of the army type barracks and structures still remain. Approximately 2600 young men and women now live at the Center while training in one of 23 vocational trade skills. In 19 years of operation, Clements Job Corps Center has graduated almost 21,000 students.

Although most of the land you were familiar with now consists of farmland and subdivisions, you'll find much of the Center remains as it was when you were stationed here. So don't miss out on this opportunity of sight seeing and reminiscing with old friends.

We're looking forward to your visit and are happy to be part of your reunion! See you in August.

Jack Clevenger, 908 F.A. had a severe Heart Attack in Feb. and after 3 weeks in the Hospital, is now recovering at home. His address is:

206 Etrecht St.
Ellengton, Fl. 33532

NOTICE NOTICE

Norman Schuster had just undergone a hip replacement and is doing well. He is planning on being at the reunion in August. I'm sure Norm would appreciate a card or a few words in a note. Take care Norm we are all pulling for you. His address is Norman Schuster, 66 Fairview Ave. Sellersville, PA 18960.



M.L. Baker, Chris Culeasure, Dick Riddle

*** COMPLANY "H" 330th INFANTRY ***

HELLOS BUDDIES:

Well Fellows, I sure have missed seeing you men for the past two years, but I am hoping against hope that I won't miss you for the third time. I still owe you all a vote of thanks for the support that you gave me the past two years, even though I was unable to make the Reunion, when I got my Reunion Ad Book, I was mighty proud to see all the names there who contributed to the Company "H" page. I am sure that you will give me the same support this year, maybe some of you may send an extra \$5.00 and an extra name that I don't have on my Roster. We also try to include all the deceased that have died since the War, which means we need money to help cover them, so when you make that check out to me, if you can spare an extra dollar or two, add it to your \$5.00 to help make the page even larger. Also if you are in Business, why not advertise your Business.

Well Buddies, remember there are two things we need to help keep this Association going, one is your dues and the other is the Reunion Book Ads. If you have never attended a Reunion, do it this year, remember, old age is catching up with us and it would be nice to see one again at least once more.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hello Buddies:

As you all realize, the month of March has come upon us, and before we realize it, the Months of May, June and July will be here and then comes the Month of August, the Month we all look forward to

each year. I suppose that it is because we are all getting older, but August comes around before we realize it.

Our Reunion Committee is very hard at work trying to plan you a very nice Reunion, and to those of you who have never served on a Reunion Committee, you don't know what hard work is.

One of the hardest working Committees is the Ad Book Committee, their work continues every day and night once they have started, we start off with trying to solicit ads from each and every one of you that we can locate, many letters come back marked moved, no forwarding address or Deceased, which means that it is one less ad that we can look forward to. The more ads we can get in that book, the more profit there is for the Reunion Committee. If you look at the financial report of the past few Reunions, you can easily see where the Reunion would have been a financial failure had it not been for that book. We don't want to raise the cost of registration, so that extra money that you send in for an ad makes that possible. Everyone attending the Reunion receives a copy of the book, which means that your ad is seen in many states throughout the Country, so it is cheap advertising for your business. And the more we can get in no matter if it is a full page or a quarter page, the more money the Association makes, even the \$5.00 Booster ads are a big help if we get enough of them, so please get behind the Reunion Committee and lend your support. Take a couple of extra Booster ads and put a Buddies name in there, show him you haven't forgotten him, also let others know that his name isn't forgotten. Get on the ball now and get that ad in the mail today, we on the Reunion Committee are not paid for the postage for the letters we send out, we do it because we are true 83rd Men, you can do your part by supporting the Association with an ad, just remember it is \$18.00 per quarter page, \$35.00 per half page or \$60.00 per full page or if you just want to be a Booster it is \$5.00, you can mail them either to me, Larry Redmond, 132 Rockwood Drive, Haver-town, Pa. 19083 or to R. C. Hamilton, P.O. Box 374, Marion Kentucky 42064. We both need and appreciate your help. Don't mail it tomorrow, mail it today, because once we receive it, we still have work to do getting it ready for printing and that is a lot of work also.

Sincerely
Larry Redmond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hello Buddies:

Just a short note to express my sincere thanks to all of you who sent me Christmas Cards and also cards while I was in the Hospital. Some of you I may have sent Christmas Cards to me before I went in the Hospital, but to the others, please accept my apology, because I spent both Christmas and New Years in the Hospital.

As for the cards that were sent to me while I was in the Hospital, I can't begin to thank you enough. The Nurses used to needle me because of all the mail I was getting. I don't know how the news traveled so fast, but it sure did get around.

Again, my thanks to all of you, it sure is a great feeling as you lay there in bed in the Hospital to know that you are not just a forgotten person. It was a long six weeks there but these cards sure helped make the days go by faster.

Sincerely
Larry Redmond

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hello Buddies:

At long last, here I am again. I almost feel as if I left the Association, not having been able to attend the past two Reunions due to a Heart Condition, but I just got out of the Hospital after having Open Heart Surgery and four By-Passes put into the Heart. Maybe now it will get back to normal and I can once again become active. It was a very serious operation and the Doctors had very little hopes for me to recover, but they didn't know that I was an 83rd Man, and they never give up.

I was in the Hospital when the deadline date came for the last issue was due for the "THUNDERBOLT", so for about the first time I had no letter in. I have been given to understand that the Florida Chapter gave you a very nice Reunion. Being a new Chapter and not having the experience of what it is to put on a Reunion they deserve an extra tip of the hat. Luckily they have a couple of men down there who have had Reunion experience before and that means a lot.

Once again I have been asked to help with the Ad Book, and although the Doctor said no, I am still an 83rd man and will try to lend my support. I have letters prepared to send out and they may be out by the time you receive this issue. How about joining the team and helping to make this the largest and most profitable book we have ever had. You should all

be aware by now that the larger the Ad Book, the better Reunion can be put on and the less expensive our Registration becomes. Were it not for the profit from this book, many of us would not be able to afford the registration fee.

Putting on a Reunion is not an easy matter, it involves a lot of hard work and man hours, trying to plan a Reunion Program you try to give the men the most entertaining program that you can at the least expense. I have attended Reunions and have heard the same men over and over say "what did we get for our money". Those are the men who sit on the sideline every year not moving off their can to see if there is anything they can do to lend a hand, but when the open Bar is opened, they are the first ones there and the last to leave. Remember men, before you criticize, stop and think, these men on the Reunion Committee don't get one cent for all their hard work, they do it for you and the Association.

To those of you who have never done anything extra to help the Association, now is your chance to help, take an Ad in the Reunion Program Book, no matter how large or how small, if you can only afford a \$5.00 Booster, at least you are helping the Association. Remember this is your Association, be proud of it. During World War II, we were all proud of one another and of what our Division did, now let us show our same pride of our Association.

Keeping this Association going for all of these years was no easy matter. It took a lot of hard work on the part of certain men who were devoted to the Association. Many a dollar was spent by these men both on Postage and Phone calls trying to rebuild our Membership. A couple of times our Association almost became a failure, but were it not for these certain men who got in there and worked hard to bring it back again. You can help make it even larger by paying your dues, it is almost unbelievable how many men go for several years without paying their dues then all of a sudden they come back to life. Look at your last Membership card and see if you are one of them, if so, send your dues today!

Well Buddies, once again it is nice to be in contact with you and be the "GOOD LORD WILLING" I hope to see you all in Owensboro.

Your Buddy
Larry Redmond

Hello Buddies:

Once again the deadline date has come for news for our great "THUNDERBOLT", and no matter how much you write for it, there is always something more to say.

As you all know, the Ad Book Committee is hard at work

trying to make this the largest and most profitable Book we have ever had. This can be done only with your help. Many of you have received letters and have just set them aside, and there they will set until it is too late. Please do your part by helping us now. We need your Booster Ad or a larger ad if you find that you can afford it.

There is a lot of money spent on postage to send these letters out to you and they are sent at the expense of the Ad Book Committee, so you can see how dedicated we are, and you can also be dedicated by sending in that \$5.00 for your ad, please don't make our work in vain. This is your Association and this is your way of showing that you have an interest in it.

Please send your ads as soon as possible as there is a lot of work to be done in setting up this book. Also help your Secretary-Treasurer by getting your Dues in. Remember that \$10.00 means the success or failure of the Association. Remember, this is the 83rd Infantry Division Association, be proud to be able to be a member of it.

Your truly
Larry Redmond

*** NEW JERSEY CHAPTER ***

Hello Buddies,

A number of things have happened here in our chapter that I would like to inform you about.

Our attendance at the meetings has fallen off due to the weather this past winter. It seems every third Friday there was either snow or ice or the weather forecast called for the same. Hope the good weather brings a good turnout.

Most of us have been well, I'm happy to report, but it would make me happier if all our members and wives were in good health. Charlie Sihlanick called to tell me his wife Mary had to be operated on. We all wish her a speedy recovery as she is so dear to us all. My golf buddy Ed Kirgen had a problem while down at Myrtle Beach last October. Ed you take care of yourself as I am looking forward to playing golf with you in Owensboro.

After many years we received a Christmas Card from our good friends Al and Helen Rinaldi. Al is a High School Football Coach and a very good one if I might add. He wrote that he has retired from coaching and does some radio broadcasting of football games in Richmond, Va. Al had the ability to turn a losing team to a winner quickly. He had great success with the New Brunswick, N.J. High School Team. The only time I saw that team lose was to a South River Team that had a Quarterback by the name of Joe Theismann now of the Washington Redskins and a Flanker named Drew Pearson now of the Dallas Cowboys. We are looking forward to seeing Al and Helen at the reunion.

Want to wish all of you who are going on the 40th Anniversary Trip to Europe a wonderful time. I enjoy going back to France on my own as it gives me the time to do as I please. If I do go this year, I'll see you in Normandy.

All of you on the '73 trip, Bus #4, will remember Bob "Nosey" Nordblom and how anxious he was to get to Angers to see his precious "Genievie". Bob wrote to say he was going to visit Genievie's sister Alice on the Fench Riviera in May, then on to Angers to see Genievie. All of us are looking forward to seeing you in Owensboro and hearing about your trip. Have a Good One!

That's it for this issue, wishing you all well.

Stan Bielen

P.S. Amby Tynan, come on down. Charlie says he'll pick up the tab and pass it on to Emil who will pass it on to Joe who will pass it on to Frank who wil etc., etc.



Pearl Derickson and Mildred Doggett



Carroll & Ruby Brown

Motel Check In Time Not Before 1 P.M. C.D.T.

WEDNESDAY, August 8, 1984 EARLY BIRD ARRIVALS

Reunion Registration 12-4 P.M. C.D.T.

River Boat Cruise - 7-9 P.M. C.D.T.

CUT OFF DATE: June 30, 1984

Thursday, August 9, 1984

Reunion Registration 9-12 Noon C.D.T. 1-5 P.M. C.D.T.

Camp Breckenridge Tour

BUSSES LEAVE 10 A.M. C.D.T. SHARP!!!

Ladies Program for those that do not go to Camp Breckenridge will be announced later.

Hospitality Room - open daily 9 A.M. - 5 P.M. C.D.T.

Open Bar 1 - 4 P.M. C.D.T.

Buffet Dinner: 7:00 P.M. C.D.T.

Country Western Music: during Intermission Square Dancing with Western Attire if desire.

Friday, August 10, 1984

Golf Tournament 6:30 A.M. C.D.T.

Buffet Breakfast 7 - 9 A.M. C.D.T.

Membership Business Meeting - 9 A.M. C.D.T. **SHARP**

Camp Breckenridge Tour

Busses leave 10 A.M. C.D.T. **SHARP**

Reunion Registration 9 - 12 Noon C.D.T.

1 - 5 P.M. C.D.T.

Ladies Program for those that do not go to Breckenridge will be announced later.

Hospitality Room open daily 9 A.M. - 5 P.M. C.D.T.

open Bar 1 - 4 P.M. C.D.T.

Dinner: Sit down Table Service 7 P.M. C.D.T.

Entertainment and Dancing

9-00 - 12:30 A.M. C.D.T.

Saturday, August 11, 1984

Golf Tournament 6:30 A.M. C.D.T.

Buffet Breakfast 7 - 9 A.M. C.D.T.

Reunion Registration 9 - 11 A.M. C.D.T.

Membership Business Meeting 10 A.M. C.D.T.

FREE TIME on your own

Memorial Services 2 P.M. C.D.T.

Mass Services. All invited 4 P.M. C.D.T.

Hospitality open 9 A.M. - 12 Noon C.D.T.

Hospitality open Bar 3 - 5 P.M. C.D.T.

Banquet Dinner: 7 P.M. C.D.T.

Dancing 9 - 1 P.M. C.D.T. to the 40's and 50's music.

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