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\*Denotes Deceased



## The President's Corner

### Hello Buddy's,

Just a few lines from the president's office to update the Assn. Members on various matters. Hope that all had a beautiful Easter season and are enjoying good health.

Only yesterday, 4/2/89, returned from the Dixie Chapter spring meeting in Williamsburg, Va. Had a wonderful time with much southern hospitality that only those people can show to visiting members of the Assn.

While present at the "Get Together". The executive board conducted an informal meeting. Present at the meeting were Ralph Gunderson, Ames Miller, Meadors Minnick, Bob Derickson and Charley Schmidt.

Many items pertaining to the Assn. and to its financial stability were discussed. Results, I am sure, will be seen in the future. One outstanding factor, there will be a balance sheet distributed at the reunion to all members detailing cash flow, disbursements, and bottom line or bank balance at the closing of the fiscal year. This will consist of numbers of dues paying members, numbers of Thunderbolts printed, disbursement of money and to whom and a true figure of cash on hand or bank balance. Enough said.

Manny Goodrich, myself, and all the Ky. Chapter need your assistance and your presence at the reunion in Cincinnati. Don't let the association suffer because there has been circulation many false rumors and innuendos. Talk is cheap, but have sufficient evidence and proof when statements are spoken or put in writing.

Let us all close ranks, pull together, and make this the fine Division Assn. of former years. We were a very proud Assn. then and we should continue to be such in the future.

Plans for the reunion are progressing very well. The Ky. Chapter, all the members are awaiting your arrival in Cincinnati and will try to show to all the Assn. members and their wives and friends some true Cincinnati hospitality. So, for this message from the presidents corner at this time, good luck, good health and as we say in Kentucky, "Y'all Come" and visit with us.

Charley Schmidt  
President 1988/89

## REMINDER!

Those who have not paid their 1988 dues, must do so immediately, or you will not receive your 1989 Thunderbolts. Please do so as soon as possible. We don't want you to miss out on any of the exciting issues!

Please mail \$10.00 to:

Secretary- Treasurer  
Robert Derickson  
3749 Stahlheber Road  
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## News

## EXECUTIVE BOARD CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The reservation cards are coming in to indicate another well-attended Reunion. There appeared to be a flurry of apprehension early in the year concerning the Reunion, as a report was circulated about an ethnic group being in Cincinnati at the same time. A thorough investigation revealed no problem and so all systems are go for another great bash.

At the Board meeting in Gatlinburg, several items were discussed relative to the present and future financial status of the association. Several adjustments are being made in the expenses in order to bring them in line with our budget. At the next Board meeting we will review the current policies to determine whether we are on track or further review is necessary.

Don't forget the ad book as that is an important part of providing for some of the expenses in operating a Reunion. I'm sure R.C. Hamilton, who did a great job in 1984 on the ad book as well as being Reunion Chairman, will take care of it again in his own inimitable style.

The Florida Chapter meeting in late January provided us with the pleasure of renewing friendships with several of our winter visitors, including past Chairman Larry Leonardi. According to Secy-Treas. Bill Herhuth, the chapter has about 100 paid up members now.

Ralph Gunderson



## Greetings from the Secretary-Treasurer's Office

Here we are men half way through another year. They sure do fly, don't they.

We never run out of something to do here in the office. Soon it will be time for the Board meeting in Pittsburgh. Ed Reuss and his men are working hard and have things planned for us there. It has indeed been a pleasure to work with them.

The Cincinnati Reunion to be held at the Clarion Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio on August 17, 18 and 19 seems to be going along well from all reports.

Your reservation card for the Hotel was in the last Thunderbolt. Hope that you have mailed it in by now. There are plenty of rooms so if you have not mailed it by now please do so.

Hope that you have sent your ad for the Ad book to either R. C. Hamilton or Larry Redmond. They are both working hard to make it a Success.

If you plan to attend the reunion please send your dues here to the office and I will have your membership card ready for you to pick up at the reunion.

As you have read elsewhere in the Thunderbolt we were all saddened by the death of Dan McCarthy. Dan fought a long battle with cancer. He will be missed by all who knew him.

We are always saddened to hear of the loss of one of our buddies but when we heard of the death of Arthur Blankenship we were really sad. Arthur was a very kind man and to meet death the way he did was cruel. When someone believes they are allowed to murder another human being it is sad. Arthur too will be missed by all who knew him. Thanks to Don Pettry for sending us all the newspaper clippings. We appreciate that.

As Casey Kowalec has made mention many times, MEMORIAL DAY will be here soon. REMEMBER TO HANG YOUR FLAG OUT. Show everyone you are proud to be an AMERICAN.

Look forward to seeing you all in Cincinnati.

Bob Derickson

## Program Chairman's Message

Things here are finally beginning to wind down and some of the loose ends are starting to come to-gether, everything will be set by August though.

I do want to inform everyone that this Reunion is in memory of one of our most ardent Chapter members. He being Dan McCarthy. The last time I saw Dan alive was toward the end of last year and he said - Be sure this Reunion is basic - no fanfare - one of our most treasured in this life is friends - get them together so they can enjoy themselves. This we are attempting and am disappointed that Dan is not here to enjoy it.

As most of you know on Feb. 6, 1989 one of the local newspapers published an article about an ethnic group of persons who were going to hold a large gathering in Cincinnati during the time of our Reunion. This article was cut out, reproduced, and sent to many of you, without first investigating it's authenticity. The person sending these is a member of the Ky. Chapter. I still don't know why this was done but do hope it has no bearing on our attendance. We check weekly and so far we're the only one that have rooms blocked at any of the hotels, during that time. We do know their affair will be held at a park on the river and that most of the attendees will be local. This should have no bearing on what transpires with us.

I have had questions as to transportation to and from the airport. There is a bus named the Jet Part, it runs on a half hour schedule. Sunday thru Friday, starting at 6:00 a.m. and stopping at 11:00 p.m. This same bus runs on Saturday, however it runs on a one hour schedule starting at 6:00 a.m. and stopping at 11:00 p.m. The rate for this bus is \$8.00 per. person each way.

For those of you who have asked about the local rates. These rates will be honored starting August 13th with the last day being August 23rd.

Arrangements are being made with the Cincinnati Reds to attend the Cubs - Reds game on August 17th at 7:35 p.m. This is due to the effort of Paul Buchman of Plank City, Florida. (an 83rd. man). The ticket cost will be based on their location and said cost is not available at this time. Tickets will be limited and anyone desiring to attend should contact me as quickly as possible. You can pay for your tickets as they are picked up at the Reunion.

Remember, send yours ads to R. C. Hamilton or Larry Redmond, they are very important to the Reunion.

Don't forget your Hotel Reservations. Get them in early, however, there will be no shortage of rooms.

Looking forward to seeing you all in August.

Manny Goodridge



### QUIPS AND QUOTES:

Hoping that the Spring Issue of the Thunderbolt reaches you before Memorial Day--As you can help many Americans remember.

### VETERAN'S DAY

Last year this writer took a riding tour around the immediate area I reside in. Out of 215 homes just 11 families remembered. We know that being members of World War II, our ranks are di-

minishing However, we must still remind our children, our friends, our neighbors, and our communities to be proud of that flag.

It represents the precious gift of FREEDOM, for which so many people gave their lives for.

Someone once asked "What makes America great? It's FREEDOM, because if you think it's not really great here, you are free to openly say so--And free to move where you think life might be better.

"The cost of FREEDOM is always high, but Americans have always paid it". At this time, if you have been thinking of attending this Reunion, send in your reservation now." "Cinci" is centrally located for most of us-- The price is right, so come on down..

Closing with my favorite quote:

"If you have nothing nice to say about someone, sit next to me."

Casey Kowalec  
322nd

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER:

*SPRING HAS SPRUNG* However Mother Nature is playing her usual games of distributing the warm sunshine around equally--It's a scorcher in California. Meanwhile snow is being forecast for our weekend in Ohio. Spoke to Ray Voracek and he filled me in on the great time and weather that all of you who attended had in Williamsburg, Virginia. Most of the golf courses in our area are not very busy, as the rain and raw conditions are still hanging on. Some people ask what kind of golf game I shoot--Well I shoot in the 70's--but when it gets colder than that, then I quit.

We also know from News reports how you Southern Folds, are getting more than your share of rain.

Since the last report from your Chaplain's and Bob Derickson, the following names were sent or called in, notifying us about the passing away of these Buddies.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Reported By</u>
Lt. Col. Warren William Witt	"K" 330th	Jim Alexander
George J. Brooks	"C" 331st	Ed Cox
Daniel W. McCarthy	"M" 331st	Lou Donnelly
Lawrence G. Judge	"K" 330th	O. L. Cook
Terrance D. Queally	"K" 330th	O. L. Cook
Arthur Blankenship	MEDICS 331st	Murdered 2/12/89 Don Pettry
Willard A. Pugh	324th	Larry Redmond
Thomas W. Evans	"A" 329th	wife Ozella Evans
John Morris	"HQ" 331st	Gerald Willey
Morris J. Shall	MEDICS 331st	wife
Leo J. O'Brien	"E" 329th	wife Eileen
Hubert B. Degnan		George H. Thompson
DeFilipps, George G.	"E" 329th	Manny Epstein
Hazel Wehling		wife of Emily Wehling
Angelo Letteri	329th	Pat DiGiammerino
John Collins	322nd	Pat DiGiammerino
Edward P. Scoka	329th	Al Belvedere

The sympathy of the entire 83rd Infantry Division Association goes out to all of the families of the above.

Since many of these names are given to us without any dates or details should you be a buddy or just a friend, why don't you send a sympathy card to the family, requesting some information about him or his spouse? It's at times such as this, that a few words of condolence means so much. So take time to seek out a forgotten friend, Manifest your loyalty in word or deed. Fine the time. Be Kind, Be Gentle. Laugh a Little More.

Casey Kowalec, Chaplain

## HISTORIAN'S CORNER

**Buddies,**

If you were with us during the 'Bulge' in January of 1945 the following pictures should be of interest to you.

They were sent to me by a friend who resides in the Village of Malemp're, Belgium.

He went to the places where the 1945 pictures were taken and took these of the same spots in 1989.

My picture was taken while on traffic duty in Ottré.

Because of weather and heavy traffic congestion, I was released from Division Hqts., for a short time and then returned to my post at Division.

In September, 1944 at Sedan, France, I was sent to Division after leaving Parami' and St. Malo with the 331st.

The commendation was enclosed because it was signed by our General Robert C. Macon.

I will have some unpublished combat photographs for you on the next Thunderbolt. "We Were The Best"!

**Wm. Kent O'Connell**  
*Historian - 83rd. M.P.*

*P.S. Does anyone have a photo of Major George Oglivie. Prorash Marshall, C.M.P., 83rd to send me?*

*There must be an extra copy of the 329th & 330th unit history out there - How about it!*

K.

**Photo the villager.**



**Malemp're January 1945.**



**Malemp're 1989.**

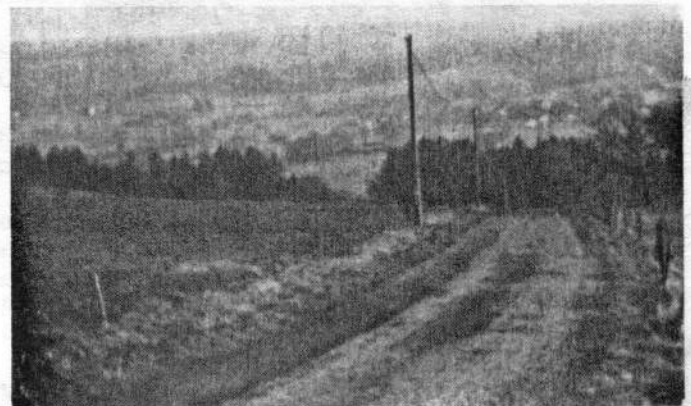


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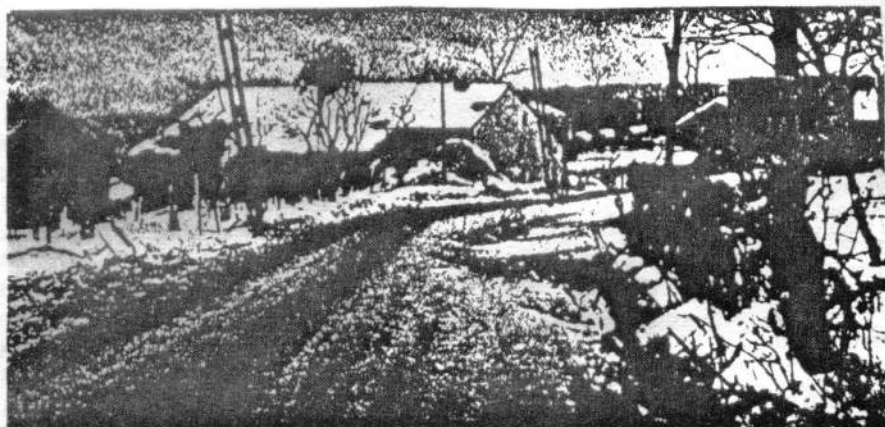
**Infantry of  
330th Regiment,  
83rd Division  
in Malepreé,  
5 January 1945.**

**Photo below:**

**Malemp're,  
5 January 1989.**



**Ottré 3 January 1989**



Ottré 1945



Ottré 3 January 1989



EIGHTY-THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION  
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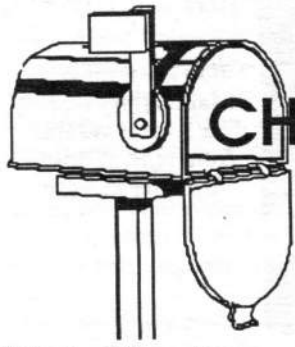


AWARD OF THE ARMY  
COMMENDATION RIBBON

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS FORD D. SCULCO, 3214533  
804th Military Police Company

By your conscientious and diligent application to your assigned duties as a Military Policeman, 804th Military Police Company during the period 9 June 1945 to 20 January 1946, you have contributed materially to the success of your organization in the performance of its occupational duties. You have performed these duties without exception in a most exemplary and efficient manner, and I take pleasure in commending you for the superior efficiency and initiative you have displayed. Under the provisions of War Department Circular 377, dated 18 December 1945, you are authorized to wear the Army Commendation Ribbon by direction of the Secretary of War.

ROBT. C. MACON  
Major General, U. S. Army  
Commanding



## CHAPTER NEWS

### Dixie Chapter

So good to have you and Pearl with us! I am sending notes from Williamsburg. I trust you can use some of this in our next Thunderbolt.

The Dixie Chapter Spring meet is now history. I am happy to report that we had 138 present for the Banquet and Dance on Saturday night. Some "Die Hard" rebels came early and stayed late. Eight (8) days total and enjoyed each day. Enough to make their reservations for next year.

Our hosts, John and Virginia Cox really outdid themselves, catering to our every need. So happy to have our Dixie Chapter Secretary-Treasurer Haran Martin back with us, and we were saddened to report some were sick who wanted to come. We missed you Carrol and Ruby. You did such a great job for us in Gatlinburg in December as always.

"Listen up Dixie, we've been invaded again. Our Yankee Comrades in the Army showed up by the dozens. You made us so happy and gave us a chance to show off the "Southern Hospitality" that we have been bragging about! Come again and soon.

We were honored to have had our "Original" Number one man, Gurney Jaynes with us. Also Mister 83rd, Larry Redmond, was there.

Our list of dignitaries reads like "Who's Who", National President, Charles Schmidt of '89, Past Presidents, 9 of them, Larry Redmond, Ray Voracech, Al Belvedere, Lou Volpi, Dick Riddle, Mike Skovran, Ralph Gunderson, John Hobbs, George Pletcher. Executive Board Chairman, Ralph Gunderson, National Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Derickson and Board Members, Ames Miller and Meadows Minnick. Past Chairman of the Executive Board Stan Bielen brought Emil Wehling and others. But who was that "Swabbie" Sailor that infiltrated our midst? He had to have inside help. The Navy could never pull that off alone.

Chapters represented were Kentucky, Warren, Cleveland, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, New England, Boston, Florida. Forgive me if I missed any one.

Of course, Dixie was there in force. I want to thank the "First Timers", "Old Timers", "Most Timers" and even those who wanted to come but could not for whatever reason.

I hope to see many of you in Nashville in June and all of you in Cincinnati in August. Come on now and let's enjoy watching "A good plan come together". Gad, How I love it!! Every year it is "Sweeter and Sweeter", Let's not miss out!. The good times are there we just have to reach out and take hold of them and share with our buddies.

All our wives and companions were just beautiful and so patient with us. I can't begin to say how much we appreciate and enjoy having you with us. Plan to be back again soon, please.

We just visited Historical spots, Yorktown Battleground, Jamestown Settlement, Mac Arthur Museum, Naval Museum, Colonial Williamsburg, Busch Gardens, The Pottery and many others.

Lots of shopping by the Ladies a little by the men. I saw that little Italian "Tony" Viglione, sporting a new Greek Fisherman's hat and Burton Sales with a new straw hat and lots of others.

Let's continue doing this as long as we can hear the bugles call

for revelee and Chow Call and retreat and Light's Out.

Till then I'll be proud to be one of you.

Ellsworth Massie  
President of Dixie Chapter

### Dixie Chapter Report

Once again all who attended the Williamsburg meeting had a great time. Thank you host and hostess, Virginia and John Cox and all their helpers.

And there were some 140 for good food and fellowship at the banquet including members and guests and National Board and many chapters and states represented.

Didn't have nerve to ask who the oldest person attending was, but probably the youngest was a beautiful young lady named Alicia Becker, 7 months young and Granddaughter of proud Jim and Delores Price, members of both Philadelphia and Dixie Chapters. Every time I met her she brightened my day with a happy smile.

Popular places were the hospitality room with hot dogs, snacks and drinks, the pool, Colonial Williamsburg and Busch Gardens and for winners especially at the poker game.

One happy person is this reporter who had the lucky ticket for the half and half. Such a pleasant surprize. Thanks to all who contributed to Dixie Chapter hospitality and to the winner.

We all wish present and future good health to Russell Collins of Macon, Georgia who had quintuple by pass surgery last February and is doing well and to his wife Johnnie as she gives him support and care. Hello and good wishes also to Carroll and Ruby Brown, Buck and Mary Muldrow and George Cox and all who were unable to be with us for varying reasons.

Sympathy and caring to Emil Wehling of Fairlawn, N. J. in the loss of your wife, Hazel. It was good having you with us.

Let's get together again June 23 and 24th at Ramada Inn, across from Opryland, USA. Nashville, Tn., 37214. Make reservations ASAP by calling (615)-889-0800 by May 23 a MUST - single or double \$67.00 - triple \$73.00 or Quad \$79.00.

If you plan to attend Grand Old Opry advance tickets are necessary. Number to call (615) 889-3060.

And mark your calendars, for sure, for the 43rd National Reunion in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Thank you for your friendly kindnesses to my grandson Steven Matheny. He can hardly wait until the next time.

Reporter,  
LeRoy McManaway

### Senior Citizen Cramp

There are still some happy memories in life  
They are those good times when a child,  
Often times they cross our mind  
But our todays problems bring no smile;

We suffer so many aches and pains  
that hurt at night and through the day.  
There are so many problems with troubles  
It seems they will never go away.

Yet God had been good to us  
At times life has been hard to bear.  
Many times we've called on him  
For we knew he was always there.

God will listen to our pleas  
When life seems so unfair,  
Don't suffer these problems alone  
Take them to God in prayer.

Haran R. Martin  
C. Co. 331 ST.

## Boston Chapter Report

In the Winter months the meetings were mostly by phone as we were expecting poor weather, which we never received.

A lot of us were at a get together at Pat DiGiammerino's house in March to meet his new daughter-in-law. Those that could make it had a very enjoyable day.

President Charlie Miller of Hq. 330th Infantry opened the last meeting with 19 men in attendance. One was our own Executive Board Member now operating out of Claremont, N.H. James "Jim" Prentice. Jim has been a personal friend of mine. The Boston Chapter is honored to have him attending our meetings. Jim thanks for coming. Charlie Miller and the rest of the troops mentioned about your attendance after you headed home. Jim I must add, Amby is still counting. Ha! Ha!

Hy Goodman, our secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting and letters sent in which was accepted as read.

Mike Caprio, Boston Chapter Treasurer, gave the report on the bank checks paid out for bills, balance and interest. I must say we are in good shape.

Pat DiGiammerino gave a report on the new members. Pat and Arthur Waples are doing a wonderful job. Our membership is up again this year.

Bob Hunnewell, the Judge Advocate had to make a few rulings. Mike Malik said, he appreciated the ruling of Hunnewell. In turn Hunnewell played him a tune. A laugh was had by all.

A recess was in order for the goodies. Gin DiGiammerino always does an excellent job in this department. It takes me a week to get the weight off after a meeting.

It was certainly nice to see Ray Bjork back and in good health. He looks good and is feeling much better now.

Lou Santine was talking about how we could do better and have more good times. I believe Lou will make it up to the Pines with Chet Morley at the end of April.

Charlie Lussier is going to meet with me at the beach in June. Maybe we will get Harold Barry also from 331st Anti Tank Company.

Walter Koss and Frank Scott would like to hear from Dallas Williams of Portland, Or. Also, they would like to see Dallas in good old Cincinnati, as Erwin Ehrhardt calls it.

We wish to thank all the Boston Chapter women for making our Chapter the success that it is. We could not make out without you girls believe me. Thanks Girls for a job well done.

Gloria Cove passed away. She was the mother of Bernie Cove of D Company 331st Infantry and the Pines Resort Hotel in South Fallsburg, N.Y.

Larry Redmond of H Company 330th lost his mother this month, Gertrude Crooker.

Hap Goldstein died October 2nd, 1988. I believe he was a member of Hq. 330 Infantry. Reported by Dave Goldstein with a donation to our outfit.

Eleanor Wehling passed away. She was a good friend of all of us over the years. She was the wife of Emil Hq. 330 Infantry.

Leo O'Brien of E Company 329 Infantry passed away in February 1989. I attended the funeral and met Leo's wife and family in Wollaston, Ma.

A good and close friend of the 83rd Tony Catino, who helped us out in many ways over the years, passed away recently.

Our condolences to all the above families.

Till the next issue.

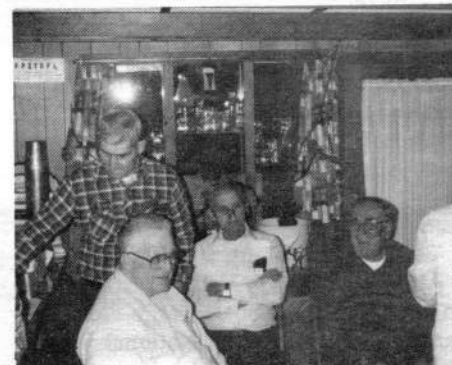
AMBY TYNAN  
Boston Chapter



Bob Sessions from Maine, Jim Prentice & Arthur Waples from N.H. at Boston Chapter Meeting



Livy Maynard on K.P., Violet Waples, Charlie Miller. Boston Chapter.



Frank Scott, Walter Koss, Mike Amicone, Amby Tyman. Boston Chapter



Fran Arrigo, Vera Caprio, Livy Maynard, Rita Lussier. Boston Chapter



Marge Sessions from Maine drawing Raffle Ticket.



## 323rd F.A. Report

Nancy and I traveled to Florida along with our eleven year old granddaughter, Kellyann. We had a real nice time. I phoned Walt Harding but was unable to get together a meeting with Harding, Bob Costello, Ed Shiveley and Dick Brown. It was very cold in the sunshine state and time was running out.

I had a nice letter from William George, Edwin Erhardt, Willie Snodgrass, Pete Welterede, Walt Harding and Amy St. John. St. John can't write. (Too Ole) Ha! Ha! A while back Tom Houlette wrote a real long letter. I really enjoyed hearing from all of you folks.

I wrote Nancy Nellies and Innocence Suilman tonight, also am trying to get in touch with Walter Gutt to get him to the reunion this year. We should have a good turnout in Cincinnati, Ohio.

D.A. Williams calls from Portland, Oregon. It is always good to talk to Dallas. Hope he can make the reunion.

I have not heard from Don or Ann Willis. I guess I will send him a stamp next time I write.

John Sabo is going to make it to the reunion. We will be glad to see him after 23 years. The Sabo's are real nice folks from Ohio.

Warning to Dom (Godfather) Christopher, Tony Piantadosi will be in Ohio in August so get him to Cincinnati. I was with Tony last Saturday.

HEADQUARTER'S MEN - Don't forget to send a couple of dollars for our Memorial Page in the Ad Book.

Thats all for this issue.

*Amby Tynan*

## Pittsburgh Chapter

It seems there is a certain member of the Pittsburgh Chapter who is complaining that he is not getting the recognition he deserves. That individual is Al Seuss -- our sergeant-at-arms. All he does is make sure that we are well taken care of in the way of refreshments and snacks at our monthly meetings. Oh yes, he also takes care of the attendance prize. When he is absent from a meeting -- which is very seldom his duties must be handled by someone else, and they do not do the job like Al. So there, we'll give you another writeup in a few years. At our February meeting a new member was introduced. George Graf and he was recommended by Smokey Alicandri. George served with the 8th Armored Division but was transferred to the 83rd for the journey home. At the April meeting he commented that he was proud to belong to the Association and the Pittsburgh Chapter. Also at the February meeting the condition of Sam Kliippa was given. He had a knee transplant and according to recent reports from Gene Costanzo he is not feeling too well. Mike Rudy had a prostrate surgery. His wife was also hospitalized with a thyroid condition. Mike was given a basket of fruit compliments of the chapter. "Curly" Ruprecht was made a life member of the chapter. He is unable to participate in chapter business due to Alzheimer's disease. Jules Desgain gave a report on his upcoming trip to Normandy. Gene Costanzo and Joe Danylo decided to cancel their sponsored tour of Europe this spring. The unsettled airline situation was the key factor. They are going on their own along with other chapter members. Charles and Ruth Hopta celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 6. At the March meeting \$100 was donated to the 83rd Band. A new briefcase was presented to our president Sal Scicolone. He and his wife Theresa became grandparents for the third time on St. Patrick's Day with the birth of Kellie Ann Lange. Daughter Annette is the proud mother. Another daughter, Sandra Parker is expecting in October. D. Esther Kraus, mother-in-law of Paul Dietrich died on March 2 and buried on March 6.

A trip to Atlantic City has been kicked around the past several months. No final action has been taken. This being intended to take the place of the Spring Dance and picnic, which were

shelved some time ago for one reason or another. The chapter is contemplating renting a bus to Cincinnati for the reunion in August. Bill DeMarino is in charge. Pete and Ceil Kwasniewski are going on an 11 day Hawaiian tour in May. Visiting four island will be on the agenda. At the April meeting correspondence was read from John T. Woods of Herminie, Pa. John served with G Co., 331st and expressed interest in joining the chapter, but at the present time is commander of the VFW Post in Herminie and their meetings are held on the first Sunday of the month, the same as the chapter.

A number of our members attended the mini-reunion of the Dixie Chapter in Williamsburg, Virginia the first weekend in April. At this writing no report is available.

A program for the 1990 reunion to be held in Pittsburgh is being worked on and it will be presented to the Executive Board for consideration.

*"Fran" Beerhalter - H 329th*

## Kentucky Chapter News

On Tuesday, March 9th 1989, the Kentucky Chapter was saddened by the death of one of its own, Dan McCarthy of Co. M. 331st Reg. who resided in Louisville, Ky.

I know the many persons who knew Dan from the many chapter meetings, reunions, and trips to the European Theater have sent their sincere condolences to Dan's wife Ann and their two children, Maria and Dan Jr.

There were many members of the Kentucky Chapter who attended either the visitation on Friday, March 10th or the funeral on Sat., March 11th. Charlie Schmidt, Manny Goodridge, Ames Miller, Marvin Haydon, Bernie Jones, and myself were honorary pallbearers representing the 83rd Division. I know all these men felt about Dan the same way that I do.

The last time I saw Dan was Jan. 13th, he was very ill, but still concerned about the financial condition that has befallen the association and he stated so "in his letter read at the Hershey meeting. He told me he was sorry he was unable to be there to help me get over to the membership that we needed to have a outside audit badly.

So in Memory of Dan McCarthy, I think it is up to the Executive Board to get the books straightened out. Hopefully, we now have a good Executive Board who are on the right track for a swift recovery of the association finances.

I think all members of the Association should know what is going on within this Association. Each board member should acquaint their Chapter members with the minutes of the board meetings, that is why they are chosen from different parts of the country. The minutes of all Board meetings should be printed in the next Thunderbolt following the meeting.

Our Association is not all fun and games, get interested in the financial status, find out how your dues are being used. Do something for the Association instead of taking from it, do it in memory of Dan McCarthy who loved this association and talked about it to anyone who would listen.

Now for the brighter side of the news, Dixie Chapter had their March meeting in Williamsburg, Va. I think almost all chapters were represented. Kentucky Chapter had the following members attending Charlie and Kathleen Schmidt. Ames and Helen Miller, Floyd and Alberta Richmond, Earl and Bonnie Hoover, Bob & Pearl Derickson, Wilson and Vi Day with their guests, Fred and Bertha Roosa who entertained us one night in the hospitality room. I am sure all who attended had a good time going to the many places of interest in the area.

I want to thank the Host and Hostess John and Virginia Cox who arranged the affair and made it enjoyable for everyone. It will be held there next March so don't miss it.

Kentucky Chapter meets in Kokomo, Ind. April 21.

*Wilson Day  
1st Bn Hq. Co. 331*

## New England Chapter

Well it is that time again and the weather is just about to brake and we will all be on the go again.

We received the Thunderbolt and have sent in our reservations and are looking to have another great time seeing old friends and good buddies, and see how old we all got in one year Ha Ha Ha.

The Francullos will be heading off to Owensboro, Ky., to visit Mary's Mother and brothers and sisters. This has been a ritual for the last forty years and we have been married for forty three years and my father said it would not last Ha Ha Ha. He said that no southern girl would come north to live, and Mary's father said that she is burning her bridges behind her. We proved them all wrong.

Had a visit from Dutchy and Helen Smith and they spent a week in January in Aruba to get away from the cold "Good Luck" you all. Also had a call from Bill and Betty Davis of Newburyport Mass and Betty had to put her mother in a Nursery Home as it was getting too much for Bill and Betty to take care of her. They had to have someone with her day and night and it was catching up to Betty and Bill. God love you both.

I called John and Ester Ferriers of Chelmsford Mass., and they are doing OK and ready for a good time at the reunion.

We had the Brennans from R.I. up for the weekend the end of March. They had been in Florida for ten days in January. While there they visited the Petittis and were invited to join them for the Florida get together in Ocala. There they met several members of the New England chapter. Bill and Jeanette Mckees of Three Rivers, Mass. Mike and Marie Champey of Middletown Conn., Karl and Ingrid Burkhard of Carmel, N.Y., and Iris and Harry Benedetti who are living in St. Pete, Fla.

They said the Florida Chapter had a great welcome for them and they really enjoyed the Sat. night banquet which totalled 65.

Got word that the next day Mike and Marie were off to Arizona but he got sick and landed in the Hospital and had to come back to Florida. Hope he is better now. The Brennens will be off to Dayton Ohio as son-in-law Mike David has been promoted to Major U.S. Air Force and they are being transferred to Utah Air Force Base and they will be helping them move and drive one of their car there and then fly back to Warwick, R.I. Good Luck Jim and Dot.

Our next get together will be on May 20 and it will be down in Harwichport, Mass., in (Cape Cod) area, Dutchy and Helen Smith's son attorney Jim Smith and family have a home there and they will not be using it at that time and we could use it for the weekend so we hope to have a good turn out.

That is it for now.

Your Buddy,  
Nick Francullo  
Hq. Co. 3rd, Bn. 330th  
Inf. Anti Tank Pt..

But who are you telling Dot?  
New England Chapter



August Fariz, Jin & Dot  
Brennan it was great.  
New England Chapter



Ann & Al Tartoglia & Joe Pe-  
trucci enjoying their meal.  
New England Chapter



Thank you Santa for the gifts.  
New England Chapter



## 329 "B" Bag

Haven't heard from anyone since Christmas except for Lt. Bol-lard. He wrote a lengthy letter about his travel through Penn. He contacted Walt Kowanick, Gene Maillard, Boyd Plummer, Paul Urinek, Joe Brooks, Tom Garrison, Benny Amick, J. Lazenby. They also contacted Pearly Price. It would be great to see all these guys. Again at the reunion, plus us old goats.

One short story on Pearly Price. Getting ready to attack Roche-fort. Pealy was in the mess line and Lt. Cohen was checking for proper gear. He spotted Pearly going through the chow line with a shot gun. Cohen told Pearly that the shot gun was out-lawed at the Geneva Convention. Pearly looked at Cohen and told him "tell them that I wasn't at that Convention" and kept on marching away. Lt. Cohen just shook his head.

To all I had a short spell in the hospital, nothing serious, just put me back in my Correspondence.

Sorry to report Camels Iemole wife Millis, tripped, and broke her ankle, also John Wodjiasak wife had another stroke. Wishing the best to all.

Let's all try and bring someone to the reunion. 'B' Co. Facts - of-ficers - original strength 6 replacements 16- returns to Duty 4, Killed 2 - wounded 11 non-battle 1, self inflicted wounds 1.

Bob Uher



## Florida Chapter

First of all, I'm enclosing my dues—\$10.00. Sorry for the delay. I'm trying to make up time lost during my illness. I'm enclosing some pictures of our last meeting in Ocala, Fla. (our new officers).

I'll be taking black and white pictures for the magazine in the future of Florida events.

The one picture of the Florida event shows 83rd Chapter presenting a flag of the children given by President G. Bush to us to present the flag to Genesis school. This was a great event. Some of our members were present. It was covered by the News Media and the TV Channel 13 filmed the event and showed it on the 6 o'clock news. I was the M/C on this dedication -- on raising the flag and the children sang "God Bless America", and "The National Anthem", with Chime Bells played by the Music Department of the School.

It was a heart warming event and chills and goose pimples; to see the reaction of the children so involved in our country.

Lou Kanes made a presentation explaining what the Flag was and made a remarkable presentation. Parents wiped tears from their eyes - Very emotional.

Our new President, Ned Smith, made an announcement at his first meeting that we should carry on the practice of visiting Nursing Homes and Schools. Our Ocala meeting was a great success. We had approximately 68 present for this meeting.

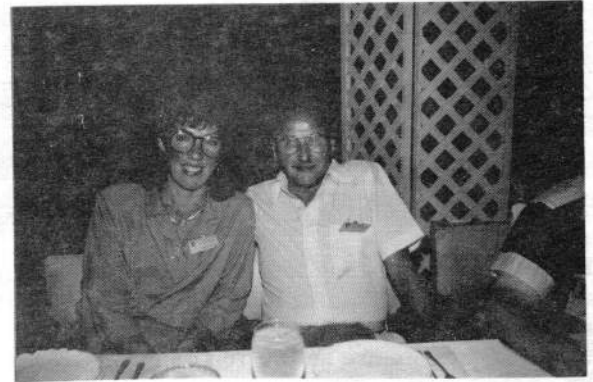
Please excuse my writing, my hand is quite shaky and can't or won't go where I want it to--After my surgery.

God Bless you and all your work.

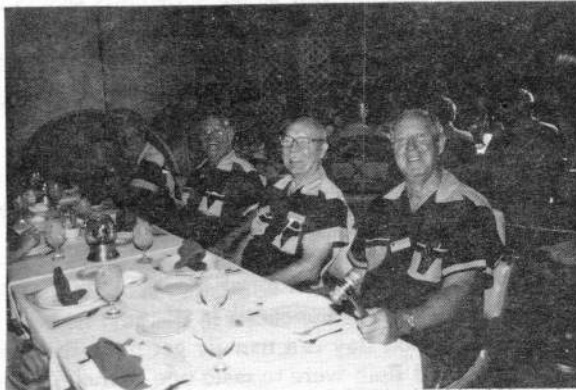
Respectfully,  
Walter Marshall



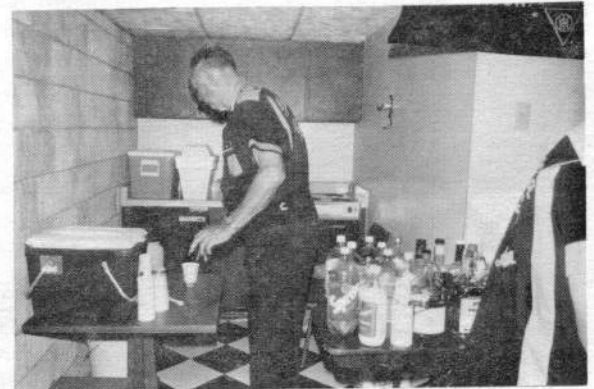
L to R: Charles Halligan, Lois Kanes, James Emanouil, Michael Petette, Ralph Marshall. Presentation of New flag to school Pres. Bush gave to 83rd on inaugural day 1989.



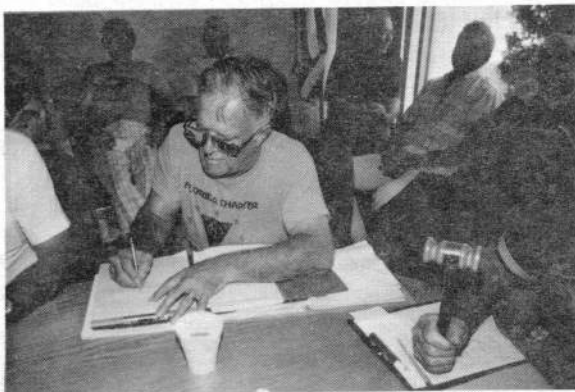
Lou Kunes & wife Janet.



1989 new officers at banquet at Silver Lake Lodge, Ocala, Fla. Left to right: Vice Pres. James Emanouil, Sec./Treas. Bill Herbuth, Chaplain Ralph Gundson, Pres. Ned Smith.



Ned Smith Pres. checking bar in C.B. Room.



Our Sec. Bill Herbuth busy, very busy. Ned Smith making sure he does - note the guards.



L to R: Judge Advocate Paul Buchman, wife Beryle, standing Manny Epstein at Ocala banquet & meeting.

## Cleveland Chapter

Starting our 36th year, the chapter held its Annual Election of Officers for 1989. All of the incumbents were reelected.

*Pres. Bob Grobelny*

*VP. TREAS. Walt Meczka*

*SECT. Bob Uher*

*S/Arms Hank Trecziak*

*TRUSTEE: Rollie Warner*

The March meeting was held at the Club Room with a real St. Paddys Day Feast. The Mizerock's, Szubski, and the Donnelly's, cooked up a batch of cabbage, spuds, and corn beef with trimmings. It was delicious and out of this world. In fact Pris Donnelly had orange hands from peeling carrots. Mike Mizerock and his wife Ann have sure furnished some great meals since they were appointed head chef and chefess. The Chapter signed up 2 new members. Paul Dallos and his wife Mary, also Joe Belock returned to the flock after many years or absence. Welcome to the best chapter.

I'm sorry to report that Ed Glinka's brother passed away recently. Our deepest sympathy to the family heard from the grapevine.

Bob Groebelny was elected commander of the D.A.V. the stork brought the 11th grandchild to Rollie and Millie Warner.

That Cassy & Eleanore Szubski are expecting another grandchild.

Al Uridel's grandson is in the Airborne Stationed in Germany. Congrats to all.

The Klugiewicz's are heading for a vacation in Mexico, must like the taco's. My wife is heading for a golfing vacation in Pinehurst and Myrtle Beach.

Remember: Friends are like health. You don't know what you had until you lose them.

*Bob Uher  
Co. "B" 309*

P.S. This picture was taken at a parade recently.



## New Jersey Chapter

March 24, 1989

I am writing this article a couple of weeks before the April 10th deadline for two purposes. In a few days Fran and I will journey to Williamsburg, along with a good representation from the chapter, to enjoy a few days with our Dixie Chapter Buddies. This event, along with the Pines (Boston Chapter) meeting and other activities we have planned will occupy most of our time. Therefore, Fran has advised me to get this article in. Now I have satisfied her and you people who enjoy hearing about your buddies.

On February 4th, Hazel Wehling wife of Emil and mother of Russell passed away after a long illness. The Wehling Family has been active with our chapter since it's inception. They are dear to us and we share in their loss. Our deepest sympathy to

you and your family, Emil.

I for one will be happy for this FLU Season to run it's course. I picked up the bug at the Hershey Reunion and have had it on off since. I'm not blaming anyone but myself. I must learn to ignore the lovely gals of the 83rd and their puckered lips. From now on a handshake will suffice..Doctor's Order!!!!

Those of us that went to the 40th Wedding Anniversary Celebration for Mary and Charlie Sihlanick can't stop talking about the wonderful time was had by all. When they married forty years ago, both were away from their families and starting a new life in the New York area, there were but four people at their wedding, the two of them and two witnesses. Daughter Linda along with her friend Sal made a party for them that Donald and Ivan Trump would envy. We'll all be looking forward to the next party.

In February, a group of us attended a retirement party for a good friend and a honorary member of our chapter Tom Dowd, Another great party with plenty of delicious food and drink. To quote Ted Guzek "I don't know about you but the food was so good and plentiful I couldn't eat the following day." Good health and happiness in your retirement, Tom.

Heard from Dot Skurka, told me Joe has been great in administering to her bouts with the flu this past winter. They are both looking foward to their visit to the Pines Hotel.

In my last column Bernie Rosenberg was mistakenly identified as Dave Rosenberger. My apologies Bernie for the Dave but the typesetter was responsible for the last name. I hope you took them at the Dice Table.

Haven't heard from Frank Reichmann for a while. Fred Rein has suggested we visit you now that the weather has warmed. We miss seeing you at our meetings.

With the pleasant weather, our Jersey Snowbirds should be returning. We are looking forward to welcoming back Joe and Hazel Barton from Florida. Also our good buddy Manny Epstein should be returning from another unsuccessful attempt at breaking into the New York Mets lineup as the Ball Boy. Keep pitching, there's always next year.

It has been a while since I heard from Joe Kuzma. Joe was planning on a trip to Disneyworld last time we spoke. He always inquires about Capt. Mac, his former C.O.

The Beach Haven Register should be announcing the return of Al and Ruth Bensimon from their winter home in Florida. This is good news to everyone but the clams in the bay. Al is an avid clammer and on a good day can usually get more than he can eat. Now if only Fred Rein were to taste one of the raw clams!! YUM! YUM!

Addie and Fred Rein just called to wish us a Happy Easter. They received their confirmation for the Early Bird from Vi and Wilson Day and they wrote that Dan McCarthy had died. We will miss him as he was a real good person, always had a smile on his face despite all the problems.

That is it for this issue, best wishes to all.

*Stan Bielen  
1st Bn. Hdqs. 331*



*Dick Ditmer, Joe Evans, Frank Martinetti.  
Keel Hall, New Castle, England, May 1944*

## West Virginia Chapter

It is with deep regret that I have to begin this report with a sad note. As some of you good Buddies know that our Chapter lost one of our beloved members, Arthur Blankenship, "Medics" 331st, was robbed and murdered by two adults and one Juvenile.

Arthur was a kind and gentle person and was liked by everyone. If any of you medics who knew him and would like to have a copy of the News Media Report of his death I would be glad to send one to you.

Our Chapter met at the Rose City Cafeteria in South Charleston, West Virginia on Sunday, March 12th for dinner and our meeting.

Our President, John Hobbs, conducted the meeting. Reports were given by our Secretary-Treasurer, Don Pettry. Important Business was discussed and voted upon.

Letters from Vivian Kai, John Governor, Ed Meeks and Bonnie Bronder, Barberville Veterans Home was passed around for everyone to read. Door prizes were won by Tressie Hunt and Paul Pauley. Those in attendance were: Cloda and Fred Statts, Mary and Paul Pauley, Tressie and Chauncey Hunt, Lillian and Rex Carson, Esta and Don Pettry, Freeda and John Hobbs, Evelyn and John Shepherd and Walter Sobel. Sadly missed was Arthur Blankenship who was always there. A moment of silence was observed in his memory.

Our next meeting will be in Glendale, West Virginia on June 4th. We are expecting a good turnout by our northern members.

Now that spring has sprung it is time to crank up the old lawn mower, and get out the paint brush. OK guys just don't over do it.

That's All

John Shepherd  
"L" & "HQ" 331st

### Arthur M. Blankenship

Arthur M. Blankenship, 402 Winfield Rd., St. Albans, W.Va., served in the 331st. Medical Detachment of the 83rd., Infantry Division. He was a Member of The National Association and a Charter Member of the West Virginia Chapter. He will be sadly missed by Friends and Fellow men.

### Police consider death a homicide

A Kanawha County man was found dead at his residence west of St. Albans Saturday and police consider the death a homicide.

Arthur M. Blankenship, 73, of 402 Winfield Road was found dead inside a one-room camper about 12:50 p.m., said Cpl. John Rutherford, a spokesman for the Kanawha County Sheriff's Department.

Rutherford said the camper, where Blankenship lived by himself, was right beside Blankenship's business, a game room. Blankenship had not been seen since about 5 p.m. Friday.

He was a Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the VFW and the American Legion.

Surviving: daughter, Anita Ellis of Woodstock, Ga.; brother, Walter of Virginia; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Don W. Pettry  
Sec-Treasurer W. Va.  
Chapter, 83rd. Inf.

## Philadelphia Chapter News

April 6, 1989

The open weather this past winter has helped the attendance at the meetings of the Philadelphia Chapter as the usual snows expected during January and February missed our area. We did hear on the news last night, however, that snow is predicted for the opening day of the Phillies game. Now that's a little hard to believe - but possible - considering the mixed signals that have been coming to us so far this year.

Lou Volpi and Lucy added a dash of color to March with a special St. Patrick's Day dinner in Narberth of corned beef, cabbage and boiled potatoes. It was delicious. Lou and Lucy's ability with catering has made these special occasions at Lou's something to look forward to and relish. The ladies brought desserts - even one by Marie Stevenson decorated with miniature Irish flags - and Jean Pletcher taped a cassette from her Irish record collection that set the mood for the evening. It was a Lucy and Lou McVolpi's special all the way and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Plans are already under way for the Cincinnati Reunion. Our vice-president, Lester Hauck, has chartered a bus to take the members of the Chapter to Cincinnati and we are looking forward to this as our bus trips in the past have been so pleasant and such a lot of fun.

The Chapter has been asked to supply the Color Guard and firing squad again this year at the Memorial Day parade and services to be held in Narberth.

We will have Open House after the ceremonies for all 83rd members, and you are all more than welcome to join us.

On a much more somber note:

As he had shown no indication of illness, the Chapter was shocked and saddened by the sudden and unexpected death of Bill Pugh, a long-time member of the Philadelphia Chapter. Bill was a loyal Color Guard member for many years not only at the Annual Meetings ceremonies but also at the local ceremonies held in Narberth on special holidays. As a matter of fact, he took part in the ceremonies held recently for the dedication of the monument to the Korean and Vietnam veterans. A moving memorial service for Bill was conducted by Norm Schuster, and prior to the formal service, the Honor Guard was represented by Lou Volpi, George Pletcher, Harry Stevenson, John Daum, Carl Dahlroos and George Settle. The Pughs have made many friends in the 83rd over the years -- friends like Bill Hoolan and his wife, Carol, as well as Dave and Anne Rosenberg, who were among the many who came to express their condolences to Ginny and to her sons. He will long be remembered warmly and fondly by all of us. May you rest in peace, Bill.

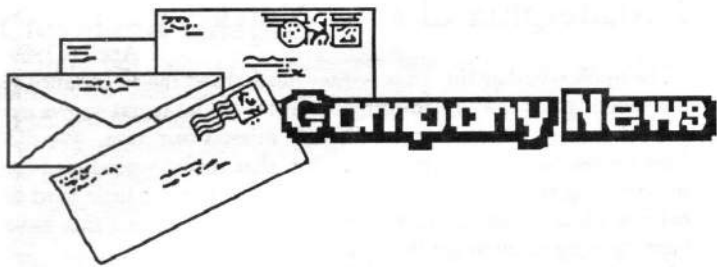
John G. Daum  
Co. "D", 330th

Want to share news about your Chapter or Company or maybe find a lost Buddy send your articles to:



**Bob Derickson**  
**3749 Stahleheber Road**  
**Hamilton, Ohio**  
**45013-9102**

... and we'll try to get in our next issue of the great Thunderbolt.



## Co. I, 329th Inf.

April 5, 1989

To the men of Co. I, 329th Inf. These are 26 men who belong to the 83rd. Div. Assoc. Fourteen men and their wives attended the reunion in Hershey, Pa.

I have sent Christmas cards to most of these men, also have written 40 letters to present and former Co. I, men. Eleven were returned, moved or unknown. So at least 12 more who do not belong to the Association, now know about the reunion. Also hope that more may see it in the Veteran's magazines. I have asked these men if they are in contact with other Co. I. men to please send me their addresses.

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Earl and Bonnie Hoover are two, that I know are going on the tour to Europe in June, and we expect to see a lot of pictures in Cinn., at the reunion.

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Also heard from Steve and Pat Bartha they are still in Pine, Arizona. They already have their reservations in and so do Agnes and I.

So to the men of Co. I 329th. If you are healthy let's all try to make this our biggest and best reunion. Father time is beginning to catch up with us old vets. Get your reservations in now.

God bless you, God willing, see you all in Cincinnati.

P.S. Bob Hunnewell have your throat in shape for singing and drinking.

Arthur P. Koerner  
2592 Meloy Rd.  
Ravenna, OH 44266  
Co. I. - 329th Inf.

## Co. "H" 330th

Hello Buddies:

Well, here I am once again. I guess that it is old age, but the days, weeks and months are flying by us so fast anymore, that it is unbelievable that we are almost into the middle of March already.

Since the Reunion I haven't been doing too much letter writing so therefore with the exception of Christmas Cards. I have had very little contact with the Men of Co. "H". Since my Wife has died, I have more or less shut myself off from everyone and I

feel bad about it. We all should remember that losing a loved one does not mean that our world has come to an end.

As I sit here writing this letter, my mind is on the Reunion Ad Book, which is the project that I am working on now. Although it is a lot of hard work getting all those letters out, it helps keep my mind occupied and makes me remember that this is my Association and I am proud of it, and any work I can do to help it, makes me feel better. Before you have received this copy of the "THUNDERBOLT", my letters to you asking for your help in making the Co. "H" ad the largest Unit ad in the book. It is amazing the great number of Co. "H" men that have died in the past few years. There are still a lot of Co. "H" men that I would like to locate, that is why I have asked all of you to stop and think of any names and addresses that you have and send them to me. If they are someone that I already have in my files, all well and good. It is quite possible that some of you will have men on your list that I don't have.

Well Buddies, again I ask you all to bear with me, with all the names I get here to put in the Ad Book, there is bound to be someone that I miss. Please don't feel bad about it, two years in a row, I forgot to put my own name in. Here's hoping to see you all at the 43rd Annual Reunion in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Your buddy  
Larry Redmond

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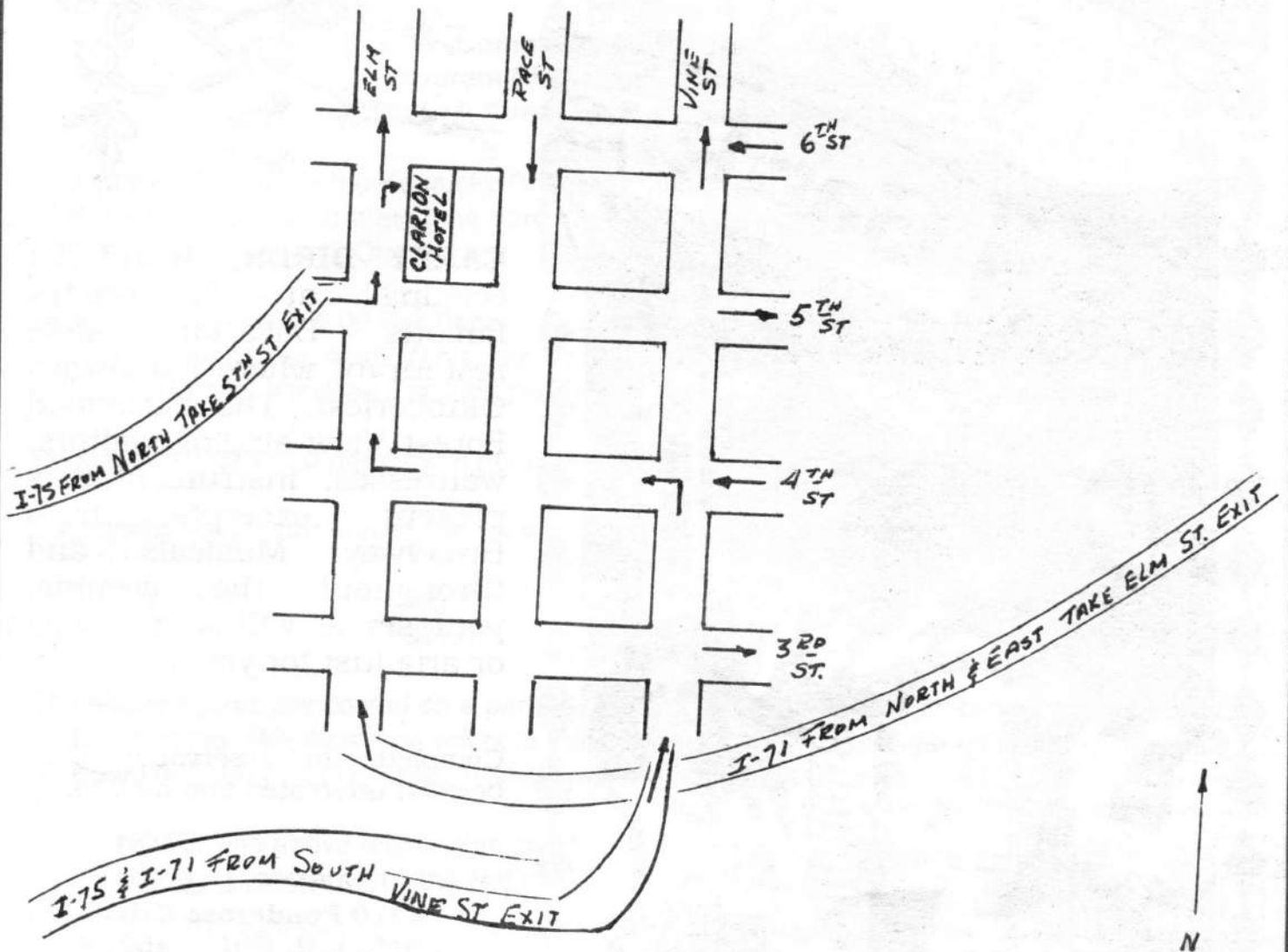
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Arthur P. Koerner  
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# Directions to the Clarion Hotel



**83rd INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION  
43rd ANNUAL REUNION  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
August 17, 18 & 19, 1989**



**EARLY BIRDS**, spend an evening at Zinzinnati's famous Bavarian style restaurant where it's always Oktoberfest. The acclaimed Forest View singing waitors, waitresses, instrumentalists present excerpts from Broadway Musicals and throughout the evening, your server will sing a song or aria just for you.

Complete the reservation form below if interested and mail to:

**Wilson Day**  
**5310 Ponderosa Drive**  
**Cincinnati, Ohio, 45239.**

**Please Note:**  
*Our cut off date will be July 26th; however due to letters & clippings that were sent out sabotaging the Reunion we may have to return your money if we do not have enough people for the second seating. There is no problem with the 1st seating.*

<p>EARLY BIRD RESERVATION FORM</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, August 16, 1989</b></p> <p>COST \$25.00 per person</p>	<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Street: _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>Enclosed is payment of \$ _____</p> <p>For _____ persons</p>
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# 43rd Annual Reunion Cincinnati, Ohio August 17, 18 & 19, 1989

Please Review, Complete and Return the following form to  
"Program Chairman", Manny Goodridge  
621 Oak Street, Ludlow, Kentucky 41016.

The Clarion Hotel and the Kentucky Chapter of the 83rd Infantry Division Association cordially invites each member to attend the 43rd Annual Reunion to be held on August 17th, 18th and 19th, 1989 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Hotel Rates will be \$55.00 Per Room - This includes all taxes and will accommodate one (1) to Four (4) persons per room. (This rate does not include costs for added required equipment such as cots, etc. nor does it include parking)

Parking will cost \$4.00 per vehicle per day.

Registration costs, per person, will be as follows:

Aug 17th	Aug 18th	Aug 19th	Total
\$5.00	\$21.00	\$24.00	\$50.00

The above figures are costed on a per day basis. This will allow you to select any combination of days desired. However, you will note that the cost per person for the entire three day period is \$50.00 or \$100.00 per couple. (Admittance to all events is by ticket only)

**NOTE:** The above registration costs do not include your yearly dues, they will be collected separately by the National Secretary Treasurer, Robert Derickson.

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Please list all persons, by name, that will be attending:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_

What type of transportation will you be using? (Check One)

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# **43rd ANNUAL REUNION OF 83rd INFANTRY DIVISION**

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## 783rd. Ordnance

Gosh, can't believe the date but it must be so, because we're getting all kinds of inquiries about the August reunion. I always like to get the negative news out of the way first. So, on behalf of three of our members and myself I'm going to once again appeal to the Board Of Directors to stop the practice of August reunions and move them to September.

These three couples have bowed out of this year's get together simply because of the heat and humidity that is quite possible to have in August. I sure can't blame them. The heat and humidity that we have at our August reunions have been uncomfortable, and for our age group, it is also unhealthy. When you also consider the hotels and restaurants are at their peak levels of traffic and price and the highways are equally jammed, I can't think of one good reason, why any group of our age, would pick the month of August to hold a reunion. So please, Pittsburgh Chapter, Directors, hear our humble cry and seriously weigh the advantages and disadvantages of our reunion dates.

It's too early to get an exact count on all who will be coming to see how Pete Rose made out, but the early signals are good. Jim Jones called in late March looking for his application in the Thunderbolt. Jim informed me he's only been home a couple of weeks since last year's reunion. He was back in Penna. to see his son married and he spent quite a bit of time with his brother in Florida.

Doc Pfeifer called the next day to say "Hi and 'What's new?'" He was glad to hear I had no bad health reports and I was glad to hear Doc and Agnes were weathering the winter.

So help me, the next day Bill Appleby called and wanted to know if we were going to get a block of rooms for the 783rd again this year. Like a dummy, I told Bill I would call and see if it could be arranged. I called the hotel and they said they would gladly cooperate as best as they could, would I please send the names of the men who I thought would be applying for registration. I sent my own application plus eighteen names and I am now the not so proud holder of eighteen reservation receipts, and neither they or I have the slightest idea who has really registered. Then to make the cheese really binding, they failed to send me my reservation. The next time Bill Appleby calls I'm hanging up.

Fair warning to all you girls. Mimi Wiggins is looking for a new smaller bathing suit, she is in dead earnest in trying to win Mrs. America 1987. Ray had a tough February with a painful sinus operation followed on the same hospital visit with blocked plumbing. Ray said the only good thing about the month was it rained the whole time so he wouldn't have played any golf anyway.

Carl Frederick has finally done it. He is in full retire loving every minute of it especially when he looked out and saw that winter Wisconsin weather. At this moment he is treating Alyce to a Florida vacation and with any luck they and the Al and Ruth Bensimon's should be spend-ing some good times together.

I'm also happy to report, that while it was a struggle, Jim Ernie, Ernie Jim Christian, has completely recovered from the Dallas Cowboys season. He and Justine are now almost a sure bet on being in Cinn. and he is promising Paul Bryars that he will not

drive the two and a half ton supply truck.

We have had some nice epistles from Pat and Ivan Gilman. They were happy to be getting some rain in that parched area but were happier to finally reach their daughter in Lebanon by phone. It seems like the phone system is only on line about twice a year and the mail is ten times worse than the Pony Express. Ivan is subtly implying that Doc and I give up some of our "Bell" pension to help pay his overseas phone bill. Well, when Doc was the 1st.Sgt. he reminded me that friendships only went so far and anyone can finish this sentence.

For the past two years I have had a little project going, that of trying to put together a book of my personal life with the 783rd, gathered from over eight hundred letters which were written to Ginny and laying in the attic. Now its almost complete and I decided to add some photo's to it. I called both Les Wolf's widow and Vin Musser and learned some more interesting information. It was the mid fifties when Les got married and he died of lung complications at the early age of forty six. Vin Musser is now living back with his family and is enjoying life on a couple of good acres of Calif. land. He is an avid reader and he has a "large collection" of European pictures that he is hoping I will be able to explain to him some day.

My reasoning for mentioning the above is just in case any of you are feeling uptight or a little down about your present time. Those of us who are reading this Thunderbolt have been blessed with the good life, plus the good times and I'm looking forward to continue the same in Cincinnati this summer. Its still not too late to call the hotel, so do it right now. All health reasons being equal, I'm sure we will have another big turn out. This is Bryars, Doggett, Hammond, Hendrix and Doc Mannings territory.

Charlie Rohrer and Charlie Garrison are just naturally expect-das is Frank SalontaY minus his canine buddy. We are also working on Harland McMillan, Harley Maxwell and Jim Foster who are all within easy driving distance. I think that only leaves Aubrey Wilcox and I know if his health permits, he will be there.

On top of all of that, I know at least sixteen other couples have registered so its going to be another fun time. One last late thought, Carl Frederick is again collecting \$ 5.00 checks off the 783rd for the Division Ad book. Carl's address is N84 West 16111 Donald Crt. Menomonee Falls Wis. 53051. See you in Cinn., have your camera's ready for Mimi's new winner of a bathing suit.

Hut Two,  
Rags

## Men Of Co. K 331 St. Infantry

Dear Buddy:

Our 43rd Annual Reunion will be at the Clarion Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, August 17, 18, & 19th, 1989.

As some of you know, our past Annual Reunion was held in Hershey, Pa. It was great to get together with some of the Men of Co. K. and I hope more can come this year.

In the past years, Co. K. was represented in the Ad Book.

The Booster Ad is \$5.00 per person. If at all possible, please contribute an extra \$5.00 so that we can put in the names of some of our deceased, so that they are not forgotten men.

Please send your Ad in to me by June 15, 1989:

**Albert Belvedere**

65 Westminster Dr. So.

Vincentown, N.J. 08088

Make your check payable to Ky. Chp. Reunion Fund, 83rd Div.

**Al Belvedere**  
Co. K. 331st. Inf.



## Atterbury Choo-Choo

This article about the Atterbury Choo-Choo was given to me at the Hershey reunion, by Mike Kadylak of 3rd BN. HQ. 329th. Mike is the soldier in the front of the picture.

Bring back memories.

*Thanks Mike.*

## Mortars Pin Jerries Down Before Doughs, M.s.

"New meaning was given the old maxim, In unity there is strength," during the Steckby forest battle." said Pfc. Frank Lawrence of Little Falls, N.Y., weapons platoon runner of Co. "C", 331st, 83rd. Division, who relays fire calls. Lawrence went on to say: "When you are within 20 yds. of your own lines, it really calls for co-operation between platoons and mortars.

This was the situation when Co. "C", was taking the blunt of a 32 Hr. counter-attack.

Considering the huge total of 800 pounds shells, which the mortar section, under the orders of Lt. Albert Spaulding of Poultney, Vt. and Sgt. Guy Waddell of Reistentown, Md., placed in the area from 0530 to 11:00 a.m. It was something short of amazing that none of their own troops were hit. "That's your co-operation and skill for you," said Lawrence.

Riflemen said the firing was so accurate and so effective that it pinned the Jerries down in their tracks, so the rifleman were able to get them in their sites, and pick them off.

But this was only the prelude of the mortar sections' activity. When the unit to the left of Co. "C", was pushed back, the mortar section found enemy tank and automatic weapons fire originating only fifty yards to their front.

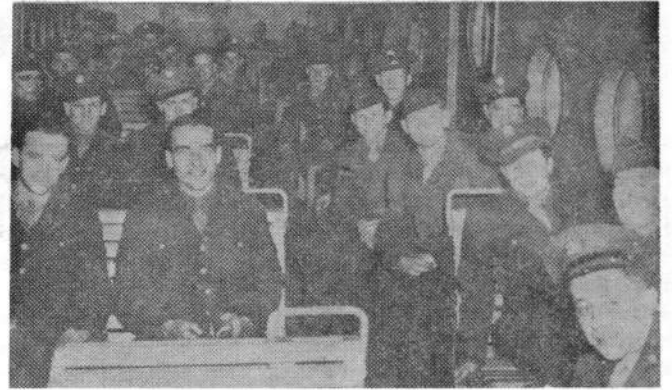
Under direct fire, Pfc. James McVeigh from Pittsburg, Penn., and Jerome Korn of Philadelphia, Penn., and Evan Kolar of Grantland W. Va., knocked down their mortars and with one arm fired their carbines, carrying their mortars under the other arm, and hastened to follow Lt. Spaulding to the Co. C.P., which was now completely surrounded.

Here they took up the battle, with their pistols and carbines, until the intensity of the battle had worn down, and relief arrived.

Jim McVeigh  
"E" 331st



L-R "L" 329th Lindberg, Hendricks, Wavra.



Off to Indianapolis-by rail! Every Saturday afternoon is the beginning of a weekend of relaxation for many of the men here at camp. So off they go to Indianapolis and other points. Many ride the "Atterbury Special" operated between here and the Hoosier capitol by the Pennsylvania railroad.

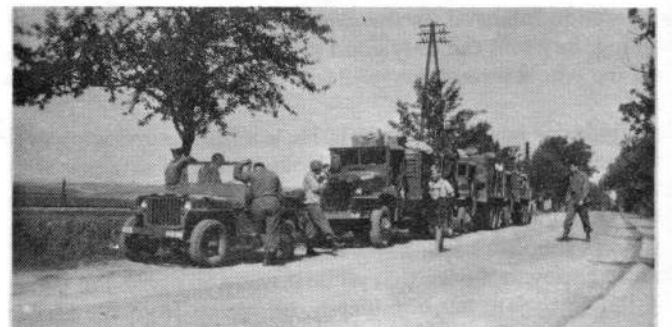
Some soldiers carry a toilet kit, others only an extra book of matches -- but all have fun on the very unusual "Special." The first ride on the train is a novelty to be remembered for the grandchildren. One enters a car at the middle instead of the end, and sits on the "park bench" type of seats instead of the usual cushioned ones. Kerosene lamps furnish the light instead of electric bulbs; the whole train is heated comfortably.

Started last fall, the "Atterbury Special" was the solution of the transportation problem when the bus shortage seriously threatened the weekend passes earned by the service men here. A complete schedule will be found on Page 4.

### WAR STAMP SALES UP AT POST OFFICE

Bonds sales at the Camp Atterbury postoffice totalled \$6,618.75 for the month of February and war Savings stamp sales amounted to \$1,439.35, according to Wilburn Elliott, superintendent.

The decrease in Bond sales as compared with January is attributed to the fact that Bonds are now being sold in the Post Finance office, also. The total of the stamp is a sizeable increase over the preceding month.



HQ. APO 83 on route to new location.

Charles B. Stine, Sr.  
14260 Ridge Road  
Waynesboro, Pa. 17268-9543

April 5 1989

## Dear Robert:

I receive alot of nice letters from James T. Waugh the kid from Sharpsburg, Kentucky. He is one of our A-btry 908th Fa. Bn. buddies. I haven't seen him since we left each other in Germany in 1945 to come home.

He has been in the hospital a couple times this past year to have his legs operated on. He was having a lot of feet and leg problems. He said in his last letter, that he is getting along fine now. About two years ago I sent him a application for him to sign up to be a member of the association. He said that he really enjoys reading the Thunderbolt, as we all do. He said that he hasn't been getting all of them. He said that he was planning on coming to the 43rd reunion Cincinnati, Ohio in August.

This will be his first reunion. I know we all will be glad to see him again, after all those years. Howie Carlbom said in his letter that he might start to attend the reunions again. He said that the last two years now, but he does have a long ways to come. This will be my wife and I third reunion. We can see now what we have been missing all these years. You all put on a great reunion for the members and their wives. And we would like to thank the ones who are responsible, and worked so hard getting ready for it. I also receive alot of nice letters from our good friend Stuart B. Hitt the kid from Tiverton, R.I. I receive more letters from him then any of the other men. He loves to type letters to his friends and buddies.

I try and answer all his letters, that I receive from him. He tells me that he types letter to alot of 908th buddies and they never answer them, that's too bad.

I think they could at least write once a year to him, after all he writes to them. Last August my wife and I were on vacation down at Ocean City, Md., and on our way home we decided to drive up to pay Stuart a visit. We arrived at his place in Tiverton around noon. I knocked on his door and he said come on in, why did you knock. He thought it was his son coming in. He turned around and seen me standing there. He didn't know what to say or do.

I told him who I was, and after a hand shake, I told him that my wife was out in the car, and he said tell her to come on in. He told me that your not the Charles Stine that I know. My wife said that she didn't think he knew it was me until we were leaving and he saw my name on my license plate on my car. He told me in one of his letters since, that he thought I was a salesmen.

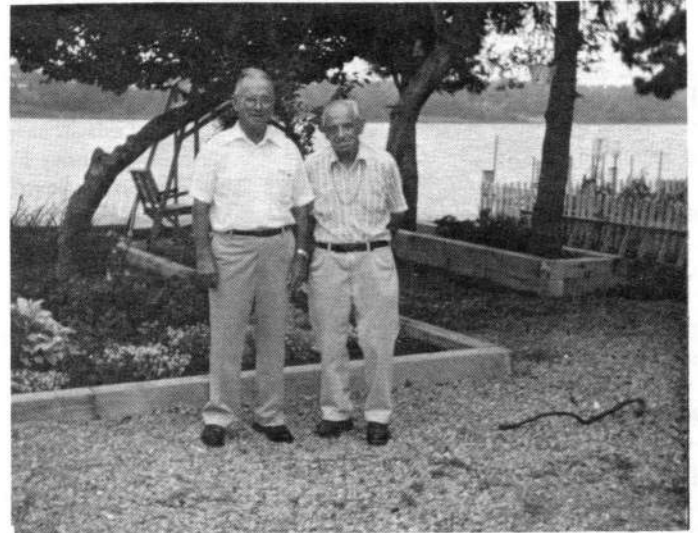
He has been having some back luck lately. As you know he has to soak his feet every day, because of some blisters on his feet. In his letter last week, he said that he went to soak his feet and he had the water too hot and he scalded his toes. He looks real good, but he did lose a lot of weight, and I think that is good for him.

He will be 80 years old on June 16th. I think it would be very nice if alot of his buddies would write him a letter or send him a birthday card for his birthday. I think he was the oldest one that we had in A Btry., that went overseas with us. As you all know he was a good cook, and we never went hungry, and always gave us seconds when we went back for them. My wife and I will be seeing you all at the 43rd reunion in August in Cincinnati, Ohio if the lord is willing. If everyone comes that said they were coming we will have a very good turnout for "A" Btry.

Sincerely Yours  
P.S. News for the Thunderbolt.

Charles B. & Lois V. Stine

Here is a picture of Stuart and myself taken at his place in Tiverton, R.I.



Charles B. Stine, Sr. Stuart B. Hitt

## Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge

The Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge (VBOB), a national organization of Bulge veterans, is conducting a fund raising campaign for construction of a Battle of the Bulge gallery to be added to the First U.S. Army's museum at Fort Meade, MD. As part of the campaign, the Chesapeake Media Institute is producing a 90-minute documentary video on the battle with a release date of September 1, 1989, and is offering a pre-release price of \$79.95, twenty percent of which will be donated to VBOB's fund raising campaign and thus is tax deductible. Those ordering the video in advance of the release date can have their name and unit included in an honor roll at the end of the documentary.

For additional information and an order form, write:

Chesapeake Media Institute  
PO Box 16286  
Baltimore, MD 21210.

For membership in VBOB, write:

Col. William R. Hamphill, AUS-Ret.  
1200 South Courthouse Road - #420  
Arlington, VA 22204.

## Dear Bob,

At the last reunion in Hershey some of us from F 329 were disappointed that former platoon leader Red Degnon's name was not mentioned at the memorial service. I was later told that we had to send a copy of his funeral service so I contacted his wife and enclosed is Red's Obituary notice.

I also enclosed a picture taken in Zerbs, Germany in the area of F 329. On top of this gun was an old buddie Rip Connors. Rip lived in the area of Connecticut. We are trying to locate Rip so if anyone in the Connecticut area knows of Rip please contact us at 22 Dacotah Ave., Oakland, N.J.

The top of the hill gang from F 329th trying to locate all our old buddies, come up with Roy Clemons and Roy states he will be with us at the Ohio Convention reunion.

Bob, I hope you & your family enjoy a nice Easter. See you in Cincinnati.

George H. Thompson  
22 Dacotah Ave.  
Oakland, N.J. 07436



Rip Connors, 1945, Zerbs, Germany

April 13, 1945

## A Day To Remember

For members of the 329th Military Police Platoon, the date of April 13, 1945 will always be remembered because of three events taking place on that day. First, we were saddened to hear from a German civilian about the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who had died the day before at his Little White House in Warm Springs, GA. Second, the race through Germany, known as the Rag Tag Circus, that started on April 3, had ended. And third, the 329th crossed the Elbe River and held the only allied bridgehead on the Berlin side of the river against everything the Nazi war machine could throw against it.

The platoon, during this ten day period, had spread itself so thin by operating prisoner of war collecting points in a dozen or more small towns that when it reached the Elbe only three men were present and the platoon consisted of M/Sgt Vandiver and two of Col. Crabill's guards.

Sgt. Charles Schaffner, in charge of the prisoner evacuation, had formed a brand of his own kind of policing. Not shown in the M.P. Manual, but concocted by Schaffner, was the method of guarding the PWs. A detail of three to five men would be left with a hundred or more prisoners. These men would find the senior officer or NCO and announce to the assembled PWs that this man was a hostage and that if there was any attempt to escape, or any serious trouble encountered, hostage would be killed. After his speech, the hostage would then be required to post guards and conduct the collecting point the same as any other army installation. Actually, the German soldier would be guarding himself. If was comical, but it worked.

The civilian population in each town was responsible for the maintenance of the camp, feeding prisoners and their captors. When the regimental MPs were relieved, they would commandeer some sort of transportation and catch the leading elements of the regiment.

The first stop of any permanency during the Rag Tag Circus was at Barby, the last town west of the Elbe River. It was here that the MPs began to catch up and regroup. One group arrived by fire engine, taken for transportation; others had civilian type vehicles and some had individual motorcycles. The first police work at Barby was the search for a German civilian who reportedly had killed an American flyer. When found, someone other than MPs had located him first, and he was executed, gangster style. For some persons, life was really cheap during those hectic days.

Many of the troops at Regimental Headquarters, following the Elbe crossing, expressed the feeling that the war could not last much longer. Many resented the fact that the American Army had stopped dead in its tracks. The Army stopped, not from lack of supplies, not because of fear of the German Army, not because of any physical reason, but because the Russians had been invited to capture Berlin and to meet the Americans at the Elbe River.

Others, like myself, had no desire to see Berlin, and were content to stop long enough to rest and assess the situation. The Platoon was housed decently; had ample rations; and plenty of work to do. What more should a soldier want?

This little German town where we waited out the final days of the war, suddenly became a point of interest to the entire world. The foremost American unit, being the 329th Infantry Regiment, was the nearest Allied unit to the Russian Army and dozens of War Correspondents and Army Signal Photographers were there waiting for the meeting of the American and Russian Armies. Prior to this, Walternienburg's claim to fame was a piece of granite located on the town commons that proclaimed "ADOLPH HITER - - 1933". Some GI, probably from the 329th, had chalked underneath "KAPUT - 1945".

The town had but one main street, which was also the main road from Barby on the West side of the Elbe to Zerbst on the East side, and then on to the road to Berlin. Along this street lived some thousand individuals, who, if indications and first opinions are correct, were at one time happy persons. They tended the flat farmlands surrounding the town and the rich bottom land along the Elbe. Their barns were filled and the manure pile, as any GI will testify, indicated the wealth of the family. A small pile with few flies— poor family. A large pile, overflowing into the street, represented a much respected family. In this instance the largest pile was owned by the Burgomaster, who on May 4, 1945 wrote a letter addressed thus:

An  
den Herrn Kommandant  
der Amerikanischen Militärverwaltung  
in Walternienburg  
über den Herrn Bürgermeister Kruger  
und from some reason it was delivered to me.

When the Platoon first settled down in this town, the status of the war was unknown. But the status of the Platoon could be easily seen, and Colonel Crabill, as he waited for a linkup with the Russians could see that some soldiers weren't doing anything. To correct this situation he ordered that a government be organized to control this town, and the suddenly unemployed MPs were given the job. M/Sgt. A.H. Vandiver, known in some circles as Vandal Vandiver because of his ability to liberate hidden stocks of liquors and other necessities, was soon operating at City Hall. Sgt. Arnold Slagle was placed in charge of billiting because of the hundreds of people coming into town to escape the onrush of the Russians. T/Sgt. Charles Schaffner was elected fire chief - this rank bestowed because he owned the engine; and Sgt. C. Herbst became Chief of Police because he looked the part.

Soon after organization, the proficiency of the fire department was demonstrated. A barn caught fire and Chief Schaffner, with his squad of newly employed firemen, rushed to the scene in this bright, newly liberated, fire truck to extinguish the fire and dispel all fears of the German owners. As a result of much prior practice and dry runs, the preliminaries of connecting the hose was accomplished in record time and Chief Schaffner shouted "Turn on the water." But, alas! There was no water. Chief Schaffner and his loyal crew had lost face. They stood with bowed heads while the fire consumed the barn, and their ego. All the Germans standing about seemed to be saying silently "We told you so".

From City Hall, Vandiver was a little more successful than the

Fire Chief in carrying out his assignment. As good fortune would have it, a German appeared from no where who could speak English, Russian, Polish, Lithuanian, in addition to his native tongue of German. The only language spoken to him that failed to get a response was a trail run of Cherokee which a member of the Platoon from North Carolina used to prove that the German didn't know everything. We all agreed that a smart-alec German is no match for an American GI.

The only name ever used when speaking to this character, whomever he was, by members of the Platoon was "English Sprecken", and the only reward he ever sought for the work he did for the Platoon was that his wife and daughter be transported across the Elbe River. This was accomplished just before the Russians arrived.

Police Chief Herbst made a clean sweep of the Walternienburg Police Department. His first official act was to relieve the entire force which consisted of one man. It had been reported that the former chief was a member of the Nazi Party. To replace this one policeman, Herbst, a typical Illinois politician, appointed a squad of men to police this town of one thousand.

Sgt. Slagle, with the help of Old Sprecken, confiscated blankets and cots and had a nice sized infirmary in business. This medical unit was necessary and badly needed because of the many old men and women, and even larger groups of children who were unable to care for themselves, and were weak, and weary after so many months of suffering, hunger and illness.

Perhaps the town's greatest need at that time was solved by Vandiver and Old Sprecken. The one wheat grinding mill in Walternienburg was rendered useless because it could not be started. The miller knew the method of starting was by compressed air, but none was available in the town. It was known that this item could be found at the town of Nuutha, recently liberated by the 1st and 2nd Battalions, some five kilometers away. Also because of the recent Army order forbidding the movement of civilians, no one could go to the next town to secure the item, and as a result the town was without bread. Under some pretense, other than helping the German people, which was forbidden, Vandiver used his power as acting Civil Affairs officer, and soon the mill was running and wheat turned into flour. The first run of flour was used by the town's baker to make a cake which was presented to the Platoon leader to express his thanks. It probably should have been presented to the Regimental Commander, but he was too busy at this time welcoming visiting brass from both the American and Russian Armies, and explained to them what he meant when he said earlier "Move as best you can, ride your tanks and TDs, unload your supply trucks and utilize to the fullest extent the captured German transportation.

William F. Dryer



## Veteran Of Bulge Battle

Dear Sir:

My name is Wright J. Cotter. I joined the F Company 329 Inf. 83 Division on Christmas Eve - 1944. Of the three campaigns, I was in, the BATTLE OF THE BULGE stands out in my mind.

I would like to see some of my old buddies in Cincinnati. If anyone can connect me to these people, I would appreciate it.

SGT. CLAUDE V. CLARK—he headed the boxing team which included BILL NICOLS—of Michigan City, Indiana.

LLOYD ELLERY ELDRIDGE of Sharkey, Ky (I can't find this on map)

Would any one remember the time when we were in a barn out in the middle of a field (we ran the cows out). We received a group of replacements on December 10th at about supper time. Late in the night we tried to relieve A company across the river and at about midnight we had to return to the barn as we were shelled so bad. On returning across the river on a fallen tree. I looked down and there was a soldier in the water about drowned and frozen to death. I couldn't get him out by myself and had to run to the column to get someone to help get him out. We barely did and had to drag him to the barn probably a quarter of a mile away. It seemed further since he wasn't able to help us and my feet were frozen as we didn't have overshoes. He was still alive next morning and we evacuated him early. Does anyone have any idea who he was or did he live?? One of the new recruits picked up POP MORONOVICH'S rifle the next morning, so I gave him mine. We were headed for PETITE LANGLIR on the 12th at Petite Langlir. We were shot at by our own planes. We were in a large building and every time we would try to assemble out in front (after dark) we were shelled. Finally, we found a German upstairs calling in the 88. After that we tried to go South and East (seems to me as I remember).

I was on a tank and shells came in and knocked me off across the hood of a jeep. That little handle of the shovel almost broke my lower back and some ribs. We returned to the building to move out at about 2 a.m. The next thing we knew it was sunrise and we were behind the enemy lines. If their guns had worked, I wouldn't be telling this now.

The three of us stood our ground and 110 soldiers gave up to us. SGT. CLARK had been shot through the shoulder next to his neck and he didn't go back until this was all over. It was the middle of the evening or later. LLOYD ELLERY ELDRIDGE was the 3rd man.

This was just after we marched most of the night to relieve 504 Repeat 82 Airborne. The airborne that had parachuted in behind the lines. Snow seemed to be 2 ft. deep and no one had overshoes.

We were near STIGGARD, HOLLAND, and there was a dairy tank there where we ate. We returned there after being up at the Rhine River for the second time to Stiggard. LT. DAGNON, who died recently, would remember this stay. The people we stayed with had been deprived of stove and cows, etc.. She fed us waffles. They were the best waffles I ever ate in my life.

We had lots of close calls that are funny to tell about today, but were very serious at the time.

BARNEY P. ZOBRIST spoke German fluently. He was my buddy. He died 3 or 4 years ago.

SGT. FOWLER 1ST SGT-died in Oklahoma few years ago. I attended a few reunions with him. He was a warm and considerate man. He seemed so cold overseas, but he said that he had such a turnover of men that he couldn't have stood to get close to his men.

A few names I recall from the war days are:

JESSIE MANN, LLOYD ELLERY ELDRIDGE,  
POP MORONOVICH, CPT. DONALD D. BARRAR,

JOE BARLEY, HERBERT MASON,  
 JAMES MCCOY, RAYMOND R. GEISLER,  
 BILL NICHOLS, FREDRICK FOLEY,  
 JOHN CRABTREE, LT. MCGEE,  
 DAVID CHIVIS HOOVER (the least man in the Co. F329),  
 CLAUDE V. CLARK, AGO LANGCAMP,  
 WILLIAM C. FERGUSON

I would like to see some of these men at the reunion in Cincinnati in the summer. Hope to see you there!

Many memories,  
 WRIGHT J. COTTER  
 Rt. #2  
 Galatia, Illinois 62935

## First plate received

Duane T. Brigstock of Battle Creek, Mich., was the first resident to receive a Michigan license plate for veterans and recipients of the Purple Heart.

The plate, which features a Purple Heart insignia, and a Combat Wounded Veteran designation, is numbered 000B1.



Brigstock, a member of the 83rd Infantry Division during World War II, was wounded in France on July 18, 1944, by a German mortar. He is a past commander of MOPH.

Legislation introduced by State Rep. Bill Martin makes the special plates available for World War I veterans, Pearl Harbor survivors, ex-prisoner of war and Purple Heart recipients.

Submitted by  
 Pat DiGiammerino

Duane Brigstock, PNC, received the first Purple Heart plate issued in Michigan.

## Man Gets Medal

Gaylerd E. Kelley, 6104 Amazonia Road, has received a medal the Army said it would give to him in 1942.

In 1942 the Army said it was out of Good conduct Medals and would send Master Sergeant Kelley his medal later. He finally got his medal Wednesday, 47 years after it was earned.

A former first sergeant of Company K of the 83rd Infantry Division, he retired from active duty in 1948. He holds the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart Medal among other decorations. He also received a World War II Victory Medal in the shipment Wednesday.

## Hi Robert,

There is a note of interest that I hope you can print in the next edition of The Thunderbolt.

Sgt. Kelley was with "K" Co. 329th. He was also awarded the Combat Infantry Badge which was not listed in the news article.

I hope to see many K. Co. men in Cincinnati, Ohio in August.

Thank  
 Perry H. Bobs

## Dear Bob,

It was a great treat to receive the package on the 83rd. Div. last month. Since then I have been able to contact Carlos Morris who was my second scout until he was evacuated. I am sending a photo of the 3rd. sqd. 3rd. platoon of "2" 330th. This was taken near Brest France in Aug. of 1944. I have listed there last known address by state only. I know it's a great imposition on you but if you could by any chance have the address of any of these damn good men from the div. records. I would be very grateful if you could forward them to me. Then Morris and I will set out and try to establish contact with them. Visited Hershey, Pa. last Sept., As you know in an infantry co. You live right in your own little group so I didn't see anyone I knew. I even missed Joe Panzis. I will still try to get back to the next one and get some other people from Richmond, to attend. Again thanks for the packet of information and I think you are doing a heck of a job.

Sincerely,  
 John E. Talley  
 7280 Berwick Rd.  
 Richmond, VA 23225

This photo was taken across the water from Brest.



Left to Right: 3rd. sqd. 3rd. Platoon, "L" Co. 330 Inf. Reg. Aug, 1944. Front Row: Eugene Crowden, Arnold Kain, Jefferson Columbus Beavers, Ben C. Jones (Don't know the dog). 2nd Row: James Searcy, Russell Irwin, John Talley, Buddy Parton. 3rd Row: Noel Josephine, Armando J. (Skeeter) Sequirous, Austin "Buck" Roberts, Louis Fischer, Carlos E. "Slick" Morris.

Last known address- Crowden-Not known, Kain-W.Va., Beavers-Mo., Jones-Wetumpka, Ala., Searcy-Fla., Irvin-Mich., Parton-Tenn., Sequirous (pronounced See Kate-us)-Calif., Roberts-W.Vo., Fishcer-Ny. Ny., Morris-I have



Convoy to Bavaria after war end



## Dear Dean,

I was in Danville, V.A. Hospital with a stroke. Learning to write again. Hope you can read it.

While in the Hospital I joined the 83rd Division Asso. They sent me a list of members. I saw your name. After 43 yrs. I'm not sure but I think we had 2 Daniels in 2nd. platoon the other T. B. Daniels.

I was a company aid man attached to the 2nd platoon. I was wounded 1/11/45 along with Kenneth Johnston. I never returned to the company.

I had 4 old pictures blown up I am enclosing. If you are in them you can have them.

I have picked you out but as I say I could be wrong. If you are in the pictures I'd like to hear from you.

I remember the faces but only about half of the names.

Hope I know you.

Hope you can read this. Hope to hear from you.

The 2nd Platoon Co. "A" 329th

Aid Man

John H. Camp

K.K. 1 Box 106

Armstrong, I

61812

P.S. I marked an x above the one I thought might be you.  
J.H.C.



John Camp, Dean Daniels  
"A" 329th



John Camp, Dean Daniels  
"A" 329th



John Camp, Dean Daniels  
"A" 329th



John Camp, Dean Daniels  
"A" 329th

## Dear Bob,

Ran across the enclosed while rummaging through some of the years activities which I thought might be of interest to you and others in the association.

Jack Coates is a retired Colonel, who has been responsible for bringing this group of military (former) together.

I'm not sure if he's involved with the 83rd. Association or not - But, if not, should make a good prospect for membership. You might send him a copy of our last publication and invite him to join.

His address is 3400 Cherry Higginsville, Missouri, 64037

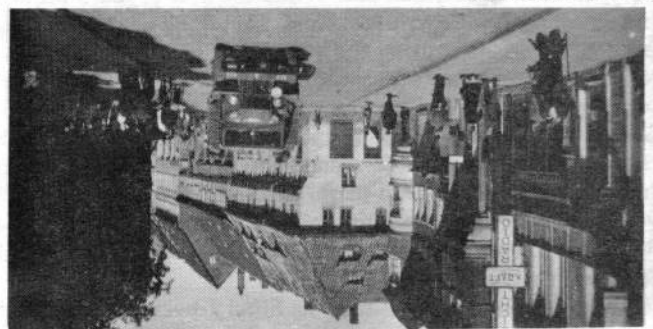
Have a nice holiday.

Sincerely,

R.O. Swanson

4533 Kipling Circle

Sarasota, FL, 34241



Vilshoven Germany

## Dear Mr. Derickson,

In the Winter of 1944 our Division was in England preparing to cross the channel when replacements were needed for the 83rd and 99th Divisions at the Bulge. Needless to say a goodly number of our Buddies were taken.

I have been trying to locate a very dear friend of mine who was shipped out at that time. I am in hopes that you may have his name on your roster.

His name is NICK CHURYLO and he was from New Jersey, while still in Germany after it was all over we did learn that he had been captured, retaken and shipped to a Hospital in England and on to the States

Your efforts will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Bob Kurtzman  
P.O. Drawer 178  
Wilmot, Ohio 44689

I do not find this man on our membership list. Maybe some one out in our Association may be able to help. If you can just write to Mr. Kurtzman. Thanks.

## Taking A Trip Into Nostalgia

by Patty Wikle  
assistant editor

It was, as Jack Coats said, a trip into nostalgia, and while his first trip may not have been under the most pleasant circumstances, the memories he found were basically good ones.

Coats and some of his members of his World War II army regiment recently returned from a trip across France, Belgium and Luxemburg, where the group retraced the steps of the 83rd Infantry, the one to which the group belonged during the war.

Only this time, Coats said, the trip was better. "The beds were comfortable and the traveling accommodations were better," he said. "The tour was set up just for us, and there were 16 of us, including some wives. We had our own bus, guide and interpreter."

Starting at Omaha Beach in Normandy, Coats said, the group visited Utah Beach and the cemetery in that area where "we paid our respects to our friends who didn't make it." From there it was on to Mont St. Michel, St. Malo, Paris, Luxemburg, Dusseldorf and into Munich where the group witnessed the 830th anniversary celebration of that day.

While some of the sites had changed along the way, Coats said that some things stayed the same. "There were still some of the pill boxes and bomb craters where we tried to drive them out on the beaches," he said. "Some areas had little or no change. But where towns were destroyed, the cities are bright and new."

One place that hadn't changed, Coats said, was Mont St. Michel in France. Standing high on a cliff which becomes completely surrounded by water during high tide, Mont St. Michel, a monastery, is over 1,000 years old. While the war raged around it, the monastery remained untouched, being one of the buildings declared "off-limits" during the war. "There was a time when if we advanced 200 yards in those hedgerows, we felt like we'd had a good, hard day," Coats recalled.

Some things, while maybe not actually changed, appear to be different, though. "When we visited the Ardennes Forest, in Belgium, where we fought the Battle of the Bulge, the terrain was even more rugged and hilly than we remembered," Coats said. "But it was so cold when we were there the first time, the terrain didn't seem to matter.

The tour also included visiting the Eiffel Tower in Paris, another city, Coats said has changed since the war. "There are huge

crowds there now, and the streets are packed with cars," he said. "I have a picture taken at the Eiffel Tower of me and my army vehicle, and there are no people on the street and no vehicle. Today, you can hardly drive down the street."

An open-air market, a winery, Rouen, where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake, and several chateaus were also included in the tour. During a visit to one of the chateaus, Coats said, the group was told it takes between a \$750,000 and \$800,000 budget just to maintain the gardens.

While much has changed since he was last there, Coats said, more rehabilitation of structures is still occurring across France. "They have a number of 800 to 900 year old buildings, and pollution has taken an effect on the sandstone structures," he explained.

## Making plans

While Coats only recently worked with the travel agency to plan for the tour, his army infantry first got together for a reunion three years ago. "I was able to obtain a roster from 1945, and out of the 36 on the list, I was able to contact 25," Coats said. "Since I was planning it, we had the first reunion at the Lake of the Ozarks."

Since the group had so much fun, Coats said, a second reunion was planned in Reno, Nev. and a third one at Orlando, Fla. It was at the last reunion that the idea was brought up for the tour.

While the tour included much of the ground covered by the 83rd Infantry, Coats said one of the best things about it was that the group could change their minds and visit other places as well. Not only did they get to visit an unusual supermarket, but they also watched people walking down the streets of France, carrying a loaf of French bread, which they were usually nibbling on.

And while Coats admitted the tour did bring back some sad memories, the group dwelled on the bright side. "The fact that we were able to go back and retrace our steps, to see the area where we were again, that's something," he said.

## Something Wonderful Happened At The 83rd Convention At Hershey!

The Great 83rd Division Band, which was formed at Camp Atterbury and played all across Europe - played again at the Memorial Service and at a concert in the Hershey Lodge.

Twenty of the original band members participated and we are trying to locate others. If you are a former member or want further information about this, contact either"

Ralph W. Smith or:  
76 Linden Rd.  
Hershey, PA 17033  
Phone: 717-534-1274

Z. P. King  
1211 Lexington Dr.  
Corsicana, Texas 75110  
Phone: 214-872d-4050

This band would like to be a part of future conventions. However, instruments and equipment needed.

I have been appointed chairman of this committee by Ralph Gunderson, Chairman of the Executive Board. If you want to donate to this cause, contact me at the address below.

Ned B. Smith

SEND DONATIONS TO:  
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NO. 16  
STUART, FLA. 34997

*P.S. Zeno King has reported they have found 41 men of his band.*

# 83rd INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 43rd ANNUAL REUNION

Cincinnati, Ohio  
August 17, 18 & 19, 1989

## Wednesday Aug. 16

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.                      Registration

## Thursday, Aug. 17

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.                      Registration  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.                      Hospitality Room  
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.                      Beer Party - Dancing

## Friday, Aug. 18

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.                      Registration  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon                      Business Meeting  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon                      Ladies Style Show  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.                      Hospitality Room  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.                      Buffet  
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.                      Dancing

## Saturday, Aug. 19

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon                      Registration  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon                      Business Meeting  
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.                      Parade & Memorial Service  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.                      Hospitality Room  
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.                      Catholic Mass  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.                      Banquet Dinner  
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.                      Dancing

**Sunday, Aug. 20**  
Have A Safe Trip Home

## Hello Buddies:

Here we are just slightly past the midway mark of another great year in the History of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. As we reach the midway mark, the Reunion Committee is always hard at work trying to finalize their Reunion Program. Now comes the time when we need your help.

In order to put on a successful reunion, we need money on hand to make the necessary commitments. It is amazing how hard the work of putting on a Reunion has become. Like everything else the costs of just about everything pertaining to the Reunion has risen. The majority of the Hotels are unionized, you must have unionized entertainment and orchestras, and the number of musicians are regulated in accordance with the number in attendance, the costs of banquets has risen tremendously. In some Hotels you can't have a hospitality bar without having union bartenders, these are just a few of the things that have escalated the cost of putting on a Reunion.

This is where our Reunion Ad Book becomes a big part of the success of the Reunion. Over the years I have worked on the Ad Book and have built up a mailing list of contributors, and send out letters asking for your help. The returns have been fairly good, although we have lost a lot of our good contributors due to death. Some send only nasty letters, telling me they don't have to be reminded of their contributions. They fail to realize that although our Reunion isn't until August, we need the money as a working capital right now. That is why I ask each and every one of you to sit down to-day and send in your contribution. Let us all remember that this Association does not belong to just one man, it is yours as well as the other fellow and what you are doing is helping yourself along with many more. Please, the Reunion Committee is working hard for all of us, let us try to make their work easier.

*Your buddy Larry Redmund*

## Hi Bob:

Keep up the Good Work and the Best to Mrs. Derickson.

Enjoy your trip to Europe in June. I went in June of 1973. There were five (5) busloads. The Best trip of my life. It was super just to take your time and enjoy the good wine and fellowship.

Enclosed are three (3) negatives. Use what you can.

We got together at his Florida Home in North Palm Beach, Florida, this past February, 1989. Haven't seen each other since December of 1944, 45 years ago. We were both in "HQ" 1st BN, 330th. Jay was in S - 2-- All the time I was in Communications, 45 years later it was Super seeing each other again.

Would you please put this in the Thunderbolt. That's what this outfit or Thunderbolt is all about.

Please return negatives when you are finished with them.

When you put my name in with picture my buddies all called me "Nosey" J. Robert Nordblom, "Nosey."

Any questions please notify me, A.S.A.P.

My buddy's name is Sgt. Jay D. Bradford.

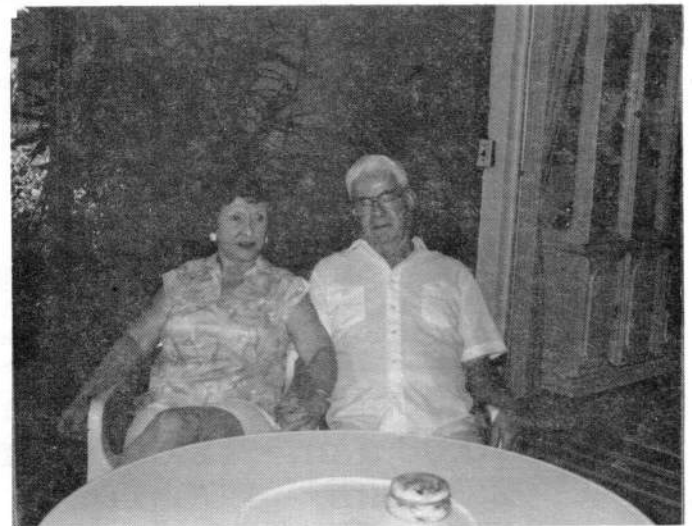
Is this how you do it by sending in the negatives.

*Your buddy  
Robert Nordblom*

Send in black and white photo's Bob. I have to take the negatives and have pictures made.



*Sgt. Jay D. Bradford, Bob Nordblom ("Nosey")*



*Bob Nordblom ("Nosey") and wife*



*Jay D. Bradford's home in North Palm Beach, Florida.*

## Special Notice:

This past winter we had some men in the Omaha, Nebraska area working to form a Chapter. On April 15, 1989 they had their first meeting at the Holiday Inn Central Omaha Motel in Omaha, with 12 men present.

Edgar H. Haynes of "K" 330th was elected President. The Chapter will be called "The Central Plains Chapter". This will include any and all Western States and they invite any man in that area to join them.

### THEIR ELECTED OFFICERS ARE:

President	Edgar H. Haynes	Plattsmouth, NE	"K" 330th
V. President	Eugene Toler	Wichita, KS	"C" 331st
Sec. Treas.	Vincent Miller	Omaha, NE	"H" 331st
Reporter	Norbert R. Wolke	Omaha, NE	"HQ" 329th

Their next meeting will be held May 6, 1989, at the Downtown Holiday Inn, Kansas City, Kansas. This is a very energetic group of men. The entire 83rd Organization wishes them well and much success in this new adventure. We urge all of you men in that area and all parts west to join with them to give them support.

Bob Derickson

Jack Corbett has extra copies of the unit histories "Thunderbolt Across Europe" and "Buckshot" 329th regiment, both original books for sale.

Any member that might be interested can contact me for details.

Thanks  
Jack Corbett  
516 E. Oak St.  
Willows, Calif. 95988



Anthony and Maya Usewicz have keepsakes of their marriage in war-torn Europe

## Memories

### Wartime romance thrives decades later

By Cal Turner

Patriot-News

Hearts and flowers, war and poetry. Anthony A. and Maya Usewicz are immersed in memories of all.

As in most lives, there is a web of circumstances and the sometimes chaotic flow of time. Forty-four years ago they had small roles on a world stage almost devastated by war.

No, they didn't turn the world around, nor stop it and try to get off. They simply got married.

"I first saw him when I looked out the window of my home and it was raining and I wanted to play tennis and was waiting for the sun to come out, and he was standing out there or passing by," recalled Mrs. Usewicz.

"He was in his uniform and was so good looking. I had no idea, of course, that what would happen would happen. I was a schoolteacher then."

That was in Luxembourg in September 1944.

"That was when we liberated the city," Usewicz said, "and we had bivouacked a couple of doors from her house. When I first saw her, I knew she had the rosiest cheeks I had ever seen."

Usewicz, a man of medium build, balding pate and visibly carrying some of the weight of his 76 years, adjusted his spectacles, smiled and said, "We had liberated the city that month."

"It was on Sept. 15, 1944," put in Mrs. Usewicz, a small woman, demure in manner. "I will never forget that."

"I had worked with hundreds of girls in a factory at Shenandoah, my home town, but I never had seen a girl like Maya," Usewicz said. "I was a first sergeant and was with an automatic-weapons battalion attached to the 83rd Infantry division. We had fought up from Normandy, a couple of weeks after the invasion, and along the Elbe (River). Luxembourg had remained neutral, but that didn't stop the Germans from occupying it."

"But it's not the war I want to talk about. I want to talk about my marriage proposal."

Mrs. Usewicz shrugged her shoulders. "He wanted to do this, not me," she said.

In measured words, Usewicz, a retired Shenandoah dress manufacturer, told how he courted her for a few days in September 1944, then left with the battalion to fight in the Huertgen Forest in Germany and on to a final phase of the Battle of the Bulge.

"In May of 1945, I heard a young black soldier recite a poem, 'To the One I Love,' when we took a break in the fighting," Usewicz said. "I took it down and memorized it."

"I still do not know what happened to that young soldier, or even who wrote the poem," he said. "Maybe it was him, but I will never know. But I used the poem as my marriage proposal."

Some of the words are:

*"Do you know that God above created you for me to love?*

*I have a heart and it's been true, but now it's gone from me to you.*

*Take care of it darling as I have done, for now you have two and I have none."*

From there the words travel to a surprising, but undaunted finish. The soldier, anticipating death and not finding his "Love" in Heaven, realizes she might have gone the other way. The soldier says.

*"I'll give the angels back their wings, their golden harps and other things.*

*"And just to show you what I'll do, I'll even go to Hell for you."*

Usewicz and Maya Celina, the young French-Italian woman, were married on Sept. 29, 1945, in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in the city of Luxembourg.

The bells have not stopped ringing.

## Historic Chapel To Be Restored

By NATHAN KENNETT  
Daily Journal Staff writer

After seasons of neglect, the chapel that Italian prisoners of war built in the meadow at Camp Atterbury is on the way to being restored to its simple elegance.

High-ranking officers say the Indiana National Guard will provide the funds to restore the faded artwork, repair the crumbling altar and place a fence around the tiny chapel near Stone Arch Lake.

The 11-foot-by-16-foot Catholic shrine was built in 1943 when Camp Atterbury included a 50-acre prisoner of war compound guarded by 600 U.S. soldiers.

More than 15,000 Italian and German prisoners were interned at the camp during its operation from May 1943 to June 1946. There also were Belgians, Slovenes, Poles, French, Rumanians, Hungarians and Mongols.

During the operation of the camp, thousands of Catholic prisoners received mass at the chapel. Services were conducted daily by Chaplain Maurice F. Imhoff, who was fluent in Italian.

But after the camp was closed, the chapel in the meadow fell into disrepair. Crumpled beer cans litter the grounds. Some of the seven religious images that were painted directly onto the walls and ceiling are faded and chipped so badly that they are unrecognizable.

But Col. Jorg Stachel, the Atterbury post commander, says the chapel will be saved from the elements and the vandals.

"We've been talking about it for the last decade or 15 years," Stachel said. "I think it is getting to the point of culmination."

Stachel is optimistic about restoring the chapel because the adjutant general of the Indiana National Guard, Maj. Gen. Carl Farrell, has taken an interest in it.

"It has my support and the support of the armory board," Farrell said from his Greenwood home. "We have accumulated the dollars to make it happen."

The armory board is a panel of military and civilian members who oversee expenditure of non-appropriated National Guard funds.

Stachel estimates the project will cost approximately \$15,000. He could not say when the work might begin or end.

The Guard will work closely with the Historical Landmarks Foundation of Indiana in conducting any restoration, Stachel said. The foundation is conducting a time-consuming survey to see if the chapel is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Anne Davis of the foundation said most buildings on the register must be 50 years old, but exceptions can be made. If the chapel were the only one of its kind, that would make a good case for listing it on the register, she said.

Stachel has some general ideas about what should be done to the chapel site. He wants a sheet of plexiglass or similar material to be installed at the open-air entrance to the three-sided structure to keep out vandals.

Much of the impetus for the project has come from retired Col. Richard King, a former Atterbury commander. His wife, Norma, is an artist who exhibits at The Brown County Art Gallery in Nashville and the Pro-Art studio in Indianapolis. She hopes to restore the religious images.

They include paintings of Jesus, the Madonna, St. Anthony, the Dove of Peace, the eye of God and Cherubs. Norma King said they do not appear to be true frescoes, which are painted into wet plaster.

Some accounts say the substance used for the paintings included vegetable dyes and the artists' own blood. Mrs. King said she has not determined if that is true. But the works will be resistant to water and other elements if they are restored in oil.

## Saving Grace

### Atterbury's last military chapel undergoes \$98,000 restoration

By Lee Ann Weitzel  
The Republic

EDINBURGH - When Camp Atterbury opened in 1942, three chapels provided World War II soldiers with places to worship.

Forty-six years later, the remaining chapel now used by Indiana National Guard units training at the 33,000-acre base has received \$98,000 in improvements.

"THIS CHAPEL IS ONE of my pride projects," said Post Commander Col. Jorg Stachel.

During the 1970s, some minor maintenance was done, but nothing significant, he said.

Efforts were made at restoration in 1984, but costs were higher than estimated, Stachel said. They were still higher than expected for the recent renovations, but "a few phone calls to the Pentagon convinced them the money would be well-spent," he said.

The federally funded improvements, which began in November, include gas heat, new dry wall and carpet, aluminum siding, updated electrical wiring and interior painting. Stachel said he would still like to get central air conditioning and is interested in some stained glass windows.

THE CHAPEL, WHICH WAS built from a floor plan used in all World War II military chapels, comes complete with a choir loft in the back which seated the officers during the war, separating them from the enlisted men, Stachel said.

His plans for the loft include getting interested community choirs to perform during services which are adjusted every two weeks to meet the training schedules of units at the base.

Stachel and part-time Post Chaplain Capt. Charles McDaniel said the original structure was maintained as much as possible during renovation.

"The roof had been burned in a fire in the 70s, blackening the ceiling at the entrance of the chapel," said McDaniel, who is also full-time minister of New Whiteland Christian Church.

RECONSTRUCTION WORK included sandblasting the ceiling to remove the burn marks and the result is "even more beautiful than the original ceiling because the wood grain is more visible," he said.

The hardwood floors, cabinets and woodwork, all original, were revarnished, and the altar and chandeliers were cleaned.



### **A message to all 83rd members...**

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The dates are: **August 17, 18 & 19, 1989**

Start making your plans to attend, now!

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Robert Derickson, 3749 Stahlheber Road, Hamilton, OH 45013

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