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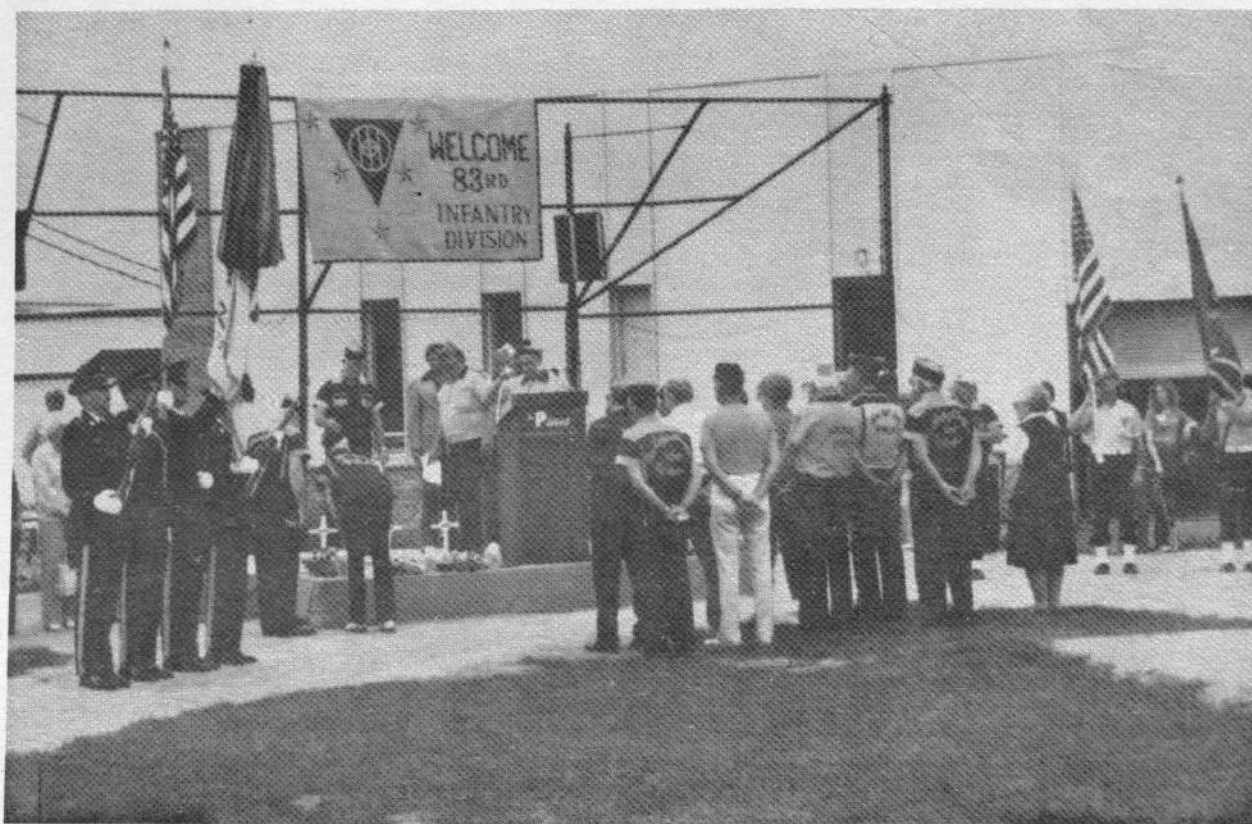
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* Denotes Deceased



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

PRESIDENT'S REUSS FINAL REPORT

It was a great honor to have been your President for the past year. It was a memorable experience for me. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all of you who came to Pittsburgh and sincerely hope you enjoyed yourselves. There are a few things that did not go as expected, but all in all everything turned out okay.

I would like to welcome Jim Burton as the new Executive Board Member, and I'm sure he knows he will be working with a great staff. I know they were a lot of help to me and they will continue to be in the future. To Ames Miller our outgoing member, I wish the best and good luck in the future. Also, thanks to his wife Helen who was a great help to us at the reunion.

I have so many people to thank, I don't want to miss anyone. I would like to mention what a beautiful memorial service it was and our thanks to Jules Desgain and Al Belevedere and the Philadelphia Chapter for their assistance.

Father McCartin called me at the hotel, which I completely forgot to mention, and wished us a successful reunion. He had other commitments and could not be with us. Perhaps, he will join us at the Pines.

Our 83rd Band promised me they would be here and they did an excellent job. Our special thanks to all the band members.

Charles Lussier, our new President for 1990-91 was released after a couple of days in the hospital. The excitement was a little too much. I know he'll do a good job and I wish him well in the coming year.

Leroy Swank did have a heart attack. He was in the hospital in the Intensive Care Unit and is at home recuperating. I know this will not slow Leroy down. We wish him good health also.

We were pleased to have Sam Klippa drop in at our meeting. It was one of those unexpected surprises. His daughter Diane brought him and we were all happy to see him.

Laura Kowalec and her son John were at the Memorial Service and we could almost feel Casey's presence there. They also attended the boat ride and had to leave early the next day.

To all of you who assisted in registration and other jobs, we appreciate all your efforts, and particularly the Pittsburgh Chapter in doing a superb job. Many thanks.

We wish to thank all those who contributed to the Ad Book and making it such a success, particularly those that worked so hard and long hours in getting it to press. Also, our printer who did such a great job.

At this time I would like to say our 83rd group are the greatest, and I'm very proud to be a part of this association.

Lee and I have met and talked to so many new friends we never knew before. We received so many cards and enjoyed them so much. This is so gratifying to know that so many of you took time out to tell us about the reunion. It makes all the work worth while and we shall never forget it.

Good Luck and Good Health to all and I hope God will bring to see all of you at the Pines next year.

Edward Reuss

Your Past President and Buddy

NATIONAL PRESIDENT LUSSIER

Dear Members,

Another great Reunion has passed and wonderful works have been fulfilled by the Pittsburgh Chapter. As for myself, I surely missed the big event all in all. I am feeling better day by day. On that note--I would like to thank everyone for all the attention and support that I received that night. And also for all the get-well notes and wishes. The phone calls I received were also greatly appreciated, and far too numerous to mention everyone by name. This proves to me what a great association the 83rd really is--let's keep it that way!!!

As you all know, the 1991 reunion will be at the Pines. I will do my utmost to serve and honor the task ahead. And I will keep you all informed as we grow closer to that event. With the holidays ahead for all of us, I know that you all will be busy with family and friends. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best holiday season.

And may God bless all of us.
Charles J. Lussier

From The Secretary's Desk

Here we are with another year and another reunion back of us. It has been a good year. The reunion was one that we can put into our record of pleasant memories. Pittsburgh Chapter you did an outstanding job. It was wonderful to work with you. For those of you reading this who did not come to the reunion for reasons of sickness or whatever, we missed you. Think about the reunions men and realize that our time is growing short and it is so wonderful to see someone we tramped through the snow and ice and rain a long time ago and if there is anyway next year to be there with us come on we will be watching for you.

Ed and Lee, Sall and Theresa, Gene and Carm, Jules and Agnes, Larry and Sue you were wonderful and all the other help from your chapter you were wonderful. It was really appreciated. Larry, you and Larry Redmond outdid yourself on that Ad Book. Great. Now we are off for the Pines next year. The Boston Chapter is also planning on a good one. The food will be plentiful. We all know that.

The lobby is a large one and you can always see someone you know. They have two different tours that you can take. Just sign up for the one you want. Let's see how many we can get together.

Our membership is staying about the same. We ended the year with 1717. Would have been back to our 1800, if everyone would just send in their dues. We need you. If you belong to a chapter you should join the National. We have another long list of deaths in this Thunderbolt. We have lost a Past President. Bob Uher called to tell me that Raymond Voracek has passed away. He will be missed by many.

We want to thank Ames Miller for all he did for the organization in his five years on the Board. Ames is the kind

who will continue to do good and not fade in the background. Thanks, Ames.

We welcome Jim Burton. Jim is well known to all of us for his wonderful voice at all occasions. All any of you have to do is close your eyes and picture Jim singing "My Buddy". Jim will be a great one to work with. We welcome you to the Board. I want to thank all the ladies who helped with the registration. Dot Brennan, Virginia Palazzolo, Bea Chavanne, Nellie Messina, Doris McGowan, Bonnie Hoover, our daughter Cathy Darner, our granddaughter, Leslie and to Pearl who did no much work before, during and after the reunion. These ladies did a wonderful job and kept the registration moving smoothly. Remember back when you had to stand in line for an hour getting registered and getting your membership card typed up. Now, if we know you are going to attend the reunion it is all done before you get there and all you have to do is pick up your card. Remember in August send in your dues on time and tell us you are going to attend and it will really go smoothly.

We thank all of you for supporting us during this past year. Your cards and letter means so much to us. They give us courage to go on. Your membership is staying on a pretty even keel and it is because you keep supporting the organization. Thanks to all of you.

Pearl and I wish all of you a Very Happy Holiday Season. To all of you who have lost a love one we send our sympathy.

Bob

REUNION COUNT FROM THE PITTSBURGH REUNION

Members	Wives	Guests	Widows	New Mebers.
446	372	31	9	9

TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE 867

WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE

Honorable George Bush
Pres. of the U.S.
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Bush:

From the 83rd Infantry Division Association of WWII assembled at the Vista Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for their 44th Annual Reunion we send you Greetings:

Resolved that the Entire Membership of the 83rd does support and Laud you for the actions you have directed be taken in the Middle East crisis.

We stand behind you and your steadfast Resolution.

Robert E. Derickson
83rd Infantry Div. Association
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September 6, 1990

The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Derickson:

Thank you for your warm and thoughtful message regarding the situation in the Persian Gulf.

I am heartened by the widespread support of the American people for the efforts to enforce United Nations sanctions aimed at bringing about a withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Kuwait and restoration of Kuwait and restoration of Kuwait's independence. I am also encouraged by the number of other countries -- including Arab nations -- that have joined the international effort to defend Saudi Arabia against aggression.

Your kind words mean a great deal to me, and I appreciate your support.

Sincerely,
George Bush



Chaplain's Corner

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Sept. 10, 1990

Speaking for Jules Desgains and Joe Mascaluso and myself. We wish to thank everyone in attendance at the Memorial service.

Jim Burton sang beautifully as usual. There was not a dry eye in the place. Joe Mascaluso really did a great job, his help is much appreciated and our 83rd Band was at their usual very best.

Our buddy Casey, who I felt sure was watching from above, must have been proud of our 83rd Division, as we all are.

It was good to see our buddy Sam Klippa. The brief moment he spent with us we shall always remember, also the applause of all the 83rd members when Sam made his appearance, none of us will ever forget.

This is all for now.

May the road rise up to meet you
May the wind be always at your back,
and until we meet again,
May the Good Lord hold you in the
Palm of His hand.

God Bless All,
Mathew J. Pintar

Listed below are the men whose names have been sent here to the office as having passed away since the last issue. May God be with their families in their time of need. Let us always thank God for our time spent with the men.

Name	Unit	Reported By.
Ashburn, Lloyd	"B" 329th	Haran Martin
Basile, Dr. Domenic	"B" 330th	Pat DiGiammerino
Becker, Willard W.	"G" 331st	Family
Bohnett, Leo F.	"M" 331st	Austin McCann
Carmichael, Frank C.	"H" 329th	Carroll Brown
Carmichael, Walter	"M" 331st	Al Starling
Fleming, Harry C.	"B" 330th	Pat DiGiammerino
Gintner, James	"E" 330th	Lowell Claxton
Gorman, William	"HQ" 308th	Wife, Louise
Grayson, Lloyd	783rd ORD	John Pfeifer
Guinn, Milan E.	"K" 331st	Wife, Thelma
Hawse, Roy C.	"C" 308th	Cliff Wooldridge
Hughes, Robert E.	Div. Artlry	Notice in Paper
Kirgan, Edgar	"I", "M" 330th	Stan Bielen
Laliberte, Dol. Lawrence	2nd BN. HQ. 331st.	Pat DiGiammerino
Mannion, Edwin X	"H" 331st	Wife, Gloria
Marsh, Harold	Medics 330th	Ben Johnson
Masters, John R.	"H" 330th	Larry Redmond
Newman, Marcel J.	331st	George Waple
Reidl, Carl A.	"D" 329th	Lowell Claxton
Rostocil, Joseph	"F" 331st	Al Lacinski
Schneider, William P.	"K" 331st	Earl McDonald
Shostack, Joseph	"C" 308th	George Settle
Sult, Leon	"I" 331st	Wife, Irene
Voracek, Raymond J.	324th	Bob Uher
Warner, Roland R.	"CN" 329th	Bob Uher
Waugh, James T.	"A" 908th	Charles B. Stine

The sympathy of the entire 83rd Association goes out to the families of these men.

FOR THE MEMORIAL SERVICES:

Each year, we take time from our regular meeting and our social activities of the Association, to pay tribute not only to the Members of the 83rd Division that gave their lives, fighting in World War II, but also to pay tribute to those buddies of ours that have passed away each year since our Association was founded in 1947.

As a member of the Association, I was unable to attend many of the earlier reunions and was unable to identify with the Chaplains of the Association that conducted the Memorial Services.

Since becoming a regular attendant at the reunions, I can think of two of our buddies that preformed above and beyond the call of duty in planning our Memorial Services. John Piscitelli and he was assisted by Casey Kowalec. These two men were at each reunion and conducted the Memorial Services and also to remind us that even though we were at the reunions, to enjoy ourselves, and to meet with our buddies, that we were there at the reunions to pay our respects to those men of the 83rd Division Association that gave their lives in order for us to survive, and to enjoy ourselves at these gatherings each year.

During the years that these two men conducted the Memorial Services, names were read from a list of those members that had passed away during the past year.

NAMES LIKE:

RALPH NEPPEL, Our Division's only Medal of Honor Recipient.

MAJ. GEN. ROBERT MACON, Our Division's Commander Officer.

LTG CLAUDE FEREBAGH, Our Assistant Division Commander and the officer responsible for having the foresight to set the wheels of this great Association in action.

VICTOR LANDIS AND HARRY LOOCKWOOD, two men who dedicated themselves to see that the Association would continue to grow.

LTG ROBERT YORK, the officer in our Association who was promoted to the highest rank of any of our buddies.

Some four years ago the name of John Piscitelli was added to that list, and reigns of Chaplain were turned over to Casey Kowalec, (without slighting those of our buddies, whose names were just read).

We must now add to that list the name of Casey Kowalec, Casey passed away last December, and he will always be remembered by the members of this Association.

Casey, was more than the Chaplain of this Association, he was an outstanding individual that always had a kind word to say about everyone. I can remember at times when I was not satisfied with the way things were going, Casey was always there to give me encouragement and to give me some guidance, and friendly advice. Casey Kowalec will always be remembered as one of our outstanding leaders.

JOE A. MACALUSO

OUR COMRADES IN ARMS THAT HAVE PASSED ON DURING THE PAST YEAR.

1.	Lloyd Ashburn	B	329Inf.
2.	Lawrence Armond	Cannon	331st Inf.
3.	Robert Belt		783rd Ord.
4.	Parker T. Black	AT	331st Inf.
5.	Charles Bonafiglia	CBTRY	908th F.A.
6.	Robert Bessler		Div Hqs.
7.	John R. Bullard, Jr.	A	330th Inf.
8.	Leo F. Bohnett	M	331st Inf.
9.	Angelo S. Camardo	REGT HQ	

10.	Samuel Candelieri		783 Ord.
11.	John Clevenger	A BTRY	908th F.A.
12.	Don Clark	HQ	308th Engr.
13.	Walter H. Carmichael	M	331st Inf.
14.	Bernard Dennis		No Unit
15.	Favis A Dent	A BTRY	908th F.A.
16.	Davis Dillard	D	330th Inf.
17.	Daniel Donahue	2nd BN	330th Inf.
18.	Walter H. Edwards, Jr.	C	331st Inf.
19.	Richard K. Ellis	C	308th Med.
20.	Howards Edwards	C & B	329th Inf.
21.	Clifford Frazier	HQ	308th Eng.
22.	Nimard FiField		324th F.A.
23.	George C Gable	HQ	330th Inf.
24.	Benny Gaziorek	E	331st Inf.
25.	Robert Grazier	AT	331st Inf.
26.	James P. Guyder	3rd BN	331st Inf.
27.	William Gorman	HQS	308th Eng.
28.	Andy Grant		783rd Ord.
29.	Sidney H. Gregory	B	308th Eng.
30.	Lloyd Grayson		783rd Ord.
31.	Milan E. Guinn	K	331st Inf.
32.	Bernard C. Harris	A	331st Inf.
33.	Stuart B. Hitt	A BTRY	908th F.A.
34.	Robert E. Hughes		908th F.A.
35.	Edwin L. Isenberg	A	308th Eng.
36.	Donald R. Johnson	Cannon	331st Inf.
37.	Charles T. Jones	AT	329th Inf.
38.	Frederic E. Julian		Div Atry
39.	Bruce Hutchinson	Band	83rd Div Hq.
40.	Archie Kelly	C	308th Eng.
41.	Walter Korszniak		83rd Rec.
42.	Gerthie Little	D	331st Inf.
43.	Dr. Eugene Mason	B	1st BN 331st Inf.
44.	Edwin X. Mannion	H	331st Inf.
45.	Edward Market	E	331st Inf.
46.	Wilub "Bud" Mays	E	331st Inf.
47.	Robert B. Myers		308th Med.
48.	Dale E. Nansteel	D	331st Inf.
49.	Frank McNeil	C BTRY	908th F.A.
50.	Charles Navish	I	329th Inf.
51.	John Nazarian	H	330th Inf.
52.	C. "Hank" Opperman	A	331st Inf.
53.	Lawrence Paoella	E	330th Inf.
54.	Joseph R. Perry		308th Eng.
55.	Francis R. Rood	C BTRY	908th F.A.
56.	Joseph Rostocil	F.	331st Inf.
57.	Joseph Sullivan	AT	329th Inf.
58.	William P. Schneider	K	331st Inf.
59.	Joseph Shostack	C	308th Engr.
60.	Leon Sult	I	331st Inf.
61.	James Shaw	B BTRY	908th F.A.
62.	Sherman Walt	Band	83rd Div. Hq.
63.	Ralph Stackhausen	B	308th Engr.
64.	Novy Sturgeon	B	308th Engr.
65.	Donald H. Tesmer	B	329th Inf.
66.	James Undercofler	D	329th Inf.
67.	Robert L. Van Gunten	C BTRY	323rd F.A.
68.	Edward J. Watts	I	329th Inf.
69.	James E. Wilson	I	329th Inf.
70.	Norb Wafzig	Serco	330th Inf.
71.	Elmer Zonina	B	329th Inf.
72.	Elmer Zmina	B	330th Inf.
73.	Casey Kowalec	C BTRY	322th F.A.
74.	Glenn M Hamme		331st Inf.
75.	Dr. Domenic Basile	B	330th Inf.

76.	Harry C. Fleming, Jr.		908th F.A.
77.	Capt. Henry K. Fluck	L	329th Inf.
78.	Lester "Sonny" Andrews		83rd Sig.
79.	James Ginter	E	330th Inf.
80.	Carl Reidl	D	329th Inf.
81.	SGT. Major Manuel J. Newman		331st Inf.

Past Program Chairman

Hi Buddies,

It was great seeing everyone at our Pittsburgh reunion at the beautiful Vista Hotel. I hope all of you had a safe trip home and are starting to plan for next year's reunion at the Pines Hotel. It seemed that everyone who came to the reunion were having a good time. The women were provided with entertainment of a Clown Show, a Doll Show and a Fashion Show planned by Lee Reuss, wife of President Ed Reuss and was a great success. Wednesday evening there was entertainment for everyone by a beautiful young singer Theresa and her music was enjoyed by all. Most everyone I spoke with were very pleased with the hotel service, accommodations and the food, especially the Italian night and banquet night dinners. The Friday candlelight memorial service which was dedicated to our late Chaplain, Casey Kowalec, was one that will be remembered by all a long time. The candlelight service had been suggested by Casey in one of his letters to me before he passed away. We were very happy Casey's wife Laura and her son John were able to attend the memorial service. A group of the original 83rd Band were present and they played for the memorial service and also while Jim Burton sang. Jules Desgain is to be commended for the fine job planning a memorial service and also our Chaplain Matt Pintar and Joe Macaluso. Many thanks to Joe for helping us.

As for the Dinner Dance Cruise, the dinner was excellent and the weather was beautiful. A great time was had by all who went on the cruise. People were able to see many of the sights and points of interest while cruising the three rivers. The ship's captain gave everyone a treat by stopping for a few minutes while approaching downtown Pittsburgh and the Point Park Fountain on our return to Station Square. This gave passengers a chance to take photographs. Many said they really enjoyed the Saturday night banquet and festivities. It was a great pleasure and honor to have Major General Bernard F. Losekamp, Commander of the ARCOM of Columbus, Ohio as a guest speaker at one of our meetings and also attended the Saturday night banquet with his guests Ms. Mary Goodie and Staff Sgt. Charles F. Anderson. We also had three guests from Saint Hilaire, France who attended our reunion and presented the President with a plaque on the evening of the banquet. After the banquet dinner many nice prizes were raffled off including a beautiful doll house donated by President Ed Reuss.

Our grand prize was for the Pines Hotel Reunion next year for two persons. Transportation is not included. The winner was Francis Glasser. A Co. 330th from Steubenville, Ohio. I tried several times to call our new National President Charles Lussier at the hospital but could never get him. Later I was told by hospital personnel he had checked out after a couple days stay. Our buddy Le Roy Swank had a heart attack but was looking pretty good when I went to visit him in the hospital. He is now home recuperating. Next I would like to thank the following: Our President Ed Reuss for all the time and effort he put in planning the reunion, his wife Lee who spent many hours typing advance registration tags and planning activities. The Pittsburgh Chapter Committees and women for a great job in helping to make this one of the best reunions ever

and for everyone to enjoy and remember a long time, Joe Danylo for a fine job taking care of finances, Gene Costanzo for all his input in planning, Larry Leonardi for one of the best and biggest Ad Books ever, Larry Redmond for all his help for the Ad Book, Bob & Pearl Derickson and their registration staff for a great job, Irene, John Caruso's guest for assisting in typing, our three Sgt. of Arms Joe DeLuca, Al Seuss, Mike Kadylak for a fine job, the people who helped with preparing our gift bags, Helen Miller who helped pass out gift bags and sell 50-50 raffle tickets, the Pittsburgh Chapter women and women from other chapters for the many beautiful gifts they donated for the raffles, Gene Costanzo's guest Carmella for all her help, Mike Rudy and daughters for taking care of selling the T-shirts and caps for the Pgh. Chapter, and my wife Theresa who helped in every way she could and for all her encouragement and support while putting up with me during the long process of reunion planning and meetings and Earl Hoover and all my buddies from I. Co. 329th for their support and mentioning me in the Ad Book. Sam Klippa was cheered by all at his surprise brief visit at our reunion meeting and was given a standing ovation by everyone before he left. Also many thanks to anyone who I may have missed. I hope everyone who came to the reunion had a great time. Looking forward to seeing you next year. Good Luck and God Bless all of you.

Sal Scicolone
I Co. 329 Inf.

P.S. Bob, enclosed is a copy of the poem I dedicated to Casey Kowalec so that you can put it in the Thunderbolt for those who missed it at the memorial service.

Thank You,
Sal Scicolone

DEDICATED TO OUR LATE CHAPLAIN CASEY KOWALEC

*The bugle echoes shrill and sweet
But not of what it sings today
The road is rhythmic with the feet
Of loyal men who come to pray*

*The roses white and red
On tombs where soldiers lie
Flags wave above the honored dead
While martial music rings the sky*

*Above the graves we kneel
They kept the faith throughout the fight
While they prayed through the hard ordeal
As they fought for freedom and the right*

*And for those who went through hell and war
Received their peace and just reward
From the Prince of Peace
God our Lord*

Sal Scicolone





Enclosed is a photo of when Gene Costanzo was presented a plaque by the Pittsburgh Chapter for being elected on the National Executive Board twice and for being one of the original and dedicated members of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter. Please put the photo in the Thunderbolt if you can.

Thank You,
Sal Scicolone

FROM THE BOARD CHAIRMAN

Hi Buddies, Ladies too,

I hope that everyone had a safe return trip home from the fabulous Pittsburgh Reunion. Hope no problems were encountered.

Ed, Lee, Sal, Theresa, and the many Pittsburgh Chapter members and supporters, we salute you!

You did an outstanding job to make sure everyone enjoyed themselves. The entertainment provided was superb, especially the Cruise on Friday night. Those of you who did not participate in this outing missed a very good time. Again I say "Thank you Pittsburgh".

It was a real pleasure to have Sam Klippa visit with us, however briefly. Sam, we miss you and wish you the best.

Our Secretary, Bob Derickson reported our membership at 1717 as of July 31, 1990. This tells me that our membership has declined from the 2000 plus a few years ago. I know that part of this decline is due to attrition and there isn't much we can do to change that, however I feel that there are many who have neglected to send in their dues on time. I urge you to check your membership card and if it doesn't reflect "1991" your dues are in arrears. This is your organization - please support it.

The Holiday Season will be upon us shortly and I know many functions are planned. Join your Buddies in the Chapter activities and fellowship. Above all, be careful and stay healthy. I wish you all a most pleasant Holiday Season!

As many of you know, our National President, Charles Lussier became ill and was taken to the hospital. Charles, our thoughts and prayers are with you and we sincerely hope you are recovering rapidly and will soon be back on track.

I remind you to please remember our boys and girls in the Armed Forces who are serving in the Mid-East. If you

know someone participating in Desert-Shield, send them a word of encouragement. We, as Veterans, can understand who they might feel in a warlike situation. We have been there.

As voted by the membership, a resolution endorsing the action taken by President George Bush in the Middle East was sent to the White House. Also acknowledgement has been received by the secretary.

Please start making plans now for the '91 Reunion at 'The Pines' in New York. Information and developments will be forthcoming in future "Thunderbolts". Having been there in May of this year, I can assure you that a delightful time is in store for everyone.

On behalf of the Association, I extend thanks and appreciation to Ames Miller for his diligence, expertise, and untiring efforts to make this a better organization. We thank you Ames for all you did for the Association while serving as a Board Member.

Also we welcome newly elected Board Member Jim Burton from Indianapolis. Jim, you have proven your devotion and dedication to the Association over the years, and I know you will be a valuable asset to the Executive Board.

I am happy to report that the administrative affairs of the Association are in proper order, and more progress is anticipated in the months ahead.

Wishing you all the best, I am

Sincerely Your Buddy,
William Meadors Minick

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Dear Buddy,

Our next meeting will be at Charlie & Rita Lussier's home in Westport, MA, on Sat. Sept. 15, around 1:00. I'm requesting that all our members, men & women, wear their 83rd colors, dress shirts & hats, because members of the media will be there and the Mayor of Fall River.

Congratulations to Charlie Lussier on being elected our National President. Charlie had a little problem while we were in Pittsburgh and spent a couple of days in the hospital, but thank goodness he is on the mend.

Congratulations also to Stan Beilen of New Jersey, a Boston Chapter member, on being elected to 3rd Vice President.

The Boston Chapter had a great turnout in Pittsburgh yellow shirts everywhere. We also picked up a few new members.

At this meeting, the women will be discussing their plans for the upcoming reunion at the "Pines". So ladies, please come and bring all your ideas.

Anyone interested in having a Boston Chapter shirt, call Pat at (617) 322-2754. We are in the process of having some made.

Your Buddy,
Pat Digiammerino

Charlie & Rita Lussier
74 Main Road
Westport, MA 02790 (508) 636-2575

Directions: From Conn. & RI
95 East to I-95 East. Take exit 10 to Rt. 88 to Horse-neck Beach. On Rt. 88 at second set of lights, take a right, at end of road take a left. Their house is on the left.

Directions: From Boston
Rt. 128 to Rt. 24 to I-95. Take exit 10 - Rt. 88. Follow directions as above.

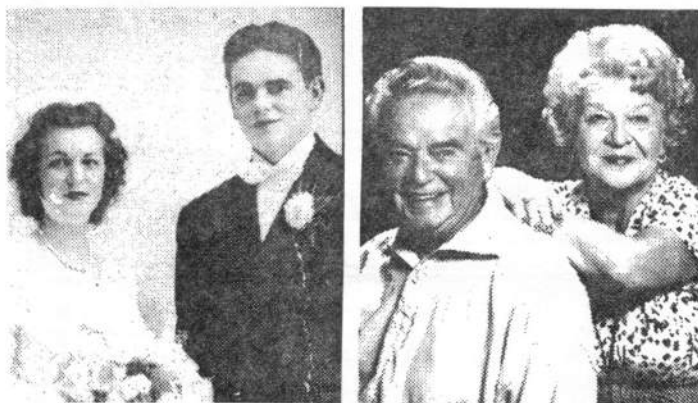
Reunion Chairman's Corner

I would like to thank everyone for again electing me as Reunion Chairman for our reunion in New York at the Pines Hotel, next Sept. This should be a beautiful time for the year, what with cooler weather & beautiful foliage.

For those who attended before, you know about the food & the amount. For you who will attend for the first time, you're in for a great surprise -- food -- lots of it & a gracious & helpful staff. There's lots of activities to keep you busy all day.

There will also be a few extra surprises in store for you. Be sure & make your reservations early.

Reunion Chairman
Pat Di Giammerino



Henrietta and John Daugherty
at their wedding 50 years ago.

John and Henrietta Daugherty
as they appear today.

DAUGHERTY

Avid square dancers and golfers John and Henrietta Daugherty will mark their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 6 with 20 friends and relatives at the Forge Restaurant in Taylor.

Hosts for the celebration will be the couple's sons-in-law and daughters, David and Gail Fendt and Ernest and Diane Wrobel, all of Woodhaven.

The Daughertys, Trenton residents, also are the parents of the late Michael Daugherty. The honorees have six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Daugherty and the former Henrietta Boza, natives of Detroit, were married Sept. 7, 1940, at Our Lady of Good Council Catholic Church in Detroit.

Mr. Daugherty, who was a longtime co-owner of Daugherty's Sod Farm in Huron Township, retired in 1983. He served in the 83rd Infantry Division in Germany during World War II and Received a Purple Heart. Mrs. Daugherty is a homemaker.



July 6, 1990

A few days ago, Gloria Mannior called me from Bethel, Connecticut to inform me of the death of her husband, "Slugger", and asked that I forward the enclosed obituary to you for inclusion in the next Thunderbolt. Please find a spot for it.

"Slugger" as we all affectionately called him, died in the last week of June (1990). Ed was with "H", 331st, and participated with us through all those good times at Atterbury and Indianapolis, in the Tennessee maneuvers and in Nashville, on and over the hills of Whales (and in the pubs), and, finally in the hedgerows of Normandy where he was badly wounded.

"Slugger" was also a member of the Boston and New England Chapters. The last reunion he and Gloria attended was at Hersey; but because of ill health was unable to join us in good ole Cincy.

Sincerely,
Vitie H Kocius

A TRIBUTE TO A GOOD SOLDIER

(On July 11th I received word from Kae Fleming that her husband, Harry C., Jr., had died on June 13th. He died after a brief illness incurred while traveling in Seville, Spain.)

Yes, I remember and respected Captain Fleming for many reasons. He was a good soldier, a leader, and a devoted family man. As my Battery Commander, Harry led his troops by example and treated his men as equal human beings. He was a Ranger, and he demanded that we maintain physical fitness and stamina to sustain us in battle. But commanding a Headquarters Battery was not his aspiration. He became Liaison Officer, working with the 331st Infantry throughout the European Campaigns.

One day in Camp Atterbury he called me into the orderly room and asked a favor. The officers were restricted for some reason, and he sent me to town outside the camp to deliver a dozen roses to his wife, Kae. It was their wedding anniversary. Harry named his Jeep "Kae". When it was destroyed by enemy fire, he named his new vehicle "Kae II."

In 1951 I was seriously wounded in the Korean War. One day, as I lay in a hospital bed in Camp Atterbury, I was awakened by a visitor. Harry had been called up with the 28th Infantry Division, and he thought enough of me to pay me a visit.

I considered Captain Fleming a model soldier who lived the spirit of the great Napoleon Bonaparte: "L'audace, l'audace, toujours l'audace."

Del Jurden
Hq. 908th FA Bn



HISTORIAN'S CORNER

Buddies,

Here are the last of the combat pictures of our time in the E.T.O.

Capt. Mac kindly phoned to tell me that the Captain pictured in the Spring 1990 issue is Joe Sloan, E Co., 331st.

He was captured at Neuss on our side of the Rhine.

Capt. Mike Oliver took over the Company.

With the next report, will be a letter from my Russian Army friend. He visited me at my home.

It is written for and to the 83rd from the 6th Guards Division, the one we met at the Elbe, before the war ended.

I feel very badly at missing our Reunion, Next year for sure!

The enclosed ad for video on the 83rd I'll highly recommend. I feel it is worth the price.

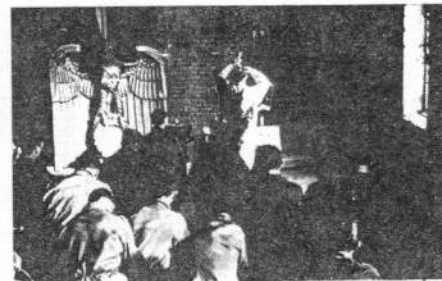
I am disappointed that no report on the Dedication of the beautiful plaque honoring Lt. Gen. "Bob" York was not in the Thunderbolt.

He was a special man.

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



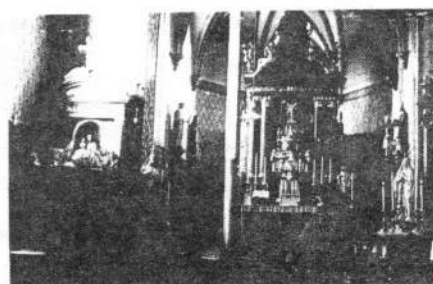
Some of our own didn't make it.



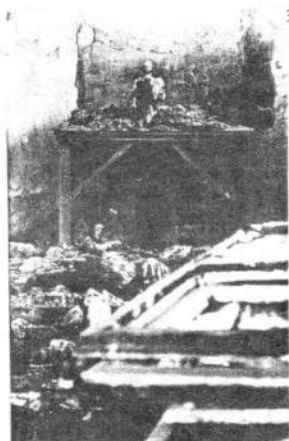
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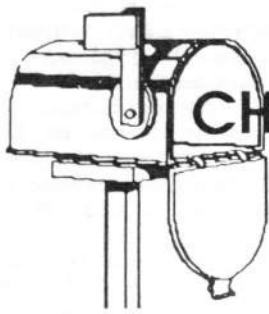
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NEW ENGLAND

First of all we would like to thank John and Ester Ferriera and family for putting on the July 29th cook out at there estate. We all had a ball.

We missed Bill and Betty Davis, Gloria and Spike McCarfin, Ray and Helen Rudd and Chuck and Bernice Abdinoor and hope you can make our next get together. Also received word that John & Priscilla Walsh of Portland Maine could not make the cook out as John is not feeling good and also would not make the reunion. We hope that John will be O.K. for our Christmas Party in RI. Get well John we miss you.

Now for the Reunion in Pittsburgh Pa. This was another good one. Hats off to Ed Reuss and wife Lee and his hard working gang of the Pittsburgh Chapter.

This was another one where you could go out and walk the City and eat where and when you liked and just enjoyed walking. The boat ride and dinner and dance on the Majestic was another First Class Job, it was great. Thanks Pittsburgh.

Our New England Chapter was well represented with Chuck and Bernice Abdinoor of Dracut, Mass, Dutchy & Helen Smith of Lynn Mass, Nick and Mary Francullo of Lynn Mass. Mouise & Hazle Farias of New Bedford Mass, John & Ester Ferriera of Chelmsford, Mass, Jeanette & Bill McKee of Three Rivers Mass., Mike & Nina Petitti of Fla, Nellie & Fred Messina of N.C., Harry & Ires Benedetti of Fla., Jim & D.F. Brennan of Warwick R.I. Joe & Helen Petrucci of RI., Al & Ann Tartaglio of RI., Mike & Marie Champey of Conn., Ray & Isabelle Orsini of Conn., Burt & Rose Simons, Simon & Kathren Etzel & Mr. & Mrs. Ed Mudre of Conn. and good old Vitio Atkocius of Md. I know that I missed some and I am sorry and we missed some steady reunion people like Gloria & Spike McCartin, Paul Reed, Helen & Ray Rudd, Bill & Betty Davis, John & Priscilla Walsh, Manuel & Mary Sousa, John & Stacy Marysz, Kent O'Connell & Leon & Catherine Collins also Frank & Mary Adachowski and Warren & Sue Boucher. We hope that you were all not sick, but something else going on.

Now our big surprise was receiving a letter from John J. Block S. of Pompton Plains, N.J. stating that news in the 774 Tank Bn and attached to 330th from Aug. 24, 44 - Feb. 3, 45 and would like to join National and make the reunion in Pitts. Well John made the reunion with his lovely wife and enjoyed it. He is a member of the New England Chapter now.

You can only become a member of National only if you were attached to the 83" and not under Gen. Patton on any other command.

So if anyone in the New England area or who does not belong to Chapter we welcome you with open arms.

May address Nick Francullo 10 Bessom St. Lynn Mass 01902 Tel 1-617-5929154

OH! Yes the reason that Karl & Ingrid Burkhard did not make the reunion was that Kar's brother had passed away. We of the New England Chapter send out our sympathy to

the Burkhard's

Also we would like to congratulate Stan Bielen of the New Jersey Chapter on being elected Third Vice President of our National Association Good luck Stan.

Well that is it for now

Your Buddy

Nick Francullo

Hq. Co. 3rd Bn. 330th Inf.



Happy Birthday Nina!



Enjoying a good time - New England Chapter



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Another Joke by Nina



Mr. & Mrs. John Black



Chuck Abdiner
Gen. 83rd recon.
Dutchy Smith

KENTUCKY CHAPTER

On June 22nd and 23rd the Chapter met at the Signature Inn in Muncie Indiana for our Summer meeting. Owen and Jeanette Jones were our host and hostess. They were helped by family members and they did a beautiful job of setting it up. They had a very nice hospitality room decorated with the 83rd colors and plenty of snacks and drinks along with other goodies brought to the event by our lovely ladies. They even had goody bags for each family attending. I am sure that all who attended appreciated the effort they put into the affair to make it enjoyable for all.

Most of the 43 members, wives and family went on the tour of the E.B. Ball Center on the campus of Ball State University and to the Minnetrista Cultural Center where as Vi, put it, she saw something as old as me, a display of Dinosaurs and prehistoric mammals. It was a Saturday well spent.

Our meeting was called at 3 p.m. Saturday by our President, Floyd Richmond, with the usual old and new business being read. Manny Goodridge gave his financial report where every penny was accounted for. At this time we were unable to determine where or when we would hold our Fall and Winter meetings, more on this later. Charlie Schmidt informed us on a nasty rumor making the rounds that the National Assn. paid for the French people's visit to the Reunion in Cincinnati. Charlie dispelled that by naming the five men who took care of the cost and said they had cancelled checks and paid up credit card receipts to prove it.

The Kentucky Chapter was well represented at the Pittsburgh Reunion I counted at least 30 members there, so that was a good showing for us.

Vi and I tried something different at this Reunion. We did not sign up for any of the activities. We ate where, when and what we wanted. We enjoyed doing this, it even cost less money and my ulcer did not act up one time. We did not do this to be detrimental to the Pittsburgh Chapter or to Ed and Lee Reuss. I know they worked very hard on this Reunion. I did go to both business meeting and enjoyed the display of photos especially when I saw my self in one of them. It was a real shock to be because I thought I was born with white hair. Vi and I attended the Memorial Service where as always beautiful but sad. We renewed many friendships we made over the years of attending reunions. We went sightseeing all over Pittsburgh, Kathryn Massie went with us on one trip and Vi walked us until Kathryn got blisters. I hope they are all healed by now, Kathryn. Just learned Vi has spurs on her heels. I'm the one who needs spurs to keep Vi under control (The metal kind).

Want to thank and at the same time Congratulate one of our members, Ames Miller, for the fine job he did while a member of the Executive Board and the last year as its Chairman. He kept a watchful eye on what was being paid, out and did not sign any blank checks in advance. I believe it was through his efforts that the national treasury is in

the best shape its been for the past several years. Thanks Ames for a job well done. I hope the new Chairman, William Minich and the Board continue the good work started by Ames.

Just received word that our October meeting will be held on the 12th & 13th at Corydon Indiana at the Best Western's Old Capital Inn, with our Host and Hostess being Rick and Ruth Rickenbaugh. Corydon is located about 25 minutes West of Louisville Ky. on I. 64. Vi and I can't make this one due to previous commitment.

Our Christmas meeting is in the formative stages for the 2nd week of December which is a good idea because some of us also belong to the Dixie Chapter, now we can attend both events.

The Leroy Johnson's are back in the news. Clara fell and broke her shoulder. It happened when we were attending a Charity picnic. We hope the pain has subsided and the shoulder is healing.

Thats it folks,
Wilson Day
1st BN HQ. Co. 331st

(See Postscript below:)

FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board fully agrees that Ames Miller should be commended for his dedication and expertise while serving as a Board Member, and does not intend to distract from that fact.

However, some statements made by the writer of this article are strictly his personal opinion with no basis of fact.

All Board Members and elected officers who have a vote on the Executive Board were a part of the formulation and decision making process. The policies, and the mechanics to carry out these policies, were formulated, adopted, and carried out by the full participation of this body.

Because of their geographic locations, all past Executive Board Chairmen have signed checks in advance. This includes the current Past Chairman. This is done so that the financial obligations of the Association can be retired in a timely and expeditious manner.

The "Thunderbolt" should not be used as a catalyst or medium to air offensive slanderous inuendos, and accusations directed toward individuals in order to discredit them personally.

In the future, any derogatory statements from any source, directed toward any member of this Association will be deleted without prior notice or apology.

This Post Script is not intended to discredit the writer of this report. It's only intention is to keep the membership from being misled by misstatements of facts.

YOUR EXECUTIVE BOARD

BOSTON CHAPTER

Thanks to the Pittsburgh Chapter for a job well done on our recent reunion. Myself and so many from our Chapter in attendance had a wonderful time.

Ed Reuss and his wife were so nice to all of us at the Vista Hotel. The Boston Chapter sends special thanks.

Congratulations to Charlie Lussier our new President of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. We know as National President he will do his best in the coming year along with his wife Rita..

Lou Sandini is in charge of the Golf Tournament. I hope all you golfers will help him out with the tournament for 1991 Reunion at the Pines Hotel.

At our last meeting we were making plans for the coming reunion. The meeting was held at the Lussier Estate in Westport, Ma.

We had a few good games of Boccie before the meeting. The Mayor of Fall River paid us a visit. It was a real sur-

prise. Then we had a peaceful meeting. I must say, one of the best meetings I have ever attended. I hope that he can control our National Meetings that well.

Next came chow call. The new diets did not stand up very well because everything looked so delicious I had to sample the food too. Thanks to Rita and the girls.

Our next meeting will be on October 6th at Larry and Fran Arrigo's home.

That's all till the next issue.

AMBY TYNAN



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This policy is enforced to insure that each trip will run smoothly and accommodate the entire organization. Please send in with the reservation.

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Let's hear it for Lussier

Charles Lussier of Westport, who has been named national president of the 83rd Infantry Division, is applauded by Mayor Viveiros, other members of the Boston chapter of the division and State Rep. Edward M. Lambert Jr., standing in background at a gathering at Lussier's home. The noted division is comprised of the men who, in 1945, met the allied Russian troops at the Elbe River in Germany. The Boston chapter has met each month since the war. With more than 400 members, it is the largest chapter of the division.

83RD Infantry Division Meets

WESTPORT - Recently, the 83rd Infantry Division, Boston chapter met at Charles Lussier's home on Main Road, Westport, for one of their monthly meetings. Many Boston members, all of the New England area attended, as well as the 83rd women's auxiliary.

At the 1990 44th annual reunion in August many 83rd Infantry Divisions gathered at the Pittsburgh Viata Hotel, PA. Charles Lussier was nominated and elected to be National President for 1990-91.

These veterans can stand tall and hold their heads high for they tramped through five battles: Normandy, Brittany, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe; from Omaha Beach to the Elbe River, where they met up with the Russians.

Guests at this meeting were the Honorable Carlton Viveiros of Fall River, who was presented with a copy of the 83rd Infantry Division History book. Representative Edward Lambert from this district was also a guest.

LOUISIANA

The Louisiana Chapter was represented at the Pittsburgh reunion by D. John Cordaroff of Shreveport. John Owns the Liquor Mart their in Shreve port, and Joe Macaluso. Our friend Labbe was not in attendance.

We have a Clifton Loup listed on the roster from Westwego, I have never been able to contact him.

I also found another member of the 83rd that lives in Louisiana Lyewellyn McCorkle, who lives in Bossier City, I will have to make an effort to locate these two men.

For those members of the Chapter who do not attend, you should make every effort to attend the reunions to see your buddies. I am quite sure that they are willing to see you. Each year we have a large number of men that have attended their first reunion.

Also in looking thru the roster I found the name of Claude Morgan of Tickfaw, His namesake from G 329 Chester Morgan sends his regards, he is looking forward to seeing you at a reunion.

Joe Macaluso

CLEVELAND

Congratulations to the Pittsburgh Chapter on a great reunion. The many attending Cleveland chapter members had a very good time. We enjoyed having our C.P. there and raised more funds for our bus trip to Omaha, Neb. in 1992.

The "Cooks" Mike and George barbecued excellent ribs after our July meeting at the home of Mike and Ann Mize-rack. The ladies add all the homemade foods to really make a delicious meal.

Our September meeting was held in Parma at Casey and Eleanor Szubski's home. Another good turnout; 22 members and 18 ladies had a good time and excellent dinner.

Some good news from Earl and Ronnie Lindsey in Cleveland; their son Earl Jr. and his wife presented them with twin grandchildren. A boy and a girl were born in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Kid and Janet Williams' daughter Anita and fiancé Blake flew in from Las Vegas for their August 31st wedding in Mentor. The Couple will reside in Vegas. Two weeks later a grandson and his wife in Salem, Ohio presented Kid and Janet with their first great granddaughter.

We stopped in to see Lou Donnelly C Co. 331st and Priscilla in their Salem home. He is doing nicely after a stay in the hospital.

Jim of M 329th and Ruth Lindsey are home in Canton after stays in the hospital. We all send our get well wishes to all.

The October and November meetings are to be held at the F.O.P. hall in Garfield Hts., Ohio.

The Cleveland Chapter wishes you all a happy holiday season.

Kid L. Williams
2nd Bn. Hg. Co. 330th

PITTSBURGH

I will not dwell on the past reunion. I just hope that all that attended enjoyed themselves. At the July meeting of the chapter a card of thanks was read from Norma Hornack, in appreciation the chapter showed her husband, Frank following his foot amputation. He attended the August meeting and the reunion. Plaques are to be presented to Sam Klippa and John Ruprecht in appreciation for services rendered over the years. Also they are to become life members of the chapter. Neither have participated in chapter meetings and events due to failing health. Sam is confined to a wheel chair, has slurred speech. He made a brief appearance at the reunion's Saturday meeting. Gene Costanzo's grandson, Sean Vogel Ramsey graduated No. 1 in his class from Fox Chapel High School. He has been awarded an American Legion scholarship to La Roche College in Pittsburgh's North Hills. What is amazing is that he is confined to a wheel chair with muscular dystrophy. On August 16 Amanda Katharyn Marek, granddaughter of John Marek of Sewickley died at the age of two months. I must put in a plug for Al Suess, the chapter hospitality chairman at the meetings. It seems that your reporter's vehicle broke down on the way to the August meeting. Had to borrow a car and got to the meeting over an hour late. Al made sure that I did not fall behind in liquid nourishment. At the September meeting our treasurer John Gallo resigned that office effective at the October meeting. John Caruso will fill in. The following article appeared in the July 20, 1990 edition of the Valley Independent of Mone- seen, Pa.

Francis G. Beerhalter

Chaplain and soldier reunited after 1945 parting in Germany

By Emma Jane Lelik

Society Editor

Joseph DeLuca of Monessen is very faithful to the annual reunions of his Army buddies. In fact, he's serving as sergeant-at-arms for the 44th gathering of the 83rd Infantry Division of the U.S. Army that is scheduled for August 16-18 at The Vista in Pittsburgh.

But the reunion he had with his former chaplain last week was totally unexpected!

"The last recollection I had of Father (Ralph G.) Hoffman was 45 years ago when we separated in Passau, Germany," the Monessen man stated. "I went on to Indiantown Gap for discharge from the service and then came back to Monessen.

Joe said the phone call he received at 8:30 the other morning from the priest really took him by surprise.

"I immediately recognized his voice," Joe said, "But I was surprised that he remembered me from all those servicemen he dealt with."

The priest explained to Joe that he recalled him stating he was from Monessen.

Father (he's a monsignore now) Hoffman, who resides in Chesterton, Ind., had come to the area to participate in Charleroi's Centennial. His mother was born in Charleroi, Belgium

We were in Charleroi (Belgium) together during the war and I remember him telling me about his mother's birthplace.

The Harold Schrock of Charleroi were mutual friends with the Hoffmans and invited the priest to be their guest. His mother is no longer living.

The reunion didn't end with the priest and Joe. They contacted another Monessen man who was in their same unit, Jim Restivo, and a former Monessen resident, a former Monessen resident, John Schmidt, who now lives in North Versailles.

"John was the chaplain's alter assistant during the war and the two of them had a lot of catching up to do," Joe explained stating they went to meet Schmidt for a long lunch!

"We had a mini-reunion and replayed some of the old battle scenes," Joe commented.

The servicemen had been together in many World War II campaigns including Normandy, Brittany, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe.

"He was always there when we needed him," Joe said of the faithful chaplain. "If we slept in the mud, he slept in the mud; if we ate K-rations he ate K-rations."

He said the priest made himself available not only to say daily masses but to listen and comfort the battle-weary servicemen.

Although Joe entered the Army a year earlier, he and the chaplain were together from 1943 to 1945.

Some 1,600 former soldiers are expected at the 83rd Infantry Division reunion next month.

Joe, John, Jim and the chaplain are all retired now. After his retirement as a blacksmith at Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel, Joe went to California University as a senior citizen, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work in 1978.

NEW JERSEY

The Chapter Members who attended the reunion in Pittsburgh want to express their thanks and appreciation to Ed and Lee Reuss, Sal and Theresa Scicolone and the rest of the ladies and gentlemen of the Pittsburgh Chapter for hosting such a fine reunion. It is this dedication that has kept us together for so many years.

Our thanks also to Larry Leonard and Larry Redmond for the outstanding job they did on the Reunion Ad Book.

It was the largest and most productive book ever. Cliff Wooldridge did a great job on the printing of the Ad Book.

Attending the reunion were the following: Joe and Hazel Barton, Stan and Fran Bielen, Manny Epstein, George Foster, Ted and Irene Guzek (who brought her famous "KRUSCHICKI" to the reunion. All who partook loved them much to my dismay as that reduced the amount of my share.) Also Sam and Edith Manzi, Fred and Nellie Messina, Fred and Addie Rein, Cookie and Mary Seneca, Charlie Sihlanick, Joe and Dot Skurka, George Waple and his wife, Emil Wehling, Frank Sabine and his wife, Vitie Atkocius and wife, Mike and Liz Skovran, Don and Twyla Thiebolt (our newest member of the chapter). Don served with Co. I 330th and along with Twyla have been dear friends for many years.

Many of you didn't take notice, but one of the highlights of the Banquet was the great band for dancing outside the hall. Since Fran and I have been married (42 years) whenever we were at a dance and they asked for requests I would ask for the song "Celery Stalks at Midnight".

This would annoy Fran, she felt I had made up the name and no band knew the song. But, I finally prevailed, when on the stroke of midnight on Banquet Night, I asked the band leader for the song and he instructed the band to play number 200 which was "Celery Stalks at Midnight". Now Fran doubts nothing I say except.

Congratulations to Irene and Ted Guzek on the birth of their newest grandson. That makes four, all boys.

A health report on the chapter members; Mary Sihlanick was due for surgery in September for a bypass. Daughter Linda told us Mary has been feeling better and the surgery has been postponed. Hazel Barton has to go back for more surgery on her hip. When she first injured her hip they only did a partial but now requires a more extensive operation. Joe DePeri's daughter Joanne that developed a blood clot while Joe was in Florida visiting one of his sons. He had to cut short his visit and rush back to be with Joanne. Bucky (Navy) Polcari has to under-go tests to determine what has caused a loss of voice and a throat problem. We pray and hope for a speedy recovery for all.

On September 8th, the delayed celebration of Fred and Addie Rein's 50th Wedding Anniversary was held at the Westwood in Garwood. About 90 people attended the affair given by their two daughters. A good number of the chapter attended and all had a wonderful time joining in the festivities. We in the entire 83rd family wish you many more years of health and happiness. I've enclosed 3 pictures for the Thunderbolt.

In closing, all in the chapter want to wish all 83rders a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, Healthy New Year!!!

God Bless You All

Stan Bielen

1st Bn. Hdqs. 331



The New Jersey Chapter attending the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Fred & Addie Rein.



Fred and Addie Rein and Fran and Stan Bielen at 50th Anniversary Celebration.

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

The Philadelphia Chapter had many of its members in attendance at the Reunion in Pittsburgh in August. Those of us who attended the dinner and dance on the Majestic had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. The view from each of the three rivers of the metropolitan area, as well as the many buildings in the Golden Triangle, was spectacular at times, particularly to those of us commended for the handling of their programs.

Our Chapter met then in the middle of September and at that time we nominated officers to lead us for the next two years.

Nominated were:

Lester E. Hauck, **President**
 Harry Kriby, **Vice President**
 Albert A. Belvedere, **Treasurer**
 John G. Daum, **Secretary**
 George C. Settle
 Herbert N. Levin **Sergeant-at Arms**
 Tony Harbon

We are currently planning our Christmas season banquet and get-together under the direction of Lou Volpi who has obtained a reservation for dinner at Williamson's Restaurant atop the GSB Building on City Line in Philadelphia.

As this restaurant too affords an extended view of our city area as well as our Schuylkill River and Expressway, we're all looking forward to a special holiday evening together.

As the pace of the years passing seems to be quickening, many of us are in failing health. At the present time, our current sick list includes Bernie Mendelsohn, John DeVenney, Robert Nordblom and Norm Schuster. As always, our prayers and best wishes are for their improvement and recovery.

John G. Daum "D" 330th

Going back a bit to our activities earlier this year, at our participation in Narberth's Annual Memorial Day Parade, there was an underlying awareness of the gradual but heart-warming and graceful passing of the baton that is taking place from our generation to the next as younger and caring families are assuming duties to insure a smooth transition of responsibility for the annual parade.

While our group was just as large as in recent years and the parade route was still the same, this year some of our members marched and some felt it wiser to ride part of the way. However, all members participated in the ceremonies at the site of the memorial dedication. Free choices and mature judgments made like this on the part of our members made the day thoroughly relaxing and enjoyable not only for them but for their families as well.

As you can see from several of the photos taken that

day, it is true that one pair of hands can push both a two-wheel bicycle with training wheels as well as a stroller; or another pair of hands can do the same for a two-wheel bicycle with a baby fastened in a seat on the back. As I watched them pass, I was struck by the fact that it was ever thus when families are strong, and children find the values of their parents worthwhile. There's no doubt about it. There is a largely unrealized segment of this younger generation that is alive and well, and we and our country can relax a bit more as we become increasingly aware of their capable and good hands.

Margaret M. Daum



Honor Guard awaiting entry of march into main ball-room of Vista Hotel, Pittsburgh.



Jeanne Pletcher, Marie Stevens, Margaret Daum, Dottie Heine, Virginia Palazzolo, Lucy Volpi in main lobby of Vista Hotel.



Jeanne Pletcher and Anne Belvedere in Hospitality Room following Memorial Service

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Well, another fine reunion has come and gone and hope all who came enjoyed themselves.

We had a fine group from "B" Btry including: Dick Bevins and wife, Pat, Mike and Victoria Bacha, Nick and Cathy Bertovich. Jules and Agnes Desgain, Past President John and Freeda Hobbs, Ed and Helen Williams, Helen Allen, Nelson Reisinger, Mike Rudy. John and Faye Prescott and Jim Prentice.

We were very sorry that John and Faye couldn't stay, but it was good to see them, for the short stay they were there.

I want to thank my good friend, Dick Bevins, for walking all over town for me, to get a Pirate hat for a friend of mine in New Hampshire. Being busy with meetings. I appreciated his efforts to get me one.

It was great to have our old buddy, Nelson Reisinger and Mike Rudy back with us again. Mike, did a great job selling T shirts and hats for the Pittsburgh Chapter.

Missed our good friends, Vi and Jerry Wenzel, do hope all is well with them. Also the McDaniels and our old bud-

dy Mike Jarmoska.

Jules did a fine job setting up the Memorial Service and made us pretty proud of our member of Baker Btry.

We did manage a short get-together Saturday afternoon in Jules's room and it was nice to chat with all the faithful members who come every year along with their lovely wives.

Hope you'll all be able to make it to the "Pines" next year as a nice time is planned for all.

"Jim" Prentice

DIXIE CHAPTER

Notes of Dixie Chapter Meeting in June, Clemmons N.C. Reports are coming in. All are good. I missed the meeting due to my granddaughter wedding. My family laid down the law! Be at the wedding, be smiling. So I was and did. Everything went off just fine only I missed all you fine folks at Clemmons with our hosts Haran & Dot, we missed you at the wedding. Twas beautiful especially the bride.

We have a great slate of officers for the coming year. Lacy Satterfield, President, Earl MacDonald, 1st Vice, O.L. Cook 2nd Vice, Haran Martin Secy. Treas, Bob Parsons, Chaplin, Yours truly, Reporter. Bob missed the meeting since he and five buddies were in Europe for 12 days. I'm anxiously awaiting a report from him & George Naylor.

Had a great report from Haran on the meeting. Happy to hear he found and signed up a lost charter member Kieth. Have to meet you at our next meeting. Haran from the reports I get we'll be ready to meet with you in Clemmons anytime, the sooner the better.

Hope to see many of you in August at the National with Ed Ruess in Pittsburgh. And many more in Burlington with Host Lacy Satterfield, Joe Fogleman and Billie Walker - Be There!! See you then. Happy to hear Dick Riddle is recovering at home. Hope to see you and Lessie Soon!

Curtis and Clara Sharpe wrote a glowing report from the Clemmons meeting. We plan to meet in Pittsburgh for the cruise etc. I'm really excited about it.

Now I must get busy for another wedding. This time it's my son the father of our recently married granddaughter. She really was a beautiful bride. Hoping to have my whole family at a meeting soon so they can see and meet you wonderful friends of mine.

Plan to be at Lester Hauck and "The Phila Chapter for the picnic in July. I know we'll have lots of Engineers there and I'm really looking forward to the food. Those ladies really know how to do a picnic.

Sorry "Dixie" its maybe a little far for you but not for me.

Recently located an old Bty A 322 buddy. Freddie Rannalli in W. Va. Hoping to get with him and Bill Slifer and sign them up. Take note Chuck Sihlanick. They are two more of George Cooleys boys. We need old George!! Where are you George? I'd love to see you and Mary again.

See you all as soon as possible often as possible. Looking forward to a great meeting in Pittsburgh in Aug.

See you there!!

Dixie Reporter
Ellsworth Massie
322A - 908 A

Aug. 22, 1990

Dear Bob & Pearl,

I'm sending some notes as reporter from Dixie Chapter and from A322 and A908. I hope you can use all of them or any part. I enjoyed seeing both of you again and look forward to being with you in Gatlinburg and or Williamsburg with "Dixie" and our many friends.

Twas truly a great experience once again to be a part of our National Reunion! Thanks for the big part you both had in making it a great success.

Sincerely
Ellsworth Massie

Notes from Dixie Reporter Ellsworth Massie

Thanks again to all who made our 44th Reunion truly a once in a lifetime experience. I'll never forget being there with the old timers, first timers and all those others.

They came from Texas, Calif, Washington, Kansas, Arizona, Minnesota. Almost every state was represented! You really made my days there enjoyable. I trust I can return the favor in some small way.

Our Dinner Cruise was a great experience for all and a sell out! We saw so many old friends and made new ones. Truly the whole meeting was a "good plain" coming together God! how I love it!

Many of our friends from Dixie Chapter were there. All enjoyed being there plenty enough to come back again. Anytime - Thanks Pittsburgh.

The Memorial Service was top notch with the band playing, Men marching, ladies attending. Each shedding a tear listening to the reading of the names of those who will not be able to attend anymore. Jim Burton just gets better and each one who had part was terrific. Capt. Mac delegated and those detail leaders under Jules Desgain really had the troops looking good.

Hospitality Hours were beautiful. Each day was better than the day before.

I'm already looking forward to next year.

On banquet nite the ladies just outdid themselves. They were simply beautiful. The picture will prove that I'm right. I was seated with a group of light eaters. I finished all their desert for them. I'm trying to sit with them again next year.

Dixie will be in Gatlinburg in Dec. (first weekend) and Williamsburg in March. Watch your Thunderbolt and come see us!

Thanks once again "Ed Ruess" and all of your crew.

Bty A 322 and Bty A 908, I had the honor to serve in both of these groups usually A 908 beats A 322 hands down! Not so this year Of course we lost our 1st Sgt. John Clevenger but come on men he wants us to carry on! We missed you - some of us were there C. Stine and Lois, Grace Brick, Geo Hayes, Mike Fitch (first time,) Tetlack, and Del Jurden. Ed Massie & Kathryn, Maybe others I didn't see! Sorry! Maybe next time.

Bty A 322 - Seclives, Cramer, Cyr Sihlanick, Zingg, Massie and their wives except Mary Sihlanick who is ill. Were pulling for you Mary! I'm looking for all of you at the "Pines" next year - Be There & Be Early! Bring a Buddy.

783RD ORDNANCE

Strange as it may seem as I get older I get smarter. The deadline for this article is Oct. 5th but I'm going to almost complete it on Aug. 26 because we all know by Oct. I won't remember some important facts.

As per usual lets get rid of the bad news first. I'm sorry to relate, Doc Pfeifer called me in early July to report the passing of our good friend Lloyd Grayson. He fought a long hard fight, always maintaining a sincere interest in his association with the 783rd. Doc kept in close contact with Lloyd and Evelyn right up to the end. Lloyd's and Andy Grants' names were read at the memorial services with the playing of taps at the Pittsburgh reunion.

Now for the medical reports. I have to keep these short and sweet! They are listed in random order.

Charlie Garrison, he missed the reunion because of lung cancer. He got sick right after the last reunion and was on chemo until June. Charlie said he was coping well and hopes to see us at the Pines.

Frank Salontay also had to cancel because of a strange chest injury. This was apparently brought on by cutting storm trees up, on the golf course.

Carl Fredericks has a kidney stone looking for a way out.

Steve Blasko cut his finger right before the reunion and never caught the last bus to town.

Jim Jones had a shocking physical. In one day they discovered he had diabetes, an absent kidney and an aneurysm on his aorta, just below the renal veins. They held off the operation to get his sugar count stable so Jim came to the reunion.

In spite of the long medical reports we had a great time at the reunion. We were all pleasantly surprised and impressed with the city of Pittsburgh. We had a great hotel in a good location, and the food was served fast, hot and it was good. The city was bright and clean. Imagine our delight when we discovered the subway had piped in classical music and you can ride anywhere Free!

I also discovered that we can no longer trust Jones and Pfeifer for leadership. At least not in a subway. Seven of us, ladies included, took an afternoon trip to the fort on the point. You had to change subway trains to get home. I tried to lead the group with intelligent navigational skills learned from the two former 1st Sgt's but to no avail. I even went so far as to lead the way, getting on the proper train but not one of them, including my wife Ginny, would move their butts off the marble bench. The end result - the people of Pittsburgh riding the train and myself, could do nothing but laugh tears at the sight of six people sitting on a bench with their mouths in a catching fly position.

Who was there? Ed Perko and his great son Jim. Ed wasn't feeling up to par but it was good to be with him. What can you say about Jim. All I know is the world could use a couple more million like him. Joe Hendrix looked in great shape and he had a wonderful time everywhere talking to everyone. Hersch and Midge Weaver, never got lost and they both still laugh at all of Doc's Pfeifer's many jokes. Hersch had quite a few of his own. Bill and Martha Appleby surprised some as they were to be in Alaska. Bill surprised others by trying to lasso all the dinner rolls. It was also noticed that Martha had lost weight in the right places.

Alyce Fredericks went swimming and I never saw her suit. Carl kept telling everyone, beer was a good liquid to flush out a stone and Bob Hammond kept saying, "I'll drink to that!"

Charlie Rohrer didn't win the lottery but he sure won a gem in Pat. All I can print is - Pat is sure experienced about all the dangers of riding in the back seat of a bus - with Charlie. Agnes was her charming self, keeping Doc Pfeifer in line. Be alert, watch the news, the Pfeifers are now touring all the eastern part of Europe, it will never be the same. Phil Barbara was relieved that Ann couldn't find a Sack's fifth Ave. store. Ann must have found something because she was always smiling. One thing she found was a taxi driver who got lost three times getting to one museum. Yes, subway lost Jones was in the front seat while Phil watched the run away meter.

I really should not pick on Jones as he fully designed, sewed and hand carved, three Ordnance flags and standards. We placed them on our reserved dinner tables. Jim graciously presented me with one and next year it will proudly sit on my reserved table at "The Pines" Jim also won another little halo as he drove the golf athletes to a beautiful public course twenty five minutes from the hotel. We were all amazed at its great condition and the \$15.00 price with cart. There were just four of us: Jones, Rohrer, Barbara and myself. I kept score to make sure I won. Phil cried all over the greens wanting gift strokes. He only lost by two and he beat a sub-par Jones by two strokes. Rohrer, the elder statesman, hung in there, but Phil's large shoes under the bushes were too much for our team to overcome. It was truly a great day.

I thank all of you who supported the 83rd Ad book and especially Dot Forster, Doc Pfeifer, Aubrey Wilcox, Phil Barbara and George Harris who placed their individual memorial ads.

Ginny and I extended the reunion by a couple of days

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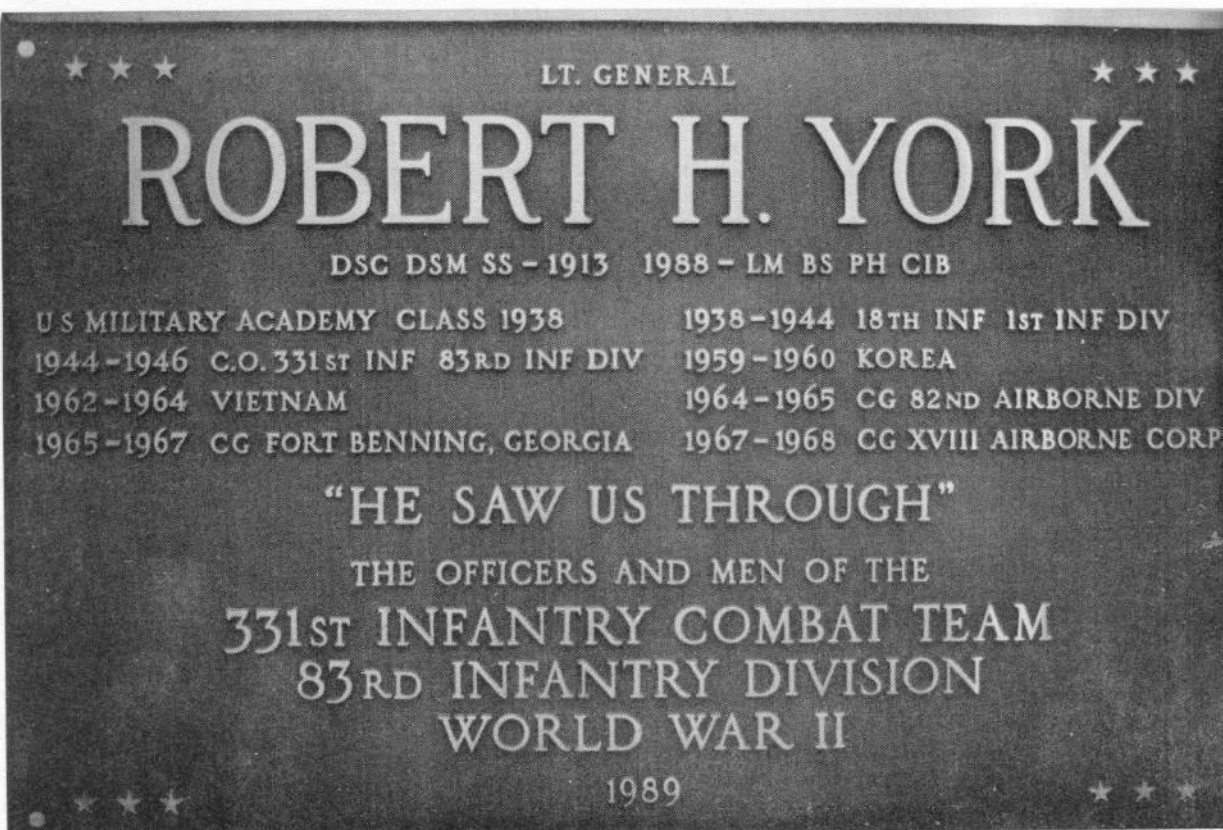
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Lieutenant General Robert H. York was born in Birmingham, Alabama, 23 April 1913.

His military career began in July 1933 when he enlisted in the Alabama National Guard. He graduated from the United States Military Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering in 1938 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry in the Regular Army.

His first assignment was with the 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division at Fort Wadsworth, New York. He was with the Regiment for 42 months serving as a Unit Commander.

In September 1942, as a 29-year-old Major serving as a Battalion Executive Officer, Lieutenant General York went overseas with the 18th Infantry and fought with the unit throughout all of its campaigns in Africa and Sicily and in the Normandy invasion.

While with this unit, he served in all grades from Second Lieutenant to Lieutenant Colonel.

In July 1944, General York was transferred to the 83rd Infantry Division in Normandy and assigned as Regimental Commander of the 331st Infantry Regiment, the position he held until the division was inactivated in April 1946.

Approximately four months later he was assigned as an Instructor of Tactics at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

At the outbreak of the Korean War, General York was assigned to the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff G-3, Department of the Army, as Staff Officer in Operations Division.

In August 1951, he was selected for attendance at the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. Upon graduation he was assigned to the Office of Assistant Chief of Staff G-2, Department of the Army, as the United States Intelligence School, he served in this position until May 1956.

General York was assigned to the Infantry Center at Fort Benning, Georgia, in August 1956. While there he served successively as Director, Tactical Department, The Infantry School;

Assistant Chief of Staff G-3, The Infantry Center; Director of Instruction and Deputy to the Assistant Commandant, The Infantry School; and Chief of Staff, The Infantry Center.

He was appointed Deputy Chief of Staff of the United Nations Command in Korea in July 1949 and served in this position until July 1960.

He returned to the United States in September 1960 with an assignment as Chief, International Division, Office of the Chief of Research and Development, Department of the Army.

Two years later in May, General York was reassigned as Military Advisor to the Deputy Director, Tactical Warfare Programs, Office of the Director of Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense, Washington, D.C.

In November 1962, he assumed duty as Director, Advanced Research Projects Agency, Research and Development Field Unit, and Joint Operation Evaluation Group, Vietnam.

General York took command of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg North Carolina, 21 February 1964, and went with that unit to the Dominican Republic when it was ordered there in April 1965 to protect American citizens and other foreign nationals during the uprising in Santo Domingo.

He returned to the United States to assume command of Fort Benning, Georgia and the Infantry School, 16 July 1965, where he served until he became Commanding General of XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, 1 August 1967. General York retired on 1 August 1968 and resided in Hartselle, Alabama, until relocating to the West Coast five years ago.

DECORATIONS: Distinguished Service Cross; Distinguished Service Medal; Silver Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Valor; Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster; Bronze Star Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Valor; Air Medal; Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster; Combat Infantryman Badge; Distinguished Unit Badge; Croix de Guerre Avec Palme; Legion E'Honneur; Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.

MEDALS: American Defense Service Medal; American Campaign Medal; European-African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (eight campaigns); World War II Victory Medal; Army Occupation Medal (Germany); National Defense Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Vietnam Campaign Medal; Vietnam Service Medal.

BADGES: General Staff Identification Badge; Parachute Badge (Master); Aviator Badge.

as we stopped in to see George Harris in Williamsport Pa. We found George in good spirits and coping well. We talked to George's sister-in-law Vi and she is "great" and wants to be remembered to all her friends of the 83rd. After I treated George to an expensive \$4.00 family style lunch, we went to see Mettie. She surprised us by not only remembering us but she also commented on what a great brother Sam Candelieri had to bring him to the reunions. The more I see of our group the more I realize what a fine bunch of people we have.

The news from those fellows unable to attend is also rather long. Ray Downing is doing well on his dialysis treatments. He has to take four treatments a day, which in most cases take an hour each time. Despite this he manages to get in nine holes of golf and then "I'm Pooped."

Frank Salonstay was all set for the reunion when a storm hit "his" golf course. Many trees came down and Frank forgot his age and tried to clear the whole course. He strained something in his chest so bad he wasn't able to stand a shirt on his skin for three weeks. To top that off his pal "Liebchen" decided to go to dog heaven at the same time. The Pines will be a better time for you Frank.

The Labbe's were sorry to miss the reunion and "Easy" contacted both Percy Mohon and Que Boyette both of whom have continuing health problems.

The great news of the summer is Ray and Mimi Wiggins visited Ernie and Justine Christian in Tyler Texas. All is well and I'll let you imagine the time they had. House-bound Bryars will be jealous of the Kansas Sun newspaper article - "Ray Wiggins joined a exclusive club when he shot his age. Wiggins now 75 shot a 74, three over par. "Boy, am I glad you didn't show up in Pittsburgh."

Ivan and Pat Gilman are fine but concerned about their daughter living in Lebanon. Hobart Belt wrote a long interesting letter on Baptists and now I can tell Doggett where he is going astray.

On returning from a New England vacation last week (its now Sept. 24th) I followed Phil Barbara's command, "When the heck are you going to stop in and see us?" We had a great evening, at Phil's expense. Next issue, at my expense, I will write a column devoted to Phil and Ann, entitled "The Barbara's of New York."

Jacob Chevalier would of made a Sept. reunion. He had to go to Tenn. to pick up the wife who was visiting one of his five children. He reports he is 74 and weights 140.

Now for the best news. I just talked to Jim Jones and he has come through his aneurysm repair job with flying colors. He found it was a lousy way to loose forty pounds in four days and he says he is now going to stay at 225. Can you imagine, he was out food shopping the day after he came home from the hospital. Yes, we can all imagine that! His diabetes is under control and he's not on any medicine. Thats good news for Barbara, he won't have to give Jim any strokes at the Pines. With that low blow I'll finally say,

Hut Two
Rags Rangnow

FLORIDA CHAPTER

The Florida Chapter was well represented at the Reunion in Pittsburgh, although a complete count was never obtained. Due to the absence of the President and Vice President, an informal meeting was held to confirm the chapter's intention to invite the Association to Florida for the 1993 Reunion. All present agreed to this and the presentation was made by Bob Taylor and seconded by Bill Nickell. Discussion of a Florida Reunion had been made at prior chapter meetings resulting in this invitation.

Our next meeting will be held November 9-10 in West Palm Beach, and is being hosted by Ned Smith. This will include the election of our officers for the next year, and nominations will be made from the floor. A committee is at-

tempting to contact the widows of our deceased members and request that they attend our meeting as we will honor our departed comrades.

It seems as though "the aging process" is catching up with many of our members, as quite a number of our buddies are having ailments that tend to slow down their activities. This is probably true throughout the Association.

The winter meeting is tentatively to be held in Silver springs on the first weekend in February. Any one up north who would like to join please contact our Secretary, Bill Herhuth, for information as to the meeting. We extend happy holidays to all of our comrades.

Ralph Gunderson
"Acting Reporter"

WARREN CHAPTER NEWS

Mike and Liz Skovran and Joe and Angie Phillipone, were the only members of the Warren Chapter who attended the Pittsburgh Reunion and they report that it was a fine affair. So a tip of the old hat goes to Ed Reuss and His Pittsburgh Chapter members for their hard work.

CONGRATULATIONS to George and Louise Bellay on the birth of their 5th Grandchild on June 29th. Son Lynn and his wife Connie are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Sick Call - John Shamrock is now home and recovering from a 5 By-Pass heart operation in August. He attended our September meeting and although still a little weak, he was there with wife, Pat.

Meetings

JULY - Our annual golf/picnic was held at Paradise Lake and as usual, we all had a great time. Ted Halubka was low gross medalist with a 40.

AUGUST - Back to Ash Hills Golf course and pavilion for a nice day of golf, picnic and our favorite card game.

SEPT. - Election of officers for 1990-91 season. Many thanks to the outgoing officers for a job well done. Ted Halubka, President, George Bellay, V-Pres. and Mike Skovran as Sec'y-Treas.



George Baker & Mr. & Mrs. Allen Havens, Latest members of the Boston Chapter.



Some of the Boston Chapter Gals at Westport Mass.



Some of the Boston Chapter men with the Mayor of Fall River & the Representative.



Rita Lussier - Lily Maynard - Walter Koss - Chet Morley - Enjoying Pittsburg.



Charlie Lussier Nat'l President with Carlton Viveiros Mayor of Fall River.



Norma, with Daughter-in-law, showing off her prize.

NEW OFFICERS

President - George Bellay
V. President - Charles Tomazin
Sec'y Treas. - Mike Skovran
Sgt. at Arms - Dick Kelly

Although, not a member of the Warren Chapter - Congratulations are in order for Martin Fleisher, former member of C. Co., 329th Inf. Martin won a six million dollar Ohio Lottery in August. Martin along with his twin brother, John, H. Co. 330th and another brother, Mike B. Co. 329th all were in the 83rd Division.

Well, that's all the news from Warren for now, so to all of you from all of us, Good Health, Good Luck and much Happiness for 1991. Since this will appear in the winter issue - Happy Holidays to everyone - from the Warren Chapter members.

Lee Titus
Chapter Reporter

COMPANIES

COMPANY F 329 INF.

Enclosed is your copy of the rosters, after the Pittsburgh Reunion's discussions and the men's input. We want to thank everyone who was there for making it worth the trip. We thought about the ones who could not be present and you were not forgotten. Everyone there wishes you their best and looks forward to seeing you somewhere ahead. The roster committee was not relieved and sent to the rear. Instead they were told to get a little R&R and try to do better in the next campaign. But, there were (20), that's twenty F Co. men in the same place and it has been a long time in coming again. You have to know how good it is to see 19 of your F Co. buddies all talking about the 1940's and the ETO. Fourteen wives were present (14) and they were a delightful group of F Co. people. No F Co. widows were present. Some company's did have some widows present and they seemed to be from places where their husbands were in a local chapter of the 83rd Asoc., so they had been together more often and the ladies knew each other and were more comfortable coming to a big reunion by themselves. We decided to look into forming an F Co. "Chapter" to make it a smaller group and try some in-between meetings at a local level. Let's plan an (independent) F Co "Chapter" whether we ask for a "Chapter Charter" from the Div Asoc. is not important, because the majority opinion at Pittsburgh wanted to make geography neutral by meeting in different places at different times and have little or no administration, expense and chapter officers.

One of the nicest parts of the Div Reunion was the Asoc Massed Memorial Service, it made you remember, we are here by the Grace of God and the efforts of our fellow F Co. soldiers, particularly during combat. Some of our F Co. men returned home and lived in Peace for a short time. They were recognized for their contribution to F Co. Remembered and we can never Forget. The service was inside a mammoth Ballroom and had real lit candles for the first time in the Memorial Service. Remember at one time, we lived together and everyone did his job, 24 hours a day, every day to save his buddies.

We're glad to say things are getting better. We will try for an F Co. "Chapter" and a F Co. reunion some day. In Pittsburgh we shared notes, cards, letters and pictures for an enjoyable time. A couple of the men brought their albums to share with us. Camp Atterbury was a long time ago for the F Co. men who were replacements, but very interesting to see and hear how F Co. was started. If you will notice there is information, added during the Pittsburgh meeting. A beginning, but at least we have started recording some F Co. information. Anyway, send any information you want recorded to Bill Ferguson, the Co. Clerk for the 1991 Roster and Archives. Send him comments about you and everyone, but especially information concerning our Deceased men.

The 83rd Division and F Co. 329th Inf. is proud of you, Mr V.B (Tex) Atchison.

The 83rd Div Asoc Reunions: 45th 1991 The Pines, South Fallsburg NY: 46th 1992 Omaha Nebraska: 47th 1993 Florida: the 48th location is picked next year.

Look for news about in-between meetings of the F Co. Chapter, because we already have 3 volunteers willing to coordinate/host local meetings. They are Bill Nickell for a 1991 Spring get-together, near his home in Florida, at a low off/season rate: "Hellcat" Helleckson at his resort in Wisconsin, only his out of pocket costs, in the Fall of 1991 or any other time his place is not booked and (thru Ed Ze-

rucka/Bob Whitcomb) George Kittrel has sent an open invitation to visit his place near the Atlantic Ocean where he can accommodate approximately 10 people, with the overflow using a local motel and every one sharing the group expense. Anyone else who will help with a local meeting at a reasonable expense, send the information to Bill Ferguson. The Roster Committee Mailings will send notice and provide a means of discussion.

God bless you all and keep you in his care!

Bill Ferguson's Report

Bob Derickson

Enclosed is a copy of Bill Ferguson's report of F Co. 329 meeting. At the reunion in Pittsburgh. Would appreciate it if you could print it in the Thunderbolt.

Also a picture of the F Co. members and wives present at Pittsburgh. Missing from the picture were Dale Lewis, Lawrence Groves, and Fred Senatori and wife Betty.

Thank You,
V.B. (Tex) Atchison



Bottom Row L to R: Mrs. Armfield, Katie Hellickson, Lavona Whitcomb, Cecelia Kwasniewski, Deloris Keith, Arlene Nickel. **Second Row:** Emma Anderson, Mrs. Rybarczyk, Dorothy Hutton, Anne Trebonyak, Bertha Clemmons, Lois Meyerhoeffer, Mildred Atchison. **Third Row:** Roy Clemons, Tom Rybarczyk, Peter Kwasniewski, Marshall Keith, Sylvain Fishman, Bill Nickell, Bill Meyerhoeffer, V.B. (Tex) Atchison. **Top Row:** George Trebonyak, Roy Armfield, Charles Anderson, Burnette Hellickson, Bob Whitcomb, Bill Hutton, Bill Ferguson, Ed Zeruca, George Thompson

COMPANY H 329TH

H Co. had thirteen members in attendance at the past reunion: myself, Bill Jones, Ernie Smith, August Farias, Ed Cox, Clark Johnson, Don Rickert, Wendell Horvath, Russ Wheeler, Bill Keeton. Carl H. Gano drove up from Ohio with his son. He intended to stay only two hours, but stretched it into almost five. He missed meeting Rickert by a matter of two minutes. Also attending was Grover House of Sand Springs, Oklahoma. He was a replacement medic but only served two days before being wounded. He was not sure what unit he was attached to. If there is anyone out there that remembers him drop me a line. Bob Morman missed this year due to a previous commitment. Bill Carpenter had intentions of coming but was injured in an automobile accident in June. Recovering nicely I understand. 1st platoon leader Keeton made his first. "Frenchy" Bourget missed this one. A lot of inquiries into the whereabouts of "Heavy" Miller of Wheeling, West Virginia. Anyone knowing anything about him drop me a line. All H Co. men are urged to drop me a line, perhaps I can have a column in a later edition. In the above list of names I erred in omitting the name of Larren Thacker.

"Fran" Beerhalter

COMPANY G 331st

Once again we return home from a very good reunion. The Pittsburgh Chapter is to be commended for a successful reunion. Ed Ruess and his group did an outstanding job of putting things together.

As usual G Company had a good turnout, Mike Mizerock, Joe Phillipone, Harold Ladley, Gene Costanzo, Al Suess, Ed Walsh, Kenny Baird, Joe Macaluso. It is always good to see the men and their wives. We hope that someday we can have a better turnout.

I had a chance to meet with some of the fellows from H Company, and two new comers from that unit. Tony Steinhauer, and Lt. Peck F Company and E Company are always represented at the reunion. All in all a nice turnout for the 2nd Battalion.

I want to thank the Pittsburgh Chapter for giving me the opportunity to assist with the Memorial Services, it was a very moving service, because there were 82 names read - the men of the 83rd that have past away during the past year. The list seems to be getting longer as we grown older.

I missed out on the last Thunderbolt, I had just returned from a trip to Omaha and didn't have time to write the article. In 1992 we will be going to Omaha for our reunion, and we should all make plans to attend that one, it will give our Eastern members a chance to see how our Western members live.

The Macaluso family has good and bad news to report. The good news our son Wayne and his wife have adopted a three week old girl, they have been looking forward to that for many months. The bad news, Wayne, who serves as a Captain in the Army Reserves, has been alerted for possible shipment to the Middle East. We wish them well.

In November of this year the wife and I will be going to San Antonio, Texas for a reunion of the 110th Evac Hosp.. That is the unit that Mena served with during World War II. It is their first reunion in about 25 years. I am sure Mena will enjoy meeting with her friends of that unit.

We hope that a number of our members that live on the East Coast will make plans to attend the reunion in 1991 at the Pines Hotel in New York - the date will be Sept. 22-26, 1991, make your plans to attend, the time is getting short.

Had a call from Mort Gaynor over the past weekend. He seems to be doing fine, except for his knees, my guess is that he slept in too many foxholes during the war.

I must report that Mike Mizerock still has his chow line formed. The wife and I visited the Cleveland Chapter, a suite, and Mike still keeps the food on the table. Coffee and doughnuts were ready at 7 a.m. A little late for an Army Chow line, but Mike, it hit the spot.

I will keep in touch with you men during the next year.
Capt. Mac

83RD DIVISION BAND

We are looking for more donations for the 83rd Band.

Bernie Cove and Charles Lussier are interested in using the band in the lobby and other places during the reunion at the Pines in 1991.

We had \$432 donated. We spent \$225.00 this year in Pittsburgh, which gives us a balance of \$207.00 plus interest.

Also of interest to any of you who are in Florida Nov. 9-10, the Florida Chapter will meet in West Palm Beach. We will march as a unit in a Veterans' Day parade in Lake Worth at 10:00 Saturday morning. Bring your shirts and caps. Call Ned B. Smith for details. (phone 407-286-9720).



COMPANY A 329 INF.

"A" Company, you sure missed a fine reunion - this had to be one of the greatest!!

I was disappointed that the fellows that live in and near Pittsburgh did not show up. I was anxious to see George Suchomelly and Joe Stefancin. John Camp said he would be there, but, things happen.

Earl Deisher brought both of his daughters to Pittsburgh and they enjoyed themselves. Bill Tisher and his wife, Burt, had a grand time. (Bill said it's the first time in a long time that he came to a reunion). Hazen Lloyd was there with his wife. He's having eye problems and also with his balance. Ed Mudre and his wife were having a grand time. George Calore and his wife were dancing up a storm. They are great dancers! Roy Powell and his wife had a great time. Joe Junquaest signed in, but didn't stay. Too bad, but I did talk to him after the reunion. He was a jeep driver. He was wounded in Luxemburg and also lost an eye. Of course, Bernice and I always have a great time at these reunions!

I talked to Enoch Urserly's wife the other day and they are planning a mini "A" Co. Reunion in Nashville, Tenn. Their 17 year old granddaughter had a heart transplant and had a hard time of it for awhile, but, she is doing OK now. We have our fingers crossed for her.

Well guys, this is all for now. Write to me or call me; tell me all about yourself, otherwise, I won't be able to write this little column.

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COMPANY I 329th INF

The 44th Reunion was another good one and also a good time was had by all. I Co. had 20 men present, 18 wives and 3 guest. We had 7 more men who had intention of being there but for one reason or another they didn't make it, which was a disappointment for all. And when checking the new 1990 roster I see that we had 34 members paid up for 1990, I pray that by now more have also sent their dues in.

The boat ride trip was just wonderful, good weather, good food which was served in an orderly fashion good music and enjoyable scenery. After talking to the ones that didn't go on the boat ride, most of them wished they had.

Over the last two years we have had five new couples attend the reunions, this year it was Sally & Max Francis of Lake Monroe, Florida. They enjoyed it so much, they intend to be at the Pines next September. Also the Gomeris and the Golonkas showed up, it was good to see them and it had been some years since they were in attendance.

Wednesday evening Ray Hayward asked about his old buddy Oscar Gwinn, I had an old address of Oscars so Ray got on the phone and called Oscar's old home town of Enoree, N.C. He was able to get him on the phone and had quite a chat with him. Happy to say that Oscar is now a member of 83rd Division Association. I also sent Oscar's address on to Chas. Grey, who has also wrote a letter to his old fox hole buddy Oscar.

Since returning home, Frank Bellino called to check up on Agnes and I, also received a letter from Chas Grey and Pat Bartha, she and Steve were our house guest before we went to Pittsburgh for the reunion. I talked to Mick McGowan on the phone yesterday, so far there son David's guard unit hasn't been called up, they are keeping their finger's crossed. Mick & Doris are supposed to go to Sebring, Fla in January. We have tentative plans to head south late Feb. or early in March. Going to spend sometime with the Bartha's in Sebring. Also thinking about paying visits with Liz & Jesse Hayes in Clemmons, N.C. Max & Sally Francis

Lake Monroe, Fla, the Bellino's in Port Charlotte, and Bob & Mary Olney in Zephyrhills also stop and visit Lucy & Curtis Mills in Decatur, Ga. on the way home.

Congratulations are in order for Elizabeth and Jessie Hayes, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 16th. I heard a rumor that Liz asked Jessie if she would have time to take her stockings off this time, he replied that she would have time to knit a pair.

Had called Claire & Julian Quincy in Patton, Pa. we were going over to visit them on Sept. 23rd. but our daughter called asking us to baby sit that weekend and had to cancel out. Will try to make it at a later date. My three sons and son in law are going up to our camp in Little Valley N.Y. on Oct 27th, for a week of hunting, turkey and bow hunting for deer. Pop is going along and will probably spend most of his time in the kitchen.

Also since this is October, Agnes and I will have to get busy and make our usual 30 gallons of Sourkraut.

Arthur P Kociner
2592 Maloy Rd.
Ravenna, Ohio 44266

Thought you would like to put this in the Thunderbolt.
Doris is the wife of Fred McGowen I Co. 329th

Bob and Lois

8 Valley Women Receive Keeper of the Flame Awards

Eight Miami Valley women Tuesday were selected from among 200 nominees statewide to receive awards for their work to further women's suffrage.

The women were among 19 in Ohio to receive Keeper of the Flame awards from Secretary of State Sherrod Brown at the Dayton YWCA. Nineteen were selected to symbolize the 19th Amendment, which was passed 70 years ago to give women the right to vote.

One of the recipients was Doris McGowen of Jackson Center, 20-year president of the American Legion Auxiliary and a 20-year volunteer for the Buckeye Girls State program sponsored by the auxiliary.

A-BTRY. 908 FA. BN.

The following men who attended the great reunion that was held at the Vista Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. Walter Bernhardt, Mrs. Grace Brick, Mr. George L. Hayes, Mr. Michael Fitch. Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Massie and Charles and Lois Stine. We were very sorry that some of the men and their wives who have attended alot of the reunions couldn't be there. I guess they had other commitments to make. We sure missed them, and hope that they will be at the Pines Hotel in N. Y. in September 22-27, 1991. I had a chance to meet three men that I haven't seen for about 45 years, and they all looked great. Sorry Michael, that Walter and I couldn't recognize you right away with that mustache.

We all had a great time, and we enjoyed the boat ride and the dinner on the boat was very good. My wife Lois didn't get sick, as she thought she would. She didn't want to go, but I talked her into going. Its good that she did go and enjoyed it, and now maybe I can get her to go out on the Ocean fishing down at Ocean City Md. when we go down there on our vacation.

I want to thank the Pittsburgh Chapter for putting on a great reunion. We have a member on the sick list, Mr. James T. Waugh, he is in a V.A. hospital in Lexington, Ky. We all hope that he has a speedy recovery. See you all in the Pines.

Charles B. Stine, Sr.
A Btry. 908 Fa. Bn.

COMPANY H 330th

Hello Buddies:

Here I am once again, time to sit down and write another Hello to all of you. It is both an Honor and a pleasure to be able to contact you once again after all these 45 years.

As all of you should know, another Great Reunion has been entered into the book of Records of the great 83rd Infantry Division Association. Unfortunately I was unable to attend this year Reunion, but from what I have learned, it was a very great and successful Reunion.

We owe a lot of thanks to the Reunion Committees who work so hard each year trying to give us a great Reunion, each year it gets harder due to the rising cost of everything.

Well Buddies, we of Company "H" have lost a great Member of both Co. "H" and the Association. He was none other than Capt. Jack R. Masters, who was our Company Commander. Capt. Jack, was one of the greatest Company Commanders in the 83rd Division. He was a dedicated Soldier, and a Fatherly man to his Men. I had the opportunity to be able to attend his Funeral.

I would like to take a minute out to thank each and everyone of you who helped me with the Ad Book. We had a very good page in it. Were it not for Capt. Masters and a few more who sent me extra money, our page would have only been half of what it was. I am going to work with the Boston Chapter on the book this year, and sincerely hope that I can depend on a good return from all of you Co. "H" men.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL, and thank you for your support.

Your Buddy,
Larry Redmond

CO. F "329"



Front: George Thompson, Burnett Helleckson, Bill Nickell, Ed Zerucha, Bill Ferguson. **Back:** Peter Kwasniewski, Charles Anderson, Bill Meyerhaeffer, V.B. (Tex) Atchison, Sylvain Fishman, Marshall Keith, Charles R. Whitcomb. **Attending not pictured:** Roy Arnfield, Roy Clemons, Bill Hutton, Dale Lewis, Joe Putnak, Tom Rybarczyk, Fred J. Senatori, George Trebonyak.

Congratulations to the Pittsburgh Chapter the Association's Officers and all wives for a tremendously successful 44th Reunion. All the folks at registration were beautiful, accommodations and food excellent, all the activities and business sessions well planned and executed, picture gallery interestingly memorable, the memorial service inspiring, the dinner-dance cruise pleasurable and the gala banquet finale a capping climax to a Great Reunion.

Company "F" 329th for the first time since the passing of Vic Landis former 83rd Association National Publicity

Chairman and member of Co "F" was in attendance with 20 men, 15 wives and quest. 5 of the men were with the Division in Atterbury.

Bill Ferguson of "F" Co. did one terrific job for us this past year in rallying us around the cause, that of being in Pittsburgh, he is continuing to act as our primary resource and contact person. If any "F" Co. members or any members have any information that can put us in touch with former "F" Co. men drop Bill a note at 32350 Lyndon Livonia, MI. 48154-4253. Bill, Vic would be happy to know someone is carrying on.

Enclosed is a picture of 12 of the 20 from Co "F" 329th if it can be used it will be appreciated.

Company "F" 329th
Charles R. Whitecomb
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Ashland, OH. 44805

COMPANY G 329 INF.

Each year the reunion gets better! We had a good time as usual - talking over old times.

Lois and Bob Brinkman from Ohio said the birds were still flying over Minister (Starlings that is.)

Ruth and Chester Morgan from Ithaca, N.Y. had all of us to their room for breakfast - Coffee, tea, juice, bagels, sweet rolls, donuts, muffins served with lots of laughs and old jokes.

Doris and John Fay from Illinois showed us pictures of their grand daughter Jessica who placed third in a triathlon held in Hawaii. It was her first try she is eight years old.

John Cupino and Bernice from Binghamton, N.Y. Bernice's dogs are really beautiful. John enjoyed his visit to Italy.



Philip Baran
Killed in Normandy
July 14, 1944



Jane & Dick Baran
5613 West Erie
Lorain, Ohio 44053

Grace and John Askey from Pa. have a new gran son. Roy Charles.

Virginia and Francis Markus from Boston danced every dance.

Sylvia and Morris Gimple from Brooklyn, good to see Morris after his heart problem looking so good. They really enjoy their two grandsons.

Helen and Ames Miller from Ohio. Helen helping where ever she can. Ames is working on a memorial in memory of the 83rd which will be dedicated at Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

Virginia and Vito Palazzolo from Michigan were kept busy with his shirts and jackets.

Jim Griffin from Florida came. Good to see him again.

Joseph Matzak from N.J. his first time! Met buddy Chet Morgan lots of war talk. He'll be back.

Babe & Howie Freitag from N.J. Next Year?? Just maybe she will. We missed the Company G members listed below.

The Dahrvo's from Pa.

Paul Buchman from Florida

The Reynolds from Virginia

Leonard is coming along fine after heart surgery. Keep well.

The Ransdells from Illinois
 Jim we're all pulling for you.
 The Rubrights from Pa.
 You all come back to the next Reunion.
 Jane and Dick Baran had a story from Company G.
 They came from Lorain, Ohio.

Dick Baran's brother Philip Baran was killed in Normandy when Dick was thirteen years old in 1944.

Jane called Washington to get all the facts of his death. They found his grave on a visit to Europe in March 1990.

She looked at a picture of Philip and seen a patch on his shoulder. It was the 83rd patch. She called Washington again and they informed her. The 83rd had an association. She called Bob Derickson, he gave her Vito Palazzolo telephone number as the patch and more information lead her to believe he was in Company G. Vito told her to come to Pittsburgh to the Reunion. They came.

After talking to Co. G members asking if they remembered Philip Baran. Some did slightly but - Ames Miller remembered him and Jane and Dick felt so good they had come.

Very nice people. We all hope they come again

Babe Freitag,
 102 Philip Ave.
 Elmwood Park N.J. 07407



Joseph Matzak from N.J. met Chet Morgan from Ithaca N.Y. First time for Joe.



Company "G" 83rd INF.

"329" B Bag

It was great to see the old gang again at this years Reunion. 13 members showed up in Pittsburgh. Capt. Hill, Melton, Bollard, Dickson, Hirko, Pirkle, Kane Waddle, Tsunis, Premro, Taylor, Uher, last but not the least, John Hennies. They all had a good time and all promised to be at the Pines next year. We missed some of the regulars, Steks, Janke, Plummer, Spickler Trofimuk and "Camels" Iemole. It was a pleasure to read in the last T Bolt issue, the write up about Hank Reda and Bob Trsuillian, who in my humble opinion were 2 of the best G.I.'s in the E.T.O. Incidentally I talked with Hank Reda before the reunion, he said couldn't make the reunion, but to tell everyone he is in

good shape and enjoying life. It was also sad to read of passing of Lloyd Ashburn and Don Tesmer. Lloyd was the first G.I. I met at Atterbury. A very quiet fellow but a good soldier. "B" Co sends its sympathy to their families. I'm sorry to report that Billie Walker is in a nursing home, and Al Trofimuk is going to the hospital for Kidney Stones, good luck and best of health to both of you. Last year at the reunion, I tore my shirt and I went to see my dear buddy, John Hennies and told him of situation. He immediately took his shirt off his back and let me use it. This year at the reunion he gave me a new shirt and told me not to tear it. Thanks a heap John. One "B" Co story after the war we were at Pocking air field for an inspection and talk for Gen. Patton. All the tall guys were up front with all of the medals passed up from rear to the front tall guys, Gen. Patton walked up to someone in the front and asked "Why did you get the medal, for soldier." Standing at attention this G.I. answered "Because I was tall sir" Gen. Patton just walked away, I think the GI's name was Greenburg. He sure got hell when we got back to our area.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Bob Uher

"B" Co. 329th

P.S. John I haven't tore the shirt yet.

Hello Bob & Pearl,

Hope you are both well. I know you have aches and pains but that goes when youth goes, I am sorry I did not make Pittsburgh Reunion. I have many reasons but will not go into them.

I am mailing a new member that I have been working on for some time. I signed him with the Dixie in 1985 but did not hold him. Now he is with both you and me. If you will send him a copy of the Thunderbolt along with his membership card. I hate that I missed the Reunion. No one sold tags or got new members when I get or see a new roster I will write the new members and pick up a few hopefully.

Well I guess I should write a poem, I also missed sending one last time. I am getting old and forget my name and age, but still alive and hoping to be able to continue.

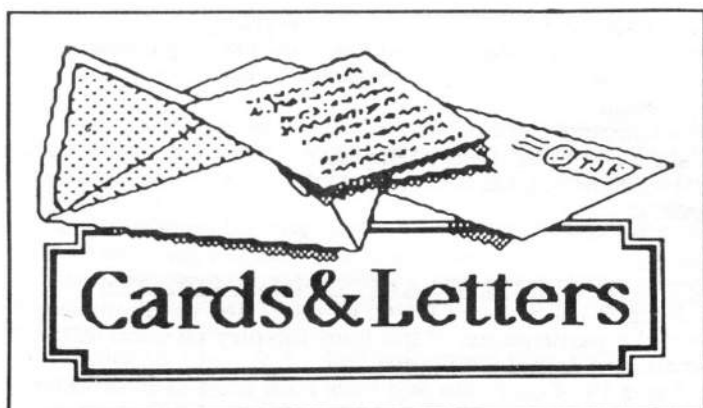
We Love You Both,
 Dot & Haran



COMPANIES THE ONE WHO COMPORTS

God has no strangers he loves us all.
 He's always there when ever we call.
 God is love our guiding light.
 He is the same both day and night.
 He's winter-summer-autumn and spring.
 God is master of everything.
 In our prayers we ask to be healed.
 People like us make him so real.
 ur faith in God we hold so much.
 The hope of life and his tender touch.
 He hears our prayers no matter what.
 We hold him dearly in our heart.
 We should remain faithful day by day.
 Never stop but continue to pray.
 Nothing on earth can be more filling.
 Than a prayer with a heart that's willing.
 OOur prayers for guidance in all things we do.

We hold our faith and trust in you.
 Haran R. Martin
 Co. C - 331 st.



Rex, Georgia
Aug. 20, 1990

Dear Pearl and Bob,

We hope you folks are fine. Jesse and I arrived home safe and sound on the 19th.

On our way out of the Vista Hotel on floor 6 at the elevator we found a roll of exposed film and we wanted to let all our buddies know if they lost a 24 exposure 35 mm Kodacolor, Gold 100 Color Prints DX to please let us know and we'll send them the film.

Please put a notice in The Thunderbolt to let our buddies know about the film.

Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Pirkle
3562 Lakeview Dr.
Rex, Georgia 30273
404, 474-7366

HELLO BUDDIES:

Here it is time to send another issue of our great "THUNDERBOLT" to press. Marking the start of another great year in the History of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. To those of you who have joined us in recent years, you can't begin to imagine the History of this great Association. We have had our good times and some bad times. Thanks to the hard work of some of our dedicated members we have been able to survive both the good and the bad.

Having just finished another great Reunion, which I have been led to believe was a tremendous Reunion. Thanks to the hard working Pittsburgh Chapter, I hear it was a great success. To those of you who have never been involved in putting on a Reunion, you can't imagine the hard work that is involved. It is something that can't be done over night, and involves a lot of man hours to make it a success. I am sure that there are that certain few who weren't satisfied with one thing or another, but we have that happen every year no matter how hard the Reunion Committee works to make it a success.

I have also learned that there was criticism about my letter writing for Ads for the Ad Book. Believe me, the men who now are critics of it, are the same men who sought my help when they were running a Reunion. They know down deep in their hearts how much a Reunion depends on the Ad Book. Without it, there would be a lot of elimination of parts of the program because to put them on, the Registration would have to be raised considerably.

As I sit here reading over old material from the days when I was a National Officer, I see a Reunion where it was \$12.00 for a double bedroom or \$14.00 for a Twin-bedded Room. Or on the modified American Plan, which includes Breakfast and dinner along with your room, the cost would be 24.00 a day, and the full American Plan would include three meals at a cost of \$28.00 per couple. A cocktail party would be \$3.50 per couple and the Banquet would be \$8.75 per couple plus \$125.00 for music. We are not working on those prices today, so we need that Ad Book money to help defray some of the expenses. I want it known to all of you, that my working on the Ad Book, does not offer me any financial benefit personally. It is a lot of hard work, plus some of the sarcasm that I receive, but being as dedicated as I am, you may hurt me, but the hurt only lasts for a little while.

I would like to alert you right now, the Greater Boston Chapter has contacted me and asked me to take over the Ad Book for them this year, so once again you will have to put up with my letters. If you don't care to send me your Ad Money, it is fine, so long as the Association receives it, I don't care who collects it. I want to thank those of you who sent me their ads this year. The Book was a great success. Pretty soon it will be time to start Christmas Shopping. Why don't you treat yourself to an Ad for the Reunion Ad Book as your Christmas Gift to the 83rd Infantry Division Association.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

Your Buddy
Larry Redmond

Aug. 8, 1990

Dear Bob,

Well, I thought I had a outside chance of making the reunion but my wife has had a stomach problem so will not make it.

Enclosed is check for the dues & also a picture I came across & thought you might put it in magazine if you have room.

Was taken by Truck Driver named _____ Newman? in June of 1945 at R.R Station in Eissenstein Germany on the Check. border. Only have the last names of those in it.

Thanks,
Fred Kibbey

P.S. this was kitchen crew of Co. I 329th.



Rear Row L to R. Drum (K.P.), Grosheck, Strans (K.P.) McGason (Mess Sgt.) Second Row L to R Hrisch, Hayes, Hanna Bottom Row L to R. Lupasa, Johnnie (Holland Boy) Bartha (with Pet Deer), Kibbey, Pittman

Dear Bob,

Enclosed is check of \$10 for 1991 dues. Enclosed also is a check for \$38 for the reprint of "The Thunderbolt Across Europe"

Can you help me locate Robert Packer who was C O of E Co. 330th Infantry from December 1944 to the end of the war? I'd appreciate any help you can give.

Yours Truly,
William L. Dewitt
5210 Belmont Ave. So.
Minneapolis, Min. 55419.
(612-8245523)

Hello Buddies:

Once again I am writing letters, but this time it is not a letter asking for Money or Ads. It is a bit of a sad note. I received a telephone call yesterday evening from Jackie Brennan, Daughter of Capt. Jack Masters, former Company Commander of Co. H, 330th.

For some time, Capt. Jack has been a very sick man, and has gotten worse. Yesterday afternoon he passed away. To those of us who knew Capt. Jack, he was more than just a Commander Commander, he was a man who acted the part of a Father to the men of his Company. There was never a time that you couldn't go to his Office with a problem, no matter how personal it was or how serious it was, he always found a minute free to sit and talk with you.

Capt. Jack was a man who was able to command respect from all his men as well as his Officers. He was a dedicated Soldier. His viewing will be Friday, July 13th, and the Funeral will be Saturday July 14th. I am sure that his Family would enjoy Sympathy Cards, please send them to Mrs. Jackie Brennan, Box 335, Dudak Rd. Hibernia, N.J. 07892.

Your Buddy,
Larry Redmond
132 Rockwood Drive
Havertown, Pa. 19083

Jim Alexander
3216 South 50th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53219
Area Code 414-321-7145

August 19, 1990

Dear Bob:

I recalled reading some place that numerous Military Records were destroyed by fire at St. Louis.

The article suggested that Military Personnel send copies of their records, in case theirs had been destroyed.

I wrote to them and sent machine copies of the following, on May 10:

Honorable Discharge.

Enlisted Record and Report of Separation Form 53-55

Separation Qualification Record Form 100.

Today I received a reply from them and they said yes indeed some of my records were destroyed by fire, and would file the replacements I sent to them.

If anyone else would like to send copies of their records to make sure they are on file, the address is:

Military Personnel Records
9700 Page Blvd.
St. Louis, MO. 63132-5100

Regards,
Jim Alexander
K Co. - 330th

Hello Bob:

I just thought I'd write and let you know I'm still alive. I've been pretty busy here in Virginia with my wife, her operations were all OK and now it takes time to heal you know. I sent you in a rush a few more of my pictures and you could fine time and print them in the Thunderbolt. I will be very pleased and please let me know how much I owe you for that, the last pictures were very good, I'm very pleased with them, Thank you.

Well I'll be back in Florida in about 3 or 4 weeks so you could send my mail there.

I do pray very much for our Buddies in the far east. I hope that all come home soon with the help of "God" we know and understand what it is far away from home and to get rid of an enemy.

Take care Bob and bless you all. Stay Well.

In case you want my phone # and address here in Virginia 1-703-989-5842. 3109 H Apt. Honeywood Lane, Roanoke Virginia 24014.

Thank You
Jerry Polverino

To the Secretary
of the 83rd Infantry Division
Association Inc.

Guy Grison
Pilote Maritime
14, BD ST-MICHEL DES SABLONS
ROTHÉNEUF - 35400 SAINT - MALO
FRANCE

Dear Sir,

BATTLE OF FRANCE, AREA OF ST MALO AUGUST 44

I beg to inform you I would be interested in information about the participation of the 83rd Infantry Division in the liberation of St Malo in France.

I was 14 at that time and have been used as interpreter with the Field Hospital appointed to the 83rd Infantry Division or the 330th regiment.

I enclose 2 photographs, taken in MINIAC-MORVAN, a village 12 miles south of St Malo. I would be pleased if any of your Members could identify them.

I have been staying with this Field Hospital most of the time with Drivers we can see on the pictures (the name of one was, if I remember well Mac Daniel) from the 4th of August 1944 until the 17th where we met the convoy of the German General (VON AULOCK) who had just surrendered.

I also made the acquaintance of a soldier from the 329th Regiment, whose name was WAYNE REMILLARD, who used to live in SIOUX RAPIDS, and who kindly took care of me as well.

In St Malo I also met a U.S. major named Hastrow.

I would be most grateful if you could let me know what has been published in the United States about the events of this time and where I can order them.

Thanking you by anticipation, I remain

Yours truly
Guy Grison



Guy Grison in St. Malo



Guy Grison in St. Malo

1500 Mutual Street
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15204
Sept. 10, 1990

Dear Bob,

First I wish to say "Thank You" to you, Pearl Ames & Helen Miller & Captain Mac & the men of the Pittsburgh chapter for visiting me in my home and also the men who called.

Enjoyed you all being here. Wish I hadn't been so bull headed as to say I couldn't be at the hotel.

Saturday morning Diane saw I was a little down so she asked me to go shopping with her & take my mind off the reunion.

Surprised I was but I had a feeling I would end up at the Vista.

I am very happy that she tricked me. I had a great time visiting & talking to all the men. I think I met more people in those few hours than I would have in three days.

I can't explain to you or anyone the feeling that came over me when all the men gave me that ovation the hand shakes, the words of encouragement.

I can only say from the heart when ever I get down I'll remember that moment and wrap it around me like a warm blanket.

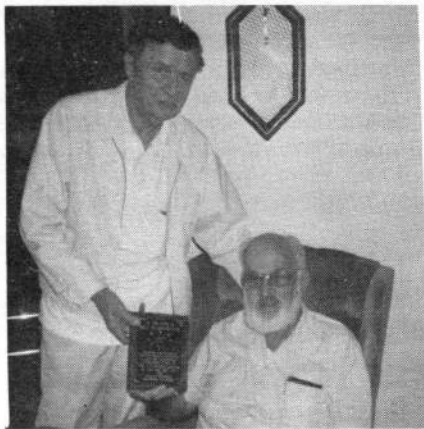
Thank you all again. I knew we had the best outfit in WWII

Your friend
Sam Klippa

When Sam left the house that Saturday he was dragging. But when he came back there was a spring in his steps and his mouth never stopped. "I'm glad Diane took me."

My thanks to you all for the warm welcome you gave him.

Franny



This plaque presented by Ed Reuss from the Pittsburgh Chapter for all his time and work in the association at his home.

Feb. 10, 1990

Bob,

After I sent you the information on the artillery accident at Camp Breckenridge which you may or may not have a use for, I came across this newspaper clipping about it. The copy isn't very clean but perhaps it may be of interest and perhaps you will recognize a name or two.

Regards,
Dwane Brigstock

28 Injured In Camp Blast Fatal to Four Breckinridge Tragedy Laid to Explosion of Ammunition

CAMP BRECKINRIDGE, Ky., March 13.--(Special)-- "Explosion of live artillery ammunition in the course of training activities" was announced today as the cause of an accident which claimed the lives of four soldiers and injured 28 others here Friday afternoon.

A board of officers is continuing study of the mishap.

Fatalities were: Sergt. Cecil A. Gayer, 22, of Vincennes, Ind.; Pfc. Louis Glick, 29, Philadelphia, Pa. Pvt. William H. Drawby, 28, Zarnsville, S.C.; Pvt. William D. Furgang, 29, New York.

Ten listed as seriously injured are: Staff Sergt. Elmer Zang, 32, Columbus, O.; Tech. Fifth Grade Lawrence A. Meinberg, 23, Washington, D.C.; Tech. Fifth Grade, F.F. Hooper, 29, Pullman, Wash.; Pfc. C.M. Stears 28, Griffin, Ga.; Pvt. Charles A. Patterson, 19, Waynesbury, Pa.; Pvt. J. E. Colburn, 22, Youngstown, O.; Pvt. Roy H. Phillips, 23, Emporia, Va.; Pvt. Carl E. Ricker, 22, Wauseon, O.; Pvt. T.L. Harrah, 30, Glen Morgan, W. Va., and Pvt. Peter J. Kazlauskas, 21, Philadelphia, Pa.

Receiving minor injuries were: First Lieut. H.F. Dever, 25, Lexington, Ky.; Staff Sergt. Frank Wenden, 31, Philadelphia, Pa.; Staff Sergt. Nick C. Shirokey, Jr., 26, Parma, O.; Sergt. George W. Powers, 27, West Warwick, R.I, Sergt. Jack Fierman, 24, New York Corp. Marvin H. Martin, 22, Beaver Dam, Ky.; Corp. Felix J. Graziani, 27, Fairbank, Pa.; Pfc. George L. Ray, 22, Philadelphia, Pa.; Pfc. George M. Hubert, 20, Lowell, Mass.; Pvt.

S.P. Dielen, 20, Bayonne, N.J.; Pvt. George H. Gray, 28, Benton Harbor, Mich.

Pvt. Robert J. Schell, 22, Rock Island, Ill.; Pvt. Russell H. Dunlap, 24, Winchester, Va.; Pvt. Herbert Callner, 33, Los Angeles, Cal.; Pvt. Steve Capilli, 232, Philadelphia, Pa.

Pvt. Duaine T. Brigstock, 32, Battle Creek, Mich.; Pvt. Clarence Hitchcock, 21, Vaughn, Mont., and Pvt. George W. Wessels, Jr., 22, Rockford, Ill.

9/17/90

Bob Derickson

My outfit was the 331st 3rd Battalion - I Co. 3rd Platoon.

Enclosed is a photo of that Platoon.

Also thought there might be interest in the two articles out of the Stars and Stripes.

NOTE: The Thunderbolt Issue Vol. 45 No. 3 had an article on Page 24. Referring of A. J. Buttlino. He is also mentioned in the article on Patton; Etc.

The other article about Sgt. Gedrites and myself - I hope you have space to print it.

Thanks Very Much,
Herbert N. Levin
2111 President St.
Philadelphia, Pa 19115



3rd Platoon Co. I 3rd Battalion 331st.

Joes Have a Dinner With Colonel to See What Officers Eat

Said the Colonel to the GIs "Would you like to have dinner with me?"

It all started when Lt. Col. Frederick J. Bailey Jr., 3rd BN. commander remarked aloud that he wondered what he was having for supper. Sgt. Huston P. Gedrites, Co. I assistant squad leader from Dayton, Ohio, nearby, commented that he too, would like to know. At this retort the Colonel asked Gedrites whether he believed officers received better chow than the EM. Of course, the sergeant was embarrassed by this question, but he answered in the affirmative. Col. Bailey invited Gedrites to dine with him that evening.

Receiving permission to have a friend accompany him, Gedrites arrived with Pfc. Herb, N. Levin of Phila., Pa. Both were cordially greeted by the colonel who offered them drinks. "This is surely a good brand of schnaps", Gedrites remarked.

Later, supper was served. The GIs ate at the head of the table with the colonel. When the food was set on the table, they were surprised to see that it was the same that they had eaten at dinner. There was chicken, potatoes, peas, etc. It was really a new experience for the boys.

After the meal, both GIs thanked the colonel and returned to their company to tell their buddies all about it. When asked what their impression of the event was, each answered in turn. Gedrites said that the food itself as the same as "ours", but the fact that it was served to you at the table and also that schnaps was part of the meal made everything seem so different. Herb thought that the officers had a keen sense of humor after all for they were laughing and joking all through supper.

331st Platoon In Attack for Blood and Guts

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Commanding General of the Third Army, is expected to speak before men of the 83rd Division tomorrow in Passau. He will also review the men in parade.

A rifle platoon problem "in the attack" will be demonstrated for the General by Co. I doughboys.

The following is a brief resume of the demonstration problem that was originally scheduled and will be run off when Gen Patton arrives.

The problem consists of an attack thru a hill and woods by a rifle platoon, preceded by a heavy barrage of mortar and machine gun fire. The second platoon, under the leadership of Lt. Wilbur Valentine of St. Louis, Missouri, is to be the attacking unit while Lt. Lester Anderson's platoon will support the assaulting group with 60 mm. mortar and 30. cal. machine gun fire. Co M's 81 mm. mortar platoon and 30-cal. machine guns will also support the attack.

The starting signal to initiate the preparatory barrage will be given by the I Co. C.O., Lt. Noel Anderson, who will start the shells whistling, and the bullets cracking. The hill and woods will completely be covered by mass fire. As soon as the barrage is lifted the 2nd squad, under the leadership of S/Sgt Charles Merrill, of Irving, Kansas, will begin the assault. Simultaneously, Sgt Harry Willensen's, Both squads

will be "Covered" by Sgt. Huston Gredites, of Dayton, Ohio, and his twelve man team, who have been designated as the support squad and will lay down a base of fire. The assaulting units will join at a point, and in a marching - fire formation will move up the hill.

Pfc Donald Sheetz, of Reading, Pa., will be one of the many doughs to attempt to eliminate any remaining "enemy" who survive the preliminary mortar and machine gun barrage, with rifle-grenade fire. T/Sgt Andrew Buffalino, from Westbury, L.I., will set the pace for his men by firing twenty-five clips of M-1 ammunition in one demonstration. The machine gun barrels will be kept "hot".

The I Co. - men have been kept busy with four days of straight training practicing the assault problem and have given up their day of "rest" Sunday, to prepare for the coming event.

June 17, 1990

Bob,

George Settle sent me this. Perhaps you can use pictures and item in the next issue of the Thunderbolt.

Del Jurden.

Del Jurden,

In response to your last letter in the Thunderbolt. Units of the 83rd Division Recon were held up at Dinan France. The Germans had blown two spans of the main viaduct leading into the city as well as the bridge that led to the gates of the old city.

Engineers of Co. A 308th Engr. Bn were called upon to bridge the gap which was 150' above the Loire River.

A temporary bridge was constructed of assault boats at the site of the lower bridge. This took the light traffic which carried men and materials needed on the far shore.

The double-double Bailey bridge was constructed over the two blown spans of the viaduct. This bridge would carry any traffic that the army would want to put over it. Sherman tanks and the largest artillery pieces were no problem.

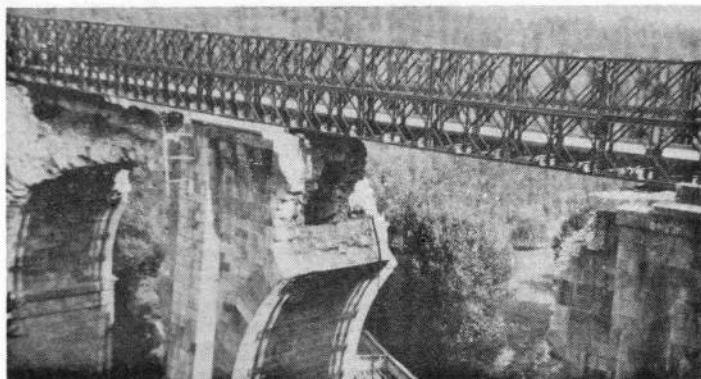
This bridge was vital to our advance up the Brest peninsula.

I understand the French were still using this bridge several years after the war.

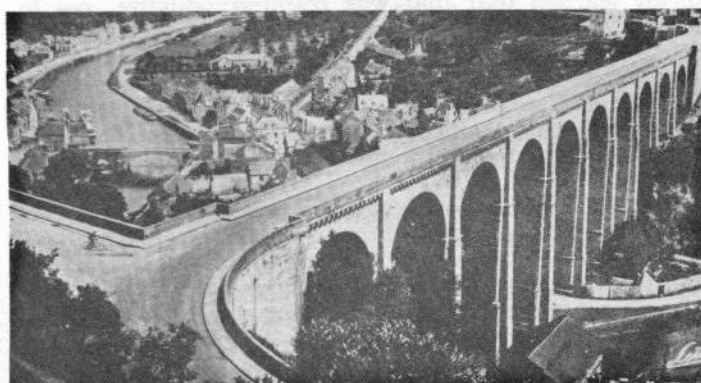
Sincerely,
George C. Settle
Co. A 308th Engr. Bn. (C)



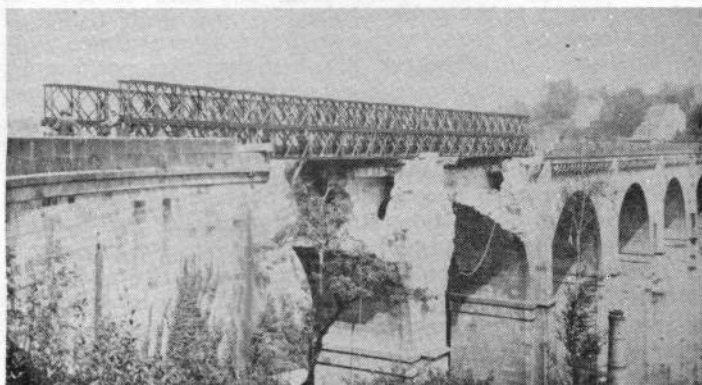
Far shore of Bridge at Dinan. Good detail of double-double Bailey bridge construction.



Bridge at Dinan by Co. A 308th Engr. Bn. (C) 1944 Bailey Bridge.



Bridge at Dinan from a post card. (Bailey Bridge) The lower bridge in the back ground was also blown by the Germans.



Bridge Daley across two spans built by Co. A 308th Engr. Bn. (C). Note line hanging in first span. Used to establish center line and determine length of bridge.

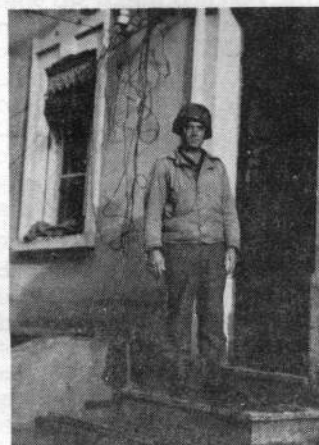


Bailey Bridge at Dinan about 150' above Loire River.

June 9, 1990

Hello Bob,

Here are the other pictures we took, so you could see where we were, I really don't remember to well but the one I'm standing alone is the one where we were with the Nazie flag. In the other picture with the jeep is Chancyler and me. Chancyler is from South Carolina. The picture of the 3 of us is Long, Sekoski and me. I think they are from out west, I'm not sure. These are all taken after Normandy battles.



P.S. If you could understand my writing you are a genius. I have the shakes sometimes. I'm 77 years young now and we thank the "Lord".

Take Care
J. Polverino
1600 Bradford Rd.
Edgewater, Fl. 32132

Appeared in The Log, Destin, FL 32541 Where Is Justice?

To The Editor:

In regard to a lower court ruling in Seattle, WA, in reference to the desecration and burning of the "American Flag," it is indeed appalling to realize that our judicial system deems this act of terrorism as not unconstitutional!

This is America, the land of the free and home of the brave, whose boys and men fought adversaries in wars throughout the years, gave their lives to and for their country so that the flag may wave freely over the nation. Justice where art thou?

As a united nation where freedom rings out from the four corners to think freely, voice opinions, where yes, social and economic problems do abound -- as in all countries of the world, nothing is 100 percent perfect all the time. Still, it's the best country to live in, work, raise families and truly call home.

Phyllis Katz
Akron, OH

The Quiet, Inconspicuous veterans of World War II

Appeared in Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

3-15-89

Clarke Thomas, Sr. Associate Editor

It's amazing how little fuss across the years the veterans of World War II have made about their service.

That is one of numerous thoughts I have had with the arrival this month of the 45th anniversary of the day I was inducted into the U.S. Army at the height of World War II. I can still remember that wintry day of arrival at Ft. Leavenworth and the catcalls from those who had barely preceded us, "You'll be sorry!"

From my youth I can remember the veterans of World War I, quite clubby in their veterans' organizations and in politics, and conspicuous in their uniforms on patriotic holidays. In those years, too, the last of the Civil War veterans were dying, with occasional reunions as reminders of the decades in the 19th century when they ruled the roost.

One difference, of course, was that there so few World War I veterans compared to those of World War II -- 16.3 million of us. That was brought home when I returned to the college campus and found that wearing the "ruptured duck" discharge button was considered declassé. There were so many veterans on any campus that autumn of 1946 that it was ridiculous to think that you were anything special.

Also, there was a very clear feeling of dusting off our hands with the war over and turning immediately to what Steeler Coach Chuck Noll calls our "life's work." That is, the war was only an interruption in our real lives and not anything special in itself. It was either off to school on the GI Bill or into a job.

In that, I think we clearly were different from many World War I veterans, for whom the Great War, as it was dubbed, had been more horribly significant that anything before or after.

This is not to discount the enormous impact my generation of veterans had on American life. Thanks to government-subsidization policies, we entered higher education in astonishing numbers -- shaking up colleges and universities in the process -- and became homeowners, sparking the growth of suburbia. Having gone to distant places, we no longer were loath to break home ties, leaving close-knit communities and making Americans the most mobile people on Earth. Veterans' organizations boomed, and for years being a veteran was all but essential to a political career.

But my point is that while I am sure there are some World War II veterans for whom military service was the highlight of their lives, and especially if they were in combat, the amazing thing to me across the year is how seldom men and women talk about it.

Maybe it was because, in contrast to previous wars, the American war effort was so farflung and so varied -- and with so many who didn't actually undergo the hell of battle -- that frequently veterans would find little to common to talk about, except the boredom and officiousness and resentment that so often came with military service.

I remember going to Ft. Leavenworth for my first physical shortly after my 18th birthday and worrying vaguely during the interim month at home before going back for induction as to whether I would be able to perform such tasks as making a bed hospital-style tight enough to bounce a dime. That sounds silly now, although I remember a lad the night after we were inducted who practically had a nervous breakdown after spilling indelible ink on his uniform and fearing he would be jailed, his wife's allowance cut off, etc.

There at Ft. Leavenworth and later at infantry basic-training camp in Camp Roberts, Calif., I became acquainted with a wider range of people that I ever would have in ordinary life. In the segregated Army of those days, that didn't include blacks. But one quickly learned that amid the endless profanity, words like "spic," "dago," "kike" and "mick" were thrown around with abandon, but could be fighting words.

Coming from Republican Kansas, for the first time I was startled to find people who genuinely worshipped President Roosevelt ("He saved my family's life during the Depression," one Pennsylvania Barracks mate said with simple, deep conviction).

I learned how quickly one could make friends with people from all backgrounds and how -- especially on shipboard -- one could engage in the deepest conversations.

In high school and college, I knew the way to obtain good grades was to volunteer in class. In the Army, one quickly learned that that was counterproductive, not to mention a way to attract derision from the others in your outfit. (Later when I was assigned to a regimental headquarters company, I got goo and tired. As the newest, youngest and smallest man, of always being "volunteered" first for every assignment by the company first sergeant, from K.P. (kitchen police) to guard duty in the middle of the night).

As I look back I wonder at how much I, typical of enlisted men, bitterly resented officers, their privileges and their power over us. Interestingly, I found that Southern officers often were the best; they seemed to have a natural ability to command without being overbearing about it.

I share with millions of veterans the memories of the rigors of training (in my case, including landing-craft seasickness in amphibious maneuvers off the coast of California); the 25-mile hike with rifle and full heavy pack at the end of basic training; the sobering realization that you were about to sail overseas; the apprehensions and morbid thoughts you kept to yourself as you moved forward by train and truck to the combat zone.

In Germany I came under shell fire several times and one time under machinegun fire, but that was nothing to what men in the rifle companies underwent. (I believe the luckiest day in my life came in basic training when I -- for reasons I never knew -- was transferred from a rifle company to a radio operator outfit.) I wonder if the American public realizes what it owes to the "dogfaces" at the front edge of combat, bare to shot and shell, bayonet and booby-trap and mine exploding underfoot.

I recall one rainy cold night when we found a soldier from another outfit, left behind the German lines during a skirmish -- dirty, unshaven, hungry, looking scarcely human. That was paralleled as the war came to a close in Germany with the long lines of refugees -- scarecrow men, women and children who stood by the garbage pails, grateful to accept the leftover scrapings from our messkits. And because my division, the 97th, was one of two that fought in Europe and then was transhipped to the Orient for occupation duty, I have the memories of Japan in those early, threadbare months when no one could have imagined its amazing renaissance to become a mighty economic power.

A few years ago, I noted with interest news stories that the last of the officers who had been in World War II were retiring. Then I read a couple of years ago that because chief executive officers in American Corporations usually are selected in their late 50, a common tie of service in the war would be ending at the top levels of American business. As an inductee in early 1944, I would have been among the youngest to see combat duty -- at that time men weren't sent overseas until they were 19 unless they were part of a division.

Again, I am sure that many men and woman of World War II have as many or more memories than mine. But my point remains that we have been remarkably unostenta-

tious about it.

We did a job, we came home and shaped postwar America, but we haven't bragged about it - no endless war stories for us. But on anniversaries such as the one coming up March 23, my memory is jogged and I feel fortunate that I was part of that far-from-select band of Americans.

Hi Bob,

In light of the General who spoke at the reunion. I thought you might want to put this write up in the T Bolt.

Bob Uher

Thank A million. I got my copy at home.

The 83rd at the Bulge

The insignia, honors and traditions of many Army Reserve units didn't begin with weekend drills and two weeks of annual training.

Many Army Reserve units, and many of the USAR's major commands, carry the lineage of outfits that say tough fighting in the Nation's wars.

HERITAGE is a new department of *Army Reserve Magazine*. It will try to remind us of where we've gone before. And who we've been before.

This first installment is from a book published in 1944, *The Thunderbolt Across Europe*, by Sergeant Ernie Hayhow. It recalls some of the struggles of the 83rd Infantry Division in the Battle of the Bulge.

The 83rd's insignia and honors are now carried by the 83rd U.S. Army Reserve Command, which hangs its hat in Columbus, Ohio.

"While we were engaging the enemy between the Hurtgen Forest and the Roer River, other German units launched their winter offensive. In what later became known as the 'Battle of the Bulge,' Germany's best Panzer and SS Divisions charged through thinly held Allied lines in Belgium and drove a wedge through the Ardennes Forest that reached a depth of some eighty-five miles and ran to a width of sixty miles at its base. The whole world held its breath as Field Marshall Von Rundstedt put into execution his ambitious plan of attack, aimed at separating and destroying the Allied armies. The enemy's offensive was spearheaded in the air by paratroopers and on land by hundreds of tanks from the Sixth Panzer Army. They were followed by crack SS troops, later by regular Wehrmacht units, and finally by members of the 'Volksgrrenadier.' All the remaining power of the German armed forces was employed in this final major attempt to separate and defeat the Allied tide who had swept in from the beaches of Normandy to the western edges of Germany proper. Now the enemy sought to undo all that we had accomplished in six months of hard fighting. Momentarily the Germans had the advantage -- advantage born of the element of surprise and of concentration of force. In many cases, whole Allied regiments and sometimes whole Allied divisions were cut off during the initially rapid advances of the German forces. This was Jerry's first major success since the fighting in Africa. His success was short lived.

"Jerry had either under-estimated or had failed to reckon with the amazing mobility of the American Army. Overnight, the Thunderbolt Division raced from Northern Germany into Belgium. We were employing the element of surprise now. The entire VII Corps had moved to a new scene of action. Now, without rest or let-up, we dashed from the outskirts of Duren to the vicinity of Rochefort, a distance of 75 miles, to hit the 'Bulge' at its tip. Slightly more than twenty-four hours after the last element of the

83rd moved away from the Roer River, other units of the Thunderbolt smashed Jerry's thrust right on the nose. We Buckshots of the 329th attacked Rochefort, which was an important roadcenter taken in the advance made by the enemy. The 83rd Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop had successfully screened our entry towards the German lines, and now the 329th, with the full support of all of the 83rd Division Artillery lashed out at Jerry to put an end to his advances and to destroy him before he could successfully withdraw from his self-made death trap.

"The German offensive had slowed considerably by the time the 329th reached the outskirts of Rochefort. But Jerry was by no means beaten; he was only catching his breath before attempting to exploit his initial gains. Company B of the 329th Buckshots entered Rochefort on December 28th and spent the rest of the year alone. For the Germans succeeded in cutting off Company B from the rest of us. Repeated attempts to break through to the beleaguered Company were beaten back by the Hun's intense small arms fire and his direct fire from high velocity weapons. From time to time, Company B reported to us by radio, but this type of contact was uncertain as the radio batteries weakened. Our artillery rose to new heights as they blasted Rochefort almost continuously. We smoked the town and then set it on fire but still couldn't get through to our 'lost' company. Three days of intense shelling however, proved too much for the 9th Panzer Division, and they withdrew from the town. Company B, which had unofficially been given up as captured or destroyed, returned to its battalion. Because of skillful leadership and the fighting ability of every man, Company B had beaten off repeated attacks with the loss of only seven men wounded and none killed.

"We continued to employ the element of surprise against the Germans. As the 160th Brigade of the 53d British Division relieved us around Rochefort, we side-slipped to the east and aligned ourselves with the 3rd Armored Division near the center of the northern edge of the bulge. Colonel Foster's 330th Regiment was attached to the "Spearhead" Division. The remainder of us were ordered to attack in close support of the armor and to finish off any Germans by-passed by the tankers. The 3rd Armored smashed at the Germans in force on the morning of January 3rd and advanced against stubborn resistance. The 83d Division artillery was attached to them to give additional fire support. Then when we passed our infantry through the 3d Armored their artillery came under our division control so as to give additional support to our doughs. Floret and Malempre were re-captured by our cohorts and then we passed through the 3rd Armored to seize a bridgehead across the Rance Rau, later across the Langlir River, and then to clear a passage through that part of the Ardennes forest known as Bois de Ronce.

"Certainly, no record of the Ardennes campaign is complete without reference to the terrain and the weather. For in the snow-laden hills of the Ardennes Forest we fought the weather as much as we fought the Germans; indeed, the bitter cold and heavy snow took as large a toll in Allied casualties as did German bullets and shells.

"With the oil on their rifles frozen, with chapped faces and frozen hands and feet, riflemen of the 83d Infantry Division fought continuously in the arctic-like climate of the Ardennes Forest for five days and nights, to pave the way for the 3rd Armored Division in the Battle of the Bulge.....The advances made by the 83d were directly responsible for enabling the 3rd Armored to cut the vital St. Vith-Houffalize highway....so spoke Commentator Robert Barr in one of his January newscasts over BBC.

"We had lived in the field during winter months in the States, but we had never experienced anything quite like this. We had to plow our way through deep snowdrifts, up and down mountain sized hills, and against biting winds. We had to camouflage ourselves so that we blended with

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the whiteness--that whiteness that was everywhere. We had to stalk the enemy in the forest; we had to fight him during the day and keep him fighting all through the night, and the next day, and the next night.

"We kept at Jerry until we had driven him from the woods, out into the open, in between the armored jaws of the First and Third Armies, driving south and north respectively. Our casualties equalled those of Normandy days, but this time most were due to the weather. We carried ammunition and food up to the front on our backs, for the huge snowdrifts prevented movement of tanks and half-tracks.

"To survive called for great stamina and grit and a generous amount of good luck. Many of us did survive, and with us the memory of the Ardennes Campaign will be everlasting.

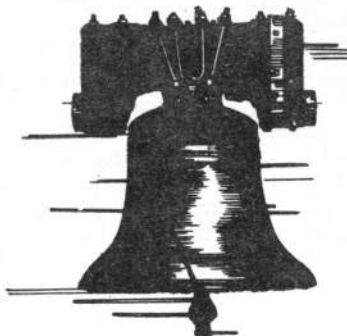
"The 83d Infantry Division became of age in the Ardennes. It was there that we proved beyond all doubt that we had power, tactical skill, courage, and fortitude. Under conditions never before experienced, we hammered at the German's Panzer might. We out-fought the enemy, out-flanked him, drove him into a trap that brought his defeat. Day and night our attack continued. Langlir, Petite Langlir, Bihain, Bovigny, Courtil, and Honeyelez were the small towns which we captured after fierce fighting in bitter cold. But our victory in the Ardennes cannot be measured by towns captured or by miles gained. We did not advance far, as compared to some of our other successes, but we never fought harder, were never faced by stronger opposition than that which we encountered in the 'Bulge'.

"It was a three week endurance test which called for the 'impossible' in physical stamina, in self-confidence and in individual courage. 'The difficult we do right away; the impossible takes a little longer.' Perhaps it took us a little longer to advance a thousand yards in the Ardennes than it took us to reach the Rhine or to rack to the Elbe, but we successfully achieved our mission and accomplished what appeared to be the impossible.

"Enemy counter-attacks were numerous and frequent, but each time we repelled them or destroyed them before they could actually start. Many times our artillery was unable to register on targets because of the weather. And yet, Langlir and Petite Langlir received some of the heaviest artillery concentrations ever employed in Europe. Thirteen artillery battalions 156 guns fired simultaneously on these two small towns fifteen different times to pave the way for the riflemen's capture of the targets.

"By the time we cleared the Bois de Ronce, swung east and occupied Courtil, Honeyelez and Bovigny, the Bulge had been considerably reduced. Then the 3d Armored Division passed through our bridgeheads, shot off to the left, to the right and down the center to cut the all-important Houffalize-St. Vith Highway. This maneuver, together with the advance of the Third Army from the south, cut the remaining elements of the German Sixth Panzer Army in two and set the stage for the final elimination of the Bulge and the restoration of our original front lines in Germany.

"The 83d was relieved, and we moved back to the vicinity of Hamoir, Belgium, where for the first time since we were committed last June, we were entirely out of contact with the enemy."



Bob Derickson

Enclosing my check for 90-91 dues. Thanks for correcting my address on your list.

Also enclosing a transcript of a radio broadcast on May 23, 1945 which is about the 83rd. This may be of interest to our members if published in the Thunderbolt. Maybe someone will know more of the story?

Thanks,

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A Broadcast from the European War Theatre

by Ted Malone

Hello there! This is Ted Malone overseas. The other evening, more than a week ago now, I guess--gee, how time flies--I promised to tell you one of the most romantic stories I have run into over here. I have not forgotten it but I have delayed for two reasons: One, I have dug up several more romantic stories recently just as good and the other, well, this story doesn't have any end yet.

I don't know how it will come out and although I have tried to get a clue as to the final chapter, so far I am completely stopped. It is the story of a lovely 17-year-old girl in Germany, a British subject who can't speak a word of English, who suddenly found herself adopted by a whole division of Yankee soldiers--but, I should begin at the beginning.

It was four-thirty in the afternoon and I was at the 9th Army press camp trying to make arrangements to catch a plane to Paris from Oschersleben, Germany. The battle along the Elbe River had been relatively quiet for several days and about the only thing anybody was talking about was another anticipated link-up with the Russians. From all reports, the link-ups were more or less mad affairs. The military formalities were like story books and the social events accompanying them -- well, for those who could remember, they were memorable affable affairs.

The Russians, it seems, always brought their secret weapon--vodka--and after a couple of toasts with vodka, even the Nazi Wehrmacht became Volga boatmen. So, when the phone rang at the press camp and word spread that there was to be another link-up with bands, salutes, songs, caviar and everything, we piled into jeeps and headed for the Elbe River town for the celebration.

It was to be the link-up between the 83rd Division and the particularly celebrated division of Russians distinguished as having made a great stand at Stalingrad and also outside the gates of Moscow. The American 83rd has a proud history, too. It landed at "Omaha Beach" on D-Day plus twelve, relieved the 101st Air-borne after the Battle of Purple Heart Lane along the road to Carentan, fought and won the campaign of the Cherbourg Peninsula and proceeded eastward into Brittany. They fought through Luxembourg and attached to the First Army, crossed the Moselle River to fight the Battle of the Huertgen Forest.

The first patrols into Duren were from the 83rd and they pulled out when the Germans broke through in the Battle of the Bulge and fought back, after a famous night ride to rally their forces and stop the Nazis at their furthest point of penetration at the Christmas breakthrough. Taking Dusseldorf on March 3rd, they pulled back, gathered their strength, and finally made the dash across the Rhine and straight on through to the Elbe River.

An interesting item they like to tell is that they crossed Germany in 14 days, reaching the Elbe on Friday the 13th

at 13:30 o'clock. In the course of this remarkable drive, the 83rd captured more German prisoners than all the American Armies captured during the first World War, and to top it off, they liberated several German prison camps, in one of which there were some 19,000 prisoners, over 1200 of whom were American, many having been captured two and a half years ago at Kasserine Pass in North Africa.

So, as I said, the 83rd was proud of its history, too. And, having contacted the Russians by radio and arranged for a link-up and a celebration, they called the press camp and invited us down for the party. I might as well tell you right now, there was no party, no link-up, no celebration. It was just one of those things. The band was there and waited around most of the day. The Mess Sergeant fixed up tables full of hors d'oeuvres, shoes were all shined, brass all polished but the Russians never arrived.

It was a small town and the Germans, of course, long ago removed most of the sign posts and maps are vague and maybe the plans were too--anyway, we couldn't really blame the Russians for getting lost because all of the other correspondents did, too. We were a little late ourselves. The band had gone when we got there and the Honor Guard, but nevertheless, we considered the journey eminently worthwhile because the tables, covered with hors d'oeuvres, were still there untouched and sitting down to a Smorgasbord dinner, we found the romantic story I started to tell you.

The first hint of it came when the officer said we'd all wait to sit down until their mascot arrived. "Mascot?" "Oh, yes. Haven't you heard about the First Lady of the 83rd?"

"Lady?"

And a moment later here came a rosy-cheeked, dark-haired little girl escorted by half a dozen solicitous officers, all anxious to do the honors.

"She is a British girl we found over here who can't speak English," they said.

"A British girl who can't speak English? Where are her folks?"

"She doesn't know. It is rather a curious story. Sit down and have something to eat and we will tell you all about her."

And, so, over a couple of plates of indescribable snacks concocted for a Russian delegation that never arrived, I got the story--a rather romantic little story.

The second day after the 83rd Division reached the banks of the Elbe, a jeep rolled up in front of the headquarters and a slender, brown-eyed girl with a small travelworn suitcase climbed out and followed the officer indoors.

The officer, it seems, was from the headquarters of an armored division which had just been in Rathenow across the river. Shortly after their tanks had taken the town, this young miss had appeared at their command post with a pocket full of British and German passports and papers and through an interpreter, had explained that she was a British subject and wanted to know what she should do.

The officer in charge didn't know so he told her to be ready to leave in 30 minutes and he would send her back across the river, well within army lines, and let somebody back there worry. Unable to understand all this explanation that was going on, she just stood there by the desk and smiled. apparently, if anybody was going to worry, she wasn't.

So, the CO at the 83rd thanked the officer in the jeep and said that he would see what could be done and with a gesture he motioned for her to sit down. Since she couldn't speak English, the first problem seemed to be to find out who she was, shy she was in Germany, who her parents were and whether or not she was really what she claimed to be--a British subject.

The CIC, or Counter Intelligence Corps of the Army is equipped for jobs of this nature, so they were called in. Her passport and papers were carefully gone over, checked and

the CIC concluded that they were all in good order, so the Division headquarters, then, decided that the only thing to do was to turn her over to the 9th Army headquarters and after a good meal, she was dispatched in another jeep to Army.

But a few hours later, back she came with a brief note from Army saying that the only thing they knew to do was to send her back through the regular channels for all displaced persons. These are channels set up to take care of the thousands of people of all nationalities who have been prisoners of Germany during the last six years and now want to get back to their homes. When you consider the fact that there are several million such people, old and young, some sick, some half-starved and that they are scattered in all sorts of groups in thousands of little communities, I don't have to tell you that things do not always run smoothly.

Sometimes they move by truck, sometimes by train, sometimes they walk, sometimes they are flown and usually before they get to wherever they are going, they use all methods. Usually there is food for them but not always, so somehow the idea of sending this little girl into that parade of possibilities didn't appeal to the fellows of the 83rd. The evening we were there for the celebration, they hadn't made up their minds to do it just yet, so I asked them for an interview with the girl to get her story and after dinner, it was arranged.

A sandy-haired, young private, William L. Baer of New York City, acted as our interpreter and translated the questions and answers. Private Baer was an interesting lad himself. His dad's name is Max Baer, he told us, but not the same one. He was born in Germany, Frankfurt on the Main. He is a salesman for window displays in civilian life and works for the Military Government in the 83rd. The girl's name is Edith Fletcher. She is seventeen. Her mother is Swiss, her father British and she was in England only once. That was in a visit to Coventry to see her father in 1931. Her father went to India on a visit shortly after that and, as far as she knows, her mother has not heard from him since. She and her mother lived with her grandmother in Bremen until the war started and then her mother was interned in a prison camp because she had married a British man.

The girl remained with her grandmother in Bremen. About a year ago, when the bombing of Bremen became intense, the girl moved to Stuttgart where her mother had been sent to work in a factory. After about three months there, she became ill and was sent to Rosslau to live with her half-sister of her mother's who was also Swiss. This is where she was when the Americans arrived.

In Bremen, she had gone to ward school but had not been allowed to attend high school because she wasn't German. In Rosslau, she had been conscripted to work in a railroad ticket office and, apparently, earned enough to dress well because when she left, she brought with her sufficient clothes to make a neat and smart appearance wherever she has been.

The evening we talked with her, she had on a plaid dress of rayon or silk or something erastz, rayon stockings, black shoes with rubber soles and a blue wool coat. I asked her about her father. His name is Eric Stanley Fletcher. Her grandfather, George Fletcher, was a goldsmith in Coventry but that was all she knew. She had not heard from her mother or grandmother for a bout a year. She thought they were still in Stuttgart or Bremen, but, of course she didn't know.

What did she plan to do? Well, she didn't know that either. She had suggested that she be sent back to her mother or grandmother, but being a British subject, she had been told she'd have to go to England. In the meantime, she laughed, she was enjoying the best food she had had four years and the Americans were all very nice to her. I can vouch for that.

She is the kid sister of every officer at headquarters. They have fixed her up a room with the best the town can provide and never less than half a dozen take her to lunch and dinner.

What is the end of her story? Well, I told you--I don't know. When I arrived back in London, I called Coventry to talk to her father and have him arrange to get her and send for her, but there is no record in Coventry of Erick Stanley Fletcher or a gold smith named "George." That is not too surprising in itself since the last she heard from them was

in 1931, but it does complicate things.

Of course, this is just one of the millions of complicated problems in Europe tonight. Edith is lucky to have the 83rd Division as her big brother. They will get her back safely all right, I am sure they will. It was the 1st of May when they found her. Private Baer, our interpreter, said she was sort of, well, sort of their May basket. I am certain she's the blower of the outfit.

This is Ted Malone overseas "Wishing You Top of The Evening".

Dear Bob,

I am writing about an article in the Spring 1990 Thunderbolt, P 25-26. The article was written by Anthony P. Leone M. 329th.

Would you please send me his home address so that I may correspond with him. His letter indicates that he was in the exact place in Birgel Ger., Dec. 14, 1944, at the same time that I was wounded.

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I hope that I have kept up with my dues, if not I will hasten to rectify. The Thunderbolt is always a welcome correspondence. Congratulation to you and your staff.

Thank you for your interest.

Bill Hinton

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