



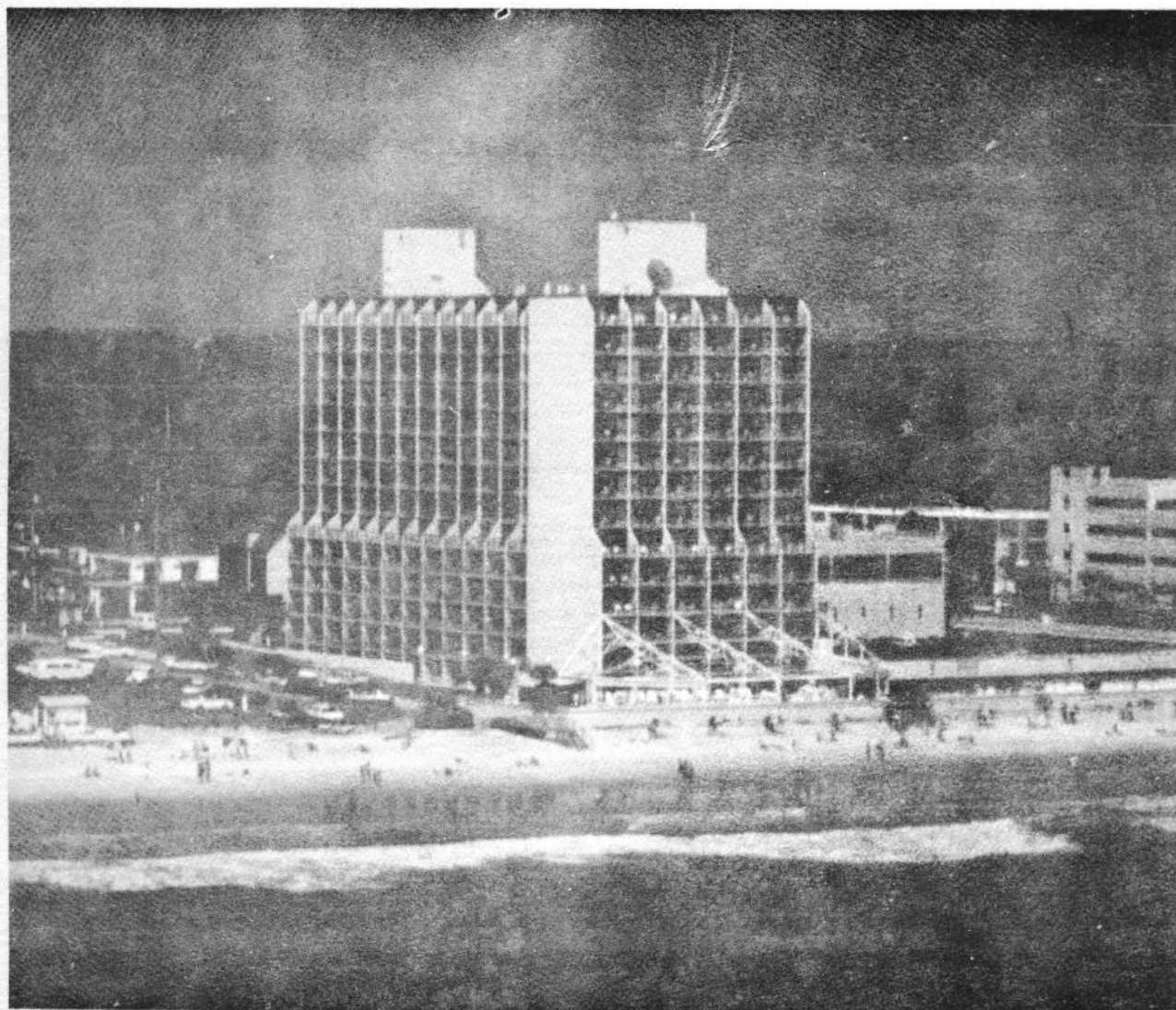
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Edgar H. Haynes..... 1991
Ned Smith..... 1992
Louis Sandini..... 1993

* Denotes Deceased

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear Thunderbolts,

We have just about recovered from a wonderful 48th Reunion at The Pines in New York. It was a super Reunion as always. Lou Sandini, Pat DiGiammerino, Bernie Cove and the Boston Chapter, really went all out to show us a good time. Many thanks to you all for a job well done.

Now we must start planning for the 49th at Myrtle Beach. The Dixie Chapter is hard at work to make this a very enjoyable reunion. Our plans will include a show at one of the Country Music Theaters that are springing up all over the place. The Landmark Hotel will be our host Hotel for this gala event, with overflow nearby. Reservation information will appear in each issue of the Thunderbolt during the year. Please make your reservation as soon as possible.

We are hoping to have a pre-registration plan to try and minimize lines and waiting time. Pre-registration information will appear in the next issue of the Thunderbolt.

Don't forget to support the Ad Book. The Ad Book is very important to a successful Reunion. Ad Book information will appear elsewhere in the Thunderbolt.

I am very sorry to report that Frank Jackson from Oliver Springs Tenn. passed away shortly after his return from The Pines. Frank was an avid supporter of the 83rd and will surely be missed by those of us who knew him. We extend our sympathy to his wife Florine and family.

Keep your chin up, stay well, and make plans now to be in Myrtle Beach on September 14, 15, 16, 1995.

Sincerely your buddy,
W. Meadors Minick, Pres.

Reunion Chairman's Corner

Just a few lines to let you know the Dixie Chapter is going full blast for our 49th reunion at the Landmark Resort Hotel in Myrtle Beach South Carolina. The Ladies are going full speed on their program. Larry Redmond will be helping out with the ad program in 1995. Larry has been a great help to us over the years. We can not thank him enough. We are working hard for a great reunion. We will have more in the next Thunderbolt issue. Cliff Wooldridge will print our 1995 ad book.

Lacy Satterfield
Co. "D" 330th

FROM THE OFFICE

To All Our Dear Buddies,

Another year is starting for the 83rd. We have seen so many sights this year. How the good Lord has blessed us. We have lost so many of our friends in the 83rd. We will miss them all. Our trip overseas with 87 of our good buddies and the other people from the other outfits. What a great time that was. Then we were home for a (it seemed) short time and it was time for the reunion. Bonnie and Earl Hoover, Sam Badgett went with us in the van. What a wonderful time we have together. I want to thank Bonnie, Doris McGowan and June Zenz for helping with the registration. Pearl and I are so appreciative for them working at those tables. It was a great reunion. For all of you who were unable to attend, we missed you and you missed a wonderful time. The Memorial Services were absolutely wonderful. It was great to tour the building on Ellis Island. I think those ladies of ours smell a gift shop no matter where they are. All attended the Memorial Services. It was something else. Some of the men have already written about the great tributes of singing and speaking. Then the boat trip around the shore with lunch being served on the boat. Everyone was delighted. Thanks to Bruce, Pat, Louis, Bernie and all others who had anything to do with it. You certainly had your homework completed the night before.

I wish that all who are going to attend the reunion (and anyone else) would get your dues in before the reunion. Pearl and I went on a week's vacation to New Orleans after the reunion. Joe and Mena came to our hotel and picked us up. Gave us a great tour of New Orleans. The old hotel where we had our reunion is still there under the Clarion name. We certainly enjoyed the tour. That night they came back and took us to a beautiful restaurant for dinner. Those are TWO great people. Thank you both.

We want to thank Gene Costanzo for his five years of faithful dedication to the 83rd. We have enjoyed working with Gene and wish him many years of continued good health. Gene will never forsake the 83rd and we will always see him around.

We now welcome Sal Scicolone to our Board. I have had the pleasure of working with Sal when he and Ed Reuss were instrumental in putting on the successful reunion at Pittsburgh a few years back. I am sure that all of you know Sal and wish him well on the Board. He has made his "I" 329th men very happy.

Two weeks ago my two sisters, brother and myself together with our spouses gave a reception for our Dad who is 95. He plants a garden every year, takes care of his home and yard. Over two hundred people came to wish him well and Happy Birthday. He had a great time. All but one grandson and his family were able to be with him. How he enjoyed it.

We have now mailed out all membership cards to those of you who had paid before the reunion. We will now start on the ones who have paid since we came

home. Get your dues in so we can get caught up before the holidays.

We hope, but we know it cannot be, that all of you are well. We had a call shortly after we arrived home that Frank Jackson who had attended the reunion, had had a heart attack and passed away. Frank is from the Dixie Chapter. He will be sadly missed.

Pearl and I are both well and say "Thanks" We wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May your Holidays be joyous.

Bob Derickson, Sec/Treas.

REUNION REPORT FROM THE PINES HOTEL

This is the count from the number of people who registered at our desk.

MEN WHO ATTENDED	225
WOMEN WHO ATTENDED	185
GUESTS	8
NEW MEMBERS	8
TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE	426

29 MEMBERS PLANNED ON ATTENDING BUT FOR SOME REASON HAD TO CANCEL.

CHAPLAIN CORNER DECEASED

Milton Aliff	"G" 330th	Larry Redmond
Steven Artner	"K" 330th	Wife
Perry H. Bobo	"K" 329th	O.L. Cook
Hugh A. Cantrell	"I" 329th	Ames Miller
Ralph W. Charles	"B" 331st	Ethel Charles
William Christoff		Charles Abdinoor
Eunice Fishman	Wife of Sylvain	Sylvain Fishman
D.L. Glasscock	3rd BN. HQ. 329th	R.T. Brooks
Harry M. Grandy	83rd Q.M.	Wife Rosemary
Camillo Iemole	"B" 329th	Bob Uher
Frank Jackson	"D" 330th	O.L. Cook
Wilfred Kastings		Ames Miller
Robert H. Kabrich	"A" & "G"	Rudy Zomula
Hazen C. Lloyd	"A" 329th	Bob Grobelny
Allan Marshall	323rd F.A.	Cliff Woolridge
Norman McCormack	"HQ" 323rd F.A.	Mike Caprio
Charles Miller	MEDICS 330th	Nick Francullo
Myal Mullins	1st BN.HQ. 330th	Jay Bradford
Phillip Mann, Jr.	"B" 308th	Bill Davis
John Murray	"H" 330th	Larry Redmond
Edward Plante	"K" 330th	Stan Lawrence
John Stasko, Jr.	"M" 329th	Anthony Leone
John Stewart	"A" 331st	Fran Beerhalter
Leo J. Roberts		Phillip P. Baran
Leland E. Thornton	"HQ" 331st	Wife
William B. Whitaker		Haran Martin
H.O. Williamson	"K" 330th	Robert Young
Nicola Zechelle		Charles Abdinoor

Board Chairman's Report

I hope you all made a safe trip home, also hope you will be looking forward to our next reunion in Myrtle Beach. I'm sure Meadows Minich will see that we all will be entertained royally with his southern hospitality.

We all had a great time at the Pines and the Memorial Service at Ellis Island was very impressive. I was proud to be a part of it. We wish to extend our thanks to Lou Sandini -- Pat DeGiammerino and all that participated in the great 48th. annual reunion at the Pines.

We all express our thanks to our past Chairman Gene Costanzo and wish him well and I would like to welcome our new member to the board, Sal Sciclone. We all will be working hard this year to help Meadows in his efforts to put on a great reunion in Myrtle Beach.

It's hard to believe but the holidays are coming up real fast, so I will close by wishing all of you a very happy holiday season. Hope to see all of you at our 49th. annual reunion in 1995.

Best Wishes,
Jim Burton, Executive Board Chairman
Co. D -- 329th Reg.

Ex. Reunion Chairman's Report

I hope everyone enjoyed themselves at our reunion in N.Y. The trip to Ellis Island for our Memorial Services was one I'm sure we'll all remember.

I want to express my thanks to Joe Macaluso for his outstanding work at our Memorial Services also to Larry Redmond for helping us put out the largest Ad Book ever.

Also No Reunion Chairman can work alone. He needs all the help he can get. I had the best group of dedicated workers, men & women & I owe them a lot. Thanks Gang!

I want to thank the Pines Hotel Resort, they really know how to run a Military Reunion.

Pat DiGiammerino, 323Rd. F.A.



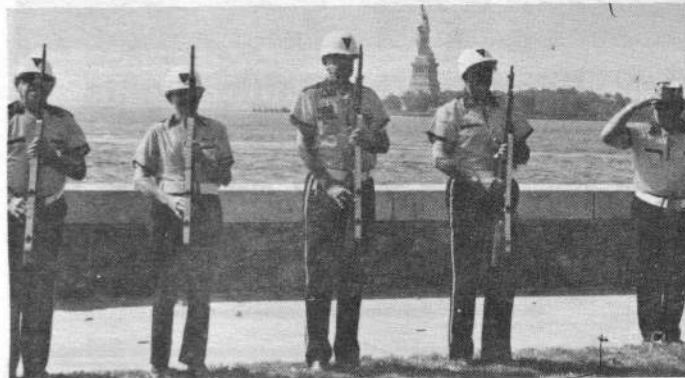
Some of the Boston Chapter members. Pelose, Polcastro, Prentice, Sandini, DiGiammerino at 50th reunion in Europe.



"President Clinton" and winners of the golf tournament.



Our Colors & Battle Streamers snapping in the breeze on Ellis Island at our memorial service.



83rd Firing squad at Ellis Island.



Boston Chapter - The placing of the Wreathes.



Lou Sandini presenting special award to Larry Redmond.



President Tony Plantedosi

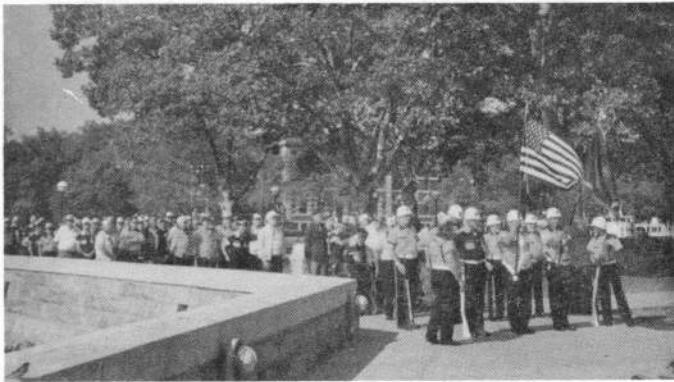
Boston Auxilary.....

The women of the Boston Chapter want to thank everyone who contributed to our crafts table. It takes a lot of work and especially a lot of help and we had it all. Thank you again.

Virginia DiGiammerino
Women's Auxilary - Boston Chapter



Boston Chapter - Ladies at Work



They Really are grateful City man gets thanks from Clinton

By Darren Garnick
Staff Writer - Enterprise Sun

MARLBOROUGH -- Louis Sandini insists that he is not a cynic. But after hearing the phrase "We're so grateful" played again and again like a broken recording, the returning World War II soldier wondered how many of the European thank you were genuine.

The 79-year-old D-Day veteran got his answer in the mail last week.

Earlier this month, Sandini and dozens of surviving members of the 83rd Infantry Division of the U.S. Army joined a "friendly invasion" tour of major battlefields where the Allies squared off against the armies of Hitler and Mussolini. During a casual encounter at a hotel in Spa, Belgium, Sandini asked a vacationing Dutch man for a favor. Would the stranger visit a U.S. military cemetery in the Netherlands and take a picture of a Marlborough buddy's grave?

"Everyone was saying 'What can I do for you? What can I do for you?'" Sandini recalled. "I wanted to test to see if any of it was sincere."

Courtesy of Netherlands resident Eric Krombert, three Polaroid photographs of the plain white cross marking the grave of Joseph Duca appeared in Sandini's mailbox last week. Krombert included a booklet detailing the history of the Margraten Military Cemetery and said that he signed Sandini's name in the visitors' registry.

Duca, a former Marlborough High School football standout, died in a 1945 tank battle near Mulich, Germany. Awarded the Silver Star for bravery during that battle, Duca was honored on Marlborough soil in a special ceremony at City Hall on Saturday, July 23.

Dozens of former soldiers in the 83rd Division are expected to converge on Marlborough to remember Duca and another fallen Marlborough Thunderbolt," Angelo Karopoulos.

Sandini has tried unsuccessfully to locate the grave of Karopoulos, who grew up near his boyhood home. The Marlboroughite was killed by a sniper in Saint-Malo, France, while bringing food to the front lines.

Sandini's recent trip to Europe was his first voluntary

visit to the blood-stained continent.

"For years and years I tried to forget the war," he said. "But I appreciate being with the guys who went through what I did."

Besides his Polaroids, two other "thank you" stick out in the Marlborough man's memory.

The first was an elderly woman in Saint-Malo who "tripped over curbs" to rush to kiss the D-Day soldiers she watched rescue her homeland 50 years ago.

The second was the tight grip of President Bill Clinton.

Sandini bunkered down on one of the first rows of bleachers during the President's memorial speech on Normandy's Utah Beach. After the talk, Clinton spotted his bright yellow 83rd hat and stretched out his hand.

"It was no big deal," shrugged Sandini. "Hey, I shook hands with President Roosevelt."



Back To The Battle Sights

Marlborough World War II veteran Louis Sandini (left), president of the 83rd Infantry Division alumni group, poses with the mayor of St. Malo, France (center) and Malden veteran Pat DiGiamerino during a recent tour of European battle sites.

First Time Attending the Reunion at the Pines 1994

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Harold B. Everham
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HISTORIAN'S CORNER

DEAR BUDDIES,

I'm still here, maybe, if He is willing, I'll be able to finish my 25 years in 1995.

It was impossible to see you at the 'Pines' - may be next year - missed you all!

This last report in 1994, is the U.S. Official Report of our 6th of June 'D Day' in Normandy (missed that too)

My good friends of Bretagne, the Francous Chovins, kept me well informed of everything that went on there in St. Malo, etc.

(Good, I remember some of my college French.)

The Chovin family visited us in August, bringing so many remembrances of our time in W.W. II.

In September, Judge Tony Nugent (331st Medic) stopped in after the Reunion.

The Irish Whiskey of Jamesons went down easily - Up the Irish!

I sent Capt. Joe (331st) a lot of Paramé & St. Malo 'After Action Reports' of Gen'l Macon in August 1944. (I was there also)

I hope he rec'd them OK as I haven't heard from him.

That's it for now - 'We Were The Best'

Wm. Kent O'Connell

83rd Historian/Archivist M.P.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY MEDIA INFORMATION



THE SUNRISE SERVICE - 7:30 a.m., June 6, 1994 - Aboard the USS George Washington

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The First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
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Hon. Warren Christopher, Secretary of State
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Hon. Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary of the Army
Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Gen. George A. Joulwan, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe and Commander-in-Chief, U.S. European Command

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U.S. Naval Forces Europe

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ODV to Introduce Veteran

Hon. John H. Dalton or

Adm. Jeremy M. Boorda

Introduces Key Speaker

Mr. Dean Rockwell,

Navy D-Day Veteran

Wreath Layers

President William J. Clinton

D-Day Veterans

Band

U.S. Atlantic Fleet Band

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Matthew A. Zimmerman,
Chief of Chaplains, Army

Chap. (Rear Adm.)

David E. White,
Chief of Chaplains, Navy

Chap. (Maj. Gen.)

Donald J. Harlin,
Chief of Chaplains, Air Force

Key Speaker

President William J. Clinton

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Pre-Ceremony Activities
Narration Begins
Arrival of Presidential Party
Colors Posted
Invocation
Commemorative Stamp Unveiled
Words of Welcome
Introduction of Key Speaker
Remarks by Key Speaker
Wreath Laying
Memorial Prayer
Rifle Salute
Playing of Taps
Fly-Over
Retirement of the Colors
Benediction
Narration Concludes
Presidential Party Departs

HISTORIAN'S CORNER *continued*

U.S. RANGER CEREMONY -

8:30 A.M., June 6, 1994, Pointe du Hoc Memorial, Pointe du Hoc, Normandy France

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Hon. Warren Christopher, Secretary of State
Hon. Dr. William J. Perry, Secretary of Defense
Hon. Jesse Brown, Secretary of Veterans Affairs
Hon. Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary of the Army
Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Gen. George A. Joulwan, Supreme Allied Commander, Europe and Commander-in-Chief, U.S. European Command

OFFICIAL DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Rep. Sam M. Gibbons (D-11-Fla.)
Hon. Mr. John O. Marsh, Jr., former Secretary of Army
Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army
Gen. Wayne A. Downing, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Special Operations Command
Hon. William D. Hathaway, Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission and President of the Ranger Battalion Association of World War II
Gen. David M. Maddox, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Army, Europe
Lt. Gen. Jerry R. Rutherford, CJonmmanding General, V Corps
Lt. Gen. James T. Scott, Commanding General, U.S. Army Special Operations Command

PARTICIPANTS

Distinguished Party Escort

Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan
Gen. Wayne A. Downing
Introduces Key Speaker
Hon. William D. Hathaway

Chaplains

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Chief of Chaplains, Navy
Chap. (Maj. Gen.)
Matthew A. Zimmerman,
Chief of Chaplains, Army

Key Speaker

President William J. Clinton

Reception Party

Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan
Lt. Gen. Jerry R. Rutherford
Senior Vet ODVs

Band

U.S. Army, Europe Band
Supporting Unit:
130th Eng. Brigade, Hanau, Germany; Col. Mark E. Meranda.

Wreath Layers

Mrs. Anne Edman Daughter of
(then Lt. Col.) James E. Rudder

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Wreath Laying Ceremony
Rifle Salute
Playing of Taps
Introduction of Key Speaker
Key Speaker Remarks
Playing of National Anthems
Benediction
Presidential Party Moves to Observation Bunker
Presidential Party Departs
Narration Concludes
Post-Ceremony Activities

Wreath Layers

President William J. Clinton
Mr. Leonard G. Lomell, (then 1st Sgt., D Co., 2nd Ranger Bn) D-Day Vet.
Mrs. Linda Williams - Daughter of (then Lt. Col.) James E. Rudder, Commander of Rangers at Pointe du Hoc

Utah Beach Bi-National Ceremony

10:00 a.m., June 6, 1994 - Utah Beach Memorial, Normandy, France

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Hon. Dr. Sheila E. Widnall, Sec. of the Air Force
Gen. (Ret.) George Vessey, former Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
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Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Claude M. Kicklighter, Director, Sec. of the Army's Commemoration Committee
Hon. William D. Clark, Principal Deputy Assistant Sec. of the Army,
(Manpower and Reserve Affairs) and son of Gen. Mark Clark.
Hon. Vernon A. Walters, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations
Mr. Bill Mauldin, Cartoonist

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Pre-Ceremony Activities/Concert
Narration Begins - Colors Posted
Arrival of French Presidential Party
Arrival of U.S. Presidential Party
Presidents Exchange Greetings
Presidents Review Honor Guard
Ruffles and Flourishes
Honors Rendered
Artillery Salute - Playing of National Anthems
Invocation - Laying of Memorial Wreaths
Moment of Silence
Fly-Over
Playing of Taps - Bands and Colors March Past
French President Departs
Musical Interlude
Introduction of Key Speaker
Key Speaker Remarks - Benediction
U.S. Presidential Party Departs
Post - Ceremony Activities/Concert

HISTORIAN'S CORNER *continued*

International Ceremony at Omaha Beach

June 6th 1994

International Ceremony held under the presidency of

Mr. Francois Mitterrand

President of the French Republic, in the presence of the Sovereigns and Heads of State and Government invited to Normandy.

Order of precedence:

Her Majesty Elizabeth II

Queen of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

His Royal Highness Jean de Luxembourg

Grand Duke of Luxembourg

Her Majesty Beatrix - Queen of the Netherlands

Mr. Lech Walesa

President of the Republic of Poland

His Majesty Harald V - King of Norway

Mr. William J. Clinton

President of the United States of America

Mr. Michel Kovac - President of the Republic of Slovakia

His Majesty Albert II - King of the Belgians

The Most Honorable Ramon Hnatyshin

Governor General of Canada

Mr. John Major - Prime Minister of New Zealand

Mr. Paul Keating - Prime Minister of Australia

12:00 OPENING

Music. Presentation of the 9 honorary units: United States of America, Great Britain, Canada, Poland, The Netherlands, Norway, Belgium, Luxembourg, France.

14:30 ARRIVAL OFFICIAL PROCESSION - The Sovereigns and Heads of State and Government are welcomed by Mr. Edouard Balladur, Prime Minister of France.

15:00 COMMENCEMENT OF CEREMONY - Arrival of the President of the French Republic Honorary salvo, naval parade.

Raising of the National Flags - United States (1), Great Britain (2), Canada (3), France (4), Poland (5), The Netherlands (6), Norway (7), Australia (8), New Zealand (9), Belgium (10), Czech Republic (11), Slovakia (12), Greece (13), Luxembourg (14).

Tribute to combat forces - Memories of June 6th, 1944 by an American veteran and an inhabitant of Normandy. Honors, toll for the dead, minute of silence.

National Tributes - Air parade, Patrouille of France. Honorary Units Parade, music. Entrance at East, march before the stands and Exit at West. Parade order: United States, Great Britain, Canada, Poland, The Netherlands, Norway, Belgium, Luxembourg, France.

Liberty Concert - The French Army Choir sings the cantata "Liberté" by Roger Calmel.

The Sovereigns and Heads of State and Government proceed to the Memorial.

Speech by Mr. Francois Mitterrand - President of the French Republic (English translation).

Departure of the Sovereigns and Heads of State and Government.

17:00 END OF CEREMONY - Concerts of military music.

French International Ceremony - 2:30 p.m., June 6, 1994

Omaha Beach Memorial near St. Laurent-sur-Mer, Normandy, France

PRESIDENTIAL PARTY

President William J. Clinton

The First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton

Hon. Pamela C. Harriman, U.S. Ambassador to France

Hon. Warren Christopher, Secretary of State

Hon. Dr. William J. Perry, Secretary of Defense

Hon. Jesse Brown, Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Hon. Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary of the Army

Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

Gen. George A. Joulwan, Supreme Allied Commander,

Europe and Commander-in-Chief, U.S. European Command

U.S. FORCES PARTICIPATING

Organizational Colors (Flags)

First U.S. Army

V Corps:

1st Infantry Division

2nd Infantry Division

29th Infantry Division

V Corps Artillery

Ranger Infantry

VII Corps:

4th Infantry Division

9th Infantry Division

79th Infantry Division

82nd Airborne Division

90th Infantry Division

101st Airborne Division

VII Corps Artillery

U.S. Joint Services Formation

25 Soldiers

25 Sailors

25 Airmen

25 Marines

Bands

U.S. Army, Europe Band

U.S. Color Guard

Joint Service Color Guard,

Military District of Washington,

D.C.; eight personnel

Flag Raising Detail

To Be Determined

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Pre-Ceremony Activities/Concert

Arrival of Heads of State

Navy Salute to Heads of State

Multinational Colors Raised

Ceremony Introduction

Fly-Over (Vintage Aircraft)

Homage to Regiments

Colors Land on Beach

Veterans Carry Colors to Platforms

Skydiving Exhibition

Homage to the Missing

Homage to the Nations

Fly-Over (Modern Aircraft)

Colors/Troops Pass in Review

"Liberty" Closing Concert

Laying of Flower Bouquet

Remarks by Key Speaker

Heads of State Depart

Ceremony Conclusion

Post-Ceremony Activities

HISTORIAN'S CORNER *continued*

LE PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE - LETTER

6th June 1994

Dear Friends,

France is happy and proud to welcome the veterans of the Western Allied troops who, fifty years ago, came to mingle their blood with that of her sons.

War was raging throughout Europe : to the east, where the Russian offensive was about to start up again along a 1,500 kilometer front ; to the south, where the fall of Rome on 4th June set the armies of Italy free for other tasks. However, as soon as Operation Overlord was launched, all eyes turned to five Normandy beaches, where the fate of the war would be sealed, where several thousand men succeeded in landing, soon to be followed by tens of thousands of others ; but what anguish during the first hours, the first days, what prodigious acts of bravery and tenacity were accomplished by men to succeed in an undertaking that no-one had ever attempted before 6th June 1944.

To those who, fifty years later, have come to pay their respects at the graves of their fallen comrades, or to see again together the theatre of so much glory and so much suffering, I express the gratitude of France. Welcome !

François Mitterrand

HISTORIAN'S CORNER *continued*

U.S. National Ceremony - 5:00 p.m., June 6, 1994
Normandy American Cemetery, Colleville-sur-Mer, Normandy, France

PRESIDENTIAL PARTY

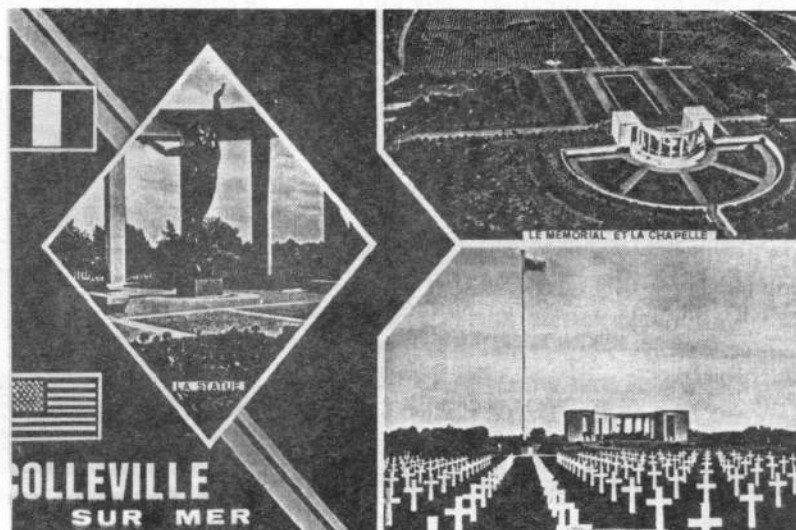
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 Europe and Commander-in-Chief, U.S. European Command

OFFICIAL DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Hon. Federico F. Pena, Secretary of Transportation, U.S. Senate Delegation
 U.S. House of Representatives Delegation, Hon. John H. Dalton, Secretary of the Navy
 Hon. Dr. Sheila E. Widnall, Secretary of the Air Force, Hon. Marvin Runyon, Postmaster General
 Hon. John O. Marsh, Jr., former Secretary of Army
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 Mr. Walter Cronkite, Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Bill Mauldin, Cartoonist

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Pre-Ceremony Activities/Concert
 Joint Honor Cordon Forms
 Colors Posted
 Arrival of Presidential Party
 Words of Welcome
 Invocation
 Laying of Memorial Wreath
 Playing of Taps
 Artillery Salute
 Introduction of Key Speaker
 Key Speaker Remarks
 Benediction
 Playing of National Anthems
 Fly-Over
 Presidential Party Visits Cemetery
 Presidential Party Departs
 Post-Ceremony Activities/Concert



**Omaha
 Beach**

Chapters

Florida Chapter

The Florida Chapter meeting was held at Venice, Florida on April 22-23 and hosted by Pres. Al Bensimmon. We had a good turnout and picked up two new members. A brief Chapter Meeting was held at the PINES on September 10th. with 12 Florida Chapter members present.

(Those of us who could find Bensimmon's room) The Reunion was enjoyable, but Friday was a little tiring due to the long, but very eventful day, when we went to Ellis Island. The next Florida Chapter Meeting will be hosted by Ned & Jeannie Smith at West Palm Beach, the week-end of November 11-12, 1994. The Winter meeting will be hosted by Frank & Dana Sharp in the Ocala area the latter part of January 1995. For the Snowbirds, you may contact Frank for particulars of the January meeting. We wish Liz & Ludger Lizotte a speedy recovery and hope to see them at the November meeting.

Ralph Gunderson, Acting Reporter

Kentucky Chapter

Now for a glowing report from the banks of the Ohio. I am the reason it is glowing for I have been radiated to destroy my thyroid before it destroys me. I had surgery in 1970 and lost my voice for three months so opted to go this route this time.

It's a shame it is not time for the Christmas party for I could take the place of the Christmas tree the way I am lit up.

The only members of the 83rd I have seen since the June meeting in Ohio are Keith Killion and John Leonard both from my company who stopped by to visit for an all too short time. We had just started the war going real good when they had to be on their ways.

Keith to hunt gold in Al. and John to pack his camping equipment for the return to Pa. We haven't been much of anywhere except funeral homes and hospitals from June 11th to August 13th. Four family members passed away including Clara's mother who was 13 days short of being 96 years.

I talked to Dorothy Henry (Al was gone helping the D.A.V.) she seemed pleased with the progress of her

health and Al must be doing pretty well also to be out selling flowers for the D.A.V., Maxine Hamilton called and said her hip was better, no reason just started healing so she must be doing something right, we are all glad for she has had a rough time.

Got a letter and phone call from Vi Day (she is the best one in the Kentucky for keeping in touch) Wilson is so busy carving Vi has to pry him loose to keep his doctor appointments.

Several Kentucky Chapter members attended the National meeting Fred McGowan says "I" Co. 329 had a good turn-out at their mini-reunion during the National convention. I couldn't make it again this year. Seems like something all ways happens every year about that time I will have cataract surgery Oct. 12. sure hope it is better than the last time when I wound up with double vision. Its a different doctor and a different eye so if this don't work looks like I have ran out of eyes.

I called Emerson Reid and tried to get him to go to the Christmas party, but he is going back to Germany at that time I think he said back in the Southeast part again where we spent our time after the war.

The Christmas party will be held at Comfort Inn Piqua, Ohio. second week-end in December, 9-10.

Feet that walked the hallowed halls of history will now walk the Piqua, malls in a spirit of holiday celebration, maybe the steps won't have the spring in them perhaps even a limp or shuffle, but the chance to have a few hours of fellowship with their friends will bring some smiles to some tired old faces and a little extra energy for the many hugs and kisses that will be exchanged that day.

The hosts Bob and Lois Brinkman, Al and Dorothy Henry and Mick and Doris McGowan always do a good job at this well run event. This Comfort Inn is a mall anchor and the nicest Comfort Inn I have stayed in. This festive occasion is always very enjoyable. If the Fay's, John and Doris can make the 600 miles plus to attend surely some of those who live less than half the distance could attend.

See you all at Piqua your
Kentucky Chapter Reporter
Leroy V. Johnson



Anna Belvedere and George Pletcher viewing pictures

Philadelphia Chapter_____



Harry Kirby with "D" Day medals backed by - Michael Russo, George Pletcher, John Daum, Lou Volpi, Norm Schuster, Al Silverio

The Philadelphia Chapter outings during the summer were not too well attended because of the fact that too many members were going to Europe for the "D" Day ceremonies held there. Also, Al Belvedere went to Europe after the first group had been there.

We had our picnic in July at Lou Volpi's home. It featured not only more food than we could eat, but also more pictures that the "D" Day attendees had snapped in Europe than anyone could view in one day. There were lots of stories of the various places that the group had seen and enjoyed, and it was the type of a really enjoyable afternoon as only the Volpis can host time after time.

The Philadelphia Chapter was well represented at the Pines. We all enjoyed our trip to Ellis Island, and the Boston Chapter, along with the Pines management, put on a Memorial Service there that will be very difficult to match.

Margaret and I were going to drive to the Pines, and Joe Gioia a close neighbor, was going to ride along. We were leaving at 10:30 A.M. At 9:30 A.M., I received a phone call from Joe's daughter telling me that Joe had gone to the hospital with chest pains. We knew that he was being treated for high blood pressure so we were very concerned. However, his condition was helped at the hospital and he is back to normal again. Needless to say, he missed the reunion at the Pines, but at the time we felt he decided wisely to stay close to his doctor and our hospital located close by.

The outstanding highlight of our week at The Pines was the Friday, September 9, memorial service held at the Ellis Island National Monument. The weather was perfect the morning of Friday, September 9, when we boarded twelve buses provided by the Pines for a departure to Ellis Island, leaving at 6:30 A.M. The bus trip took about 3 hours.

While we were anticipating the ceremonies at Ellis Island, we were not prepared for the exceptional and moving memorial services that were conducted. The key note speaker was Ms. Ann Belkov who is the present su-

perintendent of the Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island, and she was well informed.

There was a large grassy slight slope that extended from the main entrance of Ellis Island to the Hudson River, and chairs had been provided for those from the Pines. A stage too had been erected at the end of that slope, and the New York skyline, as well as the Hudson River, were the perfect backdrop for an ideal late summer day.

Needless to say, the time passed more than quickly, and we then regrouped to return to our buses, and then go to our luncheon cruise in New York Harbor. Our Luncheon stop was at the dock in Jersey City where we met THE DUCHESS and THE PRINCESS for our luncheon cruise. There was one bit of last minute advice.

After your luncheon cruise, reboard the bus you are directed to for your journey back to The Pines. (Take a Nap! You Deserve It!)

John G. Daum
Co. "D" 330th

New England Chapter_____

On July 24th we all headed for Chelmsford Mass the home of John & Ester Ferriera's for our fabulous chick barbecue, including hamburgers, hotdogs and all the fixing.

Our great cooks were Jackie & Ray, Johnny & Pauline, Larry & Jonine and all the kids. Thanks again for putting on another fine time. We enjoy seeing you all and sharing our time with you.

We had a very fine turnout with Chuck & Bernice from Dracut Mass., Bill & Jeanette McKee from Three Rivers, Mass., Gus & Hazel Farias from New Bedford Mass., Nick & Mary Francullo from Lynn, Mass., Bill & Betty Davis from Newburyport, Mass., Dutchy & Helen Smith from Lynn, Mass., Al & Ann Tartaglia from Johnston R.I., Jim & Dot Brennan from Warwick, R.I., Joe & Helen Petrucci from Prov., R.I. Bill & Eleanor Sullivan from Hamden, Ct., Mike & Marie Champey from Middletown, Ct., Simon & Kathren Etzel from N. Guilford, Ct., Burt & Rose Simon from Hamden, Ct., John & Priscilla Walsh from Portland, Maine, Karl & Ingrid Burkhard from Cornet, N.Y., Mike & Nina Petitti from Spring Hill, Fla. and we missed Ray & Helen Rudd from Lathan, N.Y. Ray was not feeling well, Get well Ray, we missed you and Bill "Spike" & Gloria McCartin as they were out in Calif., also Charles & Ann Holligan of Spring Hill, Fla. and all of our New England Chapter members.

We hope you had something going on and could not make it and not sick.

Looking forward to seeing you all of our Christmas Party the 1st Sat. in Dec. and we will have it at the Inn in Warwick R.I. It is a very new place and you will love it.



New England Chapter - Yes and we won the war!



New England Chapter - Boy do we look good!



New England Chapter - Yes, we did it again



New England Chapter - Our great cooking team.

On the happy side John and Ester have a new great grand daughter (Cassidy-Lynn). Good Luck to you all.

Our sick list is Ray Rudd and he is coming along slow. Take it easy Ray as we all are thinking of you.

John Ferriera was in the hospital, but is out now. He had the gout and is getting better. Chuck Abdinour lost his brother in Aug. and we of the New England Chapter send out our sympathy to the Abdinour Family.

Gus "Mousie" Farias gave us one great report on his 50th Anniversary trip to Normandy and we enjoyed it very much. Received a note from Vitie Atkocius of Md. and he is doing O.K. Thanks for your dues Vitie you are off of my list now Ha Ha. Also heard from good old Richard Freeman of Gardiner Me. and thanks Richard.

The Brennans will be off to the state of Washington on Oct 9th and the Francullo will be attending their grand daughters wedding on Oct 15 in Cohasset Mass. and that will be a great day as Jennifer Walsh is the oldest of our eight grand children.

That is it until our next issue.

P.S. If you have not sent in your New England Chapter Dues for 1995, please help me out and send them in good Buddies.

Just received a phone call from Joseph Petrucci of No. Providence, R.I. that Albert Tartaglia's sister had just passed a way. We of the New England Chapter send out our condolence to the Tartaglia family. Very sorry Al.

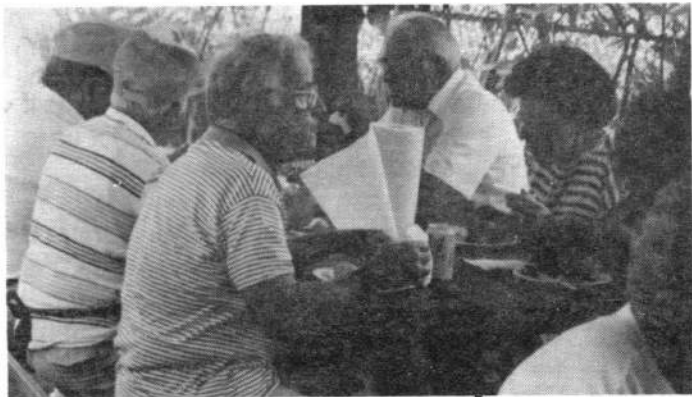
Nick Francullo
Hq. Co. 3rd Bn. 330th Inf.



New England Chapter - Just another great time.



New England Chapter - Boy is the food great!



New England Chapter - How is It John.

Cleveland Chapter_____

Another trip to the beautiful PINES for the 48th Reunion. Sept 7 thru 11th, 1994 in NY.

Our appreciation goes out to the men and woman of the Boston Chapter who had lunch and activities for us "Earlybirds" on Wednesday and Thursday. A cordial reception greeted all in the Hospitality Room and Registration Room. Everyone was in a happy, upbeat mood and ready to party.

Also, a big THANK YOU for sponsoring the Grand Reunion at The Pines.

Friday, September 9th, phones and bells replaced reveille at 0-500 for breakfast and bus boarding for a trip to New York City. Our numbers were in the 500's as we stormed New York Harbor. We boarded a boat to Ellis Island. We held a Memorial Service for all of our fallen comrades. It was very moving and touching as the flags were flying, and guns sounded a salute. The choir sang patriotic songs to tear stained faces. Following, we toured the building and read the wall, which I thought was the highlight of the trip. We returned to a boat which was set up for a buffet lunch and a trip on the Hudson and East River. We got a close up look at both the Manhattan skyline and the Statue of Liberty. It was a long day and I was looking forward to going back to the Pines. After a quick rest, dinner was followed with dancing and entertainment in the Persian Room.

Saturday afternoon was spent in the beautiful sun filled yard of "The Pines". Local history buffs had set up displays of original tents and equipment we used in World War Two. Most of the tents still had holes, reminding us of harder times. The equipment included everything from Jeeps, Rifles, Bazookas, Hand Grenades, Foot Lockers and even 5 men dressed in O.D.'s and Fatigues.

The Banquet Room was a festive place to seat handsome men and lovely ladies. After the new Officers were introduced, we got to meet "The President". A real fun (and handsome) Bill Clinton look-a-like. The photo ses-

sion amused many. Thanks to the Boston Chapter for a great banquet.

The Pines Programs and Staff really know how to show us a good time. Mother nature sure timed it right to show off her splendor for a safe and scenic drive home.

Attending from the Cleveland Chapter were:

Sam & Charlotte Cordiano

Paul & Mary Dallos

Harry & Rose Mary Adkins

Kid & Janet Williams

Bob & Joann Uher

Larry & Chris Coladangelo

Earl Deisher and his two lovely Daughters and Grand Daughter

Paul Dallos and men of D Co. 331 were going to extend their reunion for three more days at another location. We hope they had a wonderful time.

If you missed this Reunion we are Reuniting next year at Myrtle Beach! Don't miss out!

Cleveland Staff Reporter

Kid L. Williams

Hq. Co. 2nd Bn. 330th.

New Jersey Chapter_____

The New Jersey Chapter had a great time at the Pines Reunion. Twenty eight people from the chapter attended the reunion. We missed having Ted and Irene Guzek, Fred and Addie Rein and Joe and Dot Skurka. All three couples are very active with our chapter and contribute much to the great times we have. Ted underwent, triple by-pass operation just a few weeks before the reunion. He had planned to meet the 83rd at Liberty State Park, as he lives in Jersey City, but that day felt he wasn't able to go. His recovery is coming along fine and we hope to see Ted and Irene at our monthly meetings again. Fred and Addie also Joe and Dot did meet us at the Park and joined us for the Memorial service at Ellis Island. The memorial service was very impressive and had a very special meaning to me. As a youngster being born and raised in Bayonne, I was able to look out my back window to look at New York Harbor and see the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and the skyline of New York. Many times along with my boyhood friends, would walk the railroad tracks to Ellis Island. Then to see so many members and wives gathered in that setting it was very special.

Another who couldn't come to the reunion was Adolph Seneca because of health problems. Bob Derickson sent me the note he received from Adolph and in it Adolph said for Bob to say hello to all the fellows in the 83rd. Especially, Stan Bielen, Emil Wehling, Joe DePeri, George Bker, O.L. Cook, all members of the Personal Section of A Co. 330th. Also to Fran and "Mac" McDonald. We all hope you're well now and hope to see you at the next reunion at Myrtle Beach along with your son Jim.

As I said before, we had a good turnout at the reunion. George and Vi Waple had a great time but missed seeing the Barnes and the Klugawitzes. George won the golf tournament again at the Pines. We're proud of you George.

As usual, the dining room at the Pines was the best part of the reunion. Seated together at one of our tables were Bernie and Ida Rosenberg, Sam and Edith Manzi, Joe and Hazel Barton, Russell and Margarita Whitehead, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Everham (Our newest members and first reunion) and also a couple who were friends of Sam and Edith. They were having a great time and who wouldn't with such a fine group. One thing I have to tell you, everytime Russell would come to my table to speak to me, he would kick Joe DePeri's camcorder, which was on the floor between Joe and I. We haven't seen the tape yet, but if it doesn't come out Joe will probably put the blame on you Russ and not on his camera skills.

On Emil Wehling's table were Geroge and Vi Waple, Stan and Fran Bielen, Manny Epstein, Joe DePeri, Andy Socha, Charlie Sihlanick. We as well as the other table had a enjoyable time thanks to Emil Wehling's planning.

Mike and Liz Skovran, Ralph and Sally Stat, Frank and Mary Sabine, Fred Policastro and George Foster with friend Dot (I remembered her name) were at the reunion and sat with their own companys. Also Bob and Carolyn Voelkner came to the Pines for a couple of hours to visit. It was good to see all of you and we missed those that were not able to be there.

It was good to see Father McCartin again. He came to the Pines on Saturday for the Catholic Mass. We missed seeing Bill and Gloria McCartin.

We of the N.J. Chapter want to thank the Boston Chapter for putting on a fine reunion.

As promised in my last article, I'd like to tell you about the trip my daughter and I took to France for the 50th Anniversary of D-Day.

We arrived in Paris Orly Airport June 1st and proceeded to the car rental area to pickup our red Peouget and start our drive to Normandy. I wanted to avoid the toll road as I had but a few francs in my possession from a previous trip to France, fifteen years ago. After being stuck in traffic for two hours and unable to locate highway N13, I had no choice but to take the Autoroute (Toll Road). We had driven about 30 miles before we came to the first toll. The toll was 8 Francs, I reached in my pocket for a 10 Franc coin and gave it to the collector. She refused it saying "pas bon" (no good). My daughter Judy gave her a 20 Franc note again "pas bon". We thought maybe she only accepted tokens. We then explained to her we were Americans and had no other money but dollars. She took the dollars. Judy had the foresight to pick up a map from Hertz before we left Paris, as the Michilin Map (15 years old) was obsolete. The currency was changed 4 years ago, many of the roads had their numbers changed. These are some of the many changes I observed in France.

We arrived in Sainteny mid-afternoon and found our

hosts farm house. She informed us we would sleep at her parents home and spend all the activity at their dairy farm. We were there for 8 days and they treated us as if we were royalty. It was a wonderful experience for us to live with a French family and share their way of life.

As we arrived on June 1st, we had 5 days to explore that part of Normandy. We saw the gigantic preparations everywhere you looked in Normandy, on every building, over the roads were thousands of American and French flags, and signs welcoming their liberators. Many of the French people would come up to us shake our hands and thank us for liberating them. Some wanted our autograph as they hold us in such high esteem. The children of Sainteny had as part of their school studies, the liberation of their town by the 83rd Infantry Division. They created a project in the town hall all about the 83rd's fighting in their town with pictures, flags and model exhibits. As I was the first veteran to visit them, they crowded around me, wanting their pictures taken with me. They were enthusiastic and well behaved.

Being there early allowed us to visit most every place we wanted to see without the crowds. We were interviewed by the news reporter for Armed Forces Network Europe at St. Mere Eglise. Another reporter for the New York Daily News, when we attended a memorial service for the 29th Division at Vierville-sur-mer on June 4th, wrote an article about me in that paper. We went to Vierville to meet General Joe Langley the current Commanding General of the 29th. The General is a neighbor of Frank Monan who fought with A Co. 331st as a platoon leader in Normandy.

I thought the present location of the American Cemetery at Colleville was where we came up the bluff at Omaha Beach. I was wrong, there is a memorial marker just east of Vierville showing where the first temporary cemetery was. From the beach road looking up at the marker, I was amazed at how high and steep it is. I doubt that anyone of us could climb it today.

On the fifth of June, we met with the 83rd Tour at Sainteny for the Parade, the Memorial Service and the Reception given by the town folk. The people of Sainteny paid the entire cost. Just to show you how much the people of Sainteny think of the 83rd, when I went to Carentan to receive a medal with the 101st Airborne, I was invited by the paratroopers to join them for the reception at a cost of \$23.00 the price they were charged. Furthermore the reception at Sainteny went on to ten at night long after the tour group left at 2:00 PM.

On the 6th of June, all roads were closed except to those on Veteran Tours and those having a special windshield sticker. To get to any of the events with my car the former mayor of Sainteny gave me his and he went with the present mayor. The badge I received from the Dept. of the Army entitled me to a front row seat. Those seated there shook hands with and were thanked by the President of the United States. This happened at Utah Beach. We didn't go to Omaha as we had other plans.

The story will continue in my next article.

Stan Bielen, 1st Bn. Hdqs. 331

Pittsburgh Chapter_____

Paul Dietrich's brother, Clair journeyed to Normandy for the 50th anniversary of the Normandy invasion. On a tour of a cemetery he came upon the graves of two 83rd soldiers. He took pictures of the graves and I intended to use the pictures but due to the glare of the sun, they were very hard to make out the wording. The names that appeared were: Walter W. Kanick, Pvt. 331st INF., July 20, 1944, West Virginia and Charles R. Zentner, Pvt. 330th INF., July 16, 1944 Pennsylvania.

Perhaps there are some of you out there that remember these two men.

At the October meeting the members that did not attend the past reunion learned of the election of our Sal Scicolone to the national executive board. This was a surprise as another of our members was to have his name placed in nomination.

Former secretary-treasurer of the founding years of the association, Rocco Catalfamo was in attendance at our September meeting. He is unable to be fully active in the chapter as he is in charge of security at a local shopping mall and is on duty most weekends. The chapter's Christmas Party will be held this year at the Alpine Club in Monessen, Pa. This will be our first time back in that area for fourteen years. We were informed of the death of Marco Evasevich, who was a member of the original Pittsburgh Chapter.

Larry Leonardi had a hip replacement operation on July 19. Frank Hornack was hospitalized recently for recurring sugar diabetes. Blanche Harrold suffered a stroke in August but has since passed away. Julie DeLuca had a throat operation recently at Westmoreland Hospital in Greensburg, Pa. Dara Pintar was hospitalized for what was thought to be a heart attack, but was diagnosed as having shoulder arthritis. At this writing "Smokey" Alicandri's brother, Louis is near death and confined to a hospice in Pittsburgh. He served with the 84th Div. in World War II.

In September Ed Reuss was hospitalized in St. Margaret's Hospital for high blood pressure. Dottie Walsh was treated as an outpatient at Allegheny General Hospital for carpeltural syndrome. Finally, your reporter's wife, Joann and daughter, Ann were injured in an automobile accident on a rain slick highway in August. Both were treated in the emergency room of Allegheny General Hospital and released.

Fran Beerhalter H 329

Warren Chapter_____

Greetings from the Number One Chapter of the 83rd Inf. Div. Assoc. For Those of you who wonder why #1 appears after Warren Chapter, it indicates that we received the First Charter from the 83rd Inf. Div. Assoc.

over 41 years ago on April 17, 1953. The Cleveland Chapter was the First Chapter organized and sponsored our First Reunion in 1947 but were a little slow in applying for their Charter. Of the 21 names appearing on the Warren chapter Charter only two of those men remain active, Charlie Tomazin and Mike Skovran.

Well our annual reunion is over and it is time to settle down to our everyday living. However we can't do that with out first taking the time to commend, congratulate and thank the Boston Chapter and the Pines Hotel for another fine and outstanding reunion. So to Pat DiGiammerino, Reunion Chairman, Lou Sandini, Bernie Cove and all of the Boston Chapter Members, a tip of the old hat and a great big thank you. However as we pass out the accolades one other person has to be included and not forgotten. Bruce Seigel of the Pines Staff. Without his expert energetic planning, orchestration and conducting of this reunion it would not have been so great, especially the unforgettable memorial service. It was this writers pleasure to meet Bruce back in the early eighties when he was just a young man out of his teens. As a member of the executive board back then I was "volunteered" by the executive board to go to the Pines and check it out as a possible reunion site. Evidently when I gave my report back to the Executive it was well received as we have now just completed our third reunion here. Bruce was there as a young man listening, taking in all of the negotiation and learning. I believe that he has learned and he has proved it. So Bruce no fancy plaque, no long dissertation and no fancy words, just a great big heartfelt thank you from me, and Warren Chapter all the Association members. Keep on doing what you are doing so well and that is looking after a bunch of old soldiers and their loved ones.

The climax of course of the whole reunion has to be the outstanding and emotional Memorial Service on Ellis Island. Beginning by the presentation of the Colors by the ever present Philadelphia Color Guard and their CO Al Belevedere then followed by the welcoming address by Association President Lou Sandini. This was followed by the conducting of the services by Joe Macaluso as he read the names of our departed comrades over the past year. The singing of My Buddy by Jim Burton and the playing of taps brought the tears flowing freely. Vocal presentations by the Winged Victory chorus were with out description and well received.

All the Warren Chapter members, including our newest member Charles Jordon (A 331st Inf) and wife Madeline were present with one exception. We now have a grand total of 8 very active members. The wives of two of our departed members Marge Voracek and Lee Titus were also present.

Our summer family picnic golf field days concluded with our annual steak fry on October 8. Our winter meetings will be held in the homes of our members and we will continue meeting every month. The November meeting will be hosted by our President Charles Tomazin to be followed by our annual Christmas Party at the Caft 422 in Warren. The activities will begin with a happy hour fol-

lowed by dinner on Dec. 10. After all the formalities we will begin our annual "Screw your neighbor" car game. The wives of our departed members are expected to attend as invited guests.

The affluent members of the Warren Chapter will be making their annual hiatus to Florida after the first of the year. John and Helen Caparanis will be going to Ft. Myer Florida, Joe and Angie Phillapone will be going to Clearwater Beach, Florida and Ted and Dolly Halubka will be visiting their son and family in Florida. The rest of us "Po Folks" will just have to remain up north here and brave the snow and cold weather. Millie Kelly is home now after a short stay in the hospital as is John Shamrock. Birdie Titus feeling much better now after being somewhat under the weather at the reunion. Joe and Nena Macaluso were pleasantly surprised with a cake at the Reunion upon celebrating their 47th Wedding "Anniversary. Marge Voracek was also pleasantly surprised when her children hosted a ? birthday party in her honor at the Carlin Club in Cleveland on Oct. 8. All the Warren Chapter members were present. Although they couldn't make it to the Reunion our New Jersey Friends Fred and Addie Rein and Joe and Dot Scourka came down to Ellis Island to see us. We missed Ted and Irene Guzek. Fran and Stan Bielen the ever faithful made the reunion.

Election of officers of the Chapter was held at our Oct. Meeting and the following named men were "volunteered" to serve another term: Charles Tomazin, President; John Shamrock, Vice-President; Mike Skovran, Secy-Treas; Joe Phillapone, Chaplain; Trustees: John Caparanis, Roscoe Gautsch, Ted Halubka, Charles Jordan.

This concludes this article except to say that we of the Warren Chapter wish to extend our sincerest good wishes to all the members of the 83rd Inf. Div. Assoc. for a very Merry Christmas and a happy and Healthy New Year.

Mike Skovran.

Boston Chapter

The Boston Chapter has been very active.

Our meeting on June 25th was held at Frank and Rose Young's home in Billerica, MA with 27 members in attendance. I was unable to attend but Robert Hunnewell and Fred Silvia and Co. 1 329th Infantry said it was a great day for all at this meeting. Livie Maynard said the women really enjoyed themselves, also. Oh! Ray Bjork left his car home and walked to Franks house which was only a couple of miles. A real Infantry man. Huh!

Marlene Bernier had the July 16th meeting at her Lakeside Home in China, Me. It was a beautiful day and she had everything arranged perfectly for us to have an excellent time after our meeting. Chet Morley told us about his adventures in the 10th Mountain Division before he came to the 83rd. Marlene had some people stay at her home and others stayed overnight at Motels. Donald Bernier was missed at this meeting. Marlene, Nancy

and I enjoyed your warm hospitality along with the rest of the Boston Chapter.

On July 23rd Lou Sandini, Mike Caprio and Charlie Lussier got a couple of dozen 83rds to attend a tribute to two of our men killed in action in World War II from Marlborough, MA. The Tribute was for Joseph Duca and Angelo Karopoulos. Thanks to Mayor Michael McGorty who did so much making this day to Honor two hometown boys. Also State Senator Robert Durand, Maurice Duca and George Kasaras laid the wreaths before the World War II Monument. President Lou Sandini knew these men as kids. Thanks to the Boston Chapter, DAV, VFW, American Legion for a job well done.

The August Meeting was held at Chet and Lorette Morley's estate in Ashland, New Hampshire. I was unable to attend as my cousin was celebrating his 50th Anniversary as a Jesuit Priest and I attended this family function. However, Mike Caprio and Jim Prentice gave me these notes on the meeting. It was really a hot spell in Boston but it was nice and cool at Morley's place. The Meeting was well attended. Lorette it was great seeing things made by you in Arts and Crafts. It was mentioned that the entertainment was wonderful. Thanks also to Betty Williams and Phyllis Hill of your Barber Shop Quartet.

Chet Morley tells me he is a member of the Cross-Dupuis American Legion Post. Lorette, Betty and Phyllis do the Entertainment there. This Post is named after a World War veteran killed in the last days of the war. Chet is proud that he was an 83rder being remembered.

Pat and Ginny had the August 27th meeting before the September Reunion at the Pines Hotel in South Fallsburg, N.Y. The weather was the best. The girls stayed in the air conditioned house and the men went outside with Dick Armstrong of 329th Infantry who entertained us with a few tunes with Bob Hunnewell and Al Remy. These men made our day. Pat did a good job on the grill, and Ginny put out the goodies.

Thanks to Charlie Lussier of AT Company 331st for getting members together for our meeting from the Fall River Area. Charlie is a true 83rder along with his wife Rita. Thanks again to both of you.

President Tony Piantedosi wants to thank Rose Young, Marlene Bernier, Lorette, Genny DiGiammerino for the use of their homes for the meetings.

I was not at the Reunion at the Pines, however, I am told a good time was had by all. I am sure someone will write about it.

A special thanks to Phyllis Scott for coming down to our meeting in Malden, MA. She is the wife of the late Frank Scott of Hq. Battery 908 FA Bn.

Ken O'Connell remember you are Irish. I hope to see you marching the St. Patrick Day Parade in New York. Its hard to keep a good Irish man down. Good Luck.

Ray Bjork was in poor health but I am told he is back home now doing well. Ray I hope to see you at the meeting. We are looking forward to our Christmas Party on December 10th at the Comfort Inn in Dedham, MA. All are welcome.

Amby Tynan, 323rd FA Bn.

Dixie Chapter

Wed. - After a smooth trip I arrived at the Pines with my wife Kathryn ready to enjoy the comradeship of our many friends of the 83. We got started quickly, meeting our Dixie friends, the fine group from Warren and many others in the Hospitality Room. The Funks were there after a five day trip with stopovers for 2 weddings. The Atchisons from Texas on the road since Friday, the Pittmans on the road for a month. Many who flew in from California and too many to mention. Some for the very first time looking for old buddies. They found some new ones. Lou and Pat (My neighbors got lost and went all the way to N.Y.C. before they got turned around. Where were those route markers? We had supper with the Funks and McDermotts - dinner and entertainment was great.

Thur. - We're up early expecting many old and new faces today. I was not disappointed. They just kept coming! Long Time Btry A men, Benbow, Cramer & Silolnick did their jobs and we were ready to fire in short order. Being Artillery men we supported our beloved Infantry comrades to the best of our ability.

A 908th in which I also served had a strong but small group doing their best. The Stines, Bouchets, the Tetlacks and Grace Brick did themselves proud.

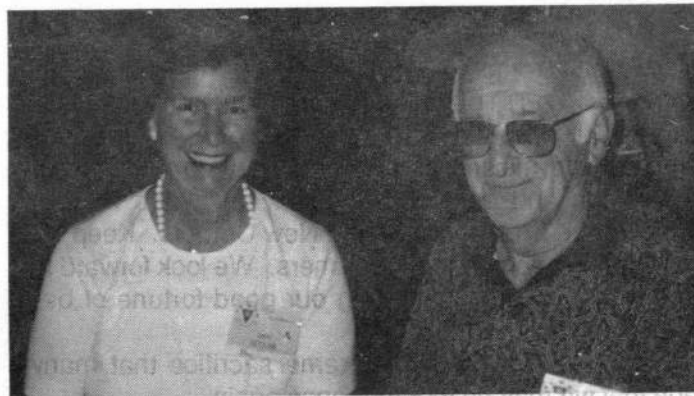
The Hospitality Room and Persian Room entertainment were tops.

Dixie Chapter was well represented with 25 members and guests present. I had the opportunity to visit with most of them and made some plans for our Christmas party in Dec. 94. A great time was had by all. We look forward to seeing many of our 83rd friends in Myrtle Beach in Sept. 1995. Plan to come, bring a friend, meet me there and lets have a time to remember.

Sitting at Table C9 with the Funks, Cramers, Benbows, Massies and Mr. Cape was a great experience! Although we missed the Secluests and Ardensors and Cys who had to cancel. See you all next year! Right next to us was a group from M. 329 Adrian, Leone, Wilson, I never did get that Knock! Knock! joke straight but the laughter from that group was worth the price of the trip.

Fri. - 4:30 A.M. came and we were up and at'm. What a day! Truly a lifetime experience - the Ellis Island Memorial was the best! Thank you so much Capt Mac and all responsible from the bottom of my heart. I sat this one out. I wanted to get the spectator point of view. It couldn't be beat. There was the statue of Liberty as beautiful as she could be. What an experience!! Sight seeing and luncheon cruise were class A!! We made it back to the Pines just in time for Dinner at 7 p.m. then on to the show. We had terrific entertainment each nite.

Sat. - Business was conducted in an orderly fashion, although we missed Casey helping things along. Missed a lot of the Cleveland regulars but Kid Williams and Bob Uher took up the slack. I'm convinced that we've in good hands for the 50th in 1996.



Newly weds celebrating 2 months of wedded bliss at the pines. Ed Tetlak and wife, 908 FABn C Bty.



Frank Jackson, "D" 330, Wife Flo at a Recent Dixie Chapter meeting.



Famous 3 man squad from "M" 329. Adrian - Calif., Wilson - N.C., Leone - Md.



4 men Btry "A" 322. Benbow, Cramer, Siblammck, Massie.

My wish is to get to know more of our members, both old and new so I'm planning to come early and stay late next year. Maybe they even play "Simon Sez" in South Carolina. We missed all who could not come for what ever reason and enjoyed all who were at the Pines. "Come again" is our word for the New Comers. Keep on Coming is our word to the Old Timers. We look forward to being with you and celebrating our good fortune of being alive and able in 1995.

Let us not forget the supreme sacrifice that many made that we may be together once again.

I recognized my first 83rder in Port Jervis on the trip to the Pines. Bob and Joane Uher from Cleveland passed me there. I recognized my last 83rder on Rt 81 about 100 miles down the road on my way home. Jessie & Carolyn Pirkle passed going pretty fast and never looked back.

B - 329 you looked good coming and going and I'm truly glad to still be able to back up after all these years.

E.S. Massie

83rd Bty. A 322 & 9080

COMPANIES

783rd Ordnance

I hate to tell you this Arthur but your getting old fast. Did you know, already, there's frost on the pumpkin? And you and Appleby, Manning and Weaver, missed kissing all the girls at the 48th reunion.

I'm not going to bore you with all the juicy details of what MiMi did this year. For me the highlight was the moving memorial service on Ellis Island with the New York skyline as a backdrop. We then toured the immigration buildings. A natural question was raised, "Where did your parents come from?"

Jim Jones spoke right up. "Welsh." Joe Brown immediately inquired, "Oh, is that why the guys always referred to you as a welsher?"

Joe is proving he's still smart. He is selling his house and moving in with Betty and at the same time he is looking for a winter home in Florida. If he moves close enough to Al and Ruth Bensimon he'll have fresh fruit for the table. There's always a lot of if's, and's and but's when contemplating such a move. All of us fellows took a vote and it was unanimous. You can't go wrong with a Brown - Betty.

Not only was it great to be in the presence of George Harris again but he also allowed us the honor of celebrating his 85 birthday. For the first time we met George's two wonderful nephews. Keith was from the snow box of New York and George was from Texas. They gave him the greatest unwrapped gift. They took the week, flew in and chauffeured him to the Pines. They also made sure his nose stayed rum colored.

Not to be outdone Bob Hammond and friends arrived in another new van. Jack and Joann, along with there driver Bob, have visited almost every state in the union.

Our executives of the 783rd were looking relaxed this year. Al and Ruth Bensimon were wrapping up the duties of President of the Florida chapter while Vice Presidents Wiggins were doing the same in the Central plains. We're expecting next years crops of fruits and clocks will be prime time stuff.

And speaking of hobbies I just learned last night that Ivan Gilman has whittled his life away. I knew he was a cut up for I still have my Army letters to prove it. I never dreamed he was as good at carving wood as he is at carving out every blooming word in the dictionary. Millie here's your chance to get a good word in for Arthur. But you'll both have to come to next September's reunion in Myrtle Beach to compare figures.

As for this years golf tournament I'd rather not talk about it. It's just not fair. Jim Jones at 75 can still hit a five wood, past the flag, two hundred yards. There were

FRIENDSHIP

Old friends are always wonderful...
And some are priceless too...
But we should look around and try...
To cultivate the new.

Because the circle that is formed...
By all the hands we shake...
Surrounds the height and margin of...
The progress that we make.

And if our friends of years ago...
Are all we have today...
Then surely we have slowed our stride...
And walked an idle way.

Whereas each new one helps to ease...
Our struggle and our strife...
And every larger circle is...
A longer lease on life.

So let us keep the gentle friends...
That we have come to know...
But also let us do our best...
To make the circle grow.

Anon

three prizes and Jim just missed the hat trick. He settled for longest drive and closest to the hole.

Our hats were off to Carl Fredericks. Over the winter he trained Alyce not to shop at the reunion. A few years ago I did the same thing to Ginny. I've got her eating All Bran for breakfast so she never wanders far.

Agnes and Doc looked and acted as of old. (Please printer, don't make any mistakes with that sentence.) They are still deeply involved in charity. Recently, for the Shriners Hospital, they sold one thousand bags of pop corn. That is a terrific amount of work but in all honesty I have to put this question to you. Who else could come up with that amount of corn?

Jim Jones was the bearer of the news that John Norton had died. Jack Getty had called him right before the reunion. I talked to Jack right after the reunion and he had been in contact with Nortons daughter. John died in 1987 having suffered his last years with Alzheimer's disease.

Jack himself has had a heavy burden of personal tragedy in his family. Maintaining his business of equipment for oil wells has helped see him through tough times.

Charlie and Pat Rohrer send their best wishes. They missed the reunion because of a family reunion. Now lets get back to the fellows in the first paragraph. Hersch and Midge Weaver were all wrapped up in closing a deal on a winter house in Arz. Manning had his whole nine kids scheduled to visit him during the summer. They out voted him. And Appleby, well he had trouble believing me that I had just returned from the Pines. I think it's that upstate cider at this time of the year. Paul Bryars reports he is feeling great. At 77 he says his golf has improved. Jones says, "Seeing is believing."

Frank Salantay has had a rough two years with his legs and back. He is on the road to recovery with a cane and he was in high hopes of playing golf late this summer. I hope you made it Frank.

Now I would like to close with a story that Doc wrote for us. It's a true event and a fitting closing for our 50th Anniversary of D Day.

"On the return trip back to the Pines from an enjoyable day at Ellis Island we were riding in bus 601. As we neared the village of South Fallsburg the driver asked if he could say a few words.

Then he began, (I would like this chance to say thank you for what you did 50 years ago. You were all young men then and you risked your lives to save others. My parents were saved by your soldiers from certain death in one of Hitlers death camps. Please accept my humble thanks and may God grant you long and healthy lives for your heroism. Needless to say he was Jewish and he received a hearty applause that shattered the silence in the bus."

That's a perfect ending for this year of 1994. Let's get those Christmas cards and notes or calls to me so we can keep you informed in 95. Make a note Bill, next Sept., 1995, Myrtle Beach, S.C. U.S.A.

Hut Two,
Rags Rangnow

P.S. A letter today from Al Bensimon states that Joe and Betty had just been there. Joe got his winter home in Punta Gorda forty miles to the south. Now Joe, you'll have to grow Your own fruit trees. I'm a good picker!

"B" BTRY 908 F.A. Bn.____

Another fine reunion was held at the "Pines" hotel, due to the hard work by Bruce Siegal, in setting up a fine memorial service at Ellis Island, N.Y. It took a lot of planning, but everything went smoothly and the boat trip around the New York harbor, with meals aboard, was a nice way to end the day.

We had fourteen in attendance this year. They included: Helen Allen, Pa; Nick and Cathy Bertovich, Pa; Richard and Pat Bevins and his sister-in-law Lenora Nuntean, Fla; Capt. Ed Tetlack and his new bride, Dorothy, Ohio; Ed and Helen Williams, Pa.; Mike and Victoria Bacha, Ohio; Mike Rudy, Pa; and Jim Prentice, N.H.

We missed our friend's who usually attend and they were: Jules and Agnes Desgain, Pa.; Viand Jerry Wenzel, Mn.; and of course our long time attendies, Nelson Reisinger and Mike Jarmoska.

We're all getting up there and all have our physical problems, but it was nice that everyone made the effort to attend as it is always nice to see the old "gang" again.

Next year, the reunion will be held at Myrtle Beach, S.C. and the 50th will be held at the Holiday Inn outside of Cleveland, Ohio in 1996.

With the good Lord willing, I hope we can all make the both of them.

"Jim Prentice"



Back Row: Bill Meyerhoeffer, Louis Gaybrandt, Dale Lewis, George Thompson, Russell Whitehead, V.B. (Tex) Atchison.

Front Row: Lois Meyerhoeffer, Mrs. Lewis, Magurite Whitehead & Mildred Atchison.

"F" Co. 329th_____

These six men from "F" Co. 329th attended the 83rd Inf. reunion at the Pines, in South Fallsburg, N.Y. Bill & Lois Meyerhoeffer - Staunton, Va., Louis Gaybrandt - Newark, N.J., Dale & Mr. Lewis - Pleasant Prairie, Wis., George Thompson, Oakland, N.J., Russell & Marquite Whitehouse - Ringas, N.J., V.B. (Tex) & Mildred Atchison - Sanger, Tex.

It was goot to see old friends and make new ones.
Tex Atchison

"E" Co. 331st _____

Thirteen men from the 331st E Company and their wives met in Nashville, Tennessee on August 18 thru 20. We gathered at Opryland Hotel for some fun and fellowship.

We took a breakfast buffet cruise on the General Jackson, a beautiful, paddlewheel showboat. We cruised the Cumberland River for two hours with entertainment provided by Steve Hall and Shotgun Red and his band.

The weather was hot and steamy, but some brave couples took in shows at Opryland USA Themepark. The shows were presented by some very talented young performers. On Friday evening we attended the radio broadcast of the Grand Ole Opry.

We spent a lot of time relaxing, renewing old memories, and catching up on each other and our families. We were so happy to have Al and Dorothy Henry with us. Dorothy is looking great. Rayford Cash couldn't attend, but after they get together the Kohlers and Bledsoes went to Columbus, Mississippi to visit Rayford and his wife Weeta. They found Rayford with a positive attitude and looking good. He started chemotherapy on Monday, August 22. We're praying for both of these E Company friends.

It would be great to see some more of the 331st E Company men come to our reunions. We know that some of you or your mates have health problems and can't attend. We wish the best for you and please keep in touch so we know what is going on in your life. Hopefully, you can join us next time.

The men of the 331st E Company attending the August get together were Herman Bledsoe, Ed Deliman, Jake Esbenshade, Burford Funk, Al Henry, Mayes Key, George Kohler, Vernon Myer, Eugene O'Connell, Bruce Olden, William Payne, Edgiel Shepherd, and Fred Willman.

Herman F. Bledsoe

"G" Co. 329th _____

All of us were glad we spent time in Florida this past winter.

Sylvia Gimple (Morris deceased) from Brooklyn, N.Y. spent time with her brother in Coral Gable, Florida.

Loulla & Sterling Rubright from Pa. spent the winter in Avon Park, Florida.

Ruth & Chester Morgan from Ithaca, N.Y. spent time in Daytona Beach visited Babe and Howie Freitag (N.J.) at their winter home in Daytona Beach.

We played cards and Chet & Howie talked ARMY. Ruth & Chet also visited Bryle Buchman (Paul deceased) in Plant City. She sure made them welcome.

Howie & I visited Loulla & Sterling talked about our BOOMPA BAND. We want to play at the Pines, so all you Co. G 329th Infantry, bring your instruments.

Lois & Bob Brinkman from Minster stopped at Luella and Sterling Rubright in Pa. for a few days. Then to Babe & Bounce Freitag in N.J. for a few more. Then on to the Pines. All of us!

The following attended John Cupino from Binghamton N.Y., Ruth & Chester Morgan from Ithaca, N.Y., Mr. & Mrs. Ralph State from N.J., Tony Hronich & friend from N.J., Mr. & Mrs. Frances, Marking from Boston and Jim Giffith from Florida.

The Reynolds from Virginia sent their regrets.

Grace & John Askey from Pa. went to Hawaii. Their son is in Kuwait Spec. Forces.

Virginia & Vito Palazzolo from Mi. were missed.

Doris & John Fay were under the weather. Hope all is well.

We didn't have enough people with Boompas to perform so we just forgot it this time.

We all had a great time at the Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island. It was a great trip but "Boy were we tired. Guess some of us are getting to be seniors.

Virginia Palazzola and Lois Brinkman are the Pinnacle champs!

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

"A" Co. 329th Inf. _____

Another reunion is behind us now, and I know everyone had a good time! The Pines always does a good job. Too bad Bernice and I had to miss it, but, as I mentioned in the last Thunderbolt, we were in Europe at that time.

I didn't hear from anyone except, I did get a letter from Irene Lloyd, and it was a sad one. Our Buddy from the 1st Platoon, Hazen Lloyd, passed away on Saturday, September 3, in Palmerton Hospital. Hazen and Irene celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary last November. He was a commercial art teacher at Carbon County Vocational-Technical School for 19 years, retiring in 1985. He was also a yearbook adviser. Before that, he was an interior designer for the Joseph Horne Co., of Pittsburgh.

Hazen was born in Reedsville, W. Va., and was a past president of the Palmerton Exchange Club and the Palmerton Library Board. He designed the plaque used for the Palmerton Hospital Antique Car Show. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Palmerton. Hazen was in "A" Co. - 329th Inf. since it formed in 1992.

Sorry about the sad news, but that is the way it goes. Stay Healthy and God Bless.

Your Buddy, Bob Grobelny
1581 Lander Rd. , Mayfield Hts., Ohio 44124
216-449-5085

"D" Co. 331st _____

Well, we had a great turnout at the Reunion at the Pines with 25 Co. "D" men present, 16 beautiful wives and seven guests joining in. Picked up a lost member, Ernest Ryder, who had been in the Boston Chapter, but we had been unable to locate him.

Those in attendance were: Harry & Rose Adkins, Merle & Grace Akam, Bernie & Jean Cove, Paul & Mary Dallas, Capt. Harry & Barbara Gravelyn, Ralph & Geri Gunderson, R.C. & Louise Hamilton, Bynum Hancock & son, Bynum Jr., Arthur & Peggy Haught, George Komlos, Jim & Harriet Lynch, Dan & Doris McDermott, Bill & Jeanette McKee, and brother, Kendrick & Jean McKee, Frank Meyers, John Milklos and two beautiful daughters. Vern Mueller, Marcella Nolte, (Gene's sister) & her guest, Rozalyn Mullian, Bill & Dot Nagel, Bob Pflieger, Ray Richter, Ernest & Wilma Ryder, Stan Rummel, Frank & Mary Sabine, Norm & Lorraine Schuster, Frank & Dana Sharp, and Al Shrawder. Quite a turn out (48). We missed George & Polly Odenweller, who had to cancel at the last minute due to George's illness. He is still not completely well. Hang in there George!!!

After the Reunion 20 of us went to Cape Cod for four days of "R" & "R" after the usual hectic Reunion. Guess who had to get sick, but I am all better now! A big THANKS to Bill & Jeannette McKee for hosting this enjoyable affair.

Several of us who have attended the Dixie Chapter meeting and Xmas Party at Gatlinburg, wish to express our condolences to Flo. Jackson on the passing of her husband Frank. They had succeeded Carroll & Ruby Brown in hosting the Annual Xmas Event, which had brought so much pleasure to everyone who has ever attended.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Harry Adkins and Mary Sabine on their recent surgery. Ruth Mueller was the victim of a robbery attempt at her home, & narrowly escaped, but her Auto was stolen. This happened while Vern was at the Reunion.

Ralph B. Gunderson.

"G" Co. 331st. _____

Another year and another reunion. Each year the crowd seems to be getting smaller. It is something we can expect, because as we get older many of the men are not able to travel or even leave their homes. But the 83rd Association as in the past will continue to operate and we can only hope for the best of health for all of our members. G Company had five representatives at the reunion in addition to one of the wives that attends. Birdie Titus came along with our friend Marg Vorsack. Joe Philli-

pone, Gene Costanzo, John Gentile, Kenny Baird and Joe Macaluso were in attendance. We had a wonderful reunion, together with the trip to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty, plus the tour of the New York Harbor. Next year we are off to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. We shift around each year in hopes that we can attract those members of the Association that live in the area of the reunion.

After a few days at home the wife and I travelled to Indianapolis for her hospital reunion. The crowd is not as large but still a very cheerful group of former GIs. Mena and I had the opportunity to visit with Kenny Baird and his wife, Phillis, and Clyde Flannary and his wife Catherine. The visit was short but enjoyable. We had a tour of the city, but the stay was too short, I had to return home to continue with my treatment.

Clyde Flannary is getting old like the rest of us, but he never changes, he is still full of wit and a good person to be with.

Catherine is a diabetic and must have her insulin shots on a regular basis.

Had the opportunity to spend a portion of the day with our Secretary and his wife Pearl, as they were in New Orleans for a Convention. The four of us had a nice dinner together at one of the local restaurants.

I still have to make my final report to Bob on the Memorial services held at Ellis Island. There were 64 names read this year of members that passed away during the year, and I know the list was longer, because we had little time to communicate before the Memorial Services.

We had the Winged Victory Singers at our Memorial Services, and they sang a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. It was good to hear it sung the way it should be. Whenever it is sung we should all join in and sing, because it is a beautiful song.

It reminded me of the day at St Braic, when we liberated the town and we had a celebration at the church. All of the Frenchmen stood and sang their National Anthem, and I was amazed and discouraged, by how few of the men in the Company knew the Star-Spangled Banner. We should be proud and join in whenever it is sung.

I have heard from only a few of the men since the last letter. Alvin Woods is in the Hospital and card to him would help to give him some encouragement. He is at Alvin C. York Medical Center 3400 Lebanon Highway, Murfreesboro, TN 37130. Drop him a line. Loyal Pangle is still fighting his battle, and we only hope for the best for both of them.

Let's keep up the communication with your buddies, because as we get older, we have a tendency to think more and more about our days together in the foxholes in Europe

Cap. Joe Macaluso

"I" Co. 329th. _____

The 48th Reunion is now history, looking forward to the 49th next September at Myrtle Beach, S.C. The trip to Ellis Island was a memorable experience. I found my sur-name listed twelve times on the wall of Honor. I hate to admit it, I don't know if any of these people are close relatives or not.



Left - Walter Henschel -- Right - Harry Davine

For those who were not able to attend the reunion, we missed you and talked about you and you were in our thoughts. Members present were: Frank & Pat Bellino, Harold & Laura Mae Geisinger, Ray & Gennie Hayward, Frank & Anna Hanus, Walt & Joyce Henschel, Earl & Bonnie Hoover, Robert Hunnewell, Art & Agnes Koerner, Delvina Lorenzen, Mick & Doris McGowan, Charles "Whitey" & Evelyn McAuliff, Les & Ilene Pittman, Sal & Theresa Scicolone, Fred Sylvia & Maria, Joe & June Zenz - who had to leave Saturday morning to attend a wedding.

Was happy that the Geisinger's were able to make it, because this is usually their busy season on the farm. Sgt. of arms - Robert Hunnewell did his usual good job of reserving the tables for Co. I. Fred Sylvia & Maria were also busy selling Fred's wooden hand crafts, Fred is quite good at his hobby. It was the first reunion for Charles & Evelyn McAuliff of Troy, Mi, hope they become regular's from now on. They also attended the 50th anniversary ceremonies in Europe in June. They are both professional photographers, and were very busy with their cameras at the reunion, also sent us some very good pictures for our photo album.

We should present an award to Les & Ilene Pittman. For the last nine years in a row, they drive from their home in Spokane, Wa. to wherever the reunion is being held. They put a lot of miles on their truck.

Frank & Pat Bellino and the King of the house "Dobbie" are just about ready to head to Port Charlotte for the winter, usually Nov. 1st. Ray & Gennie Hayward are going to forego their annual February trip to Hawaii to spend some time with their children in Florida. Mrs Delvina Lorenzen "Sgt. Elmer Marcotta's sister attended the reunion with the hope that someone present could help her with some information about her brother. Walt & Joyce Henschel enjoyed their trip to Europe in August. I took them to a German restaurant in Brimfield, O. they said the meal was better than any that they had in all Europe. They travel with us to the Pines. We stopped in Vestal, N.Y. to visit with Anna and Frank Hanus, we raided their garden and pigged

out on their tomatoes. With six senior citizens snoring in their house, the neighbors must have thought there was a saw mill next door. The six of us had dinner at a County Buffet in Binghamton, N.Y. it was one of the best I have been to. We followed the Hanus down N.Y. Rt 17 over to the Pines. Sunday morning Sept. 11th. The Henschels & Koerner traveled north up the Hudson Valley to Pittsfield, Ma. to visit Harry & Nan Davine, Walt and Harry were old fox hole buddies and hadn't seen each other since 1945. Picture included shows the two of them, somewhat grayer and heavier.

We had a most enjoyable visit which was all to short, I think the women were surprised to hear some of the tales these two old buddies were telling of what happened to them while serving with Co. I. Not being in the same platoon with them I couldn't back up their stories. I had to come up with a couple of jokes to take the heat off of them. Next morning the six of us went out for a nice breakfast. Harry and Nan then lead us out to Rt. 20 to get us headed in the right direction for our return trip home.

Have plans to attend the December Kentucky Chapter meeting in Piqua, Ohio with the other I. Co. people the Hoover's and the McGowans.

Hey gang keep in touch and here's wishing you all good health.

Art Koerner
Kent, Ohio

"D" Co. 330th _____

HELLO BUDDIES:

Here comes that adopted Member of Co. D, 330th once again. No I am not starting to ask you for money for the Co. "D" page in the Reunion Ad Book, but in a few short months I will, so start saving now so that you can give me that little Christmas Gift, your contribution to the Co. "D" Page.

Well Buddies, we are back home from a very fine Reunion. There were several of your Co. "D" Men there, and I am sure that they all enjoyed themselves as much as I did. This year, Co. "D" has a very fine representative as a National Officer. He is Lacy Satterfield, who has been elected as First Vice President. Lacy is a very fine Gentleman and is well worthy of an Office.

As you probably know, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina will be the Reunion site for next year, which means that our great Dixie Chapter will be showering us with that old Southern Hospitality, which they are so well known for. With Lacy Satterfield as First Vice President and Reunion Chairman, I am sure that you can look forward to a terrific Reunion. I am going to ask all of you Men from Co. "D" to stand behind Lacy and show him that Co. "D" 330th is still the great Unit that he served with.

Well Buddies, again my personal thanks to all of you who have given me the support that you have over the years, I can't begin to thank you enough. Over the years I have gotten to feel that I personally know all of you great Men. There are a couple of Men in Co. "D" that I owe a special thanks too for the extra help they have given to make Co. "D" Page the success that it has been.

Just think, by the time you get to reading this Book, it will be time for Christmas Shopping. Please put Co. "D" Page on your shopping list. I sincerely wish you all a very Happy and Healthy Christmas.

Your Buddy, Larry Redmond

"H" Co. 330th

HELLO BUDDIES:

Once again we are trying to recuperate from a very fine Reunion. It is always a great pleasure to be able to attend and see so many of our Buddies there. Even though they are not Men from your Company or Unit, they are still Men who fought side by side in World War II.

As the years go by, our ranks are thinning. This year we only had a couple of our Co. "H" men in attendance. Of Our old timers we had Karl Burkhard, Mike Champey and myself. This year we did have the pleasure of two strangers in our group, they were Vince Leeman and Edgar Bowen. It was very nice to see both of them. There are others who were unable to attend and personally, I sure did miss them.

Our next Reunion will be held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and we sincerely hope that more of you will be able to join with us. As we get older, our Reunions become more of a Social Affair than they used to be.

Before I get carried away, I wish to thank those of you who so graciously helped make the Co. "H" Page in the Ad Book the success that it was. To those of you who were unable to help us this year, I sincerely hope that you can next year.

Well Buddies, how about putting on your thinking caps, and start thinking of the coming Reunion in Myrtle Beach. Let's start filling that penny Bank, so that we will be able to attend.

Here's wishing you all the Best of Health and Good Luck, and may you all have a Happy and Holy Holiday Season.

Your Buddy, Larry Redmond

329 "B" Bag

First of all, a big hand shake and congratulations to John Hennies, on his recent election of Mayor for town, a suburb of Louisville Ky, also to his lovely wife Doris on becoming the first lady. John is also the second "B" Co. member to become a city official, the other is Richard Dickson who is an alderman in Montague N.J. Mayor Hennies also hosted our company reunion in great fashion. The hotel was excellent. On Friday when we arrived at the hotels hospitality room, we found it well stocked with snacks, goodies and plenty of drinks. Later we all reminisced and fought the war all over. I don't know where all the pictures came from, but there were lots of them. Saturday John surprised us with tour of Louisville and Churchill Downs. We all were driven by stretch Limos. I don't know how you managed that deal. In the evening we had our banquet at the hotel. The meal was super and the speeches short. Everyone received a famous slugger bat as a remembrance. Sunday we all were



invited to their house for brunch, which he prepared. Everything was perfect.

In attendance were 13 members, wives and one widow. Present were the Hill's, Gilmore's, Stek's, Uher's, Premro's, Hirko's, Hennie's, Trofimuk's, Tsunis, Pirkles, C. Melton, "Red" Geyer, Bill Waddle, and Kitty Thomas. It was great to see the old gang, and their lovely wives. Also "Red" Geyer, Leo Gilmore, and Charley Tsunis. It was the first time I saw them since the end of the war. Al Trofimuk arrived in his wheel chair. He joined right in and had a good time. Thanks Rose for bringing Al. Again thanks John and Doris for an excellent job at the reunion.

Those who couldn't attend missed a great 3 days. After my wife and I got back home and rested for a few days, we took off for the Pines where we had another good time. Played a lot of golf (lost quite a few also). We both enjoyed the boat trip, Ellis Island, and thought the Memorial Service was outstanding. I don't think it can be improved upon. Each year it seems to get better and more somber. To Jim Burton a great job as usual. The hospitality room was a busy place and a great watering hole. Six "B" Co. members were present, the Beams, Dicksons, Kanes, Pirkle's, Van Heuvel's, and yours truly. We both had a good time, although I didn't like the rap someone tried to put on Cleveland. Cleveland is a damm good town.

I heard from Herb Jacobs, he informed it was at Breckinridge that he was with the 2nd platoon. He is still working. Just before the company reunion, I received a call from a Bill Leggett of South Bend. He wanted to know if I knew his dad Bill Leggett, who was killed on July 5, when I said yes, he said he was only 9 months old when his father was KIA. He was invited to the reunion but never showed up. We all would liked to have met him. No story this time, but will list some names of those from the company that were killed in combat.

Orville Shelton, Richard Bardin, Harold Meehling, Charles Grant, Sylvester Reichel, John Phelps, William Leggett, Clarence Coggins, Howard Kykes, Thomas Ford, James Legg, Charles Sarlo, Denver Helton, Charles Morrison.

Enclosed is a picture taken in Louisville. Standing L-R. Hill, Geyer, Waddle, Premro, Gilmore, Melton, Uher, Sitting - Pirkle, Stek, and Trofimuk. Absent were J. Hennies, J. Hirko and C. Tsunis. May all your stocking be filled with health and happiness. Merry Xmas.

Bob Uher, (216) 885-1152

"K" Co. 331st Inf. _____

It is approximately a month since we returned from our Reunion at the Pines, Fallsburg, N.Y. Co. K was well represented, in the Ad Book, and with Men and Their Wives, attending the Reunion. A great time was had by all.

Lou Sandini, Pat DiGiammerino, Bernie Cove should be commended. Last, but not least, Bruce Seigel really arranged a really fine Program. Those who did not attend missed an outstanding Memorial Service at Ellis Island. We never will forget that part of the Reunion.

Anna and I had the Good Fortune to go to Europe to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of D-Day. We traveled from London, Normandie, Paris, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany. One of the Highlights of our Trip was visiting the American Cemetery on Omaha Beach. (Colleville Cemetery). I gave our Tour Guide 12 Names from Co. K. of Men who lost their lives in the Normandy Campaign as follows:

T/Sgt. Winfred Burns, S/Sgt. Joseph Cocco, S/Sgt. Paul Englund, Pvt. Andrew Dulak, S/Sgt. Joseph F. Hamka, S/Sgt. Thomas F. Cycon, Pfc. Joseph D. Hollifield, Pfc. Joseph N. Quail, T/Sgt. Ernest Renzetti, Pfc. Albert Schaeffer, Jr., Lt. John Hall, Pfc. Guy Hodge.

The graves we found are as follows:

T/Sgt. Sinfred Burns, S/Sgt. Joseph Cocco, Pvt. Andrew Dulak, T/Sgt. Ernest Renzetti, S/Sgt. Joseph F. Hamka, Pfc. Joseph D. Hollifield, Pfc. Joseph N. Quail, Lt. John Hall, Pfc. Guy Hodge.

The Caretaker of the Cemetery gave me a list of all the Men from the 83rd Inf. Div. buried at Colleville Cemetery.

329 Inf. - 160 - 2 MIA
 330 Inf. - 183 - 2 MIA
 331 Inf. - 180 - 7 MIA
 83rd QM. - 1
 83rd Rec. Trp - 1
 308 Med. Bn. - 3
 Missing in Action - 11
 308 Eng. Bn. - 1
 308 Eng. Comb. - 5
 322 FA Bn. - 2
 324 FA BN. - 1
 908 FA Bn. - 1
 783 Ord. Co. - 1
 Grand Total 550

There are 9,300 Men buried in Colleville. We were informed, quite a few Men were sent back to the states. S/Sgt. Cycone was moved to the Netherlands.

We took time to locate some of the Men: Pictures enclosed. (T/Sgt. Renzetti & Pvt. Dulak).

It was a great Honor to be chosen, by our Group, to present flowers at the bronze statue. (The spirit of American youth, rising from the waves), at the cemetery.

I felt really honored and fortunate to go back there under different conditions.

The French people really honored us with medals, certificates and warm greetings. I was wishing that you were all there.

Our reunion, next year, will be at Myrtle beach, Landmark Hotel. Looking forward to seeing you, Good Lord Willing.

Your 83rd Buddy,
 Al Belvedere, Co. K. 331st Inf.



Al, World War II Nurse, & Buddy at the statue, after presenting flowers.



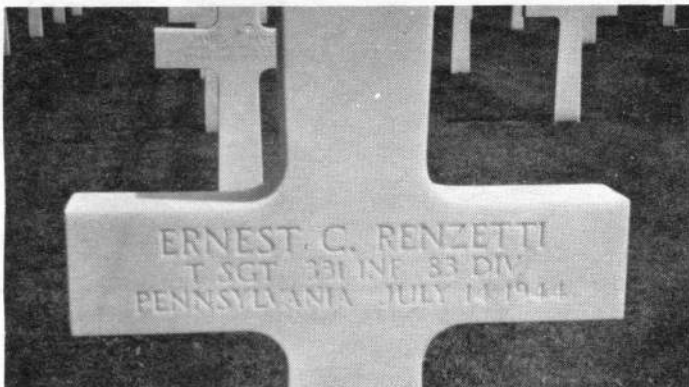
Al, presenting flowers at the statue.



Bronze statue. The Spirit of American Youth, Rising from the Waves - Colleville Cemetery



Pvt. Dulak's Grave



T/Sgt. Renzetti's Grave

"K" Co. 330th

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Dear Bob,

I would like to thank those that planned and had anything to do with the "50th anniversary trip this past spring. My wife, Rose Mary and I will never forget this trip. This trip was my first flight to Europe.

Thank you very much,
Sincerely
Paul F. Hogrefe



Hq. Bty 323rd

I am sorry I did not write a report in the last issue of the Thunderbolt. I received many letters thinking I was in poor health. Thanks for inquiring but I am in good shape for the shape I'm in.

Headquarters Battery 323 FA Bn met in Wilkes Barre, PA at the Howard Johnson Motel on September 16th and 17th. It was a very successful weekend. I will write you more about it in our next newsletter for Christmas.

Eddie McCouch's daughter Kirsten is getting married and Nancy and I will be attending it in Glenside, PA. I will also report on this later.

Since the last issue of the Thunderbolt I had a letter from Ron Baringer son of Lt. Paul Baringers who was killed in action. He was a member of Able Battery F.O. Party. I talked to Ron a few times on the phone. Maybe some of you may be able to tell him something about his Dad. Paul was my friend "Rdd" Frawley's Officer.

We are trying to locate Captain James. Does anyone know his first name? Please mail it to me. Even Captain Starbuck can't remember it, I asked him recently on the phone.

In the 83rd address book my phone number is wrong. Please correct it. Phone 1-617-327-3588.

Thanks to Larry Boyle for remembering Col. Ralph Morgan in our Ad Book this year.

We hear Al Covi is getting along much better now. Keep up the good work, I need you in the 323rd Golf Match in South Carolina to beat Donald Willis. I am told you know the Golf Course there.

Erwin Erhardt phoned me recently, plus wrote, along with his old buddies Tom Houlette and Bob Scheumann. They are all doing well.

John Sabo has not written lately. He is 51 years married so maybe he is still on his Honeymoon. Ha Ha!

Sgt. Innc Suilmann wrote me. I guess he is planning to sell his farm and live it up in the city.

Tony Piantedosi of Charlie Battery is now President of the Boston Chapter and Dom Christopher is the Sgt at Arms in Cleveland.

Well I guess thats all until next time. Happy Holidays.

Amby Tynan

Colonel (Ret.) Rupert G. Macpherson
2707 West Macon Street
Decatur, Illinois 62522

Dear Bob:

In 1986, I led a group of veterans of the 802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion (which was attached to the 83rd - A Company to 329RCT, B to 331 and C to 330) from Normandy to Luxembourg. This year we did it again - OPERATION BRITTANY REVISITED II. We had fifteen veterans, their wives, two widows and family members of one who was killed in action at Ploubalay. The men were in a uniform again and despite all of them being well over three score and ten, marched with precision at each of the many ceremonies we attended.

In Belgium on 6 August, we honored our own who still rest in the US cemetery at Henri-Chappelle. In Clervaux, Luxembourg, where the members of the Circle for the Study of the Battle of the Ardennes built the only statue to the American G.I. in all of Europe, we were warmly received. Each of us was presented with the Medal of Liberation of Luxembourg. Later that day we paid respects to our own in the US cemetery at Hamm.

The motor trip from Luxembourg to Brittany included stops at Reims to see the Cathedral and the 1945 surrender site. We then enjoyed two days in Paris, toured the Cathedral at Chartres and received a warm welcome on 11 August in Pleurtuit. Each of us had been invited to be house guests of French families for the following week.

Ceremonies started the next day when we went to where a monument had been erected to Lt. Edward Durst, P-38 pilot who had been shot down 27 July and Pvt. Charles Dysko of the 802nd who was killed in action on 7 August. I was in command of a reconnaissance force of elements of the 121st Infantry Regiment and 802nd at that time from Dinan to Ploubalay. The sister and nieces of Dysko were with our group and were very grateful for the honor bestowed on him.

Next day we participated in the 50th Anniversary of Liberation ceremonies at Pleurtuit where I delivered an address in French, much to the surprise of the 802 veterans. Among the troops present, was a group of French men in G.I. uniforms of 1944 with the 83rd shoulder patch. They rode in jeeps, half ton trucks and other vehicles from WWII. Most had designation of its unit on the bumper. I noticed one in particular - 83 330 AT1. These men are in an organization dedicated to preserve the memory of the 83rd. They do a real good job at many ceremonies throughout the year (see photos enclosed)

On the 14th we were in Saint Malo where, after a church service and military formations, we presented the Mayor with a US flag that had been flown over the US Capitol. In 1986 we had done the same for the

Mayors of Pleurtuit and Dinard. A surprise at Saint Malo was meeting Raymond Perrussel who, as a teen aged "volunteer" joined Dan Gust's 329 Anti-Tank Company for the Brittany actions and gave him the address of the "baby faced French Kid" who wanted to help win the war.

Next day it was up to Saint Briac and Saint Lunaire for impressive ceremonies, a warm reception and sumptuous banquet when everybody got involved in a sing-along. It was here I met Tony Vaccaro, 331 vet who had a fine display of his photos taken in 1944. The Mayor of Saint Lunaire gave me the two photos that are enclosed showing - I believe - Colonel McDonald, 2nd Bn 331 and some of his officers - the other of PWS being marched off.

That evening we were in Dinard for a choral concert followed by fireworks on the water front with Isle de Cezembre in the dim distance. Quite a bit reminiscent of 1944, but this was all outgoing stuff.

We travelled to Erquy and Plouha for similar ceremonies on the 16th with emphasis on recognition of the Resistance forces who were of such great help to us. In the evening we rendered honors at the gravesite of Andre Morin, Resistance leader who was of great help to the 802nd and the 83rd providing current information of the enemy before we crossed the Rance at Dinan. Later we were tendered a reception by the Mayor of Dina at Hotel de Ville. Last stop that day was at Triga-vou, where I had my command post for a few days in 1944. The citizens welcomed us back warmly with a "vin d'honneur" and a very satisfying buffet dinner.

We left for Normandy early the next morning, travelling over the same route we took in 1944 - Dol de Bretagne, Avranches, Coutances, Periers, Carentan to St. Mere Eglise and Utah Beach where we landed 27 June. After honoring our own at the US cemetery at Colleville, it was on to Bayeux where the Mayor received us and presented medals of the Battle of Normandy. We spent the next day at Museums, the famous tapestry and a luncheon by Bretons in Bayeux. On the way back to Pleurtuit, we honored our own at the US cemetery in St. James.

Our last night in Brittany, we gave an Appreciation Dinner for our host families on "Sirene de la Baie", an amphibious ship that took us for a sail in the Bay of St. Michel. On Saturday the 20th, we returned to Paris for our flight back to the States next day.

I served with the 802nd since before it was activated from a New York National Guard infantry regiment in 1940, to an through the Brittany campaign. I was then promoted to be Anti-tank Officer of the 83rd on Div. Arty staff. In March of 1945 I moved over to Division General Staff as Assistant G-3.

Hope you find the above will be of interest to your readers.

With warm regards and thanks for doing such a great job with The Thunderbolt and the many other tasks you and your wife accept and complete with efficiency.

Rupert G. Macpherson



Camp Atterbury dedicates rebuilt, 4,100-foot runway

By Scott Olson
The Republic, Columbus, Ind.



Army National Guard and Reserve engineer units saw their hard work pay off Sunday when a C-130 Hercules aircraft landed at Camp Atterbury at dedication ceremonies for a rebuilt runway.

A large crowd braved the sweltering heat to see Maj. Gen. Charles W. Whitaker, adjutant general of the Indiana National Guard, present the airfield to Col. Garry L. Willis, commander of Camp Atterbury.

Four paratroopers also landed at the site to commemorate the airfield's renovation. It had been inactive since 1987.

That was until the units worked days, nights and weekends to complete the 4,100 foot airfield's renovation during their two-week training periods last year. It was completed last summer but only cleared certification in March.

"We are indeed indebted to those who worked to make this a reality," Willis said.

Brig. Gen. William C. Bilo, deputy director of the Army National Guard, Washington D.C., said Indiana can be proud of its National Guard Unit.

"We're dedicating an air-assault landing strip today. Ironically, Wilbur and Orville Wright's home is Indiana," he said.

The all-weather airstrip will make the National Guard and Reserve training facility usable by units with planes as large as the C-130 and enables deployments from Gary in a weekend.

"Your state motto, 'Crossroads of America,' typifies the spirit of your National Guard. You have a lot to be proud of," Bilo added.

To improve the existing 10-year-old airstrip, engineers excavated several feet from the runway and filled it with layers of sand and dirt topped by Geo-Web, plastic honeycomb sheets left over from Desert Storm. Compacted small gravel was added for the top layer.

The first C-130 landed at Camp Atterbury in 1985 during a joint military exercise with the U.S. Naval Reserves, Air Force and Army National Guard.

The local 1313th Engineer Company, Troop Command, Camp Atterbury led the project along with Company B, 983rd Engineer Battalion, U.S. Army Reserve of Ohio.

LETTERS

Dear Bob & Pearl

Hello! to you two wonderful people! I certainly want to thank you for making my "banquet" at the reunion a "wonderful memory" - when I called Gene after you all came back from Europe about Sam Klippa's death - cause I didn't know about it until we had a Phila. Chapter meeting - and called Gene and he told me he was giving me a medal he had received in 'France' at the reunion - and then nothing more was said about it and I thought "Oh Well!" Gene had so much on his mind he probably forgot about it - no big deal.

Then you mentioned your 'Purple Heart' and still didn't hit me. - and then the "hammer fell" and was I surprised! Lorraine said she knew about it but couldn't tell me. - and I certainly want to thank you two - (I also thanked Gene) for making me feel good.

It is always "good medicine" for me to see you two good people at the reunions - but this put the icing on the cake. I wanted to thank you before - but wanted to wait till Lorraine took all the pictures on her camera so I could send you some pictures.

I started my "radiation treatments" for my 'prostrate' last Thursday and have to go 5 days a week for 7 weeks. The "radiologists said it was only in the prostate and I would probably die of something else, before the prostate would get that bad. So "that's good news" - Our son takes me every morning at 8:45 A.M. it only takes 15 mins. for the treatment so its no big deal.

Lorraine had a wonderful time at the reunion. Everybody makes her feel like something special, thats because she is something special, just like you people.

Hope everything is going good for you special people and I certainly am glad you two made the trip to Europe and were greeted so well. It makes you feel good and is a small reward for everything you did for the 83rd and Lorraine and I are happy for you. Lorraine is back to work and is enjoying the work she is doing. She leaves around 7 A.M., starts at 8 and gets home around 4:30 (afternoon) and I have her coffee ready and then she relaxes and I make her supper.

I told her I was going to write to you people and "Thank you" and she said I should say "Hello" for her. Again I want to "Thank You" for everything you did for me and especially at the banquet. You surprised me but, good.

Take good care of yourselves and the family.

Stay Healthy and God Bless
Your Friend, Norm Schuter"



P.S.

If you have a sense of humor that makes things so much fun

*If you always have a friendly word to say to everyone,
If you have a cheerful outlook even when things may go wrong,*

If you always have the time to try and help someone along,

If you have a way of thinking up nice favors you can do.

Your sure to have so many who just think the world of you.

Its wonderful to know someone who always wears a smile,

who sees the sunny side of things,

who makes life more worthwhile!

And its wonderful to have a chance

Like this to tell you, too,

"The world would be a happier place,

If more people were like you!"

A friend of mine sent me a card with these sayings on it - and I just had to share them with you two wonderful people!

"Norm"





Joyce - Jim Burton
50th Anniversary
April 18, 1944 - April 18, 1994

Sometime during my last 2 weeks of basic training at Camp Wheeler in Macon, Ga. I wrote Joyce a letter and suggested that if she didn't have anything else better to do when I came home for a 10 day furlough that I thought we should get married. She didn't and we were married. It's hard to believe that 50 years have passed so fast and Joyce and I are happy to join the others in our association who have reached this milestone.

August 8, 1994

Dear Bob,

Received #3 issue of "THUNDERBOLT", August 6, 1994, surprised to learn about the deaths of Samuel Klippa, and Austin McCann. A Xmas. card from Austin last year, learned Martin Recknagel passed away. With the passing of Daniel McCarthy, Eugene Persinger, Arthur Blankenship, may they rest in peace.

The 83rd. Infantry Division has it's National Reunion next month (Sept. 94).

In the years to come, members of the 83rd. Infantry Division will hold a GREAT REUNION IN THE SKY, HEAVENWARD NEXT TO THE STARS. All 83rds, are stars, all the stars will be together, and will for ever shine.

On page 18 of this issue, am not sure, believe Lewis Grizzard died about a year ago. Dues for 1995 enclosed.

Best Regards,
 John S. Governor
 Co. I & M 331st.



Bob,

I want to thank you for your long service to the members of the 83rd. Having held a similar job myself I am aware of all the hours and many trips you have made. I sure appreciate it!

In 1953 my bride of 5 years and I constructed our first home in Maryland from a carload kit from the Pease Lumber Co. in Hamilton, Ohio. It served us well until we moved to Texas, then as a rent house till we sold it. This past summer we saw it again while visiting that area, and the people who purchased it from us 30 years ago have high praise for its quality.

It would be a great coincidence if you should have been associated with Pease Lumber.

Sincerely,
 Joe Denniston

Dear Bob

Today is Friday, 8-14-94. I just got my Bulletin, and I thought maybe I sent in my dues, if not they are enclosed. I was sorry to hear about Sam, he was a very good friend of mine and also of Kent O'Connell who also was a very good friend of mind. Kent, as you know lived in Westbury, NY where I live, he was only 5 min away from me. I could walk to his house. A couple weeks ago I saw a Andy Soklo. He was also in Co. "I" 331st. I hadn't seen Andy in over 35 years.

We spent a day together and he had visited with my family when I was in the war.

I hope you can read this letter as I haven't been feeling to good myself, I had a by-pass, and in and out of hospital since 1991. Yesterday I got home from the hospital after 12 days with a heart attack.

God Bless you and keep up with the good work for the 83rd as Kent would say, "We Was The Best". Maybe you can put some of this letter together, and have it printed so maybe some of my buddies at Co. "I" 331st can see it.

Andrew Buffalino, 459 Dover St.
 Westbury, NY 11590, 516-334-1753

Notation

David Rossmiller's article Wavra Recalls etc. in the Third 1944 Issue of The Thunderbolt is correct saying that it was cold in the Hurtgen Forest and The Bulge, but he is way off stating that the "83rd Division...was retreating before the final German onslaught of WWII"

The 83rd did not retreat. Between 23 Dec. & 25 Dec. 1944 we were relieved by the 104th Inf. Div. in the Hurtgen Forest and assembled in the Aachen area, the 331st Combat Team in and around Brandt. We cooked Xmas dinner in the Hurtgen and ate it in Brandt.

Two days later we moved 90 miles south and relieved the 75th Inf. Div. on the north shoulder of the Bulge.

It was cold!

We did not retreat!

Sincerely,
 F.J. Clifford M.D., Co. "C" 308th Med Bn.



Is it or isn't it? St. Peter resident Lou Nolan chats with none other than an official presidential lookalike at the 48th annual reunion of the 83rd Infantry Division Association Sept. 7-10 in South Fallsburg, N.Y. Prior to the group's main banquet, they had been told to expect a VIP speaker -- and that they would have to clear security before the meal. While a horde of "Secret Service" men circled the group, the spotlight went on what appeared to be the president. Nolan reported that it wasn't until he began to speak that the audience realized it really wasn't him.

Robert Derickson - Editor

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize a unique couple, Ames and Helen Miller of Columbus, Indiana.

A pair of troopers that show up weekly during the spring, summer and fall to plant and tend the flower gardens at the Veterans Memorial at Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

A lot of live, heart and physical labor as well as time and money go into this self appointed task.

In the spring of '95 with your donations, Ames and Helen hope to section off the gardens and place a name plaque for those persons who have donated to the planting of perennials in the gardens.

Past personnel and volunteers along with The National Guard at Camp Atterbury say "Thank You" to this exceptional pair.

Donation to: Ames Miller, 2666 Central Ave., Columbus, Indiana 47201.

Mrs. Sharon S. Willis

6597 Badger Dr., Ninevel Ind. 46164

wife of Post Commander, Col. Garry L. Willis



AUGUST 7, 1994 - Veteran's Memorial Camp Atterbury

To the Editor:

My husband Bruce Hutchison served in the 83rd Division Band from October 29, 1942 to November 16, 1945. Perhaps some of you might remember him or the little black and white dog that jumped in the fox hole with him at St Malo, France. I am enclosing a picture of Bruce and "Spotty" you might want to use in your magazine. Bruce brought him back to Tennessee after the war and he lived to the ripe old age of 19!

I am sad to say Bruce passed away December 16, 1989. I know how proud he was to have served with the 83rd Division Band.



The reason I am writing this letter is to let you know that I was one of the women that were given in secret radioactive iron and isotope iron 59 at Vanderbilt Hospital in 1946, when I was pregnant with our daughter, Barbara.

I have just learned of this most unforgivable deed. On February 1, 1994 I filed a class action suit against Vanderbilt and Oak Ridge Laboratories to represent the hundreds of women that were used in these human experiments.

I know of no words that could express the feelings that Bruce would have had, were he alive today. To think that he fought to preserve our freedom and to come home and have us subjected to this horror! I am trying to bring to the forefront to all the men who gave their all for their country that this will never happen again in the United States of America.

Our lives were changed forever when they took away my right to say yes or no to these experiments. I know of no expectant mother who would willingly subject her unborn child to this. Vanderbilt Hospital played "Russian Roulette" with our lives not knowing what radioactive iron would do to us. I still carry this in my body as of today, so does my daughter and who knows how many generations this will pass on to.

If any of you plan to attend the 50th reunion in France this June, I hope you can bring this matter to the attention of all the men that served their country as my husband did in World War II.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bruce (Helen) Hutchison

3175 Southall Road

Franklin, Tennessee 37064,

615 791-0450

Ex-POW finds his way back

By Valorie Tramm
Daily Journal Staff Writer

Wolfgang Riedel was captured at gunpoint and brought to Johnson County as a prisoner of war.

But instead of harboring memories of chains and starvation, the former German Army private remembers drinking beer and socializing with his American guards. He holds such fond memories that Monday he returned to the place where he was confined in 1944 and 1945.

"Such good memories come back," said Riedel, 67, who lives in Duisburg-Rahm in western Germany. "The time I had in Atterbury was, for me, one of the best in my young life."

Riedel and his wife, Christa, stepped off a plane in Chicago only hours before their arrival in Johnson County. They rented a car and drove to Custer Baker Middle School, where they met with Don Wertz, a teacher there.

The Riedels' surprise visit was prompted by "The Atterbury File," a book written by Custer Baker students about what the camp was used for during World War II, and is used for today. After discovering the book through a friend, also a POW at Atterbury, Wolfgang wrote to the school for a copy in 1990. Wertz was a co-editor, so Riedel wrote him.

"I wonder if you realize how much it meant to me to see the book," Riedel wrote in a letter to Wertz. After reading it, Riedel decided he would return to the camp as soon as he was able.

Riedel was 16 years old when he enlisted in the German army. A private, he was involved in the fighting on the front lines in Normandy when he was captured by an American soldier in June 1944. He was sleeping in a foxhole when a U.S. soldier tapped him and woke him up. Thinking it was one of his comrades, he followed without a fight.

"Everybody was mixed. It was difficult; you couldn't tell Americans or Germans," he said.

He was brought with thousands of other prisoners to Camp Atterbury, where he learned to live in this country.

"It's very difficult to explain," Riedel said of his reason to return to the camp. He said the reputation America has throughout the world is that of "excitement" and "number one, like in the Olympics." He has a personal attachment to this country because he was here and was treated well.

"This is where I start living America. You fall in love with this country," he said.

Although Riedel was forced to do various jobs at the camp while guarded, his reasons for liking Camp Atterbury are many.

During his stay, he was allowed to shoot a guard's gun, he could purchase beer each day with prisoner currency, and he was fed and clothed. In the camp, the Germans had access to a large kitchen, and they baked cakes for fellow prisoners' birthdays.

"I had a very good time, only missing connection to woman or freedom," he said.

As he looked at the original buildings still standing on the military side of the camp, Riedel retold one of his favorite stories about the war.

"When we came, they gave us clothes and (had) shelves of shoes for us. The shoes were old and I didn't like them. I saw one pair, new, wrong size. Biggest size ever. I took them and put paper in, but I walked like a clown.

"My first job cutting grass (on the military side), we were allowed to use the bathrooms. I saw new shoes, smaller size in sleeping room, I took them (from an American soldier's bunk) and put my shoes there.

"Too bad for me, I would have liked to see the face of armed soldier, probably fighting with other soldiers. Soldiers have better possibility to have new shoes."

After his time at Atterbury, Riedel was transferred to a camp in France run by the French army and worked in a coal mine. His memories of the camp in France weren't at all fond, and he will not return there.

"I have no wish to see France," he said.

The couple will stay in this part of Indiana for a day or two more,

and will continue their journey to California. They will tour the country along Route 66, an idea they thought of while watching the show of the same name on German Television.

Sent in by Jim Reddin



Dear Bob:

Here are two pictures of my buddies and myself while overseas. I hope that you will be able to put them in the next issue of the Thunderbolt. I hope that one day I will be able to attend one of the reunions. The single picture of my best buddy and he was called "TALL" and we called him "Terrible Tall". The other pictures of Tall, Fidel Montel and myself. We were in the 3rd BN. Co. "L". Thank you for all that you do for the organization. You are doing great work for all of us. Hope to be able to meet you in person sometime.

Clyde Miller, 431 Rest Street
Pomaria, S C 29126, 3rd BN 331st L Co.



U.S. troops coming ashore at Normandy

Dear Bob,

The enclosed is a picture of part of the 83rd Division landing in Normandy, which was printed in the Philadelphia Enquirer. This is the same picture which appears on page (29) twenty nine in the book "Thunderbolt Across Europe". I have not been able to identify the unit in the picture. Maybe if you print this in the Thunderbolt some of our members will recall the picture and be able to identify the unit.

Best regards,
John W. Miller
Co. L 329th Infantry

HELLO BUDDIES:

Here we are back from one of the finest Reunions ever. I think that because of our age, we are beginning to appreciate our Reunions more and more every year, that is why we unconsciously say, the best or one of the best reunions. That is not meant as a hurt to other Chapters who have put on Reunions. Every reunion committee has tried their hardest to give us the best.

This year we had the great pleasure of visiting Ellis Island, one of the most historical points in this country. Ellis Island is where many of our ancestors first put foot on American soil. It was a very nice visit and our memorial service which was held there was terrific. It is nice attending it and paying tribute to our Buddies, but as the list of deceased for the year is read, you can't help but let the tears flow. Then to top it off, the singing of "MY BUDDY", by the one and only Jim Burton is what really brings out the tears. He has such a way of singing it, that it brings out the meaning more than any other singer could.

It has been just about a month since the Reunion, but I am sure that all of you still need another month to rest up and get back on our feet. That is what old age does to you. It is a wonderful feeling to be able to sit there and talk with our Buddies once again. As we get older we even have a closer relationship, as we sit there talking and thinking, "Will I be able to see John Jones next year".

As we sit here thinking of the past, we have to move on to the future, and start thinking and planning for next years Reunion. As I am sure that many of you know it will be held in the South. That Dixie Chapter is a terrific Host Chapter. They are the founding Fathers of "SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY", and they sure do know how to show it. It will be held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, which is a terrific place for a Reunion, and between the location of the Reunion, and that Southern Hospitality that will be showered on us, it will once again be hard not to use those words "BEST REUNION EVER HELD".

Before you receive your next Issue of the "THUNDERBOLT" after this one, I am sure that the Reunion Ad Book Committee will be seeking your help. Please make your responses as soon as possible after you receive their request. That Ad Money plays a terrific part in facing the financial commitments that must be taken care of prior to the Reunion.

I would like to at this time express my sincere thanks to all of you who helped to make the Boston Chapter Ad Book the success that it was. Well Buddies, again it was a pleasure to meet all you wonderful people at the Reunion. Let us all start planning today to be in Myrtle Beach for the next Reunion.

Your Buddy, Larry Redmond

Dear Mr. Derickson,

I am writing to inform you that my beloved father, Stephen M. Artner, passed away on August 3, 1994. His death, from lung and heart failure was peaceful, painless,

and marked by his absolute faith in God.

My father spoke to me often about his wartime experiences with the 83rd. The recollection of his military service was particularly important to him over the past few years. In 1989, thanks to some very kind French veterans we had met informally, my parents and I visited some of your battlegrounds in Normandy. Just a few weeks ago my parents visited me in Germany, where I am working. We had a wonderful time together, during which he told my friends and colleagues of various nationalities and ages about the contribution of the 83rd.

I will always be grateful for having been able to tell him again how proud I will always be of him.

Our country owes all of you a tremendous debt of gratitude which will never be forgotten.

Sincerely, Stephen Artner

% Mrs. Jeanne Artner, 104 Peabody Drive
Oxford, Ohio 45056

STEPHEN M. ARTNER -- IN MEMORIAM
(based on comments by his son at St.
Mary's Church, Oxford, Ohio, August 8, 1994)

Father Terry invited me to speak to you about my father. I hesitated, because it is difficult, as you can understand, and because I know that any remarks of mine will be incomplete and inadequate. But I will try to say a few words, both to honor my father, and in the hope that sharing some thoughts about him will help you in your grief and in your lives.

Some of you knew my father before I was born. Perhaps if any of you have special thoughts or memories of him you might jot them down for my mother and myself to keep and cherish. In any case you know his qualities as well as I do: his courage and determination, his kindness and generosity, his optimism, his simpleness of heart, his incredible sense of humor. Tying it all together was his extraordinary ability to love other people selflessly, simply, and absolutely.

He loved to talk about his childhood. He told us of his adventures camping, hiking, in school, and playing sports. But the stories always came back to the people who were important to him: his parents and sisters, his Uncle Matt Fuchs, Jim Darryl and his other friends. He told me not long ago that it was their love -- especially that of his mother -- that made him into the adult he became.

When his country called, he rushed to serve. He volunteered for the Army Infantry; he fought in the Battle of Normandy that we have just commemorated; after months on the front he was wounded, paying with his blood for our freedom.

His wartime service showed valor, courage, and grit. But it also was a mission of love. This country took him as an immigrant, and he cherished it in his heart until the day he died.

Even in war, my father was never moved by hate. He never bore an ounce of hatred for the German people, or any other people. Some of his favorite stories were

about his time helping to run a prisoner of war camp just after the fighting. One of his jobs -- the best he ever had, he told me -- was taking the German prisoners home to their joyous families. They often invited my father into their homes, and he more than once reported back that his jeep had broken down while he spent days celebrating with former enemies.

My father had many other stories about the human side of the war. He told me about an elderly English couple who took him into their home and treated him as a son that Christmas of 1944 after he had been released from the hospital. One day while the fighting was still raging he came across an elderly French couple who sat weeping in front of their farmhouse. They had only one installment left to pay on their mortgage, but the war had destroyed their means of livelihood and they were about to lose their property. My father immediately drove them to the local bank, pulled out his earnings, and bought them the deed to their farm.

He could go on for hours with such stories, as some of you well know. What shone through was always his warmth and caring, his fun-loving nature, and his simple human decency.

My father showed these same qualities throughout the rest of his life. He showed them in his marriage to my mother, in over forty years of love and faithfulness. He showed them in his career as a teacher, coach, and counselor. He certainly showed them toward his children, to whom, as he said the day he died, he gave of himself one hundred percent. He showered Christina and myself with everything imaginable, including, perhaps most importantly, his time.

It was only when I was an adult that it dawned on me how unusual, exorbitant, and extravagant was my parents' love. I was sometimes embarrassed by their large and small acts of kindness, which I knew were not deserved. Only later did I realize that my duty was simply to accept that love whether or not I deserved it -- just as the entire message of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation, as I understand it, is our duty to accept the free gift of God's love even though we know we do not merit it.

I last saw my father a few weeks ago when he and my mother visited me in Germany. Given his state of health, I was worried about his travel and offered to come home instead. He insisted on coming, stubborn Dutchman that he was, and we had a wonderful, precious time together. "This may be my last hurrah," he told me, "but it is a great one." I introduced him to friends, people of various ages and nationalities who, unlike us, knew him only briefly. Yet so many of them said to me afterwards "Steve, what special parents you have" -- and that was true.

There was an aura of specialness about my father that I could never quite put my finger on. But it clearly had something to do with that ability to love simply, unselfishly, and absolutely.

I realize now that that human love sprang from his love of God. He didn't talk frequently about that love, but he showed it every day in how he lived and, perhaps even more strikingly, in how he died.

Father Terry mentioned my father's spiritual experience in the hospital almost two years ago. At that point, in a coma, on a respirator, near death or perhaps clinically beyond it, he had an experience of transcendence. I don't claim to understand it; I only know that it transformed him. We afterwards saw him laying in his hospital bed, weak and frail and still near death, yet transfigured by peace and hope and joy, recalling St. Paul's words about the outer man falling into decay as the inner man is renewed day by day. It was a renewing experience for my father as well as a message to my mother and myself and, I

hope, for you today.

Partly because of that experience, my father was truly ready for death. Although sorry to leave us for now, he was not depressed or sad or fearful about death itself. Instead, he looked forward to entering a dwelling beyond description. That, too, was a gift to him and to us.

It is customary to pray for the repose of the soul of the deceased, and for the survivors. My mother and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts for coming here and doing that. I would also suggest prayers of thanksgiving for the incredible honor of knowing my father, or sharing in his love, or learning from his experience and his wisdom.

Probably the last thing my father ever saw himself as was a philosopher. Yet his life showed true wisdom. He knew himself. He knew what is important, and what isn't. He knew how to live, and how to die. He showed the wisdom that the Book of Wisdom calls "a breath of the power of God...a reflection of the eternal light."

My father's wisdom, light, and love will be with me the rest of my life. I hope they will help and comfort you in your journeys as well. Because I can honestly say of my father, in the words Plato used of his teacher Socrates, that of all the men of his time I have ever known, he was the wisest, and the justest, and the best.

DEAR BOB AND PEARL:

I just finished reading my Dad's latest Thunderbolt with the articles from our trip to Europe.

I felt I needed to write to tell you what I got out of the trip. My sisters and I as you know accompanied our Dad, Keith Weisenburger on that once in a lifetime trip. We thought it would be a time for great memories with our Dad--all of us together in Europe. Seeing all the sites he and my mom had seen when you all went in 1989.

What I never imagined was being with a bus load of such nice and loving people. Spending 12 days with these veterans and their wives turned out to be almost the best part of the whole trip! I felt I had known these folks all my life. All the stories they told were remarkable. Like it occurred just yesterday. How everyone came home alive is remarkable in itself. You are all heroes to me! I've also gained a greater appreciation for our veterans past and present. From all we'd seen it was truly remarkable. I'll never forget the day at Omaha Beach. Seeing our guys of all branches in their uniforms -- it gave me goosebumps! They all looked so good. I've never been prouder to be an American as I was that day.

I just wanted to say again what a great bunch of people we met. I felt I had gained a new family. In 12 days I came back home having met Uncle Frank, Grandpa Mike, Bodyguard Nathan, my adopted mother-in-law in Maryland, relatives in Florida and California, (a place to stay in both states) a good friend from our ambulance ordeal and many, many more.

I want to thank you all who helped in any way -- to make my memories so wonderful and to wish you all nothing but happiness.

God Bless

Amy Young - daughter of Keith Weisenburger





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