



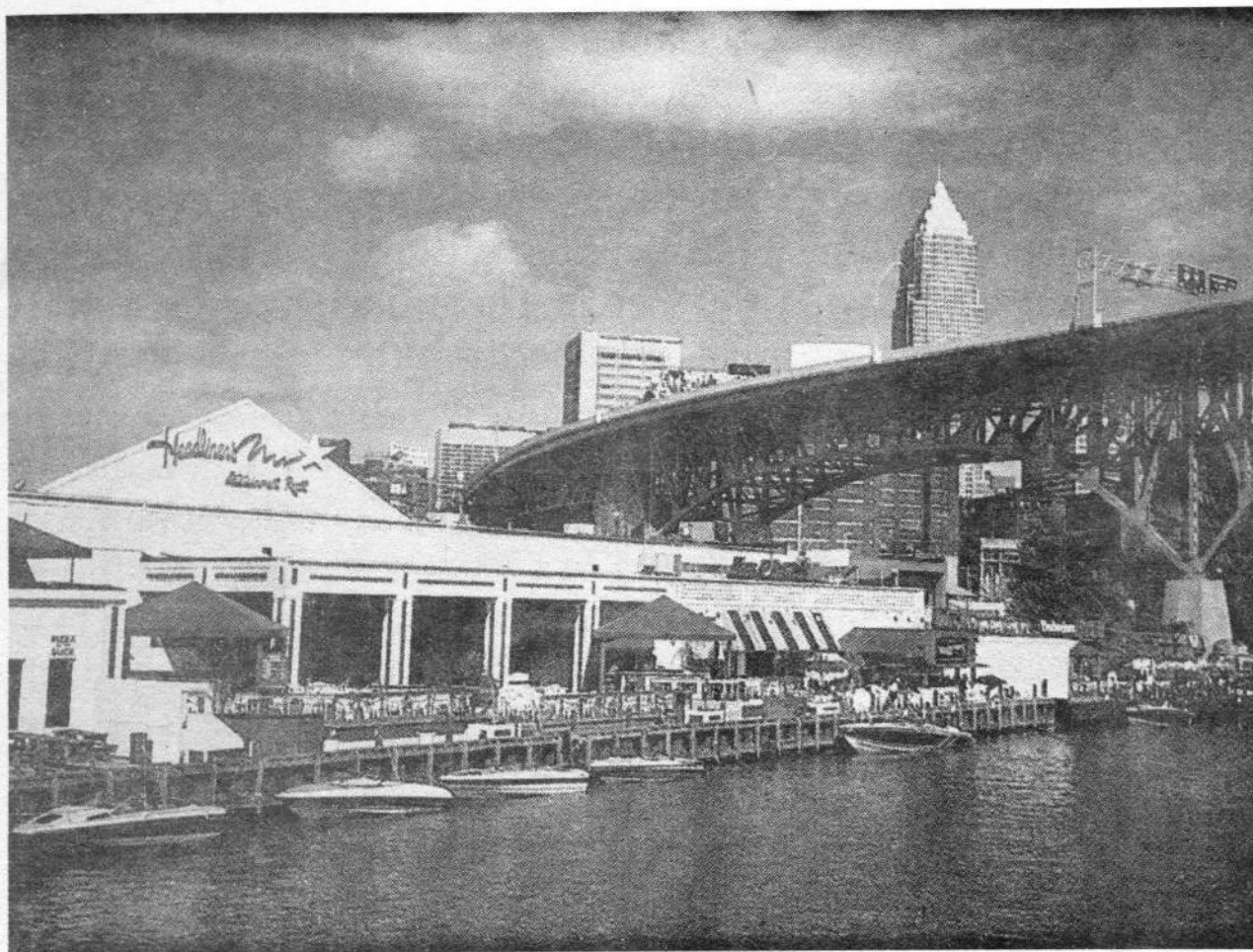
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*Joseph F. Minotti..... 1960
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Charles J. Lussler..... 1990
Edgar H. Haynes..... 1991
Ned Smith..... 1992
Louis Sandini..... 1993
William A. Minick..... 1994
* Denotes Deceased



The President's Corner

GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

Now that the hoopla of the Super Bowl is over, we can get back to the business of our 50th Reunion.

As stated in the last Thunderbolt we have free pick up at the airport by the hotel. When you get off the plane call the the hotel at 524-8050 and they will pick you up after you claim your luggage. Vehicles cannot park for any length of time and you must be ready to board as soon as it gets there. Continental Airlines is offering a discount to those who use their airline. We should have a reference number to use by the next issue of the Thunderbolt.

There is easy access to the hotel from all Interstates in the area, see map in other sections of this book.

Reservations are coming in hot and heavy so get yours in soon as possible, remember that there is limited available space on the boat and rooms at the hotel. See separate article by Earl Lindsey (Reunion Chairman) if you don't stay at the Holiday Inn.

Larry Redmond used to solicit ads for the Association. He has to curtail his activities due to health problems and therefore we have to depend on you to continue your support thru the request in this book. You know how important the Ad Book is to the success of a reunion. Hope all will respond as soon as possible.

So get your reservations in as soon as possible, also your ads, and we'll see you all at the 50th Reunion in Cleveland, Ohio.

I'll close now wishing everyone good health and happiness.

Casey Szubski
President

EXECUTIVE BOARD CHAIRMAN.....

Everyone who attended the Reunion in Myrtle Beach informed me they had a good time. Meadows Minnick and Lacy Satterfield and their staff should be commended. Anna and I were sorry we couldn't make it.

We are looking forward to our 50th Reunion at Independence (Cleveland) Ohio. Casey Szubski and Earl Lindsey's Tentative Schedule looks good. Be sure to send in your reservations and ADS, supporting our 50th. Not many World War II organizations can boast of reaching this goal.

Let us not forget the fine job Jim Burton did on the Executive Board.

I am looking forward to going to Indianapolis for the Executive Board Meeting in May.

Again, we would like to thank everyone for their cards, telephone calls, and prayers while I was in the hospital. I've been home for the last two months and I am feeling fine! THANK GOD!

Best Wishes and good health to all.

Al Belvedere
Co. K 331st Inf.

REUNION CHAIRMAN

Work on the 50th Reunion is progressing very well. A recent meeting with Casey Szubski solved some problems and brought up many items that need your attention. The things you need to be addressing now are:

It is very important that those not staying at the Holiday Inn but who will be attending dinner on Friday and Saturday, contact me by July 12th. Seating arrangements need to be finalized. The Holiday Inn will provide round tables of 10 and will have a seating chart each day for our convenience. Registrations (and money) for the Boat

Cruise Dinner need to be sent to Mike Mizerock as soon as possible. We don't want anyone left out. (Mike Mizerock, 12041 Woodridge Dr., North Royalton, OH 44133-(216) 237-1140).

Don't forget to get your ad's into Henry Trzeciak (57 Drive, Bedford, OH 44146-(216) 662-3607). We need your support in order to have a successful reunion.

The golf outing will be on Thursday, at Pine Valley Golf Course (approximately 25 miles from the Holiday Inn. Golf tee off is 10 am (leaving from the Holiday Inn by 9:15 a.m.). Green fees are \$16 per person and include 18 holes of golf and half of the riding cart. Contact me for reservations.

For your information, a Catholic Mass will be said on Saturday, at 3:00 p.m. by Fr.

Steve Lanza, son of Joe & Julie Lanza, at the Holiday Inn.

If you need any information, please don't hesitate to call me. Thank you for your attention to these items.

EARL LINDSEY
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*Past President & Ad Book
Co-ordinator for many years, Larry Redmond,
has passed away*

On Saturday morning, March 9, we received a call from Lou Volpi that we had lost one of our most devoted followers of the 83rd. Larry Redmond, who had served as one of our early President's had passed away. Larry will certainly be missed. He worked harder than anyone I know to get ADS for the AD Book and was always successful. He loved the 83rd and was proud to be a member. He will be sadly missed by all members who knew him. He missed his wife Mary and continued to talk about her. We will miss you Larry. Rest in Peace.

former police officer.....

By Bill Price - INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

Lawrence J. Redmond, 82, of Broomall, a retired Haverford Township police officer who was active in local veterans affairs, died of congestive heart failure Saturday at Bryn Mawr Hospital.

Mr. Lawrence served on the Haverford police force from 1946 until retiring in 1972.

In 1949, he suffered multiple injuries when he was struck by a car while investigating an automobile accident in the township, and was not expected to live, said a

brother, Leonard P. Fries.

After several months in Delaware County Memorial Hospital and two years in a wheelchair, he returned to the police department and worked as an acting desk sergeant and then in records until retiring.

"He was a very dedicated police officer," said Haverford Police Chief Gary F. Hoover.

In his role as acting inside sergeant, he handled reports, directed communications and dispatched police to calls. He also handled personnel records and did a lot of administrative work, the chief said.

Mr. Redmond, who was born in Narberth, was raised in Bala Cynwyd and lived in Haverford Township since about 1946. He attended Lower Merion High School and then served as an Army sergeant in Europe during World War II.

He was awarded several war medals, including the Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts and a Meritorious Unit commendation.

Mr. Redmond, who was active in area veterans affairs, was a member and past commander of the former Bullock-Sanders American Legion Post in Ardmore from 1963 until 1969 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Ardmore. He also was twice national president of the 83rd Division Association.

He was instrumental in raising funds for the Lower Merion Veterans Monument at St. Paul's Cemetery in Ardmore, which was erected in 1979, his brother said.

Mr. Redmond was a member of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Manoa.

His wife of 47 years, Mary Kennedy Redmond, died in 1987.

In addition to his brother, he is survived by a sister, Gertrude Redmond Ward.

-----DECEASED-----

The following names are our deceased buddies since our last THUNDERBOLT. The sympathy of the entire 83rd goes out to the families.

<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Reported By</u>
V.B. Atchison	"F" 329th	Bob Whitcomb
Frank Ball	3rd BN. HQ. 329th	Eric Ball
Albert Benjamin	"K" 329th	Alex P. O'Brien
Joseph Braswell	"D" 331st	Al Shrawder
Frank Busa	"L" 329th	Lou Volpi
Howard Carlborn	908th	Bob Wessel
Andrew Carroll, Sr.	"HQ" 329th	Bob Whitcomb
A.J. Charron	A.T. 330th	George A. Robson
Mike Chitjian	"D" 331st	Al Shrawder
Paul Cooley	83rd Div. Band	Arthur Yon
Jean-Paul Cossette	3rd Bn. 331st	Santo
Angelo Disiena	"B" 331st	George Calore
Jacob Esbenshade	"E" 331st	Ed Haynes
James R. Freeman	"E" 329th	Wife
John J. Gallagher	"E" 330th	John DeSimone
William Hopcroft	332st	Amby Tynan
Marvin Floyd Hughes	"HQ" 329th	Wife, Emily

Frank Hutchinson
Leo Hutto
John E. Ivins
Michael Jarmoski
Knutte Kilponen
*Frank McCabe
Earl Mills
Albert Misler
Norman Mould
Frank Oliver
Raymond Peloquin
John Prescott
Richard Powell
Philip Pruitt
Larry Redmond
John Reuter
Kenneth Rogers
Charlie Schmidt
Anthony Theodore
Noel Villarreal
*Vernon Callihan
*Donald Clayton
*Milton Lovejoy

"E" 330th Medics
"H" 330th
"A" 329th
"B" 908th
Service Btry 323rd
"G" 331st
308th Engineers
"D" 331st

"E" 331st
3rd BN.HQ. 329th
"B" 908th
"D" 329th
"H" 330th
"H" 330th
"C" 331st
"B" 330th
"F" 331st
"CN" 330th
"CN" 330th
"L" 329th
"F" 330th
3rd BN. HQ. 329th

Harry Stevenson
Larry Redmond
Robert Grobelny
Jim Prentice
Pat DiGiammerino
Joe Macaluso
Wife
Al Shrawder
John Daum
Joe Macaluso
Pat DiGiammerino
Richard Bevin
Pat DiGiammerino
Larry Redmond
Lou Volpi
Wife
Pat DiGiammerino
Manny Goodridge
Wife
Wife
John Miller
O.L. Cook
Wife

Here are the names of wives who have passed away. Our sympathy goes out to our buddies in their loss.

Julie Cox, wife of Edward Cox, "H" 329th of Cleveland, Ohio
from Fran Beerhalter

Doris Fay, wife of John Fay "G" 329th, member of Ky. Chap.
from Doris Brinkman

Carolyn Palm, wife of Elmer Palm "B" 331st member of Pitts. Chap.
From Fran Beerhalter

Thelma Quin, wife of Milan Quin
from Manny Epstein

From the Office.....

Greetings to all of you and we hope that all of you are in better health and if you are not feeling well we wish for better days ahead. Pearl and I are doing very well. Pearl's foot is doing much better. She walks, sometimes slowly, without a cane, walker or wheel chair. So we are indeed blessed.

I know that all of you are glad that the snow has slacked up and we are getting back to that sunshine weather.

This is a very important issue of the Thunderbolt magazine. READ CAREFULLY. I hope by now that all of you have received your new Roster. In that Roster are all the application forms for the Reunion to be held in Cleveland. They are also in this issue of the Thunderbolt. They will not be in the next issue of the Thunderbolt. All applications must be sent to the address as stated on them. All reservations must be sent by mail. NO TELEPHONE CALLS.

According to the U.S. Postal Data it tells that we have around one hundred-fifty (150) members whose addresses need to be corrected. If any of you have any

part of your address with changes in the last year PLEASE send the correction to this office. It could be just a lot number or zip code five digit and/or plus four (4) zip. Some of you may not know your plus four but we do have most of them through the U.S. Postal Data. You will notice them on your address labels.

By doing this we get a break on our postage cost plus some other computer work on the program.

We have gone many years without raising our dues. Many of the other organizations have done this two or three years ago. The Executive Board last September at the Myrtle Beach Reunion decided it was time for us to do like wise due to our operational cost. This was announced in the Business Meeting that dues would be \$15.00 starting with 1997 and \$5.00 for the widows.

I would like to inform all of you that Al Belvedere's health has improved and he is doing much better. This is good news Al. Keith Davidson will be having a prostate surgery March 19, 1996 and will be in hospital for about one week. Can send cards to his home. I'm sure he would enjoy hearing from his buddies. We wish everyone a speedy recovery.

Bob Derickson

PLEASE ADD THESE NAMES TO YOUR NEW ROSTER

Fitch, Mike 157 Speer Street, McKees Rock, PA. 15136
"A" 908 412-771-5319

Komlos, George 15 E. Schoonmaker Ave., Acme, PA.
"D" 331st 412-547-6783

We are sorry that they were omitted.

83rd Inf. Div. Assoc. Reunion Fund Financial Report, Sept. 1995

Income:	
Registration	37,049.00
Ad Book	13,908.00
Gatlin Bros. Show	6,032.00
Interest	47.10
Crafts & 50-50	1,093.00
Donations	13.00
Postage Refund	45.08
Total Income	58,187.18

Disbursements:	
Landmark Hotel	36,249.86
Ad Book	4,088.21
Ad Book Postage	1,104.00
Printing	518.67
Hospitality	4,181.00
Equipment Rental	200.00
Entertainment	3,200.00
Flowers & Decorations	570.27
Reunion Planning Ex.	3,176.00
Telephone	254.00
Comp. Rooms Refund	1,719.00
Gatlin Bros. Refunds	416.00
Donations (Bugler)	65.00
Balance to National	55,742.01
	2,445.17

Historian's Corner.....



It now appears that the historical records of the 83rd's achievements in WWII for the associations' archives will have to be obtained from The National Archives in Washington DC. I will do all possible to accomplish this by corresponding with those officials or by any other means that may present itself. I will, of course, keep the membership fully informed on my progress in this regard.

My thanks are extended to Al Shrawder (Co. D, 331st) for his input on this topic.

I wish to also acknowledge, with many thanks, the following for their contributions to my request for memorabilia which I expressed in the last issue of the THUNDERBOLT:

Hal Neil (Signal Co.)

Richard (Hap) Arnold (K, 330th)

Thomas Borsick (E, 329th)

Kenneth Ralphs (D, 329th)

MAGDEBURG MUSEUM:

We have received a request from this museum (thru a third party in the U.S.) for assistance in a matter of lost arts and treasures. Excerpts of a communication from its director follow:

".....I am interested in clearing up the circumstances of the loss of the art collection of the former Kaiser Friedrich Museum in Megdeburg at the end of WWII. Probably soldiers of the 83rd Infantry Division who are still alive can help me to find out what happened at that time."

".....more than 400 paintings had been stored underground in the Neustassfurt salt mine.

.....two deep entrances to this particular salt mine were called shafts 6 & 7. The place was situated about 20 miles south of the city of Magdeburg, and few miles north of the twin towns of Stassfurt and Leopoldshall.next to the....stored possessions there was an underground factory which produced jet engines for the German Air Force."

"....the US army reached Magdeburg from the north on April 11, 1945.portion of the city....fell under the control of the 30th Infantry Division. Meanwhile units of the 83rd Division advanced rapidly south of Magdeburg to the Elbe River. On April 12th, the 331st regiment of the 83rd Division

took Leopoldshall and the nearby salt mine, called Friedrichshall. ...(uranium was being stored in the Friedrichsall salt mine). It was either the 331st regiment or the 113th Cavalry Group, Mechanized (nicknamed "Red Horse") that occupied the town of Stassfurt and the nearby salt mines on that same day."

"...the armored spearhead of the U.S. Army reached Shafts 6 & 7 ...that particular unit of the 83rd Division was too short of men to guarantee the safety of that place.....it is reported in the US National archives: "No serious loss to the collections had occurred except for the burning of the Magdeburg art collection in....Stassfurt"...

"But we do know that not everything was burned! A few years ago, the Magdeburg Museum was offered a painting which is on the list of objects (that were) stored at shaft 6. And in the 83rd Infantry Division "G-2 journal" for 5 May 1945, we found a mention of an original Martin Luther document which had also been brought to shaft 6 for safekeeping."

".....Let me underline that I am not primarily interested in getting back the museum's property....."But....more than 50 years ago, the objects had been shown in Magdeburg at a place open to the public. Now I demand that they should be accessible again for the knowledge and pleasure of all interested people in the future. And after the political changes in Europe and the reunification of Germany, there is now a good chance to get on with this task."

Apparently the museum's director wishes to ask questions of anyone who might recall being in that vicinity and who may still recall any incidents that might be helpful to them to finally and forever resolve the unsolved mystery of the missing art and documents.

If anyone has any knowledge of this subject and wishes to pass it on to the museum, please let me know. I will forward your name and address to the museum's U.S. agent who will contact you.

Remember, we were INDEED the VERY best!!!

B. John Prinzi

CHAPTERS

Boston Chapter-----

On October 11, 1995 a meeting was held at Barry and Betty Crites log cabin home in Bath, N.H. Mother nature was good to us and we were able to have an excellent cookout with our meeting. We had a few new members in attendance. Many thanks to Barry and Betty for a nice time.

After the above meeting a few went home, however, most of us stayed in motels. Larry Arrigo, Lou Sandini, Tony Piantedosi, Frank Young and myself, along with our wives stayed in White River Junction, Vt. with a lovely home cooking restaurant across the street so we could have our meals. It was a great weekend for all.

Frank and Rose Young had the November meeting at their home in Billerica, MA. I did not attend but I am told it was a successful meeting and Rose did a good job putting out the chow. Bob Hunnewell did the entertainment as a member of company I 329th Infantry. Thanks to all.

Boston Chapter Christmas Party was held at the Ramada Inn in Seekonk, MA. Charles Lussier of 331st Infantry handled this affair and managed it very well. Nancy and I did not attend because I had health problems at the time but everything is okay now. I am told it was the best Christmas Party the Boston Chapter ever had. The C.P. Room was open bar with goodies all day. Dinner and dancing followed in the evening and Santa Claus came with gifts for all. I am sorry I missed this one as many of my 323rd buddies were there. The drawing winners were: 1st prize Ron DoDsworth, 2nd prize John Marek, 3rd prize Joseph Malone, 4th prize Louis Marotti, 5th prize Thomas French.

On April 29 to May 3rd the Boston Chapter is having a Mini Reunion at the Pines Hotel in South Fallesburg, NY. For reservations call 1-800-367-4637. All are welcome.

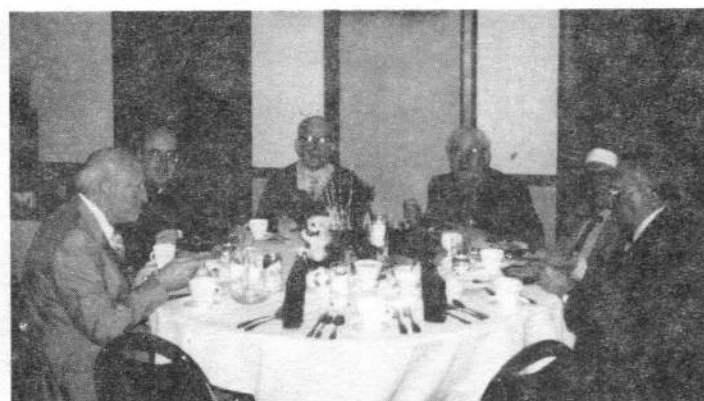
Livie Maynard, one of our hardest working woman in the 83rd Boston Chapter was given a surprise birthday party at the American Legion Post 11, Warren, R.I. by her four children. Many of the chapter attended with their wives. We certainly enjoyed meeting all the family and friends celebrating Livies 80th birthday. We all had a wonderful time. It surely was worth the trip.

Boston has been very active all over the New England States and New York. Our membership has been getting stronger. However, it takes a lot of work and time. Thanks to all the Boston Members.

Amby Tynan
Boston Chapter.



On bus trip to Dinner Theater -- Boston Chapter



Father Richard McCouch & Boston Chapter Members



The new comers -- Bill & Barbara Rowe -- Boston Chapter



Boston Chapter at their best!!



Al & Jackie Remy, Andrew & Denise Remy, Albert & Eunice Runge, Bob & Marti Sessions - Boston Chap.



Left to Right -- Jim Fish, Chris Heine, Larry Redmond, Manny Lima, Harry Stevenson and John Daum -- with Lou Volpi in front.



Bunch of "Happy Campers" -- Boston Chapter



Left to Right -- Larry Redmond, Lou & Lucy Volpi, Chris Heine, Harry Stevenson, Dotty Heine, Marie Stevenson, John & Margaret Daum, Jim and Ceile Fish.

Philadelphia Chapter-----

For the third year in a row, the Philadelphia Chapter had planned its annual Christmas Dinner at the Coastline Restaurant over in New Jersey. The date we chose was Sunday, December 10, at 3:00 P.M.. However, our luck turned bad when we had a snow storm the day before. Members from the Philadelphia and New Jersey areas were able to reach the restaurant, but members north and west of the city had more snow and could not chance the icy roads. Members who were able to come enjoyed the good food and getting together.

After the Christmas Dinner, the chapter meetings have been snowed out, as has every other nonessential event in the north section of the county.

We have a meeting scheduled for Sunday, May 19, at Lou Volpi's Restaurant at 2:00 P.M. to plan our participation in the Memorial Day Parade and service in Narberth, Pa.

John G. Daum, Phila.
Chapter Secretary

Pittsburgh Chapter-----

Forty-two persons were in attendance at the chapter Christmas Party held Saturday, December 16, 1995 at the Lamplighter Inn in Delmont, Pa. Brought back memories of past affairs: good food, band for dancing, lots of liquid refreshments and old-fashioned comaradery. Door prize winners were Ed Reuss, Bill Nese, Joann Beerhalter, Mike Rudy, John Marek and Charles Hawkins. Also all women in attendance received a box of homemade candy.

Deceased members of the chapter were remembered in a brief service at the November, 1995 meeting. They are: Ralph Allen, Co. B, 308th F.A.; Charles Altermari, Co. B, 308th Eng.; Ralph Baron, Co. A, 308th Eng.; Emil Becker, Co. L, 331st Inf.; Wilber Campbell, Co. D, 331st Inf.; Patrick Caruccio, Co. K, 330th Inf.; Gene Costanzo, Co. G, 331st; George Gelety, Co. F, 330th inf.; Henry Golembiewski, Co. F, 329th Inf.; Albert Gruber, Co. M, 331st Inf.; John Gusik, Co. B, 331st Inf.; Adam Hassick, 308th Eng.; Charles Hopta, Co. A, 331st Inf.; Samuel Klippa, Co. D, 331st Inf.; Todd McLaughlin, Co. C, 908th F.A.; Charles Navish, Co. I, 329th Inf.;

Elmer Palm, Co. B, 331st Inf.; Walter Poland, Co. I, 329th Inf.; John Ruprecht, 908th F.A.; Joseph Setticas, Co. D, 331st Inf.; Albert Suess, Co. G, 331st Inf.; Wilbur Wilson, Cn. Co., 331st Inf.; Frank Zagoda, Co. G, 331st Inf.

The officers appointed persons for the calendar year 1996-97 are: President, Charles Caven; Vice-President, Jules Desgain; Treasurer, William Mattes; Secretary, James J. McCulla; Sergeant-at-Arms, Andrew Churpak; Publications, Francis Beerhalter; Historian, Lawrence Leonardi; Trustees, Joseph Danylo, Francis Beerhalter, William Demarino; Chaplain, Matthew Pintar; Auditor Joseph Danylo; National Board Member, Sal Scicolone; Sick Committee, Charles Caven, Edward Walsh, Charles Caven, James J. McCulla.

BITS and PIECES: \$100 was donated to the KDKA-TV Wayne Van Dnye Christmas Turkey Fund. Hospitalized recently: Ruth Hopta, wife of deceased member Charles. A get-well card was forwarded to her. Ted Lozowski is in serious condition, a get-well card was sent. Mike Rudy was treated for a growth on his neck as an out-patient department of a local hospital. Assn. Chaplain, Frank Hornack was in Presbyterian-University Hospital for a growth on one of his feet. Mike Kadylak attended the February meeting after having a lung operation the latter part of last year. It was at the top of his lung so it wasn't that serious. George Komlos fell twice this winter, both within a period of a month. He says he has lingering back pain.

Mike Laguri of nearby McKees Rocks, died the latter part of December. He served with Ezio Alicandri in Co. D, 329th Inf. Bill and Betty Mattes will be celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary in May. Mrs. Carolyn Palm died November 26, 1995. She was the wife of deceased chapter member Elmer Palm, Co. b 331st Inf. The chapter was notified by George Carlson who was handling the affairs. Your reporter's daughter Ann has again made the honor roll for the third straight time at Perry Traditional Academy. She hopes to attend LaRoche College upon graduation. At the December meeting our member from Fairmont, West Virginia was in attendance. He traveled with his sidekick Uncle Louie, who is an Air Force Veteran.

The chapter meets the first Sunday of the month at 2:00 p.m. at the Brentwood VFW Post 1810. If anyone is interested from the tri-state area in joining you may contact me at (412) 931-2304.

In closing I would like to extend my condolences to the family of Russell Wheeler, a real close friend of the family.

He served with your reported in the 1st Plt., Co. H, 329th Inf. Another death was Julie Cox, wife of Ed Cox, a member of the Cleveland Chapter on Friday, November 17th. Ed was in the mortar platoon of Co. H 329th.

Fran Beerhalter -- H 329th

New Jersey Chapter-----

I am writing this article chronologically, starting with October 18th, 1995. This day Frank Sabine (D Co. 331), Fred Rein (K Co. 330), Ralph Stat (G Co. 329) and Stan Bielen (1st Bn. 331) were ordered to the Somerset Armory for the presentation of the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal along with the Citation. It was a most impressive ceremony with a huge American Flag as a backdrop and chairs setup with our names on them. The award was read for each recipient and then you marched front and center to receive your medal from General Moorman of the New Jersey national Guard. If you are entitled to the medal, I would encourage you to go to the ceremony as it is an important part of this presentation. You go away with the feeling that your service to our nation was most appreciated.

Ken Miglionico (B Co. 308 Eng.) had his medal sent to him. He and his wife Josephine went to Atlantic City. Josephine if you had gone to the medal presentation, you would have been as proud as the wives who were there. I am sending 3 pictures that were taken at the ceremony, notice how the wives are standing so proud.



Our Christmas Party was held December 3rd and we had a great turnout. We had 37 people attend, all enjoyed the delicious food and the open bar. Fred and Addie Rein invited Fred's 3 brothers with their wives to join us and they contributed to the merriment of the party. Joe and Dot Skurka had planned on going, even paid, yet forgot to change their calendar. They thought the party was the following week.

I got to thank Frank Reichmann for the photo showing us at the farewell dinner for Walter Kohlman which was included in his Christmas Card. The photo was taken at the Simbacher/hof in Simbach, Germany. Frank and Walter were our German Interpreters and Walter was born and raised in Germany. His knowledge of the people was needed for the Military Government in Berlin. His life is a very interesting story. He was warned by German Neighbors that the Gestapo was on the way to arrest him. The year was 1939. He escaped to France and then to America. After the war, he learned that his parents were killed in a concentration camp, his two sisters somehow survived. While in Bavaria, Walter was given permission to search for them. I accompanied him to his hometown, Landau, which was on the Upper Rhine and then on to Luxembourg. He continued on his own and was able to find them both, one in the Pyrenees and the other in Switzerland. He brought them to Paris, gave them enough money to live until he was able to get them to America. My time spent with Walter was quite an education.

I received a call just after Christmas from George Foster (Co. F 330). George told me, since returning from the reunion he hadn't been feeling well, went to the doctor where they found he had 4 aneurysms. Operated on, he was still recuperating when he talked to me. Hope all is well with you now.

On PBS Television, a 1994 production called "A Fighter Pilot's Story" was aired. It was produced by the Pilot and his Wife. He was with the 366 Fighter Squadron, flying P-47 Thunderbolts. It shows how they would support the Infantry and in one case, was in direct contact with a Infantry Captain whose Company was in a serious situation under attack by a German Tiger Tank. He responded by dropping a 500 pound bomb on the tank. Was the Captain anyone from the 83rd? How about you Joe Macaluso?

I received a letter from a Gerard Charlot whose address is Les Quatre Vents, 50500 Meatis, France. Recently he found a dogtag in a hedgerow on his farm. Meatis is just west of Carentain and was in the 83rd sector. His search is for a Nick

Orrico whose serial number is 36376685. Gerard would like to return it to him or his family. If you know him, please write Gerard, or write me.

The Chapter has been invited to a dual birthday party for Mary and Charley Sihlanick. They are both 75 this year and daughter Linda and Sal Rizzo have planned a super bash to celebrate this occasion. They are a wonderful couple and our wish is for many more happy years together. We wish you "STO LOT".

That's it for now, wishing you all the best!

Stan Bielen

1st Bn. Hdqs. 331st

"Magic of Trees"

*Sitting on the back porch looking at an old oak tree,
I wondered how old that old oak tree could be.
It grows in the back yard of the house where I live
and in the summer we love the shade that it gives.*

*But what history has passed in the area where it stands
and how many people have touched it with their hands.
You wonder about all the other old trees in your town,
and all the millions of others that grown all around.*

*They give all of us humans a lot of the things that we need;
like wood for our homes and the newspapers that we read,
wood for our stoves to keep us warm, protect from erosion,
these things we need
and shelter and food for many of our small animal friends, in deed.*

*Our national forests give much pleasure on vacations that we take,
and they surround many very beautiful large mountain lakes.
But sometimes we don't see the trees for all that they are,
like the beautiful giant sequoias that are majestic and very old.*

*So the next time you look at a tree, whether its young or old
remember all the things they do for this old world.*

Bob Gerber

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Florida Chapter-----

Greetings from the Florida Chapter. Sorry we missed the last Thunderbolt, but there was no news. On this beautiful Feb. day, when the northern tier is in a deep freeze, this former Pennsylvanian is thankful he made the move to Florida 12 years ago.

Since the National Reunion in Myrtle Beach, the Florida Chapter has had two meetings. On the first weekend of Nov. the chapter met in Vero Beach, Fl., hosted by Allen & Mary Fisher, who also provided entertainment at the banquet. At the business meeting, with a small attendance, the officers for 1996 were elected. Paul Hancher was elected president and Scotty Kust was elected vice-president. The remaining officers were retained in office.

On Jan. 26 & 27, the chapter met at the Inn-on-the-Lake in Sebring, Fl. This is our biggest meeting of the year and was attended by 40 members and two guests. The hosts, Dick & Helen Sullivan arranged for a buffet on Friday night and a banquet on Saturday night, served in the large hospitality room which we were able to use both days. A total of 73 people attended the banquet.

As usual, Ralph Gunderson had his well disciplined troops in order; with a total of 8 men from D - 331st, including Vern Mueller all the way from Oregon. We learned Bernie Cove had recently suffered a stroke and was unable to attend. Jim Burton, who has joined the chapter, called to advise that other business commitments in Indianapolis prevented him from attending. Joe Zenz, who has a winter home in Vero Beach, wrote that this cold and snowy winter has kept him busy in Bethlehem, Pa., so he wouldn't be able to come south at this time. I don't envy him.

We welcomed three new members at this meeting: Joseph Brown, 783rd Ord., Emanuel Lamb, H0331st, and Karl Burkhard, H-330th. Also attending for the first time was John Prinzi, the newly elected Division Historian. He issued an appeal for any historical material as all the previous records have not been turned over to him.

Mike Petitti proposed a site in New Port Richey for the spring meeting to be held on April 26 & 27. After some discussion the chapter agreed to this proposal. Meeting notice will be mailed by end of March.

This reporter can't generate news, only report it. Without members input, I can only report on what happens at meetings. Gotta sign off to make the next deadline.

W. Allen Fisher, Serv. 331st.

New England Chapter-----

First of all we of the New England Chapter hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

On Dec. 2, 1995, Dot & Jim Brennan and Mary and Nick Francullo hosted our Chapter Christmas Party at the Holiday Inn at the Crossings in Warwick R.I.

It was a great weekend party. After arriving at 2:00 P.M. to our private suite, we had all sorts of hors d'oeuvre, bar, desserts and coffee and at 7:45 P.M. we all headed for the Newport Rm. for our Christmas Dinner. After dinner we went back to the chapter room for more celebrating and exchanging of gifts.

Then Joe took out his squeeze box and we had a sing-along into the wee hours of the morning. Thanks Joe it was great.

At 9:00 A.M. we all came back to the Chapter Rm. for a Continental Breakfast and wished each other a safe trip home.

Those who attended our Christmas Party were Chuck & Bernice Abdinor, Bill & Betty Davis, Nick & Mary Francullo, August "Mouise" & Hazle Farias, John & Ester Ferrera, Bill & Jeanette McKee all from Mass. John & Priscilla Welsh of Portland, Maine, Jim & Dot Brennan, Leon & Catherine, Collins, Americo & Marie George, Joe & Helen Petrucci, Al & Ann Tartaglia all from R.I. Mike & Marie Champey, Simon & Kathren Etzel, Rey & Isabelle Orsini, Burt & Rose Simons, Bill & Eleanor Sullivan all from Conn. and we had my daughter and son-in-law from Conn. who was our bar tender and did a great job. Thanks Burt & Helena Welsh.

Ester Ferrira and John have a new grand-son "Kasey" born Sept. 17th 95, Good Luck John & Ester.

Leon Collins was talking to me at the Christmas Party that he has a gun shop and he sells new and used guns and also buys guns from his home in Esmond, R.I.

Received a phone call from Betty Davis that Bill was operated on Dec. 15, 1995 for an Aneurysm in his stomach and is home now, but very slow recovering. Take it slow Bill we need you.

We have two happy smiling faces in our Chapter in Dutchy and Helen Smith.

There grandson Joseph Walsh who has been Ice Skating since the age of 10 is participating in the U.S. Figure Skating Nationals in San Jose, Calif. He is vying for a national title in the Novice Division; The first stop in what could be a climb to the Winter Olympics in 1998 or 2002. His parents John Walsh and Lynn City Councilor Deborah Smith Walsh are very happy over it.

Received a letter from Ray & Helen Rudd that they could not make our party as Ray gets a little anjina at times and Helen is coming along slow from her fall and fractures

We missed you, but get well.

Also got a note from Leroy Trombley of Northfield, Vt. and he and Rosemond are doing O.K. and from John Kables of Southington Ct. that his wife Mary passed away



Joe, Bill, Chuck, -- New England Chapter



A Toast To All - New England Chapter



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11-12-94. We of the New England Chapter send out our sympathy to the Kables family.

Good Buddy Nick Boyd of Hazel Park Mich. was in the hospital April 28 - to May 7, 1995 for congestive heart failure and is coming along slow. Nick take it easy and wife Gertrude is getting better also.

Received a note from Wilfred Burdin of Edison, N.J. that he had too many house and car repairs and etc. that he could not make the reunion on fixed income, but will be at the 50th.

Oh yes can't forget good old Vitie Atkocius of Md. that his boss Ha ha would get on his but if he spends too much time with his friends in the New England Chapter.

Buddy Balfe of Winsted, Conn dropped me a line and things are O.K. with him and said he will make the 50th reunion in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Brennans are back from the State of Washington, where they spent some time with their daughter Bernidett and Lt. Col. Mike David and family.

If we can get out of this crazy New England Weather things will be better. Well that is it for now.

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



New England Chapter



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Dixie Chapter-----

I'm home again following our Christmas party. Thoughts are racing through my mind of the past 54 years. I remember exactly where I was and who was with when the news boys hit the street with "the EXTRA" announcing the attack on "Pearl Harbor". So much has happened in these past years. Today I attended a memorial service for a close friend who fought in WW II like all of us did. Many others are no longer with us and we are indebted to each one. We will always be! Let's move to the present and count our blessings.

The annual trip to the Livingstons was truly a great experience. Mary & Felix had 22,000 Christmas lights all burning for us and the whole neighborhood. What a beautiful sight!

With much excitement and high anticipation the trip to "The Riverside" got underway Tuesday and ended in the rain with the hotel empty of Dixie Chapter troops except the Massies who have lots of shopping to do before the rush begins. All goes well. The mission is accomplished. Now comes the fun part. The early birds start to come in on Wednesday. It's good to see some again for the first time since last year. Saddened to hear of cancellations due to illness and death in the family of friends.

By Thursday the place is filling up with faces both old and new. What a great experience to see and meet with these good people from 15 states, some alone, others with children and grandchildren. Milton Singleton had enough family present to have his own private reunion. I believe there were 12 at his banquet table.

3rd Bn. 329 had six charming couples at their table, ably leading them were Riddle, J. Hudnall, R. Brook, S. Badgett - Who did I miss? Some were conspicuous in their absence - Captain Hill, V.B. Atchison, Wm. Benbow to name a few.

Each day gets better - Emory Culclasure and his platoon from S.C. arrived in good shape and added much to the festivities. The contingent from Macon showed up under the leadership of Phil Simmons. The Vigliones and Jacksons brought us some new jokes from Georgia, Bill also had orchids for many of the ladies but alas no Kiwis for me - next year will be my year!

The shows like Dixie Stampede, Nashville Music and Dollywood attracted many of our folk who came away well pleased!

Flo Jackson was just terrific! I know she broke some fort of record with all the family and friends she had with her. Thank you so much Flo!!!

What can I say about Carroll & Ruby Brown who hosted our meet for 19 years and now haven't even thought about slowing down. We just could not do it without you! And don't you forget it!

Jeanette McCray with four family members made the

trip worthwhile with all the goodies she made and I sampled each! Yum! Yum!

Bo her grandson drew all the winning tickets for door prizes etc and did a fine job just like Honey Bee did at Myrtle Beach. Thanks to lotto!

The fire was going in the fire place! What a sight to see. The lobby full of friends gathered around from 15 states sharing and enjoying each others presence. I just can't get enough of it!!

Dance music on Friday attracted many. Also helping out was the goodies that our ladies brought. Everyone brought something! I tried to taste each one. In so doing I gained six pounds. Can any one top that? Thank you so much. In 74 years old and can't remember each one. Forgive me please!

Harold Brown and Audrey never missed a dance. Meadows Minnick and Grace sat one dance out but I forgot which one it was. I finally got to dance with Honey Bee. O.L. Cook kept the floor hot dancing. I lost track of all his partners. 'Twas really a great evening on Friday with the huge parade with marchers and floats of all kinds in the spirit of Christmas. Meet me here next year.

I saw more engineers than usual. Coffey was on hand! I guess he has more seniority than any engineer in the "308" with 47 appearances to his credit. I may have missed one "Forgive Me!" Little George Cox showed up with Lois (her arm in a cast). Shame on you George! Wm. Stimmel and wife from Pa. came with a load of good food. He is our official "Big Game Hunter". My compliments to him. I apologize but I missed your brides name.

Ellen Freeman came with Diane and Dan Church having lost her husband James last October. Thanks Ellen for being so sweet and bringing Dan to do our Santa Claus bit jokes! Thanks to Dan still recovering from heart surgery. Thanks to Diane for taking care of both! and being there.

The Div. Arty. had 3 cannoneers present. Laughter is finally back in service. Medic Fogleman handled sick call. Massie reported it as he saw it. I'm really in trouble because there's a story connected with each name and I don't have space to write them all.

McIntosh and Imogene with his coon stories and their 50th anniv. gift was too much!

Ben Johnson with my "Tenn. Manuever's Cup and Book. What great times together!!

The Billers, new members, greeted by all and enjoyed but envied by many. He, with his WWII uniform really looked great. and had lot's of stories he shared with us. Arthur Loukes and wife flew in from Houston, Texas, brand new for the first of many more, I hope. H.A. Smith and wife also for the first time. 'Twas most enjoyable and next year will be even better!

Banquet table - Good work Walter! Of course Carl had to help him out just a little bit. Sat. nite was a gala affair. The ladies just went all out. Everything was beautiful. Door prizes galore thanks to Robt. Loftin. Santa did a

great job. The gift exchange went off with out a hitch. We danced until the wee hours of the morning. Sunday is the day we must part and go our many ways. All played an important role!

Al Starling and friend were the last to arrive! Must be great to be young and busy! Thanks for fitting us in. M. Kieth & Delones with lots of human Interest stories I wouldn't miss it for the world. We had so many dignitaries I just can't begin to mention them. I'd do that in a separate article in the near future. Now I must close and get busy helping Kathryn with Christmas Cookies. Till next year then!

See Yah!! E.S. Massie



Newly married -- Stimmel & Wife "B" 308th Eng.



First Time Ever - New Members the Loukas "F" Co. 330th Infantry.



Our Hostess - Flo Jackson and Family



Newly Weds - The Foglemans - Btry "A" 322nd FA



The Billers -- First time ever - New Dixie Members Co. "A" 331st. How about that original Uniform?

Kentucky Chapter-----

As the date of the Christmas party grew near so did a snowstorm with predictions of six inches or more. It's hard to forget being snowed in for four days in the mountains of Arizona, so I grew very apprehensive about the trip to Ohio. I started calling and checking on weather along the route. Alton Carter in Louisville said they were supposed to get a big snow there and due to his heart problems he wasn't going to risk it. I called the hosts who live in the Piqua Ohio area. Al Henry wasn't home, Bob Brinkman said they weren't supposed to get very much, as did Fred McGowan who also said if they did that Ohio was good about clearing the roads. We decided (the boss & I) to get out ahead of the snow, so shortly after seven on Friday left here. When the snowstorm hit here about eleven we were well on our way in Ohio. All predictions proved to be correct for a change, we did get six inches, Louisville did get a big snow and after we had arrived at Piqua awhile it snowed a little but the wind really blowed and it turned cold enough to freeze a brass monkey's ears off.

On Friday evening we ate on the Mall while several drove over to what used to be Dales and ate there, then on Sat. several ate on the mall and we drove over to Dales and ate with the Grime's who had drove down from New Knoxville to be with us for the evening meal.

Most of the members came in on Friday but several showed up on Saturday for a total of 34 of which 17 were members not a bad turn out considering the weather.

What a shame not to have a lovely weekend like the one the previous week. "what a difference a week makes".

We would like to welcome Hayes Wilt and wife Betty to the Kentucky Chapter, Hayes served in the 83rd Div. M.P.'s he says don't hold that against him, I forgot to write down the town they live in but is only a short distance from Piqua. We hope this will be the first of many meetings they attend.

The snack table at the Comfort Inn was loaded with goodies and it wasn't long before we started to take some of the weight off it.

The hosts and hostess Al. and Dorothy Henry, Bob and Lois Brinkman and Fred and Doris McGowan as usual did a excellent job, we appreciate the extra effort the went to for us. We always look forward to coming to Piqua.

The Christmas gift exchange took place after the business meeting, surprise after surprise as the gifts were eagerly opened mid the excited chatter that filled the room so much you could hardly hear.

It was good to have Tom and Gail Hensley back with us again.

Vito Palazzolo and wife Virginia braved the cold north wind to drive down from Michigan don't guess the snow bothers Vito like it does most of us. Had hoped to see Gale and Irene Baker at this meeting but they couldn't make it.

Norm Weaks and Herman and Margaret Bledsoe won't have very far to drive the next meeting as it will be held in Indianapolis some time in March, maybe the weather will smile on us by that time, it will be at the Adams Mark. Sort of a dry run for our national convention in 1997. The summer meeting is planned for Evansville it is getting bigger and better all the time, gambling is back again only this time on a boat that cruises on the Ohio, it was built just last year especially for Evansville, it is loaded with lots of games where you can win a lot of money (or loose). If you don't gamble it is still nice just go take a look at it.

I heard from several of my old platoon buddies over the holidays including my old first Sgt. Bill Hopf, "I say old when he is actually two years younger than I am." the snow ran him off the golf course long enough to make a nice long call to me. We started out together at Atterbury and blew every tube in our radio on our first problem. I can still hear Sgt. Klugiewicz informing us how dumb we were, Bill later became 1st Sgt. and I became battalion radio repairman then Bn. radio Sgt. so Al "two of your dumbbells turned out O.K."

I called Vi Day to check who had won Wilson's carving at the Christmas party and she confirmed that it was Chester Wilson. Wilson has for several years gave away a carved Santa that is the envy of all the ladies who are hoping to win. Then the very next day Vi. called with the news she had learned from the Dericksons of the death of "Doris Fay, we all greatly admired the courage John Fay showed being wheelchair bound from a wound he received in the battle of the Bulge and the loving devotion Doris showed helping him. The long trips to the Kentucky Chapter meetings from the middle of Illinois, the national meetings being so far, required a lot of courage, devotion and loyalty to the organization and its members Doris will certainly be surely missed and long remembered. Our hearts go out to you John and your son in this time of your great loss.

I guess everyone has enough of this extra bad winter seems like it is rough everywhere, Clare hasn't been feeling well since middle of October; Sinus infection then sore throat, hand has swelled and extremely sore, then pain in the abdomen nausea, dehydration couldn't eat or drink for five days hospital gave her I.V.s and shots for nausea but after tests and x-rays still couldn't pin-point the cause, she is better now except for hand and we hope to see yon at Indianapolis.

Reporter Leroy V. Johnson
3rd Bn. Hq. Co. 331st Inf.



COMPANIES.....

CO. 'M' 330TH INF.

Jim Fowler organized a reunion of W.W. II members of Co. "M" 330th Inf. at the Coral Beach Motel at Myrtle Beach, S.C. Oct. 15 - Oct. 22nd. For the 10th time in the last 20 yrs. He does the necessary work entirely by himself. Jim sends notices and information to all Co. "M" 330th Inf. members.

60 members, wives and relatives, who came from such far flung places as Minn. to Ind. and Fla. to Maine enjoyed the surf and sun of the beach as well as a well stocked and amply attended hospitality room. We re-fought the war and still won. We also had a very enjoyable seafood dinner at Calibash.

We also attended Magic on Ice, Legends in Concert, Dixie Jubilee, and the Carolina Opera. A good time was had by all. The next Co. "M" 330th reunion will be held in Oct. 1997 at Frank & Bunny Ashe in Bradenton, Fla.

The following members were in attendance: Franklin Ashe, Sr., 2901 26th St. West Unit 819, Bradenton, Fla., Gale Baker, 6221 Delisie, Taurmar Road, Arcanum, OHIO 45304, Frank Barton, Cincinnati, Ohio, Bette Casella, 1513 Vankirk St. Phila, Pa. 19149 John Day 1372 Black Forest Dr. Unit 60, W. Carrollton, Ohio 45449, Robert Duncan Route 1, Box 112, Hackensack, Minn. 56452-9718.

Carl M. Dreon, 5421 44th Ave. South, S. Minn, Minn. 55417, Walter Eggers, Jr. 3898 Virginia Court, Cincinnati, Ohio 45248, Edward Etter, 15414 Bailey, Taylor, Mich. 48180, James W. Gray, 706 Shelby Lane, Rossville, Ga. 30741, Leo Kenneth Hand, 17008 S. Hay 57, Washington, Ind. 47501, Raymond Houstin, R.R. #1, Box 513, Cornish, Maine 04020, Staley Johnson, Sr. 917 Cub St. Kannapolis, N.C. 28081, Medon Johnston, 297 Acton Rd., South Chelmsford, Mass. 01824, William Lader, 160 Pheasant Dr., Columbia, Pa. 17512, Jack Merrell, 24 Dunning Rd., New Cannon, Conn. 06840, Harold Molter, 1426 S.E. Oakmont Lane, Port St. Lucie, Fla. 34952, Joe Rilterskamp, 806 Front St., Washington, Ind. 47501, Walter Sobel, 719 Second Ave., P.O. Box 68, New Cumberland, W. Va. 26047, Nancy SmithTolle, Brookville, Fla.

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Arthur and Milly Doggett were driving down I-75 when they came upon a young couple in front of them. They were sitting almost in the middle of the front seat, heads tilted with their cheeks touching. Milly looked up at Arthur, smiled, and said, "Remember when we used to do that?" Arthur turned, ever so slightly, looked down into Milly's eyes and whispered, "Well, I haven't moved!!"

By now you have probably noticed that just about every article in the Thunderbolt has started off by talking about the terrible winter weather. Well, I'm not, because it's a lovely spring day and the robins are chasing each other across the lawn.

That being said I will have to reverse my field because just about all the news I have comes from Christmas cards. The good news is we're still ALL here.

Easy and Lou Labbe did have quite a scare. After their great trip to relatives in France in October Easy had to have two by-passes in November. So much for that French wine. The operation was a success but it seems while adjusting Easy's carburetor the doctor unknowingly knicked his fuel line. A few days after a successful operation Easy was back for another serious repair job. Easy returned home on December 8th. They called me in the middle of January. Easy's vigor is still coming but his vim is back.

The Wiggins, Ray, Mimi and Sally checked in with a Kansas corn husker joke. "A lady called her newspaper to place an obituary for her husband.

'Raymond G. Higgins died Wed., Dec. 6, 1995. After a long pause the newspaper employee said, 'Lady you have some free space left, is there anything else than you would like to add?' "Yes," she replied, "You might add - 1955 Volkswagen for sale."

Ray insists all is well and they are looking forward to many more reunions.

Joe and Patty Stubber want to say "Hi to everyone" and promise to make another reunion to see us" handsome guys."

From the gals we had cards from Dot Forster, Ann Barbara and Lee Wolf. It's nice to be remembered but it's just as nicer to recall the fond memories their names bring.

Bob and May Burns sent their usual, interesting, long letter. They are in normal good health and it sounds like the Cleveland reunion will be to their liking. Another one in this category is Frank Salantay. Not only has his health

improved but he's about an hour away from the hotel. Frank you better show up or you might just have a number of rowdy visitors on your doorstep.

Actually, we should have a better turn out than last year although a lot have complained about the return of August reunions. Well, we all have a voice and a vote. Another near by guy is Charlie Rohrer. Already a good number of you have your reservations in so our 50th is looking healthy.

And while I'm thinking Carl Frederick, he has again volunteered to collect for the ad book. So write yourself a note now and send Carl a check for whatever you wish. Cleveland needs the money for a new stadium.

Troy and Marie Bishop sent a nice note but it was all about Hut Two and memories. I don't know if Troy wears a white hat but he is one of the good guys. How we'd all like to see you at a reunion Troy.

Jim and Imogene Foster: Jim reports, "I'm still perking but not too strongly." and then adds, "You keep plugging." Jim, you keep plugging. Next year we'll be on your back step in Indianapolis.

Martha Appleby sent a nice letter saying how much the 83rd was such a big part of Bill's life. Sometimes the cards of life we are dealt come in bad bunch's. We just spent yesterday with Martha at the Fox Chase Cancer Center. We have good hope that Martha's testing will turn out okay.

Everyones friend, Ed Perko, checked in and he and the boys are doing well. Not only that but he has a sister in Cleveland so he hopes to see you all.

Now guys I don't like to complain but I got three cards and they said. Phil and Carmela Reese, Percy Mohon and Doc and Agnes Pfeifer. First time in my life that I can recall such silence from these fellows...

Herm and swinging Norma Hackstock checked in with good wishes and how great it was to see everyone at Myrtle Beach.

Ivan and Pat Gilman are their usual healthy and jovial selves. He's like an elephant, but I can't go into all of that, he just never forgets my birthday. Every year I am reminded that I am six months older but not wiser than he.

All is well from the two sets of Florida twins, Joe and Betty Brown plus Al and Ruth Bensimon, and I'm disappointed that we had to cancel a Florida visit as the snow piles up against our back door.

One of the first to have their 50th this year are Hersh and Midge Weaver. In Cleveland they are going to tell us all about their Hawaii anniversary with special details of the first night.

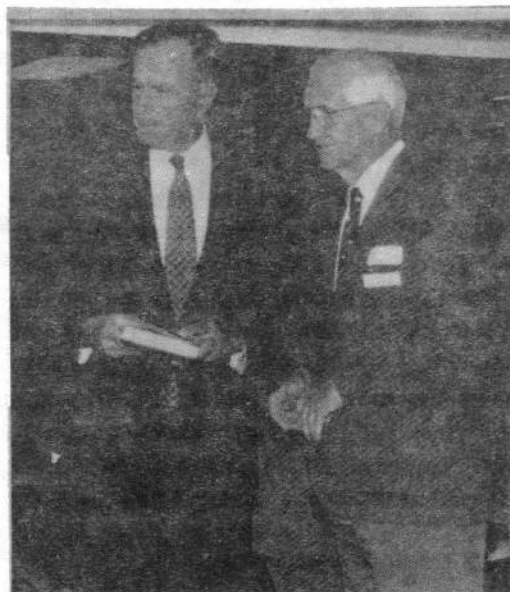
Bill and El Manning "now has a special room set up. It contains two chairs, one bottle and two glasses." Dentist always have boring tales don't they?

Lastly Gene and Ginny DelPrete. "Since Ginny got off that doggoned prednisone we have vowed to dance to the moon and back." That's what you call good healthy news. Gene has also agreed to make a visit to the War College of Carlisle to check up on the size and content of the 83rd DIVISIONAL ROOM.

Finally, a distance relative, whom I've never met, read Hut Two and then asked if I had any buddies that I would

like to find. He's on Internet. I gave him Victor Mutignani from south Philadelphia and Jake Houser from Ozark Ar. There are seven Mutignani's in New York, none in N.J. and one in Philly. No-one heard of our Victor. Would you believe there are 78 Housers in Arkansas. So far I've contacted 26. Half are German descent and half Cherokee, which Jake is. Strange as it might seem just one family had a WWII veteran. So stay tuned until next time and don't forget to eat your prunes but not Alyce she shovels snow in Wis.

Hut two,
Rags Rangnow



Former President, George Bush, accepting the 83rd's history - "Hut Two" from Rags Rangnow.

329th "B" Bag

Sorry about no "B" Bag in the last issue in the Thunderbolt, as we were on vacation and then discovered the deadline had passed. Many thanks for the calls asking if something was wrong, as there was no "B" Bag. Thanks to all for all of the many Xmas cards, and all of the kind words. It was great to read them. One card that really got to me, when he wrote "B" company friends forever. Truer words were never more written. Sorry we missed the reunion in M.B., but 7 guys showed up and had a great time as usual. The Pirkle's, Dickinsons, Stek's, Taylor's, Beam's, Hirko's, Waddle and Kans were present at the bash. I had lunch with Lt. Jacobs recently, and we went over some of the stories. He wanted to know how Lt. Phelps was killed. I didn't remember, so if anyone

knows pass the word, and I will pass it on to him. They were close buddies. To answer another question. The 3 men who got Battlefield Commission were: Cliff Melton, Issac Williams and "Red" Garrison. I got word that my buddy, George Nichols is still hanging in there. He sleeps most of the day. He was severely wounded in Gurznich, Germany. Here is a picture of the "Big McGaffer" as "Camels" called him, Capt. Hill, who led us to the end of WW II. One of the best Co. C in the 83rd glad to report he's on the road to recovery. He goes to the local coffee shop daily and swaps stories with his cronies, and tells them how he won the war by himself. Stay cool Capt. the rumor is still flying around that the Melton's bought a place in the sunshine state. Let us know if it is true or not. Now for the bad news. I got a call that Billy Walker passed away in the month of Oct. Ole Billy has been a friend for a longtime. Our deepest sympathy to his family. The only way you could get a rise out of him, is when you called him the Company Cook. He would look you in the eyes and tell you he was the Company Baker. The only Baker in Baker Company. I got news that John Hirko is now in a nursing home. I think he would appreciate a card. The very best to John and his wife Lois. God Bless you both here is the list of more of "B" Co. K.I.A.

William Burns, John Fournier, Paul Jensen, Clar Halterman, Andrew Johaneck, Val Heriot, James Hawkins, Robert Duncon, James Houseknecht, Dan Kirminas, and Henry Jones. Next issue will be the last. Again some were good friends and some I never knew. Let me know if you are planning to come to Cleveland for the big 50th Reunion. If you can make it on Wed. night, I will arrange for a "B" co. Reunion at a nearby restaurant and have a good time telling stories.

A short story from the "B" Bag while we were in Rochfort, and cut off from everybody, one fellow in our squad found a bathtub in a house and spent 3 days in it. The German tanks would shoot in the houses point blank. We would jump from house to house, but this G.I. never left the tub. After 3 days while marching back to our lines, under the cover of a smoke barrage, we could see the Germans going out of town, going the other way. They were expecting an attack. Gen. Macon met us and congratulated us. Incidentally 2 days later, the Brits got credit for taking the town of Rochfort.

Hope to see you all here in Aug. at the Reunion.

"B" Company Friends Forever

Bob Uher
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Parma Ohio 44129
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CO. "D" - 331ST

Time sure goes fast when it comes to the time to make up this column. At the Florida Chapter meeting in November, only Frank Sharp and I were present for the Company. Art Haught still was getting over his accident at the Reunion and John Miklos was ailing. Thought about the Dixie Chapter meeting in December but the bad winter made me too cautious and we passed it up.

In October Geri & I took a trip up thru Kentucky to visit old friends and the Cincinnati area where Geri has relatives, then on to Delphos, Ohio, where we found George Odenweller to be in the good condition compared to what I had heard. Polly must have the knack to provide the right food. Then on to Al Shrawders, where we always have a good time and feel at home. Jimmy & Harriet Lynch came over from Cincy, R.C. & Louise Hamilton from Marion, Ky. Dan & Doris McDermott planned to be there but cancelled because of their own visitors.

Received many cards at Christmas, but some didn't give me any info what they were doing. Heard from other sources that the Harry Adkins & Paul Dallos's visited the Hamiltons in Marion, Ky. Frank Cancasci wished a Mary Christmas then didn't show up at the Jan. Florida Chapter meeting. The Whit East's wished us well and we thanked him for the Prayer at the D Co. Memorial Service in Myrtle Beach. No word from Ewell Cotney.

Bynum Hancock enjoyed the Reunion as well as his son who accompanied him. Dave Harman expressed regret in missing the Reunion but we hope to see him at Independence, Ohio in August. We missed George Komlos but feel sure he will be at the 50th. Tom Morris wished us happy holidays but no message how he and Jewell are, or if they will be at Cleveland. Dot Nagel intended to see us at the January meeting but had a chance for a cruise so hope to see her in April. Had a cheery note from Marcella Nolte and maybe we will see her in Cleveland. Stan Rummel had to miss the Reunion, but hopes to see us in Cleveland, but his arthritis is a problem. Frank Sabine, along with Mary hopes to see us at the 50th. Sure hope we all make it.



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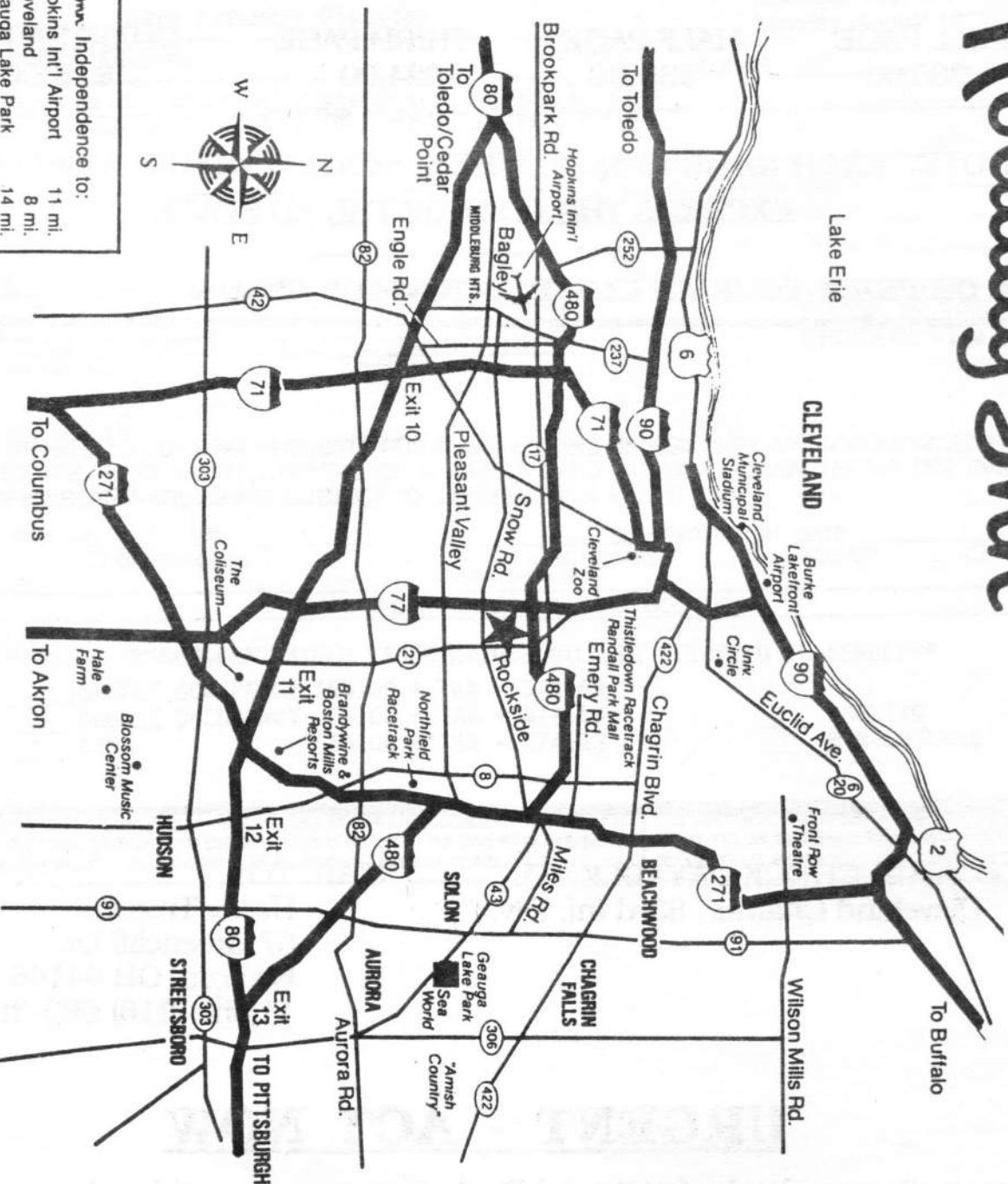
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Norm Schuster is his usually perky self and is still working to find some of our men that we haven't been able to locate.

Hank Trezeciak is one of the moguls of the Cleveland Chapter and is busy preparing for the reunion.

At the Florida Chapter meeting in January we were happy to see Joe Cellura returning as he is a "D" at heart. Even though he spent combat with another Division. Al Shrawder, Bill McKee, John Miklos, Harry Gravelyn, Vern Mueller, joined old faithful Frank Sharp and me at the meeting. Had a great time telling old stories and repeating many. Funny how the stories get bigger and better.

The McKees, Gravelyns, Muellers, and Geri & I are going to Cancun, Mexico the first week of February for some R & R, plus back to the old stories til the wives tell us to quit.

Ralph B. Gunderson
Reporter

CO "F" 329TH

Over But Not Forgotten: North '95 Ashland, Ohio; They keep coming and multiplying - 31 in all attended and feasted on a bushel of Chesapeake Blue Crabs brought and donated by Ed/Margaret Hammond. There'll be no "Trick or Treating" in October hence no North '96 unless at Cleveland Ya'al decide differently.

After action Report of North '95, information, attendance and motel reservation forms for South '96.

Moments of Remembrance: Dale Lewis singing accompanied by George Fuller's Harmonica.

Acknowledgements: Mini 1st Timers John/Marie Crabtree, what a delight it was you put forth the effort and made it. A first, Virginia Begalla (Widow of George) and her sister Rose Gundros, we all appreciated your coming, do it again. **Reconnections:** Bob Louis 255 Mass Ave. Boston MA#1008-02115 PH. 617-859-0692

Trust you made some contacts expect to see you in Cleveland in August.

In Memorandum: V.B. "Tex" Atchison November 28, 1921 - January 10, 1996. Our heart felt condolences and prayers to Mildred and family. We all loved "Tex" a supporter of Co "F" 329, the Dixie Chapter and the 83rd Association. **A Request:** Send me (Bob Whitcomb) a picture, one you can spare as non-returnable, of yourself Then & Now and of your lady and you, then come to

Cleveland in August to see them and others. If you are absolutely not going to make our 50th send the pictures anyway, your Buddys will enjoy them.



George - Elva Fuller
Feb. 9, 1946-1996

Fred - Betty Senatori - Jan. 5, 1946 - 1996
John - Marie Crabtree - Dec. 1, 1945 - 1995

Coming Up

Ado - Marie Langenkamp - Aug. 7, 1946 - 1996
Roy - Bertha Clemons Aug. 24, 1946 - 1996

Here & There: Since North '95 I have enjoyed talking, getting letters, notes and Christmas cards from many of you, each in it's own right has been Great! If I've failed to answer a communication from anyone and I probably have please accept this as my apology and just remember you too will get Old Ha! Wright J. Cotter was the one who informed me of "Tex" passing, with a follow up from Ferguson via Luke. Wright took care of sending flowers from Co. "F" for which Thanks was received from Mildred. Cotter was over to see Niles and Delphia Johnson recently Niles is not feeling good at all, a card always helps. The ole battler (cotter) says he's feeling somewhat better and Lucille was alright. Ferguson is experiencing double vision problems but is assured it will correct itself in time. Pops Fishman has had some aggravating problems with nose bleeds and his eyes continue to cause him concern, he still is sharp and sounds good. Ed Hammonds knee replacement surgeries have been delayed possible due to the extremely bad weather, I don't have the details. "Hellcat" called checking on some arrangements for Cleveland, his defrib seems to be doing the job. He will be having it checked in Feb., then perhaps head for Florida and South '96. Arnfield back from England reported in that all went well, that Margie's broken arm was coming along well. He was also checking on your progress "Hellcat". Joe Putnak at the time of North '95 was having a severe urinary tract infection which cleared up with treatment. Joe's wife Geraldine has progressed from a walker to a cane after her bout with a broken hip. On a lighter note on Jan. 27th I attended the Florida Chapter meeting at Sebring as a guest of Bill Nickell. They had a good turnout with an interesting session and a new twist to their 5-Star Salute.

Excerpts From Past "Thunderbolts": TB Vol. 14 No 4 Apr. - June 1961 - Sylvain and Eunice Fishman lead a very full and interesting life. Sylvain is an executive of the Kay Jewelry Co. He is a sports car enthusiast and has a Mercedes-Benz 190 SL Roadster. He has two other valued and cherished possessions: his lovely wife Eunice and toy French Poodle "Dumpling"

TB Vol 15 No 3 Jan - Mar. 1962 - Glad to hear Bill Nickell is getting better. Bill has had to wear a steel corset for about the last six months. He was injured in a train wreck while working for the railroad. Good luck Bill, keep in there pitchin.

TB 15 No. 4 Apr. - May 1962 - Andy Zonkaski, Ado Langenkamp, Chuck Whitcomb, Roy Clemons, Bill Hutton, Pete Kostomite have been back sliding. Get off your duff and be with us in Atlantic City, N.J. The same goes for George Begalla, Roy Arnfield and George Whitehead.

TB Vol. 19 No. 4 Apr. - June 1966 - I'm glad to report at this writing that F 329 is leading the pack in paid up members with 50. G 331 as always is close with 42. A tip of the Landis beret to them.

The excerpts herein used were written by Co. "F" 329 Reporter and former National Publicity Director of the 83rd Association Victor E. Landis 50th Anniversary Reunion Aug. 15 - 17 Cleveland, Ohio.

"F" Co. Trust your on Board, if not it's still not too late for the Reunion that is, But it is Later than You Think.

CR Bob Whitcomb

1314 Center Lane Dr.

Ashland, Ohio 44805 - 3403

CO 'A' - 308 ENGRS.

We were sure sorry to miss the 83rd Div. Reunion at Myrtle Beach last year, but my quadruple by-pass and pacemaker in June curtailed our plans to attend the Reunion. But we have had good reports from our Co. A. Men and wives who were there, and had a great time.

We heard from Charles and Eleanor Auer and said that Frank and Nellie Blakely, Paul and Dotty Gunderson, Frank and Pearl Davis, Larry Arrigo, Paul and Valeska Conrad, Earl and Evelyn Graham, from our Co. A. Richard and Mary Senger were there, too. Charley and Eleanor were in Va. over Thanksgiving and found beautiful weather, but was 8 degrees in Erie, Pa., with lots of snow. They said the Reunion was "very nice and the Hotel was excellent. Every one was shocked at the Memorial Service when they announced that Ralph Baron had passed away. We hope to make the next Reunion in Cleveland." Heard from Irv and Phyl Katz and their traveling. "January in Acapulco then a transcanal cruise from Panama to Aruba, Curacao, St. Thomas and Puerto Rico.

March we flew to Las Vegas. Visited all the kids during the summer and in Sept. our grandson, Jared, was Bar-

Mitzah, a 3 day elegant event in W. Va. October we were in Costa Rica and partook of many tours. Returned last week. Turkey day in Orlando, a week in Boca Raton and we ended the trip with a cruise to Nassau aboard the "Nordic Empress". Kids will be here for the holidays and in March our grand-daughter will be Bat-Mitzoah in Ohio. Yeah, we relinquished our airplane seats during the Costa Rica trip and received 2 free roundtrip tickets each, anywhere in the USA, inc. Alaska, Irv plays golf 3 times a week, and I am V.P. for the Okaloosa Symphony Orchestra, this being fund raising time. Busy, Busy. "Great Trips, You Two!!

Also a card and note from Ray and Joan Bankowski, so overjoyed to hear Gordon is doing so well after such a serious surgery. Both Gordon and I are very fortunate to have such wonderful girls taking care of us. My condition seems to be in complete remission except for Kemo after affects, that are driving me NUTS. Hearing and vision both, but they say it is normal. Stay in touch" And from Frank and Pearl Davis, "We are fine for old folks!!"

From Virgil and Jane Hume, "We are O.K. Couldn't make it to the 83rd Reunion. Andy and June Brand were here for a couple days in the spring."

From Betty Baron, who lost Ralph before the Reunion in Myrtle Beach, "I'm trying to adjust, as Ralph always wrote all the cards and I am not so good at it this year. Have a nice Christmas, as I'll sure try."

We wish Betty our best wishes in her adjustments. We sent condolences.

And from John and Ann Hanft, "Ann's health does not permit us to travel too much. I'm sure Myrtle Beach was great, as we dwindle down to a precious few."

From Andy and June Brand, We did not attend the 83rd Div. Reunion for various reasons, yet I have received a Thunderbolt copy. I don't have any news about former Co. A's except Virg Hume, who we call once in awhile." And from Owen and Arlene Wellman, "We are retiring from the boarding home business. We've run it for 25 years. Our new house is in Washington, Maine, just 7 miles up the road, Rt. 17. We will have more time as of the middle of January, 1996. Owen still has the bottle redemption center but our son and daughter-in-law helps us there."

We received a card from Bill and Donna Soto, Mike Lieber's daughter, "Tell Gordon to get better so he can celebrate the wonderful 1996 that is coming. I've heard no news about anyone. So I assume everyone is fine. If you get up this way give us a call. 513-574-5389." I know that that call would be welcomed from any of our buddies.

A long note and card from Pete Petersen, "Not much change in the past as far as my heart is concerned. But I feel O.K. This year I finally caught a Muskie in Wisc., a 42 1/2 inch. Going up again in June, '96 and best of all, visit my middle grand-son and his wife and baby, 22 months old, Gavin, born to my oldest grand-son, Christopher, the other girl, Ashley, is 28 months old, and is my youngest grandson's daughter. They'll all be here for Christmas. Sorry to hear that Ralph Baron had passed away. We're going fast. If I'm feeling O.K. and I'll know March, '96 after

my check up, whether I can go to the Cleveland Reunion. Hope I can."

From Paul and Valeska, "We had 7 men from Co. A. Over all about 800 people. Had a good time. We have finally retired from teaching dancing after 40 years. Now we just dance for fun!!"

And greetings from Bill and Bertha Loner, and Pete and Bert and Whitely Peterson & Earl and Evalyn Graham. Thanks a lot for all your cards and notes. We sure hope to make the big Reunion in Cleveland, Ohio, and hope to see everyone there. That's all for now.

Gordon Doeringsfeld
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323RD REPORT

Thanks for the Christmas greetings sent to me by Al Covi, Alvis Waldrep, Les Taylor, Ed McCouch, Erwin Erhardt Jr., Leo Miller and Harold Micheal. Thats all I can think of right now.

Dustin Starbuck is busy with his new home. We will be moving to Richmond, Va. this year. I plan to have dinner with him and Vi Morgan this summer at Ft. Meyers, Va. I hope also to see Frank Wirth. Frank did send me a Christmas card too. Frank and Eleanor really enjoy the grandchildren.

Don Willis, I will be sending you the pictures for your niece. I hope your wife Ann is not playing golf better than you.

I hope everyone is planning on attending our 50th Reunion in Independence, Ohio in August, at least try. I will do my best to contact all members of the 323rd.

I had a nice letter from Tom Houlette, which I will be answering real soon. Tom has been taking trips and is really enjoying himself.

After 27 inches of snow had fallen in West Roxbury on my birthday. Erwin Erhardt called me on the phone to ask if he could shovel my driveway. I told him to stay in Ohio as he is too old for that kind of work.

I have been unable to make contact with George Connors. He must be in Florida with Walter Harding having fun in the sun.

I am sorry to report the death from a heart attack of Bill Hopcroft. Eddie McCouch had a note from his wife. Our condolences to his family.

Thats all for now.

Amby Tynan, HQ. 323rd.

CO 'G' 331ST INFANTRY

On November 3 I was invited to attend the Anniversary of the Activation of the 2nd Physiological Operation Group. This Reserve Unit occupies the Kingston Mote Reserve Center in Parma, Ohio. The Reserve Center was named for Lt. Mote who was the Ex Officer of G company. He was killed in action across the Elbe River.

I attended the dedication of the Reserve Center in 1959. I spent four days in the Cleveland Area with Mike Mizerock, G co. mess sergeant. For four days Mike being a good Mess Sgt. prepared breakfast for me each morning.

On Friday I was the guest speaker at the Dinner. Attending the dinner as guest of the Reserve Unit, were Mike Mizerock and his wife Ann, Mike Skovran and his wife Liz, Casey Szubski and his wife Eleanor, Birdie Titus, Angie Phillipone and Marge Voracek,

In my speech, I gave the gathering a brief rundown of the activities of the 83rd Division during World War II and also a brief Sketch on Kingston Mote.

I want to thank the members of the Reserve Unit for the honor, mainly to Major Perry and Cpt. McIntyre.

On Dec. 6, I once again checked into the hospital for another operation on my bladder. Three days in the hospital and a week at home took up most of my time in December.

I want to thank each and everyone of the members that took time to send the Christmas "Card to the Macaluso family. I am sorry that I was not able to respond. When I did fully recover the Holiday Season was over. I can report that I am feeling fine, and another trip to the Doctor office for a check up revealed no new growths in the bladder.

Mike Mizxerock was operated on in Cleveland on Feb 5 for a knee replacement. I talked with Ann last night and everything seems to be going along fine, and they are looking forward to the Reunion in Cleveland in August of this year.

Speaking about the Reunion, it is never too late to send in your reservations. The Cleveland Chapter is planning an excellent reunion, and since it is in Cleveland a lot of you fellows from nearby Indiana and Pennsylvania should have no trouble getting to the reunion in 1996. It will be the 50th Reunion for the Division Association.

I will have a letter to the members of G Company, sometime near the end of March. G Company should support the reunion, because Mike Mizerock is going all out to see that you have a great time. Had a call from Birdie Titus and Marge Voracek the other night, it was nice of them to call and check up on my health.

I have been concerned about all of you in the North because of the winter weather, however here in New Orleans have felt a little of the cold with a 19 degree temperature over the past weekend. We were fortunate, because we have no sleet or snow to go with the low reading.

Looking forward to Cleveland in August.

Capt. Mac

CO 'A' 329TH INFANTRY

Here it is February 2nd - colder than blazes, dull, grey, and, if old Punxsatawney Phil and Buckeye Chuck, or whatever his name is, saw their shadow today, they must be dreaming. Anyway you look at it, we still have a long way to go before we see crocuses popping out of the ground.

I received a lot of Christmas cards and notes from the guys. Carl Pliske had a new replacement last Sept. 26, and said he can polka now. Dick Armstrong is still playing his accordion. He played for the Boston Chapter's Christmas Party. George Suchomelly says that he sure misses "Bill" Ursery. He always cheered everyone up in the platoon when things were "down". Dean Daniels and his wife, Irene, met John Camp and his wife for dinner in Mansfield, Ohio, last October. John goes there for pony shows. Dean tells me they had a pleasant visit.

Ernie Knowles had some health problems and can't drive far. Hope you can make it to Cleveland for the reunion. He tells me that he just received the New York State Conspicuous Service Award Cross and Bar, which was due him for receiving the Silver Star. "congratulations, Ernie!" I hope you are receiving the "Thunderbolt"! I did send in your application and check.

Ed and Carm Mudre write that if health is with them, they will be at the Cleveland Reunion. Ed and Alyce Gilbert, the "traveling" couple, drove 7,140 miles. They send their regards to everyone. Melvin and Nancy Mag-ee are "hanging in there", and their families are doing just fine. This is what John and Marjorie Camp had to say, "A year older, a step slower, have a healthy, new year, everyone".

Jim Kinzie's health is alot better. He and Beth were getting ready to go to Texas for the winter. Blackie and Margaret Mossman are still tickled that there were that many at the last Co. "A" Reunion. Hope to see you folks at the Cleveland Reunion. Earl Diesher had a catheterization test Nov. 21st, at the Elyria Hospital. He has two arteries that are 50 degrees blocked. He will be treated with medication.

Every once in a while there is some sad news. In the Cleveland Plain Dealer's Death Notice, John Ivins died on Jan. 8, 1996. Immediately, I called the Tisher's and we met at the funeral home. John died that Monday at the hospice of the Western Reserve. He was 69. John was born in Cleveland, graduated from Collinwood High School, then served with "A" Co 329th Infantry in the Rhineland, where he was awarded two Bronze Stars. John earned an accounting degree at Fenn College. During his last year there, he also enrolled in Cleveland Marshall Law School. He was awarded a law degree in 1958. He was active at St. John Lutheran Church in Collinwood, and later, at St. John Lutheran Church in South Euclid, Ohio. He taught Sunday school and served as President of the Congregation at both churches. Our condolences to the entire family. He will be missed.

And now on a little lighter note; any military person, active or veteran, will tell you that the generals and admirals do not decide the outcome of battles. (so says the Wickliffe Connection, Wickliffe, Ohio), the mess sergeants do! It's true! A well fed fighting force is a powerful weapon and one of those mess sergeants was our own George Calore. George was born in Little Italy, Cleveland, Ohio, in 1918. He is an East High School graduate. He volunteered for the U.S. Army in 1940, and became cook and baker. After 2 years, he was trained and promoted to Mess Sergeant. On Dec. 7, 1941, George was awaiting discharge papers when Pearl Harbor was bombed. The next day he received a telegram from Uncle Sam to come back. We need you. In 1942, George was assigned to "A" Co. 329th Inf. On weekends, he was first in line to go to Indianapolis, Ind. Where? To dance of course! "Ole Twinkle Toes" George sure could cut the rug. Even today, he and his wife dance 3 and 4 times a week. George participated in 5 campaigns and at one time when bringing up chow to the front, he ran into 5 German soldiers, who gave themselves up because they were hungry. George fed them and took them back to headquarters. The war ended when we met the Russians across the Elbe River. He was sent back to France on points, and what did George do when we were in France? Yep, you guessed it. "Ole Twinkle Toes" danced his feet off. Ask him about it and watch his eyes light up!

I just received a letter from Don Liberacki. You fellows remember Lt. James Liberacki? Well, he died in February of 1995. He was eighty and it was his third bout with cancer. Lt. Fraunberger wrote to him thinking Lt. James Liberacki was still around. Well, Fraunberger finally gave Don my address, since I write for "A" Co. Don is asking if anyone out there in "A" Co. land knew Lt. Liberacki. He is trying to get information together. Don is Lt. Liberacki's son. so, write to him if you know anything about Lt. Liberacki;

Don Liberacki
190 South WoodDale Rd. # 508
Wood Dale, Illinois 60191

Stay Healthy and God Bless!

Your Buddy, Bob Grobelny
"A" Co. 329th
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Cards & Letters

November 28, 1995

Dear 83rd Division Buddies:

Thank you all for electing me on the Executive Board.

I will try to do my best to cooperate with all the member of the board.

I'm sure you will agree that all the women of our Division should always be recognized and have a special entertainment on the 50th anniversary in Cleveland.

Sincerely,
August Farias
(Mousie)

VETERAN'S DAY 1995

My father was a sergeant in World War II,
He did it for me, and, he did it for you.
He was willing to travel across the sea,
So that Americans would always be free.
He landed on the beach with thousands of men,
I wonder...was he able to call anyone "friend"?
It was courage and pride not one man could lack,
...Who knew how many would ever come back?
They marched forward to face - they knew not what
Their strength was drawn from deep in their gut.
They faced both ground and air attack...
But for our brave soldiers there was no going back.
The woman and children waited with heavy hearts at home...
While their soldiers marched bravely feeling so all alone.
Having faced heartache, and injury, and many a tear
Finally the end of the war was here!
It brought back the ships, the planes, and the tanks...
It brought back my dad...there are not enough thanks...

Shelly Holland
(In honor of my dad, Bill Parr)

Oct. 19, 1995

Dear Robert

Enclosed are my delinquent dues for 1995 & for 1996. Over the last year the Thunderbolt has put me on the trail of Several Books about the 83rd that fill in all the info my deceased father could never talk about (453 AAA). All the wealth of information is quite over-whelming and takes time to adjust to when you come to realize what ones father lived through only after his death. Those books will be priceless to many a son or daughter or wife who have yet to hear a word of it.

God Bless America,
John F. Murphy for Honorary Member Sylvester L. Murphy.



Anthony J. Mako, 109 Russell Street, Brooklyn,
New York 11222-4203
SAME MAN 50 years in same uniform

Sept. 6, 1996

Dear Bob:

Enclosed my dues for next year. Also two pictures taken 50 years apart in the same uniform.

Captain George Partenan of Co. B. 330 Inf. passed away. He was the last man that I kept in contact with. I am planning to attend the reunion in Cleveland.

Have Fun, Tony Mako
Plt. Sgt. Tony Mako - Co. B 330 Inf.

Dear Bob,

Enclosed are my "Renewal dues" for 1996.

I have also enclosed an item of real human interest. I hope you will consider printing this information, with names, addresses and the picture in the next THUNDERBOLT.

As you can see, this air mail from Belgium is addressed to a Ralph W. Smith, 76 Linden Road, Hershey, PA 17033. Where this fellow got this address, I have no



**Family Gustine - 1945+ - Fernand - Papa
Marie - Maman. Pascal - Moi. Therese - Soeur**

idea. It was definitely intended for me, even though I am Robert and not Ralph, and my address is 761 not just 76.

I wrote a long letter to this Gustine Pascal (can't decide which is first and last name, although he signs himself Pascal.) I told him that I was definitely NOT on the picture he sent, and that I recognized NO ONE.

The fact that he addressed a Ralph Smith in the 3rd Bn., 330th suggests that he intended this letter for someone else. I was one of the two band directors of the Division Band. When the Division was first organized, I did have the band in the 330th. But before we went overseas, you may recall that the Infantry and the Artillery bands were combined into one Division band. Therefore, when we arrived overseas, and this Pascal would have made contact, the band was no longer "330th".

I checked the Division roster in the THUNDERBOLT but could find no RALPH Smith. Possibly he may not be an active member. Hopefully SOMEONE who receives the THUNDERBOLT will recognize himself in the picture.

Since our correspondent is so emphatic as to say "COME BACK FOR GOD'S SAKE" it would be only kind that someone establish a correspondence with him.

I asked him, if he wished to write to me again, to let me know if the men he knew were BANDSMEN. If not - we need to search for the REAL RALPH SMITH.

Thanks for listening.....I look forward to receiving the THUNDERBOLT. You do a GREAT JOB.

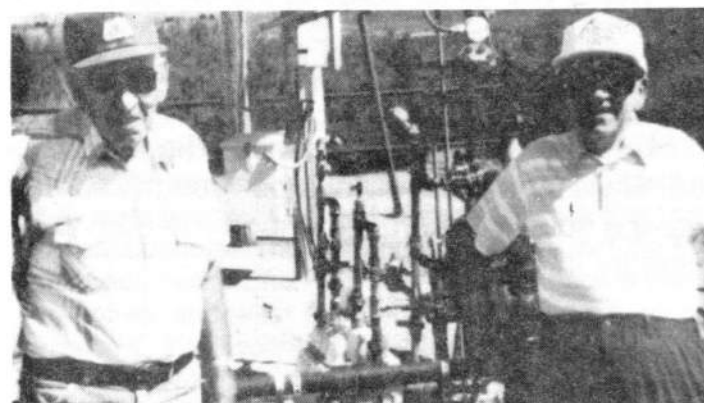
Gratefully, Robert W. Smith
(former CWO Bandleader, 83rd Div.)
761 Linden Road, Hershey, PA 17033



**At. Pt. 3rd Bn 330th; Turnny, Blout, Codey, Sully,
Robbet, Me, Smith, Kula, Cole, Dug and Clary.**



**Aug. 4, 1944 S/Sgt. Geo. R. Rider, Kansas at left.
T/3 Eugene J. Lenney, Akron, OH at right.**



**Proprietor Mr. Geo. R. Rider, Natural Gas Wells on
Property Ulysses, Kan. Visitor Gene Lenny, Cleve-
land, OH.**

Dear Bob:

Enclosed is my dues check and a couple of snapshots of Greg Rider and me taken almost 50 years apart. The one is near St. Malo Brittany on Aug. 4, 1944. The other is George's property in Ulysses, Kansas next to a couple of gas wells.

What a difference 50 years can make in ones lifetime especially if you were lucky enough to survive the decade we were in. Little did I realize that I was going to be picked by Col. VanAnlock as the soul recipient of his defective bomb shell that knocked me out for keeps. a 5 operations stay in England until 1 Dec. 44 and another try in submarine infested waters of the Atlantic (2 wks.) until arrived in New York harbor on the 15th of December. Just as the Battle of the Bulge was to begin for you guys over there.

When I visited George in Sept. 93 he filled me in on the details of later battles and the end of the war. To think the Pentagon didn't have the courtesy to at least bring back the 83rd Division to the States intact is beyond any comprehension. Perhaps you can tell me why it was so. At least he got out sooner. I had to wait until 20 more plastic surgery were performed to my left leg and didn't officially leave the service until Dec. 10, 1946.

Sorry to have missed the last reunion in Myrtle Beach, S.C. I got in touch with Joseph Fogelman from Burlington, N.C. I got the details from him over the phone. Please do something about getting my phone number in the directory. I haven't made any change in address or phone in 18 years. See you in Cleveland in 1996.

Respectively Yours

Mr. Eugene J. Lenny, Bldg. 5, Apt. 106
17577 Whitney Road, Strongsville, OH 44136

Oct. 3, 1995

Dear Buddy:

While I was attending our reunion in Myrtle Beach my yellow jacket made by Vito Palazola somehow strayed or was inadvertently mislaid. I have checked with both the Landmark and the Wave Rider where I stayed neither have any record of it being turned in. Also checked the Spring House restaurant where we ate most of our meals. I know I had it Thursday night since I wore it from the motel back to the hotel with an umbrella to assist two buddies get back to their motels. I had it Friday morning when I went to the Spring House restaurant with the Tynans for breakfast. It is possible I left it draped over the back of a chair.

My only hope is that some good buddy following us may have picked it up and held onto it. Unfortunately, I didn't miss it until I was unpacking.

Perhaps you could run an ad in the next issue of the magazine in the hope some good buddy has it.

MISSING ONE 83RD JACKET, I remain,

Yours Truly

Edward L. McCouch

HQ, 323rd FA.

A false and misleading rumor sweeping the nation is plaguing us at the Department of Veterans Affairs and leading thousands of veterans such as you to write us requesting dividends on insurance that you may have had in force while on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Congress did not pass any new law giving veterans a dividend based on the amount of months their insurance was in force while on active duty. The information you received regarding such a dividend is a hoax.

Also false is the rumor that individuals who are currently serving or who served in the military after 1965 and are or were insured under the SGLI (Servicemen's Group Life Insurance) program are entitled to a refund. There have never been any dividends, rebates or refunds due to surplus funds in the SGLI program.

You can help us to eliminate these rumors by passing this information along to any of your friends or to any veterans' group to which you belong.

Thank you.

J.S. Governor

3929 Moorman Dr.

Lynchburg, VA 24501

Veterans Affairs
Regional Office and Insurance Center
P.O. Box 8079
Philadelphia, PA 19101

Dear Bob:

My uncle Lt. Col. Harold A. Ericksen, was 1st Bn. 331st Inf. Commander, he was killed July 26, 1944, just as the 83rd Div broke out of the hedgerows, I have even searched the archives in Washington but can not come up with any details of the circumstances of his death.

I am Harold D. Ericksen, named after my uncle who was only 10 years older and seemed more like a bother than a uncle.

At the time of his death I was serving on a mine sweeper in the Pacific, eventually we were sunk and I was one of only 6 to survive out of a 80 man crew.

I would appreciate it very much if anyone can provide me with any of the details of what happened when he lost his life there in Normandy.

Harold D. Ericksen

2907 Washington Ave.

Evansville In. 47714

Phone (812) 477-6920

Dear Mr. Derickson:

Thank you so much for your help on the telephone regarding my obtaining information about my father through The Thunderbolt. The following could be included in your magazine. Feel free to change the wording.

"I would be interested in obtaining any photos or information about my father, 1st Lt. Herbrt W. Hykkonen, who fought in the 83rd Infantry Division, the 330th Regiment, Cannon Company. Lieutenant. Hykkonen was wounded in action on July 10, 1944 near Carentan, France. He was eventually taken to the 124th General Hospital in England and returned to the United States in December of 1944. My father retired from active service in December of 1945 and worked as a civil servant for some 25 years. He passed away in April of 1994 at the age of 76 and is survived by his wife Judy and five children. Any correspondence or information would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact: Beverly Hykkonen Rajnes (daughter)

12104 Tangle wood Lane

Bowie, MD 20715

(301) 805-7743

Dear Bob:

I wish to thank you and Pearl for your services of many years.

I'm not sure if I ever will be able to attend another reunion. My health and Rachels is a little more than I could deal with.

But I am thankful for the ones that we have attended.

Once again many thanks and have another year of pleasure in your role in serving the 83rd.

Yours Truly, C. Sheldon Roberts

Dear Bob:

I'm deeply saddened at this time to report to you and his many friends that Raymond Peloquin of Woonsocket, R.I. passed away Feb. 16, at the age of 73 after a year long battle with cancer. Throughout his three years of military service with the 83rd, he had faithfully served as a member of Hdqs., 3rd Bn. 329th Regiment.



Raymond Peloquin of Woonsocket, R.I.
H.Q. 3rd Bn. 329th

We were friends for over 65 years and had belonged to the same local organizations. In fact we were inducted on the same day in Nov. 1942, and within a few days both transported to Camp Atterbury and served honorably in all campaigns of the Division.

From the beginning Raymond joined as a member of the Association and could be seen at practically all of the reunions. He also returned to World War battlegrounds and military cemeteries more than a dozen times after the war.

Being a fluent speaker of the French language, Ray made many friends in France and was always welcomed in their homes. He was named an honorary citizen of numerous French villages that the 83rd Div. liberated, culminating in his participation in the 50th anniversary celebration of D-Day in Normandy, June 6, 1994.

Ray never married and never owned a car, though he certainly did more traveling than most of us. He was a jovial, kind friendly and religious man who will be sorrowfully missed by everyone that had the pleasure of knowing him.

He leaves three sisters and two brothers. One of his brother-in-law was also an original member of the 83rd, Eugene Godin, who served in Cannon Co. of the 329th throughout the war.

Enclosed is a picture of Ray taken at Ellis Island during our reunion in Sept. 1994.

Ray, we wurely will miss you.

Your buddy,
Normand Malo
77 Winthrop St.
Woonsocket, R.I. 02895
Co. "K" 331st

HEADQUARTERS 83RD INF. DIV.

APO 83, U.S. ARMY

23 Jan. 1945

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation from Commanding General, VII Corps.

TO: All Officers and Enlisted Men, 83rd Division and Attached Units.

1. I am happy to transmit to you the following extract of a letter from the Commanding General, VII Corps:

"As the 83rd Infantry Division comes out of line after three weeks of continuous offensive operations in the Ardennes, I wish to express to you and to the officers and men of your division my appreciation of the job the 83rd Division has accomplished during this period.

Fighting under the most severe weather conditions yet encountered on the Western Front, with little or no shelter from driving snow and freezing cold, the division advanced almost twenty thousand yards in the First United States Army's drive against the north shoulder of the German salient. In the critical stage of the attack to break across the Langlir - Ronce River and through the heavy woods to the south, the 83rd Division made two consecutive night attacks and fought continuously without let-up for three days in order to open the way for the final drive of the 3rd Armored Division to cut the vital Houffalize - St. Vith road which spelled disaster for the entire German position north of the Ourthe River. The officers and men bore the fury of the elements as well as the vicious fire of the enemy's defense and overcame them both.

The 83rd Division can well be proud of its record in the Ardennes counter-offensive which may prove to be the decisive battle on the Western Front. Please convey to your officers and men my hearty congratulations and best wishes for your future success.

/s/ J. Lawton Collins

/T/ J. Lawton Collins

Major General, U.S. Army Commanding."

2. It is desired that this be read to all officers and enlisted men at first formation following receipt.

Robt. C. Macon, Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding

W.F. Parravano, 7000 Beresford Ave., Cleveland,
OH 44130-5050

Noel takes charge as Atterbury's new commander

By J.P. Finet

The Republic - Columbus, Indiana

Quietly and without fanfare, National Guard Lt. Col. Jack E. Noel assumed command of Camp Atterbury.

The initial change of command ceremony was canceled due to last week's winter storm. Noel replaced Col. Garry Willis, who retired at the end of the year after serving three years as base commander.

Taking command of Camp Atterbury is like "I've died and gone to heaven," said Noel.

Noel has been training at the camp with the National Guard for 25 years, but this is the first time he has had any command responsibilities at the camp.

Camp Atterbury is also where Noel's father, Elmo, was discharged from the Army's 101st Airborne following World War II.

Before taking command, Noel served five years as Indiana National Guard's state training officer.

He previously was commander of the Spencer National Guard B Battery of the Second 150th Field Artillery and as the battalion commander of the National Guard's Bloomington post.

He relinquished command of the battalion in 1991 when he was named state training officer.

Noel's first military experience came when he was drafted into the Army in 1969.

After serving two years -- including one in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne -- he left the army and later joined the Spencer National Guard.

"I had only planned on staying a year, but then they offered me a commission, so I stayed," He said.

Born and raised in Spencer, Noel continues to live there with his wife, Karen.

They have four daughters, Anne, Jennifer, Chrissy and Natalie.

He is a 1967 graduate of Spencer High School and graduated from New York University with a bachelor's degree in sociology.

Noel spent 17 years working for his own construction company.

He left construction to become the Indiana National Guard's assistant state training officer in 1989.

The change of command at Atterbury seems to have gone fairly smoothly.

He said Willis worked with him for about three weeks to teach him the ropes.

"It's been a really nice transition," said Noel.

While troops won't begin training at the base until this spring, Noel said there is still a great deal of work at the camp.

There are currently several major construction projects, including the Indiana Military Learning Center, which will be completed in April.

Supervising Camp Atterbury's 78 full-time staff members is like supervising a small city, Noel noted.

The staff includes state, federal and military employ-

ees.

Most of the work being done now is to prepare for the large number of National Guard and military reserve troops which will be coming during the summer.

Camp Atterbury has five different categories of training sites on its 33,000 acres.

Those numbers make it one of the top seven maneuver training centers nationwide, Noel said.

Noel emphasized that the guard has more than the commitment of protecting the interests of the state.

"I have every intention of becoming involved in local communities like Franklin and Edinburgh," He said.

453rd. A.A.A. (AW.) BN.



Our Annual Reunion over the Labor Day week end was held at the Holiday Inn, South Pittsburgh.

Do to a No Smoking Policy of the management, except smoking in your own accommodations, was a great boon to many of our Members, that through time and illness have developed Allergies, that would not permit their attendance at our functions. This time was an exception.

An extra mailing went out early in the year promoting the Reunion, which helped produce some new faces and many we hadn't seen for some time. This gave many persons extra time to make their commitment to attend.

This year on Saturday we started off with a group breakfast, so we got organized quite quickly.

After Breakfast many of the group took a River Cruise through the Downtown section of Pittsburgh, were all the Rivers meet.

Ex. Lt. Dave Bell and his Wife Katie along with their Committee did an excellent job. Dave had special Commemorative Lapel Pins made up to commemorate the Fiftieth Year since returning from the E.T.O. These were given out to all Members registered for the Reunion. He still has a few left and anyone interested can get one from him for a small fee.

The decorations and Centerpieces for our Banquet were a work of Art, made by the Children and Grand children of John and Betty Loch. The Banquet itself was a pleasure to partake of.

Dave and Katie Bell extend their heartfelt thanks to all the Committee members, and their families for their assistance in making our Reunion one to be remembered.

Many of our members sent letters to Molly Dalton, our Treasurer, and myself, regretting that they could not come because of long standing Family commitments for the Labor Day weekends. It was decided to change our Reunion date for 1996 to the Weekend of September 13/14/15. To be held in Lewisburg, W.V.

Bill and Ernestine Buzzard will be Hosting the Event.

The photo shows some of the group becoming part of the entertainment. From left, Bill Buzzard, Al Drysel, Mike Manzo, Lou Martin, Joe Janick, and Pete Severhoff.

I wish to thank Bob Wolfe for the information about Major Speedie. This was forwarded to me by Bob Derickson. Many thanks to both. I now have a clue, and when time permits will try to locate him through a computer program I have.

Fred. C. Person 453rd. Roster Coordinator
5704 Middle Ridge Rd. Madison, OH. 44057

I wonder if you, or anyone you might know, would have access to the areas of the Country, that W.W. 2 G.I. serial numbers were assigned? Such as mine, 35512138. First three digits indicate North Eastern Ohio.

Subject: Ceremony at the Peace Woods on April 28th, 1996.

Dear Sir,

The American Veterans who were back in Bastogne in 1994 gave each their name to a tree of the Peace Woods in Bizory. The 50 American Divisions who took part in the Battle of the Bulge were also represented at that place.

To keep this wood alive, the Town of Bastogne has decided to organize a yearly ceremony.

We have the pleasure to invite you and all the members of your group to attend the ceremony that will take place on Sunday 28th April 1996 at 3 p.m. at the Peace Woods in Bizory.

Program:

- Welcome from the Mayor
- Wreath laying by children and the authorities in front of the trees named after the veterans.
- Concert with subject of "Peace" by the School of Music of Bastogne:
 - * Choral society of children
 - * Stringed instruments
 - * Narrators
- Taking flight of doves.

All the veterans present at the ceremony will be honored. For further information, please contact Mrs. Patricia LEMAIRE - Madison Mathelin - rue Gustave Delperdange 1 6600 Bastogne - phone 32/61/21.40.14 - fax 32/61/21.38.59.

Make sure we will never forget that thanks to your courage, we are free today.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,
Philippppe Collard

Anthony D. Theodore

Jan. 3, 1922 - Aug. 4, 1995

God looked around his garden and
found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you and H
lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful, He
only takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering,
He knew you were in pain,
He knew that you would never get
well on earth again.
He saw thee road getting tough and
the hills were hard to climb,
So he closed your weary eyelids and
whispered "peace in thine"
It broke your hearts to lose you, but
you didn't go alone
For part of us went with you the day
God took you home.
Though the smile is gone forever
and your hands we cannot touch,
We will always have sweet memories
of the one we loved so much.

Josie Theodore, wife of the late Anthony Theodore (PI) wishes to thank All Family Members, friends, neighbors and members of the 83rd. Infantry Division for their expressions of sympathy during my time of loss. May God's blessings be upon you all.

The National Purple Heart Museum Box 3214, Enfield, Conn. 06083-3214

PRESERVING THE PAST AND BUILD- ING FOR THE FUTURE.

This is such an exciting time for Enfield! We are on the verge of bringing a long-time project to fruition in the very near future!

As you are no doubt aware, a National Purple Heart Museum that will honor all of America's Purple Heart Medal recipients will soon be built in Enfield, Connecticut.

Elijah Churchill, who was the very first recipient of the Badge of Military Merit - the forerunner of the Purple Heart Medal - was from Enfield. General George Washington awarded the Medal to Elijah Churchill on May 3, 1783 for meritorious service to his country. Enclosed is a promotional pamphlet outlining Mr. Churchill's exploits.

In order to build the National Purple Heart Museum, it will be necessary to raise the sum of approximately \$20 million. The building will cost about \$9 million, with a \$10 million endowment. There are many commemorative giving opportunities which you as a social/civic group may employ to help us insure that this historic building becomes a reality.

Come join us. Wouldn't you like to be a part of this historic undertaking? Perhaps you would like to take part by organizing a special fund-raising event - or by asking each of your members to make a donation to this wonderful cause.

Help us realize our dream of "Preserving the Past and Building for the Future" by honoring all of America's Purple Heart Medal recipients.

To pledge a donation, please call: 1-800-871-1783

To Send a donation the address is: National Purple Heart Museum c/o Enfield Federal Savings & Loan Association, P.O. Box 1279, Enfield, CT 06083-1279.

For information, write to: The National Purple Heart Museum, P.O. Box 3214, Enfield, CT 06083-3214.

Sincerely, John Shlatz, Chairman
Fund-Raising Committee

Reunion brings vets together for 1st time in 50 years.

By CHERYL TATUM

Staff Writer - The News Examiner, Gallatin, TN

Fifty years ago, J.C. Judkins, Henry Martin, Leman Dillehay, Raymond Davis, Russell Hughes, Virgil Collins and Norman Earls were half a world away from home and fighting together in a war, but Monday in Gallatin they were together for the first time since the end of that war having a wonderful time sharing memories and catching up with each others' lives.

"It's a miracle," said Collins about their reunion.

As several of their wives looked on, these WWII veterans who were members of the 83rd Division, 331st Medical Detachment, talked for hours about their experiences and their memories.

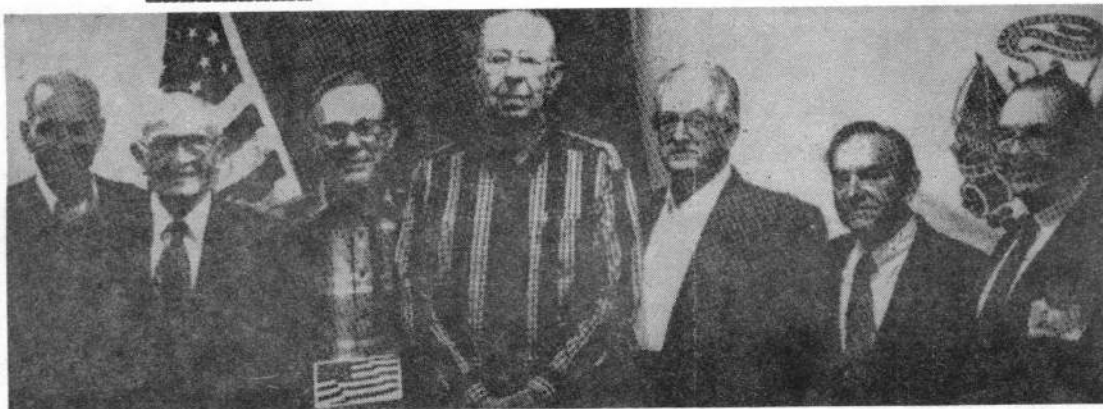
"They are like kids going to their first birthday party," said Clarone Hughes, whose husband Russell came up with the reunion idea.

The 83rd Division, 331st Medical Detachment formed in Ohio and during World War II its members served in five different European theaters, including Normandy. They left a lot of their members, which started out with 132 men, on the battlefield. The seven men gathered at Shoney's Inn in Gallatin had between them many of the military's highest honors, including the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Battlestars for the campaigns in which they served.

As members of a medical detachments, it was these mens' responsibility to give combat first aid on the battlefield. However, none of the service. One of the seven did spend 22 years in the Army after the war.

The biggest challenge in planning this first reunion in 50 years was finding the veterans. According to Dillehay, his grandson found one member through his computer.

Virgil and Darlene Collins came to Gallatin from Colorado and others in the group came from Indiana, Ohio and from Morrison and Cleveland, Tenn. They decided to meet in Gallatin because this is where the Dillehays live.



Members of the 83rd Division, 331st Medical Detachment from right to left: J.C. Judkins, Henry Martin, Leman Dillehay, Raymond Davis, Russell Hughes, Virgil Collins and Norman Earls.

Much of the planning for the event was done by Russell Hughes and his wife Clarone. "I'm just glad they were able to get together while they can all still travel" she said.

Although there was plenty of food on hand, the main item on the men's agenda was talk. Since it was the first time they had been together in 50 years, they found plenty to talk about. "When we got here I couldn't get anyone to help me get things out of the car because they were so busy talking." Mrs. Hughes said.

With their first reunion a success the surviving members of the 83rd Division. 331st Medical Detachment, said they hope it will not be their last reunion.



Bob Krieder, past commander of American Legion Post 17 in Gallatin, presents Gallatin resident Leman Illehay, a member of the 83rd Division, 331st Medical Detachment with a card commemorating the reunion.

83rd DIVISION DISPLAY DOMINATES WORLD WAR II EXHIBITION

On the ninth day of November 1995 a marvelous collection of World War II memorabilia was shown to the public at the "Mall" in Billerica Massachusetts.

One of the prime movers of the occasion was the Senior Vice Commander of Post 2597 V.F.W., Rose Dewing Young. She, an 83rder from the Boston Chapter, enlisted the aid of Pat DiGiammerino, to set up the 83rd contribution to the show. It was all done in such a way as to make our whole organization proud.

Pat DiGiammerino, for his part of the work, contributed the majority of the 83rd artifacts; all of which you may have seen in the past, at the 83rd reunions:--

Boston Chapter shirts were draped on manikins behind glass; large picture frames enclosing the stories and the photos of the 83rd Odyssey through Europe; World War II armament, German weapons and clothing were displayed along with sample foods of the G.I.'s (C rations etc.); Personal Equipment and souvenirs dominated the exhibition. There was even a bottle of sand liberated by Pat DiGiammerino on his landing on Omaha 28

Beach.

One very interesting item was a uniform once worn by Kenneth Rogers, an 83'der who wore it as sergeant of the Guard at the Nuremberg Trials.

One entire wall of the exhibition, plus several display cases in the center of the floor was devoted to the 83rd exploits.

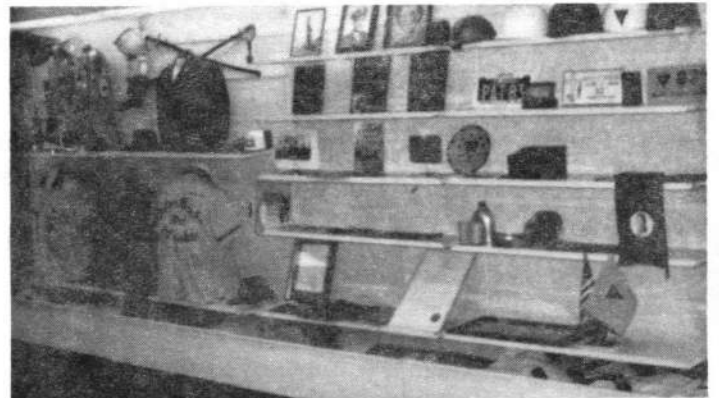
In the speeches made during the exhibit, Rose Dewing Young made a marvelous impression when she told her story. She was a nurse who administered to many wounded 83rders. She also attended two Middle School assemblies and lectured about her war experiences.

On the last day of the exhibit, which was also the regular meeting day of the Boston Chapter held in Billerica, the entire contingent of the organization attended the demonstration and in private held their moment of silence and said a silent prayer for the deceased of all the World War II dead.

When the papers came out in the following days and weeks, we were all supremely gratified by the write-ups and especially pleased with the letters written to the papers all expressing the appreciation for the contributions made by the Boston Chapter.

Special plaudits and congratulations to the Billerica Veteran's association and the Eggo and Soloman Posts with special recognition given to VAO Kenny Buffam; Com. Anthony Capaldo and Com. Richard Makay.

Boston Chapter.



Sgt. Kenneth Rober's Uniform with his awards.



Part of the collection of 83rd WWII. Courtesy of Boston Chapter.

Dear Bob

I am enclosing an item that appeared in Yank about Feb, 1945:

My grandson, Geoffrey Wright is a Reg. Army Lient. in armor at Fort Knox, gave me an anthology. The Best of Yank, published in 1991, This item was in this book.

"Yank" by Stephen Kluges, St. Martin's Press, 176 5th Ave. N.Y. 10010.

I was S-4 of the 331st at that time and well remember our efforts to get adequate winter clothing. We finally received it in February '45 (late). Shoe Pacs, Parkas etc. S. Sgt. Warren Allen Fisher, Sec'y of the Florida Assn. was with me from Normandy to the Elbe.

Sincerely,

Leonard Risley, Major, retired

633 Ft. Duquesna Dr.

Sun City Center, FL 33573

813-634-8777

"Yank"

by Stephen Kluger

83rd Division

The Ardennes campaign was more than a fight against the strongest German attack we had faced since the early days in Normandy. It was also a fight against almost daily snowstorms in near sub-zero temperatures and face-freezing winds which doubled the difficulty of rolling back the German advance.

We learned a lot about winter warfare in the Ardennes. Some of it was learned the hard way, by frostbitten hands and feet, pneumonia, and even death by freezing. Besides physical difficulties, there was the added trouble of frozen weapons, equipment, and even food. But out of it all came the GIs' usual improvising and homemade remedies.

Line-company men of the 83rd Division, who cleared the Bois de Ronce of German opposition in a continuous eight-day push that enabled the armored spearheads to follow through to the vital St. Vith-Houffalize highway, learned a lot of ways to fight winter weather during that operation. Their methods were often makeshift and crude, because there was no time to waste on details. But the men of the 83rd are sure those hastily improvised methods of keeping themselves moderately warm and dry and their weapons and equipment workable played an important part in the ultimate success of the operation.

T/Sgt. Wilbur McQuinn of Helechawa, Kentucky, a platoon sergeant in the 331st Regiment, used the usual method for frostbite prevention in his platoon by insisting on frequent toe and finger clenching exercises to keep the blood circulating.

"Some of the men took off their overshoes and warmed their feet by holding them near burning GI heat rations (fuel tablets) in their foxholes," McQuinn said. "Others used waxed K ration boxes, which burn with very little smoke but a good flame. Both GI heat and K ration boxes are also fine for drying your socks or gloves. I also used straw inside my overshoes to keep my feet warm while we were marching. Some of our other men used newspapers or wrapped their feet with strips of blankets or old cloth."

McQuinn's company commander, Capt. Robert F. Windsor, had another angle on keeping feet warm. "We found our feet stayed warmer if we didn't wear leggings," Capt. Windsor explained. "When they get wet from snow and then freeze, leggings tighten up on your legs and stop the flow of blood to your feet. That's also true of cloth overshoes which are tight-fitting."

"Another must in this weather is to have the men remove their overshoes at night, when that's possible. Otherwise their cloth arctics sweat inside, and that makes the feet cold. Of course, the best deal is to have a drying tent set up so you can pull men out of the line occasionally and let them get thoroughly dried out and warm."

The drying tent to which Capt. Windsor referred is nothing more than a pyramidal tent set up in a covered location several hundred yards behind the front, with a GI stove inside to provide heat. There, an average of seven men at a time can dry their clothes and warm themselves before returning to their foxholes. This procedure takes from 45 minutes to two hours, depending on how wet the men's clothes are. All the front-line outfits in the 83rd Division used this method.

Because of their almost continuous advance, it was all but impossible to get sleeping bags and straw up to the front-line troops. In place of straw, the men used branches of trees as matting for their foxholes. Logs and more branches were used as a roof to protect them from tree bursts. GI pioneer tools, which include axes and saws, were issued to each outfit for foxhole-construction work. Rain-coats, overcoats, and the usual GI blankets were used for covers. Two or three men slept in each hole, close enough so that they could pool their blankets. Some slept with their helmets on, for an extra measure of warmth.

The chief difficulty men had in carrying their own blankets was that they got wet with snow and then froze, making them hard to roll and heavy to carry. The same was true of GI overcoats, which became water-logged after several days in the snow and slush.

On some of the more frigid nights, the men abandoned any hope of sleep and walked around and exercised all night to keep from freezing.

The front-line troops of the 83rd were issued a pair of dry socks each day. However, wading through icy streams and plodding through knee deep snowdrifts often resulted in men soaking two or three pairs of socks within a few hours. In such cases, the men wrung out their socks thoroughly and placed them inside their shirts or under their shirts or under their belts, where the heat

generated by their bodies gradually dried them out. Another sock-drying method was to put them under the blankets and sleep on them at night.

Marshlands in some sections of the Bois de Ronce added to the infantrymen's troubles. When digging in for the night, they hit water two feet down. That meant two or three inches would accumulate in their foxholes before they were ready to go. This also forced them to move around gingerly on branches to avoid sinking into the water. One night, a platoon of the 83rd had to dive into muddy foxholes without any preliminaries when a German tank came along a forest path spraying MG bullets. By the time the tank had retreated, every man in the platoon had had the front of his field jacket and pants, plus shoes and socks, thoroughly soaked. Enemy pressure that night was so strong that none of the dripping soldiers could be spared to go back to the drying tent. They spent the entire night in wet clothes with the temperature less than 10 above zero.

The standard GI gloves proved unsatisfactory for winter fighting. 83rd men reported. When wet, they froze up prevented the free movement of the fingers. Nor were they very durable, wearing out in a few days under the tough usage they got in the forest fighting. When their gloves wore out, many of the men used spare pairs of socks as substitutes.

Another improvisation was the use of sleeping bags for combat suits. To be sure of having their bags with them at all times, some of the men cut leg holes in them and drew them up tight, like a pair of combat jumpers. During the day they made a warm uniform; at night they served the original purpose as sleeping bags.

Web equipment was a problem. It froze solidly on cold nights and had to be beaten against a tree in the morning in order to make it pliable enough for use.

Frozen weapons were one of the most dangerous effects of the winter warfare in the Ardennes. Automatic weapons were the chief concern, although some trouble was experienced with M1 rifles and carbines. Small arms had to be cleaned twice daily because of the snow, and none of the larger guns could be left unused for any length of time without freezing up.

"The M1s were okay if we kept them clean and dry," said T/Sgt. Albert Runge, a platoon sergeant from Boston. "You had to be careful not to leave any oil on them, or they would freeze up and get pretty stiff. But you could usually work it out quick by pulling the bolt back and forth a few times. Sometimes the carbines got stiff and wouldn't feed right, but you could always work that out, too"

However, during the fighting at Petit Langlier, Pvt. Joseph Hampton found himself in a spot where he had no time to fool around with the above method. Just as his outfit started into action, Hampton found that ice had formed in the chamber of his M1. With no time to waste, Hampton thought and acted fast. He urinated into the chamber, providing sufficient heat to thaw it out. Not five

minutes later, he killed a German with his now-well-functioning rifle. Hampton's company commander vouches for that story.

"The BARs gave us the most trouble," Runge said. "They froze up easily when not in use. Ice formed in the chamber and stopped the bullet from going all the way in, besides retarding the movement of the bolt. We thawed them out by cupping out hands over the chamber or holding a heat ration near it until it let loose."

Some other outfits reported that the lubricants in their light machine guns and antitank guns froze. Heat tablets were ignited to thaw out the machine guns that couldn't be cocked. But blowtorches were needed before the antitank guns were put back into firing condition.

Communications men of the 83rd had headaches in the Ardennes fighting. Breath vapors wet the inside of their radio mouthpieces and then froze, cutting off transmission of their speech. Most of the time, the mikes were thawed out with cupped hands or by placing them inside sweaters.

PFC. Frank Gaus of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, solved the problem by inserting a piece of cellophane inside the mouthpiece to prevent the moisture from accumulating there.

Other communications difficulties were experienced when radio batteries froze up and went dead. Signal Corps wire-maintenance crews were kept on 24 hour duty by numerous torn-out lines that resulted when tanks and other vehicles slid off the icy roads and ripped out wires.

The 83rd medics also were hampered greatly by winter wartime conditions. Not only did snowdrifts make their litter-bearing jobs doubly difficult, but the severe cold caused their morphine syrettes and blood plasma to freeze. The medics remedied the morphine situation by keeping the syrettes under their armpits, thawing them out with body heat. When stoves were not available to melt the frozen plasma, they stuck it under the hood of a jeep whose motor was running. Slippery roads and snowdrifted fields often stymied jeeps, half-tracks, and tanks, which were pressed into service to haul supplies and evacuate the wounded. Some units improvised crude toboggans made of strips of tin taken from shell-shattered roofs with two-by-four planks as runners.

The 83rd men found only one compensating factor amid all the misery of the Ardennes. That was when they occasionally plodded across snow-covered German mine fields without incident because the mines failed to explode. Melted snow seeped down around the firing pins of some of the mines and then froze them up when the temperature fell at night, thus preventing them from detonating. Chemicals in other mines turned to mush and failed to go off.

That was the only good thing the 83rd men could find about winter war in the Ardennes.

Bob:

Thanks, the new Rooster is great.

You were in the group that went into Malempre, Belgium the day after we were there in 1989. (I believe that was the year) on the invite from little Eddie Munford - This was when the story took place that I have recorded in a book. I thought you might like to use it in one of your "Thunderbolt" stories. I mailed the canteen on to him and he said he was going to join up with the Association.

Hope to see you in Cleveland for #50.

Best Regards

Bob Parsons, "F" 331st

In 1989, a group of veterans were guest of the people of Malempre, Belgium, a little village with a population of around one hundred and eighty people. They were unveiling a monument dedicated to our 83rd Division and the 3rd Armored Division for the liberation of their village from the Germans in December of 1944 during the Battle of the Bulge.

A young man by the name of Louis Jadot, around the age of twenty approached me and handed me a U.S. Army canteen. It did not have the canvas cover but was in excellent shape. On the canteen was the name Clarence E. White etched into the canteen with the insignia of the U.S. Engineers and the number 35712331. I looked the canteen over and was surprised at the good condition of this fifty year old piece of U.S. Army equipment. I felt sure it had belonged to an American soldier by the name of Clarence E. White who's serial number was 35712331, and he was in a U.S. Army Engineer outfit. Through an interpreter, I asked the young man where had he obtained this canteen? He told his father found it many years ago along the road-bed between Manhey and Malempre. During the winter of 1944. In December, alot of fighting between the Germans and our 83rd and 3rd armor Division took place in this area. I offered the canteen back to the young man, but he shook his head, no. He insisted that I take this canteen back to America, which I did and in turn presented the young man an American Boy Scout knife.

When I had the chance after returning home, I went down to the Veterans Administration to try and find Clarence E. White. By having his serial number, 35712331, I felt sure the Veterans Administration could run down this soldier if he was still alive. When I told this story to an employee of the Veterans Administration, she believed me I'm sure. My only reason to contact this ex-soldier was to mail this canteen to him or a member of his family. She checked on the name through a computer and told me that according to the records, he was still alive. That was all she could tell me because of a privacy law; she had to keep his privacy. So I gave up on the Veterans Administration. I put in a call a few days later to Congressman Bob Clement's office who I knew, and he was very excited about this and said it was a great story. He put me with a lady in his office who I also knew real well, Carolyn Waugh. She said she had contact with a high military person in the Pentagon and would let me have all the infor-

mation I needed in a few days. After a week, I received a letter from her that said her high official in the Pentagon reported that all the information on this Clarence E. White had been destroyed in a fire in St. Louis in 1957. That was an old story told many times to keep from giving out information. I had forgotten about Clarence E. White and his canteen until the fall of 1993, when I had gone back down to the Veterans Administration to turn in a change of address on myself and had a real good conversation with a young lady that had just gone to work in the office. When I told her the story of the canteen, she was very excited and told me she thought she could get the information I needed and would call me. Sure enough, she called me in two days and told me she had found Clarence E. White, but I might have trouble getting him to admit that the canteen was his. She said she had called him and told him she was from the Veterans Administration and wanted to know if he remembered losing a canteen during the war? She told me he was very upset and thought she was calling him to make him pay for the lost canteen and hung up on her.

I told her I thought I could handle it, would she me his phone number? She also gave me his address: Fargo, West Virginia. Clarence E. White was a veteran of the war and seventy-three years old, a retired coal miner and suffering with black lung disease. He was not real excited about the canteen. He was the type that though type war was over and he wanted no deep conversations about things of the past. Here is the story he gave me on the canteen.

Sometime, late in the month of December of 1944, his company from the 308th Engineers were entrenched in the woods outside the village of Manhey, Belgium, about thirty miles southwest of Liege. He was a truck driver in the Company and on this certain day, he thought about three days before Christmas in 1944, he had been given orders to take his truck up to Leige, Belgium, for supplies. It was about thirty miles to Leige, and it was cold with snow and ice. When he arrived at the supply depot he had loaded his truck and was ready to head back to Manhey. A soldier in the depot who had been helping him load the supplies asked him if he would like some real good French wine. He said, "For sure," and the soldier filled up his canteen with wine and being in a hurry to get back to his outfit, he headed back to Manhey. When he arrived back in the outskirts of Manhey and Malempre, he could tell a battle had been raging since he had been gone, and a number of dead and wounded were around an aid station. He had to make room for a couple of ambulances that were trying to get on the road. He stopped his truck and got out to see if he could be of any help. He said he thought one of the wounded soldiers was asking for water. He took his canteen out and left it with this wounded soldier. He said it was two or three days later before he remembered his canteen. He said forgot it had been filled with wine.

11 Proven Ways to Get Along Better With Everyone

1. Before you say anything to anyone else ask yourself three things: *Is it true? *Is it kind? *Is it necessary?
2. Make promises sparingly and keep them faithfully.
3. Never miss the opportunity to compliment or to say something encouraging to someone.
4. Refuse to talk negatively about others, don't gossip and don't listen to gossip.
5. Have a forgiving view of people. Believe that most people are doing the best they can.
6. Keep an open mind; discuss, but don't argue. (It is possible, so disagree without being disagreeable.)
7. Forget about counting to 10. Count to 1000 before doing or saying anything that could make matters worse.
8. Let your virtues speak for themselves.
9. If someone criticizes you, see if there is any truth to what he is saying, if so, make changes.
10. Cultivate your sense of humor, laughter is the shortest distance between two people.
11. Do not seek so much to be consoled, as to console; do not seek so much to be understood as to understand.

--From the Ohio Lion's Magazine



The 90th Division Did OK From D-Day to August 1 -- Then General Patton Became Commander And We Immediately Became One Of The Best

General George S. Patton, Jr. V-E Day In Germany.

Merry Christmas 1995 to our army friends from World War II.
Sorry this is Late, but this year it was hard to concentrate.....

I have had much sickness the two years. Parkinson's Disease is rough, no matter what one hears. But as long as I live I will try to send Christmas Cards to Army friends.....Because Friendship made in Battle never ends.

My First Army service was in 1931 at Fort Benjamin Harrison in the CMTC.

Regular Army Officers and NCO's from the 11th Infantry made a soldier out of me.

This Red Diamond Division made me 2nd Lieutenant the day I was 21.

Mules pulled our Machine Guns and World War 1 Springfields were the Hand Guns.

In 1934 I was a Platoon Sergeant and rode a Horse that was too good for Me.
He was My Boss...and so I went back to Walking Infantry.

From 1931 to 1935 I trained one month each year with the CMTC. During the other months I did extension work and this made a 2nd LT. out of me.

'After that I continued Extension Work plus active duty about 2 weeks a year.

One day after Pearl Harbor a Call to Active Duty for the Duration I did hear.

My first Assignment was at Camp Walters, Texas, near Mineral Wells.

I was assigned to a Segregated Unit where Soldiers were Black and Officers White.

Us White Officers found out our Black NCO's did a Good Job with their Platoons Day or Night.

They were very proud of their Platoons and did an excellent Job with them.

And Us White Officers could see that our Units with Segregation were not quite right.

In March of 1942 I was transferred to the US 90th Infantry Division. This Division had officers and NCO's but no Regular Soldiers.

All the Regular Soldiers were Draftees,

And most of them reported in April of 1942.

When we First Started the Division, It was Motorized and Everyone had a Seat

We participated in Maneuvers in the Louisiana Swamps,

And found that this type Division would not work well in Combat.

So After One Year of Training, we changed back to a Regular Infantry Division.

We went back to Camp Barkley, Texas, and California Desert Training.

...to fort Dix, New Jersey

...and to Europe

And got into Battle on D-Day 1944. Norman Strength of the 90th Infantry Division was about 15,000.

Casualties for 11 Months were as follows:

3,883 killed...15,882 wounded in action...2,660 missing.

Prisoners captured...83,437

Enemy Material captured 501 Tanks, 1,228 Artillery Pieces...195 Self-Propelled Guns, 5,572 Vehicles of All Types...134 Airplanes.

Betty and I plan to go the 1996 Reunion at Omaha. Over 700 are expected to attend Sept. 25-29. For Complete Information call Allen Cornett 1-800-416-9090. Hope to see you in Omaha.

Bill and Betty Falvey, 507 Broadway, Niles, Michigan 49120. 1-616-683-6042

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