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Remove your Hotel slip in application and send to the Hotel. The Pre-Registration form will be in the next magazine. Please notify the office when you have a change of address.

When you move, most post offices will not forward the magazine. It will be discarded at that point.



**55TH ANNUAL REUNION
OF 83RD INFANTRY DIVISION
SEPT. 26 - 29, 2001**

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Please mail your checks for the Ad Book as soon as possible. As you know, this money is needed to help pay for some expenses for our 55th reunion.

DEADLINE - AUGUST 1, 2001

PLEASE Type or Print Ad Clearly and State Size of 'Ad.

President's Corner

First I want to thank all the members of this fine association for the great honor of electing me National President for our 55th National Reunion in Hampton, VA. I will do my best and with my committee to try to make this another great reunion. I hope everyone and their families who attended the reunion at the Friar Tuck Hotel had a good time and enjoyed themselves meeting friends and buddies. I hope everyone had a safe trip home. Pat DiGiammerino and his chapter are to be commended for this fine reunion. There was something planned for everyone. The food was great.

The reunion at Hampton, VA Holiday Inn is planned for September 26th through September 30, 2001 and is promising to be another great one.

Located nearby are many tourist attractions such as Virginia Air and Space Center, Casemate Museum, Douglas McArthur Memorial, Fort Monroe, Langley Airforce Base and more. The Armed Forces Reunions Corporation will be doing the planning for our reunion with our input.

The Armed Forces Reunion Corp. has been well commended. They have had many successful reunions for Army, Navy, Marine, and Airforce groups and others. This will be similar to the reunion in Lexington, KY.

We will continue to have our Ad Book, which is important for a successful reunion and also the pre-registration program. Pre-registration is important because it helps everyone from waiting in long lines to register. More information will be in the future Thunderbolt Magazine issues. Let us all start now making plans to attend this, our 55th reunion.

Wishing Good Luck and Good Health to all.

SAL SCICOLONE
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Past Presidents Corner

Thanks to all who attended our 54th reunion at the Friar Tuck Inn. I have received many compliments on the good time that people had.

I wish to thank the Boston Chapter members & other chapters for their help & the Friar Tuck Inn &

their staff for seeing to all out needs.

A special thank you to Cliff Wooldridge for his work on the Ad book. He did an outstanding job.

Thanks also to the Philadelphia Chapter for leading our Color Guard & to Joe Macalusco for leading our Memorial Services & to all those who participated in it.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President for 1999 - 2000. It was a great honor.

Pat DiGiammerino

Chairman of the Board

As your new Chairman of the Board it is with humility that I accept this position. I know working with President Scicolone will be a pleasure as we have worked together on the Board in the past. Start making your plans now for the Reunion at the Holiday Inn in Hampton, Virginia. Remember our attendance is dwindling so be sure to come to see your buddies once again.

Ralph B. Gunderson
Chairman of the Board

Outgoing Executive Board Chairman

Dear 83rd Buddies

This will be my last article as Board Chairman. I was proud to serve our great 83rd Inf. Div. Association to the best of my ability. I wish the very best to Sal Scicolone and Mr Ralph Gunderson for the next reunion at Hampton VA. I think they will do a excellent job.

Please send in your ads and dues. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our 55th reunion.

Board Chairman
August Farias (Mousie)

God Bless you all and have a Happy Holiday!!





From the Office

First information I need to bring up. The Pre-Registration information will be in your next issue of the magazine. The 2001 reunion will be in Hampton, VA, Sept. 27, 28, 29, 2001 at the Holiday Inn, Hampton Hotel & Conference Center, 1815 West Mercury Blvd., Hampton, VA. 23666-3229. You may use the Hotel application to reserve rooms now. The Pre-Registration Application will be ready for issue #2.

Those members that have not paid your \$15.00 dues for the year 2000 can send a check for \$30.00 which will include your \$15.00 dues for 2001 which are due now. Make your check or money order payable to the 83rd Inf. Div. Association, Inc. and mail to the office address. This will save the association a lot of postage not to send you a special notice.

Check your membership card before sending your check.

Now my next reminder is if you have not received your up-dated Roster for some unknown reason. Send me a post card or a telephone call and I will be happy to send you one. Last I want to thank the Boston Chapter for hosting a enjoyable reunion at the Friar Tuck Inn.

NOTICE! In the rear of this magazine you have a change of address and a new membership list for you to remove and file in your 2000 Roster. This will be continued in the magazine from now on.

Please check your slip-in reservation forms.

I wish you all continued good health and Happy Holidays!

Sec./Tres.
Bob Derickson

**KIMMES-HANSEN MATHILDE
TILLY KIMMES
CENTRE ST JEAN DE LA CROIX
30, RUE ST ZITHE
Has moved into a retirement
center.**

Deceased List

Our sympathy goes out to all the families of these veterans. We will miss all of them.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Reported By</u>
Bacchus, Ronald	HQ 2nd Bn 330th	Gordon Bouws
Barber, William R.	Unknown	James F. Erisman
Camp, John H.	"A" 329th	Geo. C. Suchomelly
Cherol, Louis	"E" 331st	Unknown
Chiappone, John C.	BTRY "A" 322nd F.A.	Unknown
Cooper, Marion B.	"I" & "K" 331st	Vernon Bobo
Coughlin, John	"D" 329th	Unknown
Davis, Harvey E.	HQ Bn. Div. Arty.	Charles J. Spurgeon
Dickson, David	"H" 331st	Harold Hanna
Dubos, George M.	"A" 308th Eng.	Unknown
Dutcher, Donald E.	A.T. 329th	Robert Trunk
Hay, Mark	"I" 331st	Vernon Bobo
Houston, John J.	"L" 3rd Bn. 330th	Richard E. Freeman
Kennedy, Robert J.	HQ 322nd	Wife, H. Kennedy
Ketterman, George	"I" 331st	Vernon Bobo
Ledger, William	"E" 329th	Helen Miller
Levin, Herbert N.	"I" 331st	John Daum
Maggio, Anthony	Regt. HQs. 330th	Unknown
Meyerhoeffer, William W.	"F" 329th	Robert Whitcomb
Plummer, Woodrow W.	"A" 453 AAA	Wife, Doris Plummer
Powell, Tilton	83rd Signal	Rudolph Zamula
Sroka, Joseph E.	Antitank Co. 331st	Paul F. Hogrefe
Stevenson, Harry R.	2nd Bn. Medics 330th	John Daum & John DeSimone
Walsh, Edward J.	"C" 331st	Francis Beerhalter & Charles Caven
White, Norman	A.T. 329th	Wife, Dorothy White & James Young



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NOW!

**83RD INFANTRY DIVISION
ASSOCIATION
1999 REUNION
AD BOOK ACCOUNT
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY**

Total Ad Book Receipts	\$6,488.72
Wooldridge Printing/Ad Book	<u>\$3,441.71</u>
Ad Book Profit	\$3,047.01

EXPENSES

Ad Refund	\$ 35.00
Superior Trophies (Favors)	\$ 230.40
Superior Trophies Shipping UPS	\$ 56.14
WalMart Hospitality Room Beverages	\$ 48.14
Sam's Club Hospitality Room Beverages	\$ 56.88
Daisy Patch (Decorations)	\$ 31.80
Postage	\$ 9.70
Transportation	<u>\$1,389.10</u>
<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	\$1,857.16

REUNION AD BOOK PROFIT **\$1,189.85**

**83RD INFANTRY DIVISION
ASSOCIATION
1999 REUNION INCOME &
EXPENSE STATEMENT**

INCOME

Registration and Tours \$25,465.00

EXPENSES

Bluegrass Tour Buses (2)	\$ 710.00
Lexington InTouch Tour Buses	\$ 3,400.00
Radisson for Mathena Overprint	\$ 300.00
83RD for Mathena Dues	\$ 15.00
Father Kenny for Catholic Mass	\$ 100.00
Mid-State Distributing (Beer)	\$ 297.50
Simply Elegant (Floral)	\$ 37.10
Mary Kay	\$ 800.00
Radisson Master Account (Meals, etc.)	\$11,592.37
Mitch's Meeting Management, Inc.	\$ 3,910.00
Tom Senff (Musicians)	\$ 1,050.00
Refunds to Pre-Registrants	<u>\$ 1,816.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$24,027.97**

TOTAL REUNION PROFIT **\$1,437.03**

**83rd Infantry Div. Assoc. Inc.
CASH FLOW REPORT
June 30, 2000
(Interim Half Year Statement)**

Cash Brought forward (Bank Bal 01/01/2000 Brought Forward	\$10,710.22	\$10,710.22
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INCOME

Current Dues	3,370.00	
Prepaid Dues 2001	3,765.00	
Prepaid Dues 2002	165.00	
Donations	15.00	
Interest Rec. Checking	88.17	
Reimbursement from Memorial Fund (1999)	3,334.94	
TOTAL INCOME		\$10,738.11

TOTAL BAL FORWARD & INCOME **\$21,448.33**

DISBURSEMENTS

Office supplies	143.46	
Printing		
Thunderbolt	3,042.00	
Other-Letterheads	124.95	
Postage		
Thunderbolt	340.63	
Stamps & Post Cards	298.70	
Sec./Treasurer Fee	1,000.00	
Board Travel Expenses	2,700.00	
Phone	204.07	
Computer Upgrade for mailing list	164.85	
Repair Copy Machine	193.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$8,211.66

NET CASH BALANCE 06/30/2000 **\$13,236.67**

**NET CASH BALANCE FORWARD
06/30/2000** **\$13,236.67**

This is the cash flow report for the first six months of the fiscal year 2000. This account balance, plus the 1999 Reunion Ad Book account from Lexington, Kentucky and the 1999 Lexington, Kentucky Reunion account, give us a total of \$15,863.55 in our checking account to date.

We have a Memorial Fund Account in a separate savings account. The total is \$2,626.95. I am going to transfer this money to a CD to draw a higher interest rate.

A final financial report for the 2000 calendar year will be in the #3 magazine.

Historian's Corner

Dear Bob:

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Mr. Pat DiGiammerino and the Boston Chapter, Bob Derickson, and other Officers for their flawless co-ordination of the 83rd's Reunion at the Friar Tuck's Inn in Catskill, N.Y., September 6-10, 2000.

Secondly, I want to congratulate Mr. John Prinzi for receiving the honor he well deserved for his tireless efforts in having a Monument for the 83rd Infantry Division Association, Inc. that was placed in the Arlington National Cemetery. Millions of people will pass the monument and if they have never heard of the 83rd, perhaps their curiosity will take them in the proper direction.

My third comment is in regards to being appointed officially as the 83rd Infantry Divisions Historian. Mr. Wm. Kent O'Connell and Mr. John Prinzi's activities as Historians will be a hard act to follow. I am hopeful of meeting the expectations as the Historian in the same manner.

At the reunion, I met my 1st machine gun squad leader, Sgt. Edward Pogoda that was defiantly first class Military Issue. We reminisced about the past events. He cleared up matters that I had wondered about for quite some time. The field of deadly air-bursts were prior to the Elbe Operation, it was after the crossing of the Rhine at Wesel. It was Sgt. "Pappy Hewitt" 2nd machine gun squad leader that was chasing the small pig that we caught and roasted. How it survived German occupation, I have no idea.

Also, when we were on a truck and transported to the assembly area at night for the attack on Neuss, we could see a quad 20 firing tracers as we advanced to our objective. It had soon gotten light and I remember going down a road and to the left was a building. We turned to the right and went down a slope and into a building that was about 30 feet from the road where Sgt. Pogoda set up the machine gun. He later came to me and said that we were getting short of ammo and for me to get some.

I went out of the building, started up the slope when I saw a snipers bullet hit the building about 8" to the right side of the window. He was shooting at the GI's that were looking out of the window. I continued up the road and not knowing where to get the ammo, I asked a commander on a Tank or TD if they could spare a couple of boxes of ammo, which he graciously gave me. (I couldn't understand why he was standing on the top of the tank or TD with all of the conflict going on).

I then started my return trip to our machine gun with 2 boxes of ammo. I went down the road, turned right to go to the building where our machine gun was set up and all of a sudden, an artillery air-burst went off above my head.

I "hit the dirt" and expected more of the same. Sgt. Pogoda seeing me go down, risked his life by coming out to see if I was OK. He asked me if I was OK and I said that I thought that there would be more of the same, he

said, "lets get out of here" and we did.

We then assembled to execute "marching fire" and went across the field (by the way, the quad 20 we saw previously was about 50' from the building and was so well camouflaged, I was unable to see it till later.) We crossed the field and spotted a trench that the Germans used that we entered. A GI passed us going the other way, holding his stomach and I often wonder if he made it. It appeared that all hostilities ended by the time we reached the end of the trench. We then advanced to a building east of this area and went into a building there.

That night as a "volunteer" we assembled to put smoke canisters on the dike of the Rhine River. On our way to the dike, Sgt. Pogoda was driving the jeep. He then stopped to get things organized and a Sgt. Mills got into the jeep to continue our assignment. He didn't drive too far when he hit a mine, raised the jeep into the air and what happened after this, I don't know. I heard that a Lieutenant that was in the passenger seat was killed. I'm not sure.

While on guard on the machine gun in the building, I noted that there was smoke coming out of a steeple to our left across the Rhine. If I had reported this to Sgt. Pogoda, he would have reported it, directed fire and blasted this artillery observation post to the ground, but, when the smoke canisters would be set off, the Germans would think that a major assault was at hand and we may not be here today. This cleared up my curiosities.

Last but not least, I would like to encourage members of the 83rd to document their experiences, after all, when we are gone, so are our accomplishments. We need to let the next generation and the generation after that know the history as it was. It is incomplete, this was the one reason for me to include mine. Lets get it in and be heard. Don't you want this and the next generation to know about you? Be proud, submit your experiences. This was also the reason I made the trip to Germany. I did get quite a bit of information that would not be otherwise available.

I would like to include an address that would be of great interest that I accessed on the Internet. "The Elbe Operation"

<http://www.army.mil/cmh-pg/documents/elbe-fm.htm>

There are other great web pages about the 83rd that I will include later. My grandson graduated from Ft. Benning, Ga. and now stationed in Seattle, Washington. I was impressed by the T-shirt he wore. On it it had **Pain Is temporary - Pride Is forever**. The pain refers to Basic Training and we all know that pride is forever refers to our great accomplishments.

Remember -- We were indeed the best of the best.

Sincerely,
Louis Gomori, Historian
83rd Inf. Div. Assn., Inc.



Historian's Corner - continued

I will continue to use the phrase, that we were indeed the Best of the Best and add a phrase if I may from my grandson's T-shirt given to him by an Army recruiter when he signed up for - Infantry! PAIN IS TEMPORARY - PRIDE IS FOREVER. The pain obviously refers to training. He graduated from Ft. Benning on December 17, 1999. Mary, our daughter and myself were present for the graduation.

Best wishes and regards to all and wish that everyone has a joyous holiday.

Following are copies of the Elbe Operation that I had accessed on the WWW and it surprised me as to its contents. It too describes the 83rds drive to and across the Elbe. This is Chapter IV and V and will continue in the next issue.

CHAPTER IV ATTACK OF BARBY

The 3d Battalion, 329th Infantry, received orders on the morning of 12 April to move as rapidly as possible through their sector to the Elbe River, capture the railroad bridge at Barby intact, if possible, and be prepared to cross the Elbe River. The 1st Battalion, which was to follow, had the responsibility of thoroughly mopping up the area, while the 2d Battalion, in the right half of the regimental sector, was not only to reach the river but protect the regiment's right flank.

Leaving Gnadau (D7883), the 3d Battalion directed I and L Companies to Pommelte (D815850) as K Company continued to move due west.

I Company, preceding L arrived in Pommelte about 1200 and was informed that elements of the Recon that was preceding them having eighteen men of I Company's 3d Platoon attached, had run

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into a heavily held out post line (D836838) of dug in machine guns and panzerfausts. It was also learned that a percentage were able to withdraw, but a large number of men were pinned down under a terrific volume of fire. Plans were formulated and the company moved out at 1230 along the right side of the Pommelte-Barby road. The 1st Platoon led out, in open column, followed by the 2d Platoon, weapons platoon, and the remainder of the 3d Platoon. The company, in extended column, followed a ditch which offered very good cover to (D825844) at which point the ditch ceased to exist. Here the 2d Platoon swung to the right and moved abreast of the 1st Platoon, as both moved forward with two squads forward and one in support. The 3d Platoon remained in Company support. Four light tanks, which had been attached to the company, formed a line parallel and just to the rear of the forward elements, as the rap-

id advance continued to the edge of the orchard (D830838), at which time the company came under intense fire. The infantry and tanks

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being somewhat taken by surprise, fired everything they had at any and all likely areas occupied the reason being when Jerry had dug his foxholes, all surplus dirt had been removed, making it impossible to get a line of the individual holes.²

K Company, all this time, had been advancing toward Barby along the Gnadau road (D822827), and upon reaching (D835327), the company encountered frontal fire from town and flanking fire from the positions holding up I Company. Being unable to advance, the platoons slowly worked themselves into position, dug in, preparing to "slug it out" with the enemy.

L Company arrived at Pommelte shortly after I Company and remained there in Battalion Reserve, awaiting commitment orders.

The 2d Battalion, on 12 April, having advanced against practically no resistance, reached a general line Tarnitz-Wespen, in the late morning, southeast of Barby. Company G and one platoon of the 643 Reconnaissance Troop in Wespen, were sent to Barby to aid the 3d

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Battalion which was known to be having trouble on the outskirts of town. At 1500, the company left Wespen on the secondary road leading east, preceded by elements of the Recon consisting of three jeeps and two armored cars. The 2d Platoon, Company G, followed on four light tanks, while the 1st 3d, and weapons platoons, in that order, rode vehicles of all descriptions.

As the Recon approached (D844818), the leading vehicles received a heavy burst of fire, wounding quite a few men. The follow up vehicles had just crossed a slight knoll as the fire began, thus they stopped and started to back out while the 2d Platoon of G Company deployed moving forward with the tanks to give supporting fire to the forward elements. The ground being very flat to the immediate front, smoke was necessary not only to cover evacuation of the wounded but permit the 2d Platoon forward to building up a line along a slight embankment (D840818). As the 2d Platoon advanced forward the tanks were also given the mission of moving to (D842818), under protective

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cover of the smoke, establish a line and cover the withdrawal of our men. The other platoons having dismounted continued cautiously working their way up the road in open columns on either side of the road.

The smoke laid down undoubtedly saved the day, for the Recon and most of the wounded were able to get out. Upon near completion of the evacuation the tanks that had moved into the field were pulled back across the bridge (D840817). Shortly thereafter the 1st Platoon joined the 2d forming a line of skirmishers, with the tanks interspersed. This force swung north, moving along the west side of the creek to the first group of buildings at (D840824), thus anticipating to easily by-pass this strongpoint.

As the platoons started for their new objective, Lt. Littlepage received word that five medium tanks were being placed at his disposal, the rendezvous point being (D839818). Keeping a few of his riflemen with him, as security for the tanks, the tanks upon arrival were

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given positions enabling them to cover the east sector of the town by fire if need be.

The 3d and Weapons Platoons of G Company, upon reaching the railroad crossing (D830815), moved northeast along the west side of the railroad embankment and at 1600 joined the remainder of the company in the two houses already held. All this time, 1st Lt. Arthur D. Littlepage, CO, did not know the location of these two platoons, for he had had no communication with them since the action began. It was not until 1700, upon his arrival of the company CP, that he was enlightened as to their whereabouts.

"At this point, things were relatively quiet", stated Lt. Littlepage. Word was later received, 1730, to hold their position and wait for F Company. Upon receipt of this order, a patrol of two men was sent out to contact elements of the 3d Battalion, approaching from the west, however, the word of contact was never brought back and both men were found dead the next morning³

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While Company L remained in Pommelte, 1st Lt. Alden D. Allen Commanding officer, stored with the Battalion Commander all afternoon keeping in touch with the progress of the two forward companies. At 1700, the 1st Platoon, Company L received word to establish an outpost (D832841) to protect not only the left flank of I Company but the battalion as well. From the Battalion observation post, at 1830, I Company was noted having trouble thus L Company was committed to its left.

Leaving the 1st Platoon in its position, the 3d Platoon, at 1830, began infiltrating forward and building up on its left flank. The only available cover on this move, keeping the mission in mind, was a ditch on the left side of the road which was utilized to the fullest extent. The 2d Platoon, advanced by bounds, remained in the rear. As the two leading platoons came abreast of each other and prepared to continue the attack, the platoon of attached medium tanks were brought forward, forming a line behind the 1st and 3d platoons.

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for the purpose of supporting by fire all movements made by these forward elements.

Upon reaching the creek (D843835), the tanks were stopped for this barrier was about waist deep, four feet wide, and the banks very abrupt. The forward infantry reached the creek slightly before the tanks did, 1845; and being held up but momentarily, continued their advance. Confusion was nil, yet a gap between the two leading platoons began to materialize rapidly. Without orders from the Company Commander, the 2d Platoon leader ordered his men forward to maintain contact between platoons. Sniper fire, although not accurate, was encountered coming from the town and the high ground across the river. However, by the use of "Marching Fire," the rapid advance was not impeded; and the factory (D847834) which was their objective, was reached by 1900. A short time later, 1945, the railroad bridge was blown. Having thoroughly searched the factory area, patrols were sent to probe the river's edge while the rest of the company set up a defensive position

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in front of the factory, facing the river with all three platoon on line.

The next morning, 13 April, L Co cleared the other factory that was close by without firing a shot. The company again remained the rest of the day, crossing the river about 0400, 14 April⁴

Although L Company had apparently walked up, so to speak, and sat down on their objective, I Company was still engaged in a fanatical fight. Being unable to see, due to camouflaged, the only thing to be fired at was possible positions and one or two Jerries whose heads might be seen bobbing out of

his foxhole too fast.

The 3d Platoon, although not having been committed, was only a few hundred yards to the rear of the front lines and was being subjected to the same fire holding up the 1st and 2d Platoons.

During these hours of give and take, it had grown very dark. Company I was ordered and jumped off in an attack at 2030. Fire minutes prior to H-Hour, three assault guns, which had been attached to the company, arrived.

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Crossing the line of departure, the edge of the orchard, both rifle platoons, tanks and assault guns, which were all on line, preceded speedily forward, each weapon firing as rapidly as humanly possible. The Jerry positions being only a hundred yards distant were rapidly overrun. The companies did not stop here but kept moving forward to a point about 500 yards from the railroad. Although the support platoon had made an effort to clear the area passed over by the leading elements, due to the darkness, many of the enemy were never detected. The remainder of the company, tanks, and assault guns having reached (D838833) about 2100, were having difficulty in maintaining direction and keeping contact. It was then decided to move back to the original position and wait the rest of the evening. While back-tracking, a few of the Jerries that had been overlooked started sniping; however, they were dealt with shortly. The company was again in its original position about 2300, awaiting the light of dawn, at which time another attack might be launched. The tanks and assault guns continued back to Pommelte for the evening.

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Initially, Company F had been in reserve in Wespen (D8181). Having been alerted around 2000 on 12 April, 1st Lt. Ira E. Boyer, Commanding Officer, made a reconnaissance prior to the move. His mission was to move his company to Barby (D8582), then kick through G Company and secure a larger foothold in the town. Battalion had reported G Company as holding a complete block in town, however, that was later found out not to be true.

The company left Wespen at dusk, in open column, with the 1st Platoon leading, followed by the 2d, Weapons, Headquarters and 3d, on the Wespen-Barby road. At the railroad crossing (D830815) the company veered off the road and proceeded along the left side of the railroad tracks, to the crossing at (840825). Here the leading men of the 1st Platoon turned right and proceeded along the road toward Barby, for about fifty or seventy-five yards, at which point they held up. The second building on the left of the road was on fire, as was a large school (D841823, making it impossible

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for them to move without being seen and drawing intense fire. The Company Commander went forward, contacted G Company CP, in the first building on the right side of the road, and found that it was one of the only two houses in town held. The other building being immediately across the road.

Lt Boyer, at this time ordered a patrol toward the town in an attempt to determine the strength and disposition of the enemy. The patrol, however upon entering the lighted area, was driven back by automatic weapons and panzerfausts. Seeing the situation confronting him, Lt. Boyer requested permission from Battalion to set up a defensive position along the tracks and await dawn. Permission was granted about 2300. The CO having omitted one though in his request planned to drop back to extremely advantageous position.

About the same time F started pulling back, another

patrol was sent out to skirt the southern edge of the illuminated area and approach Barby guiding along the Barby-Wespen road. Being in radio contact with the command post constantly, they reported their crossing of the creek (D840818 at 2400, and having received some small arms fire. A few minutes later they again called stating they had reached (D844817) and were returning because of intense small arms fire⁶.

All was not quiet for G Company the early morning of 13 April. Shortly after midnight the Jerries infiltrated a few men close to the supporting tanks, which had been placed around the command post. Six panzerfausts were fired although no great damage was done. These individuals were warded off and then at 0100, the building in which the CP was located received a hit by a bomb dropped from a lone German plane, who after dropping the one bomb was not seen nor heard again. The result of this lucky hit was eight men wounded.⁷

The 1st Bn spent the night of 12 April in Wespen and Gr Muhlingers in Regimental Reserve.

The following morning, 13 April, orders were received to continue the attack at 0845, but G Company, having contacted the burgomeister, found that the troops were pulling out and that the town would surrender at 0900, so the jump off was postponed fifteen minutes.⁹

Then, at 0900, the 2d and 3d Battalions moved tactically into Barby and established themselves along the west edge of town. This was done preparatory to giving supporting fire to the 1st Bn, 329th Infantry which had been picked to make the initial assault boat crossing of the Elbe River. Both the 2d and 3d Bns had suffered fairly heavy casualties in this brief action, the aggregate number being 24 men and 1 officer killed, 35 men wounded and five men were missing.⁹

Shortly after the battalions had moved into positions, E Company arrived from the vicinity of Tarnitz where it had been providing flank protection, and aided in the clearing of Barby also

sending one platoon to (D864816) to establish an out post and cloy the proposed bridging site. Having cleared the town thoroughly, the company also established road blocks.¹⁰

1st Lt. Earl E. Hoover, Executive Officer, said, "These were the best soldiers I have ever seen."¹¹

The backbone of the defense of Barby was the 1st Bn, 1064th Inf. Reg., Potsdam Division. This was one of the three newly-formed Divisions organized in the vicinity of Berlin within the previous ten days. Personnel were mainly NCO's and officer candidates released from the NCO and reserve officer's school in the Berlin area.¹²

The defense of what at one time was considered the three largest natural barriers confronting our troops, The Weser, Leine, and Elbe Rivers were very weak and poorly utilized tactically. It seems strange indeed, having natural obstacles already existing, that at least hastily dug fox holes were not established along the far shores of these rivers. Instead, they seemed to withdraw in mass,

so to speak, many kilometers to points not as advantageous for defensive action. This very type of thing happened at both the Weser and Leine Rivers. However, when they did see fit to defend the Elbe, all orthodox tactics seemed to be thrown to the fore winds. Instead of establishing their line on the far side of the river, where havoc might have been raised with the assaulting troops while on the rivers, the Germans pre-

ferred defending it on the near side. Thus, they were confronted with two rivers, the Germans preferred defending it on the near side. Thus, they were confronted with two obstacles, our advancing forces to their front and quite a sizable river to their rear. However, this might have been done in order to prevent, as much as possible, anybody from withdrawing of their own accord.¹³

FOOTNOTES

- (1) 329 Inf (83d Div.) Int/w Asst. S-3, at al.
- (2) 329 Inf (83d Div.) Int/w Ex O, Co. I
- (3) 329 Inf (83d Div.) Int/w CQ, Co. G
- (4) 329 Inf (83d Div.) Int/w CO, Co. L
- (5) 329 Inf (83d Div.) Int/w Ex. O, Co. I
- (6) 329 Inf (83d Div.) Int/w CO., Co. F
- (7) 329 Ubf (83d Div.) Int/W CO., Co. F
- (8) 329 Inf (83d Div.) Int/w Co., Co. F
- (9) 329 Inf (83d Div.) Int/w CO.
- (10) 83d Div. A/A Rpt., April '45
- (11) 329 Inf (83d Div.) Int/w Ex, OI, Co. I
- (12) 83d Div. A/A Rpt., April '45
- (13) 83d Div. Rhine - Ruhr - Elbe - Operation, Narrative.

"Life Is Just A Dream"

*Sometimes alone I think of my youth when life was kind
 When play was the thing and having nothing on my mind
 Parents and grandparents to take care of me
 The world a mystery with so much to see
 Looking at each day as a new adventure in life
 With no worries or a lot of strife
 Friends of my youth so many years ago
 Talking of all the things and people we would get to know
 Learning in school about the world and history of the past
 Conflicts that were going on and if peace would last
 Growing up and fighting a war to make things right
 To make life for future generations free and bright
 As I sit and wonder, will we ever find a way?
 To care and love one another each and every day
 And dream of extending life beyond the stars that gleam
 Or is our short life span on earth just a dream?*

----- Robert L. Gerber

STATEMENT

regarding German Veteran's annual meetings in Walternienburg

After the fall of "the wall" and the re-unification of Germany, a group of German veterans of "Division Scharnhorst", who fought in and around Walternienburg (on the Elbe river), started informal annual meetings in Walternienburg, usually around the actual dates of the fighting in 1945, viz, the 15th of April.

The initial group were a few veterans around (then) Lt. Kirchner who was a company commander in Battalion Rettich of Regiment Langmeyer, and (then) Corporal Rothe, who was with the armored artillery and commanded one of the tanks, and a few others. The former Battalion CO, Captain Peter Rettich, also attended the meeting 2000, despite his high age.

This was in 1991 or 92. The news spread by word of mouth and soon they had a list of maybe a 180-200 former members of the involved troops and decided to meet annually. Mr. Kirchner has since passed away (in 1999) and the annual organization has gone over to Mr. Rothe who makes the arrangements with the help of a few other comrades.

About 80 or 90 veterans come to the annual meetings. We are not organized in an association but meet privately, because we want to keep the whole thing very low key. Except the local Mayor of Walternienburg, no officials are invited or present. We only invite one local newspaper reporter, who reports after the fact. We do not want to attract any unnecessary attention from either right-wingers (skinheads) nor leftist groups, because we want to keep it absolutely unpolitical.

The sole purpose of our meetings is commemoration of the fallen soldiers (both sides), and meeting with old friends and comrades. The "official part" consists of a memorial service in the church of Gutergluck and a little commemorial address at the cemetery at Walternienburg, held by a former navy ensign, who also belonged to the forces around that area in 1945.

The first American veteran from the 83rd Division who came to the meeting in 1999 was Bernie Sheffield from High Point, NC. He had been with a group from his church in Wernigerode in 1998 and visited Walternienburg. He then decided to come to the meeting in April of 1999.

Then, this year, in April 2000, a group of 3 veterans from your association. Carrol Brown of Sweetwater, TN, Louis Gomori of Butler, PA, and Robert Keck of Mountville, PA. came to attend our meeting.

Next meeting will be held April 7 through 9/10, 2001. The reason for this earlier date is that in 2001 Easter (which is a strictly observed holiday in Germany) is April 14-17, 2001.

We hope to attract some of your American comrades to come to our next meeting, too! You are cordially invited.

Hamburg, July 27, 2000

Horst Reinhold
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Report of my experiences in Germany by Louis Gomori

I had gotten an offer from Horst Reinhold (A German veteran that was captured in Barby by a unit of the 83rd Inf. Division), to attend the German Reunion at Walternienburg and the 55th Anniversary of the Elbe Bridgehead and a reunion with services of our fallen comrades. (see 308th Medic Casualty List) We did lose quite a few men and my prayers went out to them, they should not be forgotten.

As I didn't want to cause any discrepancies, I went as a Veteran of the 83rd Infantry Division as I had mixed feelings about going. The main purpose was to get whatever information I could that was available from the German Veterans that opposed us East of the Elbe and attended this reunion. Their numbers are dwindling as ours are and this information will be gone with them also. It is also important for all members of the 83rd to document their experiences as well.

Horst stated that he would pick me up at the Hamburg airport, take me to Waltenienburg, take me where ever I wished to go and take me back to the Hamburg airport for my return home. This offer I couldn't refuse.

By the way, Horst told me that prior to being captured at Barby, 2 men in a jeep pulled up to where he was and asked him directions to Dessau. He stated that the one in the passenger seat had his legs propped up on the dash. He said that he pointed to a direction not knowing where Dessau was. He also said that they drove off and he was later captured.

Horst picked me up at the airport on April 12, 2000 and took me to a hotel where he had a room reserved for me. He came to pick me up 2 hours later and took me to his home to meet his wife and join them for supper. This was very gracious of them both. After a delicious supper, Horst returned me to the hotel and we were to go to Walternienburg the next day. He picked me up and he stated that we were going to Calbe first to meet 2 of his friends that were in this area when they were 7 and 9 years of age, Mr. Peter Ulrich and Mr. Wittig. They are Historians and the copy of "The Elbe Operation" that I took with me consisting of 6 Chapters that I gave to Horst to pass it on caused quite a bit of excitement.

They stated that this was the type of information they were seeking. I agreed to furnish them whatever I have in exchange for information from them. In Calbe, Mr. Ulrich pointed out the buildings that

the 83rd Inf. Div. and the 329th Inf. Regt. occupied for their headquarters. They then took us to the Elbe River to determine and actual site of our crossing on Friday the 13th, 1945.

According to the photograph I had taken of the engineers in midstream moving equipment pinpointed the exact location with the 2 buildings in the background, I just went through "The Elbe Operation" and it stated that the crossing was 600 yards downstream from the ferry site. I was amazed as to the information they had acquired from the National Archives at College Park, Maryland. They had the G-2 reports, the 308th Medic Casualty lists which they sent me to forward to the 83rds Archives. I am including the copies of zeroxes furnished to me by Mr. Ulrich. We then went to Barby, crossed the Elbe River and went to our hotel in Badetz where we later met Mr. Hubert Rose, the organizer for the reunion and another gentleman, neither spoke English. During our conversation. Carroll Brown asked if anybody could tell him about the Germans in an open field were scattered and covered with a shalk of wheat or oats. He said that there was fog around and as the fog lifted, the Germans got from under the shalks of grain and proceeded to advance when they were spotted and mowed down by a machine gun. This remained unanswered as far as I know. We later retired for the night.

The next day, we had breakfast and went to Walternienburg where they had church services and then had a procession to the cemetery.

There were 2 other groups there. There was Carroll B. Brown ("E" Co., 329th, Sweetwater, TN) and his friend, who spoke German, Robert Keck of "L" Co., 329th, Mountville, PA) his wife, son, daughter, son-in-law from the States and 2 cousins from the state of Wittenbert Germany, Bavarian area if I remember correctly. Mr. Keck had relatives that were forced to serve in the German Army, (as I understood it) was asked to assist a German Veteran in placing a wreath at the monument.

After this, I met a German Veteran that was a Captain and he was the Battalion Commander of the units that counter-attacked us on the Bridgehead. Another veteran was pointed out to me that pushed the plunger and destroyed the railroad bridge. I was unable to talk to him

and from the area around the bridge, he did the 83rd a favor as we could have been caught in single file across the bridge and there was no where to go but back, if the bridge was still there. I also met an ex-tank commander and a Journalist that was present doing the story of this gathering that also opposed us east of the Elbe.

After this, we went to Guttergluck where they had another ceremony. Carroll, Robert and I were asked to pose in front of the monument for photographs. Horst indicated that we were Honored Guests and everybody was pleased to have 3 American Ex-Soldiers present. They had hoped for more American veterans.

We were then invited to go to the restaurant for refreshments. We had coffee and cake which was great. There was a man there that has a museum and he had a book published in German about the 83rd Inf. Div. and I bought a copy. From there, The Journalist, Dietrich Kienscherf, his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Horst Reinhold, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keck, his son, daughter, son-in-law, and 2 nieces and I went to a restaurant in Zerbst. Different subjects were discussed. We then decided to leave and we then returned to the hotel to get rested up for our trip back to Hamburg the next day.

Horst returned me to my hotel and said that he will pick me up for supper. After supper, he returned me to the hotel. As I was satisfied with what information I had at the time, I returned home on April 18, 2000 and as I was alone I frowned upon traveling to Austria or Belgium. I am grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold for their kindness and generosity.

Louis Gomori
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CHAPTERS

Michigan Chapter News.....

The Michigan Chapter, had a luncheon on July 13th, 2000, we are getting more to come each time.

Nick Boyd, had a slight stroke and also Lee Hetrick had a slight stroke.

Other than that we are doing fine.

V.C. Palazzolo
Co. "G" 329th Michigan Chapter

Personal letter from Vito Palazzolo

I was unable to go to the reunion in N.Y. this year and I want to say that I and Virginia missed seeing all of you. I have only missed 5 Reunions since 1947. I wasn't able to bring the shirts & caps as I always have so I still have them. If anyone is interested in getting them please write me at 20000 Lancaster, Harper Woods, MI. 48225-1630. Thank You

Vito Palazzolo
Co. "G" 329th

New Jersey Chapter News.....

October 1, 2000

Another reunion has passed and as always it was great to be with all the 83rd people. Thanks to President Pat DiGiamerino and the Boston Group for hosting the 54th Annual Reunion.

We had a pretty good turnout from the chapter attending. Manny Epstein was there. Others were George and Dot Foster (Co. F 330) another from his company was Joe DePeri who had his family, Joe and Joann Beatrice, Casey and Nina. O. L. Cook also a member of Co. F 330 couldn't attend. That is the first reunion that I can remember that Cookie wasn't there. He was home taking care of family. We missed you O.L.! Sam and Edith Manzi were there, but I didn't see them too often, probably walking up the mountains getting their exercise. Cookie Seneca had son Jim and daughter Mary Ann attending but Jim's wife Darlene was back in school teaching and couldn't be with us. We missed you Darlene. Charles Sihlanick from Artillery missed seeing many of buddies who couldn't be there. Andy Socha looked forward to meeting again with Sylvester Smith who was supposed to attend. I also was hoping to see Sylvester again.

George and Vi Waple were busy selling his book. Those that I spoke to enjoyed it. Russell and Margarita Whitehead stopped at the same rest stop as I did to Friar Tuck Inn. They are fun to be with. Mary and Frank Sabine (Co. D, 331) had quite a few from his company there. Seven couples from his company went to Lake George after the reunion for a few days. I re-



ceived an email from Geri Gunderson telling me they had enjoyed being there.

Doc Pheifer was there to keep an eye on the 783rd Ordnance Group. I believe he was the reason Rags and Al were so behaved at the reunion. It might have been Jim Jones who kept them in line.

Vitie Atkocius, also our member as he is with the many chapters he belongs to, did his part in getting items for the goody bags. Tony Hroncich with Lena had a ball as usual. They are a lot of fun. I hope to see Tony attending the meetings in Garfield.

Fred Policastro and Dan Pelose (Co. C, 331) attended. Dan brought his family and his Holland friend. I got to meet them, Dan you have a fine family and friend.

Cookie Seneca gave me some news to pass on to you all. On Sunday, September 10 a monument was dedicated to Vietnam Veterans in Memorial Park in Oglesby, Illinois. This will be the third dedication in three consecutive years. A large turnout is expected for this memorial event. Cookie is proud of his hometown for this accomplishment.

Joe and Hazel Barton were supposed to attend but didn't. I hope all is well with you two. Joe and Dot Skurka spoke to us before the reunion to tell us they wouldn't be there.

I received a letter from Frank Reichmann before the reunion wishing all of us a happy reunion. He wrote that it was so close for him and how much he would like to but can't go because of medical problems.

We missed those that weren't able to be with us. Remember them in your prayers, especially Emil Wehling, Ted Guzek and Mike Skovran.

Our Christmas Party will be held on December 10th at Cryan's Restaurant in Metuchen, New Jersey. If you don't get a mailing on the party and would like to attend, call me.

A very pleasant surprise was having Sam Galati (Co. K, 331) from Florida at the reunion. He was visiting his daughter in Brooklyn at the time and Manny Epstein brought him along.

Fran and I brought our daughter Judy with her husband Brent and our daughter Joyce and her husband John with their two children Emily and Evan. Those that were at the reunion saw Emily, Evan, Casey and Nina having a wonderful time. It was just great having them join us and to see how much they enjoyed themselves.

All from the Chapter want to wish all the 83rd Family a Happy Holiday Season and a Healthy New Year!!!

That's it for now, GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!

Stan Bielen
1st Bn. Hdqs. Co. 331 Inf.

Dixie Chapter News.....

FRIAR TUCK - 2000

Expectations are running high as I arrive at the meeting place one day early. Finding that I can stay and begin celebrating early I meet Pat and Lou from Boston Chapter and they get me off to a running start.

Boston men and wives look like they live here and know all the short cuts and show us how to find everything. They are already doing a great job at a very difficult task. They are all to be commended.

TUESDAY - Supper time comes - two Dixie couples eat at a table for 4 in the small dining room and for breakfast the next day. Then comes the big rush! We have so many "Early Birds" the main dining room opens to accommodate the growing group.

WEDNESDAY - I wind up at a table for 10 with as fine a group as I've ever seen in 54 years. What a time we have each mealtime along with 400+ others who have come to celebrate and remember and honor those who have gone on before us.

THURSDAY - New faces are present some see the sign on the road "come in and inquire about a comrade of 50 years ago" Not finding him, they don't stay so we have no record of their coming.

Some come for the first time and stay 3 days and plan to be back next year. It's a great privilege to meet each one.

FRIDAY - I meet a 89 year old man with his daughter who has attended 47 reunions. He farms, works everyday except the days he takes to come to reunions. He says he doesn't have time to retire with so much needing to be done. I want to keep in touch with him.

"A" Btry 322 FA is needing some help. With 3 men present we gang up with a couple other groups of Division Artillery and deliver all the support that our valiant Infantry men call for. Happy to report that our supporting groups do a fine job. Ordnance, Engineers, Recon, Medics and each department is represented and perform well! I'm happy to be a part of it all!!

Many visit the Hall of Fame (Baseball) and come back full of stories.

The new and old are by now in the melting pot making up the new look for year 2000. Let me tell you, its a great look! You who missed it plan now for next year.

SATURDAY - The big day, Memorial Ceremony, Banquet, Show time. These are the main events but all day is filled with human Interest stories too numerous to mention. We have many widows present, thank heavens for them. Many more wanted to come but couldn't for many reasons. We miss each and treasure our relationship whether you are here or not.

I meet the sons of a man from "A" Btry 322 who was wounded Dec. 18 in Hurtgen Forest. I find out he didn't die but has lived in 100% disability for 50 years. He was now 91 on the list of deaths since our last meeting having died in July 23 this year. I look forward to meeting

all his family.

With the banquet comes new opportunities for celebrating. Our seating arrangements are changed - giving me the opportunity of being seated with the two men who have come seeking information about their father. Thankfully I'm able to help them.

Food is great. Comradship is superb. I wouldn't change a thing. It just gets better all the time. Our business is handled in orderly fashion. We plan on the next years meeting. New officers are elected and we're in good hands for the up coming year. Those running the Memorial do a superb job. All the way around - Each one is to be commended!!

There are so many names to be mentioned I've abstained from naming any except Pat and Lou - could name at least 50 but then I'd miss some so you know who you are. Accept my thanks for all your efforts in the past years and lets continue to be "The Very Best"

I look forward to the future knowing that our time together is very limited and trust that we can use it as best we can to hold our colors high and honor those who have paid the supreme sacrifice on our behalf and their loved ones left behind. We shall be eternally grateful to have been in your company in these few short years only the twinkling of an eye as the Lord measures time.

Dixie Chapter has 18 present at final count.

Your Dixie Reporter
Ellsworth Massie



Dixie Chapter Table #4 (Celebrating one more time)



Posting the Colors (Memorial Ceremony)



E. Massie & George Waple (Ready for the Road)

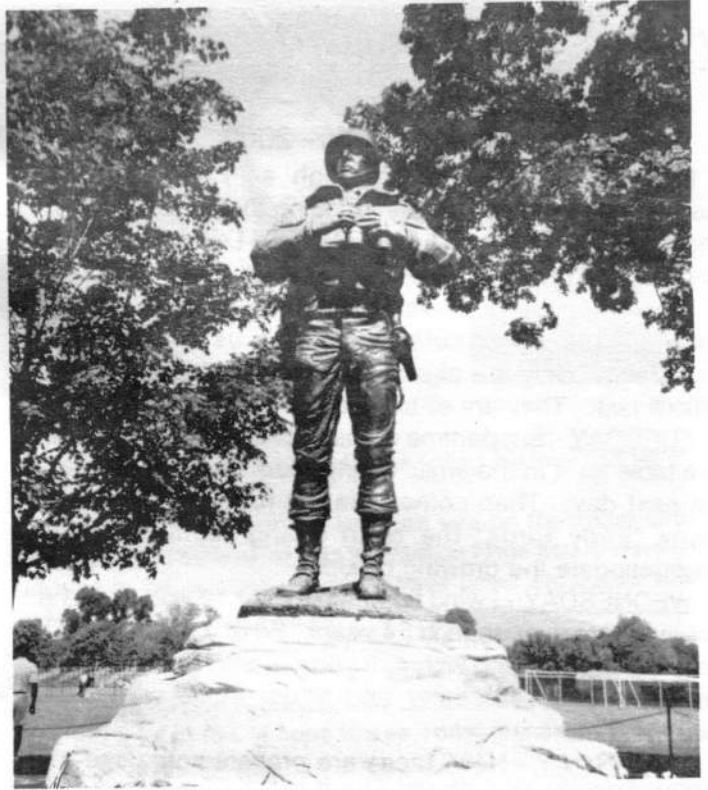
This is about a "A" Btry 322 FA man, John Chiappone, wounded Dec. 18, 1944, in Hurtgen Forest, hospitalized for months and many operations from a mine explosion, finally discharged and much later declared totally disabled. We thought he was dead for 56 years but we were wrong.

Thru the efforts of Pat DiGiammerino and Lou Sandini, his son Sam located me and discovered he was an "A" Btry man. I had him on the roster that sailed from Camp Shanks to England on April 6, 1944 until Dec. 18, 1944. He died July 23, 2000.

All his service records had been lost in a fire but his son was able to get his medical records and finally put it all together. They came to our meeting, joined in and we were finally able to fit their Dad in his place of service. He never spoke of his experiences to his family.

It was indeed a pleasure to be able to meet and help these fine young men in this time of need.

We look forward to keeping in contact with them.



Statue of Gen. Patton West Point Academy



Btry. A men Massie, Sihlanick, Cyr.



Pat DiGiammerino, Sam Chiappone, Ellsworth Massie, Henry Cyr, George Chiappone.



George Chiappone, Lou Sandini, Sam Chiappone, E. Massie.

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Cleveland Chapter News.....

Summer is officially over and fall is here. At the present time fall is beautiful and the colors are starting to show.

It was a tough summer for some of our members. Some sick and some deaths. Ed Jocek and Hank Trzeciak had a hard time getting their defibulators adjusted. Emily Czech broke her wrist. She's doing much better. Al and Eleanor Klugiewicz are doing fine. Al had a tooth problem and Eleanor goes to the clinic in Erie Pa. for blood work twice a month. Dorothy Kasputis had surgery and is doing fine. We wish her the best. Our Mess Sgt. George Calore had to put his wife Martha in a nursing home in Madison, Ohio. She has Alzheimer's Disease. Ed Glinka has health problems and occasionally his wife Jo has to rush him to the V.A. hospital.

Larry Coladangezo's son, Donald, age 43 died and was buried July 13, 2000 and Larry's wife Chris died Sept. 6th, 2000. What a tragedy. Our condolences to the family.

On a happier note - we had 2 couples go to the 83rd Reunion. Sam & Charlotte Cordiano - Cannon Co. 330th and Paul & Mary Dallos "D" Co. 331st.

Marge Voracek, Birdie Titus and Angie Philopone from the Warren Chapter visited the Cleveland Chapter at our last meeting and gave Mike Mizerock a miniature plaque that Capt. Macaluso gave to them to give to Mike, when Capt. Mac was at the dedication in Washington, D.C.

Inscription on the plaque - 83rd Inf. Div. Thunderbolt (83rd Insignia and 5 Battle stars) everlasting memorial tribute to the valor and sacrifice of all who proudly served their country wearing this insignia - WWII - 1941 - 1995.

We want to wish everyone a Happy Holidays - Happy Chanukah - Happy and Healthy New Year.

Bob Grobelny
"A" Co. 329th



Philadelphia Chapter News..

We have been meeting every two months, except July and August.

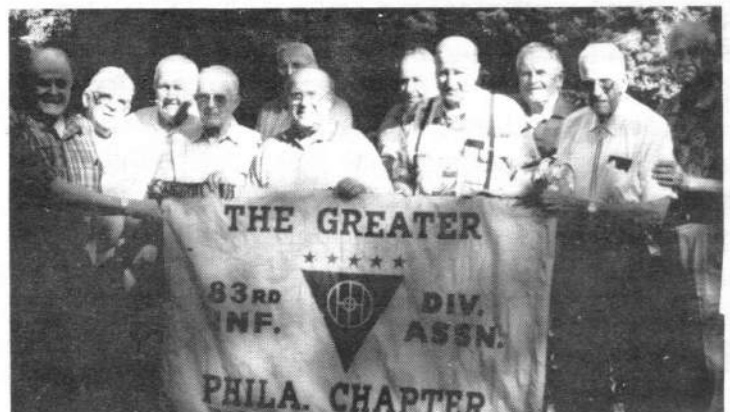
For the last 20 years we have been in the Memorial Day parade in Narberth, Pa. This year our own Lou Volpi was honored for having placed memorial posts at the flagpole site.

After the parade we hold our own Memorial service at our meeting place. We say a prayer for our departed members and our ailing men. Three volleys are fired by our members to conclude our own service.

Our Christmas dinner was held at Volpi's restaurant. 30 members were present and all had a wonderful time.

We had a cookout at our last get-together. There was plenty of very good food. All of us must have gained a pound or two. One member, Harry Stevenson, attended that Sunday, but had a fatal attack the following Tuesday. We had a memorial service at his wake. Many of us joined the funeral procession. We will miss Harry as time goes on.

We had a good turnout at the Friar Tuck reunion. At the business meeting, we had 3 Philadelphia members elected to the Associations governing body, namely, Bob Keck, Al Silverio and Harry Kirby. We should be proud of the way we served. After our service when we got home, we realized the part of history we had become.



The photo enclosed was taken at the cookout Aug. 20, 2000.

Harry Kirby
"C" Co. 308 Engrs.

New England Chapter News

First of all we of the New England Chapter would like to express our sympathy to the Davis Family for the passing of our good buddy, Bill Davis.

He was the life of the party. Bill was a decorated U.S. Army Vet. He served 27 yr. and retired in 1974 as a platoon sergeant and with two tours in Vietnam. Good Bless you Bill.

On Aug. 6th we all headed to John and Esther Ferreiro's in Chelmsford Ma. for a cookout that was put on by there Children. John and Pauline Ferreira and Larry & Jenine Ferreiro. & Ray and Jackie Constantinea, great job gang.

We had Nick & Mary Francullo, John & Ester Ferriera August "Mousie" Farias and Hazel, Chuck & Bernice Abdinoor, Dutchie and Helen & Ernie Smith, Francis & Pat Hovey. John & Priscilla Walsh, Jim & Dot Brennan, Joe & Helen Petrucci, Al & Ann Tartaglia, Cuddy & Marie George, Simon & Kothren Etzel, Burt and Rose Simon, Mike & Marie Champey and Ray & Isabelle Orsine.

Now for the reunion at Friar Tuck, it was great seeing our old friends and boy are we getting old, Ha! Ha!. The weather was great and plenty of food too.

At the reunion we had the Francullo's, Ferriera's, Mousie & Hazel, Abdinoors', Smiths, Walsh's, Brennan's, Petrucci's, Tartaglia's, Etzel's, Simon's, Jack Merrell & Burkhard's and good old boy Vitie Atkocius, and the Petitti's.

Hope all of our New England Chapter members who did not make it are O.K.

Talked with Karl Burkhard at the reunion that he had a pacemaker put in and he could not stay long as he had to have it checked out. Hope everything is O.K. Karl and it was good seeing you and Ingrid.

Received word from Roy & Helen Rudd of Lathen, N.Y. that they could not make the reunion as they are not well. We miss you all. Also miss seeing Scott Harrington and hope everything is OK and also Cuddy George.

After the reunion the Brennan's, Francullo's and the Ferriera's took off to Melody Manor in Bolton Landing, N.Y. for two days and also to Lake George for a steamboat ride. It was great and then we headed for home. Great trip.

Got some info from Chuck Abdinoor.

It was nice to see our members from New England Chapter. The Burkhard's came but had to leave early, sorry the Champy's were not here as Mickey was not up to traveling. The Smith's came with their son Ernest Jr. Dutchy is not up to driving

for great distances besides they could not give up a ride in a Merced's that Jr. has.

Job well done Mousie as a member of the executive board and also for singing my buddy at the memorial services and it was an honor for Nick and I. to represent the 330th at the wreath ceremony and it was a pleasure to see good old buddy June & Joe Zenz. Joe and Bob Hunnewell who just passed on were in the same company and were always together at the reunions. We will miss Bob, also Burt Simon was also in the same Company with them. Looking forward to seeing them this winter in Florida.

Just got a letter from Buddy Bolfe Co. E, 330th he had a bypass last October and is doing very good, but he has tendonitis in his ankle, but doing O.K. It's good to hear from you Buddy and if any of our chapter members would like to write to me, please do so and I can put it in the Thunderbolt News.

Got some news from Dot Brennan in July. They had a birthday party for Jim he turned 80 God Bless you Jim also Joe Petrucci is going into the Hospital for angioplasty after that they will decide if he needs to have pass-by surgery. Hope he makes out O.K. and the New England Chapter sends out our sympathy to the Tynan family on the loss of their daughter, Kothie.

The Brennan's will take off in November to see Jim's brother Joe & Sheila in Indiana and then will drive to Virginia to their daughter Bernadett's and family for Thanksgiving.

I just received a note from Ted Birbarie of Bradford, Ct. and he is now 84 and can't get around much anymore, but thinks of the 83rd everyday. Take care Ted.

That's it.

Your Buddy Always, Nick
Hq Co. 3rd Bn, 330th At. Pt.



New England Chapter Gang at Chelmsford Cookout!



Great Bunch of Girls at Cookout - New England Chapter.



Jim enjoying his 80th with his grandkids. - New England Chapter.



What are you saying Dutchy - Dutchy, Helen, Earnl Jr., Chuck Abdinoor - New England Chapter



Nini, Mike, Jack, Mary, Tadr Ann - New England Chapter.



At Reunion - Good Food - New England Chapter Gang.

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Kentucky Chapter News.....

The Kentucky Chapter had their fall meeting at The Seasons Lodge & Conference Center in Brown County Indiana. Ames & Helen Miller was the hosts and we thank them for a job well done. We had 13 members to attend. Eleven of them with wives and three without. Alberta Richmond was ill & unable to come with Floyd. We hope she has a quick recovery and able to attend the December meeting at Frankford, Kentucky.

Our Christmas party meeting hosts will be John & Hazel Hudnall and RT & Betty Brook at Hampton Inn in Frankford Kentucky, Dec. 8-9-00.

It was good to see Lois Brinkman and Clara Johnson and her friends, Bill Fremlin and his wife from Evansville, IN.

We had delicious lunch serve to us on Monday noon in the Hotel. After lunch the women took the Nashville Express to Little Nashville to go shopping while the men had their business meeting.

I was notified that Ann Mcarthy, Dans widow passed away Sept. 30, 2000. Dan was a charter member of the Kentucky Chapter. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May God bless us all with good health.

Bob Derickson
3rd Bn. Hq. Co. 329th

Biographical Sketch

George Henry Waple III, Soldier Retired, Captain,
US Army 1962

George Henry Waple, III was the youngest of eight children born to George and Nancy Waple of Waple's Mill, Virginia in 1921. The Waple family home was secure and livable, but amenities were scarce. George Henry Waple, II supported the family by farming; running the Waple's Mill General Store and investing in farm property.

George Henry Waple, III, enlisted in the Third Horse Cavalry, Ft. Myer, Virginia at seventeen years of age and developed a knack for leadership by observing Colonel Jonathan Wainright and Colonel George S. Patton, who both commanded the Third Cavalry while George was assigned. He was promoted at 21 years old to Master Sergeant in November 1942 and functioned as the Regimental Communications Chief of Headquarters Company 331st Infantry, 83rd Infantry Division.

As First Sergeant, he participated in the Eighty Third Infantry Division normal training cycle, maneuvers in Tennessee 1942-1943, and overseas preparation at Camp Brickenridge, Kentucky. The Division shipped out of New York on the SS George Washington arriving at Liverpool England spring 1944; they landed on Omaha Beach D-Day plus twelve, relieving 101st Airborne near Carenton, France. Fighting across Europe to the Elbe River to meet the Russians in May 1945. He served in all five European campaigns.

Returning to Fort Myer, Virginia November 1945 he was assigned as the First Sergeant of the Ceremonial Detachment that performed all ceremonies in Arlington Cemetery, parades and Honor Guards in the Washington, DC area.

This included duties at the White House 1946-47 as Head Usher for affairs of state under President Truman. He was also President Truman's Wreath Bearer at The Tomb of Unknown Soldier memorials on each Memorial Day.

Master Sergeant Waple was in a leadership role in the rewrite of the Infantry Drill Regulation Manual on the subject of Close Order Drill, Manual of Arms, Parade and Ceremonial Procedures circa 1948.

In August 1948, he was assigned to the Staff of the Chief of Staff of the Army, Omar N. Bradley, later to become the first Chairman of the Joints Chief of Staff.

On January 12, 1952, Master Sergeant Waple was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in the Army of The United States of America by General Omar Bradley in the General's Pentagon Office.

After attending the basic Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, he was assigned to the Fifth Infantry Training Division at Indiantown Gap, PA. He was retained at the school because of experiences and soldierly qualities. Leading to assignment as an assistant to the Commanding General Fifth Infantry Division and earned promotion to first Lieutenant.

In summer 1952 he was assigned to Third Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment of Seventh Infantry Division in Korea. His combat experiences in the Korean War in-

cluded participation in the wars last battle "The action on, Old Baldy."

In February 1954 Waple was Aide de Camp to Major General Lionel McGarr Commander US Army Caribbean, located in the Panama Canal Zone.

Promoted to Captain, he attended Advanced Infantry School, Fort Benning in September 1956, and subsequently assigned to the G-4 Section, Military District of Washington until August 1958 when he was reassigned as Aide to Major General McGarr at Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

His final assignment was as a Corrections Officer and Athletic Director of the US Army Disciplinary Barracks.

Captain George Henry Waple, III, retired from military service in June 1962 after twenty-four years of service.

Decorations include Combat Infantry Badge with Star, Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Commendation Medal with Four Clusters, Good Conduct Medal with twelve years of unlisted service and other applicable service medals.

On February 2000, representing all W.W. II veterans from New Jersey, George Henry Waple, III escorted N.J. Governor, Christine Todd Whitman, as she presented a check in the amount of \$580,000 to former Senator Robert Dole, Chairman of the WWII Memorial Fund; representing one dollar for each WWII veteran from the State of New Jersey.

He now resides near Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey where he enjoys golf at Sun Eagles Golf Course and is involved in family and community activity.

Country Boy Gone Soldiering

Written By

George Henry Waple III

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Meeting at Fort Myer, Virginia - Summer of 1946. Front Row - Third, Fourth and Fifth from Left are Charter Members General Farenbaugh, First Sgt. George Waple III, and Earl McDonald.

83rd Men At Friar Tuck Inn In 2000



Pittsburgh Chapter News.....

Our ranks have been depleted since the last issue. Edward J. Walsh died on July 18, 2000 from Alzheimer's disease. He was eighty years old, served with Co. G, 331st and was an ex-railroader. Shortly before his death, his wife called me to say he was in the hospital. I went to see him in the condition he was in. It was the first time I had seen someone afflicted with this disease.

I attended the funeral on Saturday, July 22. A number of chapter members went to the funeral home. On Saturday, July 22 at 12:00 noon the Korean War Veterans Association of Western Pennsylvania, Matthew P. Ridgway Chapter held a Korean War Remembrance Service in Pittsburgh. John Marek is a member of that organization. The upcoming 2000 reunion in Virginia are being formulated and details at a later date. Armed Forces Association to promote this reunion. "Smokey" Alicandri has been absent for sometime. He was hospitalized in August for pneumonia and lately shingles I understand. Your reporter has been doing quite well after changing doctors. Uthrotis and eye problems had been my concern but changing physicians seemed to do the trick. The chapter chartered a bus for the past reunion at the Friar Tuck Inn and had a number signed up but the scheduled provider declared bankruptcy before the departure date; therefore only a handful of chapter members attended. All monies put down as were refunded. I could not attend because of a personal nature. At this reunion our chapter president Sal Scicolone was elected to be the 2001 president of the association. Congratulations to Sal. An 83rd banner in the possession of Jules Deagain was donated to a war museum in Hubbard, Ohio, operated by Harry Benetti. Paul and Rita Dietrich at this writing are on a two-week cruise to Hawaii, after spending some time in San Diego. On completion of this sojourn they will visit friends in California. On April 18, Ed and Lee Reuss became grandparents for the ninth time. Madelyn Rose. On August 26 was their 50th wedding anniversary, after which a reception and Mass were held. During the summer I received a letter from Lt. Edward F. Fitzgerald of

Wichita, Kansas; he was a physician; but did not mention that he was still practicing. He was 3rd Platoon mortar squad leader of H Co. 329. He enclosed an article which I submit for publication.

"Fran" Beerhalter
"H" 329

Who Cares About Tarawa?

MANY YEARS AGO THEY CALLED IT "SEEING THE ELEPHANT." The phrase has lost much of its meaning, and few today understand what it referred to. But in the days of heavy artillery barrages and frontal assaults, there was no question among those who had been there that they had seen the elephant, a ferocious beast of smoke and fire that could crush and obliterate with a single foot-step anyone in its way.

Today I visited a gentleman I had met only once before, an older veteran with four tours of Vietnam who retired from the Army as a first sergeant. He was in a coma and could not recognize me. He was a long-term renal dialysis patient who had had a coronary occlusion, then a cardiac arrest. His heart restarted but his brain didn't and there was no real expectation he would regain consciousness. Afterward, I felt ineffably saddened. The sergeant had been at Phan Thiet when I was at Tay Ninh. Our tours in-country had overlapped, and it only remains to be seen how closely our tours in life will.

There is a brotherhood that transcends race, creed, sex, age, and economic status; the only requirement to join is that you were sent to fight for your country, saw combat, experienced the immense fear that accompanies your first glimpse of the elephant, and survived to tell tales to bored glimpse of the elephant, and survived to tell tales to bored acquaintances who had the misfortune or poor judgment to ask "What did you do during the war?" It doesn't matter which war, any one you were in will do. What does matter is that others tried to kill you and failed. Winston Churchill, who saw combat during the Boer War, once said there is nothing more exhilarating than to be shot at and missed. That may be true at the time, but in later years it's the memories, not the exhilaration, that count. It is true, as many have said before, that the experience of combat, once you're past the fear stage, leads to an amazingly heightened sensibility so that the sky is bluer, grass greener, and life far more precious than ever before. There are few experiences that allow for such intense living in the present. No future, even if you still have one, or past, no matter what it contained, is of the slightest importance during combat: there is only now.

And what the old veterans miss is the comfortable associations of others who saw the elephant with them and who speak the same language. It's not that they want to

talk about combat experiences or debate military tactics, but just to sit quietly with someone who understands and remembers.

Tarawa is a little 300-acre tract of sandy island in the Bonin group that was needed for an airbase. In 1943, elements of the Second and Eighth Marines were ordered to capture Tarawa from 7000 enemy invaders. Unfortunately, there was a miscalculation of tides, the landing vessels hung up on a reef they couldn't cross, and the Marines had to wade 800 yards to the beach in water up to their chests, under fire. They did it for God, Mother, Country, the Corps, and the need not to let down those on either side, not necessarily in that order. They took the island in three days, leaving behind 3300 casualties. The war was eventually won, but today most students in high school and college have no idea where Tarawa is, much less what happened there.

Most people know nothing of Flanders except that a poem was written about it, and few have heard of the Somme, or Soissons, Belleau Wood, Chateau Thierry; or Vierville, the Falaise gap, the Ardennes, or Geilenkirchen; or the Pusan perimeter, Inchon, or Chosen reservoir; or Dak To, the Iron Triangle, Tay Ninh, the A Shau Valley.

But does it matter? Perhaps only to those who remember, and they're fading fast. There are almost no World War I veterans alive today, and WWII vets are dying off at the rate of more than 1000 per day in the United States. The last of the Comanche code talkers, who did for communications in the European theater what the Navajo code talkers did in the South Pacific, was honored recently in Washington, DC. The news didn't even make NPR, much less prime-time television.

But the brotherhood is timeless. Combat veterans, regardless of nationality, all know each other. There is an aura, a look, a distant gaze as if the individual had been to some far away uncharted land and was surprised at being returned unharmed; a 1000-yard stare, as it was called in later wars, that distinguishes them. They may seem commonplace in many respects, but they are not. They have seen the elephant and lived to think about it. That makes them different.

In the '60s there was a saying that people must like wars because they keep giving them. It's only people who have never been there who like the notion of combat. The sergeant understood this, as does every physician, nurse, and medic who has tried to put young soldiers back together after a battle. It is crucial that we, as citizens and members of the health profession, ensure that our leaders pause to remember, and weigh carefully, all of the individual and collective costs before allowing the drums to beat again.

Albert E. Breland, Jr, MD
Jackson, Miss.

Boston Chapter Photos



Louis Janulenicz, John Tisdell and Bob Copeland - Meteorologist - Boston Chapter



Charlie & Rita Lussler - Charlie, a great 50/50 seller. - Boston Chapter



Tony Vaccaro (center) with friends at Friar Tuck Inn - Boston Chapter



Nat'l President Sal and Theresa Scicolone

Boston Chapter News.....

Nancy and I recently attended the Fifty-fourth National Reunion which was held at the Friar Tuck Inn in the Catskill Mountains of New York. The reunion was very enjoyable and the Boston Chapter should be proud of the fine job they did.

The Memorial Service was officiated by Joseph Macaluso of the 331st "G" Company. Joe's daughter handled the sound equipment. The Macaluso family did a wonderful job as this was not an easy assignment to accomplish. Many thanks to the Macaluso Family.

The Honor Guard from Philadelphia, along with Jim Prentice of Claremont, New Hampshire performed their job in a very professional manner at the services. It was nice to see Jim once again fulfilling an Honor Guard position. Many of the 83rd membership turned out to honor our deceased members.

Joseph Lenz was backing looking quite well and it sure was nice to see him. We were sorry that his buddy Fred Sylvia, had to cancel out because of illness, but I have met Fred since the reunion and he is ready to take his place amongst the 329th Infantry "I" Company should their be a war (ha!ha!). I am glad Fred is doing fine.

The Boston Chapter was happy to see Michael and Vera Caprio as they overcame their health issues in order to attend the reunion. Their son drove them to the Friar Tuck Inn so that they could meet with their 83rd friends.

Since attending the reunion our buddy Larry Arrigo has had heart problems. He has been released from the Veteran's Hospital and is now recuperating at his son John's home in Duxbury, Ma. Larry's wife Fran has also been ill. We hope that they both will be up and well again soon!

Vitie Atkocius heard that Baltimore is hiring young ball players for next year. Vitie has already gone into training. Chuck Abdinoor of the Loon Hill Gang and Dutchy Smith of Lynn City are trying to get Vitie a contract with Baltimore. Vitie...hope to see you in Williamsburg in March.

Charlie Sihlanick keeps me up to date on my friend Emil Wehling of 330th Infantry Headquarters Company. Emil is getting along well, but is in a nursing home recovering. Also, Charlie mentions that Casey Szubski has been ill and is now doing better. Casey...we really missed you at the reunion.

On June 29, 2000, our daughter Kathleen Tynan died suddenly of cardiac arrest. It was such a shock to our family as Kathy had only turned fifty-two on June seventh. Some of you may have known Kathy, as she had worked at and attended some reunions over past years. She will missed by many.

At the end of July, I had a catherization and angioplasty done on my heart. I spent six days in the V.A. Hospital. The doctor did a fine job as I am doing quite well now.

The Boston Chapter held a meeting on August 5, 2000 at Chet Morley's home in Ashland, New Hampshire. Chet and Lorette Morley supplied a wonderful day in the country for the Boston Chapter.

At this meeting, they discussed a date for the Christmas Party. They scheduled it for December 9th and it will be held at the Ramada Inn in Seekonk, Massachusetts. Charles Lussier of A.T. Company 331st Infantry is handling all aspects of our Christmas event. Because I was recuperating, I was unable to attend this meeting. Fred Sylvia, thanks for keeping me informing of the happenings at this meeting.

I was told that at this meeting it had been mentioned that there is currently a plan to erect a memorial with a plaque in Gravenbrock, Germany (near Dusseldorf) in appreciation of our efforts during W.W. II.

A meeting and dinner is scheduled to be held at the Tatanick Post in Worcester, Massachusetts in October. Lou Sandini is the man in charge. Chicken and ribs with salad, coffee and dessert is scheduled to be served. I am sure that a good time will be had by all as Lou, along with his buddies, work very hard every year, to put on this event. Many thanks to Lou and his buddies.

I have heard from Tom Houlette, Erwin Erhardt, George Connors, Willie Snodgrass, Walt Harding, and Frank Wirth recently. I hear about Dick Audette through others, as he is a hard working man and works very long hours. I do not get to see him too much. Ed McCouch was at the reunion with his son Eddie. In November, they are going to Maine to bear hunt along with a few other family members. George Connors will be going back to Florida for the winter soon. I hope to go out to dinner with him prior to his leaving and heading "south". Erwin Erhardt attended a event at Camp Atterbury this year. Erwin keeps his good eye on the camp for us. Walt Harding could not make the reunion because of his health and the Catskills were too far a distance for him to come. Get well wishes go out to Jim Burton as he is recovering from a hip injury and was unable to attend the reunion and also to Lacy and Melba Satterfield of the Dixie Chapter who recently in were in a auto accident. We hope you all are soon back on your feet!

The Boston Chapter and I wish to extend to all the 83rd members and their families a joyous holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year!

Amby Tynan, 323rd F.A.
Boston Chapter Reporter



Larry Arrigo & Tony Plantedosi passing out "Goody" Bags - Boston Chapter



Some of our ladies at Friar Tuck Inn - Boston Chapter

COMPANIES

Co. "G" - 331st.....

The fall season has set in. New Orleans who; had 90 plus weather last week, now has temperature readings in the 50's and 60's. A welcome relief from the hot weather.

The family and I had a good time at the reunion in the Catskill's. Although there was a nice turn out (about 300 members) the numbers are getting smaller. Another long list of names were read at the Memorial Services. Edward Walsh from Pittsburgh who was regular at the reunions, passed away in August.

There were only two members from G Company, John Gentile and myself, that a far cry from the twenty

or so that turned out some years ago. My mailing list had dropped from 70 five years ago is now down to 45.

Had a nice side trip to Cooperstown and a visit to the Baseball Hall of Fame. I was a little disappointed because we did not have enough time at the Hall of Fame. We spent half of the time riding the bus.

Next year the reunion will be at Hampton, Virginia, I hope that we can get a better turn out for 2001.

Had a call from Bob Goldstein, He is hoping that he can get the medals that are due to him.

If any of you are looking to get the medals due, let me know and I can furnish you the information. Also had a call from Oscar Rutstein. he is filling out some papers in his home state, and wanted to verify the date of out landing in Normandy. Official the Division is credited with landing on D plus 12, but Myself and the members of the motor pool landed on June 21 or 22, the rest of the company went in few days earlier.

I had quite an experience at the reunion. As we went to the dining Hall for our first meal, there was a sign on the window that said Macaluso table 15, so the wife, Moncia and I sat down at that table. We were told to move because that was not our table. So we moved, when the party occupied that table, I went over and introduced myself as Joe Macaluso, the fellow told me like hell you are I Am Joe Macaluso. There was a family reunion of about 20 people. To further complicate matters, the owner later told me, that she had given me, that Joe Macaluso's room.

All in all everything worked out fine. As we get older, we see more walkers, canes and wheelchairs.

A suggestion was made that next year as part of the competition, we will have a wheel chair race. That should not stop any of us from attending, because with all of the handicap provision in place it is easy to get around, all we need is a little more time.

In August Mena and I hosted a reunion for members of the 11th Evacuation Hospital, the unit Mena served with in Europe. SA small turn out, but an enjoyable one. A boat ride, a visit in the French Quarters and a trip to the new D Day museum in New Orleans; To our surprise as we went through the Museum, there was a picture of a Nurse giving Penicillin to a soldier. That was a picture of Lt. Tonnar (Mena) she is overjoyed that they gave some recognition to the Hospitals that served in the European Theater.

I know the next article is not due to February, so I hope each and everyone of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This new year will ring in the 21st Century. I know that many of us never expected to see that day, considering what we went through is world war II.

Joe Macaluso (Capt. Mac)

*HAVE YOU PAID
YOUR DUES?*

783rd Ordnance Co.....

It's hard to believe that a number of us just returned from the 83rd's 54th annual reunion. As with all the others this one was a success also as we sat and broke bread with so many, good, lifetime friends.

The highlight of our reunion began on the first day at the noon meal. Into the dining room came a black, deluxe, scooter driven by none other than Agnes Pfeifer. And just like an Atterbury march, Doc was bringing up the rear. Smiles were passed all around and it was almost like old times again.

Yes, it was almost like old times, but like most of the other outfits, our attending numbers were down but not out. We had fourteen in attendance which included Bob Hammonds congeniality champs, Jack and Joann. If they weren't so young they would have received the best parent award. (for taking care of old Bob)

The 83rd Gallop poll did show Doc and Agnes as the most courageous. Carl Frederick won the biggest appetite award. Al Bensimon and Sam Hoffman tied for the oratory honors while Jim Jones came in as the second best athlete. Of course once again Bob Hammond won first place in the Bottoms Up Award.

As for the girls, Alyce, Agnes, Joann, Ginny, Ruth and Vi had a great time reminiscing, bragging about grandchildren and laughing at their husbands trying to win at shuffleboard and that foreign game bocci. Someone dared me to enter the golf putting contest. Stan Bielen, 331st, that aging, former, great golfer, declined to enter. He was hiding with his cute grandchildren.

The contest was, "best out of four balls wins." The putts were "long" uphill on artificial turf. As my second ball followed the first, dead center, into the hole. The game director said, "You win, but go ahead and shoot the other two." Naturally, without Stan's needling, both balls found the bottom of the cup. A short time later the director presented me with a neat, blue and white, crystal wine glass. He whispered, "Here's your prize but you can't enter tomorrow's contest." Maybe next year 1st Bn Hq 331st will have a proper, fearless, representative to uphold their honor.

The other regulars were sorely missed. Hersch and Midge Weaver had to decline at the last minute as Hersch's heart strings needed readjustment. He called me three days before the reunion disappointed not to make the gathering but in his usual good spirits. Mimi said Ray Wiggins was afraid to let go of his knotted rope which keeps him in tow at his retirement villa. We realized that's a long journey Ray, for someone 15 years shy of 100, but your the one who claims to be carrying his clubs, for 18 holes, 139 times a year. We need an unbiased report from Mimi.

Jim Jones, by the way, has moved back into a new home in Winchester Vir. after selling his homestead farm in Pa. Please take note of 112 Jessic St. Winchester, Vir. 22603 - 540 - 722 1048. Also please write in my new phone number 215-947-1203. Also if you move please notify Bob Derickson. Not only won't you get the

Thunderbolt but the association has to pay the Post Office for your new address. This is adding up costs.

From the officers club comes the following headlines. Ivan Gilman has turned 78 and is still as glib as ever. He is trying to show all of us up by taking advanced courses in French. His birthday present this year was the visit of his daughter and grandson from Lebanon. The grandson speaks both fluent French and English. You know the rest of the story.

Joe Brown reported in, naturally with a Florida tan. In response to my question about his involvement in the TV show, "America's Most Wanted" Joe informed me he was only associated with the program while he resided in Penna. So "Special Agent Joe" is now simply 'Citrus Joe' figuring out how to hit the golf ball straight.

My last phone call was to amazing George Harris. By my records he was born Sept. 12, 1909. Most of us have complaints of aches and pains or headaches from our offspring. Not George. His only complaint is he doesn't have anything to do in his retirement quarters but sit around. "All these people, mostly old women, sit around and rock." George's other problem is they won't allow any scotch in the place so there goes his night cap. A couple of days a week he compensates that by driving down to the Legion for a beer with them young fellows. But then he adds, "Geez Rags, I used to enjoy three or four beers but now I'm full on the second mug." You can make George smile. Drop him a belated birthday card which by now will be a Christmas card.

Frank Salontay called to check me out and he is in good spirits. Like the rest of us just about everything hurts and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work. I know sometimes, on getting up in the morning, I feel like the night before and I haven't been anywhere yet.

We had an interesting meeting at the reunion when Cliff Snyder from C 330 had his brother-in-law present us with an informative lecture on the National Archives building in Maryland. Can you imagine, they have 140,000 pages of the 83rd's official reports and records. Not only that but you can also stop in and they will retrieve this original material for you to duplicate. They do have some restrictions. No jackets are allowed and if you have a long sleeved shirt it must be rolled. An interesting place to visit on your way to Washington but it's best to visit after the summer crowds leave.

Thursday, Sept. 28. Time to get this off to Bob but first an update on more necessary medical news. Sheri Appleby called to tell us Mom Martha's latest tests show a few "odules" in her abdomen. This is going to require more treatment which Martha will have done from Sheri's home in New Jersey. Martha you have a terrific attitude and I know you will handle this set back just as you did the first two.

Victor Mutinani is almost back to his vigorous self but the reunion was still a little too far for him to drive. "Mute" said, "I don't understand all this reconstructing surgery these days. I remember when 'bringing up the rear' was a military term.

Roy Hallock, from Small Arms, died some three years ago. He lived in Bristol, Pa. which is right above

Philadelphia.

For some reason, Roy, who was my Atterbury bunkmate, never wanted to be found. I talked to his daughter's but they were always leery to disclose his address.

And, Charlie Rohrer called last night. He and Pat want to drive in for a week-end visit. What a nice surprise. It's just unfortunate the timing isn't right as son Bill is in the Univ. of Penn. Hospital having the lining of his second lung removed. Agent Orange is taking it's toll. We are hoping this procedure will provide him a little more breathing room and add a little quality to his life.

So in closing I guess I should remind you to get your Christmas cards out early and call Al Bensimon for his good, fresh grapefruit.

Hut two,
Rags Rangnow

Co. "A" 330th News.....

Congratulations to the Boston Chapter for a well run 54th Reunion, we certainly got our exercise, walking the halls. Attending from "A" Co. was Adolph (Cookie) Senica, who was our Co. clerk, with him was his son & daughter, I don't know why I always omit him, writing this column, but he has always attended our reunions and sits with his chapter. It was a pleasure to see him once again. Also Bob Gangnath came in from our banquet, this is his second reunion, but will attend future ones to come. He was wounded at the bulge in Bihain, Belgium, and did not come back to the company. Earle Dunn had to cancel at the last minute, his daughter had a baby.

Paul Reed had also intentions of coming, but also had to cancel, his wife Dolores has an eye problem, but they will come to Virginia, Paul was our Platoon leader. Also missing was Pearl & Walter Pillion, Walt was also a platoon leader. Hope to see Shorty Glasser also. Finally we have a new member, in Bob Spsychala, he was a member of "A" Co. hope to see him soon. Frank & Rita Burgess could not make it, he had a set back, but he will bounce back. I see him quite frequently. Had the pleasure to meet Tony Mako from "B" Co. He was a platoon SGT. I hope to see "Handsome" Harry Harrison also from "B" Co. His wife Clara is in a nursing home. He is anxious to make his first reunion, he is a member of the Dixie Chapter. It was a little disappointed to see only two members from "A" Co. where as we had 10 members in Kentucky last year, but I am sure we will have a good turn out in Virginia. It was an honor to represent the 330th, with Nick Francullo on laying the wreath at our Memorial service, it certainly brought back memories, of our dead & wounded comrades. Hope to see John Bullard who lives in N.C. We keep in touch with one another, trying to get him to join our association. Lee Milligan was our jeep driver, and claims to be the oldest man in our company. I believe he said he was 92, but he keeps himself in good shape living on the edge of a golf course in Kansas. Last time I

seen him was at our Reunion in Washington, D.C.

Speaking of Washington, Vito Antiocious should try to line up a future reunion there. I remember we stayed at the old Willard Hotel, no air conditioning and in August it was hot. I also remember meeting Gen. Macon, and shaking his hand. That was a few years ago I will send the ad book to "A" Co. Members, I usually do this every year, to keep them informed. So let's get that old company's spirit, and plan on meeting in Hampton, Virginia, incidentally my C.O. from "B" Co. lives there so I will contact him, to let him know. He retired as a full Colonel. His name is Joseph DeSantis.

Charles Abdinoor
B & A Co. 330th

Co. "D" - 331st.....

We had a surprising turnout at FRIAR TUCK, the best we've had for a few years. There were 12 men present and it felt good to see some faces we hadn't seen for a few years. Those present were Adkins, Akam, Dallos, Gravelyn, Gunderson, Hamilton, Hancock, McDermott, McKee, Richter, Sabine and Shrawder. The old stories became bigger and better. A few had members of family with them.

Still haven't been able to get Cancassi to at least drop by. Art Haught just wasn't able to make that long trip. Haven't heard anything about Nick Barbu., Guess it was too far for the Bostons. I've been told Andy Churpack is ill and unable to attend. Lt. Clements always talks about coming, maybe next time. Ewell Cotney, what has happened to you? Joe Diaz came a couple of years ago, we would like to see you at the next Reunion. We sure miss Whit East. Harry Fetzer is in a Nursing home, and our thoughts are with him. Hey, George Kimlos, where are you? Jimmy Lynch had a stroke and is unable to travel a long distance. McDermott looked as good as ever. We expect to see Bill McKee after he comes to Florida in the new year. John Miklos was unable to attend due to illness. The Odenwellers health precludes travel of any distance. No news from Bob Pflieger. Ernie Ryder has been ailing for sometime. We are thinking of you Ernie. Sabine looks as happy as ever. Just located another "D" man, Bill Sauer of Ohio. Norm Schuster is still hanging in there. Frank Sharp is back in Florida after you guys. That is very much appreciated by all of you. Where is Ed Smith? Haven't heard from him in ages. Hank Trzeciak has not been at the last several reunions. He too is missed. Another Co. D man found Mario Vollomy. We hope to see you at the Reunion in Virginia next September.

I would like to take this means to say A BIG THANKS to all of Company D who have sent me cards, the many phone calls and prayers during my illness. So many of the 83rd. showed their concern. It was so appreciated.

Ralph Gunderson

God Bless, "B" Co. Friends for Life
Bob Uher
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I heard only 3 guys from "B" Co. were at the reunion. That is the smallest turn out I can remember at a reunion, since the early forties.

Father time is taking his toll on us.

Rich Dickson, "Red" Geyer and Bernard Crosett; Who I don't know I wish he would drop me a line and let me know all about him. Incidentally I'm sending all of my "B" Co. memorabilia to Rich Dickson, who will send it to a worthy place of honor for it. We recently had the pleasure of meeting with Leo and his lovely wife Bert, Gilmore.

We had dinner at the Bavarian Inn in Frankemuth Mich. We spent a couple of hours bull crapping about the old days and what happened after I left the company and about the new company commander. After our fearless leader Capt. Hill left, he would get in a jeep and shoot up the town and then go to bed. What a gem! Haven't heard from any one lately in quite a while, except "Yo" Trofimuk who is still fighting poor health. Got a call from Joe and Ruth Stek who was checking up on my health. They are doing fine, except for watching out for hurricanes. They don't miss the old home in the North. Good health to you both, and the rest of the "B" Co. family.

A Short "B" Co. Story

While we were at Camp Shanks our company had the most AWOLS and we had to pull KP on the HMS Samaria. I had the bread and butter station. Thank God that's all I ate crossing the Atlantic. Remember the lousy Limey food. One day while crossing the bakery to get my bread supply, I saw 24 pies cooling before a port hole. I asked the baker to sell me one. He said they were for the officers and to get lost. After getting my bread and coming back, there was no one around so I swiped a pie and gave it to my buddy in "D" Co. and told him 1/2 was mine and 1/2 was his. When I got back to my station there was the baker and two officers, who told me to return the pie or get court marshaled. I told them I wanted to buy the pie, and was told to get lost. They took me back to my bunk and searched it, my duffel bag, they even searched other bunks and duffel bags and finally left. For 20 days I could feel eyes on my back. On the third day I saw my buddy and told him I wanted my share of the pie. He told me it was gone on the first day before he got back from supper. All the hell I went through for nothing, I was sure glad to get my bread & butter. They sure tasted better than the pie.

Merry Christmas to all and may your stockings be filled with love, happiness, and health in 2001



Patton at the Rhine River.

Riches No Man Can Steal

An old superannuated minister had unwittingly told of his wealth and fortune, and the fame of his possessions got to the ears of the tax assessor. One day the government's representative came to his door to press him for a statement of his wealth.

"Is it so," began the assessor, "that you have capital?"

"Yes," said the preacher. "I am a rich man."

"In that case," said the visitor interestedly, pulling out his book, "I shall have to assess you. What are your possessions?"

"I am enjoying good health," said the man, "and health is worth very much."

"Well," said the caller, "what more have you?"

"I have a good wife -- worth more than diamonds."

"Congratulations," exclaimed the tax man, "but don't you own more?"

"Yes, I have healthy, intelligent, upright sons and daughters, and that is a possession of which any man can feel rich."

"Do you own anything else?" asked the inquirer.

"Yes, I own citizenship in the United States, and an assured inheritance in Heaven. What more could a man own?"

"But don't you own any money or real estate?"

"No, otherwise I own nothing," said the man happily.

"My friend," said the assessor, as he closed his book, "you are indeed a rich man, and your riches no man can take away -- not even the government."

----- Good Reading

453rd AAA. (AW) BN.....

Well the time has rolled around again for me to get this column written so that I don't miss the deadline. It seems as if I just got through with the last issue.

Our 'ACK ACK' reunion for 2000 is now a thing of the past. We had a fare attendance for a bunch of 'old duffers'. It took place in Akron Ohio, the same weekend of the 83rd Div. Association Reunion.

The Committee who coordinated the Event did a great job. Lou and Kathy Martin with the assistance of John and Anne Loch, Mike and Isabelle Manzo, John and Betty Dickens, and a little help from Fred Pearson. Irene Pearson was under the weather with her allergy problems, or she would have been more active too.

The major door prize this year was an Oozelfinch engraved and colored on plate glass. For the life of me I can't remember who won it. Many of the decorations and table pieces were designed by John and Anne Loch's children and grand kids. These were presented to most of the ladies present.

While the ladies did their thing on Saturday, some of the men made the trip to Henry Vanetta's WWII Vehicle Museum and Learning Center in Hubbard, Ohio. Bob Hemstreet and Loren Kissick would have taken the Half Track with the Quad Fifties on it home with them if they could have gotten it out and on the plane. Virgil Starkey also seemed to be pleased with the trip, as he was overheard telling someone else that they should get out there and enjoy looking at all the stuff. Kissick was quoting settings for the Quads, as if he just finished setting them up, instead it being over fifty years ago. Only one female made the trip with us, Lena Rushford,

she said she had to go too, just to see what kind of toys her husband had to play with when he was a kid. He was the 'baby' in Battery "B".

Henry Vannetta has been very good to those of us that were with the 83rd. and was killed in the Bulge. He had two uncles that were K.I.A.

While visiting at the Museum we ran into some of the 83rd. group from the Pittsburgh area that had chartered a bus to go to the 83rd Div. reunion, but the bus company went 'Belly Up', leaving them stranded. What a tough break, but I guess they jumped right in and got most of their money back by stop payment on their checks.

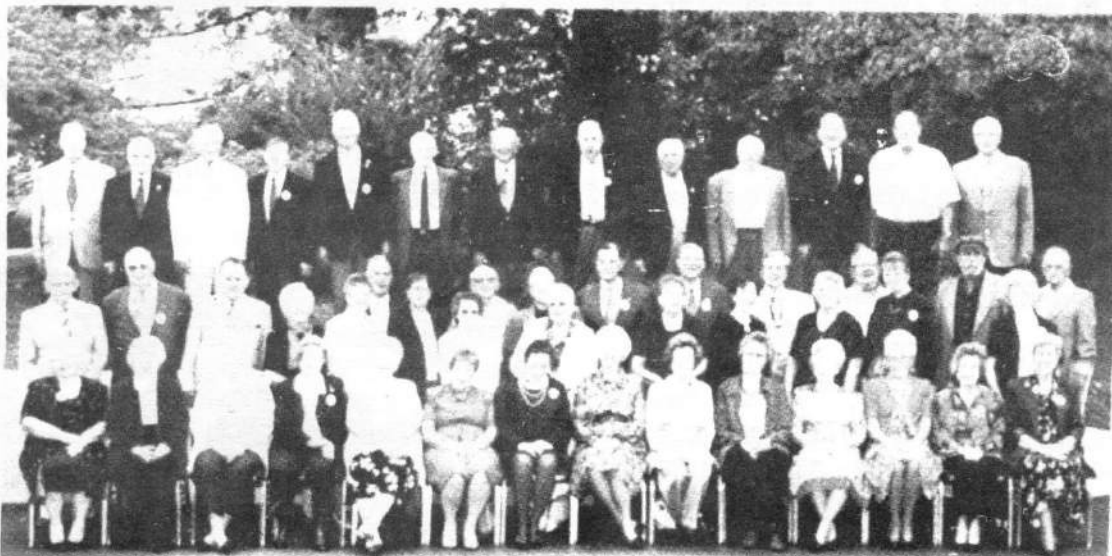
Many of our members were not able to make it this year because of serious illnesses. Some who had indicated they were going to come, did not show, so a little personal checking to see what happened is in order.

It was good to see Katie Bell, Widow of Dave Bell, and Molly Dalton show up.

I read in the last Thunderbolt that the 83rd. Board of Directors, voted to make Henry Vannetta an Honorary Member of the 83rd. Division Association. I talked to Henry about this and he indicated that he also had been informed of this decision, but as of that date had not received any official recognition.

Despite the generous offer of Henry Vannetta to hold our Reunion in Youngstown, Ohio in 2001 and use his Museum as a Central point for Dinners and Functions, it was decided to hold our annual 453rd Reunion in Lewisberg West Virginia. Bill Buzzard has agreed to sponsor the event next year.

It is my sad duty to report that Woodrow Plummer passed away first day of July. He had been quite ill for some time. His Widow, Doris is also not to well. Carl Schultz's wife Mary has had a setback, as of last word in August. Just heard last week that Frank Lawrence, (the



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Akron, Ohio September 8-10, 2000

Original Oozelfinch) from B. Battery had bypass surgery around the 20th. of September. Mike Morrisk still fighting, looking fairly good, but has his ups and downs. Still in the wheelchair. Jim Hull and his wife Doris, are on the serious sick list. I understand that the Jopps both have had back problems. Donald had surgery.



Pictures of group and those visiting Vehicle Museum with 453rd .

There probably are more of our family of members who are under the weather, but as our Secretary, Betty Dickens says, if they don't tell us, we don't know.

We have many members on the West Coast. About five of them are pretty regular attendees at our Reunions. The others we don't hear to much from, so it's hard to keep everyone updated.

Loren Kissick is trying to get a group together to travel back to Europe, to last about a month, travelling in England, and duplicating our route through Europe. Anyone interested contact him on the phone at 253-845-6056.

Submitted by Fred C. Pearson Pres. 453rd AAA. (AW) BN.

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Co. "G" - 329 Infantry.....

We all had a great time at the Friar Tuck.

Attending - Francis Markuns & Virginia Markuns, John Cupina and Bernice, Bab & Bounce Freitag, Ruth & Chet Morgan, Tom Brinkman, Carol & Mom Lois Brinkman, and Lena & Tony Hronrich.

Francis Markuns, Bounce Freitag, Bernice &

John Cupina (Winners) and Ruth & Chet Morgan played Bocci. Lots of laughs and cheering.

We visited Louella & Sterling Rubright in PA. He enjoyed our visit and really misses hearing from old friends.

Babe Freitag



Francis Markuns, Virginia Markuns at the Bocci court at the Friar Tuck.



Bernice Cupina, Virginia Markuns, Babe Freitag, Ruth Morgan, and Lois Brinkman - Co. G wives.



Francis Markuns, John Cupina, Bounce Freitag, Chet Morgan and Tom Brinkman.



Francis Markuns, Bounce Freitag and John Cupina



John Cupina and Bounce Freitag playing Bocci Ball.

Co. "F" - 329th.....

OVER BUT NOT FORGOTTEN: Will be North 2000, Oct. 8-11-00 - 23 members and guests from six states are expected. Among those planning to be with us is Howard Donbar of Mansfield, Ohio a member of the Association originally with 83rd Signal Co., also the sons of several members. This is very gratifying and trust it becomes a trend. Comrades remember daughters are also welcome. At this years Memorial Services again the deaths of two comrades will be acknowledged with Honor, Sylvain Fishman and William Meyerhoeffer. The 54th Annual Reunion September 6-9-2000. To my knowledge Dale/Marge Lewis were the only "F" Co. members planning on attending. They have been faithful attenders and serve a dual representation of "F" 329th and "K" 330th, their continued interest and support is appreciated.

IN REMEMBRANCE: William W. Meyerhoeffer, October 6, 1925 - July 19, 2000. A very quiet, gentle, and respected comrade. Bill joined Company "F" as a replacement during the Battle of the Bulge. He soon became an integral part of it's operations as an assistant

squad leader in the 1st Platoon 1st Squad of Roy Robinson. Known awards of Bill's: The Bronze Star Medal, EAME Service Medal (Ribbon) w/2 Bronze Stars and the Combat Infantry Badge. George Thompson, Robinson and Bill were referred to by some as the "Three Musketeers" evidenced by their togetherness at reunions. This closeness fostered as a result of their time and dependence on one another in combat. Bill and Lois were Great supporters of the 83rd Association and Company "F" attending numerous Association Annual Reunions. They always expressed their enjoyment of those reunions to others. A note from Lois conveys her thanks to everyone, who knew of Bill's passing, for their prayers, cards and to stay in touch.

HERE & THERE: Since the last TB it has been great to talk or receive letters/notes from 20 of you. Keep it up. Most are in relatively good health, everything considered. Hal/Jane Newell will be absent from North 2000 as will the Hellecksons, Olsens, Trebonyaks, and the Colters. Jane & Hal will be attending Janes High School Reunion (she can tell you which one Hal!), in Sept. in Hagerstown, MD too close to our 2000 dates. Hal reporting on their daughter Diane's cancer surgery, the prognosis looks good. Hellcat has a very difficult time hearing, just can't enjoy noisy crowds, doing his best to find help, so maybe next year. Geo Trebonyak's old war wound is really causing him some problems in his leg and feet. Olsen's expect to be in the South Pacific so ya'ol' shed a tear for them! Cotter just isn't feeling up to par and it's a long way as Lucille found out once. Bill Nickell had a heart rhythm problem which required a little time in the hospital, as far as I know it has been corrected. DeLoris Keith in June was still having problems with her right hand, which was broken at the thumb back in April of '99. Again, will get details at North 2000. Dottie Hutton had a short hospital stay due to a heart problem, back home and OK? as far as I know. Margaret Ferguson working couple days a week, going to take some more computer classes so she can retrieve all the info Bill put on it.

THANKS: To those who have made \$ contributions to our cause since the last TB. They are appreciated. For the excellent return (66%) of reply cards re North 2000. It really helps.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS: As I write September 1st Van Olsen - 7th Arline Nickell - 8th George Thompson - 14th Dolores Thompson - 19th Billie Collins - 25th Bill Nickell - 27 Fannie Smith - October 6th Roy Clemons - 15th Mildred Atchison - 20th Becky Kittrell - 21th Marie Langenkamp - 29th Herington Drake - November 3rd Hellcat Helleckson - December 9 Jennie Fickle - 30th Marie Crabtree, see how frugal I am, I've already saved \$4.95 in postage alone.

CONGRATULATIONS: Lloyd/Verleen Lutkemeier 50th Wedding Anniversary - October 1, 2000

J'EVER NOTICE: Opinions are like noses, everyone has one."

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The Amazing Camouflage Deceptions of World II by Seymour Reit.

- An enemy decoy, built in occupied Holland, led to a tale that has been told and retold ever since by Veteran Allied pilots. The German airfield constructed with meticulous care was made almost entirely of wood.

- There were wooden hangars, oil tanks, gun emplacements, trucks and aircraft.

- The Germans took so long in building their wooden decoy that allied photo experts had more than enough time to observe and report it.

- The day finally came when the decoy was finished, down to the last wooden plank. And early the following morning, a lone RAF plane crossed the Channel, came in low, circled the field once and dropped a large.....wooden bomb.

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Franklin, TN. 37069

Vitie C. Atkocius
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Forestville, MD 20747-3310

Vitie,

It was great talking to you today. Thanks for sharing some of your experiences in Europe during the war. Make sure and tell everyone from the 83rd Infantry Division thank you for fighting for the principles we enjoy today. You are all true heroes.

Last June it was brought to our attention that there was no national memorial to honor the millions of Americans who were part of World War II. We were shocked.

Now, that's about to change. We are excited to be a part of the World War II Memorial dedicated to all that served in the U.S. Armed Forces and at home during World War II. We know the memorial will stand for all time as an important symbol of American national unity, a timeless reminder of the moral strength and awesome power that can flow when a free people are at once united and bonded together in a common and just cause.

We are raising the money to help build the memorial one store, one associate, one customer at a time with

pennies, nickels and dimes. We have not announced it yet, but I wanted you to know that as of today those pennies, nickels and dimes have accumulated to quite a bit of money. We have raised over \$10 million for the World War II Memorial, and we are not finished yet.

Vitie, when you are in Northwest Arkansas look me up at Wal-Mart's home office. If it's a nice day I'll take off and we'll go trout fishing.

Have a great time at your reunions.

Sincerely,
Tom Montgomery
Community Programs Manager
Wal*Mart
702 SW 11th St • Bentonville, AR
72716-9002

Dear Sirs,

I learned recently from Lou Sandini that you are interested in hearing about web sites related to the 83rd Infantry Division. I have recently created a new site in honor of my father, Sergeant W. L. Arnold (AT Co, 328th). Mr Sandini said the Thunderbolt would graciously list the various sites of interest to members of the division.

Our address is:

<http://www.geocities.com/sgtwlarnold/>

Feel free to contact me by email if you like, or to write by snail-mail. Thank you for your help.

Bill Arnold
Bill Arnold@asburyseminary.edu

On Saturday June 3, I was with 300 men & women presented with the "Jubilee of Liberty" medal.

This all came about through the efforts of our House of Representatives in Congress. Thomas M. Reynolds.

Of the group only John Wojas and myself did I know from the 83rd.

Any vet is eligible for the medal if he served from June 6 through August in the Normandy sectors.

Yours truly
Jim J. Young
Co. "C" 330th Infantry

Names of men who signed their names under the seat cushion of the 329th 2nd Bn. 83rd jeep at the WWII weekend at Reading Airport museum.

Norman (Shorty) Schuster - D-331; Rags Rangnow - 783rd; Hap Reeser (Band also P.O.W.); Russ Whitehead - Co. F 329th; Bill Way - 83 Recon; Bill Hutton - F 329th; Z.P. Buddy King, - 83rd Band; Cliff Snyder, - C - 330th; G.S. Apokards - 331st; E.D. Lima - K - 331st, Ray Oswald, 83rd Band; Wes Sutton Co. I - 330th 2nd Pl.; Art Zay - Band; Allan N. Fashim, H.Q. Batry - Art. 324th F.A. Bat. A;

Thank You
George C. Suchomelly

The Art of Staying Young at Heart

*Sometimes we watch the days go by
wishing they could last,
And we can't help but wonder
why time must fly so fast,
But we can keep in memory
happy moments left behind,
And we can keep our special dreams
of joys we hope to find.
And if we try to do God's will
through every day we live,
If we consider what we have
as what we have to give,
If we will try to see some good
in all that comes our way
He will bless us with contentment
at the end of every day--
And then we will have mastered
that very special art
Of growing rich in happiness
while staying young at heart.*

-----Amanda Bradley



Jubilee of Liberty Medal

The Honored

Recipients of the Jubilee of Liberty Medal Recipients include:

Dale C. Albert
Richard W. Baer
Norman L. Baughman
Leroy E. Bievenour
Clair G. Briggs
Kurt A. Burg
Richard W. Byerts
Carl H. Fair
Donald R. Gallion
Wilbur A. Gilbert
Samuel A. Gill
Martin L. Glassick
Paul D. Glatfelter
Bruce A. Goyt
Edwin B. Graham
James B. Harris
Gerald B. Holzinger
Lewis S. Hyde
Glenn Julius
Jay P. Ketterman
David C. Kiser
Gerry Meisenhelder
Walter R. Miller
Donald E. Nickol
Fancis E. O'Connor
Anthony J. Pavoncello
Henry S. Pettit
Charles E. Raffensberger
Russell J. Ream
Donald W. Reineberg
Donald E. Runkle
Joseph J. Scalzo
John L. Simonetta
Charles A. Slenker
Clinton R. Snyder
Clark N. Spangler
Carson E. Stauffer
Laurin L. Strayer
Benjamin F. Strickler
James C. Thompson Sr.
Harry A. Triff
Richard E. Vowles
Russell M. Whisler
Robert A. Young - K Co - 330th
Larry Rizzuto - E Co - 331st

A day to remember

York groups gather to remember their fallen comrades.

By MARLENE LANG
Dispatch/Sunday News

Forty white-haired men gathered in chairs at Veteran's Memorial Park yesterday, some bald, most wearing eyeglasses, a few with canes.

These York County veterans, among the young soldiers who landed in Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944, came to receive official thanks from the French government. The men marched in step to receive their medals, their steps nearly as straight as they were trained to be more than half a century ago.

Medals from French: A party of officials from the city, county and state along with officials from the York County Joint Veterans Council presented the D-Day vets with the Jubilee of Liberty Medal given by the French government in recognition of their role in driving back Nazi forces that had invaded France. The Normandy invasion in 1944 was considered the returning point for the Allies in World War II.

The Jubilee of Liberty Medal carries the motto of France's William the Conqueror on the back, "God is with us," and the date of the Normandy landing on the front.

Robert A. Young was one of the older infantry soldiers to serve at Normandy. He was 31 when he joined the 83rd Infantry. Yesterday, Young stood to receive his medal using a cane. Some in the crowd thought the 88-year-old might need to sit, and placed a lawn chair nearby, but Young stood proudly through the ceremony, the last to receive his medal.

"I'm glad to get it," said Young.

Most of the soldiers who fought at Normandy were between 18 and 20, said Major General Walter F. Pudlowski of the 28th Division of the Penn. National Guard, keynote speaker for the ceremony.

Pudlowski call the men and their fellow veterans "true American heroes" who he said "Have something special in them, a profound love of freedom, and love of service for mankind."

York County native Russell Whisler joined the U.S. Army in 1941 at 24. Yesterday, at a spry 82. Whisler wore a green plaid suit and a brown tie to receive his medal while his wife, Ester, looked on.

"It's one of those emotional days," Whisler said. "You have a feeling inside, it's like a hole. You don't like to communicate, you don't like talking about it".

He paused for a moment before continuing. "You feel odd that you weren't crippled when you see the ones who were."

Pudlowski said we are a county "rich with the spirit of sacrifice," and he urged those present to always remember "those who marched through the mud, ran over beaches and trudged through rice paddies," in the service of their country and for "the good of all."

"Let us never forget what they did for us," Pudlowski told the crowd of several hundred gathered under cloudy skies. "Their acts were made out of love of country and love of mankind. Next time you see a veteran, look him or her in the eye and say 'thank you.'"

County Commissioner Christopher Reilly officially declared the day Memorial Day and urged citizens "to be ever mindful of the sacrifices made by veterans."

Gordon Sheriff of the Marine Corps League, First Capital Detachment, was the Officer of the Day. Gordon Sprengle, also of the First Capitol Detachment, led the color guard for the day's events.

Another veteran receiving the Jubilee award, Gerry Meisenhelder, was only 21 when he arrived in Normandy, where he was stationed in a command ship off shore. He was able to wear his Air Force uniform for yesterday's ceremony. His wife, Polly, said, "It's because of my cooking he can still fit into it."

Rizzuto, 77, of West York, joined the Army Infantry in 1942. Later, he was captured by the Germans and put in a prisoner of war camp for nearly a year. When he was finally released, he came back to the United States and reported his experiences to the government. However, his military records were burned in a big fire in St. Louis, he said. "I had a hard time proving anything to them," he said.

However, after much effort, he finally received the Purple Heart in September. And, now he has the Liberty Medal pinned right next to it.

Family members took photos of Lawrence Rizzuto receiving his medal.



Congressman Bill Goodling pins a Jubilee of Liberty Medal on Robert Young, 88. Young was an infantry soldier in WWII, and was one of the thousands who landed at Normandy for D-Day.

I saw an ad for your reunion in 20 June Army Times magazine. I'm currently doing some research on the combat use of the M1 Garand rifle. I would be very interested in contacting some WW2 veterans and hearing about their experiences with the M1 rifle.

Sincerely,
 Mark G. Goodwin, CW4 (retired)
 135 Villa Dr.
 Fayetteville, NC 28311

Hi Bob,

Well after some time I will say I enjoyed the Reunion in N.Y. Here is a picture of the men and their wives of "L" Co. 329. Two others were not in the picture, they are John W. Tisdell and John B. Prinzi. All the men enjoyed themselves. Thanks again.

As Always
 Dav J.I. Lamb



Seated is Riley Aigner. L.to R. behind him is Jaunita Lamb, Phyllis Keck, Anita Randall and John Randall. Third Row is J.I. Lamb & Bob Keck. Laddle Lawrence, John Tisdell and John B. Primza were not available for this shot.

**Dues are due now
 for
 2001!**

GENTLEMEN

This photo was taken at Friar Tuck in Catskill New York at the recent Annual 54th reunion of the 83rd (Boston Chapter) In this photo left to right are Chet Koeller, Pat DiGiammerino and Don Haley, all of the 323rd F.A. Service Battery.

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KNOCKS

It takes a knock to open a door,
 A 'knock' to open our eyes;
 It takes a "knock" to open the way,
 That we may realize
 That the goal is won because we try,
 Though a "knock" may spur us on.
 Life is made up of joys and "knocks"
 And each day begins with the dawn.

---- Everett Wentworth Hill

MYSELF

I have to live with myself, and so
 I want to be fit for myself to know.
 I want to be able, as days go by,
 Always to look myself straight in the eye.
 I don't want to stand, with the setting sun,
 And hate myself for the things I've done.
 I want to go out with my head erect,
 I want to deserve all men's respect.
 For here in the struggle for fame and self
 I want to be able to like myself.
 I don't want to look at myself and know
 I'm bluster, a bluff and an empty show.
 I never can hide myself from ME;
 I see what others may never see.
 I know what others may never know,
 I never can fool myself, and so,
 Whatever happens, I want to be myself

ETSU professor joins West Point

By Sam Watson - Press Staff Writer
Johnson City Press

East Tennessee State University has been the victim of a military coup.

Dr. Whitfield B. "Chip" East, chairman of ETSU's physical education, exercise and sport sciences department for 14 years, left the university last week to join the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

East is serving as the USMA physical education department's director of instruction, an integral role in the academy's physical training for cadets that places him near the top of his field.

Along with responsibility for the department's class scheduling, teaching assignments and curriculum development, East's new duties include supervising conditioning drills, administering cadet fitness tests and evaluating cadets for aptitude ratings and retention.

Because cadets largely are responsible for their own conditioning in order to meet the academy's strict fitness requirements, physical education courses are crucial elements in their development, East said.

"They have certain levels of expectations. Physical education takes on a different level of import with the academy," he said. "It ratchets the significance up a little bit."

While there are chairmanships and deanships considered more prestigious in the academic side of his field at other universities, East said the West Point position is among the best opportunities in his field.

"If you want to go more into pure physical education, this is one of them," East said. "This is something I've been interested in."

"I'm really enamored with the process and what they do and the commitment."

The professor said if he read things correctly, the department is moving toward the development of a new field of study in human performance, similar to a major in exercise science. He also was looking forward to the completion of a new multimillion-dollar physical education center on the West Point campus and exploring the research opportunities available in stress management, which is another crucial element of military preparation, and other areas of cadet physical education and human performance.

East learned of the civilian opportunity at a recent physical education conference. He had previously expressed interest in a visiting professorship available at West Point and reiterated his desires when the program's director suggested he apply for the full-time instructional directorship.

East said leaving ETSU was hard -- the change was a career move, not a financial or dissatisfaction issue. He once bowed out of the search in light of his family's ties to Johnson City.

"We really wrestled hard with it," he said. His wife, Connie, a Science Hill High School librarian, has agreed to stay here two years while her son finishes high school. The family will reunite on weekends and holidays until permanently relocating to New York.

East grew up around Winston-Salem, N.C., and completed his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1974. He stayed on to finish a master's degree two years later at UNC before entering a doctoral program at Indiana University.

In 1977, he followed his major professor to the University of

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Georgia, where he completed his doctorate in education with a specialization in measurement and evaluating, computer application and statistics in 1979.

Before joining ETSU in 1986, East was on the faculty at the University of Northern Iowa from 1979.



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