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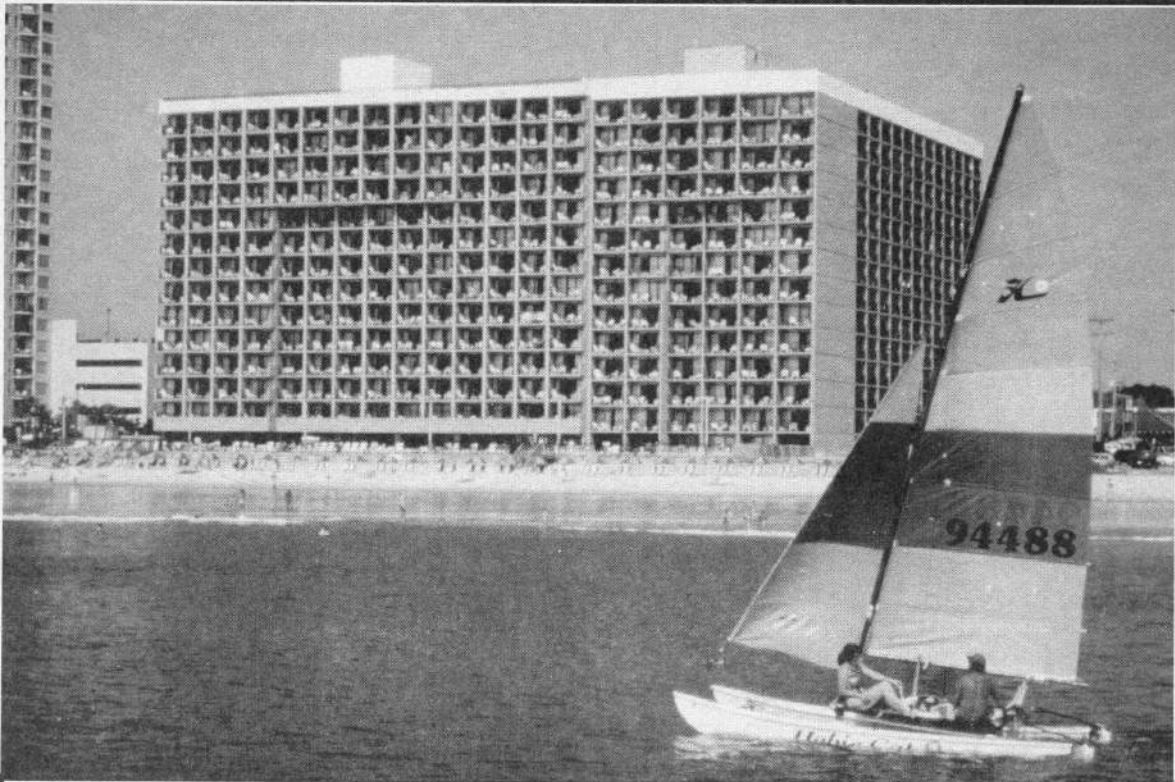
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President's Corner

Upon the resignation of President Al Silverio, I am again honored to serve as National President of our organization for our 2002 reunion to be held in Myrtle Beach, SC. With the help of my Boston Chapter members and our ladies, I will do my very best to make this reunion a great success.

As you know, the Ad Book plays a large part in the success of every reunion, so I hope you will do your part and get your ads in early.

Also, by paying your dues beforehand, saves a lot of time at the registration desk.

Thank you and God bless,

Pat DiGiammerino

Historian

Firstly, I want to apologize to the members of "L" Company, 329th Inf. Regiment for denying them the credit they deserved in the Summer Issue of the Thunderbolt. I mistakenly stated that "I" Company was on both sides of the Pommelte – Barby Road in the advance to Barby where "L" Company was North of this road and "I" Company was on the South side of this road. I knew that four tanks were assigned to "I" Company but I only saw two of them to our right in this big field. I then assumed that they were across the road to our left. Looking at the map I obtained, it is difficult to make out the "L". I am very sorry about this blunder and apologize.

Well, another Reunion of the 83rd Infantry Division has come and gone and was again, a very

pleasant affair. I would like to extend my congratulations to Wm. M. Minick for the fabulous job he did by carrying on as the National Secretary/Treasurer, Executive Board Members and the rest of the Officers of the 83rd Inf. Division Assn. And also to Armed Forces Reunion Inc., Salavatore Scicolone, President and Reunion Chairmen, Al Silverio, and anyone I may have overlooked. Last but not least, to Tony Vaccaro for his time, expense and patience in showing the membership his great documentary and his explanation of things to come, for a job well done – congratulations to all.

I would also like to remind the membership that their stories are of great importance for the proposed movie that will eventually be made and perhaps there will be a young actor playing the parts of, say for instance, You, or Sgt. Ed Pogoda, Pappy Hewitt, Harvey Estes and Sgt. Wilmer Phillips and how about you guys in the Field Artillery? Without your artillery fire, we would not have been able to advance. How about you men in the Military Police? Also vital to the success. How about Kent O'Connell, was he at that suicide corner directing traffic in the Bulge? How about you Medics that took care of the wounded, under fire? I saw two of you in the woods in the advance to the St. Vith-Hoffalize Highway. How about you guys in the Signal Corps.? How about your engineers, without your bridges, where next? Headquarters too? All of these individual stories need to be documented and put together for an accurate movie. Tony Vaccaro has indicated that he will pursue his phase of this project as he has had a filming crew for some time now but he needs material such as the stories from you. Be proud of being a Veteran of the greatest Infantry Division in the world, compare the records. I have ordered five more Combat Reports that the 83rd was involved in and will keep you updated on what I receive.

I have detected the following: Either President Roosevelt or Truman ordered the Western Allies to halt on the West Bank of the Elbe River or

perhaps General Eisenhower gave the order on his own, never the less, the 83rd Inf. Division and the 2nd Armored Division reached the Elbe. XIX Corps Headquarters then issued Field Order #32 and #33. The 2nd Armored and the 83rd Infantry were ordered to cross the Elbe River, establish a bridgehead and be prepared to attack East and/or Northeast – Berlin? The Military and the Government was reluctant to admit the fact that we invaded Eastern Europe. This is why the 83rd was ordered to turn the bridgehead over to the Russians. I have located four books that are entitled “The Last Battle” and using this title for the movie should not be a problem as I see it.

Bob McNabb, son of James McNabb of Wayne, PA, “K” 331st has been active in pursuing his Congressman, Curt Weldon in regards to the credit the 83rd Inf. Division deserves. He is also pursuing the presentation of the Proposed Unit Citation that has eluded the 83rd through all of these years and also my pet project, the 6th Battle Campaign by leaving the Central Europe Campaign area, crossing the Elbe River into Eastern Europe. First things first, the Unit Citation presently has priority. I want to thank Bob for his efforts and this shows that Descendant members also play a vital role for the 83rd. I have also learned that there are now ten divisions that have Honorary, Descendant and Associate members, the 83rd make it 11.

And remember, we were the best of the best and on the top of the list – check the records. Pain is temporary – Pride is forever. My best wishes and regards to all and keep well.

SOURCE: Filed Order No. 32, Hq. XIX Corps, 082000B April 1945, (Top secret, down graded)

According to this Filed Order, the XIX Corps assumed the following: the enemy is incapable of organizing a defense line west of the ELBE River in one week. The enemy is not capable of mounting a substantial counterattack in the Corps sector west of the river either and further there has been prepared no defenses of the line on the east bank of the ELBE. Enemy troops on the front of the Corps are similar to the type that faced Task

Force Twaddle on the south. That is, they were made up of various groups.

The objectives of the XIX Corps were that the “western force” (Task Force TWADDLE) was to attack south and west to clear the RUHR pocket in its zone in conjunction and coordination with the XVI Corps plus elements of the First US Army. The “eastern force” was to continue to attack east in its zone and seize in their sector crossings of the ELBE and be prepared to attack east or northeast.

Primary troops: Task Force TWADDLE; 8th Armored Division, 194 Glider Infantry Regiment, 809 TD Battalion (SP); 95th Infantry, 709 Tank Battalion, 802 TD Battalion (SP), 15th Cavalry Group, 5 field artillery battalions and I chemical motor battalion, eastern force: 30th Infantry Division, 743 Tank Battalion, 823 TD Battalion (SP), 125 Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron; 2 Armored Div., 702 TD Battalion, 119 Infantry Regiment; 83^d Infantry Division, 736 Tank Battalion, 643^d TD Battalion (SP), 113th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, 6 field artillery battalions.

In the attack proposed by this field order, 390th Infantry Division was to protect the north flank of the Corps. They were to maintain contact with XIII Corps on the left (north) and 2^d Armored Division on the right. 2^d Armored Division was to seize and secure crossing of the ELBE River after attacking east and clearing the enemy in its zone. The 83^d Division was to protect the Corps’ right flank and maintain contact with VII Corps on the right or south and the 2^d Armored Division on the left or north. The 83^d Division was also to seize and secure crossings over the ELBE. I RCT (removed from the 83^d Division) was to act as Corps reserve and be assembled in the vicinity of HALLE (C2578). The RCT was to be prepared to advance to the east or to control the civilian population.

The task assigned to the Task Force TWADDLE was to clear the enemy from the zone west of the line GESEKE (B5338) – NUTTLAR (4708) and north of the RUHR River. They were to maintain contact with the III Corps. They were then to continue west to make contact with the XVI

Corps. Once that was accomplished they were to work in conjunction with the XVI Corps to reduce the RUHR pocket.

SOURCE: Field Order No. 33, HQ, XIX Corps, 192100B April 1945, (Classified Top Secret).

At this date enemy units in contact on Corps front from north to south were: 3 battalions (300 each), Combat Team BURG, Regiment LANGEMEIR, SCHARNHORST, Division, 2 battalions (400 each) and Regiment MAHLOW; SCHARNHORST Division with 2 battalions (400 each). There was no enemy artillery on the Corps front of any consequences but there was expected to be met a variety of self-propelled armored guns. It was estimated that there were 50 armored guns and tanks available along the entire front at this time. In the Harz Mountains it was estimated that in the Corps zone there were 1,500 troop remnants of POTSDAM Division. The Corps' mission, as set-up by this field order, was to defend the line of the ELBE River in its sector, maintain and defend the existing bridgehead and occupy and govern the assigned areas. The troop list of the Corps on 19 April had as its primary units 2d Armored Division, 88th Armored Division, 83d Infantry Division (113th Cavalry Group attached), 30th Infantry Division, and in the Corps artillery 5 field artillery groups and 13 field artillery battalions. The missions assigned the individual units were: 30th Infantry Division: To relieve elements of 2d Armored Division, defend the line of the ELBE River in its sector and perform military government duties in its area. 83d Division: Was to defend its line along the ELBE River and maintain its bridgehead. It was also to occupy and govern its area. The 8th Armored Division was to continue to carry out its assignment in the HARZ Mountains while the 2d Armored Division was to maintain the sector in the BRAUNSHCHWEIG-IMMENDORF-WOLFSENBUTTEL area.

Lou Gomori
Historian

From the Editor

I will start with some bad news. Al Silverio, President has resigned for personal reasons.

Now, the first Vice-President, Pat DiGiammerino, has become the president and Tony Vacarro is first Vice-President. Tony is very able to do a good job as reunion chairman. He better!

One of the headaches we have in the mailing of the Thunderbolt magazine is the large quantity that are undeliverable because of incorrect addresses, costing us 60 cents each to be returned. Therefore, I will not resend a Thunderbolt to any of the ones that the Association has paid 60 cents to get back. Others are returned with the notation "Temporally Away". If we can get the change of address when you move to different places in the winter and summer, we can then change and have two sets of mailing lists.

When a member is delinquent the by laws state they will receive one issue of the Thunderbolt and then they will have to send in their dues. Then and only then will I sent them the magazine.

We now have a new secretary-treasurer, Robert Gangnath and his address is 12 Hamlet Lane, Monroe, CT 06468-2008 and telephone (203) 268-6683.

Clifton Wooldridge

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>
Beadles, James	Btry A 322	
Bonsaint, George	2 nd Bn 331	
Butler, Joseph Earl	No unit	
Caprio, Mike	322 nd FA	Pat DiGiammerino
Covi, Al	HQ 323 rd FA	Pat DiGiammerino
Deming, Harry	1 Bat 324 FA	Pat DiGiammerino
Finch, Roger A.	F – 330	O. L. Cook
Gibitz, Raymond C.	Regimental HQ 330 Inf.	HQ 83 rd Divarty
Grant, Jesse	Btry A 322	
Gunderson, Ralph B.	“D” 331st	Wife, Geri
Hadlack, Mike	Hq Co 329th	
Hinze, Roy C.	453 rd AAA	Pat DiGiammerino
Kadylak	3 rd Bn 329th	
Kimball, Gerald	Co. “C”, 331 Regt.	Bob Taylor
Leece, Harmon	At Co. 329	
Marysz, John	“C” Co., 331 st Regt.	Charles Abdinoor
Morgan, George	Med 329th	
Pruorto, Dominick	Btry A 322	
Purvis, Marlin	Btry B 323 FA	
Robson, George A.	A. T. 330 th	His wife
St. John, Donald	HQ 323 rd FA	Pat DiGiammerino
Singleton, Milton	Co. C 308 th Eng	
Sokolski, Walter T.	D- 308 Med	By son
Wagner, Charles	Co. “L” 331st	
Young, Frank	182 nd Inf.	Pat DiGiammerino
Zenz, Joe	“I” Co. 329th	
Zerucha, Ed	“F” Co., 329 th	Vito Palazzolo

CHAPTERS

Philadelphia Chapter News

By Lou Volpi

Dixie Chapter News

By Ellsworth Massie

The 55th Annual meeting of the 83rd Infantry Division Association is now history. Lets look back for a few minutes to see where we were and are now.

The place was chosen three years ago, the plans were put in motion by our ex-board worked upon. Finally, they all came to be. In the interim, we lost a portion of our National leadership. We still mourn their passing and our loss – others stepped-up, took up the task like good 83rd soldiers and carried on. All deserve much praise for a job well done.

All this work is noticed by me as I arrive on Tuesday. By nightfall, we have 13 rooms occupied and 329, 330, 331, 308 Eng & Div-Arty are represented. A small but determined group in the foreground depending on others to join in and make it a successful operation. They came from the four corners of the U.S. A. and it was a huge success.

Our precious widows came by the dozens. We have been so fortunate to count their husbands as compatriots and mourn their loss with the survivors. Don't ever stop coming! You add so much!

Some came for the first time. Some for the last time. We cherish each meeting and look forward to the next time.

There were many cancellations for many reasons. We regret each one and look forward to 2002.

By Thursday we are overwhelmed by the young and old coming in! I am happy to see many from our young people present, joining in, looking to the future. Many trying to connect with someone with information on a loved one. Some were successful, others disappointed but not giving up.

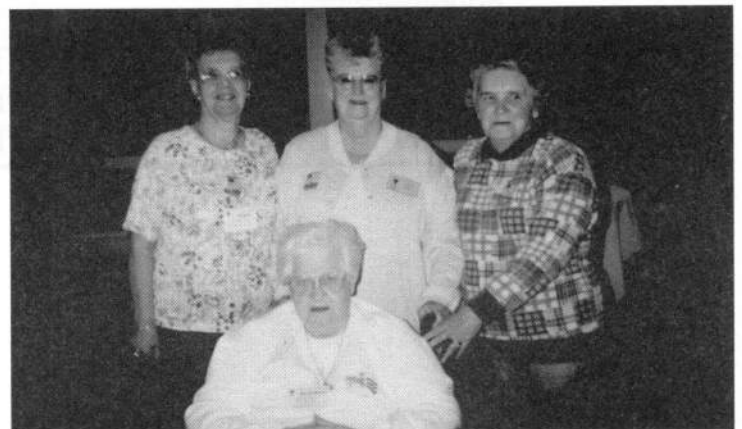
Shopping, touring, is high on the agenda but just being together is the best part of all. Business is handled in order. I am happy to say, "Our future looks bright".

The Memorial Service is the high point of our meeting. With 90 plus names read of deaths in the last year, we have much to think about and be grateful for. Each did his job well, for which he can be proud.

Dixie Chapter showed up with 27 members present. Of course, that includes "Vitie" who holds membership in many chapters.

My big surprise is George Lazarus coming after being lost for over 50 years. He is an "A" 322 man, wounded in Hurtgen Forest. Meeting two new couples present for the first time brightened my day also. I commend our Chaplin and his wife for a fine job with both the men and women. Our worship service went well. Those attending received a special blessing! Share it with a buddy!

Banquet and entertainment went well. Next year we will get together again. The Lord willing.



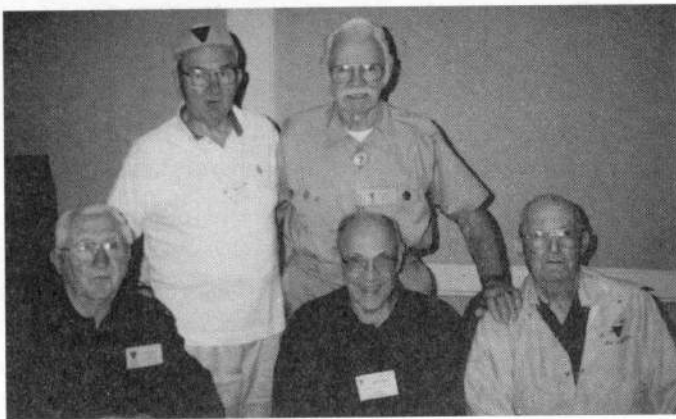
4 Dixie ladies, wives of Dixie Members.



Dixie goes to breakfast, 2 Keiths, w Watkins, 2 Cox's, 2 Massies



Three of our wonderful widows from California to North Carolina



President Keith & 4 of his men, first time ever



Two Presidents and Historian plan strategy (note map)



Stan Beileu and Family (looking good)

Cleveland Chapter News

By Bob Grobelny

We received our first heavy frost this morning, November 6, 2001. Every thing was white.

Hi everyone, our news at the Cleveland Chapter is not good. One death and some ailing. I am sure it is the same every where. Ruth Lindsey (Jim Lindsey's wife). He was in "M" Co - 329th, died September 1, 2001. Bernice and I could not attend the wake. I just got out of the hospital. Our President, Earl Lindsey, had a stroke. He goes to therapy a couple times a week and is coming along pretty good. He cannot drive, but he is working at it. Eleanore Szubski has been in and out of the hospital numerous times; cannot find out what is wrong. Ann Mizerock is having health problems also. Ted Karagedrge is also ailing. Warren Owen still goes to dialysis three times a week. Al Klugiewicz has a pinched disk. I had chest pains, Bernice rushed me to the hospital and then they Life Flighted me to the Cleveland Clinic. I found out I had a Type "B" Aortic Dissection. With a lot of medication, I am doing pretty good. I had a cat scan and was to have an M.R.I., but the doctor came running in and told me I cannot have a M.R.I. because I still have 4 pieces of shrapnel in my abdomen. I had that in me for 57 years and did not know about it. I was told that all of the shrapnel was out. Any way, we are hanging in there.

We cancelled our meetings until February of 2002. The V.F.W. was remodeling, and it is a mess, and besides our members not feeling up to par. We decided to cancel the meetings.

I talked to Paul Dallos this morning, he told me there were several Cleveland Chapter members at the Reunion. Paul and his wife, Mary, Al Klugiewicz and Harry Atkins. "Well, there is always next year." P.S. Mary Jane Owen has a dislocated rotary cuff.

Cleveland Chapter wishes everyone a healthy and happy holiday and new year.

This is all for now.

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

By Nick Francullo
Hq. Co. 3rd, Bn 330th

On August 12, we all headed for the Ferreirs cookout. It started out as a bad, rainy day, but turned out great and thanks to the Ferreir's Clan for putting on a great time. They were Jackie & Ray, Denise & Don, Erica & Ryan and April. The food was great.

We had Fancullo's Abdinoors, Smiths, Petrucci, Farias, Brennan's, Georges, Champeys, Burkhardts, and Betty Davis and her daughter. For those who could not make it, we missed you all.

Received a note from Ray Orsene that wife Billie is getting good reports on her Big "C", gaining weight and good appetite. Keep it up, Billie. Also from the Walshes that their daughter who lives in New Jersey had to have surgery on her eye and also her husband was rushed to the hospital as he collapsed in the bathroom. His blood pressure was very high and he was not aware that he had high blood pressure and spent a week in the hospital and is doing fine now. John Marysz had several blood transfusions and a severe ruptured bladder. Right now he is felling fairly well but is quite weak and on oxygen constantly. Ted Birbarie will be having a new address and he will be going to live in a elderly care home as he is 85 and can't take care of himself and the house any

more. He is heartbroken, his wife and son have died and he is all alone. Levy Trombley is keeping active cutting lawn on his mini farm of 55 acres and still cuts his own wood, enjoying the great exercise and goes to Florida in the winter. The winters are getting colder and longer in Vermont. Ha! Ha! Vitie Atkocius is still the same old jockster. Also good Buddy Balfe is doing okay, but will not be able to make the reunion. He keeps in touch with Bill Sullivan of Hq. Co. 3rd Bn 330th and he is doing okay. Also, Jack Merrell is doing okay, Wilfred Burdin from New Jersey does not drive any more and stays close to home.

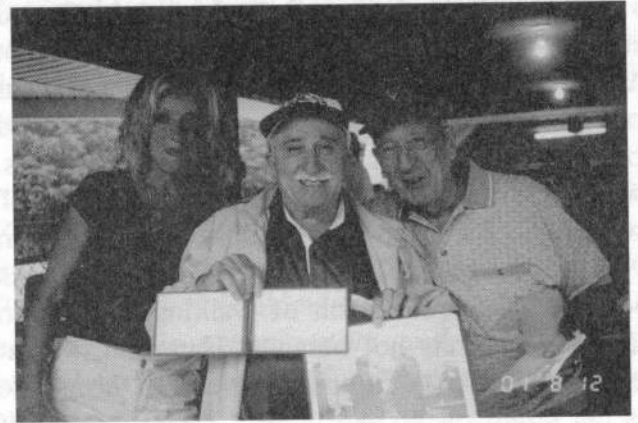
Just received a letter from Nick Boyds daughter, Vicki Garcia that on June 17, 2001 Nick fell 20 feet off a ladder cutting a tree limb. He broke ribs, punctured his lung, lacerated his liver, almost in half and sustained other injuries, cuts and bruises. He was in ICU of Beaumont Hospital for 15 days, in a nursing home for 21 days, back in the hospital with blood clots for 1 week and then home for 5 days before she took him to the VA Hospital in Detroit. His direct line is 313-576-2323, if you want to call him. He will be there indefinitely, but still maintains his home. He is healing slowly but also in the fall his eyesight and hearing was affected and he is in congestive heart failure, but does walk carefully as he is dizzy due to the heart condition. We all pray for you Nick and hope you get will soon.



New England Chapter enjoying the Reunion.

Just got back from the reunion in Hampton, VA and it was a great time seeing my old buddies. New England Chapter had a good turn out. We had the Brennans, Ferrieras, Francullos,

Abdinoors, Reeds, Fariars, Burkhardts, Atkocius, McKees, Petiftis and the Gangnaths. We all had a great time and going down to the reunion we stopped at Woodbridge, VA, met the Brennans and we went to meet their daughter, Burnedett and family and then on to the reunion. Talked to Dot Brennan and Jim was operated on October 23 for a knee replacement and is doing okay. I also talked to him and he is in rehab and feeling great. Get well Jim, we miss you



New England Chapter, Happy Birthday Mouse



New England Chapter Banquet, Mike Nina, Mary, Dot Jim and John



New England Chapter, Memorial Services Nick & Chuck



New England Chapter Members having a good time!



New England Chapter having a great time in Chlemsford

Well, that is it for now.

Dear Nick,

Sincerely hope all is well with you and family, we are fine here. Here is some news for the column; I will leave the reunion news for you.

NEWS!

Just received word from Stacy Marysz that John Marysz had passed away. John had been ill quite some time. He was a dedicated and longtime member of the Association and the New England Chapter. He will be missed. Our condolences go out to Stacy and son Philip. Also heard from Dutchy Smith. He has a slight medical problem, but he is back to normal. We were sorry to hear of the passing of Joe Zenz. He and June always attended the reunions. He was one to the youngest members of the Association. Our congratulations

go out to Bob Gangnath, who was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Association. He was in "A" Co. with Chuck Abdinoor. Have not hear from the Simons. Hope all is well with Burt and Rose. Also have not heard from the Champy's. Mickey and Karl Burkhardt were members of "H" Co. - 330th. I went to visit Father Frank McCartin at his residence in Tewksbury, MA. He looks good and does quite a bit of walking to keep in shape. He regrets not being at Hampton, VA at our past reunion. We could have used him. He has cut down on his activities. Missed some of our buddy's at Hampton, VA. Sincerely hope they will make Myrtle Beach. It was a pleasure to see Dolores and Paul Reed, but we missed the Pillion's, Glasser's, Dunn's and Cooke Senica. Hope they are planning for next year. My thanks to Cliff Wooldridge for the Ad Books. I mailed them to the boys of "B" and "A" Companies. Although they missed the reunion, they look forward to receiving the book. I try to keep my company informed. We picked up two more members, Chester Cuzynski and George Brackett. Have not heard from the Ferreria's, but Esther and John are active members. I did not see Mousie on the Today Show. He usually goes to all the big sporting events. Have missed the Walsh's and the McKee's, hope all is well with them. It was a pleasure to see Betty Davis and her daughter at the Ferreira's cookout.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER NEWS

By Vito Palazzolo,
Harper Woods, Michigan

On October 11, a luncheon held at Rechster's Restaurant, in Dearborn, Michigan.

We were saddened to hear that "Ed" Zerucha of "F" Co., 329th had passed away in July or August of this year. Nick Boyd is still on the sick list and had been in the VA Hospital for a short stay.

Those at the luncheon were, Evelyn and Charles McAuliff, Nick and Sylvia Barber, Albert Vartanian of Southfield Michigan attended his first meeting. He was with Co. "C" 330th, Vito and Virginia Palazzolo and Bob and Gladys

Zaylore. Our next meeting will be in April 2002. If you were not there, we missed you, and hope to see you on April 20, 2002.

One of my Co. "G" 329th buddies has passed away, also in July or August 2001. His name was Harold Wohelber.

I have not heard any other news so that will be it for the "Thunderbolt News".

The following are pictures taken at our luncheon and some taken by Evelyn McAuliff at the Reunion in Norfolk.

If you need any shirts or caps, please write and I will send an application. Thanks.



Vito Palazzolo, Nick Barbu, Bob Taylor, Charlie McAuliff
Albert Vartanian



Virginia Palazzolo, Evelyn McAuliff, Sylvia Barbu, Gladys Taylor

NEW JERSEY CHAPTER NEWS

By Stan Bielen

I received a call last night from Rags Rangnow and we both mentioned that we better get our

articles written as they are due November 10th. So here goes!

Our 55th Reunion was a very enjoyable one and our thanks to all who had a hand in putting it on. The hotel was in a perfect area, close to Norfolk where you had a terrific Naval Museum and along side of the museum was the mothballed battleship Wisconsin that you could tour. We took the 25-cent trolley that stopped in front of the hotel to downtown Hampton to board the one-hour cruise to the Nauticus Museum in Norfolk. That ferry ride cost \$4.00 one-way; the ferry was to arrive at 3:00 p.m. for the return trip. When it did not we called the Ferry Terminal in Hampton, they told us the ferry had mechanical problems and they would send us a car to bring us back – a 25 mile drive and they would pay for it as it was their fault. That is Southern Hospitality at it's best. Some of us went to Williamsburg, Yorktown and Busch Gardens.

We had a pretty good group attending even though some had to cancel because of the airlines canceling flights. Joe DePeri came with Andy Socha and Charlie Sihlanick. Charlie told me he drove the entire trip while those two slept. Do you believe him?

Russell and Marguerite Whitehead were there and having a good time. Russ was telling the Army Historian, who was at the reunion interviewing men about their combat experiences, how he got in trouble so many times. Russ is a free spirit and you would expect it of him. I hope the interviews would be available, I would love to see them.

Manny Epstein called me to let me know he would come on Friday to the reunion as it conflicted with the Jewish Holiday on Thursday. Then the airline cancelled his flight and he would miss only his second reunion, the other when his Dad died.

George and Dot Foster were there and it was good to see them enjoying it all. Both never stop smiling. They also were extending their stay in Virginia visiting other historic sites and some family who live there.

Sam and Edith Manzi (Co. "K", 330) were busy as usual on tours and walking for their health. Where do you both get all that energy, let us in on the secret.

It is always good to see Frank and Mary Sabine (Co. "D", 331) enjoy being with the great group from his company. I know how much they missed Ralph and Geri Gunderson who were devoted to keeping their group active and close. Ralph passed away shortly before the reunion. Ralph also contributed much time and energy to our association serving as President and Board Member a number of times. We all will miss him!

Victor and Jacqueline Terzano were there and it was interesting hearing of Victor's trip to the Elbe River with a group from the 83rd to revisit and make a history of that battle with the German Veterans that opposed them.

What a great guy Vitie Atkocious is! He got all the items that made up the Goody Bags that were passed out at the reunion. Then his other attributes are he is interesting and fun to be with.

George and Vi Waple were there. They toured some of the military bases in the area I believe he was stationed at during his 24 years in the Army. Also spent time with his third Calvary buddy, Al Klugiewicz. I have included a picture showing the two at one of the meetings along with others from the chapter.

Cookie and Jim Seneca were supposed to come. Jim finally got his dad to agree to fly to the reunion but after the September 11th attack – Cookie decided not to go. I believe it would have been his first flight. Jim's wife Darlene and sister Mary Ann both are in school at that time and could not be there. Darlene is a teacher and Mary Ann a student.

Dot Skurka called to let us know that they were not going, but they would come to the Christmas Party on December 9th. Joe was in Company E, 330.

Another who did not attend was Tony Hroncich (Co. "G", 329). He showed up at the October

Chapter meeting and for that we are happy. Tony won't be at our Christmas Party as he is Santa Claus on that day. I am sure he is a great one! Don't forget me at Christmas, Santa.

Harold Everham called to tell me he was having eye problems and undergoing cataract surgery and would let me know if they would be able to make the party.

Joe and Hazel Barton are coming to the party. Good to hear that they are coming as they were not at the reunion and the last time we saw them was at last year's party.

I have been in touch with Ben Franko who was with Company C, 330. Ben lives in Metuchen, New Jersey, a few miles from me, and has written about his combat experiences and being seriously wounded and having his leg amputated. It is very interesting and I hope to persuade Ben to send a shortened copy to the Thunderbolt for all to read.

Oh!, I told Rags that the next reunion is going to be in Myrtle Beach and his remark was for me to bring an umbrella. If you did not hear what happened the last time we were at Myrtle Beach, our French Girl Friend Christine paid more attention to me and Rags and his Ordinance Group were jealous so as I was coming off the beach, Rags, from his sixth floor balcony, threw a bucket of water on me. Good thing I had on my bathing suit and I would take another if Rags and Ginny would come to the reunion.

Wishing you all a Happy Holiday Season and a Healthy New Year.



Boston Chapter Report

By Amby Tynan

The Boston Chapter has been very active on the phone and at meetings. I was glad to hear that everyone had a good time at the Reunion in Hampton, VA. This year I was not able to attend the Reunion. Ed McCouch told me it was a great reunion.

Viti Authocius also did a nice job as the Sergeant at Arms. Viti, next year will be the year for the Red Sox, Chuck Abdinoor told me.

Wednesday, October 17th, Boston had their monthly meeting at the Tatnuck Post in Worcester, MA. Lou Sandini was in charge of running the meetings and setting everything up. We had a wonderful turkey dinner with all the fixings. We had two guest speakers, our new National Secretary Treasurer, Robert Gangnath and his wife Joyce from Connecticut and John McAuliffe, also from the Central MA Chapter 22 Battle of the Bulge was there. They both spoke a few words. We had a Memorial Service in honor of Frank Young, an associate member of our Chapter. He was an Infantryman with the 26th Yankee Division. His wife, Rose, came with their 2 daughters Rose and Dorothy. Rose is a member of our Chapter. Lou Sandini and Pat DiGiammerino played some tapes for the Service (God Bless America and My Buddy). Thank you Lou and Pat.

Thank you Lou for setting everything up. Thanks to George for the use of the Post. Tony Piantidosi did a good job of reading the reports of the Minutes of the Meeting in the absence of the Secretary.

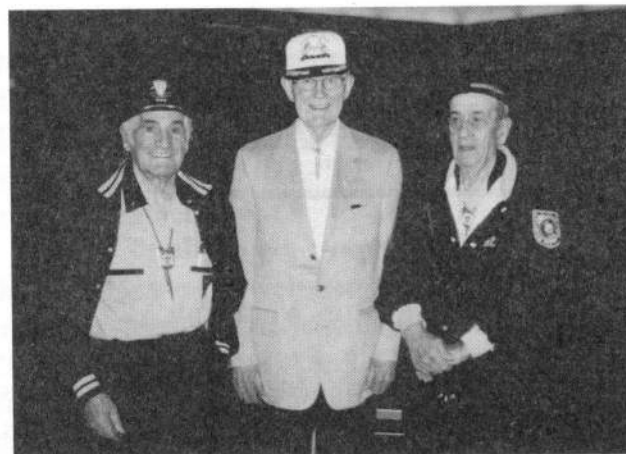
The next meeting will be a Pat and Ginny's house on November 17th, at 36 E. Border Road, Malden, MA at 12:00 noon. Charlie Lussier will discuss the plans for the Christmas Party on December 15th. Also, there will be nomination of Officers.

It seems that I am having a bad time losing my buddies. George Connors and Alexander Covi died on April 4, 2001. They passed away on the same day. Donald St. John died suddenly on October 6, 2001. Don was 87 years old. Don was married to Bill Shaner's sister Amy for 60 years. All these men had good War records and went all the way with the 83rd Division. Our condolences to all the families.

K. D. Willis from Greenville, SC has been writing to me for about a year now but I am still waiting for the letter.

I hear from Ed McCouch, Erwin Erhardt, and Willie Snodgrass which I enjoy very much. Also hear from Walt Harding down in Florida.

That is all for now.



Louis Sandini
New National Sec./Treas., Robert Gangnath
Pat DiGiammerino



Amby Tynan, Tony Piantedois,
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gangnath, Nat. Sec./Treas.
John Tisdell



Lou Sandini with New Member
Boston Chapter

COMPANIES

Co. "F" – 329th

By C. R. Bob Whitcomb

Over But Not Forgotten: At least by the Fullers, Hammonds, Keiths, Kittrells, Whiteheads, Whitcombs, Prettis and daughter Christy and Mike Kosanovich of E 330th attending the 55th Annual Reunion of the 83rd Division with Company "F" in Hampton, Virginia. Our members reported enjoying the various towns and other arrangements by the Armed Forces Reunions. Over also for the Company this year, North 2001 held October 7-10, 2001 again at the Ameri Host Inn. Our 10th year of Get-Together in Ashland, Activities followed previous Norths. Sunday always the gathering day, an evening meal out, later time together, lights out about 10:00 o'clock anymore, old age I guess. Monday activities centered around the Inn, reminiscing, group/individual picture taking, a short business meeting and our ever looked forward to Memorial Service, so beautifully conducted this year by Doc Marshall Keith, George Fuller, Russell Whitehead and Harold Newell and daughter Diane. Tuesday, getting out for a breath of fresh air we toured the Historic Chateausque Ohio State Reformatory at Mansfield, Ohio. It was built in 1886 abandoned in 1990 and placed on the National Registry of Historic Places in 1983. Portions of four motion pictures were filmed on location here including Shawshank Redemption and Air Force One. Next, lunch at an 1820 Stagecoach Stop now operated as the Molabar Inn. On to the top of Mt. Jeez, the highest point in Molabar Farm, the 914 acre estate of Ohio's Pulitzer prize winning author and conservationist Louis Bromfield, for a beautiful view on a beautiful day. Our final stop at Malobar, "The Big House", Bromfield's 32 room Western Reserve architectural style home, which was the site for the wedding of Lauren Bacall and Humphrey Bogart in 1945. The farm continues to be a popular spot for various functions. Wednesday our traditional breakfast together, then

many good-byes (hugs & kisses) and best of all being able to report now, all made safe returns home. All 25 attending North 2001. Each year at such Get-Togethers, some, for one reason or another are unable to be present. Let us all who can remember Bill Ferguson's battle cry, "We were together then. Let's get together again", by doing our best to attend North 2002.

In Remembrance: Edward J. Zerucha, May 29, 1916- June 19, 2001, Burial St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn, Michigan. Eddie joined Co. "F" as a replacement in Normandy very early on, perhaps around the 6th-8th of July 1944. As I recall Ed told me he landed at Omaha Beach a few days after D-Day, was put to work helping clean it up, as there was plenty to do. A short time later he was sent to the 83rd and assigned go "F" Company 329th. Part of his time with the Company was as Bazooka Man, not really a sought after position due to it's vulnerability. The nickname "Bazooka Ed" stuck.

Eddie was wounded during Company actions July 29, 1944 in France and again December 12, 1944 in Germany. Known awards of Ed's, the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, Combat Infantryman Badge, EAME Theater Ribbon with three bronze stars, Good Conduct Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal. Ed was a faithful member of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, a very active member of the Michigan Chapter and a very loyal supporter of "F" Company activities. We all will miss Ed greatly. To Jean and Tom from the Co. "F" Family to yours please accept our sincere thoughts and prayers during the time of your bereavement.

Thanks: To George Trebonyak for representing Company "F" at the visiting hours of Ed Zerucha, also arranging for its floral tribute to Ed was in place. George reported the flowers from a near by shop were really beautiful. A three inch yellow ribbon with Company F 329th Inf. Was across the arrangement. He also received many nice comments from Ed's relatives.

Here & There: For those of you who were kind enough to call, send notes, letters to the group at Northtime, they were left out in the CP for all to read and appreciate. A familiar name missing?

There is a good chance they were at the 55th or North 2001 and Kickin so no problem. Mildred Atchison says she looks forward to every TB and seeing what all are doing. She has kept on the go by her grandchildren graduating from college, a grandson is playing AA ball for Seattle Mariners (San Antoni, Missouri). Mildred would like to hear from any Co F'ers, so get crackin. Dick Bicker still not up to par after his second go around of triple by pass surgery (heart) June 1st (his first was in 1988). Jean's recent cataract surgeries have both gone well. Nickells seem to be dong all right. They keep in touch. They were in Indiana in October at their daughters. Al Sperling in May was down to two shots a month for a serious blood infection. George Trebonyak recently had surgery in connection with wounds received. The doctors say there is a whole lot of nerve damage from his foot on up the entire leg. Helleckson's cataract surgeries turned out fine, however his hearing loss remains very poor. He is experiencing breathing problems at present.

Congratulations: Our own Co. "F" George Trebonyak recently published a book of his memories entitled "Memories of Heaven Memories of Hell" (182 pages, illustrated paperback). Interested, it is available \$14.95 plus \$2.00 shipping and handling for a total of \$16.95 from George J. Trebonyak, 1630 Cleveland Ave., Lincoln Park, Michigan 48146-2339 or call 1-313-381-6803

Co. "K" – 331st

By Norm Malo

Though the attendance at the Virginia reunion was the smallest in years, the above members of Co. "K", 331st have remained loyal year in and year out. Listed in the enclosed photo are, kneeling, left to right, Frank Horvath, Normand Malo and Everett Rogers. Standing are Hold Merrill, James McNabb, George Baker, Wilder Mathena and Steve Halladay.

The surprise guest making his first convention was Steve Halladay, son of Captain Daniel W. Halladay, who was heartily welcomed and mixed well with the veterans and their wives.

Daniel Halladay first joined the 83rd in the middle of October in Luxembourg, taking over the 3rd platoon and soon after the battle of the Bulge was given command of the "K" Co., a rank he held until September 1945.

Dr. Halladay was well respected in the field of higher education and when he died in 1980 was Chancellor of Texas A& I University System in Corpus Christi, Texas. Now his son is anxious to learn more about the war experiences of his father.

Greatly missed at the annual reunion were Al Belvedere, Manny Epstein, Paul Ours and Stanley Duff. I sincerely hope everyone was in good health and pray that all can meet at the coming convention in Myrtle Beach.



55th 83rd Reunion in Hampton, VA
Co. "K" 331st Inf.

The members of "K" are thankful to Bob McNabb, son of James, for having presented each and every one of us with an 83rd cap, inscribed with name and insignia.

Good luck and good health.

Co. "A" – 330

By Charles Abdinoor

Hi Buddies,
First Of all I would like to congratulate Bob Gangnath being elected as our new Secretary-Treasurer. Bob was a member of "A" 330th. He was wounded three times in combat. I am sure he

will do an outstanding job. It was nice to see Dolores and Paul Reed at our reunion, along with the Gangnaths. We were looking forward too see Walter Pillion, Shorty Glasser, Cookie Seneca and other members of "A" Co. I called up Walt Pillion, they are in the process of selling their house and moving closer to their son. Hope all goes well with them. I tried calling Shorty, but could not get through to him. Cookie Seneca, always attends, but did not. Hope all is well with him. He was our company clerk. Expected to see Earl Dunn and his wife. I called him up and he could not make it. Hope all is well with them. I try to keep in touch with our "A" Co. I would like to see a good turnout like we had at our Lexington, KY, Reunion. I have not heard from John Bullard, but hope to see him in Myrtle Beach. He is from Garland, NC. He came to our last reunion in Myrtle Beach. We got two new members from our company, George Brackett from Waterville, NY and Whitey Cyzinski from Temperance, Michigan. Bob Spychala is from Cheektowaga, NY. Perhaps he and George could link up one of these days. I would like to mention my old "B" Company, Bill Farrell, who was our C.O. is now living in Dupont, Washington. If anybody would like to contact him, I have his address. He was badly wounded in Bihain, Belgium during the Bulge and did not come back. He was replaced by Joe DeSantis, who just recently passed away. I keep in touch with my old buddy from "B" Co., Handsome Harry Harrison, he just had back surgery and should be back to normal shortly. His wife, Clara, is in a nursing home. He and I went to Ski School in Garmich, Germany after the war. I have been trying to get him to attend our reunions. Perhaps he will at Myrtle Beach. He lives in Walkertown, NC. We were saddened to hear of the passing of Frank Burgess and Edgar Allison. They were from "A" CO.. We will be leaving for Florida, after the holidays, for a few months, so let us keep in touch with one another, and stay healthy and have a wonderful holiday.

783rd Ordnance Co.

by Rags Rangnow

Writing this column is like no other writing. Here it is November 3 and I am reporting things of months ago. And yet, I am wishing that you are all having a good holiday and looking up the street to catch a glimpse of that new baby on the block called 2002. It is almost like we were in a time warp.

When we consider the happenings on September 11 and add to that all of the history of the last sixty years it is no wonder we oft times ask, "Where are we really headed?" The world was never the same after 1944 and likewise our world, and our freedoms, are never going to return to "The good old days".

For sure, each one of us will always recall what we were doing when we first heard the news of September 11. Ginny and I had just walked into the little Ocean City airport as it was the only restaurant open. Glancing up at the TV I noticed "Breaking News" and the burning tower building. By the time we ordered we learned the tower was hit by an airplane on a cloudless day. Two pilots were in the next booth and they were both commenting on the facts, "That was no accident and that plane was fully loaded with fuel, probably a 757!" To this day, I do not remember eating my breakfast.

Hersch Weaver, living in Alington, Virginia, had a more frightening experience. He lives just two miles from the Pentagon. As he was watching the TV he and Midge were jolted by the explosion as their doors banged shut and the wall photographs went astray. They did not know what happened but they could clearly see and smell the smoke. They also had a neighbor working there so you know they had many anxious hours of "What is going to happen next?"

At this writing, what concerns me is our negative media. I swear they are working for bin Laden with all the stupid questions they ask and the fear they are spreading with Anthrax. Of course you know, every year, 20,000 people die of the flu. You cannot make light of Anthrax but you have to put it in perspective. We are in an all out war for your freedoms and innocent people are going to die. I am just leary that many, many more

civilians are going to die before we as a nation come to realize this is an all out war that will require years of perseverance and casualties just like WWII. Now, let me step down off my soap box,

For 783rd news, I am sorry to report we have lost another great buddy. George Harris died the first week of September. Just a week before his 93rd birthday. Of course I could almost write a book on George, as he was the Tech Sgt. that ordered us around. I recollect he always did it holding that pipe in his right hand and never raising his voice. Two of his famous word expressions were, "Oh golly", or "Gee, let me think about that." Many of you remember his two good nephews George and Keith who traveled thousands of miles to bring George to the reunions. They kept me well informed during George's last week for which I am grateful. George had the good life but sadly he outlived all his relatives and friends. I last talked to George the third week of August. He had just returned from driving down to the Post and having two beers. That was George's last outing and I think that is a pretty good way to go.

For my other sparse news I must start with Tampa Bay Bensimon. I am sure someone out there has heard of Tampa Bay. Well, Al is living and dying with this team. Ruth says mostly he is dying. Of course I really cannot say too much as the Phila. Eagles collide with one another not too far from here. The good news is both Al and Ruth are feeling much better. At the last minute they actually called and wanted to know who was going to the reunion. As many of you know for the first time in many years, the 783rd was sorely missing from the 2001 reunion. I have tried to find out if Bob Hammond and friends, Jack and Jo Ann, made it this year but I have not had any success in raising Bob through the mail or phone. So Bob let's hear from you. Did your number change? If not take up a collection and get an answering machine.

Carl and Alyce Frederick could not make the reunion as Alyce had one of her cute knees replaced in late August. Of course at her young age Alyce has done very well. Carl? He is again

eating well. It was tough while he was trying to be the cook.

Ray and Mimi Wiggins decided against coming for almost the same reason. Ray has come down with two bad knees reportedly from praying too much about his high golf scores. You know Ray always said, at their great retirement home, when they all go out on a shopping spree they must all hang on to a long rope so they don't get lost. Well now they just hang Ray on the rope and drag him along.

Midge Weaver is going through a trying time just finishing radiation treatment for esophagus cancer. I just talked to Hersch and their spirits are high but he says he is getting housemaids knees. Lets hope as we read this Midge will be receiving clean plate awards from Hersch's cooking.

Charlie and Pat Rohrer along with Sam and Vi Hoffman were signed up and so were Ginny and I. Unfortunately, Ginny has come down with a serious colitis condition. I advised everyone to buy Scott's stock but there was no way we could make that trip. We were going to stop overnight with Jim Jones and then travel down together. So everything was like a domino effect. Let's just hope everyone is straightened out for Myrtle Beach next year.

Every Tuesday now I am meeting with "Mute" Mutinani at the Fox Chase Cancer Center. Unfortunately, some other cancer cells have cropped up and he is now half way through six weeks of daily radiation. He looks great and his spirits are always good. He was telling me of his first night in Normandy. He thought he was going on a picnic at the beach. He brought along so much ammunition he did not carry a blanket! He, Rohrer and Litrenta found a three-man foxhole and he finally convinced them to share their two blankets. It is hard for me to imagine those three under one blanket.

Almost had a mini reunion with Charlie and Pat Rohrer. They came east to Harrisburg and we tried for a meeting in Lancaster but it just did not pan out. Now Charlie is off to Florida for the

winter. Charlie is now our oldest member. He was 80 on November 14!

Oh boy, I am having a senior moment. I thought this was reported before. We have actually lost two comrades this year. Carl Frederick wrote me in the summer that he had received a letter from Ed Perko's son. Ed had died in a nursing home in January. We certainly miss good old quiet Ed. They were very faithful in attending reunions and he has been missed. In case your counting, Bill Manning, and looking at the wine glass, our know roster is now down to thirty seven and hopefully holding.

The news from the garden state with weedy politicians is that handsome Stan Bielen is working as hard as ever. The handsome part is because he invited us to the great Christmas party he organizes for the Jersey Chapter.

All the other guys Gilman, Manning, Saltonay, Burns, Bryars and hard working Doc are all okay so keep eating those prunes. I know I am.

For not having anything much to report, I was sure long winded. Take care and keep those calls and letters coming.

453rd A.A.A. (AW) Bn.

By Fred C. Pearson

Our 55th Battalion Reunion in Lewisburg, WV in September was greatly affected by the problems of our Country at that time. Attendance dropped to almost half of our usual turn out, due to the restrictions on Air Travel. Hopefully next year at Fairmont, WV we will have a return to our normal attendance in September, after Labor Day, the actual date to be announced.

This past twelve months the 453rd AAA is showing its age. Many have gone to meet their Maker. Many others are in various stages of illnesses.

Marvin Lagenaur, "Pops" Vorobeck, George Smith, Peter Severhoff, Robert Fisher, Assoc. member Joe Janick, and our Beloved Secretary,

Betty Dickens. The above have left us for a better place this past several months.

Bill Buzzard is still nursing a game leg, it seems it still has not healed properly, after all this time. Bill is still coping with the loss of his daughter to cancer.

Jim Dalton, still not doing what the doctors tell him. We miss Jim at our get togethers. At least Molly gets there as his representative.

Bob Crep's wife Mary Jane, still trying to get around after having much trouble with an old operation.

Doris and Jim Hull, in a rest home. They keep a watchful eye on Jim to see he behaves himself, after several spells. Doris is being monitored closely, but still in there fighting with her bulldog English tenacity.

Fred Pearson, just getting over the old man's disease. Getting his internal plumbing repaired. Rotor Rooter did the job. In addition, had both eyes implanted with interocular transplants. I wish they could do the same for close-up work. Wife Irene still undergoing tests to try to find what causes all her allergic reactions.



Proud Grandparents
Fred and Irene Pearson and Jeremy

Mike and Lorraine Morick are about the same. Mike still confined to a wheel chair. Both are on oxygen.

Jim Nichols, in therapy to try to get used to walking again after having back surgery.

John Loch, had eye surgery and is also having other problems that have not been resolved.

I went to visit Jim Galavan in a rest home in Cleveland. This is the first I have seen him in 55 years. He did not remember me, but did remember driving out to see someone many years ago. He has pretty well blanked out memories of the war years. He is under medication for depression.

Frank and Jeannine Moore are having some problems. Frank says his are because he tried to work too hard, in the heat, without drinking any fluids. Jeannine under tests.

Mike (I like to call him John) Manzo is under tests to try to find out what is causing all his problems. Now they are checking his spinal regions. Isabelle still plugging along, but I have never heard her complain, yet I know she does suffer at times.

May Schultz, Carl's wife, is still having some difficulty getting around. Fighting, but not well enough to get out with the troops.

Jim Funkhouser in the Vets home in Sandusky, Ohio.

There are many others that are under the weather, but have not been forthcoming with their vital statistics.



Men that were able to attend Reunion 2001 in Lewisburg, WV.

At the Annual Reunion, the membership selected Fred Pearson, again as President. Larry Carman, as Vice President, Lou Martin as Treasurer, and John Norris as our new Secretary. Jeannie Moore

again appointed as Historian, and Fred Pearson again to coordinate and put out our Roster.

Our new Secretary is in the process of moving, so our President will put out our next Newsletter, to take some of the burden off John.

A few weeks after the Reunion in Lewisburg, Irene and I, along with daughter and grandson, went to Fort Knox, KY to attend the graduation of my grandson Jeremy. A very impressive ceremony. They kept a tight rein on the recruits, no drinking, smoking, or dating. The security very tight getting on to the Post, each time we went in there was a delay of an hour and a half. Jeremy is now in training in the A.D.A. command at Fort Bliss, Texas. This is the current Anti Aircraft designation, Aircraft Defense Artillery.

After being in training there in 1942, I knew how horrible it could be with sand storms and heat. After three weeks, he now agrees.

The tight rein still applies to the trainees. Some well meaning parents tried to mail cigarettes and other non permissibles, but packages arriving for the trainees have to be opened in front of your higher non coms. One recruit got into trouble, when he got caught hugging a girl (Boy would we have suffered). Seems he will get a break and get home for Christmas.

Because of personal problems, I have neglected to keep an eye on Frank Solantay, for "Rags Rangnow". I will try to do better, now that I am in the "pink".

At a time such as this, it behooves us to get behind our service men and women, more than ever. They need our continued support. Let them know that we appreciate what they are trying to do for us, as we did for the Nation in the forties.

Get after our personnel in Washington, let them know that we want bipartisan cooperation on many of the issues that face us today. Quit trying to water down efforts to strengthen our security at airports, with ill trained and minimum paid so called security personnel. Quit the give a ways to big business, get our economy going.

I get very upset at what is going on in Washington, so best drop the subject.

I guess that's the best I can do for this issue.

GOD BLESS AMERICA. Kiss the ground you walk on, we fought for it, let us keep it free.

Co. "G" – 331st

By Capt. Mac

Attendance at the reunion was small, because we are getting older it is hard for us to travel. The canes, the walkers, the wheelchairs have taken over. That is a sign of old age. Men that have attended more than 40 reunions are not present anymore. It was great while it lasted, and I only hope that we can continue for a number of years.

There were only two members from G Company present, Edward Foy and myself. It was good to see Foy after 5 years, he recently lost his wife.

Had a call from Mike Mizerock, he said his bags were packed and wanted to know when we were leaving. I told him we were too old to travel. War is a young man's game, we would only be in the way. Talked to Phillip Graff a number of times. He is writing an article about the 83rd's drive to the Elbe and the Crossing of the Elbe. He also included his trip to Berlin, when he took off from his company duties and traveled to the German Capital. I informed him that he was AWOL, but also a little disappointed that I did not go along with him. He hopes to have the article published in a magazine.

Colonel Faber's daughter was also present along with a number of men from the other companies in the Battalion. Next year we will have the reunion at Myrtle Beach, SC. Maybe we can get a few of the men in that area to attend.

It has been a busy time since the reunion. My wife, a week after we returned home had emergency surgery and spent a number of days in

the hospital. She is doing much better now. I also had surgery on my eye and was laid up for a few days. As long as we are able to travel, we will go. We went to San Antonio for her hospital reunion. Had a chance to talk with Col. Patterson, who now lives in San Antonio.

I was a little disappointed in the way the reunion meetings were conducted. We have a Certificate of Incorporation and a set of by laws, which means nothing to some of the members we have elected as officers to carry on the business of the Association. I am drafting a letter to all elected officers that what they are doing is not in accordance with the standards we have set. We have a good war record and to many good reunions to become a fly by night outfit. I only hope that our elected officers can see their mistakes and notify the members thru the Thunderbolt that what they did was not in accord with our Certificate of Incorporation and our by laws. I called Tony Vacarro in New York after the raid on New York. He lives across the river from the buildings. When the buildings were being erected, he was able to take pictures of it. Unfortunately, he also took pictures as it was coming down. Sometime ago I had a call from a young man whose dad was the CO of K Company. He was trying to find out more information about his dad's role with the 331st. I was able to put him in touch with a number of men from K Company. He was in attendance at the reunion and met with men from K Company. It was good that a lot of the families want to know more about their Dad's role during the war. When our children were growing up I do not think we told them enough about the war and the role we played in it.

In reading some books, I find that a number of units did not think much of the 83rd and the discipline in the outfit, but I know that our records show that they have misjudged us. Because we are one of the better divisions in the ETO.



Norma Hornack, Clown Show



Frank & Norma Hornack



Betty Mattes, Rita Deithrich, Lee Reuss



Bob Derickson's Daughter and Granddaughter



Jen Cashat, Sal Scicolone, Keith Davidson



President Sal Scicolone & Wife Theresa, Al Silverio & wife Mary

Co. "D" – 331st

By Geri Gunderson (acting)

From all the reports the 2001 Reunion was great. Our Company was well represented as usual. Those in attendance were: Harry Adkins, Nick & Sylvie Barbu, Paul & Mary Dallas, Harry & Barbara Gravelyn, Byrum Hancock, R.C. & Louise Hamilton, Dan & Doris McDermott, Bill & Jeanette McKee, Ray Richter, Frank & Mary Sabine, Al Shrawder and Charlotte Literal. Company D had the most of any company in the 83rd at the Reunion. That is quite an accomplishment for us old folks! Marcella Nolte, Jimmy & Harriett Lynch, and W. Diaz had to cancel at the last minute. Our good buddy Ralph Gunderson was unable to attend. This is the first Reunion Ralph had missed since 1968.

Williamsburg was chosen as the "fun city" of Company D to spend their traditional days of

relaxation after the Reunion. The hotel was exceptional with a party room, good food and fellowship not to mention the sightseeing adventures of this quaint historical old town. We are already looking forward to Myrtle Beach.

Frank & Dana Sharp have returned to Ohio, Frank & Dana were both in the hospital at the same time. We hope for them a speedy recovery. Their new address is: Lot 164 Buckeye Street – 2445 Columbus-Lancaster Road, Lancaster, Ohio 43130. John Miklos is in an Assisted Living home in Daytona, his address is: 1825 Ridgewood Avenue, -c/o Riviera Assisted Living Room 317, Daytona Beach, FL 32117. Please send him a card. Bill & Jeanette McKee just returned from a fabulous two weeks in Mexico with Ruth Mueller. Harry & Barb Gravelyn sold their Lake Front home in Michigan and moved to a condo. They will be returning to Florida this month to spend the winter. I got a phone call from Yuell Cottney a couple of months ago. It was good to hear from him. He was unaware that Ralph was ill.

On a more solemn note, it is with deep regret that I must tell you that my dear husband, Ralph Gunderson died on October 5, 2001. He suffered much and is in a better place. It was a hard 16 months to watch his health slowly decline and finally he was unable to walk or stand. He loved each of you so very much as you were a big part of his life. He too was loved by his family, Company D and he will be missed more than word can say. He served the 83rd Infantry Division well!

Hope to see some of you at the Florida Chapter meeting in January at Sebring.



Friday, August 10, 2001

Dear Mr. Minick,

I am enclosing a check in the amount of \$236.74, the total amount left in the Cash Account of the Reunion Group of the 322nd Field Artillery Battalion of the 83rd Infantry Division. In a phone conversation I had with Howard Brandenhoff yesterday, he told me he had spoken with you about turning over these funds to the 83rd Division to be used as needed.

Due to the passage of time our Reunion Group had dwindled down to a "precious few" and it is the wish of the few remaining active members left that those funds be forwarded to the 83rd Infantry Division for whatever use you feel it should be applied.

Should you feel an acknowledgement would be applicable, please forward such notice to our Treasurer as follows:

Ms. Frances D. Neath
10826 W. 102nd Street
Overland Park, KS 66214-2539

We regret this action is called for, but feel that all of our group have great feelings for the 83rd Division, and wish you continued success.

Very truly yours,

Robert E. Hinz
9734 Norlain Avenue
Downey, CA 90240-3125

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July 20, 2001

To Whom It May Concern,

My father, S/Sgt Raymond Hatfield, was in a Serv Battery, 324th FA Bn, during WWII. He enlisted in the army Aug 14, 1940 and was separated at Camp Atterbury, IN on June 15, 1945. His campaigns include Normandy, Northern France and the Rhineland. He died on Aug 4, 1966 of a heart attack at age 52. I have obtained some info on the internet about the 324th, and was given your association's address as a possible source of information or a possible contact who knew my father. He was from Grayson County, KY (Clarkson, Leitchfield area). He was a Mess Sergeant during part of the war, and was an excellent cook at home when I was growing up. Any info would be greatly appreciated. I have numerous letters he wrote to my mother during the war and I would like to make them into a compilation someday. I would like to match the dates of the letters with the areas of battle he would have been in at the time. Of course any pictures would be priceless. Thank you for any consideration you can give.

Sincerely

Ken Hatfield (son)
7710 Commonwealth Drive
Crestwood, KY 40014

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R. C. Hamilton, Co. "D" 331st, presenting enlarged photo of 83rd National Memorial to Sam Smith, Commander of American Legion Post 111, of which R. C. is a 55 year member.

Twenty-two men from Marion, Crittenden County, Kentucky served in the 83rd with six being K. I. A. and many of the others W. I. A.



This photo has been placed in the American Legion room in the Marion Community Center. R. C. Hamilton

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September 10, 2001

Mr. August Farias,

My name is Claire Foran. I am looking for anyone who may have known by dad. His name was George L. Bonsaint. He lived in Biddeford, Maine, had blue eyes, brown hair, 5'8" about 190 lbs. His nose was crooked as a result of being broken while playing hockey and was never fixed. Dad never talked much about the war except to say that no man or woman should see such destruction of lives and property. The one thing he did tell us is that while in France he fathered a son with a young lady named Marguerite. I cannot remember the name of the town so I cannot help anyone in that area. My mother did write to Marguerite when my dad died December 3, 1972 and then threw away the address. Again I cannot help with more information then that as to where dad was. I was told by my father's cousin that dad wrote his mother telling her not to worry that he was not badly injured. Apparently while bringing medical supplies to his unit the jeep dad was driving hit a land mine and he was thrown from the jeep injuring his back and shoulder. Supposedly he was hospitalized temporarily. If anyone can confirm this please contact me. Should anyone remember my dad I would like so very much to talk with them. I will gladly pay for the phone

call. Thank you for all your help. I am enclosing pictures of my dad. The group picture was taken in South Dakota where dad did his training in the black forest. Should you recognize anyone, again, I would like to hear from you.

Clair S. Foran
55 Union St.
Saco, ME 04072
Tel#207-283-3504
Email address crazycly@hotmail.com

I am willing to pay for the phone calls. Thank you for any help you may give me and thank you for giving of yourselves so unselfishly so that my children and I can live in a free country. God Bless you one and all.

Gratefully yours,
Claire S. Foran

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83rd Division Track Team

Hi Bob,

Enclosed is a picture of the 83rd Div. Track Team taken in Aug 1945. The team was in Regensburg competing for places on the Corp. Team. Some of the members made it and went on to Nurenberg for what we referred to as the ETO Olympics. I can only recall a few names: Parry, Martens, Ryan,

Kane, Friske, Garber, Vaccaro - no idea which regiment they were from.

Sorry I won't be able to make the reunion but I am sure all who attend will enjoy it very much.

Best regards and best of health.

Rudy

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September 18, 2001

RE: Recognition and Thanks to Luther Strunk,
Co. I 300th 83rd Infantry

Dear Mr. Scicolone and Mr. Minick,

May I introduce myself? My name is Dave Dimmick, son of Charles Dimmick, Company I 330th 83rd Infantry. He passed away on January 30, 2000. Dad never talked much about the war but I did manage to retrieve bits and pieces of information.

Dad served as a Platoon Sgt. in 1st platoon of CO. I 330th. In the early afternoon of January 6th, 1945 his platoon was moving up with a group of tanks on what he thought was the town of St. Vith, Belgium. Suddenly he found himself on the ground with a severe wound to his left knee. A wound that he said he could shove his fist into. Loosing blood at a rapid rate, he grabbed his canteen and wedged it between his legs to slow the loss of blood. If he tired to move he thought he would probably bleed to death so he decided to stay put and take his chances. He did not know how long he laid there but he did not think it was but just a few minutes, when a fellow soldier showed up scrambling around him pulling fallen timbers, logs, tree tops, etc. up around him. At first he thought, "What in the hell is this nut doin." In the process, this fellow soldier was wounded in the arm by what Dad thought was a sniper located

in the direction of a nearby church. The young fellow soldier scampered back to the relative safety of a small house from which he had just left to aid my father and received first aid to his arm. Both were eventually evacuated to a hospital in Paris.

The fellow soldier I am speaking of is a gentleman by the name of Luther Strunk. Our family and Luther have stayed in Christmas card contact ever since that day of January 6th, 1945. In fact, Luther has just returned from a trip to Belgium and remarkably located the area where he and my father were wounded. He is planning to attend the reunion.

If you think it appropriate, please feel free to post our families recognition and thanks in the next Thunderbolt. Luther is not one who seeks recognition and I think may be somewhat embarrassed by it. It is not our intent to ever embarrass him only express our thanks and gratitude.

May the 83rd have a rewarding reunion of thoughts, prayers, and memories.

Respectfully,
Dave Dimmick
Family of Charles O. Dimmick

Recognition and Thanks to
Luther Strunk:
BE IT RESOLVED

In recognition of his selfless actions for a fellow soldier and in defiance of risking his own life, the family of Charles O. Dimmick from their hearts, wish to recognize Luther Strunk from Shaverstown, PA for his act of heroism on 6 January, 1945 in preserving the life of their son, brother, husband and father. An example of the tough American Spirit that is ever present when faced with adversity.

May god Bless and Keep you Luther Strunk.

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On June 8, 2001, Dutchy Smith and myself represented the 83rd Div. In honoring Henry Marrama who lived in Lynn, MA. He came to the 83rd Div. as a replacement and put in K Co. 330th. At that time I saw Henry and talked to him. Poor Henry was killed the next day.

He was a great football player also.

“Ward 6 Councilor David Ellis has sponsored an effort generated by Basil Manias to name the intersection of Neptune Boulevard and Summer Street, Marrama Square in honor of the late Henry Marrama who was born in 1925 and lived on Stickney Street.

Mr. Marrama served with the famed 83rd Infantry Division in the battle of St. Lou in France where he gave his life on July 16, 1944 for freedom and the country that he loved so dearly.

The dedication will take place on next Saturday at 1 p.m.” (June 8)



New England Chapter
L-R: Dutchy Smith, Walter Marrama's Brother & Nick Francullo



P.F.C. Henry R. Marrama Square

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Ralph Bishop Gunderson

Ralph B. Gunderson was born September 26, 1916 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The only child of George M. & Lillian Bishop Gunderson, died in Pompano Beach, Florida on October 5, 2001. A U.S. Veteran, he served in Co. "D" 331st Battalion Headquarters with the 83rd Army Infantry Division from July 1942 to October 1945 in World War II. He was wounded in the battle of the Bulge. Ralph loved the 83rd Infantry Division with all his heart and it was said that Company D 331 won the war! He attended 33 consecutive reunions – only missing the 2001 Reunion, which was held on his birthday. He died nine days later. He also wrote the Company D 331 Newsletter for the THUNDERBOLT.

He was a graduate of University of Cincinnati School of Business where he was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity and also attended Chase Law School. He was employed by the State of Ohio in the Claims Division before entering the Army. After WWII, he was employed by the Internal Revenue Service, Cincinnati, retiring after 32 years. He was elected for two terms to the City Council of Taylor Mill, Kentucky, serving as its Vice Mayor. He was also appointed to the Regional Planning Commission for the Northern Kentucky Tri-county area. He was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel by Gov. Wendell Ford.

After retiring to Pompano Beach, FL in 1976 he owned the Gunderson Accounting Service until 1990.

He was instrumental in forming the Florida Chapter of the National 83rd Division

Association serving as Chapter president, Chaplain, and treasurer. He had the distinct honor of being elected to the National 83rd Division Executive Board twice resigning as chairman of the Board in April of this year due to ill health. He was also past President of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees Chapter 558 in Pompano Beach.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Geraldine (Geri) Dance Gunderson, a daughter, Carole Massey (Romeo) of Tallahassee, FL, son, Richard Emminger of Pompano, granddaughters Kelly Emminger & Kristina Emminger, both of Washington, D.C., and grandson Christopher Massey of Pompano. Preceded in death was son, Lawrence (Larry) in 1967.

He suffered greatly the last few weeks as he had cancer and emphysema. He will be missed. A memorial service was held at John Know Village in Pompano Beach on October 13. Interment will be in Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati, Ohio on November 10.

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Dear Pat and Gini,
We hope you feel good. We are afraid, the attack to the USA is incomprehensible. We are frightened for you. All this innocent's victims. _____ I am sorry but here in Belgium it is terrible. Here in my town a bomb was exploded. A day after the attack to the USA.

All the people here in the town, make the flag from the USA on the front from her house. Here in Belgium, we have many Moslem people.

A little girl of seven years was threatened by three Moslem men. For what? But the little girl has a American flag on her bag.

Three other Moslem men were arrested for being in contact with Ben Loden. These people are crazy.

We do not forget you, we are in sympathy with all American people. You are Belguim friends, God bless America.

My husband and all his friends (firemen) are collecting money for the families of the firemen from New York.

I hope you answer my letter.

Bye Bye, with love,
James and Douglas
Belguim, Euuurope

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SHAVETAIL

(definition – an inexperienced lieutenant)

A book by Bill Devitt, a rifle platoon leader in “E” Company, 330th infantry from August 18, 1944 to January 3, 1945.

This is the story of Bill’s training in the states, his joining “E” Company the day after the end of the fighting in Brittany, gazing across the Moselle for two months hoping the Germans would not attack over it, spending three weeks in the Hurtgen Forest trying to survive the unremitting murderous German artillery and mortar fire and attacking the enemy infantry in bloody fire fights, worrying through a single pain-filled day in the Battle of the Bulge, and finally reaping the benefits of the Army’s outstanding medical service.

The book is a 235 page, hard cover volume with pictures and maps. To purchase a book send to Bill a check or money order for \$24.95 (including your name and address). Bill will include a brief

greeting in the book such as “To John Smith, Best Wishes! Bill Devitt”. (signed)

For more information, contact Bill Devitt, 6812 Indian Hills Road, Edina, Minnesota 55439, Telephone: (952) 883-1175, Fax (952) 936-9070, e-Mail: wdevitt@mn.rr.com

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Butler Eagle
7/27/01

Navajo “Code Talkers” honored for secret duties

By the Associated Press

WASHINGTON – Allen Dale June shrugs off suggestions that he’s a hero. He doesn’t think about the past, he says. But, finally, he and the 28 other World War II “Code Talkers” have medals that prove they are.

Just five of the Navajo Indians are alive, and only four were well enough to come to the Capitol on Thursday to accept Congressional Gold Medals from President Bush. Proud family members represented the others.

The medal is the highest civilian honor the nation can bestow. The CoDe Talkers were honored for creating a code from their native tongue that, indecipherable by the Japanese, was credited with saving thousands of lives and turning the tide of decisive battles in the Pacific theater.

“Today, we honor 29 Native Americans who, in a desperate hour, gave their country a service only they could give,” Bush said in the packed Capitol rotunda. Today, we give these exceptional Marines the recognition they earned so long ago.”

June, of West Valley City, Utah, said he was just 17 and lied about his age so he could enlist in the Marines in 1942.

“Naturally we were concerned about the survival (of the country) in the Great War at the time. At the same time, WE were

defending our own country, the Navajo Nation," said June.

The Navajo language is complex, and through circumlocution the Code Talkers made it even more so. For example, a colonel was encoded into the Navajo word for "silver eagle" or ataah-besh-le-gai." A submarine became "besh-lo," which in Navajo means "iron fish," and a bomber was "jay-sho," or buzzard in Navajo.

Before they entered the war at Guadalcanal, the Japanese had cracked many of the American codes. Those that hadn't been broken were too complex to be useful.

But in a 48-hour stretch during the battle of Iwo Jima, the Code Talkers sent more than 800 messages with their spoken code and were credited with being a decisive factor in the Allied victory.

After the 29 Navajo had created the code, the Code Talkers group was expanded by about 300 Marines. The rest are expected to receive Congressional Silver Medals next fall.

"These unsung heroes returned to their homes on buses – no parades, no fanfare, no special recognition for what they had truly accomplished," said Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., who sponsored the legislation to honor them. "While the war was over, their duty = their oath of secrecy = continued."

The Code Talkers had been sworn to secrecy about their roles in the war.

Chester Nez, 80, another of the young Navajos who left the reservation to serve, said when he returned his parents and family wondered why he didn't have medals or commendations.

It wasn't until 1968 that the government declassified the Code Talker project. When it did, Nez sat down with his children and explained what he did in the war, answering

questions they'd often wondered about, said his son, Mike Nez.



Chester Nez salutes President Bush on Capitol Hill Thursday, as Nez and fellow Navajo Code Talkers were presented with Congressional Gold Medals for their World War II service

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Thanks to all who attended our 55th reunion at the Holiday Inn, Hampton, VA. Many have written to me and said that they had a very enjoyable time. The Armed Forces Reunions with Jennifer Cashat and her group did an excellent job. The memorial service with Joe Macaluso and daughter Monica and all who had a part in it did a fine job. It was good to see Jim Burton back again singing for the memorial service. Cliff Wooldridge did a very good job with the AD Book and the Thunderbolt magazine. Thanks to Pat DiGiammerino for all his help with the AD Book. The entertainment by Norma Hornack was really enjoyed by the ladies. Thanks Norma. Thanks to Vitie Atkocius for all his help and for everyone who helped make this reunion a big success even though our attendance was affected by the terror attack on our country.

I wish the very best to our new president, Al Silverio and Vice President Pat DiGiammerino for a very successful reunion next year 2002 at the Landmark Hotel, Myrtle Beach, SC. Thank you all for having given me the honor to have been National President 2000-2001

God Bless you and Happy Holidays.

Sal Scicolone

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Dear Folks,

On November 12, 2001, the day we observed Veteran's Day, Louis W. Schiller received his World War 2 medals. Tammy Baldwin, our representative in Washington D.C., did the presentation. Louis received many medals including the Bronze Star. Many of our relatives, friends and VFW members attended the ceremony. A young friend played America the Beautiful on the flute. Guests enjoyed a flag-decorated cake. We are proud of all the 83rd Infantry heroes.

Peace, Health and Happiness in 2002.

Louis and Carrol Schiller



Rep. Tammy Baldwin and Louis W. Schiller

**From the Secretary-
Treasurers Office**

**83RD INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION INC.
INCOME STATEMENT
JUNE 30, 2001
(First half of 2001)**

Brought Forward from December 31, 2000	\$12,175.70
Income:	
Dues 2001	4,690.00
Dues 2002	4,435.00
Dues 2003	15.00
Donations	5.00
Interest (Checking)	84.73
Refund (Cin. Bell)	19.57
Ad Book (Boston)	1,993.49
Ad Book (Hampton)	<u>18.00</u>
 Total Income	 <u>11,260.79</u>
Total Balance and Income	23,436.49
Cert. Of Deposit to Cash	<u>2,718.67</u>
Net Cash Received	26,155.16
 Disbursements:	
Office Supplies	101.08
Travel & Sec. Fee	3,000.00
Printing - Thunderbolt	3,159.27
Printing - Office	109.98
Phone - Office	201.59
Postage - Thunderbolt	500.00 Advance
Postage - Office	290.14
Misc. (Ad Book Hampton)	18.00
Exec. Board Exp.	<u>2,700.00</u>
 Total Disbursements:	 <u>10,080.06</u>
Net Balance: All Cash	16,075.10

**83rd INFANTRY DIVISION ASSN.
2001 REUNION AD BOOK ACCOUNT
HAMPTON, VA**

Total Ad Book Receipts		\$8,923.00
Wooldridge Printing Ad Book	\$3,450.00	
2500 letters	125.00	
Postage	20.00	
2500 Gold Envelopes	195.00	
2500 Window Envelopes	170.00	
Fold, Inserts, Seal Label	60.00	
	<u>\$4,130.00</u>	
Stamps for mailing letters	476.00	
	<u>\$4,606.00</u>	
 Other Expenses:		
UPS Mailing Flags, Wreaths, Stands And Wood Crosses	61.87	
AT&T Phone	201.27	
4 Rolls Raffle Tickets	18.00	
Corsages and Boutonnieres	76.34	
Trophies, Souvenir, Discs & Plaques	298.53	
Ladies Entertainment	167.78	
Postage	56.46	
Liquor and Snacks for Sat. Board Party	76.58	
Reunion Supplies	28.53	
Phone Sept. 6- Oct. 5, 2001	38.89	
Total Expenses		\$5,630.25
Profit		\$3,292.75
50-50- Raffle		262.00
Net Profit		\$3,554.75

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83RD INFANTRY DIVISION
SEPTEMBER 11-15, 2002
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ADD \$5.00 FOR EACH ADULT OVER TWO IN THE ROOM (MAXIMUM 4 ADULTS PER ROOM).

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ALL ROOMS WILL BE HELD UNTIL **AUGUST 12, 2002**, OR UNTIL ALL ROOMS HAVE BEEN RESERVED, WHICHEVER DATE COMES FIRST. ON **AUGUST 12, 2002**, ANY ROOMS THAT HAVE BEEN BLOCKED AND NOT RESERVED BY YOUR GROUP WILL BE RELEASED FOR SALE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

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ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

Listed below are all registration activity and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to 83rd Infantry Division Assn. in the form of check or money order (no credit cards or phone reservations accepted). Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before **August 28, 2002**. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you make a copy of this form before mailing.

83rd Infantry Division Association
 c/o Mr. Robert Gangnath
 12 Hamlet Lane
 Monroe, CT 06468-2008

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CUT OFF DATE IS AUGUST 28, 2002

	Per Person	No. of People	Total
Thursday: Live Theater including transportation	\$35.00		
Registration Fee	\$15.00		
Friday: Evening meal – Chicken	\$22.00		
Saturday: Banquet meal – Prime Rib	\$28.00		
These prices include Hospitality Room, administrative expenses, Friday night meal, Saturday banquet, DJ, and Ladies Program.			
Total amount payable to 83 rd Infantry Division Assn. (please do not staple or tape your payment).			

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NAME (for nametag) _____

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SPOUSE NAME _____

GUEST NAME _____

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Full refunds will be sent for the above-mentioned activities if cancellation is received by **August 28, 2002**, less a \$3.00 processing fee. After that date, refund amount will depend on vendor policies and/or the resale of tickets.

CANCELLATIONS WILL ONLY BE TAKEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 9am-5pm eastern time (excluding holidays) CALL (203) 268-6683.

A MESSAGE TO ALL 83RD MEMBERS

Anyone wishing to purchase coats and caps may write to:
Vito C. Palazzolo, 20000 Lancaster, Harper Woods, Michigan
48225 for information. He will send you an application form.

**83rd Reunion will be held at
Landmark Resort Hotel
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Dates are:
September 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 2002**

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