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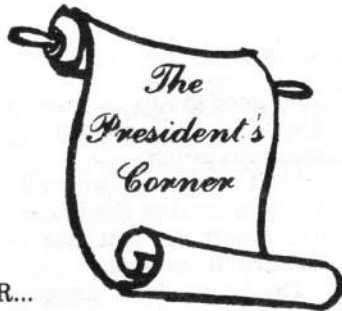
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*Denotes deceased



PRESIDENTS CORNER...

Before I begin my message to my dear friends of the 83rd, I must pause a moment to clearly state that the 1985 Reunion at *THE PINES* Hotel scheduled for September 8-12, 1985, will be and I am going to "stick" my neck out, the greatest Reunion this Association has come to know.

For the past several months, the Boston Chapter under the Direction of Pat Di Giammerino and myself, have been meeting, planning and organizing the details for our Reunion in September. From the meals to the shows, to the march at West Point, to our Gala Banquet, any member who misses this Reunion for whatever reason, will surely be missing out in our finest hour!!!

Briefly, however, there is an important message to convey this month. Forty years ago, our National celebrated V.E. Day (Victory in Europe) which was the celebration of our years of hard work and dedication to our nation. V.E. Day was the culmination of many rigorous campaigns to keep our nation free as the last great hope for a true democracy. That era pioneered a spirit which the men of the 83rd still carry within their souls.

Well my friends, it's time to call upon that spirit that we shared back during the days of Normandy, when we fought for the Rhineland, when we put our very lives on the line to fight the enemy. Its time to rally around the Association flag and join together to make our Reunion our finest hour.

During our reunion discussions, some interesting points that you the membership have brought to our attention have been tossed about to see how we can make everyone from all of the chapters satisfied with this program. To that end, we have altered our path in certain directions, yet, when one really sits down to compare this program with past reunions, you will see that our reunion at *THE PINES* will have all the pomp and circumstances we have come to expect and deserve.

Currently, the Boston Chapter and myself are elated at the fact that according to our 1982 figures, we are at this point 15 percent ahead in attendance. This is due to the hard work and dedication of many 83rd members out there who realize what we are attempting to do this year. If those of you who were with us at *THE PINES* in 1982, I am quite certain you can still remember the excitement and the wonderful feeling our association shared.

Further, due to our close proximity to our West Point which incidentally is the number one touring destination in the Northeast, how appropriate it would be for our association to visit this exciting and historic destination. After two years of planning with Military and governmental officials, our full day trip to West Point promises to be a day you will long remember.

If you have been wavering in your decision to join us here at *THE PINES* in September 1985, I strongly urge you to trust me as you did in 1982. Let us share our golden years and the best that life has to offer here at *THE PINES* in September.

At this time, I urge you today to send in your deposit as space has become limited, and make your reservation NOW.

THE PINES, nor the Boston Chapter, nor myself, will not let you down.

Sincerely & Respectfully,
Your National President
Bernard Cove



Jinny & Jeanie's Corner

Dear Ladies of the 83rd

Last month while the men of the Boston Chapter were going over the reservations and programs decision for the reunion here at The Pines in September, the ladies of the 83rd were finalizing a spouses program.

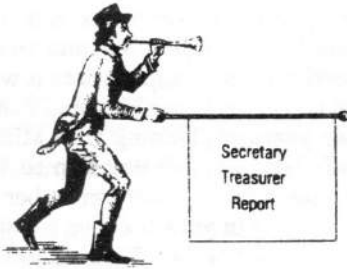
Some of the events you can definitely look forward to include a series of dance classes highlighting the latest modern dance, also another series of informative lectures on various topics such as "What you do and do not owe your Children", Color Analysis, Numerology, and a host of other interesting topics.

The ladies can also look forward to visiting a brand new Apollo Mall designed for outlet centers, for top brand names clothes and accessories.

These are just some of the interesting and exciting events we have been planning while the men are busy with association matters. This reunion will truly be a reunion for all men and women of the 83rd Association.

We look forward to greeting all of you at The Pines.

Jean Cove
Jinny DeGiamorino



SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT

Hello buddies:

We hope our spring weather has finally arrived. I think all of us even the Florida people had enough cold weather to last them this year. I used the snow blower more this winter than I have all the years we have lived here. Was sure glad though that I had it. We take care of our little granddaughter since her mother went to work for Triple A and she and I went out every morning to feed the birds. Soon as her mother and Dad left her we had to get out there and feed those "birdies". Was sure glad that I was retired during January and February.

We have sent out reminders from here in the office. All of you should have had them by now. We still have quite a few of you out there who have not paid your dues. It is hard for us to imagine you not wanting to keep in touch with all of your old buddies. I know that sometimes it is hard to give up \$10.00 but won't you please try. Get it into the office and you will not miss one issue of the Thunderbolt. This will be your last issue unless we do hear from you. Look at your membership card. If it does not read *EXPIRES AUGUST 1985* you owe the National \$10.00. Some of you are getting mixed up and sending me your chapter cards. That is not the National Card. Your *NATIONAL CARD* is signed by me, *ROBERT E. DERICKSON*. Look at your card and take care of it right away.

The Boston Chapter is working hard on the reunion. If you have not sent your deposit in for the reunion it would be a good idea to do so now. From Bernie's report to me they are getting quite a few in. I am sure we will all enjoy that day at West Point, and the Memorial Services on the Parade Ground. Be there with us. The next Thunderbolt will have a final report on what they have planned for us.

Pearl and the children had a wonderful retirement celebration for me and I was really surprised at how many of my good 83rd friends showed up for the afternoon. Truer friends than those we have made in the 83rd cannot be found. It was a wonderful afternoon and I thank all of you who took time out from your busy holiday schedule to visit and wish me well.

Pearl and I are both busy here in the office. As I said in the beginning of this article we take care of our little three year old granddaughter, Leslie, while her mother and Dad work in Oxford. She keeps things lively.

Ames and Helen Miller, Pearl and I went to the West Virginia Chapter meeting on the 9th of March. They held it at The Charleston House in Charleston, West Virginia. That is where the reunion will be held in 1987.

Very good group and they are starting to work on that. We were well entertained by them. A very conscientious group.

Next weekend we will travel to Williamsburg, Virginia to visit the Dixie Chapter at their meeting. I will report on that one next time. We are looking forward to that one.

The Kentucky Chapter will be meeting in French Lick, Indiana for their meeting on April 12th and 13th. Looking forward to that because the fellowship in that group is really something. Everyone is so glad to see each other they don't want to break up on Sunday morning.

This is our report for now. *GET THOSE DUES IN TO ME NOW AND KEEP ACTIVE IN YOUR 83rd OUTFIT.*

Bob
3rd BN.HQ. 329

FRANKLY SPEAKING

I have had this article on my mind for several days now as I didn't want to miss again. This is being written on the fifth of March as I will leave Indpls. on the eighth for a annual visit to Washington, D.C., I haven't missed the V.F.W. mid winter conference there in eighteen years, this year I'm on the national legislative committee.

During the last few weeks I've had some real nice notes from buddies of good ole "Co.D". The writers were George Tangolos, Robert Harrell, John Daum, Alfred Custeau, and Clarence Zimmerman, it was real nice to hear from them and to know that some are planning to attend the national convention in N.Y. As for me, I'm not sure what I'll be doing then. Robert Derickson will still accept your 1985 "Thunderbolt" dues. Just send \$10.00 to him at 3749 Stahlheber Rd., Hamilton, Ohio, 45013.

The Co. "D" 330th page in the program book is hurting just a little bit. You may relieve the pain a little by sending your booster ad to help the page in question.

If you haven't mailed yours already, send it to me and I will forward it to the proper people. Let's do it for Frank and all other Co. "D" men who are no longer with us.

Let me hear from you with a note or -- My birthday is March 27th.

Sincerely,
John Walker, Jr.



Dear Buddies:

Here we are well into our fiscal year, 1984-85. eleven more men have gone to their reward since our Fall Issue of our Thunderbolt magazine. May the Good Lord always keep them in his presence. Our prayer's go to those left behind with their sorrow. God be with them. The deceased are as follows:

Albert D. Langstaff 'B' 322nd F.A.

Donald Hoffner "C" 323rd F.A.

Paul Keys "C" 323rd F.A.

Lucien Elli Hq. 329th

James P. Heron "I" 329th

William N. Chapman 83rd Q.M.

Arnold "Ace"

Cipperly REGT. HDQS. 330th

We thank you O Lord for Having them all in their time here on earth. We pray-

May their souls through your mercy always rest in peace.

Amen

Just a note that I am getting along fine with my health. Thanks to everyone of the 83rd Infantry Division Association for the hundreds of cards and letters and numerous phone calls, of which I could never answer each and every one. As I have always remarked, "There will never be more comradeship than the men who served with us in W.W. II and our loving women. God bless them all.

Get Well, God willing to the following men and good women of our 83rd Infantry Division Association.

Lou Volpi Allergy reactions

Rita Taylor

Larry Redmond

Condolences to Romeo Maynard on the passing of his brother.

Condolences to Harry Herman on the passing of his son.

To Rita Taylor on the passing away of her girl friend and sister in law, Patricia.

We shall pray for them. Amen

Anyone of our 83rd men having suggestions for our ceremonies at *The Pines*, in South Fallsburg, New York, please drop me a line. All good ideas are always appreciated. God bless everyone. May we all meet at *The Pines*. Bring a friend everyone and then our membership will double.

John T. Piscitelli
323rd F.A.

MAXINE HARGIS JUST CALLED THE OFFICE.

Kermit Hargis "E" & "H" 331st of the Kentucky Chapter passed away on April 5, 1985. Cards to Maxine may be sent to:

Mrs. Maxine Hargis and family
3732 Rich Pond Road

Bowling Green, Kentucky 42102

Kermit suffered his first stroke on May 30, 1981. He will be missed by the Kentucky Chapter and all others who knew him. Rest in peach Kermit. We will miss you.

CHAPLAIN'S STEEPLE



The following are notices that came here to the National Office. We add our prayers to those of John's for everyone on our list.

Charles Lester Balmer, "M" 330th passed away 3/12/85 reported by Irene Baker

John E. Wright, "M" 330th passed away 5/24/84 reported by his wife

Harold H. Knobel 453rd A.A.A. word from his wife. No date of death

Presley G. Vick, A.T. 331st passed away 2/26/85. Word from his wife

Walter Zobist No company listed Passed away 11/25/83 word from his wife

William Dale Huber "A" 330th passed away 1/16/82 word from his wife

Robert B. Sparger MEDICS 331st passed away 2/8/84 word from Margaret Nester

The following information came to the office from O. L. Cook.

M. Lyle Withrow HQ 1st Bn 330th passed away 1/26/84

Una G. Cook, wife of Samuel R. Cook, passed away 12/16/84.

Raymond Desmavais April 1984

This was reported by his wife Mrs. Raymond Desmavais

84 Spring St.

Manville, RI 02838

Gale Baker "M" 330th Mother passed away on March 20, 1985. Gale's address is 6221 Delisle - Fourman Rd., Arcanum, OH. 45304

William Klund Passed on Nov. 17, 1984

Brockton, MA Reported by James Prentice

B. Btry, 908

Raymond L. Dutton, "B" 329th, passed away 10/24/84. Word from his wife.

Charles "Chuck" Hampton, "A" 330th. No date of death word from Don Clark.

Earl learned this past Christmas that another member of the Co K 331 died March 27, 1972. It was Edward L. Oryell his widow lives at Apt. No. 311-352 Newfield Milford, CN 06457.

Regina Balfe, Wife of Clarence J. (Bud) Balfe, "E" 330th died in April 1984. The mother of Thomas A. Sullivan 3rd BN. HQ. 330, died at age 95 on October 3, 1984. The sympathy and condolences of the entire 83rd Infantry Division Association goes out to the families of all of these people.

REUNION CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

In our last Boston Chapter get together we had a great showing with most of our members present. We really made good progress for upcoming 39th Reunion. We have several surprises in store for you and we are very excited about them. We want to make this a memorable occasion and we need all of you to participate.

This reunion will be remembered for a long time for those who attend. And for those of you who have good appetites, this is the place. The food is very good, and plenty of it, and the menu is large. All you get is three meals a day.

The entertainment in the Persian Room will be different each night.

I would like to mention that reservations are coming in. Please make your reservations early. This is going to be another sellout!

Looking forward to seeing you all and feeling sure you will have the best Reunion ever.

Thank you.

Pat DiGiammerino
36 East Border Rd.
Malden, MA 02148
Reunion Chairman

P.S. Don't forget the Ad Book program!



Mr. Robert Derickson
83rd Infantry Division Association
3749 Stahlheber Road
Hamilton, Ohio 45013

31 December 1984

Dear Mr. Derickson,

We notice that your Association is planning a reunion next September in South Fallsburg, New York.

We would appreciate it if you would call to the attention of your members the fact that the National Infantry Museum is located at Fort Benning, and that its director, Mr. Dick Grube, is always on the lookout for good military memorabilia he can put in display for the thousands of visitors who pass through the Museum each year.

Many of your members may have items of interest lying around their homes. They don't have to give those items to the Museum; they can loan them to the Museum for specific periods of time if they so desire. If you would let them know about the Museum, we would be most grateful.

We do hope your reunion is a resounding success.

Sincerely,
Albert N. Garland
Editor



323rd Report

I met Bill Metillinos at the Veterans Hospital in Jamaica Plain, Mass. Bill recovered from a stroke and looks wonderful. We hope to meet again in the next few weeks for lunch.

Congratulations to John Piscitelli on his appointment to the Executive Board.

Captain Morgan had a trip to the hospital but is making a good recovery. He says, he will be at the reunion at the Pines Hotel in New York.

Don Pettry sent me a list of Baker Battery men, which I have been working with to track down new members. Thanks for sending it Don.

When Dallas Williams telephoned I was not home but my wife Nancy told me they had quite a chat. Thank God it was his phone bill.

George Connors was in the hospital over Christmas having a serious operation. He made a quick recovery and is back now in good shape.

Romeo Maynard has been in poor health but writes me often. His wife Livie has been very good to him and sees that he can go short distances.

William "Jake" Erwin from Sugar Grove, Va. wrote me a nice letter at Christmas. Jake is trying to get some 83rd men to join with us. At times this is not a thankful effort.

Bob Scheumann is still trying to grow my native Boston Lettuce out there in Indiana. Bob next time Erwin Erhardt comes to Boston, Ma. I will send you some real Boston Lettuce.

Bob Costello has been on the fire detail this winter to keep warm in Florida along with my good buddy Walt Harding. Just like the good old days at Atterbury.

Al Covi and Frank Wirth will be in New York for the reunion. I am trying to get Richard Audette to go from Hudson, N.Y. Also, Paul (Ellie) Kinder I would like to have come. If they come, we will have some real F.O. Party stories.

Well I guess we will have to stop here. Please remember Hq. Men to send me some money for the Memorial Page in the Ad Book. This is important to us to remember our departed Buddies in Hq. Btry.

AMBY TYNAN
323rd Reporter



HISTORIAN REPORT William Kent O'Connell
Dear Buddies:

I will have to continue the report on our meeting with the Russians in my next write up.

It will be in the next two issues of our "Thunderbolt."

Even though we fought our way from Normandie to within forty miles of Berlin, it seems the 69th Division is getting all the "Glory" but not the casualties, of the link-up at the Elbe. History is on our 83rd side!

This will be the first time I will have missed a deadline in many years.

I apologize
"We Were The Best"
William Kent O'Connell
83rd M.P.



Tinga-linga-ling

or

How the Men of the Eighty-Third Infantry Division Taught A Second Lieutenant Something about Leadership

On the eighteenth of September, 1942 at eleven hundred hours the battalion Sergeant-Major ran huffing up to me on the Division Artillery parade ground at Camp Atterbury, Indiana where I was drilling Battery "B" Three Hundred Twenty-Third Field Artillery Battalion.

"Sir!" he barked as he saluted with much white in his eyes. "The Battalion Commander wants to see you on the double at the reviewing stand." Observing my instant look of consternation he added most unhelpfully: "He has relieved a number of officers of their commands this morning."

I bit my lip, halted the battery, ordered the ranking sergeant to take over, and thought frantically: "My God what have I done now—" As a tyro second lieutenant just out of Officers Candidate School I knew I had much to learn. I would have greatly preferred, however, to be made aware of my deficiencies by Captain Blumensata, my battery commander. The Captain, a kindly, mother-hen of a man, would discuss the errors of his junior officers with each of them gently and privately. His young lieutenants all huddled eagerly under his protective wing, especially when the battalion commander was present.

Lieutenant-Colonel Cobb, a Regular Army Officer, was a different species of bird altogether. Known to the troops informally as "Colonel Rufus A," he was notorious for the screeching quality of his frequent, on-the-spot and horribly public corrections of military malefactors.

I could see as I double-timed toward my fate that Lieutenant-Colonel Cobb's badly ruffled feathers foretold much fear and trembling for someone - most probably me. As I reported he looked down fiercely at me from his aerie. I stood rigidly transfixed by his eagle eyes and awaited the rending of his wrath for my many known and unknown derelictions of duty.

"Lieutenant!" he rasped, "I have relieved Captain Blumensaat from command of Battery "B" and I have appointed you as his replacement effective immediately. Now get the hell out of here and go shape up that outfit!"

I saluted, gulped "Yessir," did an about face, and began running back to my platoon before I comprehended the magnitude of what this order meant for me. Now no more would kindly Captain Blumensaat give me counsel. Men twice my age would refer to me as "The Old Man". There now would be a wall between me and my friends, the other second lieutenants in the battery, because I was their commanding officer.

But why me— Perhaps it was my substantial height or loud voice. Perhaps, though, it was as the latrine rumor would have it that Colonel Rufus A. simply did not think a battery of American field artillery should be commanded by a kindly officer, and particularly not one with the hopelessly inappropriate German name of "Blumensaat." For whatever reason, I was surprised to find myself rather indecently delighted at the prospect of power as I ran toward its assumption.

During the next few weeks the souls of the second lieutenants who had been anointed on the St. Bartholomew's Eve of the older battery commanders experienced a transubstantiation by their communion with the mighty. Even before becoming accustomed to the heady status of commissioned officer, I and the other young princes eagerly began to sip the wine of power and savor its intoxicating highs. I could actually feel myself becoming imperiously vociferous, increasingly arbitrary and malignantly omnipotent. Obviously, it did not pay to be a kindly mentor in this man's Army and I was brusque and harsh with my former friends. Freshly out of childhood and adolescence this was heady stuff indeed - in more ways than one.

About two months after I took command of Battery "B" the whole battalion was out on a road march down a narrow alley on a cold November day. All was quiet except the CRUNCH, CRUNCH, CRUNCH of boots marching up and down again. I took this opportunity to boom out to my battery: "All right, men, we are going to count cadence and I want you to make these hills ring!" With my order of "COUNT CADENCE, COUNT!" my unit pealed forth with a deep "ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR!" that resounded and reverberated to fill the whole valley. It was a heart-warming, head-swelling, ear-splitting event.

In the short length of time it took my troops to execute this order, however, some of the men in the unit behind mine had quickly conspired together and cheerfully chimed in with a brazen chorus of "ting-ling-lings." The hills were indeed ringing just as I had demanded, but with a clap of mockery that infuriated me. I marched angrily to the rear to confront my peer, the rather short second lieutenant who was commander of that battery. From my high dudgeon I stormed down at him:

"Lieutenant, if you can't keep your men from making fun of a brother officer then you had better turn in your bars!" I turned my heel bitterly, but I felt I had exercised the proper command presence and I was very certain I had managed this unpleasant incident in a most effective manner.

I remained satisfied all day, right up until after the evening retreat formation when I was crossing the parade ground toward the Post Exchange. From somewhere far away I thought I may have heard a faint tinga-linga-ling which I found only vaguely discomfiting. Upon entering the crowded and noisy PX, however, I heard only too clearly many "tinga-linga-lings" and became devastatedly aware of my acute isolation, vulnerability, and powerlessness. My authority to command given to me from on high had

been abruptly withdrawn by those whom I had presumed up until now had no power. They were openly ridiculing me!

That night, in an effort to escape into fantasy from the suddenly alien world I had created for myself, I slunk into the Post Theatre. As I walked down the darkened aisle, however, I heard over the bustle of the audience and the movie dialogue several very clear "tinga-linga-lings." I did not sleep that night, but twisted and twirled in fear and loathing of the terrible tintinnabulation of the bells the coming days and nights would surely bring.

On the morning of the next day I forced myself to draw up a list of the options available to me to silence the ringing of the bells, bells, bells. (a) I could go to Colonel Rufus A. with this problem, or (b) I could try to apprehend and charge with disrespect some of my tormentors, or (Horrors!) (c) I could recognize that I was grievously at fault and make the proper apologies. After duly weighing the probable disastrous consequences to me of the first two options, I decided to come off it. I went to the second lieutenant I had abused and apologized for my behavior.

"Your men made a good joke at my expense and I was not big enough to take it," I confessed, "and I deeply regret the whole incident." He smilingly forgave me and we shook hands on it. I then went on to a more difficult point: "With your permission, I would like to go to your first sergeant and apologize to your men through him." The lieutenant replied: "I am sure that he knows nothing about this." I answered: "I am sure of that also, but do I have your permission, nevertheless?" When he gave it I went to his first sergeant and explained why I was there.

"Sir, I know nothing about this," he said. I replied: "I am sure that you don't, First Sergeant, but please pass my apologies on to the men." He said he would do so, but I left him with much uncertainty and concern.

The "tinga-linga-lings" stopped immediately, and I did not hear them again until almost three years later. On the fifteenth of July, 1945 in Passau, Germany after five bitter campaigns and thousands of casualties the war was over for the Eighty-Third Infantry Division in Europe. The veterans were being transferred out prior to the division receiving fresh replacements and being sent on to the then as yet unfinished Pacific War. As I left the division for the last time I drove my jeep by the hotel where my battalion was quartered. Several men leaned out of the windows when they saw me and smilingly waved goodbye. "Tinga-linga-ling" they tinkled to me until my jeep was out of sight.

Ralph W. Morgan
Col. USA (Ret.)
Hq. 332rd F.A.B.N.



PUBLISHING AGREEMENT

This agreement is entered into between Walsworth Publishing Company/Milton M. Ferguson and the 83rd Infantry Division Association. It is agreed that Walsworth Publishing Company/Milton M. Ferguson, hereafter referred to as the Company, will produce a pictorial, historical book hereafter referred to as the history book for the 83rd Infantry Division.

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

About our new History Book of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. If anyone has any original pictures that were taken between 1942 and 1945, it would be very helpful if you could loan them to the Association and they will be returned to you in the same condition that they come to us. Along with the pictures we need material of any value that pertains to the actions of the 83rd Infantry Division in World War II. Anyone in the outfit who might have kept a diary or any kind of written material, it would be very helpful to the printer.

We want you to understand that we cannot pay for the use of this material. If you will send the material to this office, I will make a copy of it for the printer and will return the original to you immediately. This history book can be very valuable to the future generations.

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR HISTORY OF THE 83rd DIVISION.

Listed above is a copy of the Publishing Agreement that was signed with Milton M. Ferguson for the publication of a 83rd Infantry Division Association History.

As explained at the meeting in Owensboro, Mr. Ferguson must have an order of at least 500 books before they will go into publication.

We have twelve months from October 1, 1984, in order to get our money in for the History Book. A raise of hands at the meeting gave us an indication that you men were interested in this book. Let us not Delay, we should begin to send our money in (\$35.00 per copy for the book, plus at \$3.00 per book shipping charge). The money should be sent to Ferguson Communications, P.O. Box 146, Hillsdale, Michigan, 49242.

I believe it would be wise to send your check or money order so that you will have a receipt for your purchase. If 500 copies are not ordered by October 1, 1985, your money will be refunded.

DON'T PUT IT OFF, LET'S GET YOUR ORDER IN TODAY.



VET RELIVES HORRORS OF BATTLE

Bulge survivor recalls savage fighting, inadequate clothing

By Phil Pattee
Review-Journal

Hank Matranga sat in the snow, a 20-year-old soldier fighting World War II and recovering from a broken heart, when Germany's last desperate chance to stave off defeat almost roled right over him.

"We were fighting a normal battle - we attack, then Germans attack," he said. "When we heard they were counterattacking on the right flank, we said, 'So what, they do that every morning.'"

"But when I looked out there and saw thousands of Germans coming toward us in their white suits, I figured that was it. My time had come. Period, End of story."

Forty years ago today, German forces pushed through Allied defenses in a surprise attack that left U.S., English and Canadian lines in shambles. Matranga, an Army private fighting with the 83rd Infantry Division in Belgium, was a veteran of three major European battles when the Germans mounted their winter attack, nicknamed the Battle of the Bulge.

Matranga, a Southern Nevadan since the mid-1960s, said his unit was cut off from Allied forces and pushed back into German lines that had surrounded his division on most sides.

"When you heard of American soldiers surrendering, you don't want to believe it," he said. "You know that there might come a time in the next 15 minutes when you might be faced with that decision."

Matranga arrived in France as a 19-year-old soldier shortly after Allied forces mounted the D-Day invasion of Normandy Beach in June 1944. For the next six months, he fought across France and Belgium until winter weather set in and stalled both sides.

By early December, American soldiers were confident the war was nearly over. Matranga celebrated his Dec. 10 birthday by smoking his first cigar, which made him vomit. Then he received a picture of fiance and a letter saying she was marrying someone else and asking if she could keep the engagement ring.

"We knew the war was going to be over by Christmas, which lifted my spirits a bit," Matranga said. "We saw Germans skiing on reconnaissance, but we thought they were settled in for the winter. We thought we were, too. Wrong."

The 5-foot-6-inch soldier lugged a 40-pound pack as his division staged a semiretreat through German forces that had swept around and cut roads to Allied supply lines and reinforcements. To the stunned Allies, German soldiers and tanks appeared unstoppable during the first days of the battle.

Just before Christmas, Matranga helped recapture the town of Rochesfort, which was taken and lost four times during a four-day fight. The elderly occupants of one Rochesfort house watched the battle outside and flipped a living room picture, depending on which soldiers were winning.

"The picture had Hitler on one side and F.D.R. on the other side," Matranga laughed. "When I got close one day, I saw them flip it to Roosevelt's side. Hitler had been there the day before."

For Matranga, World War II ended three weeks into the Battle of the Bulge. On Jan. 5, he was near Malempre when the German 9th Panzer Division attacked. He jumped into a foxhole as a shell exploded nearby.

"All I remember is being thrown into the air," Matranga recalled. "When I woke up, I heard shots and men surrendering, who then were shot. I played dead all night, breathing shallow and really scared to death."

Matranga heard English-speaking words that morning and joined a few hundred men wandering through the wilderness. They hid from Germans for three days, not knowing which direction to walk.

"We'd walk around, shoot at Germans and run," he said. "Allied forces finally retook the area and I went to an aid station and then to a hospital in England."

"They asked me if I wanted to go back to the line, and I said no. I was only fighting about six months, but it seemed like forever."

Matranga remembers fighting during the Battle of the Bulge was crueler than previous clashes in France and Belgium. With Germans in a last-ditch effort to prevent defeat, many courtesies previously given enemy soldiers no longer existed.

Before the winter counteroffensive, fighting often was suspended while medics from both sides collected wounded men from a battlefield. After mid-December, medics often were shot while helping wounded soldiers.

"Red crosses didn't mean anything," he said. "Everybody was a target, fair game. All the rules were thrown out."

The 60-year-old California native recently remembered the U.S. Army's terrible equipment, especially compared to clothing worn by German soldiers. Boots leaked and raincoats usually fell apart after one storm. Overcoats often were taken from captured homes.

"We didn't look like American soliders, but we were warmer," he said.

German officers, experienced in winter fighting on the Russian front, outfitted their troops with warm, white coats that blended with the snow.

"With our dark clothing, we looked like blobs that snipers loved to knock off," Matranga said. "The closest we got was white tents, which we never used."

After four decades, nightmares about the war are less frequent. But his back still hurts.

"All that fun for \$66 a month," he said.



The National Order of Battlefield Commissions

PRESS RELEASE

The Editor 83rd Inf. Div. Assoc.

Dear Sir: Attn. Mr. Robert Derickson

During America's wars and police actions of this century, Battlefield Commissions were awarded to those enlisted members of the United States Army and Marine Corps who demonstrated superior leadership on the field of battle, or performed acts of valor while engaged in combat against our nation's enemies.

The National order of Battlefield Commissions (N.O.B.C.) is presently forming as an organization for those American servicemen who were awarded battlefield commissions during World War I and II, Korea, and Vietnam. The order is presently just under 350 members and is represented in 48 states. We held our last convention in 1984 in Fayetteville, North Carolina, and 1985 will be in Las Vegas, Nevada. 1986 will be in Jacksonville, Florida.

In an effort to locate potential members nation wide, the N.O.B.C. is asking that you publish something about our order to include the point of contact and his address as stated below:

Point of Contact

Hubert A. Reda (Capt. Ret.)
1013 Ironwood Drive
Las Vegas, NV. 89108

Sincerely,

William R. Melton
Major USMC
Adjutant N.O.B.C.



Dear Buddies:

Just a few pieces to add to Bill Nicols report on the Dedication of OUR Statue by the C.E.B.A. in Luxembourg.

I have been corresponding with Tilly Kemmes (Sec. C.E.B.A.) for quite a few years.

The Medalleon was minted for the ceremony. The newspaper editorial on Bad-Harzburg and the copy of the "THUNDERBOLT" will be a reminder to those of you who were there.

A beautiful city with plenty of damm good beer. The tree registration cards, of course, came from the Draft Board.

The first one made your stomach churn, the last was worth quite a few drinks.

"We Were the Best"

William Kent O'Connell
83rd M.P.



Nazi Ghosts Still Haunt
a Democratic Germany

World War II veterans of Heinrich Himmler's dreaded SS are no longer officially considered a threat to West German democracy. Organizations composed of those who served in the SS's military arm, the Waffen SS, were quietly dropped last year from the Interior Ministry's list of extremist groups.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl took the position then that many members of wartime Nazi units were draftees who had nothing to do with Nazi atrocities.

Nevertheless, the town of Bad Harzburg earlier this month banned a planned reunion of the Adolf Hitler Waffen SS Division, citing both security problems and a need to protect community "ideals". And a leader of the opposition Social Democrats in the West German parliament has called for the renewed outlawing of SS veterans' organizations on the ground that their meetings are regularly used to whitewash war crimes and glorify anti-democratic militarism.

No amount of whitewash could do the job at a planned reunion this jweekend in the town of Oberaula, northeast of Frankfurt. The get-together there involves veterans of a particularly notorious unit, the 3rd SS Totenkopf (Death's Head) Panzer division, amde up of former concentration camp guards.

Their deeds are said to include murdering British prisoners of war, butchering Soviet civilians and helping raze the warsaw Ghetto. The record makes it hard to imagine that they want to do nothing more virulent than sing "Auld Lang Syne." But even that would be a slap in the face to surviving victims of Nazi bestiality and to Germans seeking to overcome the burdens of the past.

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER NEWS

City of Brothery Love

Dear Buddies: Phillie had our Christmas Party, one of our best. It was catered by our buddie, Lou Volpi--our wonderful auxillary prepared all goodies and sweet table. All diets were off for the day.

A beautiful cake donated by Loraine Schuster, wife of Norman decorated with 83rd Infantry Division Patch. A large group of men and their wives had a lovely time. Our president, Bill Pugh, acted as our master of ceremonies. Bill also did a soft shoe dance. George Fletcher was our one man Harmonica Band. Did the honors. Leading our choir gang in singing Christmas Carols. New we say "A great time was had by all."

February 23, 1985. We had our string band weekend. The string band at our convention hall here in Phillie was better than ever. Our good friend Leona, Lady friend of Lucy and Lou Volpi was injured during intermission. A woman got up from her seat and fell down the steps on top of Leona and Lou and Lucy went to the hospital with her. They were with her for almost 7 hours. She is recuperating now. Our prayers are with her. After the show the rest of our chapter minus Lou and Lucy went to the B.J. Oliver restaurant. We had our own private room. Italians and American food and good service by owner Joseph Frio. Formerly of our old Ethnic Neighborhood of South Phillie. After dinner we retired to our chapter dugout for open bar and discussions.

Present:

George and Jean Fletcher
Norman and Loraine Schuster
Al and Ann Belevedere
John and Josie Piscitelli
Bill and Virginia Pugh
Joe and Mary gioia
Joe and Olive Ponzio
Charlie and Ann Bonifiglia
Ray and Marge Voraczek
Faye-Constantino and her sister, Mary

It was great to see Ray and Marge once again. As always we all talked over old times and Memorie's. Lot's of them.

Faye was married to Pete Constantino who passed away a few years ago. Her husband Pete "HQS 324th F.A. won the highest peace time award for Bravery, during a fire amongst a pile of ammo. Pete charged the fire and started to throw out rounds of Ammo, and extinguished the fire. The soldier's medal is equivalent to the Congressional medal of Honor in combat. We shall always remember him with our thoughts, our speech and our hearts. Amen.

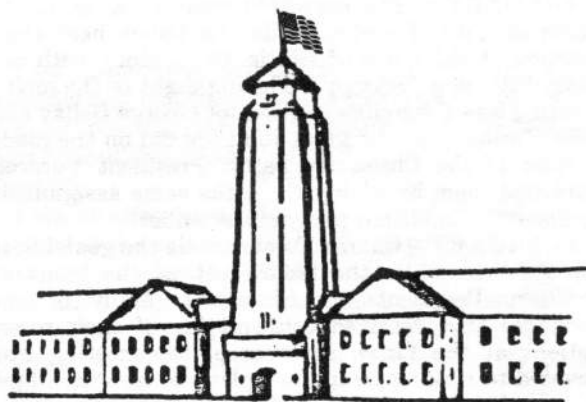
Dear Buddies:

I have been notified by Bob Taylor, Executive Board Chairman, that I have been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board. I wish to thank everyone. I will do my best to always assist in the betterment of our great 83rd Infantry Division Association.
Thank you all again.

John T. Piscitelli

P.S. I am asking all 83rd members to send in their ads to Larry Redmond, 323rd to Ambrose Tynan, and others to all unit collectors. Send your dues to Bob Derickson.

J.T.P.



HEADQUARTERS

FOURTH U.S. ARMY NEWS RELEASE

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE
CONTACT: MAJ McKeever

The new Fourth Army area includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

The United States Army announced the activation of the Fourth United States Army at Fort Sheridan, Illinois on October 1, 1984. The new Fourth Army is under the command of Lieutenant General Edward C. Peter.

Fourth Army, inactive since 1971, is being re-activated as part of a program to streamline the Army's command and control of the Army Reserve and National Guard.

It will command and supervise some 128,000 Reserve Component troops from a seven-state area in the midwest.

WARREN CHAPTER NEWS

Cheer up folks -- By the time you receive this issue of the "Thunderbolt" spring will be here and we can forget about the lousy weather we had in January and February. The Warren Chapter retirees will come out of Hibernation, clean up the old golf clubs and fishing gear, put the bowling balls away and prepare for some nice warm days. Three more chapters have thrown their steel toe shoes away, and have retired as of March 1st. Our Tuesday morning golf group will haul out the old welcome mat for Mike Skovran, Ted Halubka and Joe Venuti. We are still waiting for John Caparanis and Bob Johnson to join us.

MEETINGS

JANUARY -- The men held their meeting at the home of John Teringo, while the ladies held their meeting at the home of Birdie Titus, along with her sassy little dog "Snoopy". The highlight of the men's meeting was a standing ovation for George Bellay and John Teringo, for the great job they did on the mens portion of the Christmas party. President Voracek rewarded them by giving them the same assignment for the next Christmas party in December.

FEBRUARY -- Charlie Tomazin was the genial host for the men while the ladies met at the home of auxiliary President Pat Shamrock. Many of our members have received confirmation of their reservations at the Pines, so most of the meeting was devoted to making temporary plans to charter a bus, to attend, but a definite decision should be made by May or June.

A tip of the old hat to Olga Teringo, Birdie Titus, Ann Tomazin and Pat Shamrock for the delicious food and liquid refreshments they provided for the above meetins.

SICK CALL -- Dolly Halubka was in and out of the hospital, and with husband Ted, spent a couple of weeks in Florida recuperating.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY -- to Charlie and Ann Tomazin. Charlie's mother Louise Tomazin, died Dec. 29th at the age of 87.

Well that's all for now, from Warren, so from all of us to all of you -- Good health and Good luck.

*Lee Titus
Chapter Reporter*



CLEVELAND CHAPTER

Al Uridel

Greetings and Salutations to all you wonderful people of the 83rd.

Now that the weather is finally coming to it's senses, thoughts are of the Pines Reunion. I want to express my thanks to Mort Goldman and Walt Olson for communicating with me. We want to see guys like Olsen, Laughlin, Ermatano, Bertani, Solomon, Goldman and few others at the reunion this year. Hochman will probably promise to attend, but something always creates a roadblock for him, and he fails to make it. We owe it to ourselves to have a good "CN" Co. turnout. It has been a long time, and time is running out, so let's get with it, you cannons, loosen up the purse strings and meet your old buddies again. Need I say time is running out?

We in Cleveland have all passed our physicals. No one is ailing for a change which I am happy to report. Millie Warner is due to have a gall bladder removed, she wants it over with, so it doesn't conflict with the trip to the Pines. We hope everything comes out alright Millie. Your husband and I need a back seat driver. The Cleveland Chapter has discontinued the January and February meetings due to the inclement weather we experience during those months. This benefits the out of town members greatly.

Our March meeting will be held at the Meczka's residence. This promises to be a bang up affair. Good food as always, and of course refreshments.

This may be my last report as I'm getting tired of this after 25 years. It is time for somebody else to take over. This meeting is a delayed election of Officers, so I'll beg off. We may have a complete change of officers as those that are now in have been for a long time. Walt Meczka has been our treasurer about 30 years. That is some record. Think we will keep him as he always has us in the black financially, (even though he buys a new Cadillac every year, Ha!)

Received a couple of calls from Walter Baranecky of Tallmadge, Ohio inquiring about the Elbe River Reunion. Rollie Warner and I plan on visiting him, possibly this weekend. He finally sent us directions on how to reach him so we'll do just that and also get him reactivated with the Association. I had to re-write this as I ostrazied him for not writing sooner, sorry about that buddy, but my patience was worn pretty thin and given up on you.

Stay nice, fight nice, pay your dues and plan on being at the Pines reunion.

God Bless all of you
Al Uridel
"CN" 329th



THE WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

Our March Meeting was held in The Holiday Inn (Charleston House) in Charleston, W.Va. on the 9th day of March. This was a Saturday night meeting and there was a good crowd on hand.

Our guests were Bob and Pearl Derickson, Mr. and Mrs. Ames Miller, of The Kentucky Chapter, and Mr. and Mrs. Ezio Alicandri from The Pittsburgh Chapter. We are very grateful for having these fine people as our Guests.

1 Bob gave a lengthy talk on Reunions, pros and cons on how to put on a Reunion and how to get people to join The Chapter. Ames Miller gave a summary on The Kentucky Chapter. All our Members were asked to submit any suggestions pertaining to the 1987 Reunion. Pearl had all the Ladies attention on what their part would be on helping with The Reunion.

Yours truly was asked to personally thank Larry Hoskins and Paul Daugherty again for a grand time we had in Glen Dale at our last Meeting. Larry, glad you could make it this time, and we can't forget Mr. and Mrs. William Stark, whom we have not seen for some time, that were also present. It was good to see you.

Two (five dollar) door prizes were won by Mrs. Tressie Hunt and Mr. Jim Dunkin. After a picture taking session, we had to vacate the room as we were running overtime. Every one enjoyed themselves. It's always a good time when 83rd'ers get together. Our next meeting will be June 8th in Parkersburg, W. Va. at 7:00 p.m. The place yet to be announced.

That's about all for now.

*John T. Shepherd, Reporter
"L" and "HQ" 331st*



Men of the West Virginia Chapter.



Ladies of the West Virginia Chapter



This article was printed in the last issue of the Thunderbolt but somehow the picture did not get in. We are printing the article again with the picture. Sorry about this Wilder. *BD, R.N.*

Dear Sir

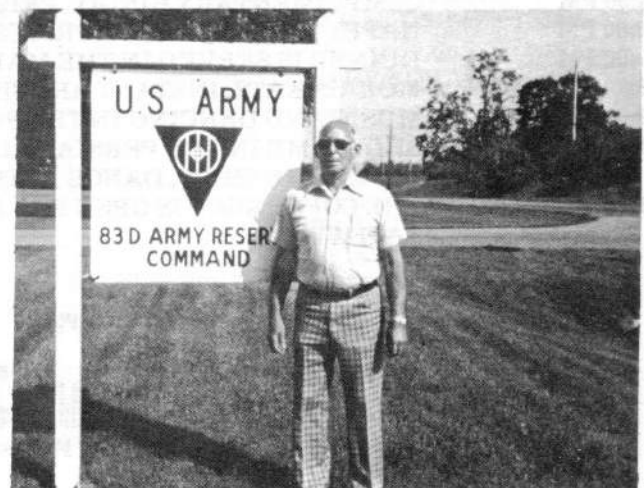
I am sending in my dues for 84 and 85 and also a picture of my self was taken of the patch of the 83rd that I wore when I served the 83rd at Atterbury in Nov. 1942. This picture was taken this memorial day 84 - approx. 41½ yrs. later I was a platoon Sgt. in Europe of Co. K. 331st. This picture was taken at Chillicothe, Ohio.

Sgt. Wilder C. Matheria

Co. K. 331 Inf. A.P.O. 83rd Div.

9910 Jerome Rd.
Dublin, Ohio 43017

P.S. I joined the 83rd Nov. 1942 discharged Nov. 16 1945 at I.T.G. PA.



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1985

2:30 PM	CHECK IN AND ENJOY OUR HOTEL FACILITIES	OUTDOOR POOL
3:30 PM	SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENT	MAIN LOBBY
4:30 PM	COMPLIMENTARY BINGO...PRIZES !!	ASCOT HALL
5:00-7:00 PM	HOSPITALITY ROOM	
7:00 PM	DINNER IS SERVED IN THE MAIN DINING ROOM	
8:30	"INFLATION, INVESTMENT, AND THE MIDDLE INCOME FAMILY" PROF JOEL LERNER	MAIN LOBBY
9:00-10:30 PM	SHOWTIME IN THE PERSIAN ROOM	
	AFTER THE SHOW, DANCE IN THE WEDGEWOOD ROOM	
	THE COFFEE SHOP IS OPEN	
12-1:00 AM	LATE SWIM	INDOOR POOL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1985

7:30 AM	GOOD MORNING! GOLFERS BREAKFAST	MAIN DINING ROOM
8:00 AM	BREAKFAST IS SERVED IN MAIN DINING ROOM	
	THE GOLF COURSE IS OPEN	TOM DUPLESSIS
9:00-5:00	REGISTRATION IN THE LOWER LOBBY	COLLECTION OF NATIONAL
10:00 AM	ALL HOTEL FACILITIES ARE OPEN	DUES
	ART VOGUE ART AUCTION	MAIN LOBBY
	VOLLEYBALL GAME	SIDE LAWN
	SLIMNASTICS & YOGA WITH ROSALYN	HEALTH CLUBS
	APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE FOR MASSAGE, FACIAL	
	ICE & ROLLER SKATING	JON & PATRICK, PRO
10:30 AM	NATURE WALK WITH MORRIS SPELLMAN	LEAVE FROM LOWER LOBBY
	PING PONG TOURNAMENT	OUTDOOR POOL
11:00 AM	HORSEBACK RIDING	SIGN UP AT SERVICE DESK
	COMPLEMENTARY DANCE CLASS WITH SAUL	CARD PATIO
12:30 PM	LUNCHEON IS SERVED IN THE MAIN DINING ROOM	
2:00 PM	ALL HOTEL FACILITIES RE-OPEN	
	NUMEROLOGY WITH EVE CARTER	MAIN LOBBY
	HORSEBACK RIDING	SIGN UP AT SERVICE DESK
2:00-4:00	HOSPITALITY ROOM	ASCOT HALL
4:00	BUSINESS MEETING FOR 83rd ASSOC.	PERSIAN ROOM
2:30 PM	SOFTBALL GAME	
	SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENT	OUTDOOR POOL
3:30 PM	CURRENT EVENTS WITH EVE CARTER	MAIN LOBBY
4:30 PM	COMPLIMENTARY BINGO...PRIZES !!	MAIN LOBBY
5:30 PM	HAPPY HOUR REDUCED PRICES	LOBBY BAR
7:00 PM	DINNER IS SERVED IN THE MAIN DINING ROOM	
8:30 PM	MORRIS KATZ, INSTANT ART SHOW	MAIN LOBBY
9:00-10:30 PM	MUSIC AND DANCING IN THE PERSIAN ROOM	
10:30 PM	SHOWTIME IN THE PERSIAN ROOM	
	AFTER THE SHOW, DANCE IN THE WEDGEWOOD ROOM	
12-1:00 AM	THE COFFEE SHOP IS OPEN FOR A LATE SNACK	
	LATE SWIM	INDOOR POOL

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1985

7:30 AM	GOOD MORNING! GOLFERS BREAKFAST	MAIN DINING ROOM
8:00 AM	BREAKFAST IS SERVED IN MAIN DINING RM. THE GOLF COURSE IS OPEN	
9:00-5:00 PM	REGISTRATION IN THE LOWER LOBBY	COLLECTION OF DUES
9:30 AM	MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING FOR ALL MEMBERS	PERSIAN ROOM
10:00 AM	ALL HOTEL FACILITIES ARE OPEN SLIMNASTICS & YOCA WITH ROSALYN CALL FOR APPOINTMENT FOR MASSAGE	SIDE LAWN STEAM ROOM & SAUNA
10:30 AM	COLOR, FASHION, DECORATING TIPS WITH EVE CARTER COSMETIC DEMONSTRATION WITH SERAFINA PING PONG TOURNAMENT	MAIN LOBBY SOUTH LOBBY OUTDOOR POOL
11:00 AM	HORSEBACK RIDING COMPLIMENTARY DANCE CLASS WITH SAUL "SIMON SEZ" WITH HANK LEIDS	SIGN UP AT SERVICE DESK CARD PATIO OUTDOOR POOL
12:00 NOON	LUNCHEON IS SERVED IN MAIN DINING ROOM	
1:00 PM	ICE & ROLLER SKATING	LESSONS & RENTALS
2:00 PM	HORSEBACK RIDING	SIGN UP AT SERVICE DESK
2:00-5:00 PM	HOSPITALITY ROOM	ASCOT HALL
2:15 PM	"MR. PINES BEAUTIFUL LEGS CONTEST	MAIN LOBBY
2:30 PM	GOLF TOURNEY..CALLAWAY SYSTEM..TURN YOUR SCORE INTO THE GOLF PRO	TOM DUPLESSIS
2:30 PM	SOFTBALL GAME	
3:30	BASKETBALL FOUL SHOOTING CONTEST	
3:00-5:00 PM	SQUARE DANCING	OUTDOOR CARD PATIO
3:15 PM	"NAME THAT VOICE WITH EVE CARTER	MAIN LOBBY
4:00 PM	COMPLIMENTARY BINGO..PRIZES!	MAIN LOBBY
5:00 PM	HAPPY HOUR...REDUCED PRICES	LOBBY BAR
5:30-6:30	INFORMAL COCKTAIL PARTY OPEN BAR	PERSIAN ROOM
6:30 PM	DINNER IS SERVED IN THE MAIN DINING ROOM	
7:45 PM	OLD FASHIONED SING A LONG WITH SHIRLEY	MAIN LOBBY
8-9 PM	MUSIC AND DANCING IN THE PERSIAN ROOM	
9:00 PM	SOMETIME THEME NIGHT - SALUTE TO 83RD	PERSIAN ROOM
11:30 PM	AFTER THE SHOW, DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY THE COFFEE SHOP IS OPEN	THE WEDGEWOOD ROOM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1985

6:30 AM	REVILLE	
7:00-8:00 AM	EARLY BREAKFAST FOR ENTIRE GROUP	
8:00 AM	BOARD BUSES FOR WEST POINT DEPARTURE	
9:15 AM	ARRIVE AT WEST POINT	TROPHY POINT
9:15-9:30	ENROUTE	THAYER ROAD
9:30-10:30	MEMORIAL SERVICE	IKE MONUMENT
10:30-10:45	ENROUTE	★
10:45-11:15	MEMORIAL MASS	CADET CHAPEL
11:15-11:30	ENROUTE	★★
11:30-12:45	LUNCH	SHEA STADIM ★★★
12:45-3:00	TOUR	★★★★
3:00-3:45	OBSERVE PRACTICE PARADE	THE PLAIN
4:00	DEPART	TROPHY POINT
5:15 PM	ARRIVE BACK AT PINES	
6:30 PM	GROUP PICTURES	UPPER LOBBY
7:30-?	GALA BANQUET DINNER	MAIN DINING ROOM

- ★ Travel along Washington and Mills Roads to Cadet Chapel.
- ★★ Travel along Mills, Washington, Ruger and Townsley Roads to Shea Stadium
- ★★★ Lunch in Cadet Field House in case of inclement weather.
- ★★★★ Tour will terminate at The Plain.

THE PINES S

The Arrival

ON MA
Head Chef



"I will be preparing a wide range of continental dishes for my good friends in the 83rd!"



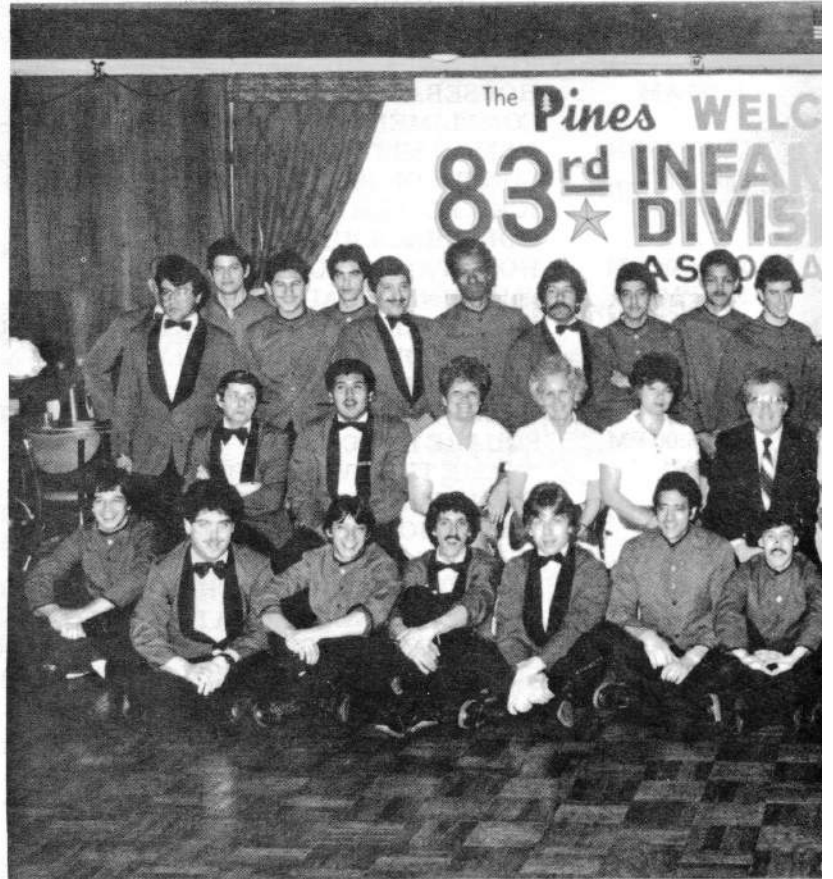
Don Browar
Maitre d'

"I truly look forward to arranging your dining room seating"

Ernie Rheinleib
General Manager



"I will be organizing great shows while you are with us in September"



"THE PINES DINING"

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(Maybe you can find your v...)"



Hank Leids
Director of Activities
"Doctor of Fun"

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Beverage Manager

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Kenny
Supt. c

"If you need at the Service I"

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Of The 83rd



ING ROOM STAFF" Awaiting The Arrival Of The 83rd" (waitor or waitress from 82)



Bruce Seigel
Sales Manager

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Maitre d' Night Club

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Marlise Kruger
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Millgram
Staff of Service

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Renee Horowitz
Cashier

"I will be looking forward to greeting you upon arrival to the Pines"



Jeff Karasik
Photographer

"I'm ready to take your chapter photograph"

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1985

7:30 AM	GOOD MORNING! GOLFERS BREAKFAST	MAIN DINING ROOM
8:00 AM	BREAKFAST IS SERVED IN MAIN DINING ROOM	
	GOLF COURSE IS OPEN	LESSONS & RENTALS
10:00 AM	ALL HOTEL FACILITIES ARE OPEN	MAIN LOBBY
	YOUR DREAMS WITH EVE CARTER	MAIN LOBBY
	CALL FOR APPOINTMENT FOR MASSAGE & FACIAL	HEALTH CLUBS
	INDOOR AND OUTDOOR TENNIS EVERYDAY	LESSONS & RENTALS
10:30 AM	PING PONG TOURNEY	
	NATURE WALK WITH MORRIS SPELLMAN	LEAVE FROM LOWER LOBBY
	NATURALIST	
11:00 AM	HORSEBACK RIDING	SIGN UP AT THE SERVICE DESK
	COMPLIMENTARY DANCE CLASS W/SAUL	CARD PATIO
12:00 NOON	TRIVIA WITH EVEW CARTER	MAIN LOBBY
1:00 PM	LUNCHEON IS SERVED MAIN DINING ROOM	
2:00 PM	ALL HOTEL FACILITIES RE-OPEN	
	HORSEBACK RIDING	SIGN UP AT THE SERVICE DESK
	ICE & ROLLER SKATING	LESSONS & RENTALS
2:15 PM	LET'S MAKE A DEAL" EVE CARTER	MAIN LOBBY
2:30 PM	SOFTBALL GAME	
	SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNEY	OUTDOOR POOL
3:00 PM	POSITIVE MEDITATION EXPERIENCE	
	HANK LEIDS	ASCOT HALL
4:00 PM	COMPLIMENTARY BINGO..PRIZES	MAIN LOBBY
5:30 PM	HAPPY HOUR..REDUCED PRIZES	LOBBY BAR
7:00 PM	DINNER IS SERVED IN THE MAIN DINING ROOM	
8:15 PM	SING A LONG WITH SHIRLEY	MAIN LOBBY
10:30 PM	MUSIC AND DANCING IN THE PERSIAN ROOM	
	SHOWTIME IN THE PERSIAN ROOM	
	AFTER THE SHOW, DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY IN THE WEDGEWOOD ROOM	
	THE COFFEE SHOP IS OPEN LATE FOR A LATE SNACK	

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1985

8:00 AM	GOOD MORNING! BREAKFAST IS SERVED IN	
	THE MAIN DINING ROOM	
8:00 AM	THE GOLF COURSE IS OPEN	
10:00 AM	ALL HOTEL FACILITIES ARE OPEN	
	CALL THE HEALTH CLUB FOR APPT. FOR MESSAGE	
	SLIMNASTICS & YOGA WITH ROSALYN	SIDE LAWN
10:30 AM	NATURE WALK WITH MORRIS SPELLMAN, NATURALIST	LEAVE FROM LOWER LOBBY
11:00 AM	HORSEBACK RIDING	SIGN UP AT SERVICE DESK
	COMPLIMENTARY DANCE CLASS WITH SAUL	CARD PATIO
11:30 AM	PING PONG TOURNAMENT	OUTDOOR POOL
12:00 NOON	IMPROVISATIONS WITH EVE & HANK	MAIN LOBBY
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September 6-13, 1985

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Length of Stay Desired (please circle):

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Accommodations - Please fill in Standard, Deluxe, Super

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Name and Address of Roommates or other Guests

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- CHECK IN TIME - 3:00 PM
- ALL DEPOSITS MAKE PAYABLE TO: THE PINES
- ALL DEPOSITS MUST BE PAID BY AUG. 1, 1985
BALANCE PAID ON DAY OF ARRIVAL

FLORIDA CHAPTER

Time is getting shorter for our next reunion at The Pines Hotel in New York. Don't be shut out from having a fantastic reunion which Bernie Cove and his capable staff are planning for us. I know many "C" 331st men already have their reservations in, and we are looking for more "A" Co men to attend. So send in your reservations as soon as possible.

The Florida Chapter held their week-end meeting in Ocala on January 26, 1985. This week-end was hosted by Jim McDonald, and Joseph Perry. As usual they did a fine job. There were forty-two members and wives present including Sam and Fritz Schwartz's son Elliott and his wife and charming daughter. We had a private room for dinner which was delightful. After dinner we were able to play bingo for an hour. At our meeting we were honored in having three members of the National Executive Board present. They were Board Chairman, Bob Taylor, Larry Leonardi and our own past National President, Ralph Gunderson. They each gave us a beautiful run down of our up coming reunion.

I just received word that Sam Klippa was in the hospital. I hope that when you read this he will be home, and getting well. Perhaps he can spend some time in sunny Florida, and attend our next meeting. Also Wilber Campbell is recuperating from a hip operation, and I am sure we will see him at our next meeting. Co "A" 331st men, I'm sure you would like to know that Richard Ammon and John Stewart were sick. Get well cards would sure cheer them up. Sorry to mention all this bad news, but we are getting older, and sickness arrives more often.

Our next meeting will be the week-end of April 27th and will be hosted by Nell and Bill Chapman, in the Fort Meyers area. We are looking forward to a wonderful week-end. Any 83rd men who will be in the Fort Meyers area about April 27th they are always welcome to spend the day with us.

Am very happy to report that we have three new members who have joined our chapter. They are Frank Brown, Marino C. Dusty Di Maria, and Ned Smith.

*Dave Benick
"A" 331st*



Arthur Doggett has a Camera that was found at the Owensboro reunion. He thinks maybe it could belong to someone in Florida because after developing the film, the pictures look like some of the Florida Chapter people. Any one who is missing a camera please contact Arthur Doggett, Box 15333, Glencoe-Verona Road, Verona, Kentucky 41092.



Dear Bob:

I have taken over the job of staff reporter for the Pittsburgh Chapter, as of our last meeting, Sunday, March 3, 1985. I hope this article is not too late for insertion in the next issue of the Thunderbolt.

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

Hi, I am the new reporter for the Pittsburgh Chapter. Due to the short period of time given me in this new role, this report will be short.

A few of our members have been hospitalized recently. Chapter treasurer Sam Klippa has been noticeably absent from the last two meetings, due to being hospitalized for a heart condition. He should be back with us shortly. Three days after our March meeting, Charles Altomari had a severe heart attack and is in critical but stable condition at Mon Valley Hospital in Monesson, Pa. Charley along with his wife handle our fund raising chores. Wilbur Campbell and Larry Leonardi also have been hospitalized recently. I had a mishap in the middle of February. I fell on some ice and ran a small branch of a bush into my left hand, necessitating a trip to the emergency room of Divine Providence Hospital in Pittsburgh to have it removed. Missed one day of work over it. Attendance at our last meeting picked up considerably over the past several months, due to the pleasant weather. Thirty-two in attendance.

Although the site of our summer picnic has become unavailable, several other options remain open for us. Our Christmas party has already been booked for December 7 at the Oakmont Elks. Ed Reuss is Chairman for this affair.

I will end this column now. The chapter welcomes any Thunderbolt member living in the Western Pennsylvania area to join our fine organization.

*"Fran" Beerhalter
"H" 329*



Hi Bob:

Believe it or not it is true word for word. Thanks to the U.S. Army, 83rd Infantry Headquarters, 1st BN. 330th Infantry.

It all started out this way in August of 1944 when our Hqs. Co pulled into the City of "ANGERS" France in the Loire Valley Section. For two weeks we slept in this home which was located in the center of the city near the Railroad tracks.

I was single then and 22 years young and when I would go down the block, turn right to our company kitchen, I met Alice Lagarde, her twin sister Genevieve, their mother and older sister. We became friends and have been corresponding for 40 years. In May of 1984 for two weeks I visited with Alice who is now married. Her married name is Giraud. They live in Southern France now. She met me at the airport at "NICE". Having not seen each other in 40 years was something extra special.

While visiting them I had the chance to take a 10 hour train ride to "Angers" and there I met with her mother and sisters whom I stayed with for three days. The house we slept in at "Angers" is occupied by a Doctor now. Hard to believe this all happened to me.

In return just this past November for three weeks her two sons Philippe and Dominique visited with us in the states. It was a wonderful experience for both my wife, daughter and myself.

Its a small world being at the right place at the right time. I would say I was lucky being in the Headquarters Co, cause while stationed there for two weeks only then off to Luxembourg by convoy, you say to yourself that "I'll never see her again, but after 40 years it came true.

Bob, if you would like any more information on this let me know. I only have Koda Color pictures. I do not have any black and white.

I am sure if this is printed it will be remembered by a lot of my buddies in our company while in Angers.

Please if you print this from "Nosey" as they called me. Real name Bob Nordblom.

P.S. Alice told me during the war before being liberated they lived in the country and moved back into the city when we arrived. Bob, I still can't believe this all happened to me but it did make me ever so grateful to many, many people. If this can be published, great. See you at The Pines.

Bob Nordblom
4017 Pilgrim Road
Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania 1946



Hello Buddies:

I couldn't let a year go by without having to stick my neck out and lend my assistance to the Ad Book Committee for the coming Reunion. Over the past few years I have had both the honor and pleasure of working with the Ad Book Committees, I have sent out a lot of letters and have had remarkable success in my efforts.

A tip of the hat goes to each and every one of you who have taken the time out to answer our letters and make such generous returns. As you know the Reunion isn't until September, but we need your help now. From the last day of a Reunion, the job has begun for the next years Reunion Committee, they come back from the Reunion and start working on the type of a Program they can give you at the least expense. This work is made easier by generous contributions to the Ad book, which helps defray some of the costs.

I have personally sent out over seven hundred letters so far to our Members asking for their help, you are one of them. I am getting in some nice returns, but many of you wait until the last month which makes it harder for us, because we don't know how much money we have to work with. I ask each and every one of you to sit down to-day and send us your contribution, no matter how little. Many of us can't afford the large ads that we used to be able to take, so we ask you to take as much as you can afford, it is \$60.00 a full page, \$35.00 a half page, \$18.00 a quarter page and \$5.00 a Booster. If

you want to give us a hand, send an extra \$5.00 and enter that Buddies name on the Booster list, or remember that deceased Buddy. We thank you one and all for all the help you can give us. Please send it at once, make all checks payable to 83rd Infantry Division Assn. and send them to me or to Amby Tynan, our addresses can be found in the book.

Sincerely
Larry Redmond



Bernard Cove, President
83rd Infantry Division Association
c/ P.O. Box 274,
South Fallsburg, NY 12779
Dear Bernie,

On behalf of the county of Sullivan in general, and the Office of Public Information in particular, we would like to extend our warmest wishes of welcome to all of your members who are planning to attend your annual convention at the Pines Hotel in South Fallsburg this coming September.

It would be our sincere pleasure to assist you in publicizing this event and all your festivities including General Westmoreland's visit. We will be working with you and cooperating with our public relations agency in New York city regarding this occasion.

Also it would be my personal pleasure to join with your group on their day trip tour of West Point.

You have selected the dates of September 8th thru 12th which is the beginning of our Fall Foliage season, and therefore we predict a beautiful backdrop for your adventures. We will also be providing some free materials for all your attendees including our new Sullivan County Travel Guide, printed in co-operation with the I Love New York program.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if our office can be of further assistance between now and then. Looking forward to meeting with you and all the 83rd'ers!

Most Cordially,
Margo Jones

cc: Bruce Siegel, Pines
Brian Ingber, Chairman, Bd. of Supervisors



New Orleans, La.
March 4, 1985

G COMPANY 331st INFANTRY

I hope somehow I can manage to make the deadline for this issue of the Thunderbolt. The two worst times of the year for me, is the last two months of the year and the first three months of the next year. My work always seems to grow during those five months of the year. No excuses offered, because I was supposed to have retired around the last of September. Believe me it is not easy to retire. There is always a backlog of things to do. But believe me I will make an all out effort to get into the full swing of retirement real soon. I know that I did not make any effort to contact men of G Company so I could get enough news to write this column. I have heard from Mort Gaynor on a number of occasions. He was quite concerned about Bob Piette. He told me that Bob did not sound like the Bob Piette that you and I know. However, just last week he informed me that Bob is now doing great and getting back into the full swing of things. Beau Titus has moved back to his hometown of Warren, Ohio and seems to feel real good about it. Nothing new to report on Loyal Pangle, I haven't heard from Kate in sometime, but I do hope that he continues to show some improvement. Keep your hopes high, Loyal.

I fully intended to write a letter to the member of G Company in the near future, we are hoping that we can get a good turnout at the reunion at the Pines in New York in September. Our reunions seem to be picking up speed, the crowds seem to get larger each year. I haven't heard from the group in Pittsburgh since we last saw them in Kentucky.

There is not a day that goes by, that I don't think of the many months we spent together during World War II. I try to read quite a bit about the War, because I respect other people's opinions of how the war was fought. I also like to read about the big picture, you and I were concerned only about that section of the fighting that involved around us, and I was always at a loss as to what was going on at other sections of the Battlefield.

I thought it amusing the other night as I was reading a book a friend gave to me as a Christmas Present. The Book *OVERLORD-D-Day June 6, 1944* by Max Hastings. This is a British author and evidently he has done his homework on the Invasion. Quite interesting, but at one point I got my Irish up. He has been describing the action on the British and Canadian sectors. In his Chapter 5 The Americans Before Cherbourg, he makes a statement that made the Americans feel inferior to the British. "In the days following 6 June, the American forces in Normandy faced few German opponents of the quality and determination of those who were already moving into battle against the British Second Army." It was no wonder that our Battalion Commander always told us that all the Germans had left to fight us was the cooks and bakers. But this writer had very few good things to say about the caliber of the offices leading the British and American troops during the Battle for Normandy.

Mena and I did manage to cut down on the number of people in the household, our Number 5 son, Terry was married in January to the girl he had been dating for a number of years. He had to wait to finish school, before taking on the responsibilities of marriage. It is now six down and two to go.

I am looking forward to the trip to West Point in September. I've been waiting to take that trip for sometime. I am hoping that G Company can get a good turnout, because it will be fun for all.

Capt Mac



TAKE TIME TO PRAY Haran Martin "C" 331st Dixie Chapter

I recall times in the past how I thanked God for being Good to me.

Altho I didn't take time to really pray or be the Christian I should be.

I'd get out of bed, rush to work, I always had so much to do.

I thanked God for being Good to me when a serious prayer was over due.

All through the day I had not time, must make money to pay the bills.

I would hurry home from work and watch all the T.V. Thrills.

I have no time rushing to get done, it seem I always work so hard.

That I fail to take the time to pray and give thanks to God.

One night while sitting up late watching T.V. and the Late News.

I drifted off to sleep on the couch in my robe and bed room shoes.

I had this dream that I had died and standing by me was my wife.

There stood God looking down on me, in his hand was the book of life.

God looked into the book and said, Your name I cannot find.

At times I planned to write it down, but somehow I never found the time.



308th ENGINEERS

HELLO BUDDIES

As I am sure you are all aware that this past year you have lost a dedicated Member of the 308th Engineers, Bill Chavenne of Co. C, 308th Engineers.

Bill was a dedicated 83rd man, and was also very dedicated to his Engineers. Over the years Bill worked hard trying to have the Engineers well represented in the Reunion Ad Book. Bill and I were very close Buddies, both living in the Greater Philadelphia Metropolitan Area, and knowing how dedicated Bill was and wanted a good representation in the Book, I volunteered to try and carry on for him this year so that the 308th Engineers would have a page in the book. I sent out 190 letters last week to men who he sent to each year. Of the 190, he usually heard from about 60 of them. I ask each and every one of you this year, in the name of William J. Chavenne, to take an ad in the Book, also lend an extra hand by sending an additional \$5.00 to help remember a deceased member or one who can't afford to have his ad in the Book.

Let us make this years page in the book a *MEMORIAL PAGE DEDICATED TO THE LATE WILLIAM J. CHAVENNE*. Remember, the ad is only \$5.00, but each and every additional \$5.00 will add another name to the page. Send your check at once, made payable to 83rd Infantry Division Association and mail it to Larry Redmond, 132 Rockwood Drive, Havertown, Pa. 19083. Bill would do it for you, now it is your turn to do it for him. Lets make this the year of years for the Engineers.

I must say that I am amazed at the response that I received from you men, which proves to me more than I ever realized how well Bill was liked by his fellow Engineers. Unfortunately I am finding some who are also deceased and some who have moved and left no forwarding address, but all in all, it is unbelievable that such a tribute could be paid to such a well deserving Man.

I am sure that if Bill were alive today and had written the letter to you as a Memorial to another Engineer and received the same response as I have, he would be equally as proud.

May God Bless You All, and to those of you who haven't responded as yet, please render the same fine memory to Bill.

Sincerely
LARRY REDMOND



NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

Hello Buddies,

Just a few bits of information about what's happening here with the New Jersey Chapter.

The weather has kept some of us from attending the monthly meetings. When you are reading this you might have forgotten the cold and snow that plagued us this past winter. It broke a few records here in New Jersey. Now that it's over and the good weather is here, our meetings should be well attended. To remind you, the meetings are at the V.F.W. in Garfield the third Friday of the month at 8 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Our sympathy to Joe DePeri for the loss of his father who passed away at the age of ninety four. Life sure has it's sadness when we lose a dear one, but there is also the joy of a new life, for this we send our congratulations to Joe on the birth of his first grandson.

In the last Thunderbolt I wrote about Emil Wehling's new hobby which is collecting pet license tags. It seems you all misunderstood the request. Emil says, "I've been noticing a lot of dogs and cats around my house lately. I'm wondering if my buddies are sending their pets to me instead of the tags which I wanted." Hope this solves your problem Emil, I'm sure you wouldn't want to go back to petting. Ha!Ha!

Spoke to Charley Sihlanick about his wife Mary's health. He told me, "She's coming along fine." We all wish her a speedy recovery and hope she can make the reunion. Charley has a problem with his eyes which restricts his driving. His brother Bob usually drives him to the meetings. We enjoy having Bob with us, for like his brother, he is never without a freindly smile and a warm personality.

Recently while driving along the Garden State Parkway I came alongside of a car bearing a 83rd patch. I motioned for the driver to pull over which he did. It was Fred Rein from K Co. 330. I haven't seen Fred since the '73 trip to Europe adn didn't recognize him at first and I'm sure it was that same way with Fred. We spoke briefly and went on our own way. After leaving I wondered how Fred felt, this fellow coming along motioning him over. I'm sure his first reaction was to look at the speedometer then wonder what!, what!, what did I do. A note to all of you; put those emblems on your cars, it's a good way to meet fellow 83rd men.

Feb. 24 Fran and I were at the Golden Nugget in Atlantic City. Ten minutes before our bus departs, a pleasant surprise!!!, Lucy Volpi and Marge Voracek playing the slots alongside of us. Too bad it was so close to our leaving, we missed seeing the fellows and the rest of the eighteen who had come from Philadelphia. I hope you all had better luck than we did.

That's it for now. Wishing you all well.

Stan Bielen



Here we are three months into the new year and what a cold one it has been. The midlands of South Carolina had record breaking temperatures below zero with windchill factors minus 20 degrees. I am glad spring is almost here in this part of the country. Not much has happened since the last news letter so here it goes! Several members of the Dixie Chapter attended the annual Fashion Ball at the South Carolina National Guard Armory in Columbia on February 9th. Those attending were Dixie Chapter President O. L. Cook and Marie Ricard, Meadows Minick and Catherine Hawkins, Emory and Christy Culclasure, Jim and Irene Burrows. Jim and Irene's two sons were also there, along with their dates, and so was Irene's 81 year old mother from Frankfurt, Germany. The annual ball is sponsored by the German-American Club of the University of South Carolina.

Addie and Jean Hicks from Jane Lew, West Virginia were visiting with O.L. Cook. Addie was in co. F, 330th.

Also Fred and Nellie Messina from West Chesterfield, New Hampshire spent the weekend of February 22nd-24th with O.L. Cook.

We, of the Dixie Chapter, were saddened to hear of the death of Una G. Cook, wife of Samuel R. Cook, Hq. Co. 1st Bn., 330th. Una died December 16, 1984. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Sam in his loss.

Word has been received from Carol Naylor, wife of George Naylor, that she is slowly feeling better after suffering a "mini stroke" while attending the Dixie Chapter Christmas party in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. We wish her a speedy recovery. Carol's address is 2825 Wesley Road, Chesapeake, Virginia 23323. Please drop her a get-well card.

Chris and I are planning to leave for Europe on March 16th. Our New Jersey friends are going with us and we are going to rent a car. Sure hope the weather will be favorable.

To all of you, a happy spring after a long vicious winter. As always your reporter,

Emory Culclasure



On January 15, about 8:30 p.m., I had a call from Mayes Key of "E" 331st. Sgt. Harrison was killed on January 13, 1945 in the Ardennes Forest. Anyone knowing anything about this man or the whereabouts of his family please contact Mayes at this address:
 Mayes Key "E" 331st
 R.R. no. 1 Box 132
 Locust Grove, Oklahoma 74352

Russians. I am enclosing a couple of photos showing that meeting with "C" 329th.

I am also enclosing two photos I took a few minutes before we grabbed the boats and rowed across the Elbe River. You can just barely make out the smoke shells landing on the other shore.

Sincerely,
Harold Freeman "C" 329th



ATTENTION MEN ATTENTION

WE ARE SO CLOSE TO THE DREAM OF 1500 MEMBERS. THERE ARE STILL OVER 200 OUT THERE WHO HAVE NOT PAID FOR 1985. CHECK YOUR CARD. IF IT DOES NOT READ "EXPIRES 1985. WE NEED YOUR \$10.00. PLEASE HELP MAKE OUR DREAM COME TRUE.

SEND IN YOUR DUES. **BOB**



The new Fourth Army area includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

The United States Army announced the activation of the Fourth United States Army at Fort Sheridan, Illinois on October 1, 1984. The new Fourth Army is under the command of Lieutenant General Edward C. Peter.

Fourth Army, inactive since 1971, is being re-activated as part of a program to streamline the Army's command and control of the Army Reserve and National Guard.

It will command and supervise some 128,000 Reserve Component troops from a seven-state area in the midwest.

The new Fourth Army will be under the command of LTG Edward C. Peter who comes to the new assignment from the Pentagon where he was the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

The location of the Fourth Army Headquarters at Fort Sheridan is particularly significant because of its central location to the command area. The Command's activation will also add over 400 military and civilian positions to the post, founded Nov. 8 1887, located 35 miles north of Chicago's loop.



COMPANY "H" 330TH

HELLO BUDDIES:

The time has come once again to sit here and write you and keep you informed of what has happened since the last issue. I am afraid that there isn't much new to report about. One thing I can report on is my Health progress. As you know I had undergone very serious Heart Surgery, and like a real 83rd Man, I have survived what the Doctors thought was impossible. I am doing quite well and able to get around a little bit better. I have been restricted as to my travel and activities. Like a real 83rd Man, I am supposed to take a three mile walk every day, which I do not do every day, but as often as weather permits.

Once again I am working with the Ad Book Committee for the Reunion Ad Book, I have sent letters to every man that I had names and addresses of. The returns have been very good so far, but I still have many more to hear from, so lets not wait another day, get that check in the mail to-day, also any extra contributions you can afford other than your \$5.00 will be appreciated so that we can make mention of men who have died that we know of. I am sure that were they here, they would be loyal contributors.

There are many man whose addresses I still don't have, if you have any, send them to me and let me add them to my list. The list will never get too big, because each year I learn of another one who had passed away, I just heard of another one, William S. Naylor, I am sure most of you remember him. Please help make Company "H" the largest page in the book. Thank you for your help in the past and hope you will continue helping.

Your Buddy
Larry Redmond



NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

Earl McDonald is interested in bringing the old Washington D.C. Chapter back into existence. Any members of the (83rd Div. Association) residing in the D.C. Area, Maryland, Virginia, Eastern part of West Virginia, Delaware interested in forming a chapter please contact the following individual for details or to render any suggestions.

Earl F. McDonald
24 Mel Mara Drive
Oxon Hill, MD 20745



Dear Robert:

Here is my check for \$10.00 to cover the 1985 dues of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, Inc.

I have enjoyed reading the *THUNDERBOLT*, but I have not seen many names that I recognize. Perhaps my association with the 83rd was of such short duration that none of the men now writing were with it at that time. To refresh my own memory and recall to mind some of my past history, let me give my connection: I was originally inducted into the Army at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas on March 4, 1941. I was assigned to the 3rd FA Bn at Ft. Riley, Kansas, Battery B. I remained with that organization until April or May 1942 at which time I was assigned to a cadre that was formed as the nucleus of the 83rd Inf Div and transferred to Camp Atterbury, Ind. I rose from the rank of Private to Sergeant with the 3rd FA Bn. For those who may have a copy of "A Camera Trip Through CAMP Atterbury" I am the person to the extreme right on the picture on the cover. While at Camp Atterbury I learned through the grapevine that examinations for Warrant Officers were being given so I applied for the exam. I was fortunate enough to earn the assignment as Personnel Officer, 323rd FA Bn on Sept. 24, 1942; a position I held until Sept. or Oct. 1943 shortly after our arrival at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky.

The men who were Clerks for the various Battalions and whose names I recall were: Tech Sgt. Gerald A. Costello, East Liverpool, Ohio; Cpl. "POP" Nice, Philadelphia, Pa. Cpl McConnell of O'Connell from Philadelphia, Pa. Cpl Walter Everett, Ohio, Cpl Phil Africa, town unknown. a Lt Col Cobb was CO. Other officers were Major Crockett, Major Robert W. Pegg, Capt. Edward Morgan. Lt. Roland Wick. Other Warrant Officers that I recall were a Mr. McNeese with the 324 FA Bn and a Mr. Morgan with the 908 FA Bn. At the time I left the 323rd FA Bn, I knew the names of all the officers in the Bn and the names of most of the men in the 323rd FA Bn.

The cadre that formed the 83rd Inf Div had men from both the 3rd FA BN and 16th FA BN. The two names that I have seen in the *THUNDERBOLT*, Bill Shaner and James L. (BUCK) Taylor were from the 16th FA Bn.

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Perhaps this history of my involvement with the 323rd FA Bn will stir up similar recollections from some of the persons with whom I worked and was associated.

Keep the *THUNDERBOLT* coming!

ALLEN H. MARSHALL

323rd.



by now you better call "the Pines" before you finish reading this epistle.

It looks like this years reunion will again be another great one simply because so many of the fellows will again be there. I'm not going to bore you listing all their names but we are expecting at least 25 fellows with their wives, with Paul Bryars bringing his new bag for a week of fun. Of course, that's a golf bag! We could have as many as thirty fellows, the chances are very good that Eugene Delprete, Larry Paylson, Tom Riley and Ed Cuddy will all be making their first reunion and hopefully Ted Leash, Pat Keller, Frank Amodea, Steve Greecher, Alex Zackerchemney, Jake Chevalier and Mel Schlottman will follow through on the special invitations that I sent them. Naturally I played it safe and I *did not* send any photos of myself but I did send one of Alyce Frederick sun bathing in Fla., so knowing these fellows I wouldn't be surprised if they all showed up.

It's also a pleasure to report that everyone seems healthy. Talked to Martha and Bill Appleby last Saturday and Bill is A-OK. He is back to calling so he will again be leading us in the squares at The Pines.

Arthur Doggett is likewise physically ok, no pain but housebound with all the snow they get up there in Kentucky. Mentally I'm not so sure about Art as he tells me he has a pet rooster. We always knew old dog was a leg and a chicken man but a rooster, in your basement, that crows at five in the morning!

Art also informed me the shocking news that Paul Bryars has given up beer drinking! I had to agree with Art I can't imagine Paul not drinking anymore. I called Phil Barbara also last Saturday to get his contribution to the 783rd Ad Page -(hint- hint-) get them to Carol Frederick, every little bit helps). Anyway, when I told Phil about Paul's new lease on life Phil immediately said, "No way, Art heard Paul wrong. What Paul really said was I'm not drinking anymore an then slurred I'm just drinking as much." Well, we'll just have to wait until The Pines and when Paul's playing golf and goes into the bushes, we'll have to see if it's for the same reason as last year!

Paul and many other golfers will be interested to know that when I called Ann told me "Phil is out with his kids at the country club." His kids were his golf partners and I think that should be a two stroke penalty for anyone in the east, getting in a round of golf on March 2nd.

mandy." Of course you remember the converted boat he and Aubrey put on the Danube. He also told me how he would go up the river every night and pick up the musicians for our club in Austria. How could we forget? There's hundreds of good stories out there, how about writing me and we'll refresh everyone's memory. After all we've all been married long enough, the girls will understand Wiggins and Downings experiences and if not we'll all stand far behind them.

You realize the same names keep cropping up in these articles only because *hear* them, not because I like them better! Here's another one, Carl Frederick is happy to report he received letters from winning, Perko and Boyette. He must have sent money in his Christmas cards. But isn't that great the number of friendships that have been re-kindled in just a couple of reunions. Then again, maybe they all saw that bathing suit picture! Oh, and Carl also heard from Belt so Carl is busy answering letters and sending tapes.

Doc Pfeifer was nursing Agnes through the flu and at the same time earning his Cub Scout award for snow plowing. Doc gets his "toy" going to the advantage of his neighbors far and wide.

Gene Bond should take lessons. He plowed twelve straight days and it cost him the end of two fingers. He's ok now and he will get four extra strokes on Phil Barbara.

Bill Manning also got over the flu and his bad back, that he hurt trying to outdrive his son on the golf course at the Ky. reunion. Phil laughed when Bill did it, so Bill gets five strokes from Phil for unsportsman like conduct.

Last month I placed a photo of Art, Bond and myself and only the meaningless caption was printed so this month, here the last photo of Jr. Levis which I took off my Beta tape recorder.

See you at the Pines,
Hut Three,
Rags Rangnow



BOSTON REPORT

Our next meeting will be at the Pines Hotel in South Fallsburg, New York on St. Patrick Day weekend. South Boston will have to do without me for the "Big Parade".

Boston Chapter voted not to have a February meeting as the weather was expected to be bad for traveling. However, this winter has had very little snow in Boston itself. All business was done by telephone as some of our wealthy members go South for the winter.

Mike Caprio was on the sick list for a while, with his hip, but is getting better which we are glad to hear. Mike and Vera have a wedding coming up soon for Michael Jr.

I owe a lot of thanks to Larry Redmond of H Co. 330th for all his help on the Ad Book for the 1985 Reunion. Larry has worked endless hours for me and I do appreciate it.

A Tip of the Irishman's Hat to William Kent O'Connell for the fine job he is doing for us. Kent is a fine Historian. Boston Chapter will have a Taste of Irish Whiskey for you Kent on March 17th with a song or two. If I am able, I will have a second Taste for John "Cardinal" Piscitelli and Casey Kowalic for the excellent job they have done for the 83rd.

It sure is good to see my good friends picture in the last issue of the *Thunderbolt*, John Donahue. John keep up the good work and maybe I'll sign you up with the Boston Red Sox.

I was very glad to hear Bill Appleby 99% normal. Martha has done wonders for him.

New Jersey Chapter has No Dues. However, Charlie sihlanick spends time in Atlantic city making money and Stan Bielen tells me 10% of the winning go to the Chapter Treasury. At the Pines Hotel Charlie we hope you will give us an honest treasurer's report.

Al Uridel, we have heard from Bill George this year. Thanks a lot for your help. Also Casey Kowalic. Hope your hand is okay now.

Charlie Miller and Pat DiGiammerino have been doing a great job getting new members for the Boston Chapter, also Newspaper coverage.

Bernie Cove, Don Browar and their wives were here in Boston a few weeks ago. Rhoda Browar's brother died suddenly so their stay was cut short. Condolences to Rhoda and Family.

Ruth Cranston wrote that Walter Cranston died on December 25, 1983. Also, James P. Ryan of F. Co. 331st died April 25, 1983. This was reported to us by his wife.

James Durant died recently at the Jamaica Plain V.A. Hospital. No unit was given.

The Boston Chapter sends our deepest sympathy to the above families.

That's all for now. Don't forget your ads and boosters for the 1985 Reunion Book. I will appreciate your help.

AMBY TYNAN
Boston Chapter

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To the women of the Boston Chapter:

In memory of the deceased women of this chapter, donations will be greatly appreciated toward a Memorial in the ad book.

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Ginny DiGiammerino
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In order to help defray expenses of the hospitality room, the women of the Boston Chapter are having a bazaar.

Please bring your donations to the reunion to help fill our table. All donations will be gratefully accepted.

SPECIAL BOSTON CHAPTER REPORT

March 16th 1985 was our meeting at the Pines Hotel in South Fallsburg, New York. A newcomer on the staff at the Pines Hotel attended the meeting, Bruce Segal, along with our National President, Bernie Cove.

Our 1985 reunion program was discussed. There will be a trip to West Point where our Memorial Services will be held. There will be a chance to see all of West Point, as it is today, the greatest Military Academy that I know for training Military Officers. They feed 4400 Cadets in their Mess Hall in a 30 minute period, just think about that. Cadet marching to this Mess Hall is also a real site to see.

I am restricted by the reunion committee from telling you any more about our trip to West Point as I am on other events to take place at the Pines Hotel at the 1985 reunion. I am convinced that this will be our best reunion ever and with your help in coming it will make it even the largest.

Letters received have been answered the same day and we thank members for bringing corrections to be made to our attention.

Everyone in the 83rd is pitching in which is greatly appreciated by the Pines Hotel and the Boston Chapter. A lot of changes have been made to suit the needs of the organizations.

We went over the reservations count and it is ahead of the 82 reunion.

Boston will have Bocci Games. These games will be played the Irish way with **no cheating**.

Bernie Cove tells me that Gen. Westmoreland will be guest speaker. I for one have never met him even though we were in Normandy at the same time. We relieved his outfit there. The General was one of the Paratroopers which many of us will remember.

The excitement that is coming in our finest hour of the 1985 Reunion in September brings enthusiasm to us all.

AMBY TYNAN
Boston Chapter



NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

Now that we have made it into 1985, we hope we will continue to be around to see many more years to come. Hopefully, everyone enjoyed their holidays.

First of all, I would like to give a little rundown on our Christmas Party. As I mentioned before in our last issue it was held at the Providence Marriott on December 15. It was a weekend affair, with about 30 in attendance. Boy, did we have a good time. The Chapter provided a small buffet and bar upon our arrival where we all gathered to catch up on all the news. During the afternoon, some of the boys donned their swim trunks for a swim in the pool. August Farias, more affectionately referred to as Mousie, went down to the pool to watch the frolicking and caught on that his loyal buddies were plotting against him. They were planning to throw him in the pool, clothes and all. He rushed back to the group and told the girls, "I'll fool them, I'll fall into the pool" and proceeded to prepare himself for the big surprise. He removed all articles of clothing possible, jewelry and wallet, put on a hat made out of a plastic bag, made up a couple of drinks which he placed on a tray and danced out of the room and down to the pool. He promenaded around the pool and worked himself to the edge, took one step forward, two steps backward and in he went, Mousie, tray, glasses and all. The lifeguard raced to the edge of the pool where he supposedly fell in, but by that time all the 83rd spectators had indicated it was a hoax. The lifeguard thought some old man had a heart attack and fell in.

During the afternoon, we had a welcome visit from Jim and Dot Brennan's daughter and son-in-law, Chris and Dean. They were staying at the Biltmore for Dean's Christmas Party, but came over to have a drink with us and exchange holiday greetings. Bill Davis got to telling Dean some of his stories, one right after the other. Dean laughed so hard, the tears were running down his cheeks. All Dean could say was, "Boy, I wish I could remember all those jokes." Let me tell you, it was one great time. Mike Champey brought some of his homemade wine and some of his cherries marinated in liquor. Helen Smith was our official cherry tester. She said they were out of this world. Mike, your cherries were a big hit.

Later in the evening, around 7:30 we had our Christmas dinner in a private dining room which was nicely served by the Marriott staff. Some of our members entertained us with a few songs and I have to say they sounded pretty good.

Around 10:00 we headed back to our Chapter Room for a little more Christmas Cheer in anticipation of Santa's arrival. Arrive he did. We found out later it was Mousie - August you did a great job.

We missed some of our friends this year, the Burkhardts, the Bouchers, the Benedettis and the Albanos, but we did drink to you all.

Received a Christmas card from our good old buddy, John Donahue. He is still holding his own. Stay in good health, John. Also, I received a card from Bob and Blanche Blout. He is retired now and they are doing fine. Also, heard from Burl and Louise Chronister. Burl had four by-pass heart surgery and is doing fine; also good old buddy, Bill Biere. Bill I am having a reprint of that picture and will get yours back to you. Thanks Bill!

Received word from Wayne "Twinkle Toes Turner." He had back surgery in June and is coming along O.K. Hope to see you this summer with the boys. Also got word from "Big Red" Raynor Burcham. He plans to make New York this year as his granddaughter is at West Point.

Last of all, I want to report on myself - I have just retired from the Post Office on Feb. 3 and hope to enjoy life too. Also, Jim Brennan is going to throw the towel in in July so you can see we are all hitting the road of retirement.

The following are a few sincere messages I would like to extend on behalf of our Chapter:

Sincerest sympathy to Bea Chavanne on her loss of Bill, and to Al Tartaglia on the loss of his brother who lived in Florida after his surgery just before Christmas.

Best wishes to you all until we meet again.

Your Buddy,
Nick Francullo



LOUISIANA CHAPTER:

First, I have to apologize for missing the last issue of the Thunderbolt. I got too busy during the last part of the year together with the football season, left me very little time to write the article.

I haven't been in touch with any of the members of the Chapter since the reunion in August.

The Louisiana Chapter would like to commend the Executive Board on the appointment of John Piscitelli to fill the unexpired term of Bill Chavanne as a member of the Executive Board. John has been a dedicated member of the 83rd for many years, we know that he will do an excellent job as a member of the Board.

I know that we have been inactive here in Louisiana, but we still have a large number of members on the Roster of the Division Association. We should all make plans to attend the reunion this year at the Pines. Maybe somehow we can make some effort to schedule a meeting so that we can all get together to find some way of improving our Chapter here in Louisiana.

I see that the names of Cordaro, Prelutsky and Gagnard are missing from the Association roster for 1984. I am sure that you have forgotten to send in your dues for year. Let's get active, because the Association does seem to be growing in numbers, even though we are getting older in years.

Joe Macaluso



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

HELLO BUDDIES:

Here it is time again to get our letters in to the Editor, so that they will appear in our next issue of the 6"THUNDERBOLT". As we take time to sit down here and think over the past, we allow our minds to carry us back to those great days at good old Camp Atterbury, and think over the new style of life that we were about to embark on. A life so different than what we had been accustomed to, getting up each morning and going to work, and at the end of the day, coming home to our families, many of us had been recently Married or were trying to adjust ourselves there to a new life style, and now were no longer sitting down to dinner with our loved ones and after dinner going into the living room and sitting there reading the paper or listening to the radio, or getting dressed and going out for the evening.

Now with this new life, we start off with a new style of living quarters, not a living room, a dining room, a kitchen, bed rooms and a bath, but a Barracks where our beds are small cots, lined up on both sides of the room, a foot locker to replace that nice bureau which we had to keep our clothes in, a latrine to replace that nice bathroom, it contained wash basins, showers and toilets, then came the Mess Hall which replaced our kitchen and dining room and a day room to replace our living room. Then came the other Soldiers who were assigned to our units, who were to become our new Families. We accepted our new way of life and started living as one big Family, Our Company Commanders became our new Fathers, starting from the Lieutenants, and Sergeants on down as our older Brothers who were to be our guides in this new life.

After a brief period of time, we began to assume our new life routine, that sound of Reville in the morning, roll out of bed and attend roll call, then back in the Barracks and get ready for our trip to the Mess Hall, where we stood in line waiting to be served, not like home where you sat down to the table and your Wife or Mother served you your meal, after that so called breakfast, it was back to the barracks to straighten up the beds and the room and prepare for the day ahead.

Next came those days of rigorous Basic training, learning to march and keep in step, then hiking, physical exercise, obstacle courses, the momenclature and mechanical functioning of your combat weapon, firing range practice and complete combat training. Along with all of this you had K.P. duty to perform along with Guard Duty, carrying coal into the heater room from where it had been deposited outside the Barracks. It was rough when it started, but suddenly became routine. Then came time for Manuevers, which was more extensive Combat Training, the readiness for our trip Overseas. After Manuevers, we returned to a new Camp, Camp Breckenridge where we went through our final Training and POM Qualifications for our trip Overseas. Finally that day came to board the trains for a trip to an unknown destination, which turned out to be Camp Shanks in New York, after a brief stay there we boarded ships for our first visit to Europe, landing in England where again we went through more training and finally that day when we once again boarded ships for our trip across the Channel to France.

Along came that great morning of July 4th, where we set out to make contact with the Enemy. It was rough and rugged, and especially so when we watched that Buddy, who had become a Brother, shot down or killed by shell fragments, but we kept moving forward, hoping and praying for that day when the final shot would be fired and we would once again be returning to that "LAND OF THE FREE AND THE BRAVES", the "AMERICA WORTH FIGHTING FOR". Finally after having survived a living HELL, the final shot was fired, we sat patiently waiting for that day to come when we would board a Ship again to head back to the Country we loved so well. Then the day came to board Ship and set sail for Home, and nothing in this World looked greater to us than when we glanced out and saw that magnificent Statue of Liberty, it was like a gift from Heaven. As we disembarked from the Ships and went to our Staging Areas, many of us shook hands and bid farewell to those great men who were part of our great Family for the past few years, wondering would we ever meet again.

After a period of time, three great Men got to-gether and drew up Articles of Incorporation, and therefore the great 83rd Infantry Division Association Incorporated was formed. A lot of hard work and money has been put into keeping this Association going. It was made possible by hard working dedicated Men, who devoted a lot of time and money to make such an Association possible. We the older members of this Association, can't begin to thank those who struggled so hard to keep it going despite the rough times we faced. There have been many books written which tells stories of the 83rd Infantry Division in Combat, but what needs to be written is a real true story of the 83rd Infantry Division Association up to the present day. The stories that could be told of the Association could almost be as interesting to many of you men as our History of Combat.

The success or failure of this Association depends on every one of you, the same as our success in the War depended on you then. We ask you all to take an active part, keep your Membership paid up so that we can continue until the last man who saw service in World War II is carried to his grave. This is your Association, help keep it strong, if you know of men who are not Members, try to get them to join, or send us their names and addresses and let us try selling them a Membership. Try attending a Reunion, get to meet your Buddies and learn what a wonderful Organization we have.

May God Bless You All
Larry Redmond





April 14, 1945 — A few minutes before we crossed the Elbe River.

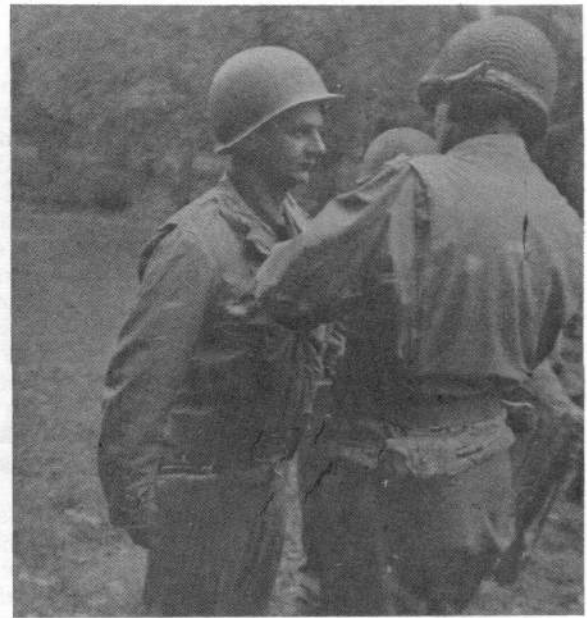


Mutha, Germany, May 5, 1945 — Russian soldiers visit 'C', 729th. In the middle was the officer.



Mutha, Germany, May 1945 — German prisoners who had fled the approaching Russians.

New England Chapter Christmas Party



Major General Macon pinning Silver Star on Platoon Sergeant Tony Mako. St. Malo 1944. Co. B. 330 Inf.



Due to amount of space in this issue of *The Thunderbolt*, we were unable to print all the photographs sent. We will try to get them into the *next* issue. B.D., R.N.

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WORLD WAR II

THE THUNDERBOLT HISTORY IS YOUR HISTORY!

Pride is the essence of the 83rd Infantry Division members during World War II and today!

Those who served so faithfully and so well during the movement from the French beaches to Berlin should be remembered for their great service to the Allied cause, often above and beyond the call of duty. It is with this in mind that we are planning a fine new book that will be treasured by members, families and friends for years to come. To tell the whole story, we intend to include:

- a reprinting of "Thunderbolt Across Europe"
- a memorial list of all who died during the War
- a section of personal stories about all members of the 83rd who wish to be included
- a history of the 83rd Infantry Division Association

The Thunderbolt History will be a large, comprehensive book with many pictures and much information that has never been printed before! It will have a fine leatherette cover embossed with the insignia of the 83rd.

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We must not delay! We need your information by August 1, 1985 in order to get the book by spring.

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LET'S SHOW OUR 83RD "PRIDE" — IT WILL BE RECORDED FOR ALL TIME TO COME IF YOU DO YOUR PART NOW!

Sincerely,

Robert G. Taylor
83rd Infantry Division Association
Executive Board

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If you want us to edit your story, check the punctuation, spelling and sentence structure, we will do so. If you can type the material, please do so. Typing should be double spaced with one inch or more in the margins. If the material is not typed, please print all names and places for accuracy. Place your name above the story along with your unit and present address.

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Sample Personal Stories

Ralph Stockhausen
83rd Div, 308 Eng Bat Co B.,
330 Tudor Drive, Cape Coral, FL



Ralph and Mae

I was with the 83rd from day one till separation in Nov. 1945—from Atterbury to Passau, Germany.

After the war I was married and am now the father of three children, daughters Patricia and Linda and a son Ralph, Jr. There are four grandchildren.

We have an appliance parts store in Monaca, Pennsylvania with three branches located in Pittsburgh, Butler and Beaver Falls, PA under the name of AM Parts Company.

I retired in 1976 due to ill health. My second wife, Mae, and I moved to Cape Coral, FL where we now reside. I have taken up boating and astronomy and do a little fishing.

Odey Coffey and Frank Ball have visited me here in Cape Coral and it was a pleasure seeing them. If any of you fellows are down this way stop in at 330 Tudor Drive, Apt. 111, Cape Coral, FL 33904. The phone is 813-549-1657.

(This is 140 words.)

S/Sgt Nick Francullo
Hq. Co, 3rd Bn 330th At. PH
10 Bessom Street, Lynn, Mass

Came to the 83rd Division when it started on Oct. 12, 1942 at Camp Atterbury, Indiana and went all the way to the Elb River. The 83rd is one hell of an outfit. Nick received the Combat Infantryman Badge, two Bronze Stars, two Purple Hearts, Presidential Unit Emblem, ETO with 5 campaign stars and German Occupation Medal.

This is an experience that will stay with me the rest of my life. I was S/Sgt. in the Antitank PH of the 3rd Bn. 330th Hq. Co. and I had some other buddies from the Boston area who were in the Communications PH. and also in Hq. Co. 3rd Bn. 330th. We would check on each other at all times. On this day in December of 1944 in Grosshau, Germany, I took my Anti Tank squad out to cover a

crossroad and the Communication PH set there CP in a cellar of an old building. The shells started coming in again so I headed back to my gun crew. After the shelling stopped I went back to see if the Radio section was O.K. and they were.

As I left I said to Sgt. Ed Develin, "I'll see you tomorrow". As I was on my way back to my gun crew the shells started coming in again bad. As I watched one shell hit the building I had just left and it caved in on 13 good buddies of Lt. King, radio section, and my buddies were buried alive with only one man getting out alive.

This is the kind of story you keep to yourself and share only with your buddies and that is why I want it in the book.

(This is 260 words.)

Robert E. Derickson
3rd BN. HQ. 329th
3749 Stahlheber Road
Hamilton, OH



Bob and Pearl

Was raised on a farm with parents, brother and two sisters. Went to Fort Thomas, Kentucky for induction, then Camp Atterbury, In-

SOME SIMILAR BOOKS BY WALSWORTH



diana for basic. Attached to the 83rd and never left. After basic went for maneuvers in Tennessee, then to Camp Breckenridge. Was in the 3rd BN HQ. Intelligence 329th. At Breckenridge I was transferred to work with Supply Sgt., as Assistant. Promoted to Corporal T/5.

Left Breckenridge first of April for New York. Left Camp Shanks April 6, 1944 for overseas. Arrived in England April 18, 1944. Left Wales for the crossing of the English Channel. Sights and sounds the likes of which none of us could have ever imagined we would see or hear. Prayed that my sons would never have to go through this. Wounded in Belgium, 1945. When the war was over we had been in five battles, Normandy, Brittany, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe, and Battle of the Bulge. Had Purple Heart, Expert Infantry and Combat Infantry Badge. Left September 11, 1945. Ready to come home.

Worked in a paper mill, then went back to

the farm for six years. Was a retail salesman for fifteen years, then Miami University of Ohio as Food Service Manager. Recently retired to devote a great deal of my time to the 83rd Infantry Division Association which I am National Secretary Treasurer.

My wife Pearl and I have raised six children, two boys, Edward and Michael, and four daughters, Barbara, Frances, Marie and Cathy. Have nine grandchildren.

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