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Reunion, will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Charleston, W. Va. The dates are August 20, 21, 22, 1987. Start making your plans to attend the 41st Reunion.

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*Denotes Deceased



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The President's Corner

I want to express my thanks to the entire organization for electing me as your President for the coming year, 1987.



John Hobbs, National President

We, the West Virginia Chapter realize it will be hard to follow the reunion in Knoxville. Carroll and Ruby Brown, The Entire Dixie Chapter did a marvelous job and deserves a "Thank You" from everyone in attendance.

We have accepted the responsibility of the 41st Reunion and will work towards a "Good-Best Reunion" in 1987, Charleston, West Virginia.

**John Hobbs,
"B" 908th**

An Open Letter to the Membership of the 83rd Infantry Division Assoc.

I would like to use this means to let you know that it was a distinct pleasure to serve as your president during the year 1985-86.

The highlight of the year, as with each year, was our 40th reunion in Knoxville, Tenn. Needless to say there were some difficulties, but I believe the pleasantries outweighed the unpleasant things. We, of the Dixie Chapter, worked very hard to make the reunion an enjoyable one for all in attendance. I believe for most, it was an enjoyable experience. I sincerely believe the reason we get together each year is primarily to see our buddies and if you did this, I believe you enjoyed the reunion.

I have had a number of thank you letters for which I am most appreciative, When you work hard for a group such as this and someone says "Thanks" then all the work seems worthwhile.



Carroll Brown, Past President

We ran this reunion on a "bare bones" budget as our board had indicated they were not interested in making a profit. I really worried that we were not going to make ends meet, but as of this date, I believe, when our accountant is finished, we will be in the black. Although I had the backing of the executive board, I would have felt badly had we ended up one year in the red.

I again would like to express my appreciation to the entire membership for helping us have a successful year. There is not room to call names of those who provided so much help during the year, but to all I say "a heartfelt thank you". And a special thanks to all Dixie Chapter members who carried out their assignments so well; to all who brought articles for the craft booth, to our great bartenders, to the men who worked so diligently on selling 50-50 tickets, to our van drivers, to those who planned the great fashion show and to those who just pitched in and helped out.

Again I want to thank the members of my own company for making my reunion. It was such a pleasure to renew acquaintances and I'm sure we will see each other more often in the future.

Fellow 83rd members, let us resolve today to write a buddy and get him to join us in Charleston, West Virginia next year. Our new President, John Hobbs, needs and deserves our utmost support, so let us work together, just like we did in Europe and this will be a successful year. I will see you in Charleston next year. O.K.?

Your Bubby,
Carroll B. Brown
E-329

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

This great Association held it's fortieth reunion in Knoxville, Tenn. This is a tribute to all the members and wives who belong to this wonderful organization. The credit goes to all who have participated, in anyway that helps this association continue to be as great as it is. Let's all continue to support the Association so that it may go on for many years.

The reunion again was a great success. It was a tremendous amount of work for Carroll and Ruby Brown, Meadors Minick, Lacey Satterfield and the wonderful people of the Dixie Chapter. If you were at the Banquet and were able to look at the 944 people who attended from the podium, you would realize what a tremendous amount of work it takes. To all I want to express our deepest appreciation for a job well done. It is this dedication to our association that keeps it as strong as it is.

The newest member to the executive board is William Minick. Meadors is a man of many talents and will, I'm sure, help make the decisions for the good of the Association. I'm sure you all join me in wishing him the best in his new position.

The executive board member who stepped down was John Piscitelli. John had finished the term vacated when Bill Chavanne died. John has always been a very active member of the association. He has served as our chaplain for many years and did an outstanding job. I want to express our thanks for all you have done for the Association. God Bless You.

My Congratulations to our new President John Hobbs and the rest of the Officers for the 1986-87 term. The Charleston Reunion will be their responsibility.

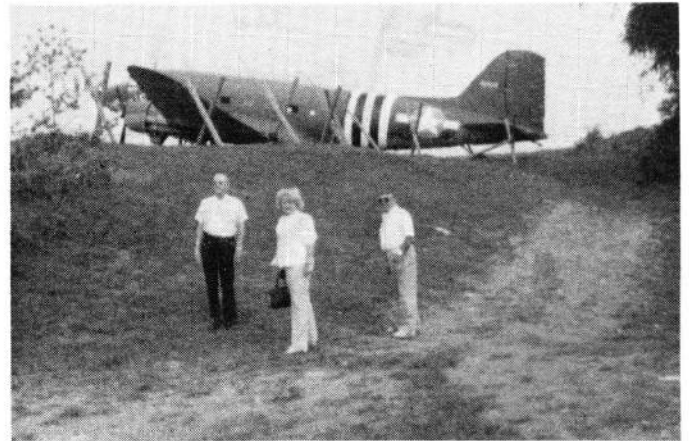
Once again, I urge all of you to send in your dues. Remember our goal is 2000 members.

Take Care and GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

Stan Bielen
Chairman, Executive Board



"G" 329th group at Nashville, Tenn.



C-47 on display at 101st Airborne restaurant at Nashville Tenn.



101st Airborne restaurant at Nashville Tenn.



Luau at Knoxville Tenn.

40th ANNUAL REUNION REPORT FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE

	MEMBERS	WIVES	Guests	TOTAL
WEDNESDAY	132	102	19	253
THURSDAY	278	199	56	533
FRIDAY	71	38	08	117
SATURDAY	24	13	04	41
TOTAL	505	352	87	944

We ended the year with a total of 1747 members. We are very well pleased with the 944 who attended the reunion and we were well pleased with our final count of 1747 members for the year 1986. We will keep trying for 2000 members. Thanks to all of you for the great attendance at the reunion and to all of you for your membership and for signing up a buddy. To all the new members we hope you enjoy being a member.

Secretary
Bob Derickson

Dear Bob:

Just a note to express my deep pleasure at "joining up" again with the 83rd and especially "G" 329th. To be associated with such a fine group of comrades-in-arms" is a truly humble and prideful feeling. Our successful assault on "Fortress Europe" and our part in it will never grow dim or be forgotten! God-willing, I plan to be with you and the 83rd in Charleston, West Virginia next year.

Carl Dahlroos

This is typical of the many letters we receive. Thank you men for all this outfit means to you.

TO ALL YOU 83rder's:

If any of you members have never been to Kings Island near Cincinnati, Ohio here is your chance. The Kentucky Chapter will be hosting their December Christmas Party there on December 5, and 6. You will be able to visit Kings Island and Winterfest and the Kings Island Mill. Please contact Chester Wilson. We will be staying at the Quality Inn Kings Island, I-71 and St. Rt. 741 (Exit 25) Mason, Ohio 45040. Please mention Kentucky Chapter 83rd, \$10 gift exchange for Men and Women each.

Chester Wilson
249 W. Fancy Street,
Blanchester, Ohio 45107

Dixie Chapter will be hosting their Annual Christmas Party meeting in Gatlinburg, Tennessee on December 5 and 6 at the Riverside Motor Lodge, Gatlinburg, Tennessee 37738 or you may call at 615-436-5818 to make reservations. Mention the Dixie Chapter of the 83rd.

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The Dixie Chapter will also be hosting their Spring Meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia at the Williamsburg West Park Hotel on March 12, 13, and 14, 1987.

Rates will be \$22.00 per couple. Send reservations to the Williamsburg Westpark Hotel, 1600 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185. This will be a regular Mini reunion. Mention Dixie Chapter of the 83rd.



FROM THE OFFICE SECRETARY- TREASURER REPORT

TO ALL 83rder's:

We hope that everyone got back home safely from the reunion in Knoxville. We arrived home about 6:30 on Sunday evening. Tired but happy that another reunion had gone well. We know from all reports that everyone who attended had a good time.

For you 83rder's who did not get to attend the reunion, we missed you. Dixie Chapter took us to the Appalachia Museum on Wednesday evening. We had approximately two hundred and fifty (250) people. Had a good meal and the entertainment I think everyone enjoyed. They had trips planned for the day time for all who wished to go. On Thursday evening we all dressed up in our Hawaiian clothes and the setting around the pool area was just right for a night in Hawaii. Pig roast and all kinds of salads and fresh fruit. I heard that the hotel ran out of the roast pig and had to substitute other food.

On Friday evening we all put on our hillbilly clothes and went for a good old fashioned evening in the country. Bruce Winchell really dressed the part, overalls with the bib and suspenders with his jug over his shoulder. Nora Lee and Cecil Walters outdid everyone with those costumes of theirs. Did a little clogging and square dancing. They just wanted to prove to the rest of us that they are not as old as we are.

Saturday of course is the big day. We had our business meeting in the morning. We will go to Hershey, Pennsylvania in 1988 with the Philadelphia Chapter hosting and we will be in Cincinnati in 1989 with the Kentucky Chapter hosting. Mark these on your calendars as we will not be talking much about these two as that is not fair to the 1987 host chapter. In the afternoon with a little bit of overcast we all met on the back lawn of the hotel for our beautiful Memorial Service. They get more impressive every year. We missed you John Piscitelli. Hope you are with us next year. Casey did a good job. He tries to please everyone.

Saturday night of course is the big night with everyone in their best bib and tucker. You know I have been your Secretary Treasurer for quite a while now and everytime as we your Executive Board walk into the banquet room and all of you are at the tables start to clap as we enter the door and continue until we are on the podium it makes me, and I know it does the rest of the Board and their spouses very humble that you think so much of us. We should be clapping for you. It is your membership and continued support of the 83rd that makes this organization what it is. Pearl says it makes her feel like crying to think you think that much

of us. We will always try to make you proud of us as your officers.

This was one of the best reunions I have had so far, and I have really enjoyed them all. A buddy of mine whom I had not seen for 42 years decided this was the year he would make an appearance, thanks to Haran Martin. He kept at Sam until he got him to attend. Sam Badgett came. The 329th group for the first time had a table full and did we ever enjoy it. Pearl made it possible for another part of my enjoyment. She said if Sam comes she wanted me to spend as much time with him as possible. I guess Sam and I were together as much as time allowed. Pearl took care of registration so that I could do this. We owe a lot to her. She is as much a part of the 83rd as any of we men. Thank you Pearl. I am afraid if I start to name all who helped out at registration I will miss someone and I sure don't want to do that. So, to all of you who helped in any way we say a sincere Thanks.

We all owe a vote of appreciation and thanks to our publicity chairman, Jim Prentice. He does an outstanding job of getting our notices to the newspaper and magazines. We get a great deal of correspondence from all this publicity. Thank you Jim. We appreciate all you do for the 83rd. The lights went out on the speaker podium on Saturday night and I missed this thank you on my notes.

We closed out our year this time with 1747 members. Getting close to that 2000 mark. I hope some year to be able to get up and say we have made that mark. If we all keep trying I am sure we will make it. I can't do it without your help. There were some of you men who asked for membership cards so that you could get more members. In the shuffle we have lost your names. Would you please be kind enough to write to us and we will get them in the mail to you.

Your Board will be meeting with the West Virginia Chapter on November 7 and 8, 1986 to go over the plans and hotel confirmation for the 1987 reunion in West Virginia. The reservation form will be in the January Issue of the Thunderbolt. Get those reservations in right away. There will be two hotels used again. They will be approximately three blocks apart on the same street.

Pearl will be going in the hospital for surgery on September 25. She is hoping she will get to go to the Kentucky Chapter meeting on October 11, but she is not counting on it. We will hope for the Board meeting in November.

We both thank you for all your kindness during this past year and for all the happiness we get from serving all of you in this position. We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. Our love to all of you.

Keep those dues coming in to this office. Not to anyone else. Then if there is a mixup we can look for it here.

I want to thank John Piscitelli for his time served on the Board. It was wonderful to work with him. John is a very conscientious and also a very pleasant person to work with. We must say Goody-bye to him as a Board Member but we look forward to working a great deal

with him and the Philadelphia Chapter for the Hershey Reunion. Thanks John for a job well done. Get well for the next reunion. We now welcome Meadors Minick to our Executive Board. In the short time that I have known Meadors I have enjoyed every minute of it. He too is very conscientious and I know will be a great asset to the 83rd Executive Board. Welcome aboard Meadors. You members do a great job of electing your Board Members. They are a great bunch of men to work with. It is a hard job to select just one man each year. All 83rd's are great.

Again Happy Holidays to all of you from Pearl and I.

Bob Derickson
National Secretary Treasurer



CHAPLAIN'S STEEPLE

Chaplains Corner:

Another great reunion is now history, and to the Dixie Chapter people, I applaud you for an outstanding effort.

Certainly we had a few problems, such as microphone, table and the best laid plans not falling in certain set patterns. However, we've been down this reunion road for 40 years and should be able (as Sinatra sings) "to take the blows."

For many of you who have never been in the planning and working stages of a reunion, it is easy to criticize the bugs that pop up unexpectedly. Let us overlook some of the past incidents, some personal problems that have arisen in the past, and not carry any chips on our shoulders. So once again Dixie Chapter, and this includes wives, children, and friends who made the reunion the success it was, Thank You!

Let's also get behind John Hobbs and the W. Virginia Chapter to make their efforts to please you much easier. As Mike Skovron said, I don't care if the reunion is in Timbuctu, I'm going, because my 83rd buddies will be there.

I have just returned from 5 days at the Pines and had a great time playing golf every day, dancing every evening, and trying to maintain my weight. Laura and I went with our church group (2 buses) and the weather and the hospitality of The Pines people was beautiful. Bernie Cove sends his best to all of you.

As was promised at the reunion, I will try to fill in for John Piscitelli while he is getting his strength back. If you have any news of a buddy or a member of his family passing away or being ill, please contact me so that we can notify the Assn. My phone number is (216) 524-7690. Call after 9 p.m. Please do not notify us on hearsay. Send us some proof such as a newspaper clipping, obituary notice or a name for our reference. It happened again at the last reunion where a name was

called as deceased, and the man was present. However, these things do happen. When you are at the reunion, check with the Chaplain who has the list of names to be read to see if your buddy's name is on that list.

I Have been notified by Ray Orsini that Frank Esposito Co. "c" 331st passed away Aug. 27th (heart attack).

REMEMBER Conscience is like a pencil -- It must be sharpened to be useful.

Casey Kowalec
"C" Btry. 322 F.A.

p.s. While at the Pines I met Leo O'Brien E. 329th. He's a solid left-handed golfer.

DEATH NOTICES:

Leonard (Larry) Hoskins	2nd Bn. Hqs. 329th
	Reported by W. Va. Chapter
Romeo Maynard	HQ. 323rd
	Reported by Amby Tynan
Victor Bravman	Unknown to the office
	Reported by Amby Tynan
Frank Esposito	"C" 331st
	Reported by Ray Orsene
Carlos A. Crouse	3rd. BN. HQ. 331st
	Reported by his wife
Arnold Cipperly	HQ. 331st
	Reported by card returned to
John Wells	sender from Post Office
	"F" 330th
Leo Varley	Reported by O. L. Cook
	"M" 329th
Thomas L. Roberts, Sr.	Reported by Leo Varley
	83rd. Q.M.
Charles M. O'Donnell	Reported by his wife
	Division Headquarters
Lou Damiani	Reported by his wife
	"E" 331st
Walter Dryburg	Reported by Nick Boyd
	323rd F.A.
Ralph C. Allen	Reported by his sister
	"B" 908th
	Reported by Larry Leonardi

These are the death notices that have been reported to the National Office. We asked that God's love and blessing will go out to all of these men's families. We of the 83rd extend our sympathy and condolences to all.

In Memory of our Dear Friend and Buddy, Leonard (Larry) Hoskins, of Wheeling, W. Va. Larry, was one of our Vice-Presidents, after receiving our Charter in March, 1979. He was one of our Oldest Members, and faithful to the Chapter. He worked with me in the first years of the Chapter, when I was it's president. His help and effort will always be remembered.

He had his faults, as every one has, but he will always be in our memory, as we prepare for our reunion next year here in Charleston, W. Va. May our prayers, and thoughts be with his wife and family.

Members of The W. Va. Chapter,
Eugene E. Persinger
(Chaplain)



HISTORIAN'S CORNER:

It has been 15 years since I took over from my friend, Col. Norman Campbell as your historian.

I wish to thank all my friends for the many compliments you gave me at the Knoxville Reunion.

They were very appreciated, even the one "so you are the one who writes all that "B.S."

You have to read them to know if it is "B.S." All the reports and pictures are personally mine. The only things I receive from our 83rd Association are the letter heads and the envelopes.

This is in answer to a "longtime" rumor that I am compensated in some way. I have not been compensated. It is my pleasure to serve you.

Bill Harrold, Bill Dyers, Ed Ross (M.P.'s) it was great to see you after all these years. Keep Coming!

J.R. Cook--We missed you, what happened?

"We Were The Best"
Kent (Abe) O'Connell
 Historian M.P.

P.S. I highly recommend a new book "The Men of Company K" (33rd REGT, 84th Division) Limbaugh and Campbell & Morrow, for Your Reading. It is a strikingly brutal depiction of **Infantrymen in W.W. II, E.T.O.**

Kent

This poem was sent to Pearl and I from Haran when we returned home. These thoughts are probably all of our sentiments. Thank you Haran. You and Dorothy are very dear us.

FEELINGS

We have warm thoughts and feelings, But seldom they are expressed.

Especially with the ones, That we really love the best.

We hope you both understand what thoughts and feelings never say.

So I'm writing into words what's in our Hearts today.

Our thoughts and our feelings, even words may drift apart.

But the love that we hold will never leave our heart.

Haran Martin.

Pearl says this is the first time she ever had a poem written about her. We will treasure this.

Robert Derickson
 3749 Stahlheber Road
 Hamilton, Ohio 45013

Dear Robert,

My brother was killed-in-action on January 7, 1945 while serving with the 83rd Infantry Division. He was killed instantly by direct fire, while attacking an enemy fortified position at Malempre, Belgium, according to the telegram we received from the War Department. It might also have been when the 83rd Division was attacking the Germans at Langlier or Bihian, Belgium.

I found your name in the Veterans of Foreign Wars magazine. The magazine also noted that the 83rd Division was planning a reunion in August, this year.

Just as a possibility, I thought I might write you before the reunion and you might give me some additional information that we do not know. I believe my brother served in the 330th Infantry Regiment, Company D, 3rd Platoon. His name is:

William (Bill) Cartwright Celler

I myself served in the U.S. Navy and visited my brothers' grave in Honre Chapelle Cemetery in Belgium after my ship entered Antwerp right after the war ended.

I am enclosing a photo copy of a photograph that was taken of me at my brothers grave by a Belgium girl who adopted his grave.

Best of Luck at your reunion,
Jack Celler
 3941 South Quebec Street
 Denver, Colorado 80237
 July 7, 1986



If anyone out in 83rd. land can help this man, I am sure it would be very much appreciated. Bob Derickson

Robert Derickson
3749 Stahlheber Road
Hamilton, OH 45013

Dear Mr. Derickson:

I am writing my Ph.D. dissertation on the 2nd Battalion 329th Infantry, 83rd. Infantry Division and its part in World War II. In order to include a variety of sources in the paper, I am hoping that former members of the battalion will share their memories with me.

Could you please publish the enclosed letter (or an edited version of it) in the next two issues of the **Thunderbolt**? Also, would it be possible to obtain the addresses of your members who were once connected to that particular unit?

Sincerely,
Mrs. Charlotte S. Daly

Dear Readers:

I am writing my Ph.D. dissertation on the 2nd Battalion 329th Infantry, 83rd Infantry Division, and its part in World War II. In order to include a variety of sources in the paper, I am hoping that former members of the 2nd will share their memories with me.

My father, Colonel Granville A. Sharpe, is the primary source for this project. It was his stories throughout the years which prompted me to choose this subject for research. Information from anyone who served with or alongside the 2nd. Battalion would certainly be appreciated. Stories involving my father are of particular interest. Your contributions will become a part of a doctoral dissertation written for the Humanities Department at Florida State University, in Tallahassee.

I am interested in both military and personal reminiscences. I need first-hand accounts which include information about participation in troop movements, and observations on terrain, landmarks, weather, and equipment. Also personal stories are requested. Please mention humorous, heroic, enterprising, and ridiculous recollections whenever appropriate. When you can, please relate names, duties, deeds and hometowns of the people in your stories. Also describe when and where the action took place. The form of your response is not important a scrap of paper is fine, and don't be concerned about presentation or style. Rather than write your information, you may wish to record it on tape, either method is just fine.

Please send good photographys which would be useful to the project. Remember to indicate date and specific location whenever possible.

Any suggestions or leads that would help my search will be happily received. If you have copies of old operations reports or morning reports, or a good series of maps, I would be tremendously grateful to have that information.

In order to use your photographs and to properly cite you as a source, I must have written permission to publish your information. Please fill out and include a permission form as shown.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Charlotte Sharpe Daly

Permission Form

I give permission for Charlotte S. Daly to use and publish the information and pictures which I have provided.

_____ date

_____ signature

Your position while serving with the 2nd Battalion.

Dates you served with the unit. _____

Hometown during World War II. _____

Present address. _____

Current phone. _____

Dear Mr. Derickson,

As you know, I recently subscribed to the Thunderbolt magazine after my father, Capt. Leonard J. Snow, died in February. Thank you for publishing my father's death in your summer issue.

I'm writing to you to ask a favor of you. There are many of my father's friends that my father kept in contact with for many years and then lost contact with over the years. I'm hoping your magazine can help me locate them as I'm sure they would like to know of my father's passing on. I'd also like to speak to them personally, maybe hear some old war stories or some of the good times my father shared with them. Their names are as follows: I also believe they came from the 83rd.

Mr. Collins

Mr. John Cupina

Mr. Martin

Mr. Filmore Kohler

Mr. Churchill

Mr. Norbert Euclide

Mr. Daniel Sanford

Mr. John Pallotta

Mr. Jim Ransdell

Mr. Bob Hruska

I'm hoping maybe you could run an ad in your next issue, maybe you could use a heading like 'Do you know where these men are?'. I'm willing to pay the price for the ad, and sincerely would appreciate this information. I wish I had more to go on to look for them, but I'm really at a dead end.

Thank You,
Ms. Lenora M. Snow
"C" 329

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hello Buddies:

Here we are just back from our 40th Anniversary Reunion and as we sit and think it is almost 41 years since we landed on the shores of these Good Old United States, and as it says in the Preamble of the American Legion "THE LAND OF THE FREE, THE HOME OF THE BRAVE, THE AMERICA WORTH FIGHTING FOR". As we settle down for another years, let us all who attended this reunion, tip our hats or bow our heads to the Men and Women of the Dixie Chapter who tried so hard to give us a great Reunion. I am sure that there are a few complainers among us, but let us take a minute out to think of the hard work that was done for our pleasure and entertainment, and let the complaints be overlooked and think only of the great time we had, being with our Buddies. As we attended the Memorial Service and the list of deceased was read off, let us stop for a minute and think of how much longer that list may be next year, none of us knows but what our name may appear on it, so let us enjoy the reunions while we can and forget the complaints that we may find.

In the old days the Hospitality Room was the main event of the reunion, now we enjoy going to the Hospitality Room but none of us need help in finding our way back to our room.

Let us set a new precedent, if any of us have a complaint about a reunion, let us go personally to the reunion Chairman and make our complaints. Remember this is the 83rd Infantry Division Association. As a Division in a time of War, we served with pride and dignity, let us attend our reunions with the same pride and dignity.

Our Reunion Committee plan a Reunion that will be acceptable to all. They try to plan it so that there is something to ~~keep~~ you busy and satisfied. As for meals they do try to work with the Hotel's on the Menu's but as for the cooking they can't control that. The trouble with most of us is that we have wives that are superb cooks and they spoil us with their gourmet cooking, and when we eat away from home, we can't enjoy the cooking of others. We, from the North are not used to Southern Style Cooking, and the same goes when we hold a Reunion in the North, the Southern people must go along with our style of cooking.

I want to thank each and every one of you who so generously contributed to our Ad Book, it was a great help to the Reunion Committee. I sincerely hope that next year when I approach you for your help, you will give me the same response. Remember, West Virginia is a small Chapter and they are going to need that extra help. GOD BLESS YOU ALL. We will not have another publication before Christmas, I wish you all the best. On behalf of n y wife, Mary, and myself, it was a pleasure being with you all during the year.

All during the year I receive letters from men trying to locate men that they had been with. I am sure that many of you like myself have accumulated a lot of names and addresses and sometimes we can help that Buddy who is trying to locate someone.

This year I was able to locate a man I had been trying to locate for years. He was Capt. Daniel Donahue, 2nd Bn. Hqs. 330th. There ARE TWO MEN THAT I would like to locate, one is Sgt. Harry Dorsey "H" 330th and Lt. Robert Lyons, "H" 330. With the way our men are dying off, we are going to have to get out and try to locate more men to help keep this Association going. With exception of our Secretary-Treasurer, I think that Sam Klippa and I have about the largest roster of men who have moved and left no forwarding address or they have died and we are not able to locate their families. We need new members. If you have some names of men you would like to locate send them to Bob Derickson and let's have a list put in the thunderbolt of the men and maybe we will locate quite a few men this way. Won't hurt to try.

As ever,
your Buddie

Larry Redmond

Dear Bob:

The 40th annual reunion of the 83rd Infantry Division Association at Knoxville, Tennessee was my first. Need I say how much I enjoyed the long delayed meeting with my "buddies" especially those from "E" 329th Infantry.

Much thanks to Carrol Brown and the Dixie Chapter, who made my short visit to Knoxville, so pleasant and rewarding. I realize how much work the reunion entailed for him, his wife Ruby and the Dixie Chapter, and I personally appreciate their efforts and real Southern Hospitality.

We members of "E" Infantry, who were at the Knoxville reunion felt honored to have one of our members, Carroll Brown, as President of the Association for the 1986 reunion. In the summer Issue of the "Thunderbolt" Carroll made a special plea to those members of "E" 2nd. Bn. 329th Infantry to make his day by attending the 40th reunion at Knoxville. Believe me, Carroll Brown made our day, and I'm certain that none of us of "E" shall forget how he honored us.

Be assured that I and my wife, Jeanne, shall attend the 41st reunion in Charleston, West Virginia. However, I am sorry that I waited so long before attending such a gathering, but as a Spanish saying goes, "Never is late."

I urge all those men of "E" 329th Infantry, who hesitate to go to Charleston next year, please come and enjoy that the fellowship and bonding we all shared more than 40 years ago. It's worth the effort, time and money.

Bob, it was a pleasure to meet you in person at the reunion. I thank you for the excellent job you do for all of us as the Secretary-Treasurer of the 83rd Infantry Division Association.

Best regards to you and your wife, Pearl.

Sincerely,
Joseph A. Lonteen
"E" 329th

Glad you decided to come for the first time Joe. We know that you will not want to miss any more of them. Thank you for your kind words to Pearl and I. Look forward to seeing you next year in Charleston.

Dear Bob Derickson:

Just A word from three (3) members of Company "B" 331st. I had the honor of attending the Lockhart reunion at Junction City, Kentucky the week-end of June 22nd, 1986. Oh! My, what a time was had by all.

Poso, who was Carmi's B.A.R. Man during service, came in from California on his way to South Carolina to visit his son in South Carolina. I returned to Georgia on Monday, the 23rd.

The ones who have not had the opportunity of seeing any of the old buddies. Let me tell you there is no way to describe what a feeling it is to share the experiences we had over there. Also the comical things that happened.

I do regret the fact that I got wounded on the 14th day of April 1945. How I would loved to have been able to come back with my 83rd buddies.

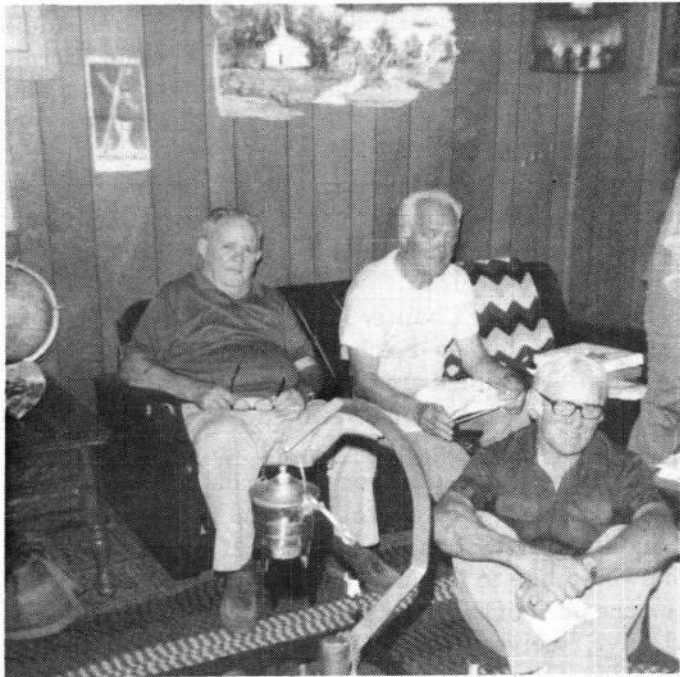
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Thanks for all you do, Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Raymond L. Carr

"B" 331st



Enclosing picture taken in Carmi Lockhart's living room, June 21st, 1986. On the couch, left to right: Raymond L. Carr, Florencio Poso, and Carmi Lockhart.

Dear Buddies:

Although I missed the Knoxville, Tennessee Reunion, all of my buddies and their wives of the Philadelphia Chapter gave me good reports and notice's of our Dixie Chapter's 83rd Infantry Division Association's 40th Annual Reunion and to the great job that the Dixie Chapter did throughout the year.

A great big thanks to Casey Kowaiec and all the people involved in the Memorial Services. According to all reports it was a great service rendered to our wonderful Association of Thunderbolts. May we celebrate another 40 years in the future. God Bless each and every one.

As always the Honor Guards did a great job according to all reports. They are getting better and better as the years go on.

Well, buddies and wives as we prepare for 1987 and West Virginia let us all pray for a great and coming New Year.

Let's each one pitch in and help out to make each reunion a better one as we all enter our twilight years, just like we helped each other in the grim days of World War II.

Amen

John Piscitelli, Chaplain

John, you and Josie were certainly missed. We hope and pray that everything works out for you this coming year and that you will not have to miss another reunion.

Bob

"B" BTRY 908 F.A. BN.

Congratulations, for one of our own, John Hobbs, being elected National President of the 83rd. We know that John and his lovely wife, Freeda, along with the rest of the members of the West Virginia Chapter will see that we have a good time in Charleston in '87.

Those in attendance in Knoxville were: John and Freeda, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bacha, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bevins, Mr. and Mrs. Jules Desgain, Nelson Reisinger, Mrs. Ralph Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Alex McDaniels, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Waples, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wenzel, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shaw and Jim Prentice. I want to thank Arthur Waples for getting Jerry Wenzel interested in the Assn. It was their first reunion and all of us were delighted to have Jerry and his lovely wife Vi with us and hope they will be able to attend future reunions. We all missed Mike Jarmoska and Grace and Nick and Cathy Bertovich. Mike was ill and Nick was unable to get someone to cover for him at the farm. Hope to see you folks next year at Charleston.

In fact, let's make an effort to get more of Baker Btry to Charleston for a big reunion. How about it, Charley Thomas from Pueblo, Colorado Think you could fly in, we sure would love to see you.

"Jim" Prentice

"B" Btry 908 F.A. Bn.

FROM THE OLD OFFICE

Just returned from the monthly meeting of the Pittsburgh Chapter and thought I had better get down to business and get this article out. We had a great turnout as usual and quite a discussion about the Reunions and the future. Plans are already being made to attend in Charleston, WV next year. Hope all of you are planning to make your reservations early so that you will not be left out.

I sincerely hope that all of you are making the best of the summer months and doing all the things you like the best, while you still are able to. Soon the winter will be upon us, the cold winds will be blowing and you will not be able to get around to enjoy all of the good things in life. We are almost all senior citizens now and it's later than we think.

There are just too many things I wanted to write about since my last column three issues ago, when I asked Bob Derickson to print the Veterans Benefits. hope some of you got some benefit from those and kept them for future use.

In June, along with Larry Leonardi and his wife, Sue, I was able to attend the Kentucky Chapter picnic in Oxford, OH and really enjoyed it and the company very much. They sure put on a good one and I want to thank all of them for the work they put into that affair. It was certainly nice to see all of the Buddies again and their wives. The enjoyment was especially good because I hadn't been out in such a long time. THANK YOU KENTUCKY.

Had a great time at the Reunion in Knoxville, TN. My company (Co. "D" 331) had nineteen men there along with most of their wives, and this really made it a great Reunion. Next year we expect to have more present because we are reaching more of them now than ever before. You guys that are reading this column, get those pencils in hand and remind your Buddies that it's gettin late and now is the time to get together with your Buddies of a long time ago. Remind them to come to Charleston, WV next year.

A special THANK YOU to Bob Derickson and his wife Pearl, who have done a terrific job this year and surpassed the Association record in membership. It took alot of work to get this accomplished and my hope is that next year will be another record breaker. Also, Thank you, their son and daughter-in-law who showed us that there are still a lot of kind hearted people in this world. I appreciate what they had done for me and will never forget it.

As many times as I went to Nashville in the past and enjoyed the shows and the Restaurants, on this trip it was just as wonderful. The Grand Ole Opry was great again and everything else was fine and dandy. Thanks go out to Ames Miller and his wife for making the arrangements in advance for us. I appreciate it very much.

By the time you read this, I will have attended the September meeting of the West Virginia Chapter in Charleston along with several of my Buddies in the hope of being of some assistance to them in their plans for the Reunion. They are hard at work arranging for a super Reunion and I'm sure you will all enjoy their efforts. I just want to remind you to get those reservations in early. No matter what comes up in the future, you can always cancel out but you can't get a room when they are all filled up. Don't be one of those that are left out.

Please send your dues in now and don't forget to remind your Buddies to do the same. Let's make this another RECORD YEAR.

So Long for now and God Bless all of you. I wish all of you good luck, health and happiness. It's later then we think.

Sameul Klippa
"D" Co. 331st. Inf.

New Jersey Chapter

The New Jersey Chapter again was well represented at the Knoxville Reunion. They all agree it was a great time. Thank you Dixie for the southern hospitality. It was Great!

Attending the reunion were Charlie and Mary Sihlanick, Hazel and Emil Wehling, Fred and Addie Rein (their First), Joe DePeri, Manny Epstein, Bernie and Ida Rosenberg, Ann and Sam Galati, Irene and Ted Guzek, Gloria and Bill McCartin, Millie and Dave Benick, Stan and Fran Bielen.

Frank Reichmann had planned on attending but was unable to reserve a room at the Hyatt Hotel and didn't want to settle for the overflow hotels. We missed you Frank.

The New Jersey Chapter Dinner will be held October 5 at the Wallington Exchange in Wallington. Mary and Charlie Sihlanick are the hosts for this affair.

I received a letter from Hazel and Joe Barton. They are interested in joining the Jersey Chapter after reading of our May luncheon. We're happy to have you join us. This type of get-together has been successful in building interest in our chapter. If there are others who would like to join us write or call me. The address is on the back of the front page of your Thunderbolt.

I have received a few calls from Joe Kuzma (Co. G, 331). Joe tells me he has retired from the Bayonne Naval Base and is enjoying that life style. He has plans to attend the Charleston reunion.

Ed and Betty Kirgen were absent from the reunion. We missed them. The winner of the Golf Tournament had a score of 89. Ed, you missed your chance for the trophy. We'll get it next year at Charleston, right?

That's it for now, all us from Jersey wish you all Happy Holidays and The Best in the New Year. GOD BLESS YOU.

Stan Bielen
1st Bn. Hds., 331

Italian Director Visiting Atterbury POW Camp Site

By Karen Bridges

STAR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Edinburgh, Ind. — Italian television director Massimo Sani stalked through head-high brush to find a certain boulder carved by Italian prisoners of war.

The boulder was reputed to be one of the few artifacts left from the time Camp Atterbury was a prisoner-of-war camp during World War II.

Sani is researching and filming segments of a four-hour documentary, *II Ritorno di Prigionere*. (The Return of the Prisoners) to be shown on Italian television this fall.

The showing, which will depict the lives of Italian prisoners, coincides with the 40th anniversary of their return home from world-wide prison camps where they were held as captive enemy soldiers.

Approximately 3,000 Italian men were at the Johnson County military camp between April 1943 and May 1944.

Sani wanted to film the boulder, the site of the POW cemetery, the site of the compound where they lived, and a Catholic chapel that they built and decorated.

An ardent history buff, Sani became interested in the prisoners after completing a 1983 documentary on the Italian battles of World War II.

"We had 1.5 million prisoners spread all over the world. When they were taken prisoner, they were lost -- to their families, to the army they fought for and to the army that captured them."

He began the research for the film in 1984, and production began a year ago. He has visited Great Britain, France and Germany and will also visit camps in Hereford, Texas, and Huntington Beach, Calif.

A film crew from Indianapolis and an interpreter and liaison person from Radio Television Italia, Anna Friedlander, accompanied Sani on his trip to Atterbury. They will be there Saturday filming the chapel and interviewing students who participated in the writing and production of the *Atterbury File* while attending Custer Baker Middle School in Franklin in 1983.

One of the co-editors of the *Atterbury file*, Don G. Wertz, is working with Sani while he is here. The research and documentation of events at Atterbury compiled by the 6th- through 8th-grade pupils of the school is one of the reasons Sani chose Atterbury as a film site. Wertz is a teacher at the school.

Sani, who was a Fulbright scholar at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1955, is also interviewing area residents who remember the prisoners or have mementos from that time from the Atterbury prisoners who were allowed to leave the camp and work in nearby farm fields.

One of those farmers, Larry Dixon of Whiteland, remembered that the Italians had a "green thumb" for growing vegetables on his brother-in-law's truck farm, a talent not shared by the German prisoners who followed the Italians at the camp.

Some of the relationships developed during those war years transcended the hatred of the times; the family received letters and pictures after the prisoners were returned, Dixon said.

The Italian soldiers - some of whom were artisans - left behind gifts of boxes carved intricately in the form of books. The details were so exacting that the edges of the boxes appeared as individual pages.

After a day of discovering some of the ties that had bound Italy to Johnson County, Sani eventually discovered the boulder that he had only heard about.

It was in an abandoned corner outside the compound boundaries - an area accessible only with four-wheel-drive vehicles.

Written on the stone in English: "Atterbury Internment Camp. 1537th S.U. 12-15-42."

That could either be the date of their capture, or the Italian who wrote it might have gotten the date wrong, the finders speculated.



Clarice Carbaum and grand daughter, Amelia, 2½.

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

O, Boy another great reunion. Yes, there was some griping and unhappy people, but nothing will ever be perfect. All in all it was another good one. We, of the New England Chapter would like to thank the Dixie Chapter for showing us a fine reunion. Thanks Again Dixie Chapter.

New England was well represented. Those who attended were The Davis's from Newburyport, Mass. The Smith's from Lynn, Mass., August Farias from New Bedford, Mass. Ferriera's from Chelmsford, Mass. Nick and Mary Francullo from Lynn, Mass., Spike and Gloria McCartin from Lowell, Mass. The Marysz's from Westminister, Mass., The McKee's from Three Rivers, Mass. The Champey's from Conn., Jim Prentice of Conn., Walter Koss of Conn., William Kent O'Connell, Hicksville, N.Y., The Adachowski's of Conn., Jim and Dot Brennan of R.I., Sue and Warren Boucher of R.I., Ann and Al Tartaglia, of R.I., Clair and Capt. Jack Masters, N.J., Helen and Raymond Rudd, N.Y., Ada and Bob Barber of MD., The Smons of Ct., The Simons of Ct., The Edward Mudre's of Ct. If I missed anyone I am sorry.

We are sorry that Emma and Lou Rossi of Lynn, Mass., had to cancel the Knoxville Reunion due to sickness but we hope they will make the next one. Get well Lou. We need you and missed you. Well for some good news: Mary and Nick Francullo got back to Lynn, Mass., on August 26 and their daughter Terry Levasseur gave birth to her third child, a baby girl Kimberly Elise Levasseur, 8 lbs. 10½ oz. This is our 8th grand child. Also the Brennan's are expecting a new grand child from their daughter, Christine Duckworth. This will be her first and the Brennan's second grandchild.

Well, O.L. Cook you missed out on having a new baby born on your birthday, August 25th, but Happy Birthday, Cookie. 'How old are you'

On the way home from the reunion the Francullo's stopped of in Chambersburg, Pa., to visit with good old buddy Ross and Vera Wagner. It was good to see them and they are in good health also. He also brought me up to date on some of the boys from the Anti-Tank Platoon.

Talked to good old President, John Donahue, and he is coming along slow. John had another Heart attack but he is going O.K. John is made of good stock. You can't put a good man down. We all love you John. Oh, Yes he is also a Great-grandfather. Boy are we getting old. Wish you well, John.

Well that is it for now until the next writing.
Your buddy always,

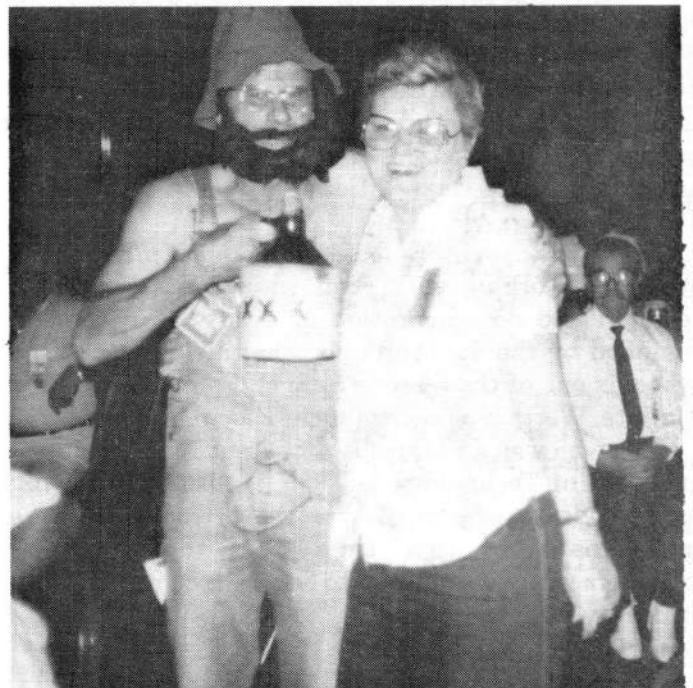
Nick Francullo, 3rd BN. Hq. 330th A.T.



Helen and Dutchy Smith and August Farias



Supper at 101 Air Borne Restaurant



Beverly Hill Billy and Mary Francullo

THE 783 RD FIXER UPPERS

Hi You All,

Boy, July 5th, I never got such an early start on this column. The reason, Ginny and I had to attend a wedding in Ohio so instead of making a weekend wedding jaunt, we took a week. First we stopped off at Frank Salontay for a terrific two day visit. Not only does Frank barbecue a great steak but he has the keys to a lush golf course. Frank insisted we play the day of the wedding. Would you believe we teed off at 5:45 a.m., played 18 holes, Frank and Ginny put together a big breakfast and we were on the road by 9:05 a.m.: Ginny will never be the same and neither will I, Frank shot a 76!

On Sunday we dropped on through Ohio to Ky. and got ourselves a full dose of Southern hospitality at Millie and Arthur Doggets. After two years it sure was good to see the Doggetts and learn about the region. Milly and Art sure have a nice country place with all the comforts of the city. I know if the Mayor of Philadelphia had been with us wouldn't have been treated more royally. A great vacation spent with three great friends.

Would you believe two more of the fellows have been "found"? Joe Brown found us and Bob Burns put us on Henry Krebs tail- now that a turn about! Joe is living at 926 Willcliff Ave. Mechanicsburg, Pa. 17055. Joe stayed in the service and came out a Colonel then went with the Gov't. He has been a widower for seven years. He has two children in the east, is an avid golfer with an extra set of clubs, and is anxious to meet up with us.

Henry is residing at 8512 Village Mill Rd., Beacon Woods, Bayonet Point (clever) Fla. 33567. Henry is also a golfer, with the course out his back door.

Henry is married and leading a "quiet" life. I'm still waiting a resume of his life. Its beginning to sound like it would be profitable to take up golf just to visit all these fellows who play golf and sponge a little bit!

August 24 Now for the reunion which was a 783rd success with forty one of our people in attendance. Our virgins this year were Ivan Gilman and Bill and Helen Stubno. I hope Helen isn't too schocked over this news! We had our own 783rd meeting which were like those that Gilman used to run, supposed to last an hour and it lasted over twice as long. Ivan was much better without the uniform as he told us of a recent visit to the beachheads backed up by some memorable slides. Doc Pfeifer did another hilarious skit while Bensimon and Hammond related past and present experiences. Arthur also presented Doc with a degree from her honor the Kentucky Governor declaring Doc. a Kentucky Colonel. Bill Stubno and Hersh Weaver had "boo coo" photo's which had many of us scratching our heads. The girls kept saying "Who were all those handsome fellows?"

Paul Bryars ran another successful golf tournament, just ask Jim Jones, he won. Surprisingly Pauls jealous nature came when he explained why he didn't announce Jim's victory with all the other winners. Paul said, "The mike went dead." Poor Paul, Phil, Barbara will relish this for a long time.

This article is getting too long to write something about everyone so I'll just mention everyones name in radom order. Joe & Pat Stubber, Bob Hammond, Paul Bryars, George and Mettie Harris, terrific brother Ed and Violet Harris, Ray and Louise Downing, "Easy" & Lu Labbe, Herschel and Midge Weaver, Q & Inez Boyette, Troy Bishop, Hey, he was also a virgin and it was great seeing him. Ed and his terrific son Jim Perko, Al & Ruth Bensimon, Carl & Alyce Fredericks, Bill & Helen Stubno, Candy Candelieri looking good, James R. Jones looking big, Herm and Norma Hackstock; Art & Millie Doggett, Bill & Ruth Boyette, another terrific brother, Percy and Inez Mohon (where did he go) Bill and Martha Appleby, Dog and Agnes Pfeifer and last but not least Ginny.

On arriving home Al Unfriend's letter was there explaining his cancellation - Flu! Al joined Phil, Barbara and Steve Blasko on the insured reserved list. This only leaves Bill Manning unaccounted for I hope he didn't fall in a molar. Have a healthy new year and do drop us a line.

Hut two,

Rags Rangnow

P.S. Wiggins also cancelled because of his "last" wedding.

This letter was sent to Ruby Brown and she kindly forwarded it on to this office.

Dear Mrs. Brown:

I have been reading the Thunderbolt. I need some help at trying to locate my Brother, David Marshal born in Corpus Christi, Texas. The date of birth about 1920. He was in the U.S. Army in W.W. II. He had a twin brother David Woodrow Wilson who was in the U.S. Navy. He was killed at Pearl Harbor. His father is my father and my mother is his step-mother. Our father died in 1944. I was only 6 six years old at that time. I was adopted in 1947, by the Tumlinson family and I still use the Tumlinson name.

David Marshall Wilson was in the Time Magazine in the early 50's as soldier of the year. I did not know that I had an older brother until I got in touch with my older sisters and mother. After forty-one (41) years of separation from 1944 to 1985.

So if you could help me, I would thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,

James Tumlinson

P.O. Box 537

Dillard, Oregon 97432

THE LOUISIANA CHAPTER

Once again we are home from the reunion, and once again we will be looking forward to another reunion in 1987 in Charleston, West Virginia.

Some of you good people from Louisiana who are still members of the 83rd Association should make an effort to attend the reunions. On many occasions your friend ask for you when we get together once a year. I know that there many of you are hiding in Louisiana and Mississippi.



Part of Co. G 331st left to right: Al Suess, Alvin Wood, Lee Titus, Mort Gaynor, Bill Rippley, Joe Macaluso.

There were three of us that attended the reunion in Knoxville, Izzy Labbe, Laurence Armand and Joe Macaluso. Labbe was able to spend a lot of time with his buddies from the Ordinance Company. Laurence Armand once again amazed the crowd with his "Coon-ass Microwave oven." He had one on display, that he had built for one of his northern friends. He claims the thing works, and one day we may have to check him out, to see if the things operates the way he says.

Joe Macaluso

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER NEWS

I am sorry I could not make the past reunion in Knoxville, Tennessee. My son was hospitalized at that time, therefore I had to cancel.

Twenty eight (28) members from the chapter attended the reunion. Helen Allen, wife of our deceased member, Ralph Allen, also attended. From reports I received a good time was had by all.

A few items from our September meeting indicate that our Christmas Party this year will be held at the Holiday Inn on Route 60 in Oakdale, Pennsylvania. We will have nomination and election of officers for the ensuing two years later on this year. Sam Klipa has

CO. B, 329 REPORT

It's been a while since I've written an article strictly for my old Co. B Comrades so I just thought that we should get up to date now.

Those of you that didn't make it to Knoxville this year can now kick yourselves, for you missed a great reunion. The Dixie Chapter people sure brought out their famous Southern Hospitality and spread it around. And we "B" Company people can be proud of it too 'cause one of our own, Jesse Pirkle, is President of the Dixie Chapter'.

"B" Company was well represented at this reunion with 10 of us in attendance, including Lt. Frank Bollard, 3rd Platoon Leader, who came to his first reunion. I last saw Lt. Bollard on April 15, 1945, so we had a great gab-fest. And John Hennies, our Company Clerk, was also there with a lot of the records of you guys that he has kept for all of these years. Charlie Tsunis not only came but brought his entire family, including his mother, who, I believe, must be younger than Charlie. She's a mover!

Also there was John Hirko, Ed Thomas, Lou Kanex, Billie Walker, Charlie Beam, Jesse Pirkle, and yours truly. A pretty good turn-out. Hey! But we still missed the rest of you guys. How about making Charleston next year! There are, at present 22 "B" Co. Men on the Association Roster. We should be able to do better than that so let's do it!

We especially missed you Bob Uher, Dick Dickson, and Joe Stek. We'll see all of you in Charleston won't we? Incidentally, Lt. Bollard planned to visit Captain Hill after he left the reunion, so perhaps he can persuade the Captain to join us next year. Sure would be great wouldn't it.

Take Care Men, And Keep In Touch!

Bob Taylor
"B" 329

already informed us he will be unable to continue as Treasurer for health reasons. We will surely miss him in this job. The Chapter will tentatively reserve thirty (30) rooms for the 41st reunion in Charleston, West Virginia in 1987.

Yolanda, wife of Gene Costanzo is very ill at this writing. She thanks all who sent cards and called. A get well card would be nice. The address is 915 High Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15215.

Your reporter has decided to call it quits next August, after thirty eight (38) years in the printing industry. Although this column is fairly short, I was extremely pressed for time in getting it together and sent in.

"Fran" Beerhalter

Hello Buddies:

Another year has gone by and how rapidly too, and another Reunion has dropped by the wayside. We sure had a good turnout which is surprising indeed as our ranks are getting depleted more and more every year by members passing away. The days are growing shorter and shorter for us as we are no longer spring chickens. A lot of us are past seventy years of age and those behind us are catching up pretty fast. The Reunion was a good one although there was a lot of grumbling about the small dance floor and the music the first two nights. The Saturday night band was superb and the floor was added on to make it more accommodating for the throngs of dancing on the floor. The lady with the fake butt was the life of the party, she sure had everyone in stitches and the picture buffs flashing their bulbs.

This weekend we go to a wedding of Casey Szubske's (now Casey this is how Al has it spelled. Don't blame me if it is not right) son. Our whole chapter is invited so a good time is in the offering for us.

Our meeting this month (September) will take place in a V.F.W. Hall as an experiment, our attendance has gotten too large for individual homes to handle as we always have the ladies attending with us. Maybe we should just have the guys as we did at first, and have the meetings in the homes again. Some of the members have large enough homes to fit us all in but they're getting tired of the same guys holding the gatherings.

Our own Marge Miller was looking so great after her recent heart problem we could not get over how well she looked. Now I hear she is back in. That poor woman has really gone through the mill already. Buck up Marge, we're all praying for you in our own ways, so cheer up and get well quick, we miss you, and missed you at the reunion.

I'm happy to report that no one else is under the weather. At least I haven't heard of any illness among the group. Here's something for all of us guys out there: The man who wants a wife who can cook and sew and doesn't drink or smoke, should go to the cemetery and dig one up.

Cosmetics are nice but old Mother Nature still has the last laugh. Careful grooming may make you look 20 years younger, but it doesn't fool a flight of stairs.

That's it for now folks, stay nice, fight nice, and above all, "God Bless!"

Al Uridel

353-6 Pennell Circle
Tallahassee, Florida 32304
August 30, 1986

PS Hot Hot News:

Just got a telephone call from the Brennan's. Their daughter Christina gave birth, August 30th, and it was a beautiful baby girl, named Meghan Elisabeth Duckworth. She weighed 8 lb. 15½ oz. All are doing great.

Also we are planning for a Christmas party at the Marriott Inn in Providence R.I. on December 6. this is a week end fun time. Will send out information on it.

CO. "H" 330th

The Reunion is over for another year, and to those of you who did not attend, you were sadly missed. Although you were not with us in body, you were with us in mind and soul.

This year we had the pleasure of having with us, Captain Jack Masters, Major Raymond Rudd, Michael Champey, William McCartin, (take note McCartin, I spelled your name right) LeRoy Swank, Paul Wagner, Shirley Surface, Eldon McGinnis and myself, there were Wives in attendance also. Next year we will be in Charleston, West Virginia so try to start making your plans now to be there.

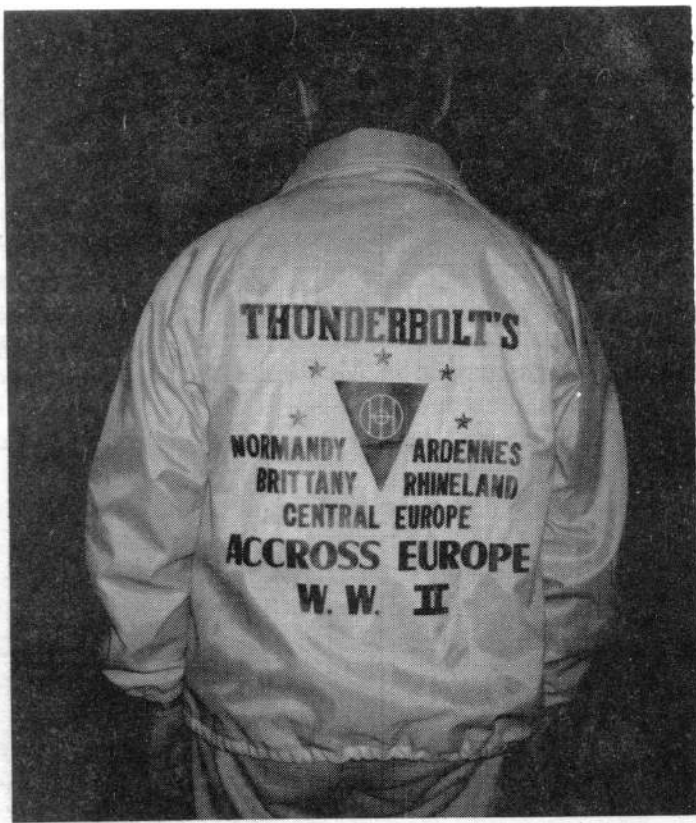
It was a very fine Reunion (as all Reunions are) the Dixie Chapter is to be commended on the wonderful time they had planned for us. There were Tours, a nice Hospitality Room to sit and talk over old times while enjoying refreshments, I dare not say drinks, or some of the wives who weren't there may think that it was just a drinking party, we also had nice meals planned along with dancing. So all in all, it was a very enjoyable time.

To you men of Co. "H", I am appealing to you once again, if you have any names and addresses of men from Co. "H", please send them to me, even if they are now deceased, I would like to have them in my files. I want to thank each and every one of you who donated to the Co. "H" Page in the Ad Book. There were several who failed to respond, but by the gracious donation of other men, I was able to add their names.

Let us all remember that during World War II, Company "H" was the greatest in the Division, and now that the War is over, we are still the greatest, if you weren't at the Reunion and haven't paid your dues for 1987, please send your check to-day in the amount of \$10.00, to the National Office.

I know that our next issue will not be out before Christmas, so in behalf of my Wife Mary and Myself, I want to wish you all the Best of Luck, and a Healthy and Happy Christmas and New Years. May GOD BLESS YOU ALL. Remember, Sgt. Redmond may not have been the most well liked man when he worked in the Orderly room and helped with the KP assignments and the Guard Duty assignments, or the best Communication Sergeant, and last but not least, the best Cook when he was assigned to the Kitchen, but he was behind you all. We in Company "H" were like a large family, and the Father of the Family was none other than Captain Jack Masters. He was great then and still is the same man.

Larry Redmond
Co. "H" 330th



**SHIRT - JACKETS
VIDEO TAPE
OVERSEAS CAP**

Just returned home after four (4) weeks of traveling and had a great time at our reunion in Knoxville.

The presentation of the new Jackets went very well, and now those who want to order these jackets must do so right away. I must have at least twelve (12) dozen on my first order or the price will change.

I would suggest that the chapters send in a whole chapter order, instead of one each. Those of you that do not belong to a chapter, can send an order also. Again the unlined jackets are \$18.50 each, Lined jackets are \$22.50 each., plus shipping. A fifty percent deposit will be required on all orders. Sizes are for the Ladies and Men: Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large, and Extra, Extra Large. The extra large and extra, extra large are two (2) dollars more.

The misspelling of the word ACCROSS will be corrected to read ACROSS. I have worked hard all these years hoping to get everyone well dressed for our reunion and a good showing at our Memorial Service. So let's see more of you wearing your shirts and caps at the reunion. Thank You and looking forward to seeing you all next year in West Virginia.

VIDEO TAPES:

Since I was taking video at the reunion, I was asked if I could make copies for anyone who would like one. I said I would try to get copies made. I have inquired and the best I can come up with is \$20.00 each. So if anyone would like a copy, please send your request and I'll have one made up for you. The tape came out beautiful and a great memory of the Luau, Memorial Service and more. I am going to add some of my Video at the Pines also. So it will make a very good tape to have.

VITO PALAZZOLO

323rd FA Report

Another reunion is over and a good time was had by all. This reunion had a lot of new members that joined up and it was mighty good seeing them after 40 years.

Hqtrs. Btry. had present at the reunion Orlo Hoover, Al Covi, Dustin Starbuck, Walt Harding, Efrim Fruchtman, Erwin Erhardt, Frank Wirth, Willie Snodgrass, John Pollack and Amby Tynan.

"Baker" Battery - Don Pettry, Leroy Rock, Calvin Baldwin, Curtis Lively and Will Medling.

"Charlie" Battery - Jake Wrwin, David Hunt, Ed Johnstone, Bill Miller, Don Christopher and Tony Piantedosi.

Service Battery had old reliable Pat DiGiammerino.

"Able" Battery had Paul Diethrich who went to the Cn Company 330th, however, he still remembers you guys.

We really missed Harry Herman from "A" Battery this year. Also from "C" Battery John Piscitelli. John was sick recently but according to the Phillie Chapter he is doing fine. We were all glad to hear this about John.

On the way to the reunion I got to see Bob Reasner in Chambersburg, Pa. and Dusty Starbuck in Abingdon, Va. Starbuck was telling me he had a chat with Ralph Morgan and that they are making a dinner arrangement to meet near Washington, D.C. It will be their first meeting since 1945. It will be a long dinner hour I am sure.

I also located William Hopcroft in Radford, Va. I telephoned him when I came home and really enjoyed talking with him after 41 years.

Had a visit with Kelley Wallace in Fort Union, Va. Also Crosby Phuop's wife Helen in Dillwyn, Va. So besides the reunion we met up with a lot on our travels.

Les Taylor was traveling in New England and called my house but Nancy and I were still on vacation. My daughter Nancy Ellen talked to him. sorry I was not home Les.

Erwin Erhardt and Richard McCouch paid me a visit this summer. They are the sons of Erwin and Eddie. It is a lot of fun being with the second generation. Makes me feel younger. Ha! Ha! Richard McCouch was attending Boston College and Erwin Erhardt was vacationing on Cape Cod.

Death has taken three more of our comrades. Romeo Maynard died June 17th, 1986. Romeo was very active in the Boston Chapter in which he served as President for four years. We were proud of his leadership during his term of office. Victor Bravman died August 8th, 1986 after a long battle with cancer. Faye Davis died also, the date is unknown to me at this time. Our hearts go out with grief to their families and loved ones.

Tom Houlette and Buck Taylor both wrote me nice long letters. They are both doing well and it was sure nice hearing from them.

Wishing you all Happy Holidays.

Amby Tynan

BOSTON CHAPTER

Thanks to Carroll Brown and the Dixie chapter for a job well done. Also, thanks to the men and girl that drove us in the Vans from Hotel to Hotel to make it easy for us. The jokes were old but good.

Boston Chapter had a meeting before the reunion at Pat DiGiammerino's house with the largest attendance we had in years. It was really wonderful meeting with so many with a lot of stories and laughs. I must say to Pat and Ginny, if our attendance keeps increasing, you will have to be putting a new 83rd wing on the house and do away with the grape vines. Ha! Ha! We can buy the grapes for the wine on Cape Cod.

We all missed John Piscitelli this year. John is resting up after an operation and we are looking for a speedy recovery. One thing John, Casey Kowalec made no errors, believe me. He did a splendid job as your replacement. Phillie Chapter also did stay on good behavior at the reunion. John you would have been proud of these men.

Today we had our Boston chapter meeting with 21 members present at Charles Lussier's house in Westport, Ma. There were also 18 wives present. I was a little late, however, I made the *chow line*. The food was delicious. Thanks to Rita and Charles who also did an excellent job on bar. He was trained well by the men of the 331st Anti Tank co.

In Westport Bob Hunnewell and Fred Sylvia from 329 I Co. sang a few songs. I never knew they had so much talent. Charles Miller called for order and continued the meeting. It was mentioned that the late Romeo Maynard had received a Presidential Citation but it came after his death. I wish he was alive to receive it as he was a proud man and would have really enjoyed it.

Larry Arrigo is starting back to work after his long illness.

Ray Bork, Charlie Lussier and Lou Drago were appointed to find a location for our Christmas Party.

The Boston Chapter will have the next meeting October 19th at Larry and Fran Arrigo's home in Norwood, Ma.

We missed seeing Arthur Waples, Mike Malik and Walt Koss at our meeting. Hope to see them all in October.

That's it for this issue from Boston. **Amby Tynan**
Boston Chapter



Pat DiGiammerino and Walter Koss first reunion, and Mike Malik.



Bruce Seigel and Bernie Cove at Hyatt Regency



Mike Amicone and Larry Armand after many years.



Some of the Boston Gang at Reunion



Mike Malik and Buddy - first meeting since P.O.W. Camp.

G COMPANY 331ST INFANTRY

Well another reunion has past us by, once again it was good to see so many new faces in the crowd. After forty one years, the 83rd Association seems to be growing, with a membership list of over 1700 members, and over 900 people attending the reunion, it looks as though, we have just begun to fight.

There were over 35 members who attended their first reunion, this is good. G Company as usual had a good turn out 14 members attended the reunion in Knoxville.

Those in attendance Mort Gaynor, Beau Titus, Edgar Perry, Joe Mayse Grove, Edward Walsh, Al Suess, Joe Macaluso, Kenny Baird, Bill Becker, Alvin Wood, William Rippley, Joe Phillipone, and Babe Gautschi. I must apologize to Grove, his first name just doesn't come to me at this time. He has been hiding away in Pennsylvania outside of Philly. Alvin Wood and Rippley made their first reunion and it seems like old times, because neither of them have aged over the years. Bill Becker finally made his promise come true, by attending a reunion, his first in many years. Gene Costanzo was missing this year, his wife Yolanda is ill, and he decided to stay home with the boss. It might be worth mentioning, Gene did not find his little girl friend on his trip to Europe in June. Their were a lot of you fellows missing that we have not heard from in quite a while. Vance Tuttle has missed the last three reunions, I would call to find out how he is, but I only have a Post Office box for an address, and I am unable to call him. Clyde Flanary has been missing, so has Mike Mizerock, Harold Ladley, Richard Drewniak, Selma Corder. Let us keep in touch because next year we will go further north for the reunion at Charleston, West Virginia. Start making your plans.

The wife and I always seem to enjoy ourselves at the reunion, because it is always good to see so many smiling faces that we have not seen since the War. There were three new members from E company, Three from F Company, two from the 908th Field Artillery that I haven't seen since 1945. This is what makes the reunions great, seeing all of these fellows after so many years.

We did have our sad moments at the reunion, at our Memorial Services there were four men from G Company listed as those that have past away since last reunion. We owe so much to those four men, Bob Piette, Harvey Vollmeer, Al Buckunas and John Teringo. After the list is read each year, we are thankful that we are still around to enjoy each others companionship. I hope that we can enjoy many more reunions and many more years of friendship.

To you the member of G Company, it was indeed an honor for me to command such an outstanding group of Men. It is something that I will always treasure.

Capt Mac



Cannon Co. 331st

Men in the picture are: Sitting: Lee Hetrick, Lawrence Armand, Simon Etzel; Standing: Chauncey Hunt, Mike Amicone, Don Johnson, Tony Krukowski, Guy Madison and George Head.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

We just arrived back from a fine reunion in Knoxville, Tennessee and are preparing ourselves for the next reunion in Charleston, West Virginia. I'm very happy to report that the Florida Chapter had over forty members present at this reunion. It sure is great meeting all our buddies once a year and greeting new members who came to the reunion for the first time. Two new members who we met and tried to make them as comfortable as possible were Mr. and Mrs. Katz of Akron, Ohio and Mr. and Mrs. Lamb of Long Beach, L.I. Missing from this reunion were the Ammon's, and the Stewart's. I'm sure we will be seeing them at our next meeting in November.

We went out to dinner at the C & N restaurant with the Feig's, The Galati's the Guziko's and the Rosenberg's. We had a ball waiting for the Suttle Bus to take us back from the Holiday Inn to the Hyatt.

The Florida Chapter meeting will be held the weekend of November 22nd at the Quality Inn in Winter Haven, Florida. It is just across the street from Cypress Gardens and is being hosted by Alma and Bill Herhuth, assisted by the Senger's. At our last meeting there we had a great time, and are looking forward to seeing many of our Florida buddies, including five new members we met at the reunion. If any 83rd members will be in Florida in November and would like to get together with us, please contact me and I will be glad to send you all the particulars and make your reservation for you. You are always assured a good time at our get togethers. The Florida Chapter keeps getting stronger each year. In addition to our meetings a number of us meet at least once a month and go out for an enjoyable dinner. We usually meet at the Gundersen's for a cock-tail and then off to the restaurant.

That's all for now, and have a Happy Thanksgiving, A wonderful Christmas Holiday, and A Healthy and Happy New Year.

Dave Benick
"A" 331st

KENTUCKY CHAPTER CHATTER:

We had a great 40th annual reunion at Knoxville, Tennessee. We enjoyed all the activities the Dixie Chapter planned for us. Thank you for hosting a very enjoyable reunion. Hosting a reunion is a lot of hard work and it doesn't always run smoothly but we sure had a fun time. It was so nice seeing old friends again from various parts of our wonderful country.

The Kentucky Chapter was well represented. Those in attendance were, Robert and Pearl Derickson, Ames & Helen Miller, Arthur & Mildred Doggett, Wilson & Vi Day, R. C. & Louise Hamilton, Al & Carol Shrawder, Herschell & Imogene McIntosh, Cecil & Nora Lee Walters, Owen & Jeanette Jones, Dan & Ann McCarthy, their lovely daughter Maria with the two beautiful grandchildren. Larry & Maxine Hamilton, Marvin & Wanda Hayden, James & Margaret Redding, Alex & Dorothy Ford, Fred Fowler & Margaret Stoke, Thessa Ritchie with her very attentive daughter, Judy. Manny & Avalon Goodridge with their daughter Amy, and Avalon's Sister and husband, Paul & Vivian Cravens. Wally & Frances Roberts, Earl & Bonnie Hoover, Larry & Jessie Dalton, Charley & Babe Schmidt, Tom Hensley, Floyd & Alberta Richmond, Chester & Helen Wilson, although Chester had been given the wrong medicine and had to leave for home because of a reaction to the medicine. We hated to see them go and they hated to leave. William & Nancy Ledger, Guy & Lois Madison, Sam & Mary Lou Grijalva, their daughter and granddaughter.

Paul Bryars & Robert Hammond, Robert Morman & Mary Ann, Leo Boyd & Beulah, Bob & Doris Brinkman. This made a total of thirty-one members. Making a complete total of sixty nine from the Kentucky chapter. Not Bad!!!

How about those neat Hill Billy outfits that Cecil & Nora Walters had on and the moonshiner was something else. Bruce Winchell you did a good job. Wilson helped the Dixie Chapter members tend bar in the hospitality room. The last day some of the us went out to the pool area after the Hospitality Room closed. Wilson jumped in the pool and lost his keys and glasses at the bottom of the deep end. He kept trying to retrieve them only to have misses. Finally a man swimming in the pool retrieved the articles for him. Wilson then jumped in the pool again and swam to the far side. When he stood up all we could see was a brown back and a big white bottom. Fortunately he was not arrested for indecent exposure.

We were honored to have our Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, Ralph Neppel and his lovely wife Jean at the reunion.

I must report that after twelve years of faithful service, our 1974 Oldsmobile is being replaced by a 1987 Chrysler Fifth Avenue.

Tony and Willene Viglione will not have to worry about riding in the Oldsmobile when we see them in Gatlinberg in December or Williamsburg in March. I think Tony was afraid the old car was going to fall apart.

We are having our fall meeting at Natural Bridge, Slade, Kentucky the week of October 10th and 11th. It is beautiful country.

Vi Day

Dear Pearl and Bob:

Just got back from another great reunion and must get this news in before the dead line. Hope it won't be too much trouble as I know you must be tired from working in Knoxville.

Hello all 83rder's that I was tring to get to take me to Glady's place in the mountains. (Philadelphia Chapter almost went, but the bus driver was afraid he'd get lost, but they did take me along to Dolly Parton Park and I had a wonderful time. Too bad you all didn't stay awhile longer as some Tennessee friends were as anxious to find the place as I was and so they drove me down thru those mountains until we found Glady's place and had our Sunday dinner there.

The trip alone was just fabulous, the scenery breath taking. After we arrived at Glady's we found home cooking you would not believe. Every thing right in the pots and pans they were cooked in. Take all you want. The many different foods we found there are too numerous to mention, and the desserts, yum-yum-- Is your mouth watering^o So was ours. We came away stuffed and happy. The hospitality was the greatest. It took one back to when they were a child at Grandma's for the Holidays. What a fun time we had. Eat your heart out gang, you'll have to wait for another reunion in Knoxville.

I bumped into the New Jersey gang after midnight on Saturday evening and one of the ladies said where do you think you are going and I said to my room, the music stops at midnight. Too bad that I didn't go up and get my record player and we could have danced the night away. So I ended up in the cocktail lounge for a night cap. I found out it is easier to come from Buffalo to Knoxville than to go from Knoxville to Buffalo. I don't know why the same bus can't go back the same way it came. The trip was nice but they went up through Indianapolis, Indiana and up to Chicago and then Cleveland and Buffalo. It was nice being in Chicago again after Thirteen years. To bad I didn't have more time or I would have gone to the Lincoln Park again. And yes, Philadelphia I missed the bus that time also, but I took a cab and I spent a few hours walking. When Mike saw a squirrel going with a walnut he said "Grace has to be here in the park." Well that is enough reminicising. Thanks everyone, Philadelphia Friends, Boston Friends and all the other 83rder's. I can't forget how nice it was to be with the 908th gang again. It was nice seeing Col. Jurden's from Kansas again and hope that he and his wife come to West Virginia next year. It was just a wonderful reunion, but there is still a lot of Tennessee that I did not get to see and I always wanted to go to Nashville. So I might just go on the trip to Nashville that is going from Buffalo in October. If I go I'll send you a card.

Thanks Bob and Pearl for all you do and take care of yourselves. See you next year.

Grace Brick

P.S. Thanks Lorenè and John for taking me to Glady's Place and seeing me off on Monday and helping me with all my heavy luggage, but I'll do the same thing next year.

Dear Sir:

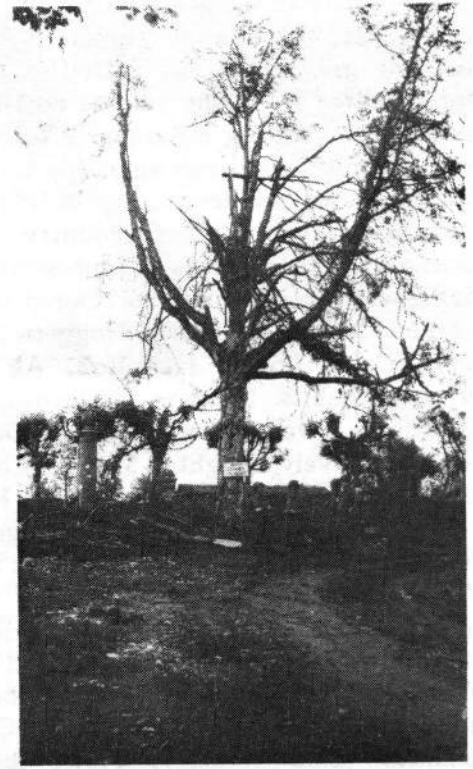
First I would like to commend you on your well organized Knoxville reunion. The fast efficient shuttle van service to and from the Hilton to the Hyatt.

Our accommodations at the Hilton were superb. This was my first reunion I have ever attended and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I hope to attend next years again.

I picked up all the brochures, and unfortunately I lost them all, Hilton. I would appreciate it very much if you could send me any of them that are available to you.

Enclosed are some snapshots I took in France and Germany. You may be able to use them in your Fall or Winter Issue of the Thunderbolt.

Sincerely,
Joseph G. Evans
QR



Normandy near Carenton June 1944



Camp Breckenridge, Ky., Home Office - 1944



APO No. 83 set up for field operation somewhere in France August 1949.



Dragons Teeth, Siegfried Line, 1945



Normandy France just after invasion, June 1944



Part of 20,000 prisoners taken at St. Male, nice going all of you, you did it.



Somewhere in Normandy Shelly and French standing by German 88mm gun. Those are the buddies who kept up in fox holes for sometime.



Hedge rows in France just after a battle, June 1944.

A LONG FRIENDSHIP

*This 40th year has arrived,
Our past has brought many dreams.
With love flowing from our hearts
T'was only yesterday it seems.*

*Our friendship has been so beautiful
That's grown stronger each passing day.
As we look back on our youth
Many happy moments came our way.*

*The lingering of all sweet memories
With hopes there are many more to see,
As lovely as those in our past
That's been go good for you and me.*

*Growing older with each other
Long awaiting this special time.
Where we can celebrate together
With job of love and peace of mind.*

*When this Memorial Day is over
Still our loves we must fulfill
Please guide us Lord with your Directions
May we live within your will.*

Haran Martin
"C" 331st

Babe Freitag sent this article in. All three of these gals made a big impression at the reunion. Remember the gal with the "fake bottom."

Since 1968 Lois Brinkman of Ohio, Luella Rubright of Pennsylvania have been purchasing material and patterns at the reunions. At the reunion they wore the dresses they had made. Looked like twins.

Bob Brinkman, Sterling Rubright & Howard Freitag are members of the "G" 329th. Quite a group.

Pearl and I certainly enjoyed our time spent with all of this group from "G" 329th. We had a couple of days at Nashville with them before the reunion. Larry and Sue Leonardi, Sam Klippa came down on Friday and we left together Saturday morning for Nashville. A really fun group to be with. Thank you Ames and Helen Miller for making it possible for twenty-one people in one group to have such a good time.

"One Big Family"

*Time has flown another year has past.
Seems only Days since celebrating the last.
It's always a pleasure and so nice to be
Here with all of you in Knoxville Tennessee.*

*We are one Big Family with love so dear.
When Celebrating our Memorial Service Each year.
The warmth and Happiness we enjoy so much
Talking War Experience, Old times and such.*

*Friends come from Far and wide to share.
Memories of our dead in words of prayer.
And for families who have suffered the loss.
With Heartaches and pains from lives that it cost.*

*Life goes on though it has been sad.
Loosing a son, brother, Uncle or Dad.
Our prayers we say while we are sleeping.
That someday they awake from Gods keeping.*

*The Brothers who survive hold the greatest respect.
For each others loyalty and will never neglect
To stick together through thick and thin.
With brotherly love as Eighty-Third men.*

*Let's not forget the ones with the back bone.
Who fought the battles back here at home.
Our lovely wives who carried us through.
The world can be proud of those ladies too.*

**Haran R. Martin
Dixie Chapter
"C" 331st**



**Sgt. Angelo Del Guidice
Battery A 908 F.A.
Deceased on June 24, 1985 of
Cancer.
This was sent in by his wife
L. DelGuidice, 15 Adams St.,
Cranston, R.I. 02920.**

September 2, 1986

Dear Mr. Redmond,

Warm Greetings from Knoxville...

I wish to thank you for your most thoughtful letter of August 27th, and for sending me a copy of the THUNDERBOLT and the booklet concerning the 40th Reunion of the 83rd Infantry Division. It was good of you to do so, and I am indeed most grateful.

It was a distinct honor for me to be able to celebrate Mass with members of your fine organization and I know that our joy-filled liturgy which we share with such enthusiasm -- brothers and sisters in Christ from so many different places and parishes around the country -- certainly found favor with the Lord.

In behalf of my Religious Community, The Paulist Fathers, I again thank all who made such a generous contribution to the building project now in progress at St. Paul's College, Washington, D.C.

With every best wish for yourself, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Casey Kowalec, and for all the great folks that I met at the Association Reunion, and asking that the Good Lord continue to bless you all down through the years that are ahead, I remain,

Sincerely in Christ,
William J. Cantwell, C.S.P.

16 September 1986



On Beaches of Normandy, on 6 June 1984; commander of 90th Inf. Div. on left, Irwin in middle, and Pres. of the "Free French Underground Resistance Assoc." (During W.W. II) with his medals shown.



On beaches of Normandy, France, 6 June 1984, with Irwin on left, and Pres. of "Belgian Resistance Forces Assoc." (During W.W. II).



Irwin on left, wife Eleanor on right, in middle with red cap is 83rd Div. member whose name and address is: Mr. August Farias ("Mousie"), P.O. Box 356, New Bedford, Mass., 02742. Taken under the Arc DeTriomphe, on 5 June 1984. Notice misspelled word.



1st Row - Margaret Voracek, Angie Phillipone, Elizabeth Skovran. Back row - Mena Macaluso, Phyllis Baird, Theresa Gautsch, Birdie Titus, Mildred Kelly.

WARREN CHAPTER NEWS:

Once again we returned from our annual reunion in Knoxville, Tennessee, with fond memories from the wonderful experience of associating with old friends and meeting new ones. The Warren Chapter C.P. was open to one and all and although rather small we managed to keep everyone happy and full of drinks and snacks. Despite the ice problem at the Hyatt, Ray Voracek and his committee corrected this by buying ice cubes in Knoxville to provide ice for all the drinks. We wish to thank the Memorial Program Committee for another fine service. Each year the list of our departed buddies grows longer and the Warren Chapter Gang shed a few extra tears as our old friend John Teringo's name was read. He is sadly missed by one and all.

SICK CALL: we are pleased to report that Joe Phillipone is now home and recuperating from surgery and we expect to see him at our September steak fry. Joe entered the hospital on September 2nd after his return from the reunion.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Ted and Dolly Halubka on the birth of their 5th Grandchild Daughter Sharon and Husband Mike Petyak are now the proud parents of a beautiful Baby girl, Danielle-born June 18th.

MEETINGS: Both meetings were held at Smelko's Ash Hills Golf Course and Shelter house. The men played golf in the morning followed by their meeting. Our lovely wives arrived about noon with covered dishes of delicious food while George Bellay and his committee attended the grill. We finished off the day with cold refreshments, card games and bull sessions.

AUGUST MEETING: Back to Ash Hills for this one. Golf in the morning-fine food in the afternoon. After the meetings topped off by cold refreshments, card games and bull sessions. Mike and Liz Skovran gave George Bellay and his committee a Day off at the

grill by bringing a big roaster filled with delicious roast beef which had us all going back for seconds and thirds.

Since the next issue of the Thunderbolt will not be published until after the holidays, all members of the Warren Chapter and our wonderful wives wish to extend to all of you nice people our best wishes for a Very Merry Christmas And Good Health, Good Luck and Much Happiness For The New Year.

Chapter reporter
Lee Titus

The West Virginia Chapter

The West Virginia Chapter was well represented at the Reunion in Knoxville this year. I think every one had a good time but with a little inconvenience getting back and forth to the different hotels. We look forward to the Reunion in Charleston (West Virginia) next year (Almost Heaven in 87). We believe everyone will enjoy their trip to this Reunion also. We are finding out that there is going to be a lot of work but we expected that. Everyone thinks we have an excellent location for a Reunion.

Our September meeting was held in Charleston, W. Va. on Sunday, the 14th at The Marriott Hotel. A very good attendance but we think it should have been better. The northern part was in attendance with: Anthony Krukowski of Weirton, Walter Sobel of New Cumberland and Charles Marsh of Youngstown, Ohio, and from the Charleston area: John Shepherd, Paul Pauley, Eugene Persinger, Rex Carson, Arthur Blankenship, Jim Dunkin, John Hobbs, and Don Pettry, also from the Pittsburgh Chapter were: Paul Diethrich, John Gallo, Jules Desgain, and Sam Klippa.

Our Speakers for this meeting were: Bill Rogers of the Visitors and Convention Bureau, their duties and the Chapter's duties, Jim Duncan, lodging, and Larry Shearin, food department of the Marriott Hotel.

We had an election of officers: Jim Dunkin-President, Paul Pauley First Vice-President, Anthony Krukowski, Second Vice-President. Don Pettry, Secretary-Treasurer. John Shepherd-Reporter, and Eugene Persinger-Chaplain.

Our next meeting will be in Parkersburg, W. Va. with the date to be determined later.

"That's All"

Don W. Pettry
B-323 F.A.

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Start making your plans to attend the 41st Reunion.**

DELINQUENT DUES NOTICE

This will serve as the official notification to those of you who have not paid your dues for the year 86/87, which are due on or before August 1st, 1987.

Please refer to your 83rd membership card. If it shows August, 1986, and you have not paid your dues in the last month, you are delinquent. So, please respond immediately and provide the financial support that is needed for the continuity of your association.

On the other hand, if you are in such financial circumstances that you require assistance, please notify your Secretary so that a confidential notation can be placed on your record, and we will continue your membership.

Our thanks go out to all of you who responded promptly to our dues requests, and to the many of you who so generously contributed additional amounts to help a buddy. It is our sincere hope that those who have not paid their dues to date, will be taking care of this in the very near future.

Bob Derickson, Exec. Sec'y-Treasurer.

86 - 87 DUES ARE DUE NOW!!!

Deadline for ALL articles to be published in Thunderbolt must be at this office by Sept. 10, Dec. 10, March 10, and June 10.

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Bob