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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I would like to take this opportunity and thank everyone of you for appointing me to the highest office, for the greatest association in the country. I am indeed proud and accept this position with the thought in mind that I can give something back, and do my share instead of always taking. With your help and my confidence I'm sure I can reach all the goals expected of me. I know with the wonderful people we have working together on the executive board, and the officers which were appointed wisely, we can take another step forward. I recognize each and every one of you as an important person, and if I can be of any assistance in any way, feel free to contact me.

At this time I want to thank Charlie Schmidt and his staff for the great reunion they organized. I can appreciate the work and effort that goes into managing these reunions, and give credit where it is due instead of looking for fault. Thanks again Charlie.

Our best wishes and good luck to Ralph Gunderson who just left the Executive Board after five years. We would just like to say thank you for a job well done and appreciate the time and effort you put in our great organization. Thanks again and best of luck in the future.

We have a great reunion planned for you in Pittsburgh. I won't say the "best" because I think every chapter does their best to please everyone, even though it is impossible. Let's get together and enjoy ourselves regardless, for who knows what the road ahead holds for any of us.

Thanks again and God willing we will see you in Pittsburgh.

Edward J. Reuss
National President

Program Chairman's Corner

I would like to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to be the Reunion Chairman for the 44th Annual Reunion in Pittsburgh in 1990. I will do my best to help make this another great Reunion. Our plans for the reunion are coming along fine. I hope everyone at the Cincinnati Reunion had a good time and arrived home safely. I hope you are already making plans to attend the reunion in Pittsburgh in 1990. All reservations must be made through the Vista International Hotel. More complete information and forms will be in the next Thunderbolt. We are having a dinner dance cruise for the first 700 persons. This is a separate affair and will not be included in the registration fee. Forms for this cruise will be in the next Thunderbolt. A schedule of the different events will be in the Thunderbolt later. So long for now and remember to send in your ads for the ad book. Hope to see you all in Pittsburgh in 1990. Good Health and God Bless all of you.

Sal Scicolone
I Co. 329th Inf.

Executive Board Chairman's Report

The forty-third (43rd) annual reunion is History. Thanks to all our buddies that helped to make this reunion, as with all reunions, a big success. Buddies you are the ones that have made this great Association and have kept it going.

I am following the shoes of a dedicated 83rd man, Ralph Gunderson, Ralph's will be hard to fill. Ralph has worked very hard for the Association "Thanks Ralph."

Representing the Board, I wish to welcome Gene Costanzo as our newest Board member, a dedicated 83rd man.

Our President, Ed Reuss and reunion Chairman, Salvatore Scicolone are continuing their hard work for the Pittsburgh Reunion supported by the Pittsburgh Chapter.

A warm welcome is extended to the new members and members that attended their first reunion in Cincinnati. Names of these members will be in the Thunderbolt. Buddies let them hear from you by a letter or card. Looking forward to seeing you at future reunions.

Last but not least a tremendous reunion was held in Cincinnati. A big thank you goes to President, Charley Schmidt and reunion Chairman, Manny Goodridge who spent countless hours preparing for this reunion. The men were supported by the Kentucky Chapter.

Ames Miller

Italian POW Chapel Rededicated at Atterbury

83rd DEDICATION
NOVEMBER 18, 1989

TIME: 1:00 P.M.
PLACE: Chapel NO. 1

The dedication includes Plaque in memory of our deceased Buddies. 83rd Insignia Quilt made by Mary Belle Wright in memory of her husband Jay who was a member of the Kentucky Chapter.

A tribute will be given in honor of 83rd members. A reception will follow the dedication services.

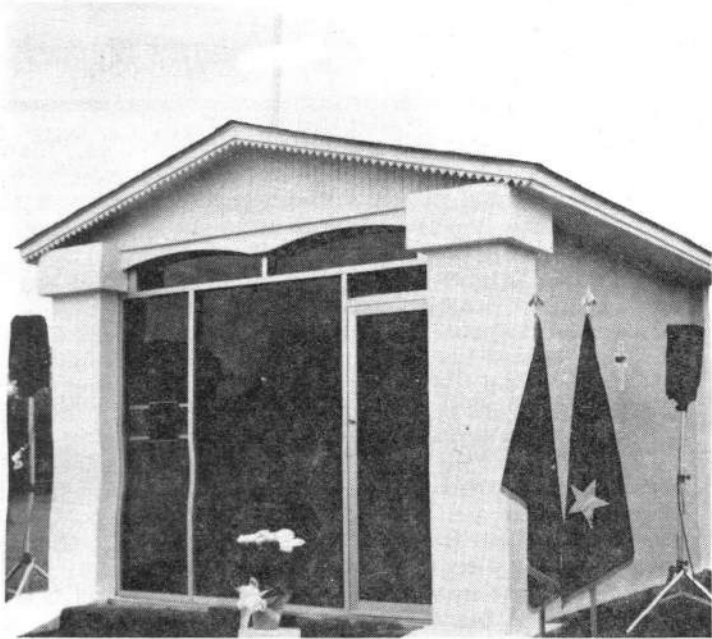
Please advise the following persons if you are able to attend. R.S.V.P.

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812-342-9263

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Camp Atterbury Post Headquarter, Bldg. #1
Edenburgh, Indiana 46124-1096
812-526-1103

If anyone is staying overnight, attached is a listing of motels for your convenience.

Information sign will be posted at the main entrance going into Camp Atterbury.



The 45-year-old chapel has been refurbished and has been rededicated on Saturday, September 16 in the Meadows of Camp Atterbury. (Refer to Winter Issue 1988, Vol. 43 #2 for previous story on Chapel.

COLUMBUS AREA

- Holiday Day Inn, I-65 and Hwy 46, Columbus, IN 812-372-1541
- Knights Inn, I-65 and Hwy. 46, Columbus, IN 812-378-3100
- Ramada Inn of Columbus, I-65 and Hwy 46, Columbus, IN 812-376-3051
- Days Inn, I-65 and Hwy 46, Columbus, IN 812-376-9951
- Columbus Motel, Hwy 31 and 46 East, Columbus, IN 812-379-4467
- Dollar Inn, I-65 and Hwy 46, Columbus, IN 812-372-6888

EDINBURGH AREA

- Hilltop Motel, Us 31, Edinburgh, In 812-526-6555
- Indiana Motel, 10330 N. US 31, Taylorsville, IN 812-526-9747

FRANKLIN AREA

- Days Inn, 2180 E. King, Franklin, IN 317-736-8000
- Tearman's Motel, 501 S. Morton (US Hwy 31), Franklin, IN 317-736-5021

MOBILE HOME PARKS

- Driftside Park, US 31, Edinburgh, IN 812-526-6891
- Tannehill Park, Tannehill Road, Taylorsville, IN 812-526-6064



GREETINGS

from the
National Office

Well men we have gotten through another year. I want to thank all of you for the support and kindness shown to this office over the year.

We are now looking forward to the reunion in Pittsburgh and working with Ed Reuss, his wonderful wife Lee, and all of their Committee people. We welcome Gene Costanzo, a member of the Pittsburgh Chapter, to the Executive Board. Gene has been a long time member of the 83rd and will work hard to keep things going. Welcome Gene, and thank you for your kindness to us. I am sure that you will all enjoy your reunion in Pittsburgh and your stay at the beautiful Vista Hotel. One of the main things is that the garage is well lit and you park your own car. You lock your car and you unlock your car. This is something that is good for all hotels to see to.

On Saturday, September 16, Pearl and I traveled to Columbus, Indiana and met with Chester and Helen Wilson, Bill and Nancy Ledger, Gale and Irene Baker, Mary Belle Wright and Helen and Ames Miller. We met for lunch and then went to Camp Atterbury for the rededication of the Chapel in the Meadows that had originally been built by the Italian Prisoners of War. It had been built first in 1943. This was a beautiful spot built away from the main camp. All in all we had 19 members of the Kentucky Chapter there. There was a good group of people from all over. A wonderful after noon of Fellowship. We all enjoyed it. On November 18 they will dedicate the Chapel #1 on the main ground. Ames has more about this in his article. It will be worth your while to attend if you were ever stationed at Camp Atterbury. It is all changed from our time there in 1942. But still as you look over the ground it takes you back in time. Ames and Helen are working a great deal with the officers at Camp Atterbury.

For all of you who saw Owen Biller in his ORIGINAL ARMY UNIFORM, how did that make you feel. He really look good. Thanks to Owen and Mildred for bringing their slides of our trip to Europe and showing them one evening at the reunion. Everyone enjoyed the evening. We thought that Tillie Klimmes would be at the reunion. I know she had planned to be there. We are sorry Tillie that you could not come. She is a delightful lady and a gracious hostess. She spent a whole day with our group when we were overseas. Explaining so much to us and taking us back 45 years. We hope that you will get to one of our reunions Tillie. Would love to see you.

I want to thank all of the ladies who helped at the registration desk taking the dues and giving out membership cards. Without you wonderful volunteers it would be impossible to get all of it done..I want to thank three people who helped us. They were Bonnie and Earl Hoover's daughters, Diane and Beth and our daughter, Cathy. It was great of them to give their time to help us all out. We were tickled to have our daughter and grand-daughter Leslie with us. Thanks again to all of you. We certainly appreciate it.



OWEN BILLER "A"331 "How many can still get your uniform on?"

This is a list of the members who attended their first reunion. We have not finished our records as yet and we may have more. If so we will print those names in the next Thunderbolt.

Calvin Aller	Regt. HQs.	5950 Judith Dr.	Ham. OH 45013
Stephen Artner	"K"330th	104 Peabody Dr.	Oxford, OH. 45056
George Bartram	"HQ"329th	14 Beverly Dr.	Huntington, Ct. 06484
Leo F. Bauman	"HW"	2185 Gardner Rd.	Ham. OH 45013
Joseph Belock	HQ. 331st	3196 W. 90th	Cleveland, OH 44102
Vird R. Blandford	453rd	2223 Count Turf Dr.	Owensboro, Ky 42301
R.T. Brooks	3rd BN. HW. 329th	931 Leestown Ln.	Frankfort, Ky 40601
Jerome W. Byrd	DIV. ARTY	2204 NW 5th St.	Okla. OK. 73112
George Calore	"A"329th	29021 Sherbrook Dr.	Wickliffe, OH 44092
Roy Clemons	"F"329th	13722 Old U.S. 12	Chelsea, MI 48118
Merlin A. Collier	1 BN. HQ. 329th	2648 Pembroke Terr.	Okla. City OK 73116
Ramon Crilly	"C"329th	4970 15th St. SW	Canton, OH 44710
Edward Etter	"M"330th	15414 Bailey	Taylor, Tx. 48180
Walter Henschel	"I"329th	3887 Granger Rd	Median, OH 44256
George C. Foster	"E"330th	1104 Grant Ave.	W. Collingswood, N.J.
William A. Hutton	"F"329th	1520 Steel Rd.	Havertown, PA 19083
Elliott Jacoby	83rd BAND	209 Ellis Road	Havertown, PA 19083
Joe Jacobson		1525 N. Mirimonte	Ontario, CA 91764
John H. Lindsey	3 BN. HQ. 329th	791 Shaver Road	Cedar Rapids, IA. 52402
Edward M. Meeks	"CN"331st	1942 Louisa Ave.	Wheeling, W.V. 26003
Curtis L. Mills	"I"329th	212 Westchester Dr.	Decatur, GA 30030
Roy L. Powell	"A"329th	Rt. 2 Box 384-B	Mechanicsville, VA
Mike Russo	"I"330th	506 West Road	Ridley PK, PA 19078
Louis R. Sandini	322nd	240 Main Street	Marlboro, MA 01752
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William K. VanHoy	"K"329th	17614 S.E. Cook St.	Milwaukie, OR 97267
William H. Wainscott	HQ. ART.	783 Cox Road	Independence, KY 41051
George M. Walters	"E"331st	95 Hickory Grove	Concord, N.C. 28025
John Wojcieszak	"B"329th	1630 Oak Street	Chicago, Ill 60411

We are certainly glad to have this many men come for the first time. We will get the names of new men who have signed up with the organization but did not attend the reunion. That will be in the next issue.

As ever
Bob



Chaplain's Corner

Just before the reunion, President Charley Schmidt notified us that the Fountain Square in "Cincy" has been set aside for the Association. Memorial Services. The Military Band is set up--The Police escort is ready-- and all we have to do is execute.

We'll execute we did. When we were brought to attention, and when the Command of Forward March was given, we moved out in step with the marching music and Police escort, it was a proud moment for the 83rd. Speaking for Matt Pintar, Charley Schmidt, Manny Goodridge, Al Belvedere, Joe Macaluso and Jim Burton. It was a privilege to help coordinate for you troops, the Memorial services for our Deceased Buddies and the deceased members of our 83rd families. May the Good Lord take a "Likin" to all of you.

So, thanks to you the troops, your spouses and friends, The Color Guard Units, The Rifle squad, The Military Band, The Bugler, The Police Escort, The Mayor for his kind words, The Electricians and the Sound Equipment People. With all of you being there it proves, that in Unity there is strength and that is what makes America Strong. Special thanks to Bob Grobelny, Bob Taylor, 329th, Nick Francullo, Fred Messina 330th, Jim Price, Haran Martin, 331st, Jerry Zingg, Amby Tynan, Division Artillery, Bill Appleby, Manny Epstein, Special Units. These men represented our 83rd Division Units by placing the wreaths. Also special thanks to Kathleen Schmidt, Avalon Goodridge, and Vi Day who placed the wreaths remembering the deceased wives and children of our Buddies.

P. S. To Jim Burton, the people wanted to know what it was that you drank, because you never sounded so good. Mrs. B., we attributed it to that good Ohio "Holy" Water.

Casey Kowalec, Chaplain

Life Member Passing Walter H. Edwards Jr. dies: Owned engineering business

Mr. Edwards died in September 1989.

He was owner and president of W.H. Edwards Engineering Corp., retiring in 1977. He was a World War II Army veteran and was past president of the Southern Club of Indiana.

He helped found and was first president of Mason Contractors of Indianapolis and was on the board of directors of the Rotary Club.

He graduated in 1935 from Indiana University, where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Memorial contributions may be made in the memorial fund, of the Church, of which he was a lifetime deacon and chairman of deacons.

Survivors: wife, Lucy Elizabeth Beasley Edwards; daughters, Judith E. Riebe and Mimi E. Harden; sister, Louise E. Short; four grandchildren.

To the Kentucky Chapter for an outstanding reunion. To all of you members, wives and friends, who were such gracious hosts and hostesses. To the great group of people who handled the well organized registration area, with the smiling faces and kind words.

The music of Paul Wagner was fantastic. The food was excellent, and the refreshments plentiful. Friendship prevailed. We don't know how you managed to accumulate all of those prizes, but we do know that Amy Goodridge had a lot to do with it. Young lady with the way you handled the give aways with your dad, we all agreed that Vana had better step aside, because "our Amy" is ready to take over.

It was a great reunion and we are certain, that the wonderful people from France, are still talking about it "over there". Thanks to Reverend Vincent Schmidt (Charley's brother) who was the celebrant of the Catholic Mass, to Kent O'Connell, Dolores Price, Mary Francullo, the ushers and to all of you, regardless of your faith, who joined the fantastic choir in song with reverence to the Lord.

Let us all start making plans for our next reunion in Pittsburgh. Perhaps the words below will have some meaning.

If I had my life to live over, I'd try to make more mistakes next time. I would relax. I would lumber up. I would be crazier than I've been on this trip. I know very few things I'd take seriously any more. I'd certainly be less hygienic. I would take more chances. I would take more trips. I would scale more mountains. I would swim more rivers, and I would watch more sunsets. I would eat more ice cream and fewer beans.. We're always putting things away for that tomorrow that never comes. Every once in a while - go crazy! Spend it!! I would have more actual troubles and fewer imaginary ones. You see, I was one of those people who lived prophylactically and sensibly hour after hour, day after day. Oh, I've had my moments, and if I had it to do all over again, I'd have more of them. In fact, I'd try not to have anything else, just moments - one after another - instead of living so many years ahead of my day. I've been one of those people who never went anywhere without a thermometer, a hot water bottle, a gargle, a raincoat, and a parachute. If I had it to do over again, I'd travel much lighter, much lighter than I have. I would start barefoot earlier in the spring, and I'd stay that way later in the fall. I would ride more merry-go-rounds and catch more gold rings, and pick more flowers and dance more often..

If I had it to do over again.....but you see, I don't

Perhaps you may read the above words again. If they move you, pick up that pencil or phone, and write that short note, or make that call. Someone is waiting to hear from you, as much as you are waiting to hear from them.

Casey Kowalec
322nd

VETERAN'S DAY NOVEMBER 11, 1989

Just a reminder, that if this issue of the Thunderbolt reaches you before the above date, to make certain that you, your children, your grandchildren, and your neighbors, have the American Flag, that you so bravely fought for DISPLAYED.

It has been twenty 20 years ago that Three (3) brave astronauts made certain that our flag was planted on the

moon, leaving with it the message, "We came in peace for all Mankind."

As we listened to President Bush speak of the event, and then retracing all the efforts of our people who had accepted the challenge, to accomplish this heroic task, it was with a feeling of pride that all of us felt for our country, in sending these men on such a bold mission.

Who will ever forget that moment when the Eagle landed, and Neil Armstrong took that "ONE SMALL STEP FOR MAN! ONE GIANT LEAP FOR MANKIND"

Too many Americans still take this event for granted. As our 83rd Cleveland Chapter, gathers with Veterans of many different organizations, to honor all of our veterans at the Maple Heights, Ohio Memorial, we will also be saluting that American Flag on the Moon.

Should many of you, not have the opportunity to attend a Memorial Service, take a moment in the late evening, when that November moon is shining, to give that FLAG a salute. Your neighbor may see you, and think you are off your rocker, SO WHAT. Should he question you, then you can explain what a proud American you are.

Tell the moon and flag story to your children, grandchildren, Great grandchildren, so that they can pass it on to their future children. This will instill pride within them, so they do not take this great country of ours for granted.

They must be made to realize, that whether they are in New York, California, Wisconsin, OHIO, or Texas, they are standing on the most valuable piece of real estate in the world.

THE LAND OF THE FREE
THE HOME OF THE BRAVE
AMERICA

Casey Kowalec

P.S. What a great feeling of pride you will receive, when your grandchild takes you by the hand, and says tell me the story about the men landing on the moon, again, GRANDPA

A THANK YOU FROM FRENCH MAYOR LUCIEN LEROND

Dear Charles,

I don't know how Maurice Therese, Beatrice my friends and myself can ever thank you for all you have done for us. You made our stay in Cincinnati very enjoyable.

We will never forget the past four days in the hotel among our veteran friends of the 83rd, we were pleased to see so many familiar faces. That invitation to your convention permits us to remember how much we are thankful you liberated us in 1944.

Your hospitality was so spontaneous, so generous we were profoundly touched and it is difficult to express our gratitude in words.

Thus, your contribution to our visit of your magnificent country made it the most beautiful vacation of our lives.

We are grateful and would like to express our appreciation to all of our friends; our best souvenir.

Hold steadfast the hope of your welcome again to Saint Hilaire-Petitville so we will remember all of our friendships.

Thank you,
Lucien Lerond

NEWS FOR THUNDERBOLT

Deadline Changes Will Be Oct. 5 - Jan. 5 -
April 5 - June 5

This will be effective starting Jan. 5, 1990

Historian's Corner

Buddies

The following pictures are a part of the combat photos I mentioned in my last report.

As time passes I will publish more from the Huertgen Forest, Battle of the Bulge, and the Rhine.

They will bring back Memories to those who were there.

You lived there.

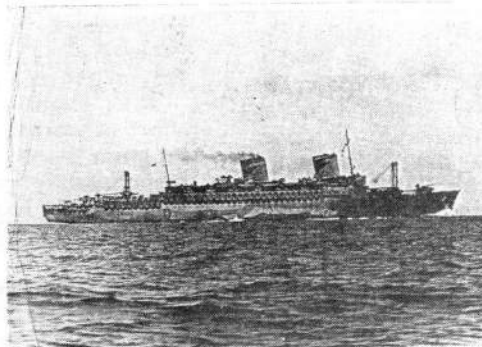
"We were the best"
Wm. Kent O'Connell
Historian 83rd M.P.

P.S. Thanks Arthur Riech (M.P.) for the picture of Major George Ogilvie P.M., C.M.P.

Still looking for 329 & 330 Histories.

Thanks Charlie Schmdt and Kentucky chapter for a fine Reunion.

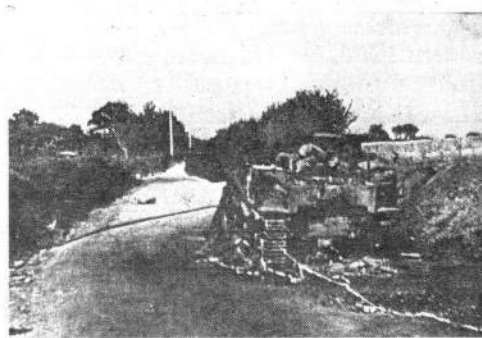
Wm. Kent O'Connell



1 - A.T.S. 'George Washington' - April 4th, 1944 - 83rd troop ship to E.T.O.



Major General Robert C. Macon, 83rd Comdr. -- Nov. 1944 - Huertgen Forest



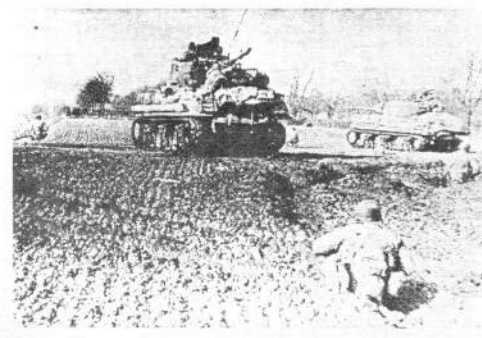
Destroyed German Tank - Normandie



German O.P. - Normandie



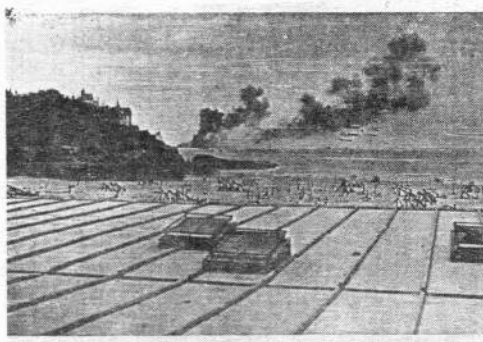
Direct hit on G.I. Tank



Advance under tank Protection



Direct hit-Dec. 8th, 1944 - Message Center - 3rd Bn. 330th. 13 Killed 1 man out alive!



St. Malo/Parame-- looking toward Isle de Cézembre being bombed by P-38's Aug. 1944 - Bretagne.



Advancing under smoke. Huertgen - Germany



Squad Advance - Germany?

Past Presidents Corner

To All:

The wonderful People who supported the Ky. Chapter at the reunion, to the Ky. Chapter, but especially so, to Wilson and Vi Day for the Early Birds, Ames and Helen Miller for general purposes, Cecil and Nora Lee Walters for registration and the door, Alex Ford and Owen Jones on the door, R.C. Hamilton and Louise for the ad book and registration, Larry Redmond for the ad book, the Palozollo's, the Francullo's, the Brinkmans, The Goodridge family, Keith, whose father picked his brain for costing of the reunion, Amy, the solicitor, who acquired 95% of the door prizes, Avalon, who kept Manny and I on and even keel when things looked bleak and Mr. 83rd himself, Manny, who was the financial planner for the reunion and finally, my lovely wife "Babe" who kept me on the ball when I became discouraged and lost my temper when things were not so rosy, thank you. All you lovely people for your support.

Charlie Schmidt
Past President 1988/89

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Now that the Reunion has been completed I hope you have returned home safe and without problems.

As you've been told, this reunion was the conceptual idea of Dan McCarthy. We sincerely hope he would have approved of what was done.

As many of you know we had our difficulties; but those things helped our group to work even harder. I want to thank all of the persons that helped from the other chapters. In particular, Larry Redmond for supporting R.C. Hamilton on the

program book. Based on the amount of money the program book supplied to the Reunion, which helped to reduce the registration fee, it is quite obvious Larry spent many hours soliciting.

I also want to thank those members who were instrumental in having the people from France attend. I believe that was one of the high points of the Reunion. I've just finished reading a letter Charlie Schmidt received from the mayor of Saint Hilaire-Petitville. In this letter the mayor had nothing but praise for the Reunion and those of our members who were responsible for them coming. This trip, to those people, was the greatest thing of their lives.

Now I want to take this opportunity to thank the following:

Wilson and Vi Day for the untiring effort they put forth in planning and executing the early bird affair at Forest View Gardens. This was extremely enjoyable and contributed to a positive mood as the prelude to the Reunion.

Charlie and Kathleen Schmidt for the many hours



Charlie Schmidt displaying his gift from the young man in Belgium.

Kathleen spent on the typewriter, typing the advance registration name tags. "The compassion and concern Charlie experience trying to help all attendees with any problems they might have.

R.C. Hamilton for his effort in working with the Program Book. The sole responsibility was RC's and with the help of Larry Redmond did an exemplary job.

Tom Hensley, Nora Lee Walters, Cecil Walters, R.C. Hamilton and Kathleen Schmidt for the manner in which they ran our registration. Things moved efficiently and fast.

Helen and Ames Miller for everything they did, the ceramic tile with the 83rd insignia, door prizes, all of the errands Ames ran, the flowers and decorations Helen donated and the movement of equipment by Ames on his little cart. They were always available for anything to be done.

Ann McCarthy, her daughter and daughter's husband for attending. It was refreshing to see Ann. I only hope she approved of what she saw.

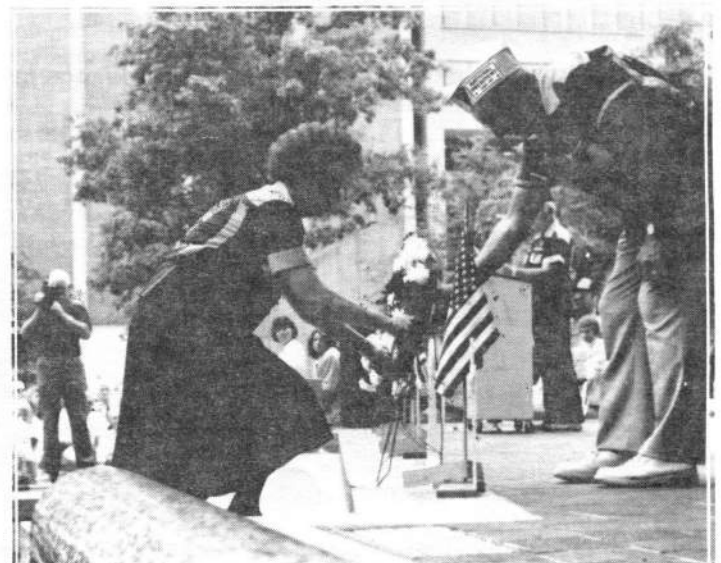
My family for their support, **Avalon** for encouraging and putting up with me during the long and arduous planning stage, the welcome bags she passed out and the handling of the baseball tickets. Amy for the numerous letters she typed, the many door prizes she procured and the encouragement she supplied. Keith for the reproduction of 83rd stationary and the movement of equipment.

I hope everyone who attended had a great time and look forward to seeing each of you for many years to come.

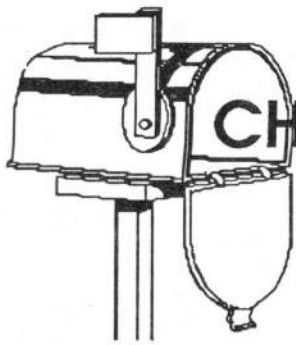
Manny Goodridge



Manny Goodridge & Casey Kowalec parading.



Avalon Goodridge placing the memorial wreath with the help of Charlie Schmidt.



CHAPTER NEWS

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER NEWS

We do not have too much to report at this time as we are scheduled to have our Pgh. Chapter meeting on October 1. We have invited our ladies to attend so that we can put any ideas together and exchange thoughts on our program thus far. Also we will decide on what responsibilities will be assigned to the chapter members.

One thing we found out there is no cheap way out when you try to do things everyone likes in the heart of the city. We can assure you we will try our best to get you the most for your money and make this a memorable event, as this

will probably be the last reunion held in Pittsburgh.

We will start lining up our events in the next issue of the Thunderbolt, and keep you posted, so please read our report and make your reservations early.

Edward Reuss
National President



I must apologize for not having a column in the last issue of the Thunderbolt. Material was sent in but returned by the Post Office Dept. in a mutilated condition. This was done by their new high-tech sorting machine. This has happened to me two other times over the course of this year. On top of that my Pennsylvania income refund check was lost in the mail. Therefore some of the material is from memory, as I threw away my earlier notes.

Gene Costanzo and Joe Danylo were in Europe during the summer and placed a wreath at a tomb of an 83rd soldier...Mike Kadylak, Gene Costanzo, "Smokey" Alicandri and Ed Reuss attended the mini reunion of the Dixie Chapter in Williamsburg, Virginia in the spring. Speaking of "Smokey" he had a triple bypass operation in May and was absent from chapter meetings and unable to attend the

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

83rd INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION OF WORLD WAR II 43rd ANNUAL REUNION FINANCIAL STATEMENT CINCINNATI, OHIO AUGUST 17, 18 & 19, 1989

President: Charles E. Schmidt
1st Vice President: Manlius R. Goodridge
2nd Vice President: R.C. Hamilton

SOURCE OF FUNDS

PROGRAM BOOK.....	\$11,826.00	
REGISTRATION.....	\$40,731.00	
DONATION (GRACE BRICK).....	\$ 1,000.00	
BASEBALL TICKETS.....	\$ 360.00	
		\$53,917.00

USE OF FUNDS

PROGRAM BOOK (EXHIBIT I)	\$ 2,762.46	
DAILY EXPENSES:		
THURSDAY AUG. 17, 1989 (EXHIBIT II)	\$ 4,792.34	
FRIDAY AUG. 18, 1989 (EXHIBIT III).....	\$ 20,237.55	
SATURDAY AUG. 19, 1989 (EXHIBIT IV).....	\$ 22,372.61	
		\$50,164.96

NET PROFIT

\$3,752.04

EXHIBIT I

REVENUES: \$11,826.00

EXPENSES:

POSTAGE	\$1,037.50
REPRODUCTION	\$ 156.96
WOOLRIDGE PRESS:	
PRINTING	\$1,500.00
UPS	\$ 128.00
LESS ADVERTISEMENT	(\$60.00)
	\$1,568.00

\$2,762.46

NET INCOME

\$9,063.54

EXHIBIT II
AUGUST 17, 1989 EXPENSES

PLASTIC NAME TAGS - JOHN R. GREENE	\$165.00
ADDITIONAL PLASTIC NAME TAGS - JOHN R. GREENE	\$51.45
REGISTRATION TICKETS - PDQ PRINTING	\$65.00
ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION TICKETS - PDQ PRINTING	\$10.00
ENVELOPES - CHARLES SCHMIDT	\$36.08
LOG BOOKS & ENVELOPES - FARRELLS PHARMACY	\$5.34
TYPEWRITER RENTAL - KATHLEEN SCHMIDT	\$31.50
RENTAL OF TYPEWRITERS FOR REG. - CONVENTION BUREAU	\$100.00
DATA PROCESSING - KATHLEEN POPHAM	\$63.00
REGISTRATION HELP - CINTI. CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU	\$297.50
5 ROLLS TICKETS - CHARLES SCHMIDT	\$17.50
KY. STATE PINS FOR DITTY BAGS	\$170.00
PLAQUE FOR GRACE BRICK - WELLING JEWELERS	\$43.60
DRINKS HOSPITALITY ROOM - CLARION HOTEL	\$1,522.51
DRINKS FOR PRESIDENT SUITE - CHARLES SCHMIDT	\$34.45
DRINKS BEER PARTY - CLARION HOTEL	\$1,234.35
MUSIC FOR DANCING - PAUL WAGNER	\$575.00
60 BASEBALL TICKETS - CINTI. REDS	\$360.00
OVERPAYMENT OF REGISTRATION - WRIGHT CUTTER	\$10.00
TOTAL	<u>\$4,792.34</u>

EXHIBIT III
AUGUST 18, 1989 EXPENSES

COURT REPORTER - CJV REPORTING INC.	\$320.00
DOOR PRIZE FOR STYLE SHOW - J.C. PENNEY	\$200.00
MODELS FOR STYLE SHOW - JACK MORAN TALENT AGENCY	\$325.00
STYLE SHOW COMMENTATOR - CHRISTINE WADE	\$100.00
FOOD AND BEVERAGE, STYLE SHOW - CLARION HOTEL	\$950.45
DRINKS HOSPITALITY ROOM - CLARION HOTEL	\$1,264.60
7-UPS FOR DOOR PRIZES - 7 UP BOTTLING CO.	\$55.00
MAGICIAN - ROBERT SEARS	\$145.00
BUFFET (875 PERSONS) - CLARION HOTEL	\$16,187.50
MUSIC FOR DANCING - PAUL WAGNER	\$690.00
TOTAL	<u>\$20,237.55</u>

EXHIBIT IV
AUGUST 19, 1989 EXPENSES

TYPEWRITER RENTAL - PETER & PAUL OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$36.93
COURT REPORTER - CJV REPORTING INC	\$280.00
PLAQUE FOR ATTERBURY - SUPERIOR TROPHIES & SCREEN PRINTING	\$162.50
LODGING FOR SGTS. FROM CAMP ATTERBURY - AMES MILLER	\$114.00
SCREEN RENTAL FOR SGTS. FROM CAMP ATTERBURY - AMES MILLER	\$10.55
AUDIO EQUIPMENT - CAVALIER AUDIO VISUAL INC	\$84.40
5 TELEVISION FOR DOOR PRIZES - LEE & JACK'S TV	\$1,192.50
DRINKS HOSPITALITY ROOM - CLARION HOTEL	\$1,338.90
FLOWERS - SWAN FLORAL & GIFT SHOP	\$92.83
HELIUM FOR BALLONS - SPARKLING CARBONIC	\$55.00
DINNER (896 PERSONS) - CLARION HOTEL	\$17,920.00
MUSIC FOR DANCING - PAUL WAGNER	\$1,035.00
ADVANCED REGISTRATION NOT CREDITED - KEITH DAVIDSON	\$50.00
TOTAL	<u>\$22,372.61</u>

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Cincinnati reunion. He only returned at the October meeting. Bill Harrold had open heart surgery and has been absent for an extended period. Mike Rudy's wife, Margaret died a few months ago.

A good representation from the chapter attended the reunion in Cincinnati. A chartered bus took a goodly number, also quite a few opted for private transportation. Our Gene Costanzo was elected to the Executive Board.....Ed and Lee Reuss have another addition to their family, son Brian and wife Kim had their child who they named Staci Christine who was born Friday, September 1 at 3:00 a.m. weighting 7 lbs. 3 oz.

The October chapter meeting was a joint one with the women to help formulate plans for the 1990 reunion to be held in Pittsburgh. I am unable to give any information as to what transpired as I was unable to attend due to a last minute change of plans.

"Pete" Kwasniewski informed me of the death of George Smith of Beltsville, Md. on January 18, 1989 after a lengthy illness. He retired in 1977 from the U.S. Government Printing Office. Interment was at Ft. Lincoln Cemetery, Brentwood, Md. He was a member of Co. F 329th...James Amato of Brownsville, Pa. died Thursday, August 17, 1989. He retired in 1979 from J & L Steel Corp. Bobtown Mine. He was a member of Co. M 330th...Former Company Commander of L Co. 329th at Camp Atterbury, Ind. Captain Henry K. Fluck passed away on September 18, 1989. His rank was Lt. General. He was commander of the 28th Division of the Pa. National Guard. He also commanded the 79th U.S. Army Reserve Command. He died at the Somerset, Pa. Hospital. He was 77 years old. Mathew Pintar traveled to Somerset to pay his respect and see his

long time friend for the last time.

Any Association members residing in the Western Pa. area are invited to join the Pittsburgh Chapter. Our meetings are held the first Sunday of the month at the VFW Post 1810, Rt. 51, Brentwood, PA at 2:00 p.m. or you may call me at 412-931-7978. Our Christmas Party will be held on December 2, 1989 at the VFW Post.

Fran Beerhalter
H 32th

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER NEWS

With our Chapter meeting several weeks ago, we started our fall activities after a most enjoyable bus trip to the Cincinnati Reunion last month. Over the last several years, shortly after returning from the last reunion we start making plans for the rental of a bus for the next reunion, and we have already started plans for the rental of a bus for the Pittsburgh Reunion to be held next year. As we get older and driving becomes more of a problem, we are finding charter transportation much more relaxing and enjoyable. So if we are able to get enough riders to make the cost reasonable, our reunion will be by bus again next year. That is why I hope members planning for Pittsburgh will consider joining the bus group next year -- and if you have some favorite music tapes, by all means bring them. Along with a variety of music arrangements, the Golden Oldies were a strong favorite on this last trip -- with Wayne King slightly out in front.

Every reunion has some features that make an impression and stay with you, and these set that reunion apart from others that have been attended. For me, one of the high points at Cincinnati was the Memorial Service in

"Pittsburgh Reunion 1990"

PLEASE RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

I will attend the Reunion: PLEASE CIRCLE DATES OF ARRIVAL

Myself _____ August 15 16 17 18

Guest _____

I wish to go on the "Majestic: (Boat - Dinner and Dance \$29.00 Each)

Myself _____

Guest _____

Send Checks To:

Mr. Salvatore Scicolone (Chairman)
% 83rd Invantry Association
5709 Wellesley Avenue
Pittsburgh, Penna. 15206
Phone (412) 441-5245

Cut-off date for this event will be July 15, 1990, so that tickets can be purchased and final arrangements can be made. Details will be listed in the next issue of the Thunderbolt.

Fountain Square in the center of the city. Both the city and the Square were so clean and attractive with flowers that day. The parade from the hotel to the square had hundreds of spectators along the way who stopped to watch as the marching band by the 100th Division caught their attention and had them waiting even before the parade came

into view. The members of the 83rd who attended the Reunion and who marched were divided into four platoons, and in the Square came up in platoon fronts. There was so much room in the Square, which has an elevated stage to the side, that the ceremony could be seen and heard by everyone who was there. Cincinnati is to be commended for a job well done.

Another very high point of the Cincinnati Reunion was the exceptional music played by an exceptional music played by an exceptional hotel orchestra which played for us all three nights. The musicians were young, but their young leader had his finger firmly on the pulse of the music of our time, and his ability with a trumpet made all of us stop and listen. Judging from the crowded dance floor every night, many other members shared with us too in turning the clock back for a time to another era when peace had so many directions, and we were all so confident that life had a firm hold on where they were leading. The evenings were nostalgia times that were enjoyed.

On another note -- we would like to tell our members now that the Chapter is planning a Christmas dinner at Williamson's Restaurant in Horsham. As we enjoyed our dinner at this restaurant so much last year, we are returning there again this year and we were able to get a reservation for November 26th, at 4:00 p.m. We are looking forward to a large turnout as the holidays never cease to be special when old friends exchange greetings and best wishes with each other for yet another year. At this point in time, I believe we are all fortunate to be able to be a part of the best wishes and greetings that will be exchanged.

John G. Daum
Co. "D" 330th

ON A SIDE TRACK ---

At one of our last outings together, the women had a little side trip of their own in Narberth, as shown in the enclosed pictures, while the men were attending to business. A friend of Lou Volpi has a pony cart that is his pride and joy, and he said he would take the ladies for a ride while the men were occupied. What he didn't say was that the pony at times has a mind of its own, and on one particular trip decided to increase its speed to a canter as it headed for one of the main thoroughfares in the area -- one complete with traffic lights, etc. Traffic, needless to say, was most respectful and gave the unusual looking group a lot of room so that it was able to return safely -- and thankfully.

I believe what the ladies learned from the experience is that times have changed, and as a result their thinking too, when the thought most uppermost in their minds was the dollar amount they would have given for just one safety belt to go all around -- figuratively and completely.

Margaret Daum



Color Guard and Firing Squad

Hotel Rooms are \$62.00, plus 9% tax.
You may call or write the Hotel for early reservations if you choose.

Hotel Address:
Vista International Hotel
1000 Penn Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA. 15222
Telephone No. 1-800-223-1146

"There will be a reservation application in the next issue."

Parking fees depend on location - anywhere from \$3.00 to \$7.50. There is hotel parking which is \$6.00 at the present time.

Cost from the airport - Limo Service \$7.00 per person.



From left to right: Bea Chavanne, Jean Fletcher, Marie Stevenson, Anne Belvedere, Luci Volpi, Margaret Daum and Betty Russo.

NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

October 6, 1989

Once again the New Jersey Chapter was well represented at the reunion in Cincinnati. Those attending were Joe and Hazel Barton, Manny Epstein, George Foster, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Manzi, Fred and Nellie Messina, Joe DePeri, Fred and Addie Rein, Mary and Cookie Seneca along with their son Jim, Charlie and Mary Sihlanick, Joe and Dorothy Skurka, George Waple, Emil Wehling, Mr. and Mrs. Vitle Atkocius, Mike and Liz Skovran and Ed and Betty Kirgan. Oops!, I forgot to include Fran and I. That's 28 that attended from the chapter.

Those that attend most of the reunions that missed this one were Al and Ruth Bensimon, Ted and Irene Guzek, Frank and Paula Reichmann, Bernie and Ida Rosenberg. We missed having you all with us.

The Kentucky Chapter put on a good reunion. Charlie Schmidt and Manny Goodridge along with the men and wives of the Chapter worked long and hard to insure everyone would enjoy themselves. Many thanks to each and everyone of you.

For me and for many others the highlight of the reunion was the Early Bird Party at the Forest View Gardens. This affair was run by Vi and Wilson Day. It was spectacular!!! Having all the men and women of the 83rd, who attended, in a wonderful party mood and given the good food, drink, music and dancing were made for a fabulous time. Also the singing and the performance of the performers at the Gardens were great. Thanks to Vi and Wilson for an outstanding job.

Joe DePeri video-taped the entire show at the Gardens and we enjoyed seeing it once again in stereo.

The New Jersey Chapter deserves an assist for the reunion. Now let me explain why. Many years ago when Manny and Avalon Goodridge started attending reunions they were part of the New Jersey group. Many a good time was had with Avalon playing the piano. Now as for Charlie Schmidt, the last reunion in Cincinnati in 1977 was held at the same hotel. At that time, I was looking for a restaurant to have the 331st luncheon. I went to this bar/restaurant down the street from the hotel and asked for the manager to arrange for the luncheon. When the manager presented himself I asked if a luncheon could be arranged for the 331st Infantry. Hearing this he told me he was in Co. F of the 331st during the war. He had no idea that our association existed. This fellow was Charlie Schmidt. We had our luncheon there and Charlie made sure we had a good one. Charlie started coming to the reunions and has contributed a great deal of his time and effort to the association. It is only fitting that a man of this caliber be our President. We in Jersey are proud of both these fine men.

Ed and Betty Kirgan were at the reunion. It was great seeing them again. They had not been to a reunion since the last one at the Pines. Hope Ed and I can get back playing golf again.

On Chapter news; Fred Rein lost his mother in September. The chapter extends our sympathy to Fred and Addie. A group from the chapter attended the Labor Day Picnic at Candy and Tom Dowd's place. This was the second time the chapter was invited. Some of us that went the first time weren't able to make the second picnic, but from what I hear, it was equally as good as the first. Thanks Candy and Tom for your wonderful hospitality.

Remember chapter members, the chapter meets the third Friday of the month at the VFW Post on Outwater Lane in Garfield. Outwater Lane runs off Route 46 and is easy to locate. Come to the meetings and enjoy being with your buddies. Bring your wife as some of us do. Try it you'll like it.

Fran and I went to Las Vegas in September. What a terrific place. The excitement, the shows, the food are out of

NEWS FOR THUNDERBOLT

Deadline changes will be Oct. 5

Jan 5 - April 5 - June 5

This will be effective starting Jan. 5, 1990

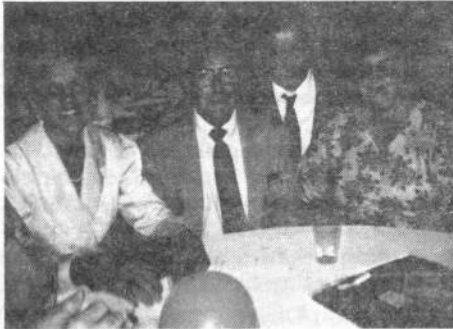


Just having a good time.

New England Chapter Photos



Bill and Dutchy relaxing



Welcome, Priscilla & John



Memorial Services



When is the food ready?



Joe telling a story



Where did I leave my drink



this world. This association should consider Vegas as a future site for a reunion. The presentation for Las Vegas at the reunion was no exaggeration. They practically give the food and drink away.

While in Vegas, I tried to locate Max Plax who was in the 83rd. He wasn't listed in the telephone book and asking around for Richmond Heights Blvd. Got no results.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and the Best in the New Year!

Stan Bielen
1st Bn. Hdqs. 331

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER NEWS

What a great time we all had at our Chapter get together. It was held at John and Ester Ferriera's estate in Chelmsford Mass., the day was beautiful. We had barbecue chicken, corn, hot dogs and hamburgers, topped off with good drinks.

Our Barbecue Cooks were John and Ester's sons, Larry, John, son-in-law Ray, and friend Don and daughter Jacklin and friend Pauline.

Thanks gang for putting on a great spread.

We had from N.Y., Karl & Ingrid Burkhard, and Helen & Raymond Rudd, from Conn., Mike & Marie Champey, from R.I., Jim & Dot Brennon, Al & Ann Tartaglia, Joe & Helen Petrucci and from Mass., Nick & Mary Francullo, Ernest (Dutchy) & Helen Smith, Bill (Spike) & Gloria McCartin, Bill

& Jeanette McKee and Manuel and Mary Sousa and Bill & Betty Davis.

The surprise of the day was when Ray Rudd came to visit John Ferriera. Ray was John's Lt. in G Co. 330th.

Received word from the Burkhard's that Capt. Jacks cousin Clair had passed away.

We of the New England Chapter send out our condolence's to Capt Jack.

"Now" all the New England Chapter would like to say Thanks Kentucky Chapter for one hell of a good reunion.

It was so good to be able to go out and eat when you wanted to and also what you wanted and be able to walk out of the hotel and go shopping all over the city. This is why in City Reunions are better and we hope to see it more.

Our New England Chapter was well represented, but first of all it was great to see John & Priscilla Walsh from Portland Maine. They were away for some time but are back at the reunions again. We had the Ferrier's, Francullo's, Brennan's, McKee's, "Sousa's, Petruccis, Champey's, Rudd's, Burkhard's, Davis's, Messina's, Mudre's, Boucher's, Adachowski's, Barber's, Collins's, O'Connells, Farias's, Mary's, Al Tartaglia & good old Vitto Atkoious.

If I missed any one of our good members I am sorry, but we did miss the Smith's, the McCartins who were not able to make it and I know that if more were able they would have come such as Paul Reed and Chuck Abdinoor and the Orsene's.

After the reunion the Brennens and Francullo took off for Nashville Tenn. to Opryland for three days and a cruise on the Gen. Jackson. It was great and the shows and live TV shows with Ralph Emery in Opryland is something to

see.

Just received a note from Harry & Iris Benedetti from St. Pete Fla. Thank Harry for sending in your dues good buddy.

By the way Mike Pefitti of our New England Chapter was a winner of one of those T.V.'s at the reunion, Good Luck Mike.

We would also like to extend our sympathy to Mike Pettiti & Joe Petruccl. Both recently lost a sister.

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

WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

The West Virginia Chapter Meeting was held on Saturday, September 16, 1989 at The Elk River Town Center Inn in Charleston, W. Va.

We had a very good attendance with plenty of food and refreshments for everyone.

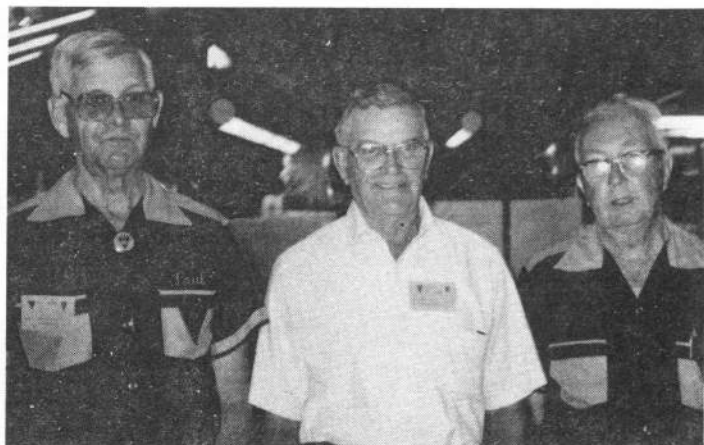
There was an Election of Officers, with the same Officers as last year being elected again for this year. They were: John Hobbs, President, Chauncy Hunt, Vice-President, Walter Sobel, Vice-President, Don Pettry, Sec-Treasurer.

Those in attendance were: Cathy, Estella and Walter Sobel, Louise and Charles Marsh, Lillian and Rex Carson, Mary and Paul Pauley, Jim Dunkin, Freeda and John Hobbs, and Don and Esta Pettry.

Our next Meeting will be held at Reilley's Arms Inn in Glen Dale (near Wheeling), W. Va. on Sunday, December 10th, 1989.

That's all for now!

Don W. Pettry
"B" 323 F.A.



Left to Right Paul Pauley, Rex Carson and Don Pettry.



Left to Right: Freeda Hobbs and Esta Pettry at the Cincinnati Reunion.



L. to R: Chauncy Hunt, Don Pettry, Esta Pettry, Tress Hunt, Mary Pauley at Cincinnati Reunion.

The West Virginia Chapter Meeting was held at The Teiley's Arms Inn in Glen Dale, West Virginia on Sunday, June 11, 1989 with a very good attendance. There were several members present that we had not seen for quite some time.

Many thanks to Walter Sobel for all his time and work in making this meeting successful.

Those present were: David Baker of Moundsville, Anthony Krukowski of Weirton, Edward Meeks of Wheeling, Noel Lancaster of Moundsville, Harold Crawford of Wellsburg, Charles Marsh of Youngstown, Ohio, Angelo and Maxine Todesco of Morgantown, Walter and Estella Sobel of New Cumberland, John and Freeda Hobbs of Charleston, and Don and Esta Pettry of St. Albans.

Our Next Meeting will be at the Elk River Town Center Inn in Charleston, West Virginia, on Saturday, September 16th, 1989 at 7:00 P.M. Plan to attend and bring The Family.

That's all for now.

Don W. Pettry
"B" 323 F.A.

Dear 83rd'ers:

We want everyone who signed the "Without You" card, with all the notes and signatures at the reunion to know we really appreciated it.

It seemed this year especially our thoughts were really with the reunion.

Our first half of 1989 has been pretty rough--so the visit from Bob Taylor and Bruce Winchell and the special card from Jim Prentice and the always nice letter from Lee and Birdie really made a great part of our summer.

Thanks so much to all
Loyal and Kate Pangle

LOUISIANA CHAPTER

Once again the Louisiana was represented at the Division reunion. We are small in number, but we are dedicated to the 83rd Division Association.

Izzy Labbe and his wife, Leonard Prelucsky, and yours truly and his wife had a joyable reunion.

Our diehard, Lawrence Armand could not be with us this year, because of some treatments that he had to take.

A call to Lawrence finds that he is doing much better, but is weak from the treatments that he had to take. He Hopes to regain his strength in a few weeks. He is still in need of our prayers. Good Luck, Lawrence and we are hoping for a complete and speedy recovery.

Joe Macaluso



*a personal
commitment
to provide the
veterans...
with quality
health care*

Early in 1975, Iowa City VA Medical Center staff recognized that the medical center, which was originally designed to accommodate inpatient care, could not efficiently meet the demand for a shift to outpatient care. To accommodate this emerging medical trend, the medical center began planning for an ambulatory care clinical addition. There was a lot to be done. Funding had to be appropriated, an architect chosen, offices in the construction area relocated and plans made to minimize the impact on veteran's care during the five years of construction.

In 1985, a \$20 million construction project was awarded to the M. A. Mortenson Company.

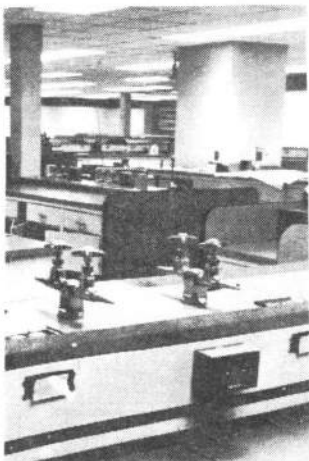
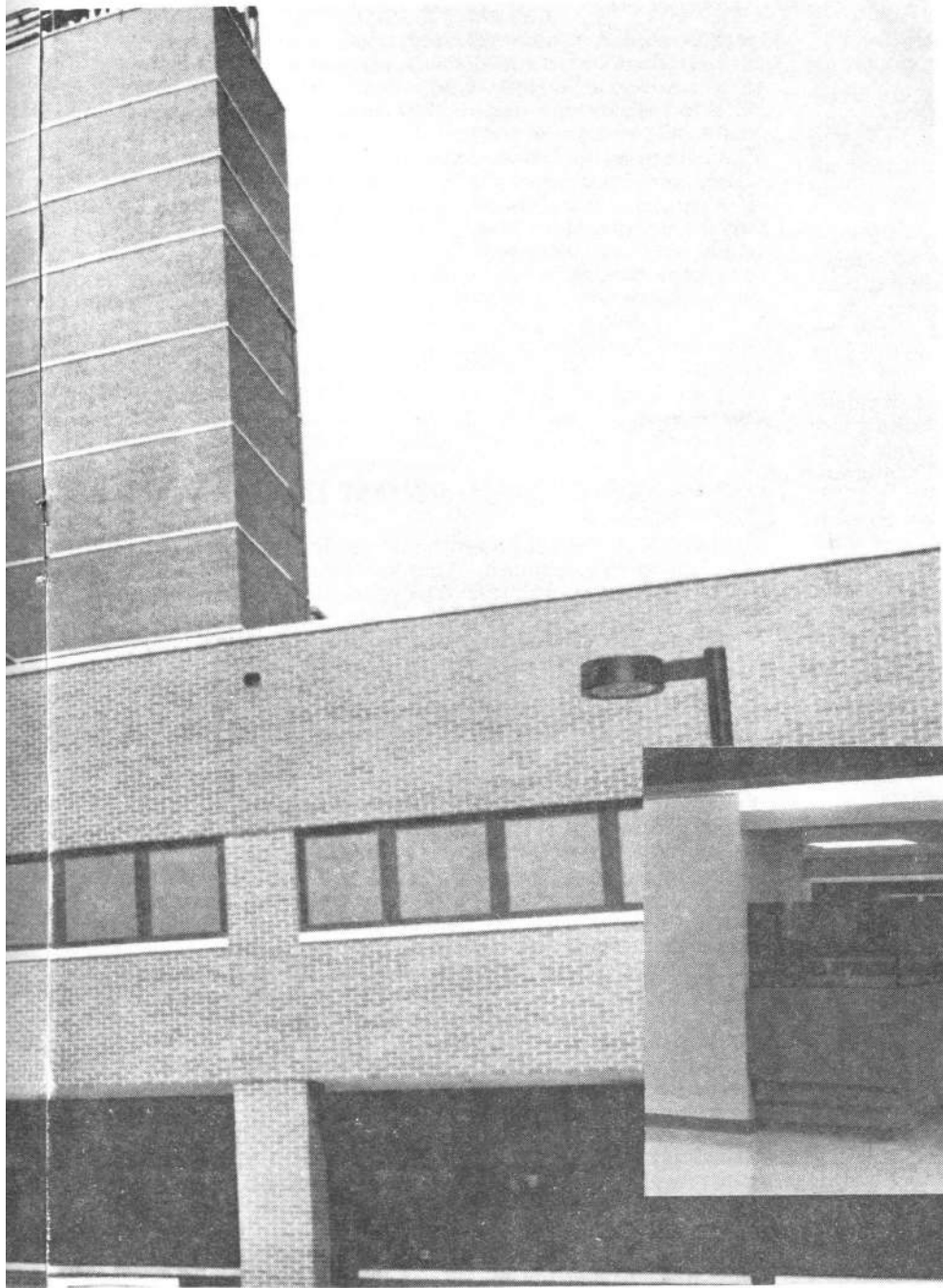
The project included 73,000 square feet of renovation in the main building to be completed by the summer of 1990. This three and a half story addition will increase space by 94,400 square feet, which is equal to approximately one third of the total space currently available in the medical center.

The over 17,000 veterans who receive care at the Iowa City VA Medical Center will appreciate the convenience of more examination rooms, private interview booths, new medical technology and five more elevators. This addition represents a personal commitment to provide the veterans of eastern Iowa and western Illinois with comprehensive and quality health care.

Clockwise from left:

- ★ The relocated Ambulance Entrance is nestled between the Chapel and the new addition at the rear of the medical center. It is adjacent to Primary Care where patients receive emergency treatment.
- ★ The halls of the clinical addition provide access to the 300 patients who daily seek outpatient care at the medical center.
- ★ Laboratory counters in the clinical addition were installed for the arrival of modern technology, which provides accurate and timely lab results and speeds patient recovery.

Portrait of Ralph G. Neppel and President Truman: This painting is on loan to us from Buena Vista College. It depicts one of two Congressional Medal of Honor recipients who graduated from the college.



Ralph G. Neppel
1923 - 1987
Dedicated June 10, 1989

A World War II Army Sergeant, Ralph Neppel was the leader of a machine gun detachment in the American-held town of Birgel, Germany. On December 14, 1944, German tanks and infantry conducted a fierce counterattack on Birgel. It was during this attack that Neppel was hit by a high velocity shell, throwing him 10 yards from his position. With one leg severed at the knee and severe injuries to his other leg, Neppel used his elbows to crawl back to his machine gun, reassemble it, and then open fire, eliminating the German infantry and causing the German tank to retreat. Neppel's left leg later required amputation. It was for this unselfish act of heroism that Neppel received his country's most prestigious award, the Congressional Medal of Honor. After the war, he served his country in a different capacity, as a service officer to veterans at the Iowa City VA Medical Center.



WARREN CHAPTER NEWS

All members of the Warren Chapter and our ladies auxiliary, wish to thank Charlie Schmidt, Manny Goodridge and all of the Kentucky guys and gals for the wonderful reunion they put on this year. It takes the combined efforts from all members to host a good reunion and we sure appreciate your hard work.

As usual, our chapter had a C.P. with plenty of Booze, including full of cold beer and pop, available at all times. Many of our friends dropped in to see us and have a drink. A special thanks to Joe Macaluso, Mort Gaynor and Clyde Flanary for their generous contributions to help defray the cost of maintaining our C.P. It was not necessary, but still greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Ed Reuss, our new National President for 1989-90 and his slate of officers. We are all looking forward to another great reunion next year in Pittsburgh. Also congratulations to Gene Costanzo on his election to the Executive Board. We know he will do an excellent job.

We still hold meetings on the third Sunday of each month and the old welcome mat is always out for any 83rd member traveling through the area. We are all listed in the telephone book, so just call one of us for directions, on how to get to the meeting.

That's all for now from Warren, so from all of us to all of you- Good Luck and much Happiness for 1990.

Lee Titus.

Warren Chapter 8 3rd Inf. Div.

DIXIE CHAPTER

83rd INF. DIV.

This poem is sent to all sick friends
of the 83rd Inf everywhere

*May I Epress My True Feelings
What Your Friendship Means To Me.
I Can Say Very Truthfully
You All Are Special As Can Be.*

*I Would Like For You To Know
You Are In My Prayers Each Day.
TRhat God Will Bless During Your Ills
These My Sentiments I Do Pray.*

*It's My Pleasure To Have Dear Friends
Who Are Always Nice And Kind.
That Make You Feel Like Home Folks
You Will Always Be Friends Of Mine.*

Haran Martin
Co. C. 331

Dear Bob:

I am enclosing my check for \$10.00 for payment of my dues for 1990.

I would liked to have attended the reunion this year but having sickness prevented me getting to go.

At the present time I am having problems with bone cancer of the left pelvis area and also in some of my ribs. I am getting chemotherapy so maybe they can get it into remisison. So far I am in much pain and am taking Darvocet

and Demoral to try and get some relief.

Bob when we were in Breckenridge my wife and I had an apartment in a house in Morganfield. In this same house in Morganfield there was another couple that had an apartment. He was in Company "M" 331st Infantry Regiment. His name was Wallace Duke and his wife's name was Dotty.

They were from one of the Carolina's. I would like to know if someone knows his location at this time. If they do would they please write me or give my address to him so he could write me. They were real fine people.

I hope that the Division continues to have many more buddies join us.

Thank you

Yours truly,
William L. Gorman
205 Shafer Avenue
Dover, Ohio 44622

STRAIGHT FROM DIXIE

Here we are just returned home safely from the wonderful reunion in Cincinnati. Thanks Manny and all of Kentucky Chapter. It was fun. The reunions just keep getting better.

Sorry Dixie Chapter did not have a hospitality room. There were plans for one--money was sent in. Upon arrival at Hotel the room reserved was too small and the hotel would not make anything else available. Anyway "The Lobby" was nice for visiting. The shopping was good and so nice to see friends.

Our next chapter meeting will be Oct. 19-20-21 in Stone Mountain, Ga. Just out of Atlanta. A beautiful Resort. Thanks Tony and Willie Viglione for making the arrangements. The "Biggie" will be in Gatlinburg, Tenn. Dec. 1 & 2 at Riverside Motor Lodge. So "YOU ALL COME". This will be our annual Christmas Party. So George and Jeannie---R.T. and Betty pack up and come on down. Hopefully these will be some new ones to add to our group.

On Sunday after reunion stopped in Midway Tenn. looked up and found D.L. Glasscock. Had not seen in 45 years. He was quiet surprised. He promises to be in Gatlinburg.

I am trying to get our 329 together and really show off at a reunion. We can do it if they will get in touch with me. How about it? Let's make a start.

Our chapter was well represented at reunion. Don't have a figure but there was a "BUNCH". F.M. Haney is our new President and we are really looking forward for another great year under his leadership.

Our chapter has a lot of sickness and shut ins. We remember the good times and "Put our faith in God" to see us thru these trying times. AS was the favorite phrase at reunion "Thank God we made one more" How true!!

Now we will look forward to another year. Cherish what we have, enjoy our family and friends. Cut out this bickering show our love and concern for 83rd. and what it stands for. Keep a good thing going.

I have been down but not out, and here I show up once again.

Dick Riddle

**\$10 Dues are Due
Now for 1990**

DIXIE CHAPTER

The Summer meeting of the Dixie Chapter is now history. So am I as out-going President. I have turned over the gavel to our newly elected President, F.M. Haney and a most capable slate of officers for the year 1989 and 1990.

Our next chapter meeting will be Stone Mountain, Georgia on October 19 and 20 hosted by Tony and Willie Viglione and their Co-host Bill and Eda Burroughs. The plan is to meet at the National in Cincinnati and invite you all to get "Georgia on your mind" and then come on down and join us.

A great time was in store for the 75 or 80 who made it to Nashville. Bus tours, Opry Land USA, Grand Old Opry, riverboat cruises were the order of the day. Sorry to report that our host James McCroy was hospitalized with open heart surgery. Happy to report Jim is now home and on the mend. Now he is worrying about all the work piling up. Since he retired and bought a farm to play on (hobby) after working for Agriculture Department for thirty (30) some years we are pulling for you.

Had letters from many of our faithful who were unable to be with us. Curtis and Clara Sharpe are better after broken bones and surgery. We will expect you in December for the Christmas Party for sure.

A special vote of thanks to our secretary Haran Martin for those new faces. Close to a dozen this year. He signed them all up. We welcome each of you. We've looked for you for forty-five (45) years. Let's do this again real soon.

On the way to Nashville I looked up a charter member, Lonnie Kidd and his new wife Audra and visited with them in their new home. They promised to see us in December. We spent a night with Burton and Treva Sales who wanted to be with us but could not due to Treva's father who was ill. Really enjoyed our visit. Burton loaded us up with honey and sorghum molasses enough to last til December. See you there.

Jim Price came from Pennsylvania, William Benbow came from Maryland, Cecil Walters, Herschel McIntosh from Kentucky, Wallace Roberts from Kentucky and they all had their lovely wives with them.

Many others from all over. You made our day by being there and celebrating with us.

Ben Whitacker and Ben Johnson both Ex-Pow's were there. What an experience talking to these fine men. We really enjoyed them.

They have so much to share with us. Come on back. Let's grow old together enjoying every minute. Ben, we want you buddy to join. The 42nd Rainbow Division to come too.

Mary and John Mantooth (daughter and son-in-law of Jane McCroy) we can't begin to thank you enough for all you did for us. The Banquet, Entertainment, Hospitality and rooms were out of this world. Thank you Jeanette, "James McCroy's Wife for coming to our banquet but most of all for helping James get back in the Harness.

FELLOWS, Tell me please why is it we get uglier and older while our wives and companions keep getting younger and prettier??? I haven't seen so much energy in one place. Some never stopped. Morning tours, afternoon tours. Super cruises and then came in still ready to go in the wee small hours of morning.

Billie Glenn with her family was a special treat. I believe there were four (4) generations with her. It was good to see Hazel Ball again and all the other guests. We enjoyed each of you. Come on back!

You Hear!!

We had lots of grandchildren with us. They showed us a thing or two. They just never stopped for a minute.

We missed you Wilson and Viola Day but will see you in Cincinnati at the Early Bird Show hopefully and in December for sure.

Ellsworth Massie

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WILLIAMSBURG, VA.
MARCH 22, 23, 24, 1990

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(single or double - same price)

and number of persons per room.

Give arrival & departure dates,

name, address and phone number.

Enclose 1 night deposit of \$27.00 to guarantee reservation

State I will or will not attend Sat. night banquet

and number of persons attending.

BOSTON CHAPTER REPORT

We had a nice reunion in Cincinnati in August. We want to thank the Kentucky Chapter for a job well done. Also many of us that made it in for Wednesday, enjoyed the early bird at Forest View Gardens.

The food was first class along with the entertainment. I also have to mention the young ladies at the check in tables, and also Manny Goodridge's daughter. Everyone worked as a champion team. A Tip of the Irishman's Hat to these people.

On September 30th, the Boston Chapter of the 83rd Inf. attended a 70th reunion of the Harris-Robers V.F.W. Post 145 as guests of Mike Malik. This was a weekend event and what a time. We had several meals at Whites Diner a short distance from the Hotel and Post 145. The meals along with the service were great. A personal thanks to Paul Herbaczewski, Debbie Luce, Antoniette Bonadio, and Bridgette Gianmotti. Anyone going to Bridgeport, Ct. should try Whites Diner and Enjoy their food, prices and service.

Mike Malik celebrated his mothers birthday. Walter Koss and Norma baked a large cake and had a hard time putting on 39 candles and the band played Happy Birthday as we all sang.

Thanks to Mike Malik and his friends from the F.F.W. Post 145 in Bridgeport, Ct. for the great time. Harris-Rogers Post 145, "We shall return".

Also, we had a meeting at Charlie and Rita Lussiers' house and had a very good turn out, especially with a hurricane threat.

President Charlie Miller was not able to make the meeting, so Larry Arrigo filled in for him and did a splendid job. After the meeting Charlie and Rita had us back to the food tables.

Pat and Gin Deglammerino are traveling in Florida for a

few weeks.

The next meeting will be at Larry Arrigo's house with the election of officers.

That it for now.

Amby Tynan

323RD REPORT

We had a wonderful reunion in Cincinnati.

Headquarters Battery had a good group with John Sabo, Tom Houlette, Ralph Morgan, Dusty Starbuck, Al Covi, George Connors, Erwin Erhardt, Willie Snodgrass and myself. We were sorry that William George did not make it to Cincinnati but maybe he will be in Pittsburgh, Pa., next year

My thanks to Erwin Erhardt for giving me a tour of the City of Cincinnati and taking me out to the Ball Park. It was also nice seeing his wife Norma and family again.

A real surprise at the reunion was to see Harold Micheal from Lafayette, Indiana. I believe this was his first time attending.

Baker Battery had two of their best men there, Don Pettry and Will Medling. We missed Leroy Rock and Jake Ervin this year. A Bird in Florida tells me that Captain Bob Costello is in training so he can put these men back in shape.

Charlie Battery is doing well in 1989. Captain Van Gunten, Tony Piantedosi, Dave Hurt and Dom Christopher attended the reunion.

I, Amby Tynan, am the Costodian for the coming year for the Tontine ending August 1990. Dustin Starbuck was Custodian last year.

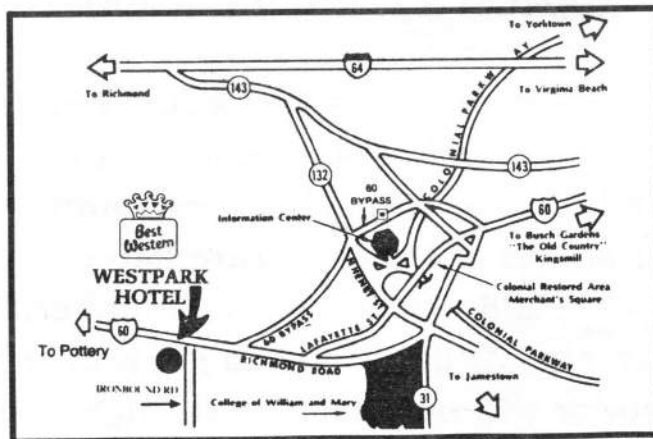
A Tontine is an arrangement whereby a group of participants agree to create a property jointly that will be inherited by the last surviving member of the group who remains alive. Sometimes this group of participants is called a "last man's club". Some military units in WWI had this arrange-

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Reservations must be received no later than March 1, 1989. Deposits for the first nights lodging (\$27.00) must accompany reservation to guarantee the room. \$8.00 additional charge for extra person. Reservations for Saturday night's dinner banquet must be guaranteed to assure a proper count for preparations. Deposit for room fully refundable with cancellation notice received no later than three (3) days prior to arrival date.

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ment, and every once in a while news articles report the last man alive in such units taking possession of the Tontine of his group. The property most frequently "created" is a bottle of liquor which is consumed by the "last man" in a toast to his departed comrades.

So far as is known the only Tontine in the 83rd Infantry Division Association is that of Hq. and Hq. Btry., 323rd F.A. Bn. This article is the story of the creation of that "Tontine."

In 1984 a group of members of the 83rd Infantry Division Association revisited Europe as a part of the ceremonies held in Normandy to commemorate the invasion operation known as "overlord". Those of us who attended were impressed with the hospitality and gratefulness of the French people. In the village of Sainteny, which was in the 83rd Division's sector, the inhabitants put on a splendid parade and lunch of members of our association to thank us for their liberation forty years before. Each member of our group was given a memento of the occasion, a bottle of home-made 1944-1984" wine.

The idea occurred to a survivor of Hq. & Hq. Bty., 323rd F.A. Bn. that this memento would make a splendid Tontine.

A custom-made chest for the Tontine was procured, lined with red plush, and the bottle of Calvados placed within together with a small glass with a tear-drop in the stem. A Contract was devised which was signed by a total now of twenty-one surviving members of Hq. and Hq. Btry which obligates each of them (if they are "the last man") to drink a toast to their departed comrades with the Calvados from the tear-drop glass. The toast will include the words: "We were the best!"

The contract also makes provisions for the safe-keeping of the Tontine, and for accounting for the departed members. The Tontine is to be kept sealed and passed on each year by a custodian who is to be selected annually at the reunion of the 83rd Inf. Div. Association. As a member dies, his name is stricken from the signatures on the contract by the current custodian who also inserts the date and his initials. Upon taking this action the custodian has the obligation to write all the other surviving members of the Tontine informing them of the departure of their comrade. The contract requires that a meeting be held of all-Tontine members in attendance at each reunion of the 83rd Inf. Div. Association and that the custodian for the previous year bring with him the Tontine. The members are required to inspect the seal of the bottle of Calvados to see that the seal is unbroken. The custodian for the next year is then selected by majority vote and the Tontine is turned over to him for its safe-keeping until the next reunion.

When reunions of the 83rd Inf. Div. Association of WWII are no longer held, the last designated custodian is authorized by the contract to arrange informally with the other surviving members of the Tontine who will be custodian and for what length of time.

Currently, we have lost a total of three members since the creation of the Tontine.

Should the survivors of any other unit of the 83rd Inf. Div. Association of WWII wish to create a Tontine please write Amby Tynan for a copy of the contract to use as a guide for your own arrangement if you desire.

After leaving the Cincinnati Reunion, Nancy and I went to Camp Atterbury as Ralph Morgan told me that it was depressing. The places we knew are old as we are in our golden years.

I regret to inform you of the death of Walter Butt who died in Seven Hills, Ohio in August 1989. Condolences to his family.

Until the next issue have Happy Holidays!

Amby Tynan
323rd F.A. Bn.

NEWS FOR THUNDERBOLT

Deadline Changes Will Be Oct. 5, Jan. 5, April 5,
June 5 Effective Jan. 5, 1990

CLEVELAND CHAPTER

On behalf of the Cleveland Chapter I would like to thank the Kentucky Chapter for hosting another great reunion. Everything from the Hotel, food, music, prizes and the marching band were excellent.

The Memorial Services again was great and touching, especially the singing by Jim Burton and the reading of the members who have passed away. I was told that the outfit looked good marching to the Services. Joe Belock, Mike Mizerock and Joe Lanza deserve a big hand for all their work in preparing and maintaining the Chapter C.P. There was enough food for everyone to eat and drink. Chet Czech was again in charge of K.P., and kept the C.P. in great shape. The Chapter was represented by twenty-six (26) members and their wives at the reunion. No complaints from anyone. It was a great turnout and thanks to all that made it great it a great reunion. A big cheer to Jerry Zingg for doing the Hula at the dance. Didn't know he had the hips to do it.

At the chapters last meeting a letter was signed by all the members and mailed to our two (2) Senators in Washington about our feeling and protest of the burning of the American Flag. It is a shame to think what we went through and see some screwball burn the flag with utter disregard for what it stands for. We hope that other chapters will do the same.

Mike Mizerock, the head chef, prepared our meal, and as usual the RIBS were grilled to perfection. All of our wives furnished all the goodies and fattening "Yum Yums". It is getting harder and harder to improve themselves for the next meeting, keep it up Mike.

The Chapter would like to express our deepest sympathy to Ed and Delores Jocek on the tragic loss of their son, Paul who was involved in an auto accident. Our condolences to his wife and children. Marge Miller, wife of Bob, lost her mother recently. Again the chapter sends sympathy to the family. We will remember all in our prayers over their losses.

We would wish to extend a speedy recovery to Angie Colandango, who recently had a severe set back, also to Delores Jocek who recently had open heart surgery, and finally to Ed Glinka who had surgery and is home recovering. Good health to all and get well so we can see you at the meetings.

The Chapter added two (2) members in the past months. George Calore, who was a mess Sgt. in "A" 329th, and Ted Garageorge who returned to the fold after a few years. Welcome to the best chapter.

Congratulations to Lou Donnelly for being elected Commander of the D.A.V., in his home town of Salem.

Larry Colandango recently had a dream come true. He had a hole-in-one at his home course. He will be glad to tell you how he did it. Anyone wishing to join the Cleveland Chapter please contact Casey Szubski, "C" BTRY, 322nd Field Artillery at 216-885-2554.

Remember, if you meet someone without a smile, GIVE HIM YOURS!

Casey and Laura Kawalec are proud grand parents of a new grand daughter.

Bob Uher
"B" 329th

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BOSTON CHAPTER PHOTOS



Boston Chapter at 70th Anniversary of V.F.W. Post 145 in Bridgeport, Conn.



One serious Bocce game.



Breakfast at White's Diner, in Bridgeport Conn.



Lunch at White's Diner in Bridgeport Conn.



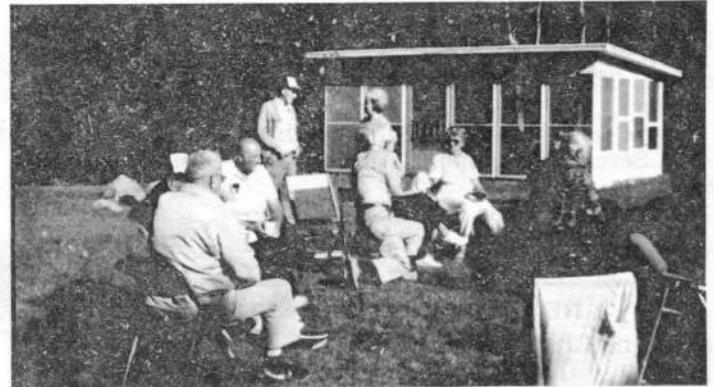
Mike Malik & his mother Mary on her 87th birthday.



Charlie Lussier breaking them up with his stories.



Norma presenting birthday cake to Mary Malik.



Some of the gang at Rita & Charlie Lussier's home - Westport, Mass.

McKune David &
 Myrtle Wright
 Liberty, Linda + class
 Ann McVorthy
 Arthur - Mildred Doyett



Camp Joe Bradley
 Lawrence Hamilton
 Wacey + Fran Kalarts
 Henry Whelen
 Deana Chappel

**THE KENTUCKY CHAPTER OF THE 83RD
 INFANTRY DIVISION EXTEND OUR SINCERE
 THANKS TO OUR BUDDIES, WIFE'S AND
 FRIENDS FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE AT
 THE 43RD ANNUAL REUNION HELD
 IN CINCINNATI.**

John Fay + Helen + June Baker
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 Joan + Gail Hunsley
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 Cecil and Nora Lee Walter
 Larry + Jessie Walton

Bob + Maryann Monahan
 Bill + Nancy Ledger
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 Jeanette + Owen Jones
 Ames + Helen Miller
 Marwan + Wanda Hayden
 Frederick "Mick" and Boris Megawand
 Alfred + Dorothy Henry M. Dobson
 Floyd + Alberto Bismark
 Mary + Lewis Tenney
 Fred Fowler Sr
 Alex + Dorothy Ford
 Bob and Lois Brinkman
 James + Margaret Redden
 Homer + Ruth Rickenbaugh

KENTUCKY CHAPTER NEWS

The 43rd Reunion is now history and we, the Kentucky Chapter members, wish that everyone who attended had a very enjoyable time and had a chance to renew friendships acquired over the many years of attending Reunions. We also hope that you all arrived back to your homes safely.

Did you see the Angel in our midst? Her name is Amy Goodridge & she is a beautiful, caring, young lady. We thank her for all her help. She painted pictures, framed the 83rd emblem, solicited most of the door prizes, and all the other help. She worked hard and did it very graciously.

Did you see a miracle in our midst? Her name is Margaret Stokes, a friend of my old First Sergeant, Fred Fowler. She had an operation for a brain tumor on July 13th. The operation took 12 1/2 hours. Our prayers were answered because she was at the Reunion looking beautiful and happy. She even did a little dancing.

We were very happy to see a Special Lady by name of Ann McCathy. As you all know, this Reunion was in memory of Dan McCarthy, a Kentucky Chapter member, who died with cancer on March 9th 1989. Their lovely daughter Maria and her husband, Bill Simpson were with Ann. We were happy to see and talk with all of them.

We had a problem with people standing in the hallway like sardines in a can and then getting them into the Grand Ballroom for meals. It seems everyone wants to get in early but the doors do not open until a given time. Then some Smart Alec opened a second door on Friday night and the mob pushed forward. People got in without giving us their tickets but we are happy that no one was crushed to death.

I would now like to say something about ditty bags. We had enough bags for every family but there was greed in our midst. Some people managed to obtain two bags per family. Someone told my wife, you owe me a ditty bag. She informed the man we owed him nothing that the ditty bag was a gift. We ran out because of greed but we still had ad books and other favors for everyone. Enough said about the Reunion.

On Saturday Sept. 16th about 23 members of our Chapter went to the rededication of the Chapel in the meadow at Camp Atterberry, Indiana. The Chapel was built by Italian prisoners of war who were interned there. We made a nice showing by our presence wearing our 83rds shirts, jackets and caps, but the old campgrounds isn't like most of us remember it.

We of the Kentucky Chapter, hope and pray that all of our friends in the Dixie and Florida Chapters, survived the ravages of the recent hurricane, Hugo, that struck in their area.

Wilson Day
1 BN HQ, Co. 331

CHIRP-CHIRP-CHIRP

It's one of the Early Birds from our 43rd Reunion wanting to be heard.

Wilson & I hope all of you who went to Forest View Gardens on August 16th enjoyed the evening. We chose the restaurant because it's our very favorite place in the Cincinnati area. Trudie & Kurt Seybold opened the restaurant on Wednesday just for us. We think they, the kitchen help, the instrumentalists & servers who are also the singers, did a tremendous job in serving & entertaining us.

Sorry Wilson & I weren't at the door at Forest View Gardens to greet you & take your tickets. I did do my home work & was on the first bus which was suppose to have been the lead bus but the second & third buses pulled out ahead of us.

We had a number of people asking for refunds. We were able to do this if people returned the tickets in time for us to sell them again. If not, we could not give refunds as we paid for the dinners, buses & miscellaneous items. Howev-

er, there was a man who was very nasty about getting his money back. He missed the bus. I bet he hates to look in the mirror & see his own reflection. There were many people who wanted to go the last day, August 16th, but we could not accommodate all of them. Sorry about that.

We want to thank the people who drove their own cars & van and gave their bus space to other people wanting to go.

We also want to thank the hosts and hostesses, there were nine of them, for bringing the French people to the Reunion. They all helped to make the evening special by their presence & their singing.

It was great sharing a beautiful evening with you. We hope the lovely memory lingers on in your hearts.

Amy Wiedersehen,
Wilson & Vi Day

COMPANY NEWS

308th Engineers "B" Co.

Engineers Clean Up Mines in front of the 83rd attack.

Lt. William Wright of Brooklyn and ten Engineers from "B" 330th mounted light tanks of the 736th tank Bn. to front the assault on Pattern Germany Recon the night before, gave us information that there were mine fields about a quarter of a mile from the outskirts of town that would have to be cleared before the tanks could go through said Wright. The tanks moved along with out opposition until they came to the mines. The Engineers got off and began work. The tankers kept their engines running so they would be able to make a quick start once the mines were removed. At that moment Germans to the rear opened up with small arms and machine gun fire. They must have figured they would ambush us from the rear, as the tanks hit the mines, said PFC Bob Worcester from Center, Maine.

Twelve Killer mines were pulled out of the path of the tanks while bullets zipped around the engineers and mortars tore up the ground. It was hard to hear the bullets and shrapnel above the roar of the motors commented Bill Stimmel of Brownsville, Pennsylvania. It would have been suicide for the Engineers to try to go back thru the Ambush, so they remounted the tanks with Clyde Porterfield pushing George Cox up onto one of the tanks, and George saying let me spot some them dam Germans, and I'll fix them, as he patted his M1 rifle.

Bill said the tank he was on spotted an 88 gun about 300 yards to our left, it was preparing to fire, but the tankers knocked it out. Another German gun blew our track off, I was shaken up plenty as the tankers bailing out of the hatch said, get moving there is more coming. I dove into a trench about fifty (50) yards away. A few minutes later I heard Germans shouting not far away. What was unknown till after Pattern was taken was that one of the tankers radioed for more Engineers as they were on their way they made contact with the ambush and a real fire fight started. Joe Wallo crawled up a rise and started firing at a machine gun, which dam near killed him, while Sgt. Melvin Faith, Johnny Salerno, Vince McDevitt went around the left side and used hand grenades. Joe Wallo commented we were out numbered at least five to one. Boy am I glad the Infantry moved up. They finally finished off the Germans, and we all joined in the attack on Pattern.

Frank Ball
Taken from Stars and Stripes

322ND "A" 908TH

Back home after eleven days round trip to our 43rd reunion. I want to say Thank you to all those who worked so hard to make it a great success. What a great event for the old and the new alike. Our Early Bird special was superb and then every day got better. What a Way to go! Meeting old friends, making new ones, savoring each moment and planning for next year and the years ahead.

Thanks buddies from 322nd and 908 who served day to day in Europe for showing up and making my day.

Thanks buddies from Dixie Chapter for showing up in great numbers from ten states.

Thanks buddies from Philadelphia for coming to Cincinnati. I am enjoying you more each year at the National. Now I have to figure out how to get you to the Chapter Meetings.

Thanks to Charley Schmidt and his hard working crew who put it all together.

Thanks to those folks who came all the way from Texas, California and Washington state. That is quite a trip to see a group of old soldiers.

Thanks to all our French friends for coming and adding so much to our celebration. Thanks to those responsible for bring them here.

Thanks to all the new members who came, joined and stayed. We will be seeing you next year. I promise you I will be there.

Thanks to all the old members. Some of you have attended forty (40) or more reunions.

I was glad to see the Warren Chapter out in force this year. I've been missing you. This year was terrific.

Thanks to Cleveland with all their Casey's and Bob's and those other fine fellows.

Thanks to our new chapter and officers. I am making plans to be with you in Omaha in 1992. Of course my plans are already made for 1990 with Ed Reuss and his men from Pittsburgh and for 1991 with Boston at the Pines.

If I could figure out how to get to a meeting with Florida Chapter in November I'd love it. With "Dixie" in Georgia in October and Tennessee in December. I don't know but I am trying to fit it in.

A special thanks to Grace Brick who truly is an inspiration to all of us. See you in 1990 in Pittsburgh, Grace. We Love You!!!

Last but by no means least, thanks to all who gave their all and could not be with us in person, but were with us in spirit in a mighty way---What a great Memorial Service! Truly an experience to remember for a lifetime. I'll see you in "Dixie" in Stone Mountain Georgia in October and Gatlingburg in December of 1989.

Oh! Yes! John and Virginia Cox I'll see you in Williamsburg in March to start of 1990 with a real Dixie Bang!!

It is an honor to be a member of such a great organization!!

Bob I enjoyed so much getting together again. Here are some thoughts you may be able to use in the Thunderbolt.

Hope to see you in our Dixie Meeting in December or March.

Ellesworth Massie

"B" 329th

Baker company had a good showing at the Cincinnati reunion with twelve (12) being there. Lead off with Captain Hill, Lt. Melton and Lt. Bollard then Boyd Plummer from Johnstown, Pennsylvania made his first reunion appearance. I had no trouble recognizing him. Many of the regulars were there. Hirko, Pirkle, Waddle, Beam, Taylor and

Kane.

It was great to see Hohn Hennies, the company clerk, after a few years absence. All of the fellows and their dates looked good. In fact, Damm good!

John Hirko had a great reunion. He won a T.V. and a clock/radio. I won a pizza. I am sorry to report that Wallace, "Red" Geyer called me before the reunion and told me that he had had a heart attack and would not be able to make the reunion as planned. "Red" was wounded at Bovigny, when we were ambushed. When the war ended, he complained of pain in the arm and went to the hospital. They removed a crumpled up "Dog Tag", that belonged to George Klein. He was hit by a Direct Hit. He was an ammo bearer in my squad. We were unable to locate him after the battle. No one knew what happened to him until they found his dog-tag in Red's arm. Al Trofimuk spent the reunion in a Chicago hospital, and had to cancel his appearance at the reunion.

He told me we would not know him with all the weight he has lost. We missed Camels Lemole, Joe Stek, Jiggs Janke, John Spickler and Billie Walker. I am sorry to report that Sgt. Lionel Blackwell passed away in August. He was the communication Sgt. of "B" Company. Also Capt. Jack Pontlitz, passed away in Florida. He was our C.O. until he was captured in Luxembourg, along with two (2) runners. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of the Captain and the Sgt.

Bob Uher
"B" 329th

CO. I 329TH INF. 83RD DIV.

Oct. 5, 1989
Ravenna, Ohio

Dear Bob,

Would you please put this article about Co. I in the Thunderbolt.

At the reunion in Cincinnati we had 17 men present, 15 wives and 5 guest. I don't know if any other Co. topped that.

We had three new men who attended for the first time. They were Curt and Lucille Mills of Decatur, Georgia, Bob and Mary Olney of Davison, Michigan and Walt and Joyce Henschel of Medina, Ohio. They enjoyed it so much they said they are already looking to the next one in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Looking thru some old boxes in the closet a couple of weeks ago I found old Thunderbolts starting way back in 1947, also found my old list of 214 names and addresses of Co. I men I had since 1945. So when Agnes and I were on our way to Maine Oct. 21st I stopped in Binghamton, NY for gas and I looked in the phone book, I got the addresses and phone numbers of Dan Fabrizio and Frank Hanus in Vestal, NY. Upon returning home I called Dan also wrote to him also sent him an application to join the association and told him to get in touch with Frank since he is so close by. I checked the 83rd association rooster before we went on our trip. I saw that I wasn't too far away from Norway, Maine so I drove over and introduced myself to Robert Sessions of L Co. 331st. We didn't know each other but we do now after a nice little chat. We possibly have seen each other at the reunions before our visit.

The other day I thought I was calling Bob Honnerwell in Mass., instead I was calling Liz and Jesse Hayes in Clemmons, N.C.. Liz asked me to send her the names and addresses of the 60 men and women of Co. I so that she can send out Xmas Cards. Also got a letter from Curt Mills, he wants my old list of 214 names so he can try to check on some old buddies.

Also talked to Joyce and Walt Henschel, they are coming over to visit with Agnes and I on Oct. 21st.

Since the reunion in August I have written 14 letters and

made 4 phone calls all in hopes for getting a bigger turn out in Pittsburgh.

I got Frank McCabis address from Bob Honnewell, so I wrote to him also asked him to try and look up (China Boy) Leong J. Thing in Newark, N.J.

Curt Mills also found Frank Dahl in Chattanooga, Tenn., so I wrote to Frank an also sent him an application to join up. Also wrote to Fred Sylvia to see if he could look up Hervey Joubert.

Also wrote to Joc Golonka and Louis Gomori, told them they live close to Pittsburgh and expect to see them at the reunion.

I xerox the back page of the Thunderbolt to get a copy of the application for membership so when I find or locate a former member I mail one to him.

Also when I travel I try to go thru the towns of old buddies and look them up in the phone book.

I sent a letter to Carolton Nelms old address in Freeport, Ill. I got a letter from that address with a different name on it, the guy opened the letter which was illegal but he said he was a World War Two vet now living in that house, he looked for Nelm's name all of the local phone books and said he was sorry he couldn't find him for me. Illegal yes, but I appreciated his effort.

The picture the photographer took in Cincinnati turned out real good and the one of our 329th Reg. in the back row there was 18 men and 16 were I Co. men the only one missing was our Vice President Sal Scicolone, but we will forgive him because we know that he has a lot of work to do to get the plans and program ready for the reunion in Pittsburgh.

Well old buddies keep in contact and try to find more Co. I men and get them to show up in Pittsburgh.

Arthur R. Koerner
2592 Melory Rd
Ravenna, Ohio 44266

P.S. Bob don't forget to give my regards to Phil & Martha Shriver.

COMPANY "H" 330TH

HELLO BUDDIES:

Now that we have returned from our great 43rd Annual Reunion, which to me, was a great success. It is time to sit down and think over old times, and old Buddies, some that we had the pleasure of meeting at the Reunion, and those we had hoped to meet. God willing we may meet them next year.

I wish to thank all of you men from Co. H, who so graciously helped us out with the ADD BOOK. You don't know the real importance of this Book. Without it, our Registration would have to be raised which would mean a lot of men would not be able to attend. I hope that we can continue to get the same support from you for years to come.

Getting back to Co. H, during World War II, we had one of the greatest units within the 83rd Infantry Division. I know that men from other companies must feel the same way. We were led by one of the greatest company commanders in the Division, under him he had a terrific Staff of Officers, and under them came some of the greatest Non-Coms there were. All in all, we had a terrific Unit.

Over the years I have been in contact with many of the men of Co. H, since the War, quite a number of our men have passed away, and many have moved and I am unable to contact them. There are still some I have never been able to contact as I don't have their addresses.

Well Buddies, as we start into a new year in the life of our great Association, if you haven't paid your dues as yet, please do so. We still want Co. H, to be the greatest.

Your Buddy
Larry Redmond

HELLO BUDDIES:

Here it is that time, time for the first Edition of the THUNDERBOLT to be put to Press. As you all know, we have just returned from the 43rd Annual Reunion of the 83rd Infantry Division Assn. The Kentucky Chapter can stand mighty proud of a wonderful Reunion. As with all Reunions, there are some complaints, but without Complaints, it wouldn't be a Reunion. By receiving complaints, we are bound to know that everyone was not asleep, some were awake and able to find faults.

As a Member of the Ad Book Committee for this our 43rd Annual Reunion, I wish to extend the sincere thanks of myself and all of the Reunion Committee for the help you gave us with the AD BOOK. The Book was a success which helped to add to the success of the Reunion, for without a good ADD BOOK some phases of the program would have to be dropped or else additional registration fees would have to be added.

Now that we are back home from our 43rd Reunion, let us start to give some thought to our 44th Annual Reunion which will be held in Pittsburgh. The Members of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter are hard at work planning a great Reunion for you. Please, when the time comes for them to ask for your help, please give the same kind of help you have given in the past. Let us always remember, this is your Association, it is greater than any other Veterans Organization in that it is composed of men who served together in time of War. It is not composed of men who just wore a uniform of the Armed Services. Be proud of it, lend your support wherever and whenever possible. Remember your DUES, they play a big part in our remaining the great Association that we are. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

Your Buddy
Larry Redmond

E CO. 331st

E Company was well represented at the Cincinnati Reunion and we had a great get-together at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Payne, former Lt. Payne, for lunch. Their home is about 50 miles from Cincinnati and we traveled by bus, which was chartered by our group.

The following E Co. men attended the reunion:

Fred Willmann	George Walters	Harold Palmatier
Ray Cash	C.J. Spurgeon	Glen Mays
Bill McCorkle	Bob White	Nick Boyd
Bill Overcash	Willis Hanson	Clyde Sayre
Al Henry	Herman Bledsoe	Jake Esbenshade
George Kohler	Ed Deliman	Bill Payne
Frank Parrott	Mayes Key	Vernon Meyer
Rayford Funk	Bruce Olden	

In addition there were at least ten wives in attendance and we all had a great time. Hope we can all make it to Pittsburgh in 1990.



Jake Esbenshade
E Co. 331 st.

783 RD. ORDNANCE

You had to be there to believe it. As the 83rd Division, marched sharply and thanks to Bob Hammond, our bright red 783Rd Ordnance flag waved in the breeze for the first time, as we all proudly followed the 101 Division band to Cincinnati's Fountain Square. However some things never change, one guy from the 783Rd couldn't stay in step. Joe Brown and Doc Pfeifer were constantly hollering "Barbara get in step!"

The TV cameras were all over the parade but Jim Jones and his camera towered over them. Here was a guy that started out the week a rank amateur and by the weeks end he was an old pro. The proof of that was by Friday every girl from the Company had been to Company Headquarters, Brown's and Jones room, and each had spent a lot of time on their respective beds, watching Jones flicks.

James R. Jones is offering his services of printing duplicate tapes of the reunion if you will contact him. If you give me a little time to get my act together I am in the process of refining the movies I took from Atterbury to Passau. I intend to send them to Jim and have him put the reunion on the ending. So for a small fee it should be possible for everyone who cares to have a print. Jim by the way has moved and he is now a Southern gentleman. His address is 704 Brenda Ct. Winchester Virginia. 22601 Phone 703-722-5061. Write it on your list-NOW!

I guess without a doubt, the best part of the reunion for all of us was the picnic held out at Art and Millie Doggetts. Thanks to Bill Appleby's suggestion and work, we hired us a 44passenger bus. And thanks to my expert navigation, despite the barrage of verbal barbs that pricked my petite ears, we arrived safely. at Art's old Kentucky home with twentyeight of the Ordnance family.

The Garrison's found their own way in their new van and poor Bill Mannino couldn't find us at the hotel but he easily picked up the smell of Art's Kentucky Scotch. We had a grand afternoon and the Doggett's and their family were perfect hosts.

Meanwhile back at the reunion all kinds of things were going on. Mimi Wiggins was still attracting males and mail to her bedroom. Joe Hendricks insists the girl at the desk made a pass at him when he signed in. From that time on we always knew where to find Joe.

Ann Barbara set a record of sorts. As Phil drove up to the hotel for the first time Ann spotted Macy's and before Phil could park the car she had disappeared through Macy's yearning doors.

Doc and Agnes Pfeifer were their usual happy-go-lucky selves, Doc was sporting was sporting a beer hat invention which Agnes so neatly knitted in place. I still don't understand how round beer cans turned into a square hat.

Hersch and Midge Weaver were seen holding hands all over Cincinnati. This was very smart on Hersch's part as this prevented Midge from buying much.

Herman Hackstock and Charlie Rohrer found the fountain of youth with their pretty young wives as they appeared to be the only ones to "dance all night."

I was disappointed in Alice Frederick as she was never seen with her blue bathing suit-on. With the exception of almost losing their banquet seats, for which Ray Wiggins won a battle star, the Frederick's just smiled their way through the reunion.

Easy and Lou Labbe were our international diplomats. A whole group of people from the surrounding area of Carentan, including the Mayor, were guests of the reunion. Easy and Lou made the events of the nights much more interesting for all concerned.

Ray Wiggins also gets the "Scam" award for the year. For five months I've been getting letters from a "secret lover" from Tampa Florida. She "was tired of her lazy 83rd husband" and she has been watching me for years at the reun-

ions. For five months I've been blaming a young friend who is a Captain for Northwest Airlines, even going so far as to show his Dad the trouble his son was getting me into. On the last night of the reunion, another letter was slipped under my door from my shy lover, I brought it home with me and much to my surprise, after I again accused my pilot friend by long distance, I discovered, by comparing an old letter of Ray's that his typewriter has a bad a. Good job, well done Ray or was it Mimi? Well, just watch out!

Ginny Rangnow came in second with the "Scam" award. We were sitting right next to the French table and I was away talking to the Sgts. from Camp Atterbury. A gentleman from the 83rd asked Ginny to dance and while dancing he complimented her on how well she spoke English. Ginny decided she couldn't "break his wagon" so she never let on who she really was. Maybe next year we should let Ginny and Ray bunk together.

Paul Bryars won the clairvoyant award. It was thundering and pouring rain as we met to play golf and Paul insisted it wasn't going to rain. Like lambs to the slaughter. Brown, Jones and I followed Paul's directions twenty miles to the course. Sure enough, it never rained a drop after the first hole. Paul was also a good host as this was his course, and he let Jones and I tie with an 86, while Joe Brown had one bad hole for an 89 and he played caboose with a 90. A great day forty-five years after Normandy! Someday maybe we'll get those other chickens, Wiggins and Barbara, to agree to put their golf on the line.

News from the other fellows includes greetings from George Harris. He was all set to come but had a family August wedding. The same was true for Perko, a family reunion while Stubber just couldn't get away.

Ernie Jim Christian had to cancel at the last minute because of Justines questionable health. Her gall was acting up. Jim Foster, Ralph Helenthal and AubreY Wilcox all were going to try to make it if there health permitted. Jim is having some heart problems, Ralph isn't always up to it and Wilcox is on chemo. We are sorry you fellows couldn't make it but believe me you were talked about.

Ivan Gilman called right before we left and wanted to send his best wishes to all. He and Pat are taking a great vacation for the whole month of September in England. He along with Captain Getty hope to see us in Pittsburgh. Getty had another reunion in Fla. on the same date.

Frank Salontay was a reunion maybe. He was having trouble getting excused from his golf club job. And Snooks got lost again this year. He was all set to drive his new van from the coast. Tune in to the next issue.

Well, I hope I've covered everyone of the twenty nine who attended the reunion. Oops, I didn't mention Martha Appleby. She was sure present because I remember the bill she ran up when the twenty six of us were eating at the Elm Street Cafe. I should talk, Ginny ordered a tablespoon of ice cream for \$3.50! That's all folks, shop early and Merry Christmas.

Hut two,
Rags

P.S. Our thanks to Carl Frederick for his work with the Ad

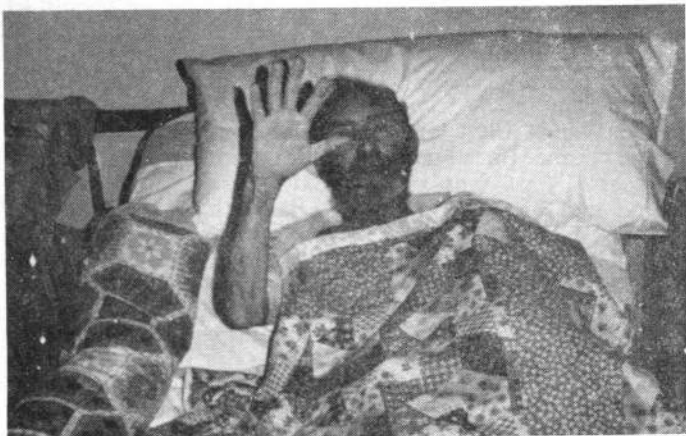
book and did you notice the ad from Dot Forster, thank you Dot, John is still remembered.



MEN OF CO. K 331ST INFANTRY

Dear Buddies:

I want to express my appreciation to the Kentucky Chapter for another wonderful annual reunion. Thanks fellows for a job well done. Too few of us realize how many long hours of hard work it takes to organize and produce a reunion that everyone can enjoy. Hey Buddies, Company K wasn't as well represented this year as usual. We only had nine---Albert Belvedere, Franklin Ciampa, Manny Epstein, Junious Lowder, Albert Martin, Wilder Mathena, Earl McDonald, Everett Rogers, and Edgar Smith. Let's work harder and get a larger group in 1990.



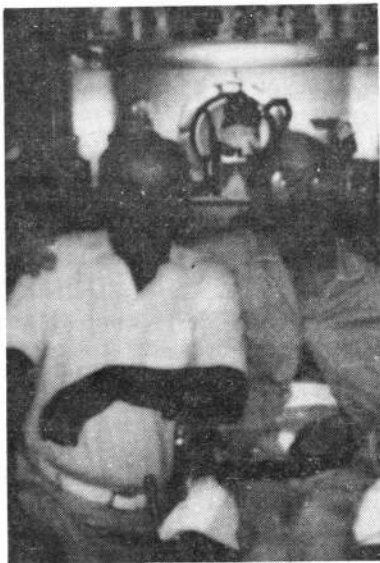
Subby Vasquez Co. K, 331st Infantry

After the reunion I went to West Virginia to visit my family. My Mother is 91 years old. I took time out to go to Richesville, Pa. to visit a friend, Andy Wargo, from Co. K. We hadn't seen each other since the war but can truly say we had a great visit. Andy was wounded in the Normandy Campaign with machine gun fire, shattering the bone in his right leg. He told me Subby Vasquez tried to help him but both were captured. Andy was taken to Rheims, France and Subby to Germany, south of Berlin. Andy was a P.W. for two months and then he spent three years recuperating in the hospital. We talked about many of you fellows out there and how we would like to see you. Andy plans to attend our reunion in Pittsburgh next year.

I don't know if it was a coincidence or what to hear at this time about Subby Vasquez being in very bad health through a dear buddy, Norman Malo. Thanks Norman for letting me know.

After a phone call to Subby, plans were made for my brother-in-law and I to visit him. We found him in very bad condition physically but mentally he was in good shape and was able to talk about the happenings forty five years ago. We talked about the good outfit we served with. He flies his American flag proudly.

A letter, phone call or even a visit would be



Norman Malo & Subby Vasquez Co. K Buddies visiting.

greatly appreciated by Subby. His address is: Subby Vasquez, 41 Cambridge Drive, Apt. E, Newington, Ct. 06111. Phone: (203) 666-6211.

Fellows Subby needs your prayers. "Please God be with Subby; comfort and give him strength. Help his dear wife, Sue, who is a special person, care for him. Amen"

This was a special summer for me. I am thankful for being able to see two more buddies from Co. K that I hadn't seen since the war. I am looking for others. I spent time trying to locate Sterling Reed. It is possible he may still be in the Martinsburg, West Virginia area. If anyone knows his whereabouts please let me know.

May God bless you and if it be His will we will see each other in Pittsburgh, 1990.

A Company K Buddy,
Everett Eugene Rogers
12827 North 42nd Drive
Phoenix, Az 85029

"B" Battery 908th F.A. Bn.

We had a group of 18 men and women attending the reunion in Cincinnati this year. A little down, from last year and hope the ones who couldn't attend are feeling okay.

In attendance were; Dick and Pat Bevins, Jerry and Vi Wenzel, Mike and Victoria Bacha, Jules and Agnes Desgain, Nick Bertovich Past President John and Freeda Hobbs, Ed and Helen Williams, John and Faye Prescott, Helen Allen, Jim Shaw and Jim Prentice.

Sorry I was kept busy at meetings and didn't have the opportunity to spend as much time as I would have liked to have spent with the guys and their lovely wives.

Certainly was disappointed to hear that Jimmy Shaw dropped by Friday Afternoon, while I was attending a meeting and was unable to see him. Really missed our good buddy, Nelson Reisinger and hope all is well with him. Also, sorry to hear that Mike Rudy's wife passed away, two weeks before the reunion. We all extend our deepest sympathy to Mike and his family.

It was a good feeling to visit with one and another again, if only for a short time and hope you can all make it to Pittsburgh in 1990.

Jim Prentice

Memorial Service

Another fine Memorial Service was held in Cincinnati this year and I wish to congratulate all who participated.

Charley Schmidt and Manny Goodridge did an excellent job setting things up with the city and obtaining the Army band.

Al Belvedere did his usual good job of organizing the parade. "Battalion Commander" Col. Macaluso along with his "Company Commanders" Jules Desgain, Ed Haynes, Manny Epstein, Ned Smith and Fred Barnes got the "Troops" in line and along with the band had them marching smartly to the Memorial site. What a pleasure it was to have an Army band. I could have marched another ten blocks with their music.

Casey Kowalec, our wonderful Chaplain, along with his asst. Matt Pintar, did an excellent job handling the service and I couldn't close without mentioning our good buddy, Jim Burton, whose voice and appearance hasn't changed a bit over the years. When he sings "My Buddy" there isn't a dry eye at the service.

The Philadelphia and Pittsburgh Color Guards did their usual fine job under the direction of Sgt. Al Belvedere and I wish to thank the Philly Chapter for allowing me to con-

tinue to be a member of the firing squad, as I had to drop my membership in the Chapter due to being a member of the board. We weren't allowed to fire the rifles this year due to a city ordinance. Also wish to thank the men and women who traveled from 35 states to attend this Memorial Service as it is the most important part of the reunion.

Jim Prentice
Ex. Board Member

G COMPANY 331st INFANTRY

Another deadline to meet, wanted to get this article off last week but time did not permit.

The reunion two weeks ago in Cincinnati went off much better than last years reunion. Many of the problems of the Association have been solved, but there are still one or two things that doesn't jive, but I am sure with the Executive Board working on them, we should be in great shape for the reunion in Pittsburgh, next August.



Co. G 329 Inf.

G Company has another representative on the Executive Board, Gene Costanzo was elected by a close margin. Good Luck, Gene.

G Company was well represented at the reunion, Mort Gaynor, Joe Macaluso, Mike Mizerock, Beau Titus, O.K Baird, Babe Gautchi, Clyde Flannary, Gene Costanzo, Al Suess, Ed Walsh, Joe Phillipone We had a nice get together on Wednesday night. We did locate another member of G Company, a Lt Fish, who is now a member of the Philadelphia Chapter, and should be in Pittsburgh next year. We did receive some sad news, Carl Wheeler passed away in 1984. His wife informed me that he had died from a heart attack. She kept receiving my letters, but never did write to let us know about his death.

It is encouraging to know that Mike Mizerock has taken a great interest in the Association, and is an active member in the Cleveland Chapter. Casey tells me that because of the meals that Mike prepares for the Cleveland Chapter



Blowing up balloons.

meetings, the attendance at that Chapter has increase considerably, since Mike has taken over, A visit to the Cleveland CP gave every Indication that they are on their way back in the Association.

Again I would like to thank the Warren Chapter, for inviting myself and my family, and the other members of G Company to join them in their CP.

I want to extend my thanks to all members of



Doris & John Fay

the Association that join in our Memorial Services. This year we divided the members into six groups, and with a little more time for organizing, we were able to make an excellent showing in Marching down the streets of Cincinnati. An Army Band is a big help, and the men Marched as they did some 45 years ago. A great Tribute to a Great bunch of men and a Great Division.

We will have a little time off now, but come January we will be back on the job to get more men of G Company to attend the reunion in Pittsburgh, next August.

Capt. Mac



Langlire, May 2, 1989

Mr. Robert E. Derickson
Editor Of "the Thunderbolt"
3749 Stahlheber Road
Hamilton, Ohio 45013

Dear Mr. Derickson,

A few days ago some people in Ottree gave me the second part of the "dog tag" of an American soldier with the following inscription:

Oliver W. Halle
37130019 T 42 42 0

Ottree is in the fighting area of the 83rd I.D. and the 3rd Ard D. and attached units, in January 1945.

I phoned to the Superintendent of the American Military Cemetery in La Neuville en Condroz (Belgium). He checked the list of the American deads buried outside of the United States and he didn't find this name.

So Oliver W Halle is either alive (what I sincerely hope) or buried in the United States.

Maybe himself or someone of his family would be interested to have his tag back.

Can you insert a few words in your 83rd bulletin to ask your members if anyone knows about Oliver W Halle. I do the same request to the 3rd Armored Division Association.

I would be grateful for any help of your Association.

Andre Hubert
CRIBA
29, Centre
6674 Langlire (Gouvy)



Sept. 28, 1989

Dear Bob,

Enclosed is a picture of nine of the twelve from "F" Co. 329th, that attended the 43rd reunion in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Front: Ray Clemons, Ed Zerucka, Bill Nickell and Bill Ferguson. Back: Robert Whitcomb, George Trebonyak, Lloyd Lietkemerer, Bill Meyerhoeffler and U.B. (Tex) Atchison. The three not available for picture on Thursday night are George Thompson, Wright Cotter and Charles Anderson.

Attention: "F" Co. 329th, time is running out - so make plans now for 1990 in Pittsburgh, PA at the Vista Hotel. Lets make this the biggest ever.

"F" 329th
V.B. (Tex) Atchison
212 Dia
Sanger, TX 76266

Dear Bob (and his Pearl of a lady)

Thanks for the short note. Nice to hear from you and Pearl. Having a quiet day in Rhode Island, re-reading the books, folders, cards etc., that I brought back with me from our June trip to France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and Western Germany. Sure brings back some thoughtful, sober and happy memories.

Hey, 3rd Bn. HQ. 329th was well represented on the 83rd European adventure--Sam Badgett, Bob Derickson, (my First Sergeant and Supply Sergeant) ex-PFC Ray Peloquin and in reserve, Pearl Derickson, hey four out of forty-one persons on that tour. Speaking of Sam Badgett I do hope his rear end problems are gone---trying to buy Sam some Preparation H or that type of medicine in a foreign language is quite something--the good looking sales girl had a half-dozen types of Prescriptions, mostly packaged with German Directions. Well, anyway, Sam was smiling the next day.

Bob, I received a letter from Eddy Monfort, the nineteen (19) year old teenager from Malempre, Belgium. The letter is really well written--in English--from this young man from a very small Belgium Village. As you say Bob, real pleasant feeling to know a 19 year old Belgium youth is interested to know what happened in December, 1944 and January 1945. The young man is writing a book about the Battle of the Bulge and wants to know what I remember of those cold, snow and more snow days and nights. He sent me a

map which shows the 330th Regiment was active around Malempre. Will send him a letter telling him of my remembrances of the Ardennes Campaign. That sure was a nice Sunday afternoon we spent with Eddy and his village people. That boy will wear that 83rd Thunderbolt Jacket and cap with much pride. By the way, the champaign or white wine we had in the town hall was OK. Overall the boy will represent the 83rd Infantry Division in Belgium.

Hey Bob, if you have any photos with Eddy in it, forward them to Malempre or send them to me and I will enclose them in a future mailing to Eddy. Well Bob, you and Pearl take care of yourself so on June 6, 1994 we can go walking on Omaha Beach in Normandie, the 50th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

Providence, Rhode Island has a direct flight to Pittsburgh so God willing hope to see you there for the 44th reunion.

So long Sgt.
Raymond H. Peloquin

Dear Mr. Derickson:

I don't know what made me read the list of Reunions in our Retirement Life Magazine, as I never do but I found the reunion for my brother's old Division, the 83rd.

Donald was killed in the Bulge and is buried in Leige, Belgium. I miss him.

My reason for writing is I am wondering if any one would remember him. I would love to hear from them. I do not know if it is possible but never hurts to try.

His name was:

Donald Otto Kosball
"K" 329th 37112014
From Waukon, Iowa

Thank you so much
Mrs. Doloris Beckman
16101 Creekwood Road
Prior Lake, Minnesota 55372

In attendance at the reunion from "G" 329th were the following. Bob and Lois Brinkman, Sterling and Louella Rubright, John and Doris Fay, Chet and Ruth Morgan, Vito and Virginia Palazzola, John and Grace Askey, Francis and Virginia Markums, John Cupina, Paul Buchman, Ames and Helen Miller, Janet Murphy, and Howard and Babe Freitag.

We all missed Morris and Sylvia Gimple, Carl and Louise Dahloons, Mr. and Mrs. James Ransdell, and Etha and Leonard Reynolds.

We lost three (3) good buddies this year. Florentine Casile, Leon Kuhn and Filmore Kohler.

The Rubrights and Freitags spent a few days before the reunion at the Home of the Brinkman's. Bob was a great tour guide. Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton and the Space Museum in Wapakoneta, Ohio were visited.

Sorry that Janet Murphy had to leave early. Hope the grandbaby is okay.

Morris and Sylvia Gimple became grandparents to a little boy. They now have two grandsons. Congratulations! Howie Freitag filled all the balloons with gas. He had a tank! Not his own. Lois Brinkman and Babe Freitag tied the balloons. Both were awarded purple hearts by John Cupina for sore fingers. Doris Fay, Helen Miller, Ruth Morgan and Luella Rubright tied them. Lot's of jokes and laughs were heard. There were other ladies and their men who helped too but I don't remember their names.

We all agreed to go to Williamsburg in March. Always looking forward to seeing all of our good friends from the 83rd.

Babe Freitag

A message to all 83rd members...

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The dates are: **August 16, 17 & 18, 1990**

Start making your plans to attend, now!

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