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President's Report

It is indeed an honor for me to be making this report as President of our Association, especially in this our 25th year. I wish to thank the men of the Cleveland Chapter, for having confidence in me and for selecting me as their choice for this office. I also thank everyone at the reunion for going along with the Cleveland Chapter selections. I give you my word that we will strive to make this a most successful



ful year.

Congratulations to the Boston Chapter on a good reunion. They had problems but these are things that cannot be helped. I know that everyone had a good time and that is the important thing.

We have a fine staff of officers for the coming year and I know that each in his way will promote the Association.

Congratulations to Al Belvedere on his election as regular executive member and to Ray Voracek as alternate member.

In carrying out the duties of President, I at this time appoint the following men as the Membership Committee:

Charles Altomari — Southwest Penn., West Virginia, Kentucky.

Casey Kowalec — Northeast Ohio, Northwest Penn., and New York.

Charles Abdinoor—New England.

Robert Taylor — Michigan, Illinois, Northwest Ohio.

Jim Burton—Indiana, Western Kentucky.

I am going to take a little liberty with the by-laws, by further appointing two alternates:

Joe Rankin — South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia.

Daniel McCarthy — Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama.

In addition, all chapter presidents are hereby requested to promote the national association.

Hoping that all have recovered as we have from the rigors of another reunion, and looking forward to a good year with regards to all.

Casey Szubski
President

Past Reunion Chairman's Corner

By Nick Francullo
3rd Bn., 330th Infantry

Wow:—

Our 24th annual reunion is a memory, and a memory that for all of us who attended will not be forgotten.



Right now before I say anything else, thank my working committee; they worked very hard to make it a big success.

They are Mike and Vera Caprio, Larry and Fran Ar-rigo, Clif and Shirley Wooldridge, Mary Francullo, I would like to Ambrose and Nancy and Nancy Ellen Tynan, Kathy Tynan, Anne Conlon, Chris and Phil Pappa, Flora and Ray Bjork, Jiggs Ellie, Nettie and Norm Belledeau, Gary DiGiammerino, Michael Caprio, Tony and Dot Catino, Carol Caprio, Theresa Francullo, Hy Goodman and our first lady, Gin DiGiammerino.

This group put two full years of writing letters and so forth, and then handled the registration desk at the reunion. Thanks again to all of you for the hard work and long hours.

I would be remiss in my duty, if I did not thank all of the Boston Chapter members also for getting the ads for the program book, as well as coming to meetings to give hints on what to have and do. Every little thing helped. This sounds like a smoke letter, but it is not.

Now for the push or the pusher behind this Boston Reunion; he was none other than the big boy, Pat DiGaimmerino. He pushed us until we were all about to crack up, and Pat was on his way also, but the 83rd Banquet saved us all.

So now that this is all over, we sincerely hope you all had a wonderful time, and will remember our friendly city of Boston.

It was wonderful to see all of the wonderful 83rd gang again, and also to be able to welcome those of you who attended for the first time. We sincerely hope that we can have the pleasure of your company for many years to come.

Just a short note to my old buddy,
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Memorial Service At Hotel. Dan McCarthy, chaplain, President Casey Szubski, past president, Pat Di Giammerino.



Part of Slate of New Officers. Standing: Bill Doty, Dom Christopher, Sam Klippa, Walter Meczka, Larry Redmond, Jerry Zingg, Casey Szubski. Kneeling: John Piscitelli.



At Registration Desk. Joe Minotti, Larry Redmond, Bob Piette and Dick Kelly.



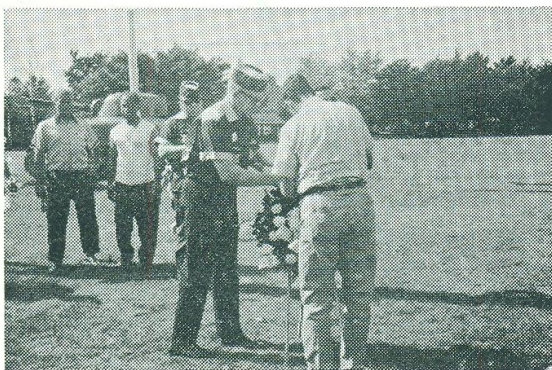
83rd Memorial Stone at the Patton Memorial.



Ray Voracek and Al Belvedere.



Norm Campbell and his lovely wife, Mike, at registration desk.



Placing of Wreath at Patton Memorial.



At Business Meeting. Bill Doty, and our little friend "Mousie".



President Joe Ponzio of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter presenting memento to Pat DiGiammerino for the Boston Chapter.



President Pat Di Giammerino and Secretary-Treasurer Larry Redmond at business meeting.



Executive Board Meeting. L to R., rear row: Sam Klippa, Al Gruber, Norman Campbell, Bill Doty. Front row: Charlie Abdinoor, Pat DiGiammerino, Manny Martin and Larry Redmond.

Past Reunion Chairman

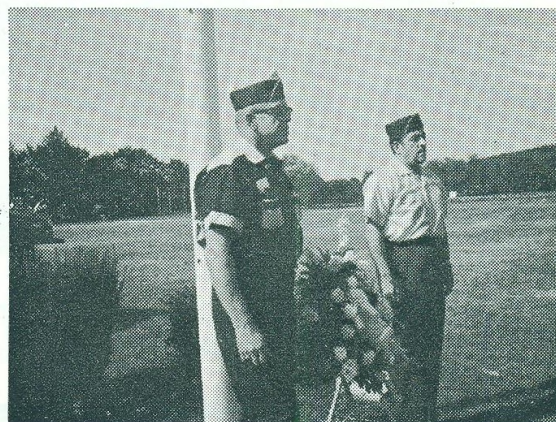
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Al and Bula Forster, from Cumberland Center, Maine, who came to the reunion, and Mary and I could not show them a good time due to being busy at the reunion. Al and Bula, please forgive us, we will be up to see you, and we will make up for it. Thanks!

This being my last writing as ex-Reunion Chairman, I would like to thank all who came to the reunion, and to those who could not come, but did their part by sending in an ad to help make it a wonderful reunion; thank you again.

Now as you know, our 1971 reunion will be in Cleveland, Ohio, so start saving now for our 25th Anniversary Reunion. See YOU ALL IN CLEVELAND, YOU HEAR.

Your Buddy,
Nick Francullo
3rd Bn., 330th



President Casey Szubski and Past President Pat DiGiammerino at Memorial Service at Patton Memorial.

The drawing of prizes at the reunion were as follows:

The basket of cheer was won by Frank McGrogan.

The second prize, the luggage, was won by Ken O'Connell.

The third prize, a beautiful painting was won by Mrs. Albert Shultz of Coatesville, Pa.

All prizes in this drawing were tremendous, and the Boston Chapter deserves a lot of credit for this great drawing.

908th Field Artillery

I am happy to report that six men from A Battery, 903th Field Artillery met at this reunion for the first time. They were as follows:

LEELAND BOYERS
MICHAEL BRICK
JOHN CLEVINGER
GEORGE L. HAYES
CLAYTON REICHENBERG
STUART HITT

Michael Brick
Battery A, 908th FA

Secretary's Report

Hello Buddies:

Here we are back from a very terrific reunion, and ready to settle down for another year. I am very sorry to report



that we did not have as good a year this past year as we did the year before. Our membership dropped from 950 to 710; this is about a 30 per cent drop. I am sure that there are many of you who had not sent in their dues, have just let it slip by. Now is your chance to prove that you are a real

dedicated 83rd man; send in your dues at once. When you do send it in, please add your unit, as it makes it easier when I make out your card.

This being our 25th anniversary year, we are in hopes of reaching that all time goal of 1,000 paid up members. The success of this venture depends on you. If you are a paid up member, be a sport and send us dues for that buddy that you have always wanted to do something for. I am sure that all of us can think of some special buddy.

Before I forget it, I think we all owe a tip of the hat to the very fine group in Boston that did such a tremendous job in giving us a great reunion. Each year I go to a reunion I meet men who are dissatisfied with the program that is set up for them; they complain about their hotel room or something else. I only wish that these complainers were in a position to put on a reunion and see the hard work that it entails. To put on a reunion, it takes many man hours of work both before the reunion is held and during the reunion. It is impossible to put on a reunion that will suit everyone. If we were to have a perfect reunion, one that suited everyone, then the complainers would not be able to enjoy themselves, because they would have nothing to complain about.

Well as I told you in the last issue of the "Thunderbolt", at the Executive Board meeting in May, it was agreed that we drop the unpaid members on our mailing list. This was brought up at the reunion again and received a unanimous approval of the members present. This is going to entail a lot of work, going through the 2,500 stencils that I have and remove the unpaid names from them. I am sure that there are going to be a lot of unhappy men when they are dropped from the roster, but all have been warned of this happening sooner or later. I was in favor of making this

issue a last issue to them, but the members stated that the letter that I had on the front page of the last issue was warning enough to them. As of the date of this letter we have almost 450 paid up members which is a high rate for this time of the year.

Well buddies, I suppose that I have covered the most important things that I have to report to you at this time. I must get all the news off to the printer so that the "Thunderbolt" can go to press. If you of you have news that you want printed, send it to me and I will see what we can do. I ask that you send it typewritten and double space each line. Deadline dates for news will be as follows, September 10th, November 10, February 10th and May 10th. The purpose of these deadline dates is so that I can go over it and get it to the printer for publication. It takes time to edit it and get the printing set up and run off.

I am happy to report that thanks to the members who attended the reunion, we have come up with a very fine slate of officers; I am sure that they will serve our Association well. I want to personally thank them for entrusting me again this year with the office of Secretary-Treasurer. I sincerely promise you that I will fulfill the duties of my office to the best of my ability. I feel mighty proud to know that I have so many friends.

I would like to make a last minute appeal to those of you who are delinquent in your dues, and have accidentally received this issue to get on the ball and send your dues at once. I hope to have all the unpaid men removed from the files, but it is always possible that a few can slip by.

Yours truly,
Larry Redmond
Secretary-Treasurer

Mr. Norman Campbell
Charlottesville, Virginia
Dear Norman:

I note in a most recent issue of "The Thunderbolt" that you are Division Historian. Being interested in several areas of history, I wondered just what records you maintain there. I suppose that even a letter such as this from a former member of the 83rd Division, has a place in your files.

Will be happy to answer, should the occasion arise, any questions concerning the 908th FA and its history from 1942 through 1945. I served with the Battalion as Comm. Chief and 1st Sgt. of Hdrs. Battery, 908th FA, in training and in combat.

Sincerely,
George E. Sites
Major, USA Retired
P.O. Box 1331
Nogales, Arizona 85621

Report of Chicago Chapter

William M. Doty, Reporter

Sept. 1970

THANKS BOSTON for a very enjoyable Reunion. All of us from Chicago who attended had a great time. One of the highlights we especially remember was the honored guest, Father Morrisett who spoke at the banquet. He's a great guy and what a sense of humor! We must remember to buy his book when it comes out.



We were pleased to see that several of our members made the long trek from Chicago to

Boston. Besides this writer, other members of the Chicago Chapter present were: Henry Kukulski and his wife, Lottie, Anthony Novak and his wife, Adeline, Clem Stemplewski, Joe Gallantry and Bill Bogacz. Clem visited with some of his relatives and had a whole contingent at the banquet.

Our hats off to the Bostonians who seem not to notice or who are able to put up with the horrible traffic problem of their city. We seemed to be constantly getting lost when we attempted to drive around, and wished we could have had a personal guide with us when we got in our car to go anywhere!

Our Chicago Chapter has been rather inactive this Summer, but we will be having a meeting in October and will be able to give you the names of our new officers for the year 1970-71 in our next report. We also hope to be able to give you some information about the 1973 Reunion which will be held in our great city (our bid for the 1973 Reunion was accepted this year in Boston).

Several of Wally Marks' friends asked about him and why he wasn't at the reunion. It wasn't until we returned home that we discovered the reason was that his father was ill prior to the reunion and that on August 24th his dad passed away.

We have also just been notified of the death of the father of Anthony Novak who died on September 7, 1970. Our heartfelt condolences to both Wally and Tony.

Although your writer, as Judge Advocate, spent many long hours putting together a set of by-laws for our National Association, he was greatly

pleased and happy to have the by-laws accepted and passed as presented, with a few minor alterations, at the business meetings of this past reunion. We feel we have made a giant step at this point in giving the Association, its officers and members, a set of by-laws to follow which are full and complete.

Can't think of anything else and must rush this off to Larry; hope we have lost of good news in our next column.

Past President's Corner

It is with a feeling of regret, that after a year, I am writing to you as a Past President. I have enjoyed being your President, and this past year has been a very happy one for me.



I sincerely hope that the people who attended our reunion enjoyed themselves. A good deal of hard work goes into the making of a reunion, but with a fine hard working group such as the Boston Chapter, anything is possible.

To those who couldn't attend, you were missed and we are sorry you couldn't make it.

Again I want to thank the officers who worked with me, the Boston Chapter who supported us, and the wives who put up with late hours, telephone calls, interrupted meals, and short tempers.

To the President and his staff my sincere good wishes for a successful year. I know that you are hard at work on your reunion. May you have every success.

Sincerely,
Pat DiGiammerino

**Make Your
Plans
For
No. 25
In
Cleveland**

Cleveland Chapter Report

This is your roving reporter Casey Kowalec once again filling in for his buddy Casey Szubski, who is setting up his President's column elsewhere in this issue. All future reports will be written by Bob "Grub" Uher, who will be our new Chapter Reporter.

"Congrats" are in order to the Boston Chapter on a fine reunion. They certainly laid out the welcome mat, and their lovely wives made everyone feel comfortable.

I personally had a wonderful time, except for the lack of sleep. This, of course, was caused by the continuous snoring of Walt Meczka and Dom Christopher, who were my bunk partners. If you have never heard a "Russian" and an "Italian" snore in harmony, then you are missing a rare treat. I believe in integration, but this was ridiculous.

To our own Casey Szubski, as National President; to Walt Meczka, Reunion Chairman; to Dom Christopher, Sergeant-at-Arms; and to all the other incoming officers, "Congratulations". We of Cleveland being the host chapter for the "71" Reunion are backing you all the way. I know the whole Association feels the same way, and we knew that you all will set up well made plans for the coming reunion.

Locally in our chapter, we have been quite active at many functions, some happy, some not. Our heartfelt sympathies go to Dom Christopher on the recent loss of his mother. Also to Chet Czech on the loss of his brother, Ben.

Just before the Reunion we attended the wedding of Ed and Jo Glinka's son, Dale, to Miss Eileen Mundel. Also upon our return from the Reunion, Bob and Bernice Groebelny's daughter, Peggy, was led down the aisle to become Mrs. Gerald Gongs.

Both affairs were attended by our members, and it seems that these affairs are making us young again, because once the music starts the wives and husbands of our chapter really become swingers. When it comes to dancing, Bob Uher and Ann Christopher really make a team. We plan to feature them at our Reunion. Believe me, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Murray don't even run a close second to these two.

Also, on September 18 Chet Czech will lead his daughter, Donna down the aisle to become Mrs. Thomas Pudelski. We are all looking forward to this affair, and the only concern I have is that we can make a Quorum for our monthly meeting which is the following day.

To all of these young people who have

taken these vows, good luck, God bless, and may your children have rich parents.

Just heard that Bill and Alma Herhuth will be grandparents again. Also heard that Ted and Stella Gurgol are spoiling their granddaughter, and they must be as we haven't seen them for awhile. By the way, Ted, that was a nice paint job you did on our Refreshment Holders. As soon as the pictures are developed, we'll make certain it appears in the "Thunderbolt".

Walt and Mary Meczka took a trip to St. Louis to see their son and daughter-in-law and report that things are A-O.K.

Al Uridel kicking himself for not going to the Reunion, because the fishing back home was lousy.

Henry Fix busy in his dry cleaning establishment, and recently receiving city-wide publicity for his outstanding effort to keep his business neighborhood in the old tradition.

My family is just starting to rise as it is school time, so I'm closing this report for now. Wishing you good health and may the Good Lord take a liking to all of you.

P.S. Our two officials contacts in Cleveland are:

Bob Uher, 7603 Pelham Avenue
885-1152.

Al Uridel, 3784 East 53rd St.
341-4339.

Sincerely,
Casey Kowalec

WHERE ARE THEY?

Col. Norman Campbell, who is Association Historian is compiling any and all things pertaining to the 83rd Infantry Division. He is still looking for the following issues:

"THE BOUNCE"

17 July 1943	21 Jan. 1944
31 July 1943	28 Jan. 1944
14 Aug. 1943	11 Feb. 1944
16 Dec. 1943	25 Feb. 1944

"SPEARHEAD"

25 Sept. 1944	3 Feb. 1945
16 Oct. 1944	10 Feb. 1945
22 Nov. 1944	3 Mar. 1945
	10 Mar. 1945

"THUNDERBOLT"

28 Apr. 1945	7 July 1945
5 May 1945	14 July 1945
12 May 1945	21 July 1945
26 May 1945	28 July 1945
2 June 1945	4 Aug. 1945
16 June 1945	
30 June 1945	

Also trying to obtain any German medals that men have and would like to turn over to the Association.

Boston Chapter

Hi Buddies,

Your Boston Chapter Reporter has to get this few lines out quick to make the deadline for the Thunderbolt.



We certainly enjoyed the reunion here in Boston; also meeting all that came to the reunion. Although, we missed many of the regulars such as Ted, the 83rd official greeter (the girls always miss him), Jim Burton who does a good job singing a few songs and also John Marek. I hope to see

you all next year in Cleveland.

The Boston Chapter really worked hard for the reunion. Pat DiGiammerino, Nick Francullo, Cliff Woolridge, Larry Arrigo, Mike Caprio, Ray Bjork, Norm Billideau and Jiggs Elie certainly did a fine job. I must mention a few more that really were a big help. Tony Catinio from Admiral Corp. and his lovely young wife, Dot. Nick Francullo's sister, Chris and her husband, Phil Pappas. Phil is the only real joke teller we have. If I left anyone else out please forgive me for my memory seems very poor tonight.

The last night of the reunion Shirley Woolridge, Fran Arrigo, Mary Francullo, Netti Billideau, Florence Bjork and Vera Caprio really danced all night. They told me they had only ginger ale but I don't know how honest they are. Ha! Ha!

Casey Szubski and Kowalec promised us all a very good time in Cleveland in August of 1971. I am sure they will for they have a lot of hard workers out there. Casey without the Z, we hope the young lady you were with did not have any more trouble with her fall.

I have just heard Netti Billideau has joined the Amesbury, Mass. Police De-

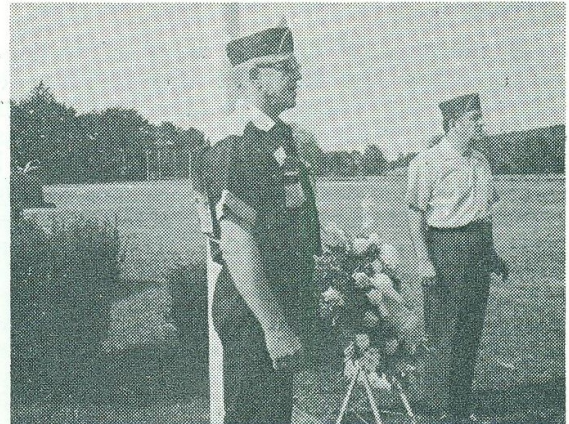
partment so watch out, Norman, you may end up in Cell 5. Ha! Ha!

Pat DiGiammerino is having a meeting tonight at his home. However, as I am at work now, I can not make the meeting. But, Larry Arrigo and Mike Caprio are going to pay me a visit on their way home.

Well that's all for now as I have to get this in the mail.

Have a nice Thanksgiving.

Ambrose Tynan
323rd FA



Memorial Services at park, Hamilton, Massachusetts.



Mary Francullo, Ann Conlon, M. Theresa Francullo and Ginny DiGiammerino.



Memorial Service at Hamilton, Mass.



Group before Patton Tank



Amby, Kathy, Nancy Tynan



Mike Caprio and Harry Melikian



Ralph Moore 323 FA. More jokes, Ralph?

"Frankly Speaking"

Here we are back again after our 24th Annual Reunion of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. A lot of credit should be given the members of the Boston Chapter for offering us such a fine affair.



I would like to at this time express my sincere thanks to all the men that attended, for the wonderful co-operation they showed the officers at this year's reunion. The members who attended all acted like a group of grown men at the meetings. The meetings were held in a very orderly manner, and we accomplished a lot without any bickering or arguing. A vote of thanks should be extended to our secretary-treasurer, Larry Redmond, for the very fine job that he did and also for the very fine treasurer's report that he gave at the reunion. While we are giving pats on the back, I think that a well deserved one should be given Sam Klippa for the superb job he did as our national publicity man. Sam has gotten publicity for our Association from coast to coast and from this our membership has increased to a little over 800 paid-up members.

How about getting a new member? Each of us must have the name and address of a buddy. Try to sell him on becoming a member, or better, how about a gift membership? This can be done by sending his name and address along with a check in the amount of \$5 and his membership card will be sent to him with your compliments.

I would like to make a personal appeal to each of you to put forth a little effort and try getting some new members. Remember if we each get one new member this year, we can once again double our membership and make another step up that long ladder of success.

Sincerely yours,
Frank McGrogan
Co. "D" 330th

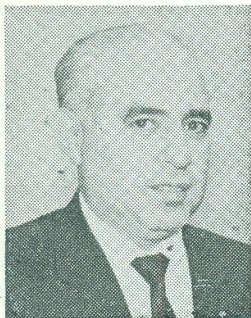
**SEND YOUR DUES TO
THE SECRETARY**

N O W ! !

Pittsburgh Chapter

Hello Buddies,

Well, another reunion has come and gone and a grand one it was. Those that attended had a great time and a grand



pat on the back to Nick Francullo and his boys for a job well done. The Greater Pittsburgh Chapter had 20 of its members in attendance and most of them made the trip by plane in a group. It was certainly great to see Dr. and Mrs. Keeler there as we consider them one of our group. There was not much

time for sleep, as after the conclusion of each evening affair we would gather in the Pittsburgh hospitality room to drink, eat and harmonize to some of the old fashion tunes with lovely Eleanor Szubski leading the group; she was also superb in keeping up with Al Gruber on some good German songs. I am certain that our Silver Anniversary Reunion in Cleveland next August has to be a great one and one of the best ever as I am sure they and the Warren Chapter will go all out to make it a memorable affair, so all you fellows better start planning your vacations for the week-end of August 19, 20 and 21, 1971.

Here in the Pittsburgh Chapter we recently held our annual picnic Sunday, June 28 at the Adam Hassick property in West Newton, Pa. and a grand time was held by all that attended as they usually are. A catering service for approximately 80 persons was held and there was plenty of food and refreshments available. Many thanks to Adam and Mary. Our next affair will be our annual Christmas party to be held Saturday, December 5 in the Brentwood area and we also will have our new installation of officers for the next two years. Al Gruber will be chairman of this event.

Our meetings are still held the first Sunday of each month at the Brentwood V.F.W. Post on Route 51 and we invite anyone in the area to attend. The time is 2 p.m., and attendance award is given out at each meeting and some of the recent winners have been lucky—Gene Costanza and Al Suess.

It sure was good to see Joe DeLuca (Div. Arty.) getting around again on his foot after suffering a break in his ankle some five months ago. We were very sorry to learn of the passing of Greer Thompson's father recently and our sympathy go out to him and his family. Greer is our other Pittsburgh re-

porter.

Some of the happenings here lately have been as follows: William De Marino's daughter was married on July 4th and we all wish her and her husband the best of happiness. Gene Costanza's wife, Yolanda, has been in and out of the hospital lately and we certainly wish that she never has to go in again as she has had her troubles. Jimmy Dietrich and John Dietrich, sons of Paul, Cannon Co. 330th Inf., have had their share of misfortunes also, with Jimmy falling in a charcoal fire and suffering third degree burns and John going to a Pittsburgh hospital with a ruptured appendix and the Chapter sends them both a speedy recovery. Sam Klippa, Co. D, 331st Inf., celebrated his birthday and his present was that he retired a few days later from his work and we all wish Sam a very happy retirement. Also, recently Joe DeLuca (Div. Arty.) celebrated his 27th wedding anniversary. Joe looks well but Juliette looks a lot better and that is saying a great deal because it takes an awful good woman to keep up with Joe. Our best certainly goes out to these two fine people.

Karen Gruber, daughter of Al and Millie Gruber, our executive board member and former M Co. 331st Inf., is getting along fine following her recent operation. Rick Gruber, their son who is in the service, has spent a few week-ends home and I know that made Al and Millie very happy. So, we send Karen and Rick our best wishes. Karen Ruprecht, daughter of our president John, 908th F.A., sold her first painting for \$75 and it looks like we have an artist in our chapter.

Steven Blasko, son of our recording secretary Steve, 783rd, is now teaching and his other son Allan is attending the University of Pittsburgh. Our congratulations go out to these two fine gentlemen along with their parents Steve and Gertie.

Richard Suess, son of Al, had the misfortune of fracturing his nose. He had an operation on it and is getting along fine.

Al Lorenz, Co. 1 3rd Platoon and Joseph Setticase, Co. D 331st Inf., passed away recently and the sympathy of the Pittsburgh Chapter goes out to their families.

Bill Coffey, Co. B 308th Engr., and his wife, Erma, visited with your reporter upon returning from Indianapolis. Joe DeLuca, Dobe Hassick and myself all made plans to attend the reunion in Boston.

Enclosed are some pictures taken at the picnic and reunion so, until the next issue I wish all of you health and happiness.

Your Pittsburgh Reporter
Charlie Altomari

Fall River Chapter Chatter

By Manny Martin F-329th

Another reunion has come and gone. It is so unbelievable that our next one will be the twenty-fifth. I know that it



must give all of you a warm glow of satisfaction, as it does me, to realize just how much love and devotion is, and has been demonstrated, to each other, by the members and families, of our wonderful 83rd Infantry Division Association over these many years. Kind of gives you a nice feeling, espe-

cially, now, that hate and discontent seem to be the style of the day.

A debt of gratitude is owed to the Boston Chapter, for the long hours of work and preparation required to put on this year's reunion. A tip of the Martin hat to Pat, Nick, Mike and the rest of the Boston lads, for a job well done. I would only hope that those of you that complain the most about the programs of the various reunions, would take it upon yourselves to put on a reunion some time, then you would realize just how much work, time and effort is required to put one on. Then perhaps, you would fully appreciate what has been done for you these many years. Program has never interested me personally I look forward to reunion, because it means I can spend three or four days in the company of friends that have become very dear to me.

Our good friends, Adelard and Loretta Larue (M-330th), have to be delighted with the many happinesses that have come their way this summer, first their son Paul, who is just a great kid, married to a very sweet and lovable girl, made the Larue's grandparents, for the second time, with the birth of a handsome boy, whom they have called Stephen Robert. Congratulations, kids. Paul also graduated from pharmacy school, high up in his class, after five years of college. This made me very happy, for it meant, that after many years of hard and diligent work, building their drugstore, into one of the nicest in the city, Adelard, Lorreta and the younger children were able to enjoy a whole week's vacation, away from the store, which they spent in beautiful New Hampshire, never has a vacation been more deserved, and the powers that be, recognized this by co-operating with the finest weather ever.

On Labor Day weekend, Adeline and I took to the airlines, and flew to Mem-

phis, Tennessee, to attend the wedding of Gusty Raikos, son of my former C.O. John Raikos and his very gracious wife Mary. Those of you that remember back to our service days, or to the many reunions, that we have attended together, know of the strong bond of love and affection, that exists between the Raikoses and the Martin's, and had necessity dictated that we hitch-hike to Memphis, to attend, I'm afraid Adeline and I would have, just to be present. Never did we feel that we were invited guests, rather, that some one in our immediate family was the one being married. Gusty, you all remember from reunions, is a handsome, wonderful lad, whom you met and liked instantly, graduated from the University of Indiana this past June, and plans to commence law school in September. The young lady that he married is one of the loveliest, sweetest and most personable young ladies that we have encountered in some time. I know that all Thunderbolts join with me in wishing for them all the joys and happinesses, for many years to come, in their wedded life as well as every success in their chosen careers. The wedding was everything that one could desire, and the ceremony was just beautiful as was the church, and just about everything else connected with the wedding.

In Memphis, there resides, a Thunderbolt, that has a lovely wife, lovely children, all of whom just ooze with warmth, look after you as though you were one of theirs and make you feel welcome, from the moment of your arrival, to the time of your departure, I refer of course to none other than Leo Schneider, Shirley and their family. It was indeed a very delightful pleasure to enjoy their company for a couple of days, Adeline and I as well as John, Mary and the Raikos children, thank you both most profoundly for your many kindnesses, and the enjoyment of seeing both of you for a short while.

Larry is screaming about deadline time again, so I had better end this and get it in.

To all Thunderbolts, all of the best and God bless to you and your's.

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More From Pittsburgh

Dear Buddies:

Another great Reunion has gone by the board and many thanks are in order to the boys of the Boston Chapter for a job well done. It's time now again to start thinking of the coming year and the next Reunion to be held in Cleveland. Let's all sit down and start doing our share to make the job a bit easier for the boys in Cleveland by writing to a Buddy and letting him know the dates and the place. Don't forget to let him

know also about our Membership Drive for they will not be getting the "Thunderbolt" anymore unless they are members in the Association.

Since getting home from Boston, I've been in touch with a member of each of the active Chapters and asked them to bring up and discuss at their next meeting: Rules of Protocol and Procedure" and to send their ideas to me. These rules will concern anything and everything from the time a city is selected for a Reunion to the final item at the Banquet. We are in need of such rules in order to avoid a lot of confusion and errors. This subject has been discussed for seven years now and I think it's about time we got something concrete to go by. Let's all of us do our share by sending your own ideas to me. The final writing of the rules will be done by Bill Doty our Judge Advocate. They will be discussed at the next Board Meeting and again in Cleveland for approval by all the members present.

I've been in touch with a fellow Pennsylvanian who is a newspaperman and am hopeful of getting some important information concerning the procedure to get our Newspaper Advertising done more easily than in the past. This should make my job much easier and I'm figuring on putting out the news twice this year so the results should improve. No matter how much advertising I do, you the members should also do your share to help sign up a Buddy.

Things are going along just fine here in Pittsburgh and we are holding a Special Meeting this week to get going with our plans for the Reunion in 1972. We are going to discuss our ideas on "The Rules of Protocol and Procedure". It's time now to notify all the hundreds of men (FORMER 83rd MEN) in the Pittsburgh area of our future plans and to

see if we can't boost our membership. We are hopeful of greater success in 1972 than we had in the past.

Reunions are a wonderful thing, especially when you meet with Buddies that you haven't seen in 26 years. It was my real pleasure to meet with two such Buddies in Boston. Kenneth Moody from Maine showed up for the first time although he has been a member for many years and Rene Gingras of Massachusetts came to his first Reunion. Albert Misler has been away for 20 years and William McKee for 20 years. Ralph Gunderson, George Komlos and myself made up for quite a good showing of "D" Co. 331st Inf. We made plans to attend in Cleveland next year and I'll be in touch with the rest of Dog Company for the biggest get-together since the first Reunion in Pittsburgh.

Those of you that promised to send me address lists of your Buddies, please do so now and those that requested Company Rosters write to me because I forgot your names. My address is in the front of this book.

The only way for 83rd men to be informed about the Association now is to be paid up members because only a paid up member will be receiving the "Thunderbolt" from now on. DO YOUR SHARE FELLOWS AND SIGN UP YOUR BUDDY NOW. Thank you and best of luck to all of you.

Samuel Klippa
Co. "D" 331st Inf.



L to R: Unis Marek, Fran Alicandri, Marge Gelety and Helene Golembeski.

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Executive members Sam Klippa and Al Gruber.



Greer Thompson and Adam Hassick

Jersey Chapter

Hi Buddies,

Well, another reunion has come and gone I think everyone had a good time as I know I did.

I know I won't forget the golf deal I got at that private course; I don't think you could do much better. They could have treated me to lunch, though (joke). All in all, I had lots of fun as did the rest of the Jersey crowd.

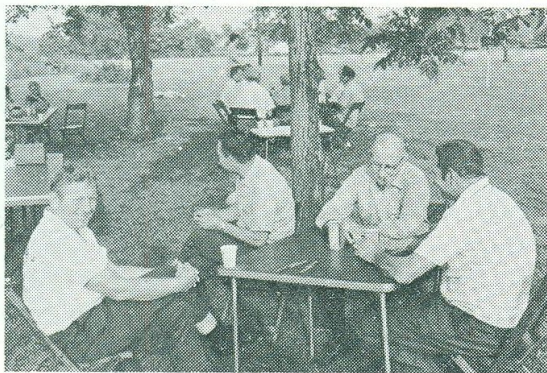
I also believe that the Cleveland gang should go all out as they said they want to, and make the 25th Reunion one we will never forget. Also, Ed Glinka, you'd better be there.

Congratulations to our Vito Lascari, who was made Sergeant-at-Arms. I know he feels very proud, and will do his job well when called on. Hope everyone made the trip home safely. I had a little trouble in Rhode Island on the way home, when one of my front wheel bearings went and it took me four hours to get it fixed. Luckily, I found some people who still like to help others instead of always thinking of themselves.

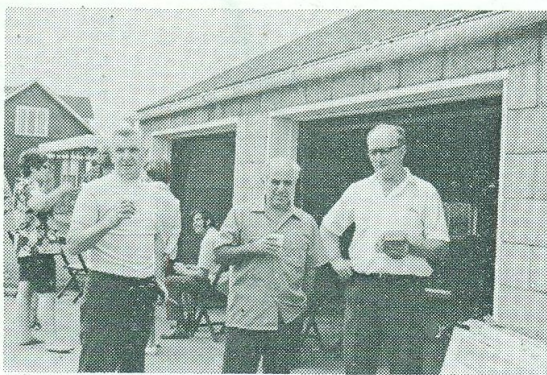
Let's all start now writing to buddies who we did not see at the Reunion, and tell them we want to see them at Cleveland, and make sure their dues are paid. If they need help, tell them to let us know; I'm sure we can do something for them.

Well, gang, I guess that is all for now. It certainly was good seeing you all, and I hope we can meet soon again.

Sincerely,
Jim Bowie
Co. B, 330th



Left to right: Pres. John Ruprecht, Smoky Alicandri, Emil Becker and John Marek.



Wilbur Campbell, Charlie Altomari and Elmer Palm.

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330th Regimental Unit

I am happy to report that the 330th Regiment was very well represented at the reunion this year. Among our representation there was our old Regimental Commander, Colonel McLendon. We can also feel proud that one of our own 330th men has been elected 1st Vice President and Reunion Chairman. He is Walter Meczka. Walt is a very good worker for the Association and is also Finance Officer for the 330th Regimental Unit. Each year at the reunion the Unit collects a dollar from each 330th man there. In the past we have tried to hold a Unit Luncheon. Walt informs us that he has a few dollars in the treasury and next August in Cleveland, he assures us that we will once again have the Unit Luncheon. This is a great idea because it affords us the opportunity to get together as a separate group and discuss things that happened in the 330th.

If you were a member of the 330th Regiment and wish to become a part of us, send a dollar to Walt, you will find his address in the front of the "Thunderbolt". In the past the 331st was always the largest unit. But these past few years we have been giving them a run for their money. Let us keep growing, show them that the 330th was and still is the number one regiment. This should bring repercussions in the next issue, but that is what we want, something that makes news for the paper.

Well buddies, let us all start planning now to make the 25th Anniversary Reunion in Cleveland. Start making plans now to meet that long lost buddy. This year at the reunion I once again was able to meet a man from my company that I hadn't seen since Germany. Believe me it is a great feeling to meet a man for the first time.

Yours truly,
Larry Redmond,
Co. H, 330th

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Philadelphia Chapter News

Lou Volpi Reporting

Home again after our 24th reunion in Boston—and the Philadelphia gang with a membership of 92 strong is going full gallop towards that 1,000 national membership.

This would certainly be a gift to national after all the wonderful reunions we have had.

Our first item on the agenda is to present 17 electric shavers to our disabled Vets at the Naval hospital. The Philadelphia Chapter went hard at work to acquire these and we could not give them to anyone more deserving. We hope to continue our charity work each year in some small way.

We have already raised enough money to acquire a bus for our trip to Cleveland for our 25th. Philadelphia will be coming in very strong for this one. Csaye better have a splendid reception when we hit Cleveland.

Our program will be laid out for the chapter for the entire year and with our strong reserve of wives, we can't help but come out a winner. We may be growing older in years, but I do believe the bond between the 83rd members is deeply imbedded in most of us. I certainly enjoy the company I keep. The Philadelphia Chapter is also receiving rifles to complete our Guard of Honor and we are on call for any occasion that may need us.

Until the next issue of our Thunderbolt, I hope to have more action news. God bless you all and keep you for many more reunions.

P.S.—Sure missed "You All Come" riddle at this reunion.



Part of the Philadelphia Chapter group at end of Registration Table.



Wreath in place at Memorial Service. Holding wreath is Larry Redmond. L. to R. Norm Campbell (hidden), Al Belvedere, Al Gruber, Sam Klippa and Charlie Abdinoor.



Take at Shrine of St. Anne De Beaupre in Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Ciallella, Belvedere, Bea Chavanne and Lou and Lucy Volpi.



Lou and Lucy Volpi.



Al and Ann Belvedere.



Mr. Ciallella, Bill Chavanne, Anne Belvedere and Bea Chavanne at Shrine.



Part of Philadelphia Chapter group at Memorial Service. Front row, left to right: Jack Devinney, Joe Ponzio, Bill Chavanne, Al Belvedere, Lou Volpi, Bernie Mendelshon. Rear: Frank McGrogan and Larry Redmond.

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Warren Auxiliary

Warren, Ohio

Hi Everybody,

Another reunion has come and gone and the memories are very poor. I think we have said "hello" and "good-bye" to Boston.

If you had plenty of money in your pockets you really enjoyed yourself. Too bad if you didn't! To the ones who attended for the first time—they are not all like that. Make sure you come to Cleveland next year.

We were curious to find out what a "German Beer Party" was, and let me tell you, it wasn't what it was cracked up to be.

Congratulations to Casey on being elected president and the best of luck to you in the coming year. Hope Eleanor got over being nervous.

The honeymoon must be over for Bob and Rita Taylor. They shared a double bed this year.

Bill Donahue, a very good buddy of Dick's, came to visit us while we were there. He took us to dinner at the Somerset Hotel where they served a delicious steak. We would like to thank him again for taking us for a drive around Boston. At least we got to see some of the points of interest that we have read about in our history books.

The tour to the Constitution was cancelled and that is what everyone would have liked to see.

They had a good orchestra at both the cocktail party and banquet.

By the time Saturday rolled around, bets were being made as to what would be served for dinner. Tony Guarnier had the waiter get her a steak as she could not eat chicken. It sure looked good, Tony!

The Warren C.P. was open to everyone and we enjoyed seeing and talking to old friends and new ones. Merrill and Donahue taught us how to say "Norfolk".

We all send our best to Teddy Prentice and hope she has recovered from her accident.

Glad to see Mary McGrogan and Mary Sehlanik back in circulation again.

Before we left for Boston the men's chapter had a pig roast and it was delicious. The pig was stuffed with chickens and the meat melted in your mouth. George Bellay and Norm Glaze were on the committee, assisted by their friend Kenny, who was the chef. Norm made his favorite salad and the affair was a big success.

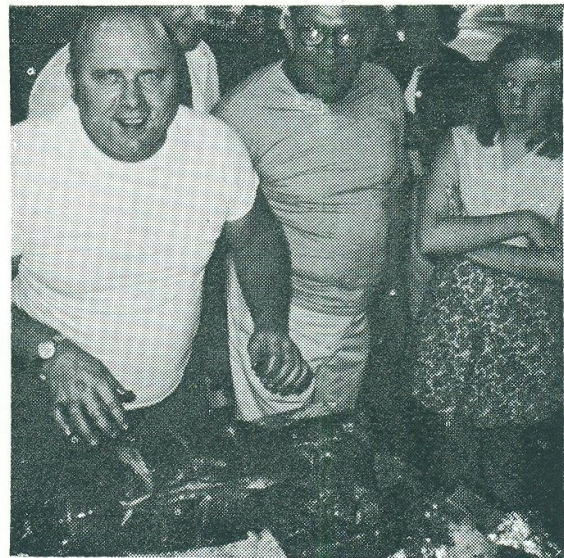
We also had another 25th wedding anniversary to celebrate. Alma and Claude Whitman have now joined the club. Their daughter Karen is being married in October and Alma is making her gown.

David Skovran is teaching school here in Howland. We were talking to Mike and he said David is really enjoying working with the teen-agers.

The next party for the men's club will be Oct. 13th at Mike Skovran's home. It will be a steak fry and Johnny Teringo is co-chairman.

That is all for now. Hope to have some more to tell you in November.

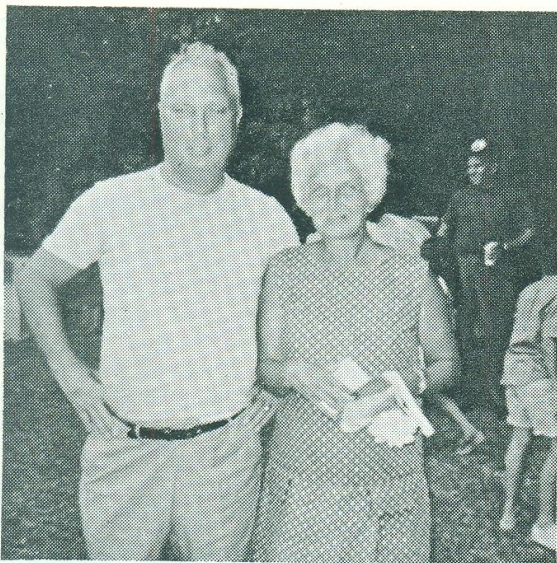
Millie Kelly
214 Oregon, N.W.
Warren, Ohio 44485



Kenny and Norm say "It's done."



Olga, Alma, Millie, Louise and Dimps



Claude and Alma Whitman 25 years.



Dick Kelly, John Teringo and Joe Minotti checking on how well done the pig is.

Michigan Chapter

Just returned from the first of our monthly get-togethers since the Boston reunion and must report that we had a ball in spite of the fact that the weather was lousy. We wound up eating outdoors in a park, under a leaky tree in the rain, and I thought I'd seen the last of this when I left Europe. But as I said, we had fun regardless of the weather because we have a group of people who seem to realize that there are some times when you just can't do a thing about a situation except make the best of it—which we did!

But on the other hand we also agreed

after discussing the recent reunion, that those of us who attended the reunion found ourselves in the same position of making the best of a situation. Not that we didn't enjoy ourselves, for we did! We had a very good time!

But we in Michigan feel that some criticism is in order here and hope that it will be considered as constructive criticism and not just sour grapes. Heaven knows that we know how that feels, after hosting the 1969 reunion.

First, we felt that hotel accommodations left something to be desired considering the price of the accommodations. Of course we realize that the reunion committee is not at fault here and blame only the hotel for this, but one of our members paid \$26 a day for a tiny room that didn't even have a bathtub. Another, who thought he was paying \$26 a day found upon checking out that he was charged \$30 a day and we were not informed that it would cost an extra \$2.50 to use the pool.

But the reunion committee is responsible for the program, and here we feel that something was definitely missing. Most of us in Michigan resented having to buy the biggest share of our drinks at the cocktail party. And, although the ten minute film of the 83rd in action was interesting, the Army-Navy football game and lack of music at the beer party left something to be desired. It was also considered the midnight deadline on the music at the banquet was a little early.

As I said before, this meant only to be constructive criticism, it is not intended to offend, although I'm sure that some will take it as sounding offensive. We in Michigan know all too well what it takes in time, money and work to put on a reunion, and regardless of this we realize that not everyone will be completely satisfied, but we felt that someone should take the initiative and say publicly what many have said privately and hope that we do not offend too many in stating what we truly feel.

I must say this in closing, that regardless of the criticism here I must commend the Boston Chapter for hosting what I'm sure will turn out to be a financially successful reunion and one for which the Association treasury will be grateful.

Bob Taylor, B-329

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Atterbury Recreation Area Plans '72 Camporee

EDINBURG, Ind.—Workmen at Camp Atterbury are tearing down more than 500 former Army barracks and other buildings to clear land for a new 5,410-acre fish and wildlife recreation park.

Dave Herbst, assistant director in charge of properties for the division of fish and wildlife in the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, said the recreation area will include two large lakes and will have facilities for thousands of campers.

He said demolition of the barracks used during World War II and the Korean conflict, is expected to be completed sometime next year. Some work was done in the area last summer.

Herbst said more than 10,000 camp sites will be available for a "national camporee" being planned for the area in 1972.

He said more than 40,000 campers are expected for the camporee.

The lakes will be stocked with game fish and the department will provide managed hunting during hunting season.

Several marshes for game birds also will be established.

The Atterbury land was acquired by the state in January, 1969, after the Federal government declared it excess property.

The 1969 General Assembly approved \$128,000 for development of the area and Herbst said more money will be made available for further construction.

Water and electricity will be available for campers, according to Herbst. He said after the camporee the area of the campsites, to be built on more than 500 acres, will decrease in size.

He pointed out sewage facilities and paved streets already available in the area will cut down construction costs.

Trees will be planted for shade in the camping area and ramps for boats will be constructed on the lakes.

Herbst said the first group of buildings were sold for materials at a public auction last summer. Another auction was held several months ago and a third is expected to take place this fall.

The recreation park will be called the Atterbury Fish and Wildlife Area.

The Indiana National Guard will continue to use 33,000 acres of the camp's south sector. The Air National Guard also is using portions of the former Army camp as a bombing range.

The Atterbury Job Corps Center uses another 900 acres.

Michigan Chapter Reporting

Hello, You All!

With too much fishing and too little work on the debit side of your reporter, this report almost came up short-sheeted. However, I believe, with a little luck, Larry will receive the news items in time to reach the printer (and forgive me).

Our June meeting was held at the home of Lee and Dorothy Hetrick. Despite the fact many of our group were on vacation, we had a very good show-up and, most important, a good time. Bob and Rita stopped at our place on their way home and hoisted a few soft drinks (?).

Your Michigan Chapter has taken advantage of the warm summer months with our monthly meetings. Our July host were the Taylors, Bob and Rita. For the Detroit group it is about 1½ hour drive. Their river front home provided the exact place and right time for the month of July. From what I learned later (your reporter did not attend due to a sprained back from a fishing trip) surfing, boating and swimming was the order of the day. A new member from the Flint area was present, Charles H. Ensley and his wife, Bobby. I believe he was "H" Co., 330. Those of you who may remember Charles may address a letter to 1312 Washington Ave., Flint 48503.

I am enclosing a snapshot taken at this get-together and hope that it can be reprinted. The huge flag in the background was designed by Bob and made by a very good neighbor especially for this meeting. The birthday cake which you see lying on the lawn was baked for Bruce Winchell. Due to the necessary and un-orthodox method of cutting the cake with the chain saw, the donator of the cake will, for obvious reasons, remain forever unknown. Perhaps it is better that way because Bob stated that the "cake" and the chain saw weighed about the same.

This summer's events were enhanced by bridal showers and weddings. During the month of August and one week apart, Marion and Josephine Muoio's daughter, Nancy, was given in marriage to Carmine Morga. Lee and Dorothy Hetrick's son, Richard, was married to Mary Susan Springer. We wish both couples a long and happy life.

Sorrow has visited two of our buddies family this summer. Jerry Zingg and Jack Daugherty both lost their fathers. Jerry in late July and Jack in early August. Their grief is shared by all of us.

I am happy to report that our good buddy Matt Banacik is again home from a trip to the hospital with a touch of ulcer. I'm sure it wasn't caused by eating his own fried chicken!

Our August get-together was held at Jack and Hankie's home and was very well attended. Plans to attend the reunion were discussed and it was learned that several of us who had planned to visit Boston found it impossible to make the trip due to business or previous commitments. Even so, our chapter was well represented. In the haste to get away, our chapter book matches were to be a small contribution to the reunion were left behind. They will keep until next year.

September's meeting was held at Nick and Sylvia Barbu's home in Dearborn and, as usual, the Flint area group were in attendance along with the Detroit area members. A new twist was provided for this month's event in the form of traveling to Plymouth after the business meeting for barbecue chicken. The city of Plymouth held their Fair Day on this day, Sunday, Sept. 13. Arrangements had been made in advance to have our picnic lunch there. September's weather in Michigan isn't exactly predictable and, if you care to eat barbecue chicken in the rain, this was the place to be. It is highly possible Nick arranged this also.

Bill and Virginia Palazzolo have returned home from Sunny Italy and other places and one of the day's events were viewing slides made during their vacation. Our new officers for the ensuing year are: Bob Taylor, president; Jerry Zingg, vice-president; Lee Hetrick, recording secretary; Jack Daugherty, treasurer; Nick Boyd, reporter, along with the strong right arm (and mentor) of Nick Barbu.

Our October meeting will be at the Palazzolo estate and, you all come!

Best regards,

Nick Boyd,
"E" & "H" Co. 331



Greater Indianapolis Chapter

83rd Infantry Division Association

Hi All You Thunderbolts:

Hope everyone that attended the reunion at Boston had a safe return to their homes.

No doubt all you people that made the Boston reunion had a wonderful time. There again is the efforts of the boys in Boston who worked extra hours so that the reunion would be enjoyable to all who attended. Gentlemen, the Indianapolis Chapter salutes you for your untiring efforts. John A. Robinett gave a favorable report on the Boston reunion and informed me of some of the transactions at the reunion, sorry that I could not get to Boston, but have plans for Cleveland next year.

I do not have too much news from our local chapter other than we held our annual summer picnic at the Garfield Park. In attendance we had John Robinett, Barbara and daughter Melissa, and about time we were eating the lunch "along from Lafayette" came Mickey Gilbert and wife, then came the rain. We improvised every type of shelter at our disposal (mostly newspapers) and still got rain soaked, but we did have fun while it lasted.

Our last business meeting was held at the 40 and 8 Chateau, at this meeting appeared Frank Pope, John Soroko, John Robinett and Matt Brumbach. Sure would like to see more of our members at our get-togethers.

Again boys from Boston thanks for all your hard work in setting up the program for the reunion.

Hoping all you 83rd people are enjoying good health and the world is giving you a fair shake, best of luck to all.

Matthew F. Brumbach
7144 Lockwood Lane
Indianapolis, Indiana 46217
Staff Reporter



PICTURES FROM PHILADELPHIA



Jack and Evelyn Devinney.



Al and Anne Belvedere at banquet.



Philadelphia Chapter men lined up for Memorial Service.



Philadelphia Chapter picnic and cookout.



Al Belvedere and Ray Voracek.



Pat Di Giammerino and Casey Szubski leading Color Guard at Memorial Service.



Mary and Frank McGrogan



Larry Redmond and Joe Minotti.

Warren Chapter News

Joe Minotti
324th F.A.

Dear Buddies:

Well it was good to get back home again after going through another reunion. How the hell I last anymore, I don't know. But it was great seeing the old faces again, and more so, the new ones. I was greatly disappointed in all the fellows I know from the Massachusetts and Connecticut areas that did not attend. What's the reason? Don't these people know of the reunion? or, don't they care?

Some questions at the reunion: After the last time, they had the three drinks rule at the cocktail party, and the griping later, I thought the Executive Board and Committee would remember this! I do.

Beer party, what happened to the music? Again I say, somebody has a very short memory of the flop the beer party was before, when there was no music. I think this party was also a bust. It would not have taken too much planning to have something where the troops entertained themselves, such as Chicago and Detroit.

What happened to the so-called clam bake, the historical tour of Boston. No funds? They say the reunion was \$400 in the hole before it started. But, tell me one affair we have had in 24 years where we have not been in the hole at the start. Then why the \$5 raise in registration if they were to cancel out the best parts of the program. If this reunion does not have one of the best profits to show for this year's affair, then something should be done to control the program a little better. It seems to me, the Association is getting too concerned about making a big profit from the reunion, than showing the rank and file a good program. If this kind of a program continues, we surely will lose the members that come and enjoy the fun of the affair. I am the first to realize that all who come to the reunion, have no interest in the financial or business affairs of the Association. But why the curtailment of the program?

Another question, the Executive Board adopted a program about five or six years ago, about the program ads. That all chapters pay for a full page ad and receive a half page. Now the Warren Chapter would like to know why did we only receive a half page ad, when we paid for a full page ad? And also the monies from the half page ad would go to the hospitality room. Plus a donation from the chapters that were financially able to do so.

Another question? Why the secrecy of the hospitality room? And such odd times for it to be opened?

Suggestion For Future Reunions

Each day, one chapter take on the hospitality room, with hours to accommodate the arrivals of the troops. I don't think the purpose of the hospitality room is for a great congregation of people all day or night. The purpose was to greet the arrivals and have a friendly chat before they got lost in the shuffle, and to kind of orientate the new members. For this purpose, I do believe the reunion committee could, and should furnish some sort of accommodations to the chapter furnishing the goodies. I know this can be done.

The Warren Chapter will hold its September meeting at the home of Leroy Titus in Cleveland, and we hope to have a joint meeting with the Cleveland Chapter at the same time. It will also nominate a new slate of officers for the new year. We'll present the new slate of officers for the new year. We'll present the new slate of officers in the next issue. In October, we will have a steak fry at the home of Mike Skovran, with John Terringo as the co-chairman of the affair. This, we consider one of our top affairs of the year. It usually is our last outdoor affair for the year.

Claude and Alma Whitman celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last month, and they sure looked good with their tan, just getting back from Florida.

Sorry that Jim and Teddy Prentice had to leave the reunion. We all hope Teddy a speedy recovery, and hope her injury was not too serious. Drop me a line Jim and Teddy.

Joe Minotti

To The Men In The Baltimore-Washington Area

We are still in hopes of re-activating the Washington, D.C. Chapter and making it a combined Baltimore-Washington-Virginia Chapter. Men in the Baltimore area, contact Karl Friedman, 3802 College Road, Randalltown, Maryland 21133, phone 655-6190 and in the Washington area, contact Ray Young, 1928 Pimmit Drive, Falls Church, Virginia, phone 893-7783 or Norman Campbell, 107 Bolingwood Rd., Charlottesville, Va. 22903.

Washington had a very fine chapter and conducted a very fine reunion a few years back. I am sure that they could become a very fine chapter again.

Larry Redmond
Secretary-Treasurer

Thanks From Al

I am deeply honored to serve you once again, this time as a member of the 83rd Infantry Division Association's Executive Board.

I can assure you that I will fulfill all obligations to the best of my ability. As my first function in this new office, I would like to request that each and every man in the Association who might have any suggestions or constructive criticism to benefit our Organization, to please let me hear from you. I will try my best to put them before

the Board for evaluation. Remember fellow-men, this is **your** organization. It could not go on without **you**. We are going to celebrate our 25th Anniversary and that is really something to be proud of. To my knowledge, no Division has statistically achieved this goal.

One of our endeavors for the past 24 years has been to reach the 1,000 mark in membership. Our Secretary-Treasurer, Larry Redmond, has worked vigorously throughout the years to achieve this.

Come, fellows from the 331st, we were first in spearheading this Outfit in Combat, let's show some of that spirit and support in having more members from the 331st in our Great Association.

Notice! to all other Units, without your support we would not be able to go forth successfully.

Congratulations are in order to Pat Di Giammerino, Nick Francullo and all members of the Boston Chapter. A special mention of praise to Ginny, Mary, and all the other women on the Desk Crew for their loyalty and congenial hospitality.

Congratulations also and the best of luck to the newly elected officers. Casey Szubski, President and Walt Meczka, 1st Vice President. I know our 25th Reunion will be great with these men at the helm.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Philadelphia Chapter and their wives for acting as such great campaign managers for me. With backing like this, how can you miss. A great vote of thanks goes out to all of you for having faith in me.

Anna and I would like to thank all of



you for your concern about her father's welfare when he became sick in Boston. He is doing well and I know he wants to thank all of you too. (Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Ciallella).

As long as I am making announcements, Ann and I became grandparents Sept. 3, 1970. It's a boy. Matthew John Belvedere.

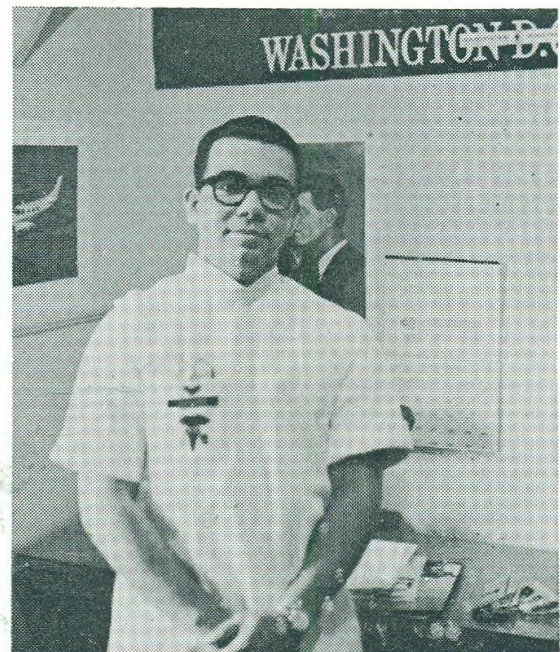
Our Silver Anniversary should be a memorable one by achieving our goal of 1,000.

Don't forget! I'll be waiting to hear from a lot of you.

Your buddy,
Al Belvedere



Al Belvedere and his first grandchild.



A/1C. Nicholas Marciano, AF 11683697, B-13, 314th Air Force Hospital, Sewart, Air Force Base, Aennessee. Son of Nicholas L. Marciano, 2808 Zedaker Street, Youngstown, Ohio 44502. Co. I, 331st. Regt.

Infection Of Film Filth Must Be Halted, Says High Schooler

To the Editor of The Star:

The current film, "Catch 22", portrays the evils of war in general, and the inefficiency of our fighting men. Although this idea is not proven by fact, the audience draws this conclusion.

This movie (shown nationwide, with a movie rating symbol of R) is indecent and immoral. It begins with scenes so obscene that they cannot be mentioned. But, one scene exhibits a naked man receiving his medal for courage, in the direct attention of a General and his daughter.

When the General is informed the man's clothes are being laundered, he permissively states, "It doesn't really matter how you receive your medal." This is hypocrisy. The General, who supposedly is an arduous worker and has formed a good military record, says, "O.K."

Further incidents portray a beer-bellied colonel sitting on a toilet, while the captain is told to go in. The chaplain was so humiliated, his face turned red. This movie clearly insults a man of God.

Another scene shows a man looting Roman statues. This was the terminus for me.

The grossness of the producer is evident when it shows a man in an airplane nosedive and a man's body slashed completely in half. Blood is shown covering the ocean, as the remains of the body falls to the depths of the ocean. At this point, five or six people walked out, the same time I left.

How long must we tolerate this gross degradation of the military, of law and order, and personal decency.

Why do movies like "Catch 22" receive such high ratings by critics? Vincent Canby of "Time" magazine calls it, "The best film I've seen this year." Wholesome movies such as "Darling Lili" and other family movies are wholly ignored. Is there no alternative to censorship?

It is time to adopt new morals and cease this growing cancerous infection of filth. The question: Did "Catch 22" improve or benefit anyone, and does it hold true to the teachings and morals of our elders? This movie is a true invasion of the privacy of decent individuals. It is also time for the "silent majority" to be heard.

JOHN D. RAIKOS, JR.
North Central High School, Indianapolis

Ed Note: The above is written by John D. Raikos, Jr., son of one of our 83rd members. This is a tremendous write-up by a high school boy, and he deserves a tip of the hat from all of us. It is too bad that there are not a lot more boys that feel as he does. Maybe the country would be a little better off today than it is.

Michigan Chapter - Annual Report

We've just returned from our 24th annual reunion in Boston, and looking back on this happy event I'm reminded that I was not able to present the annual report of the Michigan Chapter in our business meeting because of a lack of time and more important business at hand. Being proud to be a member of this chapter I wish here to let all of the association know of our progress in the past year.

After hosting the 23rd reunion in 1969 in Detroit, the Michigan Chapter has found itself in the position of being in better shape than it has been in many years. In working together to put on what we consider a very successful reunion for you, we found ourselves drawn close together as personal friends and now gather once each month to enjoy each other's comradeship.

We're solvent, both financially and in membership, having eleven regular attending members, and others who, although they don't make it too often, are a very important asset to the Chapter. Incidentally, some of these people drive 120 miles each way to attend regularly. Of course, we're always trying to enlist others and feel confident that our Chapter will continue to grow.

The Michigan Chapter is very active, eager, and anxious to help keep the 83rd Infantry Division Association the great organization that it is, and toward that end we want all to know that, for progress, you can look to MICHIGAN!

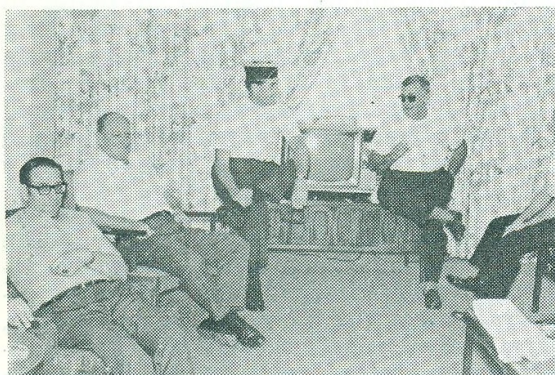
Bob Taylor - Co. B, 329
Vice President,
Michigan Chapter

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PICTURES FROM PITTSBURGH



Group Picture - Pittsburgh



Left to right: Joe DeLuca, Elmer Palm, Dan McCarthy, Bill Demarino and Bill Campbell.



Working Girls. Josephine Altomari, Mary Hassick and Doris Campbell.



Hank Golembeski, our Pittsburgh photographer.



L to R: Wilbur Campbell, Jonh Rupreopt, Larry Leonardi, John Guzik and Franny Beerhalter.



Co. M - 329 - Regan, Ger. 14 July 1945. Submitted by Joe J. Gallanty, 2333 So. Damen Ave., Chicago, Ill.

The Rag-Tag Circus — They Make History

By Ernest Leiser
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH 83rd INF. DIV.
ACROSS THE ELBE

Apr. 14 (Delayed) — Gen. Simpson himself sent down to find out how they ever did it.

This rag-tag "travelling circus", that rode and fought over more than 200 miles of Germany in some ten days, keeping up with the best of American armor, just didn't belong in the books of modern warfare.

It was impossible but the 83rd Inf. Div. did it. From the time they were relieved from the bridgehead they had secured across the Weser to the crossing of the Elbe and the holding of the bridgehead on the far side, they had not only kept up with the armor—they had outstripped it.

They used any kind of transport you can name—tanks, Tds, trucks, and jeeps, all bursting at the seams with GI passengers, and then added to that were German cars, trucks, fire engines, bicycles and even wheelbarrows.

Except for a day or so they had absolutely no attached trucks to haul their fast freight so they made do with whatever they could find along the road, and they found plenty.

Strange things happened in that ten-day blitz—things that could only have happened to this "Coxey's Army."

The other day as they were rolling along, a little German sedan was weaving in and out of the column, passing

vehicles. No one would have noticed it—there wasn't anything unusual in this convoy about a German vehicle—if the driver hadn't kept honking his horn imperiously.

Pfc. David Webster, a Signal Company man from Terre Haute, Ind., took a second look at the car and saw that the guy inside had on a German uniform—with red collar patches. The 83rd had captured a German general who was going east in even a greater hurry than they were.

In another case, the column overtook a German convoy, consisting of a Colonel and his staff, travelling the same way on the same road.

Up with the First Bn. of the 329th Inf. Regt., fighting their first real battle since they took off, the men were still reminiscing between ducking shells at the perimeter of the Elbe bridgehead. They were bitter about some of the things they saw.

S/Sgt. Dean Derey, of Bristol, Tenn., described the British and American prisoners they had freed in their sweep, about how they had cried when the 83rd came along and how the German guards had previously beaten the civilians who so much as offered them a glass of water in their death march across Germany.

Sgt. George McKana, of Augusta, Ky., told of taking 57 pistols, a shotgun and a rifle away from some German Army doctors who insisted they had a right to carry them. Pfc. John Shuford, of Marios, N.C., told of his capture of two boys, one nine years old, and another 11, wearing a full Wehrmacht uniform in a trench by the roadside.

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