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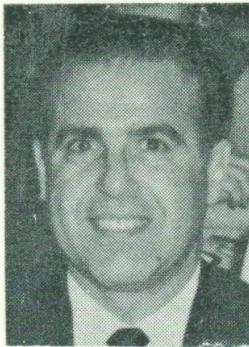
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The President's Corner

Albert A. Belvedere
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In October, 1942 when I was assigned to the 83rd Infantry Division, Co. K, 331st Infantry, little did I know I would be president of a peace-time organization representing the same Division.



I am deeply honored to serve as President.

My first request to all of you is to get some of your old buddies who have fallen along the way-side to get back into this Great Association. Remind them of the wonderful time we all had in Chicago; meeting, chatting and drinking with all the 83rd men and that we are looking forward to seeing new faces, along with the old faces, in Philadelphia in 1968.

Your Reunion Chairman, Lou Volpi, and I had our first informal meeting recently and we came up with some ideas for the coming Reunion which we will present to the Philadelphia Chapter at our next meeting.

At this time, I would like to invite

any paid-up member of the Association to write and give us constructive ideas for any improvements to be made to make our Reunion more successful. I will certainly be grateful for the help and support I know you all will give me throughout the year. I appreciate all the offers of help given me at the Chicago Reunion. I know the Philadelphia Chapter and myself will need your support.

Congratulations are in order to Bill Doty, Jim Burton and the Chicago Chapter for a "Job Well Done." Special mention should be made of Rita Doty, Dot Burton and their desk crew for the terrific help they gave their men. Oh yes, the teenagers were a big help too.

In Chicago, a few of the men were asking for buddies who were not there. I met Candino and he inquired about Sam Aiello, John Piscatelli and Joe Ponzio and I assured him they will be a part of our Reunion in 1968. We all missed June and Joe Zenz.

To the following Officers of the Philadelphia Chapter, we have a goal to reach. Let's make the Philly Reunion in 1968 one to remember:

- President - Bill Chivanne
- Vice President - Pete Bruzofsky
- Secretary - Colonel Larry Redmond
- Treasurer - Lester Hauck

Make a mental note everyone of our motto: "Let's meet in Philly."

Past President's Letter

From: William M. Doty

After a year of writing to you as President, it seems odd to be writing this letter as "Past President".



I certainly hope that each and every one of you, who were fortunate enough to be able to take time off and come to the Reunion in Chicago, enjoyed yourself, and that you left with a desire to return some day — not only for a Reunion, but just to come and see and enjoy Chicago for the beautiful city that it is.

All of you probably are already making plans to attend and are looking forward to next year's Reunion in Philadelphia. I know I am. SEE YOU IN PHILLY!

Since the close of our Reunion, I have received a letter from the 4th Infantry Division, who apparently received or saw some of our literature in regard to our Reunion. They have an idea that the key members of the various veterans' associations ought to get together for the purpose of exchanging ideas. I find their letter rather interesting, especially in view of the fact that at our final meeting, a telegram was sent to the President of the United States which read as follows:

"By resolution duly adopted, your authority as our Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces is approved, and we extend to you all support and wish you success. We request that you as President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the U.S.A. immediately take all action necessary to bring the War in Viet Nam to a successful, prompt and victorious conclusion, using all means available."

Since I have spent part of last year writing about my own opinion in regard to the Vietnam problem, I appreciated the passage of the resolution to send the telegram to the President. I think perhaps it might be worthwhile to pursue the idea presented by the 4th Infantry Division, because I still feel that the voice of the veteran should be heard in military matters. I have referred their letter to Larry Redmond for answer and any action he may deem necessary or worthwhile.

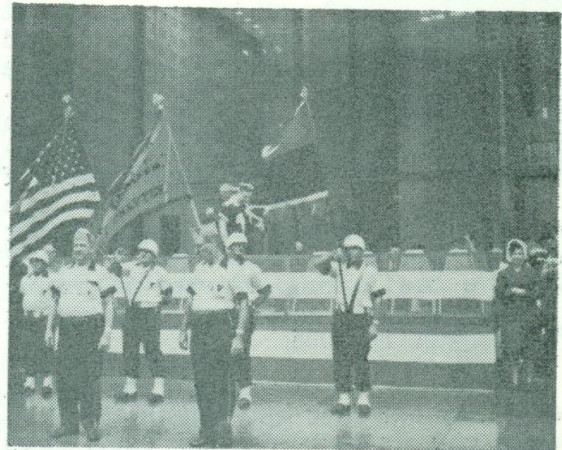
The fact that this resolution was passed and the telegram sent during my tenure of office has brought my year as President of your organization to a most successful conclusion.

Do not let that which we did as a group on August 21st in addressing the foregoing telegram to the President remain silent for the next year. Each one of you should be heard so that America knows there is a group of fighting men who don't believe in those theorems of government proposed by the beatniks and peaceniks. We should let America know how we feel—that when America is engaged in a war, there can only be one conclusion and one result which must be obtained: a full victory with no quarter asked.

I have enjoyed every moment that I was able to serve you as President, and want to take this opportunity of extending to your new officers my sincere wishes for success his coming year in their efforts to bring our Association to a fulfillment of our hopes of enlarging our Membership and letting everyone in this wonderful country know of our aims and purposes.



Left to right: Jim Burton, Ralph Neppel CMH and Bill Doty.



Honor Guard at Memorial Service—Rear row, l. to r.: Chavanne, Volpi, Hauck and Belvedere. Front row: Redmond and McGrogan.

Past Reunion Chairman's Report

Jim Burton
Co. D - 329th Reg.

Since the Reunion I have slowly recuperated and things are getting back to normal. I sure could have used a "Rest Camp" for a couple of weeks, as I felt like I had marched from Normandy to the Elbe River and back with full field pack and mortar base plate on my back when Sunday evening came around. It also took over a week for me to be able to talk, but as I said, things are getting back to normal.



Considering the hectic pace, I would say all in all that it was a successful Reunion as I didn't have any complaints. If there were any, they were nice enough to keep them to themselves.

I believe the Reunion was also a financial success, however, we are in the process of auditing the account and do not have a figure to give with this report. Since we are rushing this report in now for the Thunderbolt, we will have to wait and give you a definite figure in the next report and it is our hope that the Chicago Chapter will be able to present a check to the National Association.

After going through this frantic year, all of us in the Chicago Chapter wish to extend our sympathy to the Philadelphia Chapter, however, we know they will come through with flying colors, as they have a great group and I know they will come up with a terrific program.

S-E-E Y-O-U I-N P-H-I-L-L-Y



Past President Bill Doty presenting gavel to President Al Belvedere.



Banquet - Main Table—L. to r. Rear row: Mr. and Mrs. Jake Raikos, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Rugienius and Maj. Gen. Francis Kane, (dark suit) Commander 33rd Division. Front row: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burton and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Doty.



Banquet - Main Table—Rear row, l. to r.: Col. and Mrs. Norman Campbell, Charlie Abdinoor, Arlen Halvorsen. Front row: Mr. and Mrs. A Belvedere, Lou Volpi, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Redmond and Frank McGrogan.



At Memorial Service—L. to r.: Redmond, McGrogan, Doty, Burton and Belvedere.

Ten Hut!

Presenting Our New

National President —

We of the Philadelphia Chapter are very honored that one such as Albert Belvedere has been selected to lead the 83rd Infantry Division National Association. Al was a member of Co. K, 331st Infantry. He served with much distinction, winning the Bronze Star for bravery under fire, and the Purple Heart.

Al Belvedere, a resident of Pennsauken, New Jersey, after the war, assumed his former position with the General Supply Agency, 2800 S. 20th St., Philadelphia, Pa., a government agency that is responsible for all the clothing made for all the armed forces. He has won many awards for his performance in his job. He now is the general foreman, or branch chief, of the U.S. Defense Agency. Al Belvedere has more than 2,700 men and women serving under him and has won the respect and admiration of all of his employees, for his fairness and efficiency.

Not satisfied to rest on his laurels, Al Belvedere has also served the City of Philadelphia as the foremost authority in preparing men and women to serve with the defense agency and allied industries. His teachings has secured for himself recognition and fame in the successful culmination of armed service contracts and personnel management

Al Belvedere has been also blessed with a wife who also will go all out for the 83rd Inf. Division Assn. Ann Belvedere can be counted on to devote much effort in all that her husband desires to do. She has served on many committees to make the Philadelphia Chapter as great as it is. She has acted as receptionist at every Reunion the Philadelphia Chapter has acted as host. We are sure that Ann Belvedere will make a great first lady for our Association.

To round out our first family, are the Belvedere's two handsome boys. John is completing his fourth year at St. Mary's College, of Winona, Minn., and son no. 2 Albert is attending Camden Catholic High School and making a fine name as a student and athlete.

With Al Belvedere's wonderful spirit and enthusiasm, the National Association will surge on to greater heights. Al deserves the cooperation of all. With his leadership watch our National Association grow and grow.

David Rosenberg
Co. F, 331st Inf.

Secretary's Report

Hello Buddies:

Here we are once again, back home after a very fine Reunion and trying to settle ourselves down for another twelve months until it is time to assemble again.



I would like to start off by saying that we owe a vote of thanks to the boys in Chicago for the very fine time that they showed us. I think that we can feel mighty proud of our Past President William Doty and Past Reunion Chairman Jim Burton for having presented to us such a fine Reunion. These men worked very hard throughout the year trying to make this a successful Reunion. I am sure that all who attended can do nothing but praise them for a good job well done.

As Secretary-Treasurer of this Association, I can extend an extra word of praise to them for the financial return from this Reunion. Once again we can say that we had a very fine Reunion and were able to show a margin of profit. I sincerely hope that we can show a profit for many years to come, because the success or failure of this Association depends on the monies we can raise to keep up solvent.

As we start the year 1967-68, I want to first thank each and every one of you for the loyal support that you showed me the past year, and thank you for entrusting me in this job for another year. I sincerely hope that I can fulfill the duties of my office in a manner in which will be satisfying to all of you. The duties of Secretary-Treasurer of this Association consumes many man hours. Having the love for the Association that I have, the hours mean nothing. The work to be done can be made easier with your continued co-operation and support. I ask each and every one of you to be sure to include your ZIP CODE when writing me, so that I can check against my records and see that I have them all. If you move to another location, please notify me of the change of address at once so that I can have a new stencil made. Each time you move, your "THUNDERBOLT" is returned to me, which means that we have to pay an additional eight cents for its return, then another 10 cents to remail it to you. All this adds up and subtracts from the money we have in our treasury. Remember, this is your Association; everything you do to help it, helps keep
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The Chaplain's Corner

Sept. 15, 1967

Dear Comrades of our great
83rd Infantry Division Assn.

We as Christian men and women are so important in His work to be done here on earth. As Christian men and women of His church, our precious heritages face repossession if we become unwilling to take care of our next payment in service and in reverence.



We must take sides to save man from himself — we must stand for God and His church. We should ask ourselves "Do I have the courage, with God's help, to make sure His will will be done." We do not want to pretend justice when we are perhaps sick with hate, jealousy and greed.

Yes, comrades, what we say should always be watched with what we do and the way we live.

Is there a difference between the life you and I live and that which Jesus lived? Will yours and my life be on of good influence and not bad?

This brings me to my main intent by asking whether or not our lives so shine that others may see Him through us. No we make our religion contagious to others. Let it show in your face.

I'd like to quote from an anonymous poem for you to think about while I am on the subject:

"God Shows in Your Face"

You don't have to tell how you live each day;

You don't have to say if you work or play;

A tried, true barometer serves in the place,

However you live, it will show in your face.

The false, the deceit that you bear in your heart

Will not stay inside where it first got a start;

For sinew and blood are a thin veil of lace —

What you wear in your heart, you wear in your face.

If your life is unselfish, if for others you live,

For not what you get, but how much you can give;

If you live close to God in His infinite grace —

You don't have to tell it, it shows in your face".

May the Lord richly bless and keep you all.

Sincerely,

William O. "Bill" Shuman
Chaplain, 83rd Inf. Div. Assn.

Secretary's Report

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it existing. As I have told you many times before, we are the envy of many other organizations, let us remain that way. We are one of the largest individual units going that is composed of World War II men only. There are many others larger, but they include World Wars I and II as well as Korean Conflict, Vietnam and active reserve units.

Let us all do our part to make this even a greater year than we have had in the past. I have been appealing for the 1,000 membership; let us make that goal and even surpass it. This can be made possible by you contacting a former buddy and trying to sell him a membership, or if that won't work, be a real buddy and give him a membership as a gift. Remember the dues are only \$5.00 per year; I am sure that all of us can afford an extra \$5.00 to make a former buddy a member. Every man who saw service in the Armed Forces can become a member of the American Legion, and every man who saw service on foreign soil can become a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, but only men who saw service in the 83rd Infantry Division in World War II can become a member of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. This alone should make you even more anxious to be a member. Let all of us sit down right now and see if we are a paid-up member for 1967-68. If not, send a check or money order in the amount of \$5.00 made payable to the 83rd Infantry Division Association, Inc., 132 Rockwood Drive, Havertown, Pa. 19083. Support your Association and the men who try so hard to keep it going.

Larry Redmond
Secretary-Treasurer

"Frankly Speaking"

Here we are back home again after our 21st Annual Reunion of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. A lot of



credit should be given to the members of the Chicago Chapter for showing us a wonderful time.

I would like to at this time express my sincere thanks to all the men who attended, for their wonderful cooperation they showed the officers of this year's reunion. The members who attended all acted like a

group of grown-up 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 also be extended to our new Secretary-Treasurer, Larry Redmond, for the very fine job he did during the past year. I would also like to give a word of praise to two gentlemen who worked very hard to show us the wonderful time we had at the reunion. Our past President, Bill Doty and Jim Burton and their wonderful wives who worked so hard and all the rest of the Chicago Chapter members.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the men who attended the Saturday morning meeting and reinstalled me back on the Executive Board to fill the unexpired time of John Robiette, who we missed and hope to see soon. I also want to congratulate Charlie Abdinoor on his being elected to the Executive Board. I know Charlie will do a fine job, as he has done in the past.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Al Belvedere, the new National President, and wish him luck and success for the year to come. I know he will receive 100 per cent cooperation from all members, and from his officers elected with him.

I would also like to remind everyone at this time that the reunion next year will be held in Philadelphia and with Lou Volpi at the helm we are bound to have a wonderful reunion.

I would like close leaving this thought with you—a personal appeal to each of you, to put forth a little effort and try getting some new members. Remember, if we each get a 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

Presenting . . . The Greatest Reunion

Chairman Ever - Louis Volpe

If you have ever attended an annual reunion, you certainly have met Philadelphia Chapter's Lou Volpi. Lou was a "redleg" of the "A" Battery, 324th Field Artillery. You can accuse Lou as being the original "short round", but never can you state that Lou Volpi failed to give it everything he has, when asked to pitch in. That is why the Philadelphia Reunion in 1968 will be a great one. With Lou handling the reins as Reunion Chairman, everything points to a winner. Lou is a successful restaurant proprietor; he is a leading caterer in Philadelphia and the surrounding suburbs. Wherever you may go, where there is construction work going on, you will find Volpi's army of trucks serving the construction worker.

With Lou's ability to assemble a winning combination of events, for our reunion in Philly '68; everyone should start planning now to make the reunion in Philadelphia. Lou Volpi has the backing of every man in the Philadelphia Chapter. We all know how much the 83rd means to him, and we will go all out to make Lou Volpi's selection as Reunion Chairman a winner.

Lou Volpi is fortunate to have as a help mate in all his operations his lovely wife, Lucy. Lucy Volpi will always occupy a warm spot in the heart of the Philadelphia Chapter. We all have witnessed how she literally backs her husband with her devotion and hard work. She has always pitched in to make Lou's endeavors successful. We can count on Lou and Lucy Volpi to lead us to a glorious reunion. Make plans now and start your 1968 resolutions with a trip to the Philadelphia Reunion.

Dave Rosenberg
Co. "F", 331st Inf.



Past President and new president, left to right: Bill Doty, Rita Doty, Ann Belvedere, Al Belvedere.

Fall River Chapter News

By Manny Martin—F Co., 329th

Here it is again, time to start a new year of publication of the finest little newspaper of its kind, the 83rd Division Thunderbolt.



I extend a sincere welcome, and offer all best wishes to Al Belverdere, our newly elected president, the fine slate of officers elected to serve with him and of course our friend Charlie Abdinoor, the new member of the executive board. Recognition has long been due these men, because of their efforts,

over the years, on behalf of our fine association. I am delighted with the choices made by our members at reunion, and I am confident that a banner year is in prospect for our association, under the leadership of such good men.

Congratulations and grateful thank yous, are due Jim Burton, Bill Doty and the rest of our Chicago gang for a well planned and very enjoyable reunion. One could see that a tremendous amount of effort and leg work went into the planning and execution of these plans during reunion. A tip of the Martin hat to this fine group of people in Chicago, and again sincere thank yous for a job well done.

Now for some Fall River Chapter Chatter.

On June 23 most of our chapter members, plus some 350 people jammed St. Anne's Frat Hall, on the occasion of a shower honoring Paul LaRue's forthcoming wedding to a lovely young lady, Pauline Desrochers. Paul is the son of our Chapter President Pete LaRue, and both he and Pauline are two of the nicest, sweetest young people that anyone could ever meet. This shower was without question, the finest affair of this type that your reporter has attended for many years. Everything just fell in place like clockwork and the LaRues received compliments for weeks after the affair, on the wonderful time enjoyed by everyone. On August 26 these two grand young people were married, and again the wedding as the shower left nothing to be desired. The ceremony was magnificent, quite a crowd returned to the LaRue place for a wedding breakfast, and then off to the Pocasset Country Club for a superb dinner, followed by a most happy reception. Upon the departure of the bride and groom, all returned to Pete and Loretta's yard which was decked out real pretty like with dining canopies, and

Japanese lanterns, and the prettiest sight of all, booze, and lots of it. We all settled down to some serious drinking, and unfortunately my report of the wedding must end at 10 p.m., since my memory after that point left a lot to be desired.

On behalf of our entire Chapter I extend sincerest wishes to the happy couple for a very happy, healthful life together for many years to come.

Our family outing and clamboil at the Indian Town Sportsmen Club on July 16 was marred by rain, but this did not dampen the spirits of our members and their families. We had a good turnout, and despite the rain we really had a ball. This is one day that I really look forward to each year.

On August 12, more than 400 people trooped aboard the M. V. Nelseco on a cold dismal night, for our annual moonlight sail and dance, after a few belts everyone warmed up considerably, and this turned out to be one of our successful affairs. With the night being so bad, we still had to leave at least 100 people on the dock that we could not accommodate. At present we are working on plans to bring in a much larger boat next year, one with much more dancing space.

That more or less brings us up to date on what has occurred, looking forward to the future, we will treat our members and their wives to a charcoal steak supper at the Indian Town Club in September, then of course our Christmas party on December 9, which is one of the social highlights hereabouts, and then we will close out this year's activity with our fabulous New Year's Eve party at White's family restaurant.

As always, I happily enjoyed seeing all of my friends at Chicago, and let me drop you a little hint right now, you had better let me see you in Philly next year, because knowing the capabilities of this great Philadelphia chapter, I can assure you of the time of your life.

Do please get in touch with Larry Redmond, and keep our national association headquarters green, by sending money. Dues are due right now, so please get it up.

To all Thunderbolts and their families, God bless you and all of the best, from Manny Martin and the Entire Fall River gang.

**SEND YOUR DUES TO
THE SECRETARY
NOW !!**

Boston Chapter News

Hello Buddies:

Well, here we are again and it is all over for another year. I was told that the Boston boys and their wives had a



great time. Amby Tynan put a few pounds on eating at his namesake's restaurant. Amby met an old buddy, John Sabo, and his lovely wife for the first time since the big war. Hope to see you again, John. Amby Tynan tells me that a brother of ours, John McDonald, who was killed in Strass, Germany, has a son

who was just appointed to the Brookline Police Department. John was from K Co., 330th.

Just received big news that our big boy Amby was elected sergeant at arms at the convention. Good luck, Amby.

Our hats off again for brother Lucien Elie on his great work with the handicapped, the Cooties, and his Boy Scouts. Keep up the good work, Jigs, it is too bad that there is not more like you around.

Pat and Gin DiGiammerino's son, Paul, who is in the Air Force, was home for three weeks. His homebase is in his backyard — Grenier Air Force Base, Manchester, N. H. Pat who do you know to get your son so close to home? Ha! Ha!

On yes, it happened again, Pat was having a desk in the office moved and he told the boys to drop it here and they did, right on his toe and broke it. Say Pat, use the safety shoes next time.

Duchee and Helen Smith of Lynn had a great time at the Reunion and seeing all their friends. It was so good that Duchee and Helen are running one of their own at home. It is just one reunion after another. Helen and Duchee, you show a great time.

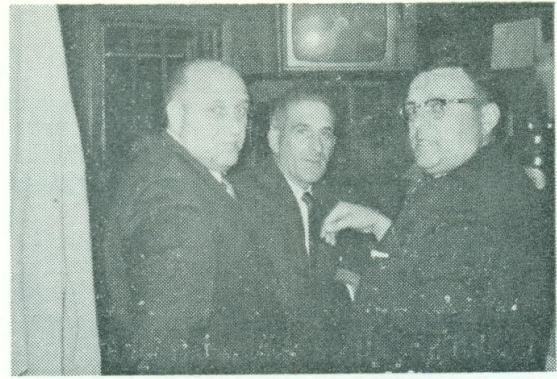
Nick and Mary Francullo had their reunion in Owensboro, Ky., which was a great time too, but we missed the gang. Hope to make the next one.

Old Chuck Abdinoor was there at the Windy City and had himself a ball. Art and Mary Delpadre, and Helen and Joe Patriucci, I sure hope you all had a great time too.

Oh yes, you boys of the Boston Chapter. If you have not paid your Chapter or Association dues, get on the ball.

Well fellas, that is it for now. Please let me know of any news; I just can't get you boys to tell me anything.

Your buddy,
Nick Francullo
3rd Bn., 330th Inf.



Caught at the bar.



The Three Thieves of Service Bat. 323
FA: Pat, George, Irving.



Just call me Barbara "McGrogan".



A night to remember at the Smiths. Tay,
George Amby and the two Nicks.



We have a winner. Helen Smith and Joe Petrucci.



Our two big businessmen: Chuck & Mike.



Hitler's girls and their mascot.

The Morale Builder

Nothing much doing back here. I sure do envy you out there in Vietnam, right in the thick of things. Bet you never have a dull moment. I was over to see your wife last night and read all of your letters, they were a bit mushy, but I don't blame you. Frances is a swell girl, wonderful figure, good looks and personality. The guys still whistle at her when she walks down the street.

Your brother-in-law, Smedley, dropped in. He was wearing the brown suit you bought just before you left. Frances gave it to him, as she thought it would be out of style when you get back. Several other couples came in and we killed two cases of beer. We wanted to chip in on it, but Frances wouldn't let us; she said you sent her \$10.00 extra for her to spend as she wished. One of the guys is buying your golf clubs, too. He paid \$25.00 for them and will pick them up tomorrow. That is more than she got for your movie camera and projector.

Frances was the life of the party. I thought she would be a little shaken up after the accident with your Chevy last week, but you would never have known that she had been in a head-on collision and smashed your car to bits. The other driver is still in the hospital and threatens to sue; too bad Fran forgot to pay the insurance, but the funny thing is she isn't a bit worried. We all admire her courage and nonchalance and especially her willingness to mortgage the house to pay the bill. Good thing you gave her power of attorney before you left. Well, to get back to the party. You should have seen Frances give an imitation of Gypsy Rose. She has the figure and was still going strong when we said goodnight to her and Claude. Guess you know Claude is rooming at the house. It is close to his work and he saves a lot of gas and lunches and can stay in bed a little longer in the mornings.

Nothing much new with us except my wife got another raise, \$100.00 a week now, so we do O.K. with the \$95.00 I get at the office. It is getting late so I will stop. I can see through my window across the street to your front porch. Frances and Claude are having a little night cap. He is wearing your smoking jacket, the yellow one you liked so well.

Well Buddy, I sure wish I could be over there with you. Lucky guy. Give those Commies hell.

Your Buddy,
Herb

P.S. Pay no attention to the rumor Frances is pregnant; she's too smart for that.

— Just A Reminder —

DUES IS DUE

Warren Ohio Chapter

The Warren Chapter wishes to extend heartiest congratulations and sincerest thanks to Bill Doty, Jim Burton and the whole Chicago Chapter for another fine enjoyable and memorable reunion. It was also probably the wettest. A special thanks to Bill Doty for the fine directions he had inserted in the Thunderbolt for getting into downtown Chicago and the hotel.

The Warren Chapter was again very fortunate to have a large contingent of our members, headed by our President Babe Gautschi and his lovely wife, Theresa, able to attend this year's reunion. How about that "Gay Nineties" night. The Warren gang really outdid themselves that night, led by Queen Dimps Minotti, who took first prize in the costume contest. (Rumor has it that her husband Joe sewed her costume). Our thanks also goes out to all the people that came to the Warren Chapter C.P. to refresh and allow us the enjoyment of their company.

Congratulations and good wishes also go out to our new President Al Belvedere and his new slate of officers for the coming year. A finer choice could not have been made and we'll be looking forward to seeing him and everyone else in Philadelphia in 1968.

The annual combined picnic of the Warren and Cleveland Chapter was held Sunday, Sept. 10 at Pine Lake, Ohio. In spite of the "cool" weather a fine turnout was there to enjoy the day under the expert committee headed by Ted Gurgol of Cleveland and Babe Gautschi of Warren. The refreshments, hot dogs and corn were really excellent. Joe Minotti personally picked the corn Saturday and in the rain. Eleanor and Casey Subski's French poode "Gi Gi" had the pleasure being served Polish hot dogs by John Teringo and German beer by Dick Kelly.

Chit-Chat—Louise Bellay has fully recovered from her recent illness and stay in the hospital. Charlie Russ was also a patient recently in the hospital for an operation. We think he is recovered too, but you'll have to ask him and Sofie about that. Fall election of officers coming up soon followed by the annual outdoor Warren Steak Fry.

That's all from Warren for this time.
Mike Skovran

**DUES ARE NOW DUE
PLEASE SEND IT IN
IMMEDIATELY.**



Warren Chapter



Warren Nightingales.



"Captain Mac" or Colonel.

Warren Chapter Auxiliary

Hi Everybody,

Another Reunion has come and gone, old friendships renewed and new ones made. We all enjoyed ourselves and are awaiting the next one in Philadelphia.

Old faithful Ted was waiting to greet us in the lobby on our arrival.

Our trip to the Amusement Park was quite an eventful one. Our beloved husbands insisted that we get on the Parachute Jump, so we obliged. Berdie Titus injured her rib and Louise Bellay had to go to the hospital on Monday. The jump jarred three kidney stones loose and she had a five-day stay in the hospital. That is one ride she won't forget. Of course, the Bump-Em cars didn't help any.

Lee Titus slipped in the tub before their departure from the hotel and injured his back. He missed a week's work over that. Hope you are feeling better Lee and are back to work.

Leo and Shirley Snyder send their regards to Ray Voracek.

Louise said to tell Mena it was her prerogative to go to the hospital.

The Roaring Twenties Party was quite an event. We spent a good deal of time getting ready for it. Hope you enjoyed our Warren Nightingales. We listen to them all the time and some times join in the singing. They are starting to rehearse for the reunion next year and promise to have some very good arrangements. The Warren Ohio Chapter is a very lively group of people and we have a lot of fun.

Hope Mena has some new words next year. She taught us a word a day. Prestidigitator is a slight of hand artist. The one we saw there was really slight of hand.

The Warren and Cleveland Chapters are going to get together and have a corn roast some time this month. This is one get-together no one wants to miss. The corn is really delicious and everyone eats too much.

Our Auxiliary met at the home of Liz Skovran on the 12th of September. We will start to plan our winter activities.

While we were all enjoying ourselves one of our teammates was in the hospital. Hope Charlie Russ is well on the road to recovery. Won't be long now, Sophie.

We thank the Chicago Chapter for a very nice Reunion and a wonderful time was had by all.

So long for now.

Millie Kelly



The Warren, Ohio Lovelies.



John Teringo, Dick Kelly, Joe Minotti and Babe Gautschi.



Warren Auxiliary.



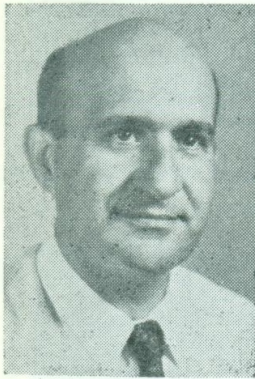
Dick and Mil Kelly, Joe Minotti and Babe Gautschi.

Philadelphia Scrapple

By Dave Rosenberg

Philadelphia Reunion In 1968 Wins Top Priority

On Saturday night, August 12, 1967, a tremendous gala social evening was held at the palatial home of Al and Ann Belvedere in Pennsauken, New Jersey.



The primary purpose of this meeting was to formulate a schedule of events to be presented to the members in attendance at the Chicago Reunion, and also to impress on all, that the Philadelphia Reunion will be another great Philadelphia Chapter cooperative affair, one that will merit top priority for Philadelphia

members. Our congenial Host and Hostess, Al and Ann Belvedere provided a barbecue menu of such wide offerings, that everyone, yes everyone, became chow hounds, going for seconds and even third portions. It was a wonderful, wonderful evening. Tried and true companions of many years of wonderful Reunions, eating and drinking together, planning and discussing, how to make the Philadelphia Reunion in 1968 the greatest.

We must mention the hugh menu prepared for us by the Belvedere's, Al and Ann. For starters, there was the largest sized shrimps I ever saw, esconded on a tremendous platter, surrounded by vegetables of all sorts, a most tasty delicious macaroni salad, relishes of every sort and salad dressings tastefully prepared by Ann Belvedere, whetted the appetites of all. And then came the "piece de resistance", the most delicious sausage scallopini, surrounded by peppers, and the tastiest of gravies ever compounded by mere mortals. Without a doubt, Ann Belvedere prepared a feast for us that was the greatest any of us ever tasted. For the lovers of barbecue mcrsels, there was hamburgers, hot dogs and even ears of corn. A tremendous watermelon was sliced into gigantic hunks and served with the help of Albert Belvedere Jr. the handsome son of Ann and Al Belvedere. To top off the dessert menu, Mary McGrogan contributed a pound cake, a cherry cheese pie from Mary Chavanne, and the yummiest chccolate cream, Swiss cake from Lucy Volpi. Cocktails, whiskey, scotch, beer, soda and coffee, just name it and the Belvedere's served it. We also must mention the fine work that Frank McGrogan performed by going to the basement on numerous occasions to replenish the ice bucket. Everytime Frank would decend to the basement, it took longer

and longer. As Larry Redmond awaited the ice cubes, it seemed that Frank McGrogan would take longer, for each return to the party. Until we all learned that Frank was sampling a bit of Al Belvedere's private stock.

We had an excellent business meeting. Al Belvedere presented a great tentative program for the Philadelphia Reunion in '68. There was much discussion and suggestion from everyone. It boosted everyone's morale to see the healthy discussion taking place. It meant that everyone was interested to help make the Philadelphia Reunion one that would always be remembered.

Present and accounted for at this meeting was Lou and Lucy Volpi, Art Federici and his friend Selma, Larry and Mary Redmond, Bill and Carol Hoolan, Ken and Rose Seiger, Joe and Olive Ponzio, Frank and Mary McGrogan, me and my dear wife Ann. Boy oh boy, that Ann Rosenberg can sure eat, I would rather clothe her than feed her. Also our Chapter President, Bill Chavanne and his wife Mary. Bill Chavanne looks like a winner for our Chapter, most compitant and able.

The woman folk had a wonderful time, with Ann Rosenberg regaling the girls with memories of past Reunions, with stories and jokes of their past escapades. Rehashing the stories of the famous whistle of Ann Rosenberg, the stories of the saran wrapped commode, all brought tears of laughter again to the eyes of all.

This meeting truly, was one of the best we have had for a long time. Aside from the delicious tasty food, much was accomplished. Plans were made to attend the Chicago Reunion. What pleased everyone was the enthusiasm shown by all to make the Philadelphia Reunion a real show stopper. The discussions were loud and long, and from it many suggestions were made and adopted.

Before winding up this account, we must again thank the Belvedere's, both Ann and Al for welcoming us to their beautiful home and offering us their grounds for our use. The Belvedere's are splendid hosts and like all of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter members, they are the greatest.

Dave Rosenberg
Co. "B"- "F", 331st

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NOW!!!**

Cleveland Chapter Report

On behalf of the Cleveland Chapter, I wish to express our appreciation to the hard-working crew of the CHICAGO



CHAPTER for a fine Reunion. It's such a pleasure to meet with old friends and make new, that we can hardly wait till next year and the Reunion in Philly.

It was a real pleasure for Casey Kowalec and myself to find that our old buddy, Wayne "Old Shep" Sandkuhl, from "C" Battery, 322nd F.A. Bn., has

joined the ranks of Happily Married Men of the 83rd. Having been married only a month, he and his lovely wife, Rose, still celebrating their honeymoon, attended the Reunion. I'm sure they welcomed our little serenade at 3:00 a.m. at their door, naturally singing appropriate songs like "I Wish I Were Single Again". They are both such fine people, that we knew that they would not be offended, and once again we wish them all the best in the world. Will be looking for them in Philly.

322nd F.A. men will be interested to know that five of the Officers of the Battalion live in the Chicago area and that four of them were in attendance at the Saturday night banquet. They were Capt. Walter Meyers, Lieuts. Bob Swansons, Joe Szezech and "Joltin" Joe Stanzasck. Captain Harry Neath was unable to attend due to prior commitments. "Joltin" Joe is still in the Reserve and is a "Chicken" Colonel in the 85th Infantry.

Bob Grobelny renewed old friendships with Arlin Halvorsen, and it was also my pleasure to meet this very fine gentleman.

Ted Gurgol and Walter Meczka, of our Cleveland Chapter were also in attendance at the Reunion, and they too renewed old friendships, and by all appearances, they also found the proceedings exceedingly nice. Needless to say, our wives were also well pleased; we were a little disappointed that Charlie Sihlanick's wife, Mary, the Schlicks, etc. were not able to make it, but don't worry, Charlie took care of things for you all.

Ed Glinka's mother died two months ago. Our condolences to Ed and his family.

On July 16, Bill and Alma Herhuth celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, and they were surprised with an anniversary party by their children. The following week, Casey and Laura Kowalec

also celebrated their 25th with a dinner party for their immediate family and a few close friends. The years are passing relentlessly on and it is indeed a pleasure to wish these fine people many Happy Returns.

Labor Day weekend is upon us, and that means that we will be attending our Annual Corn and Hot Dog Roast with the nice people from Warren Chapter, Sept. 10, at Pine Lake. No doubt we will toss the football, the beer and the bull as usual, and anyone that doesn't have a good time is not living.

Time is growing short, and this report must go in, so with best regards to all, I remain your CLEVELAND CHAPTER REPORTER.

Casey Szubski

Campaign No. 1 For 1968

Dear Buddy:

Just a reminder to all you guys from "Co. D, 330th" who were not at the last reunion, you really missed a wonderful time in Chicago, Illinois. Now, I am starting a campaign to make sure you don't miss the next one in Philadelphia, Penn.

You have a whole year to save and make plans to be there, barring incidents, there should be no excuse.

I am striving for 30 members in our company this year and that is only a few away from the total paid-up members this past year. If all the paid-up members of last year would pick up one member each, we are sure to get our 30 members. It's worth a try, Old Buddy—how about it? Let's all put the old Division patch to the membership wagon and push it over the top. We can do it—if we try!

It takes a just and simple man with a little hidden quality to be a leader. We can't all be leaders, some us must be followers but if a few of us lead the way the followers will fall in line and "Co.D 330th" will have the biggest turnout in its history next year in Philadelphia.

I am sure most of you know that the Association dues run from August to August, so please send me your dues, if you have not sent it in as yet.

Men, give this some serious thought—this is your association.

HELP MAKE IT GROW

Frank McGrogan
"Co.-D 330th"

— Just A Reminder —

DUES IS DUE

The Greater Pittsburgh Chapter

Charlie Altomari

First of all, we want to extend our thanks and congratulations to the Chicago Chapter, on a job well done at our recent Reunion.



Joe DeLuca, who is enjoying 13 weeks vacation from his local plant, will shortly be flying to Florida along with his wonderful wife and daughter, Juliette and Sally respectively. I can see Joe helping that pilot bringing that plane in for a landing.

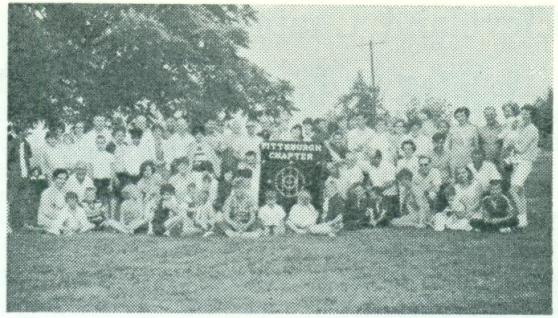
At our last meeting, Wilbur Wilson, Anti-tank 330th, was elected Historian to replace Sgt. Ira Rion, Co. L, 331st, who is going to Vietnam for a tour of duty. Emil Becker was elected assistant Historian. Steve Blasko, 783rd Ord., recently returned from a well-earned vacation. He, along with his wife, Gertrude, and two sons, toured the West and they had a wonderful time. Gene Costanza's daughter, Sandy, was married to Allen Vogel on Saturday, August 19, so therefore Gene did miss coming to the Reunion this year. The Greater Pittsburgh Chapter would like to extend their best wishes to this young couple.

By the way, there were 18 men from the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter that did attend the Reunion, and these members were sporting new white shirts, which the Chapter recently purchased for about 45 members.

At the Reunion in Chicago, Past President Sam Klippa, Co. D-331st Inf., was nominated and elected to a newly created office in the Association, that of Corresponding Secretary. The Chapter wishes to congratulate this fine gentleman, and we are all sure Sam will do an excellent job.

Last June 25th, the Chapter again celebrated its annual picnic at the Adam Hassick, Co. B, 308th Eng. property in West Newton, Pa. and in attendance were about 90 adults and children, and a good time was had by everyone that attended. A catering service was engaged and the various food was delicious, so our thanks go to Adam and Mary Hassick for their generosity.

Henry Golembiewsky recently suffered a heart attack, and was hospitalized, and all the Chapter wish him a speedy recovery and hope that he will soon be back with us at our meetings. Sam Klippa,



The crowd with the Pittsburgh Chapter banner.



Part of the children on Hassick's porch.

who also missed the Reunion, due to the fact that he was in the hospital, is now out and it was good to see him at our last meeting. Paul Diethrich's son was recently severely bitten by a big dog and it was understood that it took many stitches to close the wound. We are all hoping that he soon will be well.

After the Chicago Reunion, Francis Beerhalter flew to New Orleans to attend the VFW Convention. He drove back with friends, and spent one night in Huntsville, Alabama. While there, they were entertained for a few hours by Henry Hine (M-330) formerly of Pittsburgh, and now residing in Huntsville. From reports received from Francis, Southern hospitality was quite in evidence.

The winning number on the August 25, 1967 raffle was 752.

It was an honor for yours truly and many members of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter to meet and socialize with Ralph Neppel, CMH and his lovely family. Bruce Hutchinson, 83rd Infantry Division Band, and his wonderful wife attended the Reunion for the first time and it was a pleasure to have them join us for a few hours of entertainment. Bruce was trying to contact former Band members. Yes, we did have an Infantry Band, even though many members did not know this. Bruce who hails from Nashville, Tennessee did talk by phone to Nick Alcisi of Monessen, also a Band member. Bruce and Nick would like to see former Band members

attending the Reunion next August in Philadelphia. So, don't forget, you members that have Buddies that were in the Band, please pass on this information.

The Greater Pittsburgh Chapter is busy making plans for the forthcoming Christmas Party which will be held for husbands, wives and guests.

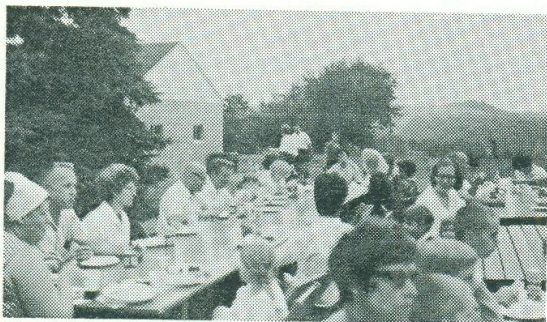
Mrs. Carol Rion, who has departed the area, once again has requested for all to write to a soldier in Vietnam. Once before the Pittsburgh Chapter requested that its members write to a soldier, the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter requested that its members write to a man on active duty in Vietnam. Now, we make the request again. The Pittsburgh USO is the only one authorized to give out the names and addresses of our men in Vietnam. If any of you can remember those lonely times when a mail bag held no mail for you, take a little time out of each month, to keep this same thing from happening to some young man, in a hot and lonely hillside in Vietnam. One letter that we received recently, a man described Vietnam as the "Land of Perpetual Preshpiration". Their job is a big one, and it is not enough to just say, you support our fighting men. You must do more. A letter is a small contribution. If you haven't forgotten what mail call means, send a request for a man's name and address along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

U. S. O.
304 Wood Street
YMCA Building
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15222

The Greater Pittsburgh Chapter would like Carol to know that she would be more than welcome to attend our Christmas Party, in the event she may be in the area, so feel free Carol.

In closing, I would like to extend best wishes to all from the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter.

Your Greater Pittsburgh Chapter
Reporter
Charles Altomari



Part of crowd eating the catering service we enjoyed.



Sgt. Ira Rion with his children.

Congratulations To The New Bridegrooms

Congratulations are in order for Col. Norman A. Campbell, and his very lovely wife, who attended the Reunion. Mrs. Campbell, although being a complete stranger, made friends with everyone, and I am sure she enjoyed her first, but not last Reunion.

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The shock of a lifetime was to see our very good friend, Edwin Sandkuhl, as he walked into the hotel, introducing his very lovely bride of a few weeks. Ed was like a kid with a new toy, so happy, and with that big broad smile which is so familiar to all of us. Mrs. Sandkul made friends very quickly, and I am sure that she will be willing to attend many more Reunions.

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We had one more Bridgegroom there away from me, but I am sure that it was away from m, but I am sure that it was Walter Marks. If this is an error, please Walter forgive me, if it is not, then accept the congratulations of all the 83rd Infantry Division Assn. I am pressed for time in getting this to press or I would contact Chicago and check.

— Just A Reminder —
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Signal Musings

Another Reunion, number 21 and a very enjoyable one it was. Short on Signal members but long on action. Those of you



who got a postcard threatening my presence may have been scared away but two Signalmen were present. Those present were Bruce Winchell and his wife, Jean, from Freeland, Mich. and myself (minus my wife). You will have to admit that two members of a possible 300 is a pretty low percentage. Gary, Indiana is

so close too! I really did count on seeing a few of you guys without fail as you have been the faithful and this is the year you had to take off. Well, some other time we'll get together. Philadelphia should be on your calendar.

It was a very pleasant reunion in Chicago! Those in costume at the Roaring Twenties Party must be complimented for their addition of color and spirit for the occasion. I for one will treasure the pictures of the happy event. I was sorry for our shortened Memorial Service due to the rain. The Thunderbolt banquet was delicious and with the Chuck Cavallo orchestra for dancing it was with a heavy heart that I had to leave for the wilds of Minnesota at 11:00 p.m. To Bill Doty, Jim Burton and all the Chicago workers, Thank You for a grand 21st reunion!

The business meetings did bring up one thing of importance to you sit-outs and that was to get your dues paid — pronto! It is, in part, your dues that keep this great organization alive and operating. Send in your \$5.00 to Larry Redmond — NOW. We all blow away that much in some foolish manner during the course of a year so you Signal guys do your part. Pay now so we can continue to enjoy our association together. I'm still waiting to hear from many of you guys — when are you going to write me a line?

Don Hinz

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Detroit Chapter

I suppose that most of you Thunderbolts are back in the every day race of life after the swell time we all had in



Chicago. The boys of the Chicago Chapter did a great job in putting on a real fine reunion. We here in Detroit are looking forward to having all you folks in 1969. We also are looking forward to 1968 in Philly. Don't forget what you said Lou Volpi, about those who come in on Wednesday. Ha! Ha! We here in Detroit are

about to do some real hard work on the Chapter to get things going again. We are all looking forward to a big night at the Air Force Base here as guests of our own Bill Ferguson, who is a major in the reserves. Nick Barbu was over the other night and he was saying that the hotels have been bothering him about the site for the 1969 Reunion. Bill Pallozzolo's boy Joe, is coming home the 19th of September. We are all real glad for Bill and Virg. We are still waiting for the guys from Cleveland to let us know if they are coming to Detroit for that football game between the Lions and the Cleveland Browns. I also want to say that you guys in Boston should feel real good about your baseball team, but we here in Detroit are still hoping that our Tigers get hot and beat your team.

Jack Daugherty
Co. L, 329th Inf.

Missing Person

Each and every Reunion, there is some one that we can place on the Missing Person list. I know that there were quite a number of faces that we didn't see this year that almost a tradition at a Reunion. Among them the one was most definitely missed this year was our Past President Sam Klippa. It is very seldom that Sam is not among us, but unfortunately this year Sam was in the hospital.

Sam has since returned home and I am sure that each and every one of us extend our sincere sympathies to him for not being able to be with us, and wish him a Speedy Recovery, and hope that he will be with us for many years to come.

Larry Redmond

Reunion Chairman "1968"

Louis J. Volpi

Thanks Chicago for a successful Reunion. You did a wonderful job, and I join with many more in thanking you for it.

We are busy bees here in Philadelphia, getting "you all" set up for the 1968 Reunion. You of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, who attend the 1968 Reunion at the Ben Franklin Hotel here in Philadelphia, will never forget this Reunion, that is a promise. Don't miss any of the fun that is planned for your entertainment.

I know that we of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter will roll out the red carpet for you, with the words, "Welcome Buddies" embroidered in gold. Nothing is too good for one of the finest groups of people in the world, who for the past 21 years, have met and greeted one another in a fashion that really spells "FRIENDSHIP".

With love to "you all".

Lou

We're Mighty Proud Of Diane De Marco

Philadelphia's distinguished heritage of history is written in the birth of the Nation—in the immortal words of the Declaration of Independence, in the guarantees of liberty and self-government inscribed in the Constitution of the United States, in the deeds of great and courageous men who pledged their lives and their sacred honor to the cause of freedom.

It is written, too, in the story of Betsy Ross and the events that gave birth to the American Flag.

A memorable footnote to the proud tradition of Philadelphia was added on Sunday afternoon at Connie Mack Stadium when 12-year-old Diane De Marco, of 1911 South Hemberger St., streaked bareheaded across the playing field, from her seat in the stands, to the flagpole in center field, and brought Old Glory down to safety singlehandedly as a violent cloudburst unleashed its drenching fury and sent players and fans scurrying for cover.

Unmindful of the soaking, disregarding the roaring thunder and the crackling of lightning, unconcerned about anything at that particular moment but rescuing The Stars and Stripes, Diane carefully folded the Flag and ran, with it firmly clenched in her arms, to the Phillies' dugout.

The eighth-grade schoolgirl's explanation was simplicity itself: "I thought it was a darned shame to let the Flag get wet."

Betsy Ross and Diane De Marco are a cut of the same cloth. The spontaneity of

Miss De Marco's wonderful gesture made it all the more to be cherished and remembered.

September 6, 1967

Miss Diane De Marco
1911 S. Hemberger St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Diane:

I would like to take this opportunity to write to you and express the feeling of men in an Association like ours towards a young lady who is in our opinion as much a HERO as any man who has fought in the defense of our great Country.

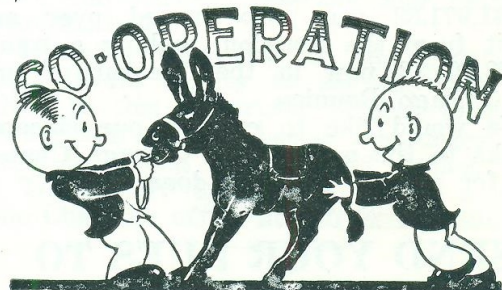
During times like this when the entire world is going through the turmoils of war, picketing and other disruptions, it is a wonderful thing to know that we have a person like you still in this great Country of ours, a person who forgets about themselves personally and goes to the defense of our Country's Flag.

Being a Veterans Association, composed of men who fought together with the 83rd Infantry Division in World War II, and knowing only too well what is meant by defense of our Flag, I dare say, that not one of us while attending a ball game or any other function, have given a thought to doing a very patriotic thing that you did. To us, you are an unsung Hero. We sincerely hope that all of these so-called peaceniks, draft card burners and flag desecrators, have read of your heroic feats and realize that here in this great country of ours, that we do have some real Americans, someone who is both proud of their Country and the Flag for which it stands.

Diane, we of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, are mighty proud to be able to extend our sincere congratulations to you for what you have done. I am sure that many more throughout this great Country of ours, are equally as proud of you. Although you are not a participant in the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City, to us you are the real MISS AMERICA, 1967.

May God bless you.

Yours, truly,
Lawrence J. Redmond
Secretary-Treasurer



is not a sentiment ~ it is an economic necessity. ----- Charles Szemmetz

Jersey Chapter

By Jim Bowie
Co. B, 330th

Hi Buddies:

Just caught up on some last minute sleep after a swell time at the reunion. I met my first sergeant for the first time in 22 years and we had a ball together and I have two more buddies, who I know are living, to catch up with yet. I hope to see them at Philadelphia next year.

We of the Jersey Chapter are planning a little something next year before the reunion. On the Monday before, we are going to the Jersey Shore, somewhere between Atlantic City and Wildwood, stay there till Thursday morning then drive on to Philly which would be about one hour's drive and then finish the week off at the reunion. We think this will make a fine week and I know the boys at Philly are planning one hell of a time.

Stan Bielen and I are going down to the shore sometime next month and see if we can get some kind of a deal with some motel. Anyone from any of the other Chapters who would be interested in spending the first three days at the shore with us before the reunion should just drop me a line and when I get all the information I will drop you a line.

I'm sure glad to see all the gang again. It's just too bad we live so far away from each other and only get this chance once a year. Hope everyone had a fine time and am looking forward to seeing you all again.

My address is: 306 Division Avenue
Carlstadt, New Jersey

Still waiting to see and hear from you
Ed. G.

Special News Flash

I am happy to report that the audit of the 1967 Reunion has been sent to National Headquarters by the Reunion Committee. In this report it shows that the sum of \$1,090 was turned over to the Secretary-Treasurer for dues paid at the Reunion by 218 members. Along with this, after all bills were paid to date, the sum of \$1,971.33 was also turned over as profit from the Reunion, making a total of \$3,061.33 now in the Treasury from the Chicago Reunion.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the men of the Chicago Chapter, for a good job well done.

**SEND YOUR DUES TO
THE SECRETARY
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Indianapolis Chapter

Well, the 21st Annual Reunion is now history, and I think it should be entered in the book of past reunions as a very successful and well planned reunion. I, for one, doff my beret to the boys of Chicago Chapter for a wonderful time. The events that did not come off as planned were beyond the control of the Chapter, and the weatherman alone can be blamed. Again Chicago Chapter, thanks for a real good time in your "Windy City".

I hope that some day our national membership can reach the one thousand mark, and I believe the only way this will be accomplished is through the efforts of "us all" scouting around for some buddy that is back in hiding somewhere and letting him know what is going on with the 83rd Division Thunderbolts. Arouse him, and the first thing we know we have a brand new member.

I was real happy to meet some of the boys from the 908th FA Bn. and really had some great Bull Sessions with them. Guess the boys that flew in from Indianapolis ran into some bad weather along the way. Maybe POPE and AMMON will have their own Private Air Lines some day. I have been doing some research, but so far I have not been able to come up with a manual on Courtesies Accorded a Kentucky Colonel, but I am still looking, Larry. Maybe Manny Goodridge can clue me in on this. Malcolm Baker from Whitmire, South Carolina, I was only kidding. I would have known you if I had chanced to meet you on the street, however, I do remember your thick black hair.

I want to thank Clarence Hockensmith for a safe journey to Chicago and back. Boy, not a hitch, eh, Clarence. Was real glad to see the Ned Smith's and John Raiko's families at Chicago. Mrs. Dick Ammon, we of the Indianapolis Chapter pass along our condolences and sympathy in the passing of your father.

I never did get Frank McGrogan's Thunderbolt to him. Frank, I'm sorry about that.

The next event for the Indianapolis Chapter will be the annual Christmas party. The date and place is yet undecided but more about that later. I sincerely hope that everyone made it back home from Chicago safely and now we have until next August to get ready for Philadelphia.

So long and good luck to All.

Matthew F. Brumbach
(Boom-Boom)
7144 Lockwood Lane
Indianapolis, Indiana 46217
Staff Reporter

Kenton Dinner Will Mark State Kick-off for Medal of Honor Winners

A dinner will be held at the Kenton Elks lodge at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31 to kick-off a state-wide fund-raising project to honor the memory of Congressional Medal of Honor Winners.

Money raised through the fund drive will be used for the development of an "Ohio Acre" at the Congressional Medal of Honor Grove, The Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Penn.

The Freedoms Foundation is in the process of landscaping a 50-acre wooded tract of land at Valley Forge. Each state is being allotted one acre on which a monument, benches, paths and markers will be provided honoring every Congressional Medal of Honor winner accredited to it.

Speaker for the kick-off dinner will be Fred J. Milligan, Columbus attorney and trustee of The Ohio Historical Society, who has been appointed by Gov. James A. Rhodes as chairman of the Ohio Acre at Valley Forge committee.

Attending the dinner, which will be open to the public, will be other members of the Governor's committee. These include Don Weaver, vice-president of the Ohio Historical Society and former editor of the Columbus Citizen-Journal; Harry Richter, treasurer of the Historical Society and vice-president of the Ohio National Bank; and Lt. Col. William Haynes, secretary of the Historical Society.

Arrangements for the kick-off dinner and the start of the state-wide project were made at a meeting held yesterday afternoon at the Kenton Area Chamber of Commerce office. Attending the meeting were Milligan, Ora A. Winzenried, Chamber president, and representatives of local veterans organizations.

Milligan said that the aim of the Ohio Acre Committee is to encourage donations of \$1 each from persons wishing to contribute, rather than getting large donations from just a few persons or firms. In this way, he said, it makes the Ohio Acre a citizens project and gives more people the opportunity to participate.

Milligan also said that the names and addresses of all contributors to the Ohio Acre will be listed in the Henry Knox building on the Ohio Acre at Valley Forge along with detailed information of all Ohio Medal of Honor winners.

Ohio has had 200 Medal of Honor winners and is one of the leading states in the number of men receiving the nation's highest and most coveted military award. Names of these winners will also be engraved on a monument type shaft which will be a highlight of the Ohio Acre at Valley Forge.

Milligan told the committee that Ohio will have the honor of having the first acre in the Honor Grove at Valley Forge to be dedicated since the first Medal of Honor winner was Jacob Parrott of Kenton.

He said that dedication ceremonies for the Ohio Acre at Valley Forge are set for May 30, 1968. Attending the dedication ceremonies will be Gov. Rhodes, living Medal of Honor winners, Ohio's Acre committee members and interested persons.

The 50 one-acre plots at Valley Forge are arranged in a manner that each state's plot is located similar to its geographic location in the United States.

Since Kenton was the home of Jacob Parrott, the Ohio's Acre committee also felt that Kenton was the logical city to have the honor of inaugurating the state-wide drive, Milligan stated.

Kenton was also the home of another man who received the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroism in the Civil War. He was Delano Morey, grandfather of Leroy Hoppe, former mayor of Kenton.

Envelopes are now being printed in which persons can make their \$1 donations to Ohio's acre. Space will be provided on the envelopes for persons to write their name and address and a receipt will be sent to every contributor, Milligan said.

He emphasized that there will be no overhead costs in the fund-drive as all the work is being done on a voluntary basis and every penny contributed will go for the development of Ohio's Acre.

At the meeting held yesterday, Jack O. Hicks, was selected as county representative of the Governor's Committee for Ohio's Acre at Valley Forge.

Hicks is state commander of the Disabled American Veterans organization and is a member of the Hardin County Chapter of the D.A.V.

Winzenried said that the Kenton Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to spearhead the local kick-off project along with the various veterans and patriotic organizations.

He said that this is an opportunity for Hardin county to set the pace for Ohio in this important project to honor America's military heroes and urges persons to attend the kick-off dinner.

Tickets are \$2.50 each are on sale at the Chamber office at 210 E. Franklin St.

— Just A Reminder —
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G Company 331st Infantry

Capt. Mac

While memories of the 1967 reunion are still fresh, I will attempt to relive some of the battles that took place (booze and bull). This was my third trip to the endurance contest. I brought my wife, Mena, to help; she did fine, however, three days after we arrived home she was still sleeping.

Many of the regulars were in attendance: Beau Titus and Birdie, Loyal Pangle and Kate, Joe Phillipone and Angie, John Teringo and wife Olga was missed, Bob Piette, Don Schwartz, Bill Bogacz and his wife were our host from Chicago.

Members of G Co. who attended the reunion, and it was good to see them for the first time since the fighting days were Elmer Mace, Ed Walsh and his wife Dot, and Ken Baird and his wife Phyllis. Elmer made the trip from Wells River, Vt. It was good to see him. After talking with him for a short time I found that Elmer also fought during the Korean Conflict and still has to dig his first foxhole. (Take note Singleton).

G Co. once again received the award (Bottle of booze) for most members for the year (21). This is well below our high of past years. I sincerely hope that I can help Titus, Murphy, Pangle, Piette, Schwartz and others who in the past got behind your fellows to join the crowd. An attempt will be made to make an up-to-date list of all G Co. men who can be contacted. If by some chance you know a member of the unit who has not been active in recent years send a note to myself, Titus, or Murphy and we will make the contact.

This may sound like a big push after the reunion, in a way it is. However, if I don't sit down now and write about it, I'll sit around on my lazy butt and keep putting it off like I have done in past years. It gives you a good feeling to get together with the fellows that you shared the most anxious moments of your lives with.

We have a great group in G Co. A group that is respected by all of the other units in the division. This is not only my observation, but also that of Lt. Gen. York (better known to you as Col. York). In a recent visit to New Orleans General York informed me that the men of G Co. were the finest that he has ever had the privilege to command. Also Lt. Gen. Ferenbaugh, who at the reunion in Cleveland in 1961, thanked me and the men of G Co. for saving the regiment during one operation in the Bugle.

It is always good to relive the good times we had, as well as the sad moments when we lost so many of our good bud-

dies. We do take into consideration that a number of you men can not make the reunions. We would like to hear from you, make an effort to join the association. In this way you can receive the Thunderbolt, which keeps us up to date on the division and also many of the members of the unit. G Co. is one of the very few units that has its own column. Information can be sent to Titus, Pangle, Murphy or Schwartz. The information will be gathered and sent to the Thunderbolt. For those of us that are fortunate we should try to attend the reunion. My wife and I will never forget Chicago in 1967 and hope to make Philly in 1968.

Capt. Joseph A. Macaluso

To the men of the 908th F.A.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the men of the 908th F.A. for their kindness in presenting to me a citation extending the honor of KENTUCKY COLONEL.

This to me is a great honor, and I feel might proud of it. I have been one of the most fortunate members of this great Association having had the honor of serving two terms as National President of this Association, and upon my retirement as President, being presented with a wrist watch by the members, then having had the honor of serving as a member of the Executive Board of the Association, and now as Secretary-Treasurer. It is a great feeling to a man to know that he is thought enough of to have these honors bestowed upon him, and I sincerely hope that so long as I live, that I can prove to all of you that I am a real 83rd man at heart.

We of the 83rd Infantry Division Association are most fortunate in having one of the finest, if not the finest organizations in the country. We should all feel honored to have the privilege of being a member of such an organization. In the years that I have been active in this Association, I have had considerable correspondence with other such Associations, and all of them envy us. Let us all be proud to be a member and do our part by taking an active part. To those of us who have had the opportunity to serve as Officers in this Association, let us continue trying to do our part to help keep this Association going. To those who have not had the opportunity of serving as an Officer, let them also do their part.

Once again, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the men of the 908th F.A. and I sincerely hope that I can serve you proudly for many years to come.

Colonel Larry Redmond
Secretary-Treasurer

330th News

Hello Buddies:

Now that the Reunion is over, it is time for us to settle down and start trying to make this a greater year for the 330th Regimental Unit. Sorry to say that last year the 330th was the lowest of the three Regimental Units in paid-up membership. I am in hopes that this year we can surpass the other two units, and prove to them that the 330th was during the time of war, and still is the greatest Regiment in the 83rd Infantry Division.

Throughout the year I receive letters informing me of the death of a buddy. Several of them in the past year were in regards to former 330th men; the latest one that I received was in regards to John L. Walker, 3523 West End Ave., Nashville, Tennessee. He passed away in October, 1966. I am sure that all of you join with me in expressing our sincere sympathy to his family. John was a very fine person, and liked by all who knew him.

I am sorry to report to you men that this year the 330th Regimental Unit didn't have their usual luncheon, but we sincerely hope to resume it again next year. Holding these luncheons becomes more of a problem each year because the cost of them has risen so much that it is hard to get a group assembled.

Well gentlemen, as we start off this new year, how about you — the 330th Regimental Unit men — start a membership drive. Let us all do our part to help make this the biggest year in the history of the Association, but above all, let us make this the 330th year. Let the 330th Regimental Unit be the leader on the home front, the same as we were the leader on the Battlefield.

Larry Redmond
Co. H, 330th



Roaring 20's Party.

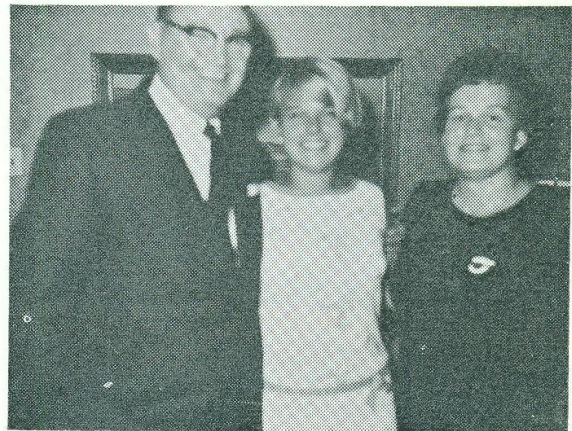
A Report From Your National Publicity Director

By Vic Landis, F. 329

Will soon be beating the drums publicity wise for next year's reunion and to seek new members. Every year, hundreds of former 83rd men read or hear of our great Association and write letters of inquiry. All 1,800 daily papers in the land, plus many magazines and weekly papers will again carry the news of the old 83rd. Will also secure radio and television coverage.

I could go on securing this publicity for as long as I live and each year there would be hundreds that would read, or hear about the 83rd for the first time. It is like advertising—you have to keep it in the public eye to reach thousands that have never heard of our organization.

Hats off Dept. — To Billy Doty and Jim Burten who did the lions share of staging the wonderful affair in Chicago. I know the hard work and untiring efforts it takes to stage a reunion, as I helped to do it in Dayton, in 1958. CHEERS to two great guys. That's all.



Vic Landis, Joann Nickell and her mother Arlene. Taken in the F. 329 C.P. and rumpus room.

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Co. F. 329th News & Side Lights

By Vic Landis

This 21st reunion has come and gone—but the memory will linger on. A wonderful time was had by all and the Chicago Chapter is to be highly commended for the remarkable program they staged.

F. 329 had a very good turnout and the C.P. and Rumpus room—the Landis suite, was full of people for most of the four days. For quite a few, it was their first reunion in years.

Jim and Trudy Fowler came all the way from Oklahoma City, Okla. They brought a water pipe for yours truly, all the way from Tripoli Lybia, some 7,000 miles, and I got it home safely.

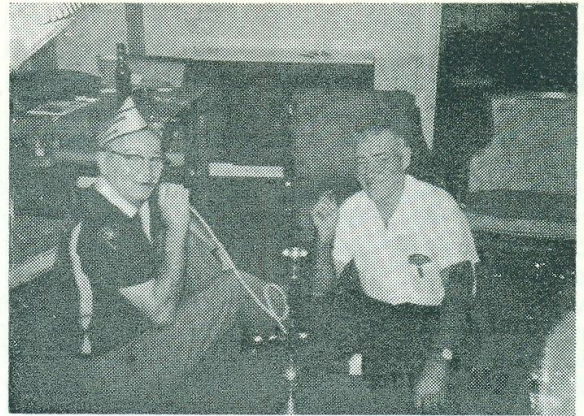
It was good to see Chuck Whitcomb and his wife Lavona after a period of years. Burdette and Katy Helleckson the same. Bill and Arlene Nickell, their daughter Joann and their son Dennis were there. The kids are now grown up, but they still call me Uncle Vic. Ed Zerucha, as usual, was in attendance. Manny Martin was present.

Fred and Betty Senatori, along with their daughter, Sherry, who is taking nurse's training in Chicago, were there for the last day. Walter Zobrist, for the first time since the war, finally made it and brought his wife along. It was great to see him after all these years.

A sad note for F. 329, was that Hank Golembiewski, had a heart attack and was hospitalized during the reunion. We called Hank at the hospital and he was out of intensive care and we all talked to him. I am glad to say he is now on the way to recovery. Hank has never missed a reunion before. A tip of the Landis beret to Hankas Pankas.

I know I may have missed some, and if I have, please forgive me, as things happened so fast—that many things slipped my memory.

For the first time in years, F. 329 did not lead the pack in paid-up membership. Believe we finished to G. 331st and Division Headquarters. This is only temporary and next year we will win going away. Take a note of this Lee Titus, old buddy. Long live the old 83rd.



Vic Landis and Jim Fowler, along with the water pipe, Jim brought all the way from Tripoli Lybia, some 7000 miles. It was a gift for Vic from Jim, Trudy, their daughter Janice, her husband Saleh and their grandchildren.

A Tribute To Larry and Mary Redmond

By Vic Landis, F. 329

Most members of the 83rd Division Association do not know the trials and tribulations of being secretary-treasurer and editing that great little paper — The Thunderbolt. I am fully aware the hard work and the year around work that has to be done on these terrific jobs. Having been a former newspaperman and years ago, I edited a small weekly paper—I know where of I speak.

Behind every successful man there stands a woman. In this case it is lovely little Mary Redmond. I happen to know Mary spends almost as much time as Larry in carrying out the secretary-treasurer and editing jobs. When Harry Lockwood passed away, Larry took over and believe me, he lifted us up by our boot straps. I know of no one in the 83rd who could have done the job he has done and is continuing to do.

During the many years I have known Larry, he has been known as Mr. 83rd and rightly so. In my book Mary Redmond is Mrs. 83rd. Long may they reign.

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Philadelphia Chapter News Flash

On Saturday, September 16, the Greater Philadelphia Chapter held their regular monthly meeting. There was a very fine attendance and a lot of business was conducted for the good of the Association; the coming Reunion plans were gone over thoroughly and I can assure you that you can look forward to a fine Reunion. The Host and Hostess of the evening were none other than Lucy and Lou Volpi; the food served by our Host and Hostess was out of this world. As the members were leaving to go home, Ann Rosenberg, wife of Dave Rosenberg, Co. F, 331st, slipped and fell injuring her ankle to the extent that she is now hospitalized in the Lankenau Hospital, City Line and Lancaster Ave. in Philadelphia. She is expected to be there for some time. Ann is well-known to all who attend Reunions. Send her a speedy recovery card; let her know that we are all thinking of her and wish her the best.

Congratulations

Congratulations are in order to Mr. and Mrs. Karl Friedman, Hq. Btry., Divarty, on the birth of their first grandson. Karl and his lovely wife were sorry to be absent from the Chicago Reunion but promises to be with us next year. Ed. Note: It only seems like a few years ago since we had members being absent from a Reunion due to the birth of a child of theirs. Now the proof that old man time is catching up on us is, they are now missing Reunions due to the birth of grandchildren. May God bless all the lucky grandparents.

Congratulations

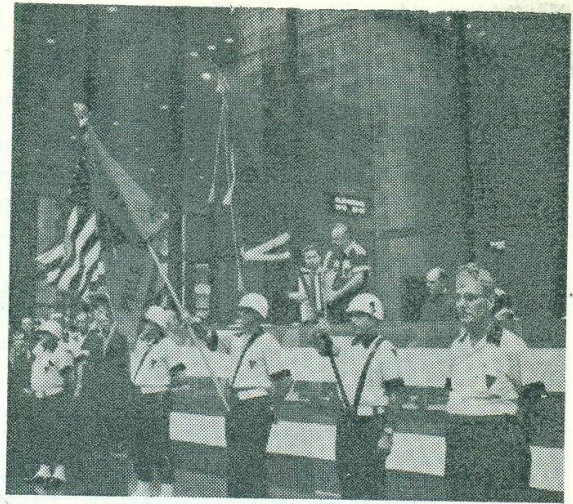
Congratulations are in order to Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Sylvia, Jr., 39 Norman St., New Bedford, Mass., who recently became proud grandparents. Fred forget to mention if it was a grandson or a granddaughter. We of the Association extend our best wishes and congratulations to both the parents and grandparents.

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Congratulations are in order to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Neppel CMH, whose very lovey daughter will become a bride in a few short weeks. Best of luck to the bride and groom and to both of their parents.

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Honor Guard at Memorial Service—L. to r.: Chavanne, Volpi, Hauck, Belvedere and McGrogan. Rear: Jim Burton singing "My Buddy".



Mary Redmond in her Roaring 20's costume.



Left to right: Lou Volpi, Ann Belvedere and Al Belvedere.

Letters to the Editor

Mr. Larry Redmond
Secretary-Treasurer
83rd Infantry Division Assn.

Hi Larry, just a line to let you know that Julia and I are very sorry that we could not make the Reunion in Chicago this year. The first one in some time that we have missed. I'm sure it was a big success this year, as it has been in the past. Say hi to Jim Bowie, Ed. Russell, Stan Bielen and all the Jersey Chapter and their wives.

See you next year.

Yours truly,
Frank Marsh
24 Colton Ave.
West Springfield, Mass. 01089
Co. F, 330th

Ed. Note: Frank, you missed a very great time, and I am sure that your buddies missed you very much.

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Mr. Larry Redmond
Secretary-Treasurer
83rd Infantry Division Assn.

Dear Larry:

Enclosed is my check for \$5.00 to cover renewal of my membership in our Association for the year 1967-68.

Sorry, I did not get to attend Reunion, but it did not hit with my vacation. I hope everyone had the usual good time and everything went along fine.

Enjoy receiving my copy of the THUNDERBOLT, and want it to keep coming.

Best wishes
Frederick L. Fowler—331st

News Flash

In reading through mail that I had received since the last issue of the "THUNDERBOLT", I see a letter from Mrs. Dock F. Mitchell, 3907 Reynolds Rd., Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27106.

In the letter she mentions that Dock is now in Vietnam. She is sorry that they are not able to be at the Reunion, but hopes that they may be there again, after he arrives home. Dock was formerly in Co. A, 331st.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGrogan are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara McGrogan, to a John McGinley. No wedding date has been set as of this time. We of the 83rd Infantry Division Association join in extending to this young couple our sincere congratulations, as well as to their parents.

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Pittsburgh, 1954, Co. "H" 330th Men—
Left to right: Leroy Swank, Paul Wagner, John Hewitt, Larry Redmond. Front row: Albert Nunzianto (deceased).

Letters to the Editor

Moyes Trailer Park
Groton, Conn. 06340
July 17, 1967

Mr. Larry Redmond

Dear Buddy:

The other night I was in our local Tavern with a bunch of Soldiers and Sailors.

They were singing some of their war songs and marching songs.

They asked me about our 83rd Division song, and I could not recall much of it. Larry, I remember our 83rd song started out like this, "There will blood and thunder when we strike the foe."

If you can fill me out on the lines and also the tune, which I think was taken from, Glory, Glory Halleluaha or John Brown's Body.

I will be obliged.

As ever,
Joseph P. Healy

Ed. note: I am sorry that I forgot to ask our Band member this question at the Reunion. Maybe he can furnish this man with the answer.

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ANNUAL REUNION

Twenty-three years ago he sent me out on a listening post. I was a scared 19-year-old kid and I sat there all night, shivering, listening to the glutural talk of the Krauts and suffering mosquito bites. The Krauts were across the road, behind the next hedgerow.

The next morning when I reported, he gave me hell for not being around when he wanted me for some scouting duty. This was Capt. George Partanen as I first knew him, C.O. of B Co., 330th Inf.

Later on, still in France I was scouting a way across a swampy area when I was hit in the shoulder by a sniper's bullet and when I came to Capt. Partanen was pulling me out of a small creek where I had fallen into head first after being hit. He dragged me to cover and asked me if I was able to get back to the rear alone and I said I could make it okay.

I was evacuated and the next time I saw Capt. Partanen was when he was being evacuated from the Hurtgen Forest, De. 4, 1944. I had rejoined the company after a stay in the hospital and we were moving up to replace elements of the badly shot up 4th Inf. Division. Capt. Partanen had been hit by mortar shell fragments while on reconaissance of the 4th's positions.

Today, almost 23 years later I saw Capt. Partanen again at L'Anse, Michigan. He is not so stern and militaristic like he was then. Age has mellowed him and he has a nice wife and family and I do too. We talked and hashed over old times. Underneath there was the nostalgia; we were still soldiers at heart. We're still in the good old 83rd, "B" Co. in fact. We left something "over there", part of us will never return; we felt it in our hearts as we talked, it sure was nice to see an "old buddy" again.

I would like to hear from some of my other buddies from B Co., 330th Infantry.

George (Ray) Maki
Rt. 1 Cooper Lake Rd.
Ishpeming, Michigan

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Obituary



Sgt. Floyd Dawson, F. Co., 2nd Bn. 331st.

Each year we receive news of the death of one of our buddies, and each time we do, it hurts us deeply, because somewhere along the line it is a special Buddy to some one of us.

I just received a very sad letter from J. B. Harris, Box 371, Guin, Alabama, informing me of the death of another of our buddies. The letter in part reads as follows:

"On September 1, 1967, Floyd Dawson, (Sgt., Co. F, 331st) of Scottsboro, Ala. being a member of the Fire Department in his City, was enroute to the scene of a fire. In the car with Floyd was his Chief. While on their mission of mercy, their car became involved in a collision with another vehicle operated by a woman. Both Floyd Dawson and his Chief were killed".

To those of us who attended the Reunion, we may remember Floyd and his wonderful wife, Mary, being there. The death of Floyd Dawson will be a sad memory to all of us. Floyd gave his life in the service of his community, the same as some of our Buddies gave their lives in the service of their country. Let us all at this time bow our heads in a moment of silent prayer for Floyd Dawson and his family. Let us always remember that these public servants risk their lives daily, so that you might live.

Larry Redmond

Executive Board Meeting

At an Executive Board meeting held in the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago during the 21st Annual Reunion of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, Inc., the National Secretary-Treasurer was authorized to send a telegram to the President of the United States informing him of a resolution that was adopted by our Association. The copy of the telegram as well as the return message from the White House is published in this issue.

Larry Redmond
Secretary-Treasurer

August 21, 1967

The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

From the men of the 83rd Infantry Division Assn. Inc. World War II, assembled in Reunion at the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

Greetings:

By resolution duly adopted, your authority as our Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces is approved, and we extend to you all support and wish you success. We request that you as President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the U.S.A. immediately take all action necessary to bring the War in Vietnam to a successful, prompt and victorious conclusion, using all means available.

Yours truly,
Lawrence J. Redmond
Secretary-Treasurer
83rd Infantry Division Assn. Inc.
132 Rockwood Drive
Havertown, Pa. 19803

THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

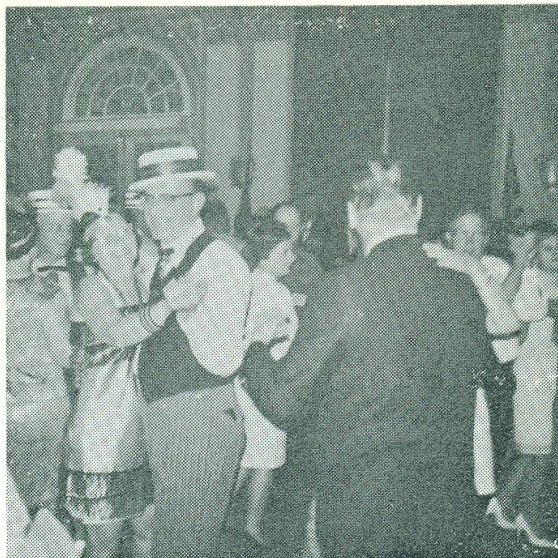
August 24, 1967

Dear Mr. Redmond:

President Johnson asked me to thank you for the telegram you sent to him during the reunion of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, Inc. He appreciated your courtesy in bringing the Association's views concerning Viet-Nam to his attention.

The President is grateful for your support. You and your membership have his best wishes and the assurance of his unrelenting efforts to bring the fighting to an end.

Sincerely,
Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Minotti at Roaring 20's party.

Warrensville, N. C.
Aug. 15, 1967

Mr. Larry Redmond

Dear Sir:

I am sending in my check for renewal of my THUNDERBOLT magazine. I look forward for each issue; you are doing a great job, just keep up the good work.

I wish that you would inquire if anyone knows the whereabouts of former Sgt. FLOYD H. RICHMOND, formerly of Young's Creek, Kentucky, last heard from in Kokomo, Indiana. Sorry, I did not get to attend the Reunion, maybe next year. Would like to hear more from Co. F, 331st Regiment.

Yours truly,
W. Dale Hooiser
Warrensville, N. C. 28693

Ed. Note: To the men from the area of Kokomo, Indiana, please check your phone book for Floyd H. Richmond, if located, let us know.

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Obituary

We of the 83rd Infantry Division Association wish to extend our sincere sympathy to the Honorable Lawrence DiPrima, a member of the Illinois General Assembly on the death of his brother. Larry DiPrima, a real 83rd Division man, who is familiar to many of us, was a credit to the 83rd Infantry Division during World War II, and is to this day a credit to the State of Illinois.

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Our sincere sympathies are extended to Francis C. Murphy, Co. G, 329th, on the sudden death of his brother. While Francis was preparing for the trip to Chicago to attend the Reunion, his brother was stricken with a sudden heart attack and died.

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News of the death of another of our members was received here at Headquarters. He is John L. Walker, Co. G, 330th, 3523 West End Ave., Nashville, Tenn. We of the 83rd Infantry Division Association extend our sincere condolences to his family.

Obituary

83rd Infantry Division Assn.
132 Rockwood Drive
Havertown, Pa. 19083
Dear Sir:

Sorry I have been so long in sending this death notice in, but since it was a very close friend, and the same as a brother to my husband, it hasn't been easy.

We lost George P. O'Shields on Feb. 27, 1967; the cause of death was cancer. He was from Atlanta, Georgia. He served in the Anti-Tank Co., 330th, and served

some time in Co. G, 330th.

There will never be a finer man than George, and greatly missed by the ones who loved him and knew him. He left his wife, Ruth, and two daughters, Kathy and Jan.

Sincerely,
Mrs. W. N. Everhart Jr.
Seymour, Indiana



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MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE AT REUNION

(Addresses can be obtained upon request)

Abdinocr, Charles, "A" 330th.
Altomari, Charles, "B" 308th Eng.
Ammon, Richard E. Sr., "A" 331st.
Amundson, Arthur, "C" 308th Med.
Anderson, Carl L., Div. Hqs.
Armintrout, Olney, "Hq" 3rd Bn 329th.
Baker, M. L., Serv. Btry, 908th.
Bade, Edward J., "B" 308th Eng.
Bair, Kenneth, "G" 331st.
Barbu, Nicholas, "D" 331st.
Batkiewicz, Louis; Regt. Hq. 331st.
Bean, Emmitt J., Div. Hq.
Beerhalter, Francis J., "H" 329th.
Bellay, George, Cn. Co. 329th.
Bellino, Frank, "I" 329th.
Belvedere, Albert, "K" 331st.
Berkstresser, Ralph, Hq. Btry 324th.
Bielen, Stanley, Hq. 1st Bn. 331st.
Blasko, Steve, 783rd Ord.

Bogaz, William, "G" 331st.
Boland, James L., "F" 330th.
Bathwell, Glenn, "D" 329th.
Bowie, James, "B" 330th.
Brinkman, Robert F., "G" 329th.
Brown, Carroll B., "E" 329th.
Brtna, Miles J., Cn. Co. 330th.
Brumbach, Matthew F., "C" Btry, 908th.
Bruzofsky, Peter, "C" Btry, 324th.
Bucholtz, Edmund, "E" 329th.
Bull, Chester O., "D" 330th.
Burkhard, Karl, "H" 330th.
Burns, Harold J., "B" 330th.
Burton, James, "D" 329th.
Campbell, Norman A. Hq. 1st Bn. 330th.
Candido, Maurice, "C" Btry, 323rd.
Casper, Andrew, "K" 330th.
Champey, Michael, "H" 330th.
Chapman, William N., 83rd Q.M.

Chavanne, William J., "C" 308th Eng.
Christopher, D., 323rd FA.
Coffey, Ody William, "B" 308th Eng.

Cook, O. L. Jr., "F" 330th.
Couch, Ivan, 2nd Bn. Hq. 331st.
Cox, Ed., "H" 329th.

Cupina, John J., "G" 329th.
Daugherty, John, "L" 329th.
Davy, Russell E., "C" Btry. 908th.

Dawson, Floyd, "F" 331st.
DeFilipps, George, "E" 329th.
DelPadre, Arthur, "D" 330th.

DeLuca, Joseph, Div. Arty.
Deming, Harry, "A" Btry, 324th.
Diethrich, Paul, Cn. Co. 330th.

Dolan, Edward F., Hq. 3rd Bn. 329th.
Dopp, Harold H., "M" 33st.
Doty, William M., "C" Btry, 323rd.

Elkins, Lester E., "K" 330th.
Epstein, Manny, "K" 331st.
Farias, August, "H" 329th.

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