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**"THE 80th DIVISION ONLY MOVES FORWARD"**

# The Sixteenth Annual Reunion at Wheeling

Elaborate Plans Being Made to Welcome 80th



THE Sixteenth Annual National Reunion of the Eightieth Division Veterans Association, composed of men from the famous 'Blue Ridge' Division of the World War, will be held in Wheeling, West Virginia, August 1-2-3-4. Elaborate plans are being made for the reunion with the tentative program already outlined. Preparations are being made for the entertainment of approximately 10,000 veterans in a manner designed to eclipse any of the previous reunions of the Eightieth. Reunion headquarters have been established at the Windsor Hotel, 12th and Main Streets, Wheeling.

Your registration fee to all the fun at your reunion has been set at 'two bucks'. For this we are going to give you a real souvenir program, a real badge, both of which you will want to keep, a dance every night, free shows, a swim, a game of golf, a monster drum corps competition, old-fashioned bar-be-cue, possibly an admittance to the WWVA Midnight Jamboree and in addition to all of that a parade. The plans for the banquet are now being worked out by the Committee. So, there's the news you have been waiting for—\$10.00 worth of fun for two American bucks.

Hotel rates during the reunion will be very reasonable, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$3.50 for single persons and \$2.00 to \$5.00 for two persons.

The Committee has recently purchased a Plymouth four door Sedan, with trunk, which is to be the door prize at the dance to be given Saturday, August 3rd. Prices of the shares to this dance will be one for 10c, three for 25c, seven for 50c and fourteen for \$1.00.

The Committee solicits everyone's aid in selling these shares and orders for them can be sent to E. J. Davis, Chairman of the Automobile Program, Room 415, Windsor Hotel, Wheeling, W. Va. Making out all remittances to Walter C. Smith, General Chairman.

The presence of Major General Adelbert Cronkhite, wartime commanding officer of the famous Eightieth, has been assured. He made a personal appearance in Wheeling at a meeting of the Wheeling District veterans of the Eightieth held on Sunday, April 14th, at the American Legion Headquarters. At this session he pledged his full cooperation and expressed the belief that he expected the coming reunion to be the 'best ever held'. Members of the Wheeling Committee were highly complimented on their plans for the reunion, made thus far, and the declaration made was that 'it must not be missed'.

National Commander E. G. Peyton of Fort Sam Houston, Texas, will be on hand with the staff of officers. Fall in line with his orders listed on the Commander's Page.

Tours of points of interest in the Wheeling district, which is replete with historic landmarks and monuments recalling the days of the formation of the United States, are to be arranged. Special arrangements for the entertainment of wives and sweethearts of the veterans attending the Reunion have already been completed. The entire program is being planned on a lavish scale, with nothing to be left undone for the entertainment of the visitors.

As a part of the plans, a handsome souvenir reunion program has been started out under the direction of J. J. Gibney of Pittsburgh. An advertising campaign has been launched, with the cooperation of practically every Wheeling merchant assured.

The Wheeling Committee in charge of plans for the event, headed by Colonel Walter C. Smith and including Henry E. Neumann, Wheeling, National Senior Vice Commander, has been given every cooperation by the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce and Wheeling Post No. 1, The American Legion.

An extensive program for disseminating information to the old "buddies" of the Eightieth has been set on foot by E. P. Carney, Executive Secretary of the Reunion Committee. Regular letters outlining developments in plans are being mailed to key men throughout the country, in order that all veterans planning to attend may be kept advised of the progress.

Special reduced fare rates will be arranged for all railroads. Wheeling is particularly an accessible reunion spot for the majority of Blue Riders. Good highways exist throughout West Virginia and the two neighboring States of Virginia and Pennsylvania. There are also a number of bus lines running from many points which offer attractive fares and schedules convenient to the visitors.

Our division has held fifteen prior reunions. We have a number of members who have had a consistent attendance at all of these affairs. Apparently one year does not deserve another. And these members make it a point to plan their vacations so as to include the three days of enjoyment each year with their old comrades. There are still numbers of 80th veterans who have yet to attend their first Blue Ridge convention. Circumstances have caused them to postpone attending each year and it is hard to recall that fifteen years have passed without their attending such gatherings. None of us are growing any younger and the only way to retain some of the spirit that we knew in 1918 is to really make up our minds to be present at Wheeling in August.

## General Cronkhite Visits Wheeling

April 14th, ended two of the most enjoyable days of the year in Wheeling, the like of which has never been experienced. An open meeting was held in the assembly room of the American Legion Post No. 1, the first Legion Post of its kind in our country; the use of which had been kindly rendered to us by Commander Clarence M. Cheek.

It was a great meeting attended by outstanding members of the 'West Virginia Squirrel Shooters', who constituted the very best Field Artillery Brigade in the A. E. F. Since they came from all parts of West Virginia they were apparently not ashamed of their record as gentlemen at home and abroad, and of their alliance with the 80th. To demonstrate their allegiance, we organized an Eightieth Division Post on the spot, to be followed by others in different parts of the State.

I know that we have a most exceptionally capable Committee in charge of our next Reunion in Wheeling; that their efforts are backed by the mental and physical brawn of its people; you can not fail to have a wonderful time at our gathering. If you can not come for the whole period, do not fail to be present on August fourth—to pay honor and homage to 'The Brave who are no more'.

I salute you all,

Adelbert Cronkhite,  
Your War Commander.

# Our Commander's Page

Colonel E. G. Peyton, National Commander Eightieth Division Veterans Association

## WARNING ORDER !!

The Sixteenth Annual National Reunion of 80th Division Veterans will be held in Wheeling, West Virginia, on August 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th of this year.



Col. E. G. Peyton

Now there are no additional paragraphs to be added to this order. Ordinarily it would be followed by a FIELD ORDER, with paragraph 1 covering the enemy situation, our supporting troops, and further details.

In regard to this situation, the Sixteenth Annual Convention of 80th Division Veterans—there is no enemy situation except those obstacles to your putting in appearance that rise up and offer objection. You didn't let obstacles stop you in France. You took every objective assigned you. You were the only Division called upon for service three times in the Meuse Argonne Offensive, and this is a reputation we are

No other Division,—Regular, National Guard, or Army, was called upon during that brief period of fighting for similar service; and you accomplished the mission assigned you.

Let's slow our value as shock troops and take the storm. Of course, today we can't break the camp and start marching with the promptness we did in France. We must arrange for vacation, pick up the wife and kids, and for that reason our trip is not as wonderful as it was in France. However, kids have heard how dad won the war—assisted and a few million others—and I can assure you that National Commander and your other officers are going to sustain wife and kids in that firm conviction, when you come to the Sixteenth Annual Reunion.

Now, don't be A.W.O.L. I am giving specific directions that you are to be sustained in every truth or lie you have ever told about your winning the war and I want the halo placed over your brow by wife and kids to react untold dimensions.

Know the Bucks and N.C.O's. are going to be on hand. They alone have kept the 80th Division Veterans alive for sixteen years—but where are those officers to train at Fort Myer and who went with me to Camp were introduced by me to the most wonderful aggregation of citizen soldiers it was ever an officer's privilege to

In spite of our short-comings, I want again to tell that beautiful officer bunch of American citizens that our men have

placed a gleaming halo over our brows we don't deserve. I have made bold to mingle with the Bucks, knowing full well that they would soon find clay in the idol's foot, but you know they have been generous enough to accept their war time commander and their other officers at their idealistic evaluation. With this thought in mind, I beg the officer to put in his appearance at the next annual (16th) reunion of 80th Division Veterans, and don't slip in unannounced. Write and tell your comrades that you will be present, and you will be surprised to see the effect it will have on attendance.

I have been exceptionally and signally honored by a two-year tour of duty as your National Commander. I know the enlisted men who have kept our organization alive for sixteen years are going to turn out in strength but I am not so sure about the officer personnel. May I beg as a personal favor and as a culminating feature of my final tour as National Commander, that the officer make a special effort to be present during the Sixteenth Annual Reunion. Our revered war time commander will be present and nothing gives him more pleasure than to meet and mingle with the officers and men he trained for war and commanded in battle.

I entreat all Dutch Treat Luncheon to make the Sixteenth Annual Reunion a prominent topic of conversation and deliberation to the end that in point of numbers our next reunion will give unmistakable proof that our veterans' organization will endure and not perish from the earth.

I urge too, that every unit commander from corporal to Division Commander assist in the distribution of knowledge of and enthusiasm over the Sixteenth Annual Reunion by transmitting this order to those 80th Division Veterans who are now associated with you and those who served under you, viz.:

**YOUR WAR TIME COMMANDER OF THE 80th DIVISION, AND YOUR PEACE TIME COMMANDER OF ITS VETERANS' ASSOCIATION DIRECT THAT YOU REPORT TO THEM IN PERSON AT CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS, HOTEL WINDSOR, WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA, ON AUGUST FIRST, 1935, AND BRING THE FAMILY.**

The 80th Division Veterans Association and Service are to be congratulated on their splendid cooperation with the Reserve Officers' Association in successfully putting over a National Defense Week in Pittsburgh. Special commendation is due Major Jack Sugden and Captain Bill Maisch for their splendid radio addresses, which were published in the last issue of Service.



The amusement park at the Wheeling Fair Grounds. This is where the bar-be-cue and competitive drills are to be held.

# Immediate Payment of Adjusted Compensation

## THREE OPINIONS

(Editor's Note) We give below a letter of Donald A. Hobart, National Commander of The American Veterans Association, as recently published in *The Literary Digest* and an answer submitted to *The Service Magazine* by Byron McWilliams, former member of Company C, 305th Field Signal Battalion. Also an expression of opinion on the subject by Major Edward H. Little, 318th Infantry.



O the Editor of the *Literary Digest*—Sir:—I should appreciate the opportunity, as a spokesman for the American Veterans Association, to set forth in the columns of *The Literary Digest* the reasons why we oppose immediate prepayment of the soldiers' bonus, which is not due before 1945.

The American Veterans Association, a national patriotic organization consisting entirely of Americans who have served in the armed forces of the United States in time of war, was organized at Chattanooga, Tennessee, in September, 1932, by a group of ex-service men who opposed unwarranted favors to former soldiers—particularly the bonus—and who were dissatisfied with the representations that veterans and their dependents are in a special class, set apart from all other citizens.

Our Association believes that it is the duty of a citizen to fight for his country, and that the nation owes him nothing unless war service has actually resulted in injury, disease, or other incapacity which puts him at a disadvantage in civilian life when he returns to it. We believe that an honorable man no more expects pay for helping to save his country in war time than he would expect money for saving his mother's life. To the precise extent that the individual is himself handicapped and to the extent that a dead soldier's dependents are deprived of his earning power—this, we hold, is the true measure of a nation's indebtedness.

We oppose the theory that any man who dons a uniform, regardless of the nature of his service, and regardless of need or disability, thereby earns the right to be a pensioner of the nation.

Prepayment of the bonus would be unfair to the veteran. The bonus in reality is a paid-up endowment-insurance policy.

Prepayment of the bonus would be unfair to the citizen. The proposal is simply this: to hand out more than \$2,000,000,000 to 3 per cent. of the citizens. Is this money to go to the needy, the people you are most willing to help? Oh no, it is to go to every kind of person: the bonus will be paid to the rich, as well as to the poor, and to those who have suffered no unemployment and no distress.

There has been evidence submitted that those who must pay are actually financially less able than those who are to receive.

Immediate payment of the bonus would increase the burden of taxes and deficits which now rest on the shoulders of everyone.

In the interest of national recovery—in the interest of all veterans and all citizens, we believe with President Roosevelt that "no person, because he wore a uniform must thereafter be placed in a special class of beneficiaries over and above all other citizens."

We believe that on an out-and-out referendum, the public would vote against the payment of the soldiers' bonus before it is due.

Donald A. Hobart, National Commander,  
The American Veterans Association,  
New York City.

### The Answer

Prominent as a citizen of the United States and a World War veteran, I wish to set forth my views and concrete facts regarding this troublesome piece of legislation that our Congress has been having ever since it was enacted in 1925.

To begin with, I will first of all call attention to the veterans of the organization who have continually opposed the paying the veterans any Bonus whatever, namely

- The American Veterans Association
- National Economy League

—American Bankers Association

—American Liberty League

—National Association of Manufacturers

—and United States Chamber of Commerce, who without any argument whatever represent big business and banking, and are a menace to such organizations as The American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars and who also represent the majority of the veterans. To the best of my knowledge I believe these two organizations have a combined membership of some 1,500,000 members, while the American Veterans Association has but 10,000 members if they have that many.

I wish to call the attention to the National Commander Donald A. Hobart, of The American Veterans Association, who has been so patriotic in publishing an article in the *Literary Digest* as of February 9, 1935 and expressing his reasons why he and his organizations have opposed payment of the Soldiers Bonus.

1. Mr. Hobart believes in every citizen to fight for his country.

2. Mr. Hobart believes that an honorable man does not expect pay for helping his country in time of War.

3. Mr. Hobart opposes the theory that any man who dons a uniform, regardless of need and disability, earns the right to be a pensioner of the nation.

4. Mr. Hobart says the bonus in reality is a paid-up endowment policy.

5. Mr. Hobart says the payment of the Bonus is unfair to the citizen.

6. Mr. Hobart says the bonus will be paid to the rich and to those who have suffered no unemployment and no distress.

7. Mr. Hobart says immediate payment of the bonus would increase the burden of taxes and deficits which now rest on the shoulders of every one.

To Mr. Hobart's assertions and for his benefit, those who are members of this grand organization and who claim to be so patriotic, I submit the following which are facts and trust that it might be food for thought.

First answer—

I firmly believe it is the duty of every citizen to fight for his country in time of War, but I positively do not agree with you, that the nation owes him nothing, for the fact that those that stayed at home were payed exorbitant wages and salaries, free after working hours and above all were absolutely not in any danger at all.

Second answer—

Did the owners of our corporations expect pay for their material they manufactured during the war? Did their stockholders demand dividends on their securities? Do you think it was unpatriotic for those who were on the firing line to accept pay? It is very obvious you have divided the population into two classes. My answer to the first two questions in my paragraph is YES, and to the third question my answer is positively NO.

Third answer—

Mr. Hobart, I ask if you were a wounded veteran and regardless of the nature of your disability, you found it impossible to make a living, and especially under these existing conditions in our country, would you still feel the same way, that the Government was not indebted to you, and by the way may I ask, what would you do for a living or in other words what would you do for your keep? Do you think for one minute your friends would help you to such an extent that you would not have to worry the rest of your life? My answer to this is, it is not in any degree whatever, unpatriotic or a disgrace to accept financial help from ones Government.

Fourth answer —

The Bonus Bill in reality is absolutely not a paid up endowment insurance policy and never was. I happened to carry a twenty year endowment policy at one time, and to my way of thinking, insurance policies are not called a bonus, but are documents of protection. However, if it were called a twenty year endowment policy, in such case the veteran would actually

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(Editorial—Courtesy of Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph)

# 'Why Economize Only in the Case of the Veterans?' Says Mr. Hearst



IT IS to be hoped that the President will NOT veto the Patman bill for the bonus payment to veterans.

In the first place, billions are being distributed freely, liberally, almost recklessly, in every direction.

Why should not some of this money GO TO THE VETERANS?

If the government were embarking upon a policy of rigid economy, in an honest effort to balance the budget, there would be some reason in the argument that this large amount of money should not be paid to the veterans at this time.

But the government has NO INTENTION OF EMBARKING ON AN ECONOMICAL POLICY.

The President is asking for an appropriation of five thousand million dollars without even an indication of what he is going to expend it for.

There has never been a time in the history of this extravagant administration when it was more disposed to be extravagant than it is today.

Its plan is merely penurious towards the veterans.

Why be penurious to them?

Certainly they have deserved well of the country; they have rendered the most signal service that citizens can possibly render to their nation.

And they are rendering the greatest service of citizenship to the nation. They are the defenders of the American faith, the maintainers of American liberties, the maintainers of peace and the opponents of the enemy from without and from within.

Why not include those splendid citizens in the bounty that is being so freely distributed?

IF WE do not want to spend more money than proposed by the administration; if we do not want to incur greater indebtedness; if we do not want to impose heavier burdens upon the public than those already projected in the presidential program, why not take two thousand million dollars from the President's five thousand million dollar proposed appropriation and give that to the veterans?

We would at least know where those two thousand million dollars were going.

We would know that they were going in a deserving direction, and we would know, too, that the three thousand million dollars remaining ought to be enough to elect the Democratic party in 1936. That would still constitute the largest campaign fund ever known or ever dreamed of in the whole history of the world.

LET US REMEMBER also that the government is not creating a new obligation in paying the veterans the promised bonus.

SOME TIME OR OTHER IT IS GOING TO PAY THE VETERANS THIS MONEY.

It has pledged itself to that program.

Why not pay the money now when it is most needed, and have that obligation eliminated?

Why wait until later when the government might have no money with which to discharge the obligation if it keeps on at its present reckless rate of extravagance?

Why not give the veterans their money before the financial resources of the country have been sapped dry?

Why not discharge this obligation, actually incurred and patriotically due, and THEN very properly and wisely enter on an era of sensible economy?

Why not THEN return to the pledges of the Democratic platform?

Do YOU remember those pledges, citizens? They declared for:

**"The immediate and drastic reduction of governmental expenditures by abolishing useless commissions and offices, consolidating departments and bureaus, and eliminating extravagance, to accomplish a saving of not less than 25 per cent in the cost of federal government."**

They urged:

**"MAINTENANCE OF THE NATIONAL CREDIT BY A FEDERAL BUDGET, ANNUALLY BALANCED".**

Do you remember Mr. Roosevelt's personal promises when he was running for office?

He declared at that time.

**"The platform is a promise BINDING ON THE PARTY AND ITS CANDIDATES".**

**"I have accepted the platform WITHOUT EQUIVOCATION and WITHOUT RESERVE".**

He dramatically exclaimed:

**"Let us have the courage TO STOP BORROWING to meet continuing deficits. STOP THE DEFICITS."**

YOU CITIZENS elected Mr. Roosevelt on the pledges of the Democratic platform and on his personal promises.

Why should those pledges not be kept?

Why should we not return to a program of sound and honest democracy—why not pay our debts, discharge our patriotic obligations balance our budget, and then and thereafter conduct the country on a BUSINESS BASIS?

However, we assuredly cannot continue our drunken sailor policy of reckless expenditure, in every direction, and at the same time ignore our obligations to the veterans ON THE GROUNDS OF ECONOMY."

William Randolph Hearst.

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It was Mrs. Cronkhite's and my good fortune during the week of April 14th to attend the Birthday Party of your happily remembered friends, the V.F.W. Boy's Band of Warren, Ohio. As you will remember, they played for us, to our great pleasure, during our last reunion at Conneaut Lake Park.

Even the numerous speeches eulogizing our young friends for their most remarkable ability and marked success in their chosen vocation; also for their mental ability and conduct, evidenced by the award of many scholarships in our very best military schools and academies of music, could not detract from the bountiful feast provided for their more than welcome guests.

The happy evening was terminated by a dancing contest, for which prizes were distributed to the additionally fortunate contestants.

Adelbert Cronkhite.

Patrick J. Hurley, former Secretary of War and Life Member of the 80th Division Veterans Association, was one of the witnesses called before the Senate Munitions Committee in March. He stated that Congress had the power to convert all profits of war into the treasury of the United States and that, "The power to require a citizen to enter military service, perhaps to be injured or killed, is unquestionably a greater inroad upon that citizen's rights than anything that could be done toward using that citizen's property in the service of the Government." He also said that it was unpatriotic to compel one man to endure the hardships of war, perhaps to give his life, while another is earning profits from war.

Comrade Hurley was present at the Johnstown and Harrisonburg reunions of the 80th and has been an active Life Member of the Association since 1922. He served for a short period with Division Headquarters, and also saw service with several other divisions during the war.

His testimony before the Senate Munitions Committee was in line with the opinions expressed by the majority of the World War veterans who have felt all along that profiteering should be taken out of war as the strongest means of preventing wars.

### GEN. LLOYD M. BRETT POST

More than 500 officers of the army reserves and regular army attended a dinner held recently at the William Penn Hotel to welcome Major General Robert E. Callan as the new commander of the Third Corps army area.

Speakers included Major General Adelbert Cronkhite, wartime commander of the 80th Division; Col. Wm. R. Dunlap, commander of the One Hundred and Seventy-sixth field artillery; Colonel R. P. Langdon, in charge of the recruiting in this district; Major Wm. R. Young, State president of the Reserve Officers' Association; Major James O. Corbett, chairman of the banquet committee; Colonel F. A. Prince, commander of the Ninety-ninth division reserves; Colonel C. C. McGovern, of the Board of County Commissioners, Major John E. Sugden, Master of ceremonies and Colonel H. N. Coates.

General Callan succeeds Major General Paul B. Malone. The area which he will command includes Pennsylvania, New Jersey, West Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, Delaware and North Carolina.

We are asking that our members keep in mind the Memorial Services to be held at three o'clock on the afternoon of May 30, 1935 at Allegheny County Memorial Park. Bill Maisch will be the presiding officer.

Letters the Editor likes to receive—  
Hello Everybody:

After perusing the "Service Magazine" dedicated to Washington and Lincoln, reading the Commander's Page, also the radio broadcasts by Jack Sugden and Bill Maisch—I grabbed my pen and check book (what there is left of it) and as the result you will find enclosed said certificate which I want you to apply to my credit. You will find the check redeemable as of date of issue without the regular twenty-seven year waiting period—which most fighting soldiers are well acquainted with.

Let's see more of each other at Brett Post meetings.

Yours in comradeship,

Jake Shulgold.

### PENNSYLVANIA AUXILIARY No. 1

Best wishes for the speedy recovery of Mrs. Margaret Finn, one of our Gold Star Mothers, who has been seriously ill at her home in Mt. Washington.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Joseph Frew in her sorrow over the death of her father and to Mrs. Joseph Shugrue due to the death of her mother.

Mrs. Kohnfelder is again a grandmother. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kohnfelder are proud parents of a young son.

Plans are being made for Memorial Day at which time we shall participate in services at the different cemeteries and at our own services at Allegheny County Memorial Park.

Mrs. Irene Shoemaker had as her guest over the Easter holiday, Master Thomas Crean of Camden, New Jersey.

Misses Mary and Sarah Webb of Petersburg, Virginia, were made honorary life members of the Pennsylvania Auxiliary No. 1 at the March meeting. We feel honored to have them as members of the first auxiliary of the 80th Division.

Elaborate plans are being made to entertain the ladies' auxiliaries at the Wheeling Reunion. Remember the dates—August 1st - 2nd - 3rd - 4th.

Gertrude Cronkhite.

### PHILADELPHIA POST No. 2

The Post extends their sympathy to Rodney Bonsall due to the loss of his mother.

March meeting lived up to the advanced press notices. Everyone commended on the fine time they had.

Brig. General Charles Herron, former Commander 313th F. A., came from Washington, D. C. to attend. We think he is a 'regular fellow'.

Alex Hornkohl, former 313th medical man, was the master of ceremonies. He was ably assisted by Commander Tom Doyle and George Kittelberger, in charge of publicity.

The evening began with a reception held at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel, enabling the boys to meet the General. Followed by dinner at 8:30, then adjournment to the meeting rooms.

What a meeting! The chairman of the various committees presented exacting reports. Everyone felt especially honored in having General Herron with us. There were a list of orators a mile long, conversation drifted to several subjects, one being a school boy's respect for the U. S. army uniform. Finally the most important motion was temporarily tabled.

We joined the ladies of the auxiliary in a luncheon they had planned. The Auxiliary and Artillery deserve many compliments for the manner in which they put their affairs over.

We are looking forward to Infantry Night, and if you want to enjoy another good time be there.

Bill Graham.



## WHO IS WHO IN PHILADELPHIA

"Don't stay at home soldier." The presence of yourself and family are requested to attend the annual Memorial Services to be held at the Richardson Memorial Church, 60th and Walnut Streets, on Sunday evening, May 26th.

Incidentally—wear the old uniform if you can get into it.

An invitation is also extended to every veteran, his family and friends to be at the grave decoration services to be held Memorial Day morning. We owe this tribute to our departed comrades.

Then while we are on the go, it isn't one bit too soon to begin your plans for Wheeling. Let us "move forward with the 80th" and give the Wheeling Reunion Committee our full support and cooperation. Arrange your vacation to include the 16th Annual Convention of the 80th, August 1-2-3-4.

Our Finance Officer tops his other abilities off by being a "mean shaker".

Our old pal, Paul Beck of 317th Infantry, has organized and leads a clever Junior Bugle Corp which is attached to the Hamilton Fish, V.F.W. Post. After this boys address Paul as, Capt. Beck.

Why were those pleasant executive meetings discontinued? Remember they were held at 67 E. Surely it was not by edict of our host and hostess; for the Millinghausens are by far remarkable entertainers.

Are you in need of insurance of any kind? If so, see Rus Mahon or George Kittelberger. These boys have joined forces and what one doesn't know the other must. You will realize how much you need insurance after talking to Rus and George.

Still we have other prize salesmen. Adjutant Frank Roche, Sam Millinghausen and Dave Davis can compete with them any day. Frank sells electric bulbs, Sam, household furnishings and Dave, rugs and carpets.

Paging Ed Boyle, our membership chairman. George Kittelberger, Joe Clark, Ed. Demmet and Jack Edmonds have been busy, but they need the guiding support of their chairman.

Watch out for the announcement of our 'past commander's night'. The majority of our former commanders are still quite active. Frank Schoble,—our ever to be remembered friend and comrade, will always be greatly missed . . . Frank was our first and foremost Commander . . . Bill Galleher, a very busy man but he always finds time to drop in occasionally . . . I generally attend—for I must write this doggone column it seems . . . Rodney Bonsall,—sticks to the Post through everything . . . he has been Finance Officer for years . . . Elmer Leddon,—lives away off in the country so we seldom see him . . . Otto Leinhauser,—a regular fellow and for years the chairman of the Memorial Day Committee . . . Rus Mahon,—but you know Rus as Chairman of Entertainments . . . Fred Haussman,—is always on hand—but how he does dodge committees. We'll excuse Fred, 'cause he is a newlywed. . . Bill Pfeifer,—who was always active until the depression placed him on night work . . . Evan Tibbott,—the best Welfare Chairman any Post could wish for . . . and last but by no means least, Jim Kilgallon,—he is the youngest of the 'has beens'—yet he is one of our 'old faithfuls'.

Tom Doyle, present Commander, and others please note.

Bill Graham.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM WHEELING

Col. Walter Smith, the industrious General Chairman, is very well pleased over the progress of his Committee so far. He extends his own cordial invitation to the buddies of the 80th Division to visit Wheeling.

George B. Kennedy, the active Chairman, sometimes postpones calling a motion to order two pitchers of 'light brew'.

Vice-Commander Henry Neumann made his appearance at the fashionable hour of nine. There is rumored that he values the "new cowboy hat". How about it, Hen?

Pat Scully, the renowned Chief of Police, Benwood, W.Va. is an active member of the Reunion Committee.

Al Sonneborn, the genial haberdasher, invites all 80th men to drop in to see him.

Leo Emmerth, in charge of the automobile, asks the cooperation of every 80th comrade in helping to distribute tickets.

Russell Burt has shown an energetic spirit in arranging for hotels and housing.

Irwin Baer, the watch dog of the treasury, attends every meeting to see that no one slips a bill through for payment without his approval.

Ed. Davis, Chairman of the Ticket Committee for the automobile, which some lucky person will get during the convention.

Ray Falland will have to step lively to stay in the marathon race which Leo Emmerth is going to lead in selling tickets for the automobile.

Tom Gavin, Bill Gompers, George Beans and some of the rest are missing plenty when they forget to attend regularly.

E. P. Carney, the vigorous Executive Secretary of the Committee, hasn't much to do—except working about twenty hours out of every twenty-four—then taking his meals on the run.

Pat Burke, seems very secretive about something and he refuses to disclose just what it is all about. As Badge Committee Chairman we suspect that he has several distinctly new ideas up his sleeve.

The Reunion Committee extends a cordial invitation to every 80th buddy to attend the 16th Annual National Reunion at Wheeling on August 1-2-3-4th.

## 318th INFANTRY HEADQUARTERS

The Congressional Record of February 4, 1935 states that Major General Briant H. Wells was retired from the United States Army on January 31, 1935. Brigadier General Lytle Brown, United States Army, succeeding him to the rank of Major General.

## 318th INFANTRY—RICHMOND NEWS

Many Blue Ridgers were in attendance at the recent meeting given in welcome of James E. Van Zandt, Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Commander Van Zandt stated that, "Particular enemies of the veterans are the National Chamber of Commerce, the American Liberty League, and National Economy League, and the American Veterans' Association". The speaker referred to the adjusted compensation being branded by its enemies as "soldiers' bonus", whereas it is not a bonus, he said. All the soldiers are asking is for the balance of adjusted pay that is due them.

National Vice Commander James E. Farrar was included in the speakers who attended this meeting.

## 318th INFANTRY, COMPANY A

Buddies, our next objective is Wheeling, West Virginia. Start preparations now, make assurances that you can attend. From all reports it promises to be one of our 'bigger and better' reunions.

Captain Earl C. Shively, Lieut. Guy A. Dirom and Lieut. Henry E. McWane will be at the Reunion—with bells on. They are always glad to greet their boys.

We are counting on seeing our old buddy, Frank Fields at Wheeling. Frank, you have been among the missing for the last several reunions, so be sure to show your smiling face this year.

Expect to see Cecil Moyer, who lives at Edinburg, Virginia at the Reunion. How about it, Cecil? Come on, join us. We'll have a rip-roaring good time.

The gang is hoping to see George A. Moody and his Mrs. at the Reunion. George is from Petersburg, Virginia.

We have missed hearing from Cecil Wood of Ashland, Virginia. Why not write to your buddies once in a while, Cecil?

John L. Gerlacker, Washington, D.C., promises not to disappoint us at Wheeling.

We are planning to see our old friend, Charlie Robinson of Pittsburgh at the Wheeling Reunion.

Come on A Company men, be on deck with a good representation at Wheeling. The place—Wheeling, West Virginia. The date—August 1-2-3-4.

Jimmie Farrar.

The Wheeling Reunion Committee wishes to thank Jimmie for the advance publicity he has given the forthcoming reunion.

## 318th INFANTRY COMPANY D

I am giving notice of the convention at Wheeling, W. Va., through the local newspapers and expect a large delegation from the Blue Ridge living in this section to attend.

Thomas M. Coates, A. W. Woolard, J. C. Short, T. B. Taliaferro and others plan to be in Wheeling on August 1-2-3-4.

Brig. Gen. George H. Jamerson expressed his anticipated pleasure in meeting all 80th men, especially those who served under his command, during my recent visit with him. He resides at 2915 Monument Avenue, Richmond, Virginia.

I shall contact all 80th veterans in the vicinity of Warsaw and urge them to report at Wheeling in August.

Raymond Sisson, Warsaw, Virginia.  
Judge Advocate.

### 319th INFANTRY COMPANY HEADQUARTERS

Saw Capt. Sands not long ago; he is working in Wheeling but still living in Pittsburgh.

Went up to Donora to see John Anderson. He is teaching at Donora high school, is married and has four boys.

Your columnist has been on the sick list all winter, hence his laxness in furnishing news for the column.

Bob Newman.

### 319th INFANTRY COMPANY E

Company E held their second quarterly meeting at the Fort Pitt Hotel on March 21st. Representatives from every squad were there. The Fourth Platoon not only had the most in attendance but they were the class of the party. Eddie Ferrari, Bill Keller—were a couple of the boys representing this snappy outfit.

It was decided by the 'old soldiers' to meet on the first Monday in February, May, August and November. They also agreed to eliminate dues or regular assessments. Every buddy is welcome—whether he has a dime or happens to be a millionaire.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 11th and 12th. Arrangements have been made to ballot all who come to the club in the country. Do you remember the many country clubs which we were billeted in during our stay in France? This club will be minus that exquisite French perfume that permeated those never to be forgotten cow barns.

The fellows who plan to attend the meeting in Uniontown will probably attribute it—as one of the best times they ever had. How could we help but have an extraordinary meeting when we have Red Reed, Elmer Baker, Russ Smiley, Mike Girod, Jimmy Howard, John Herber and Buzz Harpford as our hosts. Many other E men generously promised to assist too. Among them are: Chuck Wanner, in charge of the mess, Bill Webb will capably manage the liquid refreshments, Eddie Ferrari, the official M. P. and Bill Keller to act as chief-greeter.

The new officers include the following: Bill Keller, Company Clerk; Eddie Ferrari, Corporal; Chuck Wanner, Mess Sergeant; Bill Webb, Sergeant and Cy Madden, Top Kick.

All members who wish to attend the meeting at Uniontown on Saturday, May 11th—meet at Fort Pitt Hotel—at five P.M. Upon arriving in Uniontown meet at the American Legion House at eight P. M. Please notify Wm. J. Keller, 725 Broadway, McKees Rocks, Pa., if you intend to go and how many you are able to accommodate in your car. You may call Bill at Federal 1162.

We shall find room for every buddy who wishes to go—even if they have to ride the front bumper of Bert Sutherland's Austin car. We are expecting several of our former officers, so do not miss the chance to tell them just what you think. Recall how they used to read the riot act to us? They will probably give us the merry ha ha. Then too, the team of Lenihan and Ferrari promise some excitement.

Last warning—don't forget to send your name and address to Bill Keller.

Topkick Bob Heckert operates the Twin Willows, a picturesque spot two miles north of Bakerstown on route 8 on the main highway. Of course, Bob is always glad to see 80th buddies.

Cyril Madden.

### 319th INFANTRY COMPANY L

F. C. McFarlin, one of our plucky disabled buddies, is part owner of McFarlin's Grill, 1501 West Carson Street, Pittsburgh, Pa. McFarlin's serve the best chicken dinners—southern style—this side of the "Blue Ridge".

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**319th INFANTRY COMPANY I**

All I Company men who are interested in planning a company get-together send your name and address to Jesse G. Hamilton, treasurer of Farmers Bank and former I Company member, 315 Farmers Bank Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

**319th INFANTRY MACHINE GUN COMPANY**

The 14th reunion of the Machine Gun Company was held in the American Legion Hall at Carnegie, Pa., on April 7th.

This reunion was the most successful to date, sixty-eight former members being present at roll call. Among those who were: Capt. Huston; Lieuts. Gibson, Whitlock, Hentrick, Sockrider and Alter, Burton, Campbell, Morrow, Hy Miller, Ray Miller, Barthol, Rank, Klick, Nixon. The corporals and bucks came from far and wide.

The Company was honored by the attendance of Major General Adelbert Cronkhite, Bill Fleming and the Wheeling Reunion Committee.

Former members are requested to communicate with Samuel G. Alter, 501 Berger Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., so that notices can be mailed to them of future events planned by the 319th Machine Gun Club.

Robert Morrow.

**320th INFANTRY****MEDICAL MUSINGS—By Koney**

Your columnist has been too engrossed in very personal affairs of late to dig up any "dirt" on the Medicos for this issue; however, is justly thrilled to report the following on himself:

Daybreak of April 4th marked the arrival of a 7 pound 10-ounce baby boy—another Earl Joseph ("Koney, Jr." if you please)—to march "forward only" with the ranks of the grand and glorious Eightieth. Mother and baby are both doing well at home (123 Stanton Courts West).

Yezzir, "Koney the Globe Trotter" may now be "Koney the Sleep-Walker" to you BUT he is humbly proud—and profoundly thankful!

**320 INFANTRY COMPANY C**

George A. Davies, Jr., active member of Brett Post, is recovering from a major operation.

**320th INFANTRY COMPANY E**

E Company, 320th Infantry Veterans Association will hold its seventeenth annual reunion and banquet at the Fort Pitt Hotel on Saturday, May 18, 1935. An unusual program of entertainment has been planned for the occasion.

E Company was one of the first company organizations of its kind being organized in the spring of 1919 at St. Gervais, France. Lieut. W. W. Martin, Company Commander and founder; its first officers being William Maisch, Pres. J. Fackiner, Secretary-Treasurer.

Former member of the company who has not received an announcement letter of the reunion—please get in touch with Homer W. Ludwig, 1407 Mellon St., Pittsburgh, Pa. The reunion committee in charge of arrangements include Jerome J. Connor, Samuel H. Stover, William E. Luley, Andrew Downing, Henry W. McGowran, William Maisch, Kenneth Bixler, Thomas F. Corrigan, Homer W. Ludwig, J. B. Witt and D. J. Fackiner.

D. J. Fackiner, President.

**320th INFANTRY COMPANY I**

The 17th Annual Reunion of Company I was held in the Banquet Room of the Fort Pitt Hotel on Saturday evening, March 30th. Forty-two members were present.

An appropriate memorial service was dedicated to the thirty-seven comrades who either made the supreme sacrifice in France or who since died. Major Jack Sugden, who conducted the services, read the following list of deceased: Wm. R. Carlisle, Jacob Truxal, Wesley Berger, Robert Sours, Joseph McGrogan, Walter Heltmark, Joseph Norris, James Costello, Harry Ellman, Leonard Sandemire, Allen Wampler, Franklin Cramer, Benjamin Berkley, Henry Phillip, Albrham Gafton, Lois Wetmiller, Roy Spangler, Stanley Kaztowsky, Martin McDonough, William Myers, Jas. J. Doyle, Jas. Worman,

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Letters were read from our former Captain Senator of Massachusetts, Henry W. Parkman and First Lieut. R. A. Dunmire which reads as follows:

Dear Friend Sugden:—

I very much appreciate your reminder of and invitation to the 17th annual reunion of Company "I" 320th Infantry. It would be a great pleasure to be able to sit in with you at this gathering and to fight over some of the "battles" of Camp Lee, and great pond and the A.E.F. and more especially to meet and talk with the members of Company "I" who are still available to answer roll-call.

Perhaps some time in the future, when I have more nearly completed the task of educating two young corporals in my home, we can have the pleasure of being with you all.

Under present outlook abroad it might appear that the famous cry of "Let's go 'I' Company" may have to be sounded again. In that case count me in, and if we are all too old and stiff to go over we can sit back and tell the younger generation how the problems should be solved.

Please extend my sincere greetings to all members of Company "I" and remind them that if they ever get out this way the door is open to receive them.

I had the privilege of visiting with former Major Howell, earlier of "H" Company when he attended Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, and would certainly appreciate more accurate news of the members of "I" than he was able to give.

Wishing you all the best of health and a successful "war" on the 30th, I am.

Very truly yours,  
R. A. Dunmire.

The following were present:

Sabin Bolton, Jack Sugden, General Cronkhite, William Fleming, Nick Matty, Norman Cunningham, Arch Sharpe, L. T. McQuaide, William Herring, John T. Carey, Homer Dunn, Harry Rosner, John Bell, Robert Clarke, Frank Anderson, Albert Kelly, William Parker, Dennis Cones, Robert Wampler, Harry Walker, M. N. Hermes, John Moeller, Chas. Smith, Ralph Thomas, Arlie Gontz, John C. Beattie, Earle Young, Daniel Claypool, Boyd Shafer, E. H. Willis, Lafayette Vincent, George Dinninger, Bud Cassidy, Harry Collette, Frank Rossie, Jr., William Sotus, William Jarvis and Ike Feather.

Comrade Dunmire is the cashier of the State Bank of Spring Hill, Spring Hill, Kansas.

Inspiring talks were made by Bill Fleming and Major General Adelbert Cronkhite. Homer Dunn, the silver voiced tenor from Latrobe, Pa., sang several numbers. A vote of confidence was given to the present officers—President, Sabin Bolton and Jack Sugden, Secretary-Treasurer. Not neglecting to add that a six piece colored orchestra kept everyone in the best of spirits with their syncopating rhythm.

Jack Sugden.

### 314th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTERY E

Comrade Joseph H. Koenigs of Mapleton, Iowa would like to hear from Battery E men. Address him at 208 North 8th Street.

### 313th FIELD ARTILLERY

Our thanks to General Herron, former regimental commander, for helping to make Philadelphia Post Artillery Night a success.

Alex Hornkohl visited the General in Washington to present a personal invitation; he also acted as his escort while he was in Philadelphia.

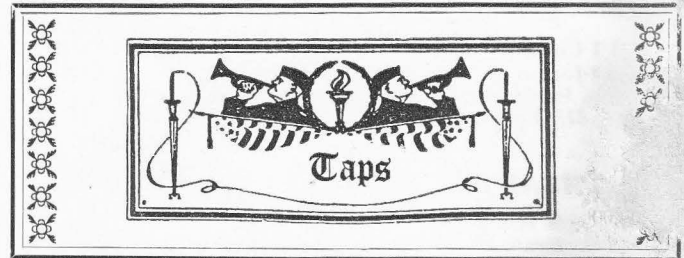
Your writer, as the oldest Artillery Post Commander, was privileged to preside at the meeting.

Jack Edmonds of Headquarters Company, was on hand for the dinner. We saw Jack later at the meeting too.

Larry Fisher, Jim Coleman and Ed Fitzgerald represented B Battery.

Lew Strouse, Clarence Stolt, Alex Graham, Jim Herbert and the writer represented C Battery. C Battery missed the support of Paul Eitle.

We hoped to see Frank Haenle of Headquarters, and Bill Pfeifer and Bob Crawford of C, but these boys had to stick to the old grind.



**CONN, ROBERT** formerly sergeant of Company B 319th Infantry died suddenly at his home in Uniontown, Pa., on Saturday, March 23, 1935. Following his return from France he taught school in Uniontown until 1924, when he entered a government hospital. His physical disability was due to shell shock.

**HATTON, ALLEN E** formerly of Company A 321st Infantry died at his home in Heathville, Virginia on March 30, 1935. Burial was made from the Henderson M. C. Church at Hyacinth, Virginia. He leaves surviving a widow, mother and several brothers.

**ROBINSON, WILLIAM C.**, formerly of Company C 320th Infantry died at the U. S. Veterans Hospital, Fort Bayard, New Mexico, Monday, January 28, 1935. He was the youngest member of the 80th Division, enlisting at Camp Lee, Virginia on September 22, 1917 at the age of fifteen and served half years. He participated in all training periods of the Division and saw active service with the British at Arras, Artois Sector, St. Mihiel and three phases of the Meuse-Argonne Forest. He is survived by his wife and three sons as well as his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Chandler of Pittsburgh.

**FORD, ANDREW J.** formerly a first lieutenant with 314th Field Artillery, died April 25, 1935 at Isolation Hospital, New Jersey. He attended Seton Hall College and was a graduate of Columbia University School of Engineering. Ford's death was due to a blood infection which was made on April 27, 1935, from his home, 96 South 11th Street, Newark, N. J. Since the war he had been engaged in investment and municipal financing business.

### OUR SYMPATHY

To Rodney Bonsall of Philadelphia Post due to the recent loss of his mother.

Yes, I am still wondering whether 313 was composed of Philadelphians—or whether the boys living in cities and towns were—just too tired to come out.

### 305th ENGINEERS COMPANY

Last summer a number of ex-soldiers were camping a few weeks in a quiet spot on Lake Erie. It happened there were no ex-cooks or K.P.'s in the outfit, so they decided to draw cuts to see which one would be cook. The unfortunate loser was to cook until someone kicked about his culinary arts, then the complainant was quite readily elected to his position.

The fellow whose lot it fell to cook happened to have a lot of talent along that line; so he cooked faithfully for a week and, everyone was happy—that is, everyone except the cook. By that time he had become thoroughly disgusted with the job. However, only exclamations of praise were given him, so what could he do. Finally a bright idea dawned on him. He poured about a pound of salt in the potatoes for supper and anxiously awaited the results.

The bunch came in when soup call sounded, sat down to the table, and helped themselves generously. The first one to take a bite of the potatoes jumped up with the surprised yell "Jumping Jerusalem!—those potatoes are salty, but that's the way I like them," he hastily added.

Wave A. Smith

Three Opinions—Continued from page 6

be entitled to borrow without the sanction of either Congress or the President, because an endowment policy is a document on pay in on and have the right to borrow at any time, so long as you keep up the premium payments. Therefore it is a twenty year endowment policy in any way whatever, actually a promissory note, which means that under the act of 1925 passed by Congress, our Government is obligated to pay World War Veterans for the sum of \$3,500,000,000 to \$4,000,000,000 payable to them in twenty years. The law also stipulates that if Congress wishes to pay off any part of this note before expiration of the said twenty years it may do so at its own discretion, providing that there is a charge of not more than 4% interest added to the loan, which of course means an annual rate.

- A. Continuing this paragraph I might add that the average face value of a certificate is \$1,000.
- B. 3,000,000 veterans at \$1,000 each face value would equal \$3,000,000,000.
- C. They borrowed 50% of this which would equal \$1,500,000,000 and were charged 4% annually interest from 1930.
- D. This interest would amount to \$60,000,000 annually and by 1944 or a period of fifteen years the principle of \$1,500,000,000 less the fifteen years interest would amount to \$1,400,000,000 and would actually leave the Government obligated to the veterans but \$600,000,000 and so it happens that the Government has actually saved \$900,000,000 by paying the 50% of their note. Is it any wonder that the President and private interests are opened to the public being paid off? I certainly would like to do business their way for a while and vouch that I would be rich in a very short time.

Fifth answer—  
 Hobart, if \$2,000 million dollars is unfair to give to veterans and a burden to the citizens of our country, I ask, is it fair and honest for our Government to appropriate \$487,464 to foreign countries, and allow these countries to trade? The answer to this question by the majority of the people would undoubtedly be no, and this does not count the money appropriated under the present legislation to which I will refer in this article. It would be appreciated by the majority of veterans and citizens if you would be a little more explanatory and specific in your meaning of fairness.

Sixth answer—  
 Hobart, so far as the rich veterans are concerned, I think that there might be one so called rich veteran in every 100 veterans. So taking 3,000,000 veterans who were in the service that would give us 3,000 rich veterans. On an average each certificate it would cost but \$3,000,000. As to the employment question you have brought up regarding veterans, I am safe in estimating there are 50% of the total that is putting it conservatively.

Seventh answer—  
 Hobart, as to your assertion regarding increasing the taxes and deficits; if this Bonus were paid I shall try, to the best of my ability, to enlighten you a little on this subject. The actual danger lies but not by the veterans but by the \$2,000,000,000.

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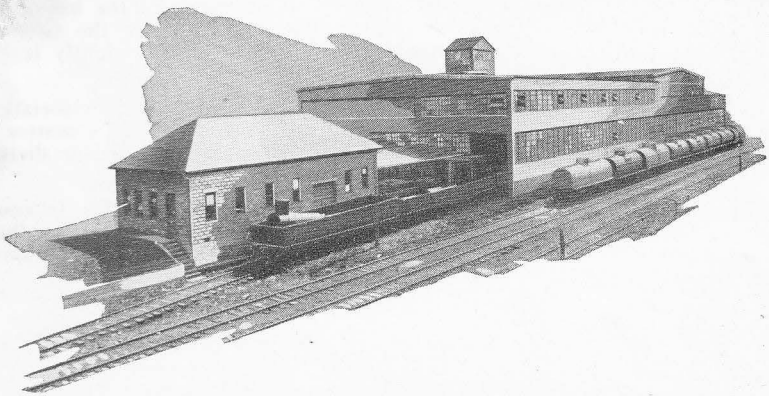
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For Capital of regional Agricultural Credit corps .....	44,500,000.00
For Exp. of regional Agriculture Credit corps .....	2,747,874.00
To the Land Bank Commissioner .....	37,600,000.00
To the Governor of Farm Credit Administration .....	40,500,000.00
Banks and Trust Companies .....	1,357,688,506.00
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Mortgage Loan Companies .....	195,000,000.00
Regional Agricultural credit Corporations .....	152,224,900.00
Building and Loan Corporations .....	112,025,136.00
Insurance Companies .....	87,292,530.00
Federal Land Banks .....	72,800,000.00
Joint Stock Land Banks .....	14,123,505.00
Livestock Credit Corporations .....	12,568,733.00
Federal Intermediate Credit Banks .....	9,250,000.00
State funds for insurance public monies .....	5,887,716.00
Agricultural Credit Corporation .....	5,125,930.00
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For the purchase of cotton .....	3,300,000.00
For the purchase of preferred stock of Banks .....	55,583,000.00
For the purchase of Debentures of Banks .....	15,740,000.00
For the purchase of Capital notes of Banks .....	25,000,000.00
For Loans Secured by preferred stock of Banks .....	13,528,500.00
For Direct relief to states under the emergency Relief Act, 1933 .....	299,984,999.00
For relief of States under emergency Relief Act of 1933 .....	272,388,006.00
For Financing self Liquidating construction Projects .....	60,164,882.00
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Thus this makes a Grand Total of \$3,543,913,392.00 which covers a period of one year and nine months.

In 1932 when President Roosevelt was running for the presidency, he was very plain in several of his campaign speeches when he made the flat statement, "I am not in favor of paying the soldiers bonus until we have a balanced budget and money in the treasury." Since Mr. Roosevelt became President of the United States, I wish to call your attention to an additional amount of money it has cost to run our Government during his term, and remember we had a deficit of \$2,000,000,000.00 when he took office.

I will not take the time to list the items for which the money appropriated in the years of 1933 and 1934, but will say that total expenditures for the two years amounted to \$12,105,050,084.95, however this does not take into account the amount of \$3,543,913,392.00 being charged to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation a Federal agency and which has been in operation all during President Roosevelt's term. The Appropriations for 1935 are figured at \$8,000,000,000.00. Taking all appropriations since Mr. Roosevelt's period in office we have a grand total of \$23,791,917,103.56. Of this total the Veterans are charged with but \$1,269,794,340.44

Mr. Hobart,

On further examination of President Roosevelt's opposition to payment I refer you to his speech as of October 19, 1934 at Roanoke, Virginia. The administration has mentioned that to cash the balance of these certificates now, would actually undermine the credit of the nation. If this were an actual fact I would at once be in accord with the President to say no and wait until such time as it could afford to pay the veterans. Private industry has been borrowing Federal funds by the hundreds of millions of dollars not just the last few years but for the past ten years and especially the railroads.

I ask, Mr. Hobart, do you sanction and consider it a sound financial policy of the administration to hand out to private industry money that way; and that it will not eventually jeopardize the credit of the Government, if the powers that continue to sanction such vast loans and especially where so many corporations have over-capitalized themselves in recent

years, simply so that they can attain the desired principle of paying their stockholders.

Mr. Hobart,

Do you consider that under the present Agricultural policy, such as to reduce the acreage of grains by not planting, kill off surplus cattle and to succeed in such a policy pay farmers cold cash will not undermine the credit of the nation? I do not know the exact amount but I am safe in estimating it about \$1,000,000,000.00.

In closing this letter I wish to state for Mr. Hobart's benefit and also the organization he represents including others that I have mentioned in this letter, that it would be most highly gratifying and constructive if he and other heads of these opposing organizations to the veterans being granted their Bonus would direct the greater portion of their initiative in putting criticism where it belongs, rather than try to put obstructions in the paths of those who regardless of what you think, Mr. Hobart, are absolutely entitled to everything they can secure for their livelihood and their happiness in future years to come.

Very sincerely,

Byron McWilliam

Colonel E. G. Peyton, National Commander,  
80th Division Veterans' Association,  
413 Plaza Building,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Colonel:

The whole Army Veterans' compensation system of this Country has been so obviously a racket of a most vicious nature from the War of 1812 to date, that I find it exceedingly difficult to believe that anyone who advocates the continued extension of the system is either mentally or morally sound. Naturally, I in no way refer to those comrades who have suffered injuries, physical or mental, as a direct result of their service and which were received in line of duty.

However, we all know that a very minor portion of the payments made can be honestly stated as belonging to that select group—perhaps not over 25%.

At the formation of the 80th Veterans' Association I hoped it would take a patriotic position on all National questions and not work for the selfish interests of the few. The January-February, 1935 issue of the Service Magazine contains an article "War Contractors Receive Credit" which attempts by a series of obviously distorted facts to justify the present bonus agitation. The only conclusion seems to me that one can draw from it is, that the author believes, assuming his statement is "The whole truth, nothing but the truth", two wrongs make a right. The tenor of the article I am not surprised that no one would be attached to it.

Frankly, I am surprised and exceedingly disappointed that the paper publishing such an article.

There is unfortunately a tendency among all sections of the population to turn to the Government at Washington for the solution of all their problems. How far we have departed from the concept of the founders of this Country, whose only thought was the protection of the rights of the individual and who believed that the people must support the Government and not the Government the people. They rightly feared the danger of a strong centralized government.

It seems to me the American Veterans' Association should have taken the proper stand in regard to this bonus matter and should deem it a wise and patriotic step for our division to consider it proper to support their position.

If the members of the Division do not care to cooperate with that Association I hope they will at least keep the good name of the 80th Division free from the stigma of supporting a raid on the public treasury.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) EDWARD H. LITTLE,  
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Hartford, Connecticut.  
Major, 318th Infantry.



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