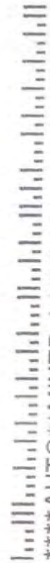


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## Commander's REPORT



*This is my first report to you as National Commander. I feel honored by your confidence in me. It will be a challenge to follow Clarence Brockman's tenure as commander. I will attempt to visit as many Posts as possible. Just let me know when you have your reunions.*

*The 2002 Reunion is history. I'm happy to report we will not lose money in spite of lower attendance. 176 people attended that is a major reduction from the previous year. An analysis of the reason for lower attendance shows that the group's growing age and attendant health*

*problems kept many people away. To a lesser extent the 9/11 attack kept people from coming, because some don't want to fly or put up with airport hassles.*

*I owe thanks to many that helped in countless ways, but none more than Angelo and Kay Barone, who handed the Memorial Service in their usual proficient manner, and were available to pinch hit for Chaplain Woods. Thanks also to the helpers at registration. You know who you are. Mostly thanks to all that came. You are truly the greatest generation.*

*Plan early to attend the 2003 Reunion in Roanoke, VA. That location is closer for many people and can be reached by car. Senior Vice Commander Archer Futch is working hard to give you an enjoyable time. So let's get behind him. In the meantime I will see you at your Post get-togethers.*

*On a more personal note: at a particularly busy time at the reunion someone handed me a package, which I didn't open until I got home. To my surprise it was a handsomely framed certificate (framed with coins). I wish I could remember the veteran, who handed it to me. I would like to thank him, or his group, properly. Please let me know who you are.*

*Eric Reilinger,  
Commander*

## Awards Made at the 2002 Reunion

Our Constitution allows deserving individuals honorary membership in our Association. Although they do not otherwise qualify (Article 11 Par. 5).

Under that clause, The Executive Council recommended to the members present at the August 15<sup>th</sup> business meeting that, Major general Douglas O. Dollar, the Current Commanding General of the 80<sup>th</sup> Training Division, and Major Grant Porter, Plans and Operations Officer of the Training Division, be made Honorary Members of the 80<sup>th</sup> Division Veterans association. The recommendation was based on the

### A Letter From PNC Brockman

It was good seeing all of you who attended the 83rd Reunion in Melbourne, FL. The Hilton Airport Hotel was a very nice place. Naomi and I enjoyed our stay. Many attending the Reunion also found out what a great restaurant Sweet Water has.

I know I gave everyone a fright on Saturday morning but I am fine. After leaving the reunion we continued our trip to Alabama then Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia then arrived home on the 31st of August.

Thank you once again for giving me the Honor to serve as your National Commander this past year. I will do my best to be visible to keep the "80th Anniversary Forward"

Brock

lasting benefit, that these two individuals conferred on the Association by documenting the proud history of the division in a Video, which could eventually be shown on the history channel. The membership overwhelmingly approved the recommendation.

M.G. Dollar gave Honorary Colonels the following members of our Association, at the Diner/Dance. The commissions went to members, who participated in the video interviews or agreed to address troops of the 80<sup>th</sup> Division. The Honorary Colonels are as follows.

Clarence Brockman – Hq 317<sup>th</sup>  
Robert Smith – K-317  
Robert Burrows – Hq 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn 317  
Gerald V. Myers – G-317  
Eric Relinger – Hq 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn 317  
Angelo Barone – L-317  
George West – C-318  
Robert Wilkinson – I-318  
Hank Einolf – I-319  
Robert McDonald – C-319  
Don Davis – K-319  
Walton Spangler – A-319  
Albert Cresson – 315<sup>th</sup>-FA Bn  
Russell Sick. – 305 -Eng

### "Patron's List" Correction

We try to be perfect but sometimes we are not, sincerely apologies to Muriell Martin, Robert T. Murrell, Doris E. Murrell and Eleanor Schoenly were inadvertently omitted from the "Patron's List" of the Official Program book, for the Reunion.

## Life Plus Club 2001-2002

Life Members who contribute over and above the Life Membership. There is no set amount, it's free will as of 15 September 2002, and I may have omitted a name. I assure you it was not intentional. Please write me if I omitted your name, it will be corrected in the next issue of the Blue Ridge. I wish to thank each and everyone of you who contribute, by donating you are helping to promote the 80th Division and help one who may be less fortunate than you or I.

Gentlemen: While some of you have been faithful in sending in extra for the Life Plus Club, due to the shrinking membership (just follow the "Taps" column and close to 75% having taken Life Dues), I am asking those of you who haven't been a part of the Club in the past, to consider making a donation over and above your Life membership. Thank You!

### Secretary's REPORT

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I retain the right to eliminate any news that doesn't pertain to the 80<sup>th</sup>, such as Vacations, Ocean Voyages Etc.

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|--|---------------------------|
| Anon   | I-318                     |
| Barr, Jack   | G-317                     |
| Bowles, Lloyd A.   | AC, Ser-319               |
| Cole,  |                           |
| Robert T. Murrell  | C-318                     |
| In memory of his son Robert, Jr.                             |                           |
| Edwards, Daniel L. Jr.                                       | 80 <sup>th</sup> Sig      |
| Jarr, Arthur W.  | B-905 FA Bn               |
| Kullowayz, Vernon F.   | DV Hqs                    |
| Nase, Anthony  | CN-318                    |
| Shoemaker Howard   | I-317                     |
| Stuart, Dr. D.D  | B-305 Med                 |
| Tagmeyer, Nathan   | B-319                     |
| Tarpley, Willis B.   | L-317                     |
| Past National Commanders in Memory of PNC "Hank" Henry Wurst | B-317                     |
| In Honored and appreciated                                   |                           |
| Loyal Service of Bob Murrell                                 | M-318                     |
| Moberg, Dr. John A.  | Hq 1 <sup>st</sup> Bn 319 |
| Orr, David   | F-319                     |
| Sell, James J.   | Dv Hqs                    |
| Turner, Zane   | H-317                     |

## A Message from PNP Rita Kutsch

It was an honor to serve as President this past year in a great organization.

I want to thank all of my officers, past presidents and members for their cooperation. Thanks to those who gave all the gifts, and donations for our Veterans Table. All of helped selling tickets and those who bought the raffle tickets. The prizes were all very nice. I also want to thank all who in anyway helped and especially my daughters who saved me many steps as runners. I hope to see all of you in Roanoke, VA Next year. Rita Kutsch, PNP 2001-2002.

Thank you Eric and your committee for a great reunion in Melbourne, FL.

## MAIL BAG

From Andy Adkins—Those of you who are on the net, Andy has sent his web page to me and I think it is great. Go to [www.afn.org/~aadkins/80th](http://www.afn.org/~aadkins/80th) to view it... From Robert English 2516 Crawford Ave. Altoona, PA 16602, Phone: 1-814-943-3800. He wants to know if anyone ever heard of the Wolf Dog Tag. The holder of the Wolf Tag enabled them to whistle at the girls or men and approach them in a friendly manner. They were made of Leather, Wood and Fiber. All different shapes. Call him if you have heard of the Tag... I have been told that the Web Site WWW. Troubleshooters is for the 80<sup>th</sup>. by Terry Janes who created the 702 Tank BN Web Site. So look for it on the net and enjoy what he has to say about the 80<sup>th</sup>.... Lloyd Bowles A, Service Co writes, the 80<sup>th</sup> has meant a lot to all of us—God Bless my comrades and the 80<sup>th</sup>... in a letter dated July 27<sup>th</sup> John T. Wettig, Sr writes; Remember where you were 60<sup>th</sup> years ago today? I can still remember that day as I was inducted into Uncle Sams Army. He states he received a 14 day leave and was placed in the Reserve Corps with orders to return and be shipped to Ft. Thomas, KY. All the shots that were given seem like they were being given with a square needle. After arrival at Ft. Thomas a very small PFC stood on a balcony and called out the name of the men who were shipping out. A quart of milk was given to each person shipping out... Who doesn't remember that day we were inducted?... Gaylord Smith F-317<sup>th</sup>

writes, May 14<sup>th</sup> when within half mile of our friend Jim Detamores place, near Clarksburg, WV, after driving 530 miles we were hit head on by 19 year old, totaling my new Buick Le Sabre, and was put in the hospital for 2 weeks. Jim was my First Sgt. and we see him every year. Had to take an Air Ambulance home at a cost of \$3000. My Newsletter of 60years is over but it has been a good ride and experience... Anthony Nase of CN-318 would like to know if anyone has the address of the following or if they are deceased. Charles Gutterman and Lt. Alex Prokopocuitz. Also wants to know if anyone has the history of the 80<sup>th</sup> and wants to sell it, he would like to get a copy for the widow of Pat. Barber whose book was badly treated at a Nursing home... Helen Ferans PNP is now in a nursing home. Andy goes each day to feed her...The Gentleman who made a Video of the Memorial Service, would you make a copy of the tape you took for Angelo Barone and one other. The cost of which we will pay. Angelo Barone PNC. 116 S. Jackson Street Pottsville, PA 17901-3629 or contact the Sect. Thank you... for those of you who wish to visit Europe. The contacts you will want are Constant Georgen 48 Rue Moutfort L-5310 Luxembourg and Bernd Schmidt Kurt-Nehrling Str 62 99423 Weimar, Germany and Laurent Klein, Mayor, Arrondissement de Forbach 57450 Ville de Farebersviller France. All will be glad for your visit... In a letter for Jacob Hedricks K-317 3935

## MCBRIDE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The report of the 80<sup>th</sup> Division Veterans Association and the Lincoln NE Foundation was read at our 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Business Meeting and was accepted. The names of Don Davis were elected as the primary go-between with Francis Rajniecek to be the back up in case something happens to Don.

We are still going to collect any monies donated to this fund, as we need to cover the difference between what the fund will generate and the time we must come up with the difference.

Pasetel, Julia Mrs. A-319  
In Memory of her husband

### MAIL BAG-CONTINUED:

Sunnyside Dr Unit 48 Harrisonburg, VA 22801, his daughter she states her dad has come up with prostate cancer but at the present time nothing is to be done about it. He is nearly blind and has a cataract on his good eye but doctors want to delay this until it get real bad due to his being blind in the other eye. There is a Veterans group at the retirement community which he enjoys meeting with monthly. Write him a letter or card...

317<sup>th</sup> / 318<sup>th</sup> / 319<sup>th</sup>

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Mayflower, AR 72106

Omitted from last Issue  
Hittinger, Harry L. K-318  
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Whitehall, PA 18052-2236  
610-261-2236

Morinello, Frank A-319  
6877 Delamater Road  
Derby, NY 140479787  
716-947-5632

## From Benjamin Terry

He brings wishes especially to all men of Company F 318 and the others of the 80<sup>th</sup> Division

Every patriotic and freedom-loving American join in thanking you for the sacrifices you make on our behalf.

We hope this small token will bring you cheer on Memorial Day by letting you know that we are thinking of you and your fellow service men and women.

As we all celebrate our independence, please know that you are always in our thoughts and dedicated service will never be forgotten.

Thank you for the sacrifices you made.

# "TAPS"

Those marked with a \* have been entered in the Reunion Program or named at the Memorial Service

Barber, Pat  
CN-318  
148 Perry Street  
Punxsutawney, PA 8/19/02  
Rptd by Anthony Nase

Black, William G-319  
116 Beechwood Lane  
Morehead, KY 40751-9755 8/10/02  
Rptd by Son Bill

Benton, Perry 780<sup>th</sup> Ord  
6208 Larkspur Dr  
Alexandria, VA 22310-1514 8/1/02  
Rptd by Son Forrest

Convor, Neil ?-319  
Pinecrest, PA 7/25/02  
Newspaper Obit sent in by James Sell  
Not a member

Conway, Allen F.\* H-319  
1346 W. 35<sup>th</sup> Street  
Erie, PA 16508-2444 5/02  
Rptd by G. Ohlman

Henry, Roy Johnson E-317  
1615 N. Jackson Ave  
Odessa, TX 79761-2647 6/10/02  
Rptd by daughter ANN

Donavon, Robert E. A-319  
20417 Clark Street  
Woodland Hills, CA 91367-6820 4/27/02  
Rptd by wife Marian

Evan, J. B. B-314 FA Bn  
907-1  
Live Oak, FL 32064-3603 1/02  
Rptd by Daughter Jean Rehkop

Haas, James E.\*  
305 Med Bn  
526 King Ave.  
Galion, OH 44833-1849 5/27/02  
Rptd by wife Mildred

Hameister, Robert D. 313 Med Bn  
1212 Grand Ave  
Wausau, WI 54403-7906 2/2/02  
Rptd by wife Angeline

Heath, Ernest Richard\* Cannon-318  
Address unknown  
Grafton, OH 6/1/02  
Newspaper Obit  
Rptd By Bob Fasnacht

Jessup, Robert L.\* C-305 Eng  
13625 FM 314 N  
Brownsboro, TX 75756-3627  
Unknown  
Rptd by Postal Return marked Deceased

Johnson, Henry Roy E-317  
1615 N. Jackson Ave.  
Odessa, TX 79761-2464 6/10/02  
Rptd by Daughter Ann

Kenyon, Hubert H. Hq-314 FA Bn  
2404 Payne  
Evanston, IL 60201 8/02  
Rptd by Son Mike

Kibbe Jr, Rex T L-317  
PO BOX 371  
SCOBAY, MT 59263-0371 8/12/02  
Rptd by Angelo Barone

Kostenbader, Allen H. A-305 Eng  
333 Longcore Road  
Wind Gap, PA 18091-9607 4/12/2002  
Rptd Newspaper Clipping  
sent in by Harry Hittinger

Huhn, Raymond H. G-319  
3316-209<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bat City, MJ 11361-1462 8/22/02  
Rptd by Daughter

Lee, Frank\* Hq 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn 319  
5786 Myrtle Drive  
Fort Pierce, FL 34982-7554 6/9/02  
Rptd by Carmen Rocco

Mc Kinney, Goerge C. B-319  
700 Painter Ave  
Natrona Heights, PA 15065-2442  
8/21/02 / Rptd by Mel Beers

Mixer, Howard 80<sup>th</sup> Band  
125-56<sup>th</sup> Ave S. Apt 308  
St. Petersburg, FL 33705-5455  
8/5/01  
Rptd by Rita Kutsch

Nurren, Richard J.\* C-314 FA Bn  
2818 John Roe Smith Ave  
Medford, NY 11763-2143 Unknown  
Rptd by Postal Return marked Deceased

O'Neal, John H. I-317  
3607 Yearger Road  
Richmond, VA 23223-1409 7/9/2002  
Rptd by wife Edith

Osberg, John. W.\* Chaplain 318<sup>th</sup>  
5620 Wesleyan Dr. Apt 238  
Virginia Beach, VA 23455-6912  
Rptd by son

Phinney, Mervin E. H-319  
120 W.-11<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Mitchell, SD 57301-1306 8/25/02  
Rptd by Carroll E. Peterson

Schember, Raymond I-318  
Ocala, FL 34474 6/24/2001  
Rptd by son

Stack, William Cn-319  
2200 Scott Key Drive  
District Hts, MD 20747-1228  
Rptd By Angelo Barone

Warner, Floyd E.\* Signal Co.  
3623 W. Liberty Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45205-1532 6/29/02  
Rptd By Melda Schmidt

White, Arlington M. B-305 Med  
282 Parkers Glen Road  
Shohola, PA 18458-4202 7/6/02  
Rptd by Daugheter Joan

Wurst "Hank" Henry\* B-317  
PO Box 199  
Warrenville, IL 60555-0199 6/30/02  
Rptd by wife Carmille

Garain, Jaques Garain 11<sup>th</sup>  
Bn Belgium Fusiliers 02  
Life member attached to the 80<sup>th</sup> Division  
In France and Luxembourg  
Rptd by Postal return

We wish to report the name of Bobby Phillips of B-305 Medic was listed under 'Taps' when the man is very much alive. A Kathie Webber, unknown, sent in this name.

## HELP! HELP! HELP!!

I am looking for information for my father-in-law on his brother, JOSEPH BLAZEK, who was killed in action on 11 Sept. 1944 in France. He was buried in France and later returned to Michigan. We know he was in the 80th Div, 319th Infantry, but not, which company. We are interested in anyone who might know about his time in the unit and details of the action resulting in his death. Please contact Lynn Blazek, 1913 Green Parks Drive, Ellensburg WA 98926.

*Thanks for any!*

## PAST PRESIDENTS ATTEND REUNION

The following Past National Presidents attended the 83rd Reunion in Melbourne, FL.

Alice Schmidt,  
Helen Beers  
Cara Lee Davis,  
Kay Rajnicek  
Margaret Schock,  
Lorene Myers  
Marcella Haley  
Naomi Brockman

We welcomed our newest member at our Past National presidents Dinner at the Sweet Water Restaurant Rita Kutsch. We would also like to congratulate Rita with the success of her Veterans Hospitality Table and for the fine job she did this year as National President.

Our best wishes go to Ida Reilinger and her officers for this New Year. We also extend our best wishes to Eric Reilinger as he starts his year as National Commander. We all hope to see a few more Past National president next year in Roanoke, VA.

See you all at the 84th Reunion in 2003!

Rita Kutsch, PNP getting "pinned" by her daughter.



## Greater Reading Post #32

We lost one of our Artillery girls, C. Jane Szurrot. She passed away on 7/1/02. Warren Gelman received four a heart by-pass. He is doing well. I also want to report Joe Mollica is now in the Holy Family Manor. 1200 Spring Street, Bethemhem PA 18018.

We have made arrangements for our Christmas Dinner December 7 2002 at 1 PM at the Rivers Edge Motel on Route 183. Beef and Turkey will be on the menu.

I was sorry to miss the reunion due to a fall I had fracturing my wrists in two places. I have 2 pins in the wrist.

Congregations to Eric Relinger, Archer Futch and the others who came into office. I want to thank Bob Smith for paying my dues. I am working on my Baker boys of the Artillery to come to Roanoke and a good time.

## Florida Post #47

For the first time our Post lost its commander while in office, Archie Howell passed away just before the reunion. I was not aware until the Monday of the week of the reunion, when I was checking in. He and his wife were traveling north when he became ill. He succumbed shortly after. We send our heart felt sympathy to his widow Velma. A gift to the Heart Association has been made in his memory.

While at the reunion our past Post Commander George Bell came to inform us that his wife Jeans mother had just passed away. The service for her would be on Saturday the last day of the reunion. Having lost my 104 year mother in May, just six weeks shy of her 105 year, I could share their feeling of loss. I also at this time wish to acknowledge the kind and loving consideration of our National Commander and Naomi Brockman who came from out of state to console us in our hour of sorrow. We could not offer them our home because our daughters who came from out of state occupied our four bedrooms. I would also like to acknowledge all the phone calls and cards that were received.

At the Memorial Service we had a first in my recollection, a bagpiper was used to pipe us in to the service, he played The Caissons Go Rolling Along. On leaving the service I was stopped by a member to answered some questions, as we were talking I felt a tug on my jacket sleeve, as I turned I saw a lad about

12 years old with a walker, he was mentally and physically challenged. He was holding a hand salute and continued tugging at my sleeve until I returned the salute. I told his grandfather we need more soldiers like him. It was the most moving moment of the convention.

I was glad to see John Firestone at the banquet. As I walked across the room he stopped me to ask if his friend was there, I pointed straight ahead, he thanked me and had a good time.

We arrived home in Ohio at dusk to find our phone out of order. Being busy getting things in order, unloading the station wagon, and checking the yard, we did not call our neighbor alerting them we were home. It was dark when Catherine went out to walk over to notify them we were home. She was startled to find 3 police cars, the City Council President and one of our neighbors greeting her. When our light came on some neighbors called the police and they responded. It makes you feel great to know your property is looked after when traveling.

Don't forget to make your reservations for our November meeting. It is the first and second at the Hampton Inn, 3434 SW College Road. Ocala, FL 34474, phone 352-854-3200. Room rates will be \$61.00. Reservations must be made no later than October 9, 2002. Rates are good 3 days prior and 3 days after the meeting. When making your reservations make sure that you tell them you are with the Florida Post #47.

Francis Rajnicek, Sect

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## Post #36 3d Bn., 317 Inf.

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We had a fairly large number present at our Hospitality Room. Among those in attendance were 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Cmd Archer Futch (G) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Cmd Marvin Spenser (Hq Co) and his wife Helen. Also Bill Cyranna (L) and grandson Partick; Jerry Spellman (Bn Hq) and son Tim; Bill (G) and Charmaine Laing and daughter and grandson; Angelo (L) Barone and Kay Barone and son Jerry and Friend; Bettie Dian; and four daughters of Rita Kutsch, President of National Auxiliary. Everyone was entertained, especially the Kutsch sisters, by Ray Dumrauf's (Bn Hq) imitation of Hitler and his mustache. We thank Bob Smith for securing the Hospitality Room and Dominic Palumbo and Rose Nathason for helping with refreshments.

Thanks for the contributions toward expenses for the Hospitality Room, Ads and gifts in memory of those deceased during the year. A special thanks to Bill Cyra and Jerry Spellman for their generous contributions.

We had a note from Clark (L) telling us she would be unable to be at the reunion. We understand Lucille. We hope this finds you in a telephone conversation with Bob Moorhead (L) on the reunion equals. He mentioned well after he had been to the reunion.

Received from Charles E. Kille, 6655-100<sup>th</sup> Ave, Pinellas Park, FL 33782-2022. Kille was with me in Camp Forrest until

being wounded in France where he was picked up by German Medics. He was discharged in '45, rejoined the Army in '48 spent 3 years in Korea, 3 years in Vietnam, retired in 69. He mentions he has a photo album with individual pictures of the entire Company Officers and Enlisted men at Camp Forrest and other items of memorabilia. Anyone wishing to see the album and other items, please write him and he will gladly make it available. A worthy memorabilia for remembrance.

We thank Angelo Barone and wife Kay for presenting the Memorial Service with reverence and regard.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are ill. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Bob Nathason, Sect

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## Cincinnati Post #34

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I had better bring you up to date on the news of our post. As you know we lost our commander Floyd Warner. Art and I talked out whether someone should be appointed or wait until the next election. That time will be in December

Our turns out haven't been too high. We meet on the first Sunday of every month. As Labor Day approaches we wish all to have a good one. Vickie had surgery on her left knee and is taking medication three times a week and is very tired after taking it. I am open to anyone who calls in regard to our meetings.

John T. Wetting, Sr.

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## Post #33 Co. H, Inf.

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The 80<sup>th</sup> Division reunion was a sorry one for the most of Post 33 members. If I am correct Orin and Nel Jean and possibly Ken were the only members in attendance. Irv and Hilda Robinson had planned and even made arrangements to attend, however, Irv's health prevented them from going. Irv has since reported that he had surgery on August 20<sup>th</sup> and is now on the road to recovery.

My family and I, also, had made plans but again health concerns presented a roadblock as my doctor scheduled extensive scooping and tests. I was concerned and did not want to put off the tests. Again the angel on my shoulder kept me safe. All is fine, although I did some worrying.

Bill and Wilma McKinzie were having extensive home remodeling projects being done and that kept them home. CD and Louise

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## Co. M 318th Inf. Post #44

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I want to thank all of you who have sent me cards and well wishes. I am still awaiting the Doctors word as to if I can have surgery on my right knee.

I want to report Joe Mollica is now in the Holy Family Manor, 1200 Spring Street, Bethemhem PA 18018. I have nothing else to report as no one is writing me of any news.

Bob Murrell

Clements celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in July. Congratulations to you both.

John Beebe says that he and Kate are doing well. John had a complete physical recently with results smelling like roses. Great! Nick and Ginny Grossi are preparing for their son's wedding. Both Nick and Ginny are planning to attend next year's reunion.

I do hope that most of us are also looking forward to the trip to Roanoke, VA. Just visualize the fun visiting with friends and comrades. Keep the date open; better yet mark you calendar now. Of course our calendars only go to December 31, therefore make a note on the December calendar to mark the 2003 calendar for the August Reunion.

Remember to give me a call or send little tidbits about what is going on in your lives so that I can pass it on. Staying in touch is important to friends and buddies. Just in case my phone number is buried under the stacks of papers here it is and my address also: 636-447-7703, 16 Spencer Path Drive, St Peters, MO 63376. (You know the home of the best presidents—Harry S. Truman. See you all in the Old Dominion State, God Bless you and our Great Country.



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## Co. L 319th Inf.

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Congratulations to Eric Reilinger and his Reunion Committee for the fine arrangements for the Melbourne Reunion. The hotel was excellent and the meeting room and banquet room were adequate for our needs.

We had a slight problem with our Hospitality Room arrangements, which Jim Young had booked in April. It seems the room we were supposed to have was being used by another organization that was supposed to vacate on August the 12th. They extended their stay and we were not able to occupy the Suite. The hotel assigned us a regular sleeping room as our Hospitality Suite. After about an hour or so of hassling with the management, they agreed to turn the sleeping room into a Hospitality Room. It was not as nice as we expected our room to be but it turned out to be suitable for our needs.

As you know or may not know, my younger brother Lou died at 8:00AM on Thursday morning and Maria and I had to leave to return home. We had taken the Auto-train to Florida expecting to visit some friends and relatives after the reunion. We had to drive back to Laurel and arrived on Friday evening about 7:30PM. It was a nerve-wracking trip to say the least. My sincere thanks to Bill and Billie Krehbiel who capably took over the responsibility of the Hospitality Room.

Most of the men attending from the Company are in reasonably good health. Jim Young has slowed down after having open-heart surgery and

was accompanied by his daughter Marion Howard who was only eight months old when Jim and many of us sailed out of New York on the Queen Mary in early July 1944.

Several members went on the Cape Canaveral Tour and on Friday evening we had our traditional Dinner Night out at the Sweetwater, a fine seafood restaurant in Melbourne. A great meal and a good time was had by all. Everyone seemed to enjoy the four days of relaxation and comradeship and all appeared to have a great time.

We welcomed back Jerry Fine and his wife Ruth who last attended a reunion in 1994.

Bill and Billie Krehbiel are on the road again. On Sunday after the Reunion, they drove to Clearwater to visit a cousin, then to Walnut Hill to spend time with Bill's sister, then to Hot Springs Arkansas to visit Banner Rice who is hospitalized after falling and fracturing the socket of his hip implant. Banner is also battling a rare form of anemia. They then drove to Table Lake to visit family. They finally arrived home but plan to leave for the U.P. of Michigan after Labor Day and will spend two weeks there. I'm exhausted just writing about it.

Congratulations to Frank and Helene Soloninka who celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary on Friday the 16th of August. Maria and I will celebrate our 56th on the 28th of September. Frank was to undergo Gall Bladder surgery but due to his age and his heart problem, the Doctor told him to live with the pain until it becomes unbearable, then they will operate. Frank and Helene's daughter Patti will pay them a visit in October and they

intend to spend Thanksgiving in Texas with son Mark. They went on a gambling cruise in early September. I don't know if they were winners or losers.

It was good to see Walt Cooper again. He has been sorely missed. Old Faithful Bill Siebert was in attendance and looked great. Life is treating him fairly well.

The Blatz brothers, Lou and Rich, are a delightful pair and it is an extreme pleasure to have them with us. We have adopted Rich as one of our own.

Rudy Berman still refuses to be promoted to Sergeant. Carol is pressing him to take the promotion but Rudy says No No a thousand times NO.

Lemoine, we missed you and Zee and our usual Champaign Toast to our departed comrades. Come to Roanoke next year—Please.

Betts and John Flynn are bursting with pride. Betts son, Dr. Rick Hodes, is now in Texas with two of his adopted children Simegnew and Dejene for surgery to correct tuberculosis of the spine. Both boys have severe angles of 95 to 120 degrees in the back. Simegnew has already been operated on and has grown 4 centimeters since the surgery. Dejene will soon undergo the same operation with hopefully the same results.

Dr. Hodes has made Addis Ababa, Ethiopia his home and the residents his mission and family. In addition to the two boys, Dr. Hodes has also adopted Addissu, age 12, Bewokat age 15, Sherif age 16, Mesfin age 17, Daniel age 19, Dereje age 20 and Bayelign age 25. That a lot of mouths to feed, but everybody pitches in and the work gets done,

cooking, cleaning, etc., etc. Betts and John are planning a trip to Texas to visit with Rick and their two grandsons. How proud Betts must be of this wonderful person who has devoted his life to the poor and the sick of Addis Ababa. What courage and dedication he has expressed in this sacrifice. There are few men like Dr. Hodes in this world and we would do well to pray that he had good health and longevity so as to continue this mission.

John and Helen Balas we missed you, come next year to Roanoke. To all of you who have been among the missing—come on down to Roanoke—we really miss you and would love to see you again.

My sincere thanks to all of you who sent cards and Masses and for the beautiful floral arrangement for my brother Lou. Please know they were deeply appreciated.

Hank Einolf.

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## 305th Engineers Post #40

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I enjoyed the reunion but it wasn't a great reunion. I was appointed an Honorary Colonel and I enjoyed having the title. I have no news to report so just skip the Engineers.

At the Reunion it was voted that Edmund R. Lelito be the Official Post #40 representative to the Executive Council of the 80<sup>th</sup> Division Association.

If you want more news you must write me, I have no way of knowing.

Russell P. Sick, Commander



## ***New York Post #43***

The Post lost another long time member, Willie Stack. Bill and Lillian used to make all the post meetings and National Conventions until taken ill. He served in Cannon Co. 319<sup>th</sup>.

Not sure if this will arrive prior to our next outing in Geneva, NY. But, we are all set Ramada Lakefront Hotel, right on beautiful Seneca Lake in the Finger Lakes and the wine country. Dates are October 7-11, 2002. We will again return for the annual meeting at Turf Inn, Albany NY. Memorial Day weekend 2003.

An update on our last meeting in Albany. Elected Burt Marsh, Commander, Don Davis, Vice Commander and Ed. Bredbenner Sect. Approved full-page 2003 convention program. Drawings as follows: Brockman's luncheon gifts to McDonald and Lau. Nutting's great birdhouses, Amy Lau and Bob McDonald as well as Rose Palmetto. Barone's basket of goodies to Fran Nutting. 80<sup>th</sup> Division plates to Don Wilkinson and Warren Gehman. 50/50 to Frank Watson (Frank recently fell and broke his hip...) They keep me busy keeping track of these things. John Dolan called and wished us well. He was not able to attend.

Ed Bredbenner, Sect

### **NO REPORT:**

L-318  
Rcn Post 37  
DV Hqs and Hqs Co  
Brett Post 3  
Co F 318 Post # 46

## ***Lane Hall Post #42*** ***313 F.A. Bn***

As usual not much to write about. I did hear that Bob Brinker is now another year older. A late Happy Birthday Bob. (39 I think)

Abbey and Jeanette attended the reunion of the 5<sup>th</sup> Division in Reading, PA on August 30 through September 2. This sounds like a good time. Let us know how you liked it?

Had a note from Joel Dilworth. He is pushing 85 and enjoying living in Pacific Grove, CA. Temperatures about 75 Degrees in summer and not below 40 degrees in the winter. Sounds like Utopia. He sends his regards to all "A" Battery men.

Fran Poletti is planning another mini reunion. Any ideas contact her. I already suggested Bedford, PA first week in June.

Fran reports Hilda Latusek and the Noxons are O.K. Audery Blocker is busy taking care of Doc. Thank God for devoted wives such as Audrey, Mary, Ann and all the others.

No news from Shirey, Burkhart, Stec or Hatcher. Sometimes no news is good.

Ruth and I are adjusting very well to retirement living. After four months we still make a wrong turn now and then.

Keep in touch. Stay well. Send news. Love to all.

Jim Phillips Sect/Treas

## **2002 Reunion List of those whom either attended or were there, sent to me:**

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| Barone, Angelo, PNC - L-317<br>Pottsville, PA                        | Cistolo, Felix PNC - G-317<br>Ellwood City, PA                   |
| Barone, Kay  | Cooper, Walter - L-317<br>Lakeworth, FL                          |
| Beers, Melvin - C-319<br>Natrona Heights, PA                         | Coscia, Joseph J. - A-319<br>Southaven, MS                       |
| Beers, Helen PNP   | Coscia, Jonna L.   |
| Becker, Myron (Mike) - C-318<br>Sarasota, FL                         | Counoyer, Raymond C. - C-319<br>Melbourne, FA                    |
| Bell, Alvin, Jr. - 80 <sup>th</sup> Sig<br>Toledo, OH                | Counoyer, Dorothy W.   |
| Bell, Georgia  | Cresson, Albert J. - Hq-315 <sup>th</sup> FA Bn<br>Derry, PA     |
| Bell, George, Sr. - F-319<br>Melbourne, FL                           | Cyрана, William J. - L-317<br>Union, NJ                          |
| Bell, Jean   | Daniel, Jack - 80 <sup>th</sup> QM<br>Sun City Center, FL        |
| Berman, Rudy - L-319<br>Livingston, Nj                               | Daniel, Ruby   |
| Berman, Carol  | Davis, Don - K-319<br>Sioux Falls, SD                            |
| Blatz, Louis P. - L-317<br>Mount Clemen, IL                          | Davis, Cara Lee PNP  |
| Blatz, Richard F.  | Davis, Richard S. - C-905 <sup>th</sup> FA Bn<br>Ellison Bay, WI |
| Bloomquist, Charles A. - H-317<br>(First timer)<br>Hudson, FL        | DeLucas, Donald - Hq 317<br>Forked River, NJ                     |
| Bobb, J. Richard R. - 317 <sup>th</sup> Med Det.<br>Ormond Beach, FL | DeLucas, Elvera  |
| Bobb, Elma   | Douglas, O. Dollar - 80 <sup>th</sup> Trg Dv<br>Richmond, VA     |
| Brockman, Clarence PNC - Hq-317<br>Commander<br>McDonald, PA         | M.G. US Army   |
| Brockman, Naomi PNP  | Dorsten, Elmer G. - - A-318<br>Coldwater, OH                     |
| Bugg, Robert W. - M-317<br>Pilot, VA                                 | Dovenbarger, Byron - C-305 Eng<br>Zanesville, OH                 |
| Bugg, Onita L.   | Dumrauf, Raymnd - ?-317<br>Pittsburgh, PA                        |
| Burrows Robert H. PNC - Hq-317<br>Chandler, AZ                       | Edwards, Jack E. - K-317<br>Carlsbad, CA                         |
| Burrows, Mabel R.  | Einolf, Henry C. - L-319<br>Laurel, MD                           |
| Burrows, Robert Jr.  | Esco, Virgil - K-317<br>Wetumka, AL                              |
| Carver, Francis C. - Hq QM<br>Monroe, IN                             | Fine, Gerald - L-319<br>Weston, FL                               |
| Carver, Marjorie   | Fine, Ruth   |
| Craver, _____  |  |
| Clouser, Paul J. - 80th Rcn<br>Sinking Springs, PA                   |  |

Firestone, John P. – I-317  
Titusville, FL  
Firestone, Marjorie C.  
X Flick, Douglas – G-319  
Shawsville, VA  
Flynn, John F. – L-319  
Laguna Niguer, CA  
Flynn, Betts  
Frederick, William C. – Hq-317  
Shamokin, PA  
Fussell, Robert L. – F-319  
Ider, AL  
Fussell, Mary Ellen  
Futch, Archer H. – G-317  
Livermore, CA  
Grabert, Lester W. – H-318  
Mount Vernon, IN  
Haley, Albert S. Jr. – H-317  
Spring, TX  
Haley, Marcella PNP  
Hegman, Leslie – K-318  
Punta Gurda, FL  
X Hopkins, Gene H – G-319.  
Cottage Hills, IL  
Hopkins, Anna Lee  
Hopkins, \_\_\_\_\_  
Hurst, Caleb – 80<sup>th</sup> QM  
Franklin, VA  
— Jones, Byron A. – C-319  
Macon, GA  
Jones, Gladys  
Kenney, William Melbourne, FL  
Kenney, Jackie  
Krehbiel, Bill J. – L-319  
Hakstead, KS  
Krehbiel, Billie M.  
Klimkowski, Paulette  
Kutsch, Donna  
Kutsch, Rita Aux. Pres.  
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Highland Park, IL  
Laing, Charmaine  
Langdon, Bert - K-317 First Timer  
Lompoc, CA  
Langdon, Deane  
Ledbetter, Oran H. – H-319  
Albany, TX  
Ledbetter, Nell Jean  
Hawkins, Debbie

Lelito, Edmund R. – H/S-305 Eng  
Highland, IN  
Lelito, Geraldine  
Magolan, Emil – B-305 Med  
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McDonald, Helen C.  
McGraw, Cindy  
Metzger, Howard – AT-317  
Sarasota, FL  
Munn, Troy – K-317  
Tulsa, OK  
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Lakeland, FL  
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Newton Square, PA  
Nathason, Rose  
— O'Neil, Eugene P. Jr. – C-319  
Upper Marlboro, MD  
O'Neil, Ivy D.  
Ormond, Conrad M. – 80<sup>th</sup> Sig  
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Ormond, Lois K.  
Palombaro, Dominick F. Hq-317  
Philadelphia, PA  
Papas, Thomas – F-318  
Chicopee, MA  
Pengelly, Michael  
Son of deceased K-318  
Petrullini, Bill PNC – I-317  
Youngstown, OH  
— Plaisted, Ralph E. – CN-319  
Lakeland, FL  
Ponder, Wallace G. – B-305 Eng  
Tampa, FL  
Porter, Grant R. 80<sup>th</sup> Trg Dv  
Midlothian, VA  
Major, AG US Army  
Porter, Ave

Prappas, Dempsey J. – Ar-317  
First timer  
Huston, TX  
Prappas, Mary  
Rajnicek, Francis PNC – H-317  
Richmond Heights, OH  
Rajnicek, Kay PNP  
Relinger, Eric – Hq 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn 317  
Melbourne, FL  
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Rodrigez, Nelson  
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Simpson, Robert I. – I-317  
Cecil, OH  
Simpson, Mabel I.  
Smith, Robert W. PNC - K-317  
Wooster, OH  
Soloninka, Frank – L-319  
Brandenton, FL  
Soloninka, Helene  
Spangler, Walton W. – A-319  
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Spangler, Annabel  
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Sparks, Susan  
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Spellman, Timmy C.

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Spencer, Helen  
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Inkster, MI  
Storkman, August – G-318  
Gig Harbor, WA  
Storkman, Beverlee  
Sturgis, Ellis P. – A-317  
Fruitland, MD  
Randolph, Godfrey  
Szeffler, Casimir – B-318  
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Torrance, Betty  
Tune, Melissa 80<sup>th</sup> Trg Dv  
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Capt. US Army  
Umbarger, Howard R. – A-317  
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Umbarger, Ruth  
Umbarger, Keith  
Umbarger, Carol  
Umbarger, Adam  
Umbarger, Colin  
Voncile, Ralph B.  
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Wagner, Betty Jean  
Weeks, Raymond E. – B-319  
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West, Helen  
Wheeler, Edwin H. – A-319  
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Wheeler, Nonie  
Wignall, Jeff – A-318 Assoc.  
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Wignall, Mary  
Wilkinson, Robert O. – I-318  
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Middletown, OH  
Young, J. Given - L-319  
Florence, SC

# *80th Division Plaque Rededicated in Heiderscheid*

This plaque was rededicated Thursday, June 20, 2002 by Camille Kohn, President, and John Melmeister, Vice President of CEBA, Luxembourg. Eric Reilinger and Betty Dian from the 80th Div. were there to take part in the rededication along with about 60 citizens from Heiderscheid. After the ceremony, the citizens of Heiderscheid held a banquet in the city community center where Camille Kohn and the Mayor spoke and thanked the 80th Div. for what they did for Luxembourg in WWII.



John Melmeister (left) and Camille Kohn (center), dedicate the new 80th Plaque on the 80th Monument at Heiderscheid, Luxembourg on June 20, 2002.



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