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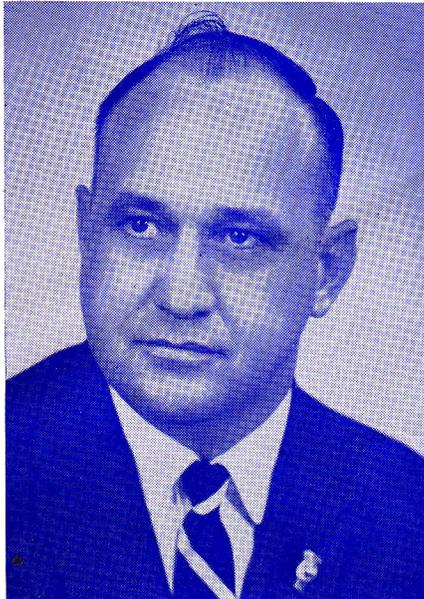
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Commander's Message



CALVIN J. WEBB

National Commander

As the 80th Division approaches its 49th Annual Reunion and Convention I would like to extend my gratitude for having the great privilege as serving as your National Commander. Being elected to this high office of honor with its attendant responsibility has made the term from August 1967 to August 1968 the most memorable period of my life.

I sincerely hope that all of the members of the 80th Division will be able to attend the convention this year. This gathering will provide the great opportunity of seeing many of your old comrades while having a most

wonderful time. I am sure you will not want to miss this gala occasion. Once again it appears that Cincinnati is going to have another exciting, interesting and rewarding convention. This great affair can be a resounding success only with your help and presence. So, let us all be in the Queen City in August and show Sr. National Commander Warren Cammerer and the wonderful people of his committee that we are with them 100% and help to keep the 80th always moving forward. There is no better time than now to make your plans, and I earnestly suggest that you cooperate with the committee by your pre-registration or in some other helpful manner.

On behalf of the 80th Division members I would like to thank the Queen City Drum and Bugle Corps for the splendid work they have done for us in publicizing the coming convention. Also, my thanks to the sponsors of the Corps; the Oola Khan American Legion Post No. 372 and the Charles R. Gailey Post No. 7340, V.F.W., for permitting these young people to act as Goodwill Ambassadors for the 80th Division. In addition, I would like to commend the Adult Boosters Group and the Cincinnati Post of the Association for the support they are giving the cadets.

Having been honored guests at several delightful banquets, Mrs. Webb and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Battery E, 313th Field Artillery (AEF), Martinsburg, W. Va., Greater Reading Post No. 32, Cincinnati Post No. 34, Cleveland Post No. 35, Pittsburgh's Brett Post No. 3 and Philadelphia Post No. 2 for their kindness in inviting us.

Once again I would like to express my pleasure in having been your commander for the past year. Not only did you support me for the highest office of the Association, but you also extended to me the most gracious hospitality and loyalty, and I thank each of you straight from my heart.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Cincinnati.

Calvin J. Webb.

Final Convention Highlights

For the fortunate early arrivals at Cincinnati on Wednesday, August 7, an optional trip has been planned through the beautiful Blue Grass country of Kentucky to Lexington, where a visit will be made to one of the famous Horse Farms. Being an extra added feature the cost of this tour will be \$5.00 per person.

On that same evening an "Over the Rhine Party" will be held at the Headquarters Hotel. This happening will be a colorful get-together party with Gay 90's atmosphere and paraphernalia. There will be oldtime music, singing, fun and free beer to the registered guests.

On Thursday a tour to Avon Products has been arranged in the morning for those not involved in any of the business meetings. However, for the conventioners unable to take this morning tour several trips will be available in the afternoon.

During the early evening the annual Memorial Service will be held at De Vou Park in Covington, Kentucky. Cameras will be the order of the day as the park overlooks the river front and the opportunity for beautiful pictures will be available for the camera bugs. The services will last about one hour. Following this solemn event there will be an unusually fine Dugout Party with music, singing and other merrymaking. Transportation to and from this point will be arranged.

After the usual business meetings on Friday morning buses will be provided for taking the conventioners and guests to the Jubilee Boat on which they will enjoy an 1½ hour boat ride to Coney Island Park. After arrival at the park there will be free beer and you may also dip-the-dip, ride the rides, walk around, or just sit and relax and talk over old times. Also, an opportunity will present itself to those who may wish to place a few wagers on the ponies at the beautiful River Downs Race Track.

Later on in the evening hours the very popular and entertaining parties will take place in the several hospitality rooms hosted by the various units and individual Posts.

The important annual meeting will be held in the morning on Saturday and you are strongly urged to attend and take part in the deliberations by lending your voice and support, and of course vote for those candidates who will steer the Association for the next fiscal period.

That afternoon the National Auxiliary Luncheon will take place at 1 p.m. followed by the installation of officers. In the evening the Annual Banquet will be featured, culminating with dancing and other gala festivities.

As previously announced the Pre-registration package was established at \$18.00 per person, with everything else all set. Anything that can be further provided in the way of free food and beverages will depend on

the revenues derived from the sale of advertising in the Official Program, the Awards Fund Program, etc. So, please don't let the committee down and if so far you haven't done your part it would be appreciated if you would do so at once, as they plan to give you one swell time. Reservations must be received by July 15 in order to be eligible for the reduced rate of \$18.00, because after that date the cost per each unit will aggregate much higher. As stated in the Spring Edition anyone registering in advance and unable to attend will receive a refund, subject to a small service charge after July 15. However, for the latter amount you will be entered in the Convention Awards Program. (Special notice to all Posts: You will be given the stated commission on all contributions received up to July 15 for the Awards Program. Money received after that date will not be included. Checks will be awaiting on arrival in order that it may be used in case you are having a party and want to use it for that purpose.)

The Teen-age Pre-registration fee has now been set at \$10.00. This will include all of the adult activities, with the exception of the banquet, plus a trip to the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Airport at Dayton, Ohio, on Saturday. Teen-agers will also be provided with their own party room each night. Reservations are coming in, so don't miss the fun.

Your committee still needs ads for the Official Convention Program. The rates are: 1/10 page, \$10.00; ¼ page, \$25.00; ½ page, \$50.00, with a full page for \$100.00 The Patrons listing is a minimum of \$2.00, and some of the more generous are sending \$5.00 and upward.

In brief here is the Convention program. The location of all events, if not stated here, will be indicated in the Official Program.

Wednesday, August 7

- 9:00 a.m. Registration Desk opens.
- 9:30 a.m. Trip to Lexington, Ky. (Optional)
- 9:00 p.m. "Over the Rhine Party"-Continental Rood - Netherland Hilton Hotel.

Thursday, August 8

- 9:00 a.m. Registration Desk opens.
- 9:30 a.m. National Association Business Meeting.
- 9:30 a.m. Business Meeting - National Auxiliary.
- 9:30 a.m. Tour to Avon Products. (For those engaged in the morning business sessions an extra tour will be provided at 1:30 p.m. and an additional tour at 2:30 p.m., if required.)
- 7:00 p.m. Annual Memorial Service - De Vou Park, Covington, Ky.

- 8:45 p.m. Dugout Party.
 11:30 p.m. Buses will leave for return to the Headquarters Hotel.

Friday, August 9

- 9:00 a.m. Registration Desk opens.
 9:30 a.m. National Association Business Meeting.
 9:30 a.m. National Auxiliary Business Meeting.
 11:00 a.m. Buses will depart for the Jubilee Boat.
 11:30 a.m. Boat will leave from wharf.
 1:30 p.m. Arrival at Coney Island Amusement Park.
 7:00 p.m. Buses will leave for return to Headquarters Hotel.
 9:00 p.m. Unit and Post Parties at hotel. (Most Posts will have hospitality rooms.)

Saturday, August 10

- 9:00 a.m. Registration Desk opens.
 9:30 a.m. Annual Meeting of National Association and Election of Officers.
 9:30 a.m. National Auxiliary Business Meeting.
 1:00 p.m. Luncheon - National Auxiliary.
 2:00 p.m. Meeting - National Executive Council.
 6:30 p.m. Enlightenment Hour on your own.
 7:00 p.m. Annual Banquet.
 9:30 p.m. Annual Ball.

Sunday, August 11

Refer to Bulletin Board for religious services as scheduled.

Remember please, that if you elected to subscribe for Pre-registration your 4-Day Pass will be waiting for you on arrival. Admittance to all events will be made only to those wearing the Official Convention Badge. It is extremely important that everyone register and do so as early as possible. It is only in this way that the committee can make adequate preparation for your entertainment and comfort.

Greater Cincinnati Area On The Move

Obviously Edwin M. Stanton, future Secretary of War during the War between the States, was unimpressed. "Where," he is reported as saying, "did that long-armed booboon come from?" The gentlemen referred to was a farmer-looking individual wearing loose clothes and heavy boots and it happened right here in Cincinnati in the old Burnet House. He was one of a group of court lawyers trying a difficult case for the Cyrus McCormick interests of Chicago. His name? A. Lincoln, our 16th President. Mr. Stanton was also very much uninformed for the early settlers of this area. German and Irish, were diligent farmers.

Located in the southwestern corner of Ohio, Cincinnati has an estimated population of over one million three hundred and eighty-six thousand souls. The seat of Hamilton County began as a part of the Miami Purchase of 1788 and founded on that date. Chartered as a village in 1802 it was incorporated as a city in 1819.

A Revolutionary War veteran named Ben Stites (even our early vets were dynamic!), established a settlement he called Columbia. Other settlers came and they named their area Losantiville. In 1789, one John Symmes founded the third of the communities in Miami country so you can see not much time was lost to take advantage of the great Miami Purchase of the year previous.

In the face of grave physical hardships, Indian menaces and serious crop failures, these three communities grew rapidly. A fort was erected and garrisoned by 300 soldiers headed by General Josiah Harmar. General Harmar called it Fort Washington, a fine choice it seems to me. In January 1790, there arrived one General St. Clair, the first governor of the Northwest Territory. Now follows a good example of early American "brass" pulling their rank. He didn't like the Fort Washington designation. So, at a banquet in his honor yet, he changed the name to Cincinnati in honor of the Society of the Cincinnati, an organization of Revolutionary War officers, of which he of course belonged. This is the same General St. Clair who in 1777 abandoned Ticonderoga to the British and who, in 1791, was thoroughly beaten by the Indians led by Chief Little Turtle, who could not have been very sluggish.

Despite a succession of crises such as wars, depressions and floods, Cincinnati has grown steadily. Today it leads the world in the production of machine tools, playing cards and soap. It is a leader in the production of building materials, cosmetics, electric motors and equipment, machinery, plastic products, steel mill products, etc., etc. The list is almost endless. Cincinnati gives one a choice of big city or small town. The area includes ideal business locations in every size of municipality; small rural communities or medium size cities and large metropolitan centers. And all of these are served by fine transportation facilities—airlines, railroads, new interstate highways and last, but by no means least, the great Ohio river that provides low-cost movement of coal, oil, steel, chemicals and other basics.

Naturally Cincinnati, often called "Queen City," would have excellent schools, two universities and miscellaneous schools of higher learning. These make for a skilled and reliable people, an invaluable resource for business. Massive redevelopment plans in Cincinnati proper are being matched by vigorous building plans in practically every community in the region.

Points of interest are so numerous we can name only the outstanding ones: Union Terminal, regarded as the finest railroad terminal in the nation, Eden Park Conservatory, a must for those who love flowers and plants; the Art Museum presents outstanding collections of paintings and art objects, the Museum of Natural History and Planetarium and the Carew Tower where, from 48 stories up, one may obtain the best view of the city and environs. And do not overlook, if you have the time, the interesting river cruises of the steamboat Delta Queen, the overnight cruises on America's only river steamboat, based here and operated by the Greene Line Steamers, Inc.

Certainly this 1968 Reunion and Convention city must be a good place to live and raise families. People find that good schools, good government (city manager type), good cultural and recreational facilities all are found here to make life satisfying and rewarding.

By John A. Linder,
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Sources:

Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce
Bell Telephone Company
Cincinnati Historical Society
Bulletin No. 76, Allis Research Corp.

Latrobe Remembers

During the early summer of 1917 the War with Germany appeared a long way off. There was talk that Company M would be inducted into federal service but there had been a Company M in Latrobe for many years and the war was still an ocean away.

Draft boards were being set up and there were remarks about the chances of being called. But when the telegraph instrument ticked off a number—just a number—but a number which said "Timothy Sullivan your country calls you" then indeed, did it come home to many that the war was right at hand and that it was everybody's war. It was shortly after that word came that Homer Dunn's name had been pulled from the glass bowl at Washington.

The nearness of the war was brought forcibly to the people of Latrobe when in September, 1917, the first 13 local men departed for Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va. When they arrived at Camp Lee they found an old friend already there, Dr. L. C. Thomas, captain in the Medical Corps, who had been ordered on duty at Camp Lee earlier in the week. After the war Dr. Thomas continued as one of the most widely known practicing physicians in Latrobe.

These first 13 soldiers, attached to the 80th Division were sent overseas to serve on foreign battlefields. They participated in the battles of the Artois Sector, Bethincourt, St. Juvin, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne and many

others. Some were severely gassed and wounded, but all were later honorably discharged and returned home to take up their daily tasks. Some entered the field of business and were active in the organization of Post 515, American Legion; all became active in the community life of Latrobe.

Of the first 13 local soldiers who served with honor on the battlefields of France, there are three still living. They are William McCaslin Herring, Latrobe; John C. Beattie, West Newton, and Isaac K. Feather, Buffalo, N. Y. The 10 who have passed away are 2nd Lt. Homer H. Dunn, Victor R. Mowry, Sgt. Arlie A. Gontz, Timothy Sullivan, Sgt. John Francis Geary, John A. Murphy, Warren Joseph Cassidy, Walter L. Barnhart, Chauncey D. Lunnen and Floyd E. Morcom.

(Extracted from the Latrobe (Pa.) Bulletin as written by Thomas Baldrige, historian of Thomas B. Anderson Post 515, American Legion.)

Co. H, 319 AEF News

Another Co. H comrade has answered the final roll call. William T. Wunder passed away at his home in Elizabeth, Pa., on May 8. Bill was a member of the 80th Association, A.L. Post 391 of Frederickton, the Peace Lutheran Church of Greenrock and the McKeesport Aerie 285, F.O.E. Seven members of the Co. H family conducted services at the Willig Funeral Home in McKeesport, Pa. Your correspondent read the Service and gave a brief eulogy and Vice Pres. Emil Meier gave the prayer. Others present were Comrades Barlow, John Klotz, Cheaser Talavinia and Comrade and Mrs. Jas. Schneider. The members of the company offer deepest sympathy to the widow.

Sick call at this writing finds Comrade Al Forsythe just out of a Florida hospital. Mrs. Forsythe informs us that Al still has those severe pains in his neck and back of head. A call to Sam Stewart found him under the doctor's care. Milt Pratt is having eye trouble. The wife of Comrade Jas. Morgan underwent surgery recently and is doing fine, and the wife of Comrade Roy Haywood was severely injured in an auto accident. A letter from Chaplain Wm. David says he is not sure he can make the reunion at Kennywood in July as both he and Mrs. David are not up to par.

Speaking of the reunion Secretary Jack Rainey is busy mailing cards advising members of the annual reunion of Co. H Sunday, July 28, at Kennywood Park, Pa. in the main pavilion at 2 p.m., dinner at 5 p.m. Again we wish to remind you our reunion is always on the last Sunday in July.

For the record, Comrade Lewis Bishop, 319 M.G. Co., whose name appeared under Taps in the last edition was once a member of Co. H, being assigned to the company when

he entered the service at Camp Lee. He was later transferred to Co. D and then to the M.G. Co. In answer to queries—no late word on Comrades Cowan or Paul Miner. A very interesting letter from Lt. Col. Jas. L. Montague states he is not sure but will try to make the reunion in Cincinnati. The Colonel tells me he has a new way to make coffee. I suggest he take out a patent before someone else discovers the formula. Two dates to remember—Kennywood Park, July 28 and Cincinnati, August 7-10.

Reported by Roy W. Painter,
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The Action At Pont-A-Mousson

(Military history is replete with recognition of deeds of valor and courage performed by basic units and individuals. Sometimes this recognition is slow in acknowledgment, perhaps overlooked and even denied.

The following article is a straightforward account of the hard fighting in which the 317th Infantry, and particularly the 3rd Battalion, was engaged during September 1944 at Pont-a-Mousson and the Moselle River. In an action such as the article relates heavy losses are incurred. Casualties in war are expected. But with accomplishment recognition is normally anticipated. However, the 317th Infantry received no official recognition for its accomplishment at the Moselle River.

Robert N. Nathason,
Co. L, 317th Infantry.)

Many members of the 317th Infantry, ETO, feel that the regiment was not given proper official recognition for some very hard fighting at the Moselle River in Sept. 1944.

The division history simply states that the 80th crossed the Moselle River at Toul Sept. 4th, but the division at that time was in the Pont-a-Mousson area. It is true that one regiment of the 80th was detached from the division and attached to the 12th Corps, and that this regiment did cross the Moselle at Toul, but it had no bearing on the fighting in the division area.

During the first part of Sept. 1944 the division (less one regiment) was bivouacked in the woods west of Pont-a-Mousson. Some small arms and artillery fire was coming from the direction of Pont-a-Mousson and intelligence information indicated that the east bank was very strongly held in the area of Mousson Hill.

The afternoon of Sept. 4 the 317th received orders to cross the river the following morning. The plan, approved by the division, was for the 1st Bn. to cross at Blenod about 1½ miles south of Mousson Hill and the 2nd Bn. about 2 miles north of the hill. The 3rd Bn. was to remain west of Pont-a-Mousson in regimental reserve.

As the two battalions approached the river they were stopped by heavy small arms, mortar and artillery fire; any movement in the exposed area near the river caused an intensification of enemy fire. It was plain to see that Mousson Hill, (elevation 380 meters) which stuck out in front of other terrain features on the east bank, dominated the situation. Mousson Hill was the enemy's strong point and obviously he had it well organized; also, it afforded him wonderful observation.

During the attack the regimental commander was with the 1st Bn. and stayed with them for several hours. When he returned to the Regimental C.P. he was informed by the Regimental Executive Officer that the Division Commander had committed his reserve battalion, and of all places, to cross the river at Pont-a-Mousson, a frontal assault across a river on Mousson Hill. And this was in broad daylight! The division furnished boats which could not be trucked all the way, and the men had to lug them to the river under heavy fire. The division kept pushing the attack of the 3rd Bn. With darkness helping, the Bn. and some of the boats made it to the river. During the night fragments of companies managed to reach the west bank, although casualties were heavy and kept piling up. About 100 men reached the east side but all they could do was crouch in the water using the bank as cover. They were under constant heavy fire, and shortly after dawn the finger grip they had on the east bank was broken, and the men were either killed or captured. The 3rd Bn. suffered about 400 casualties. These men were with the organization from the start, training for more than two years—well trained men needlessly sacrificed.

After our slight grip on the east bank had been broken there was a conference in the area with division representatives, regimental staff and commander participating. The question was whether to push that attack or do something else. It was finally decided to hold what we had—the west bank. Soon word came down for the regiment to plan and prepare for a crossing elsewhere and at a later date.

After a study of the map it was decided to attempt a crossing upstream, south of Mousson Hill, near Dieulouard. Activity was continued in the old areas west of the river, but extensive day and night reconnaissance was made with field glasses to study activity and terrain features on the other side, and by men at the crossing sites during the night. Fifty-two machine guns were covertly sited on the high ground in the Bois de Cuite for overhead fire, and artillery fires were also planned. For the three battalions the plan was for the 1st and 2nd Bns. to occupy Ste. Genevieve Ridge, with the 2nd Bn. on the

north end, and the 3rd Bn., La Falaise.

During darkness the night of Sept. 11-12 the regiment moved quietly to the assembly area on the east side of the Bois de Cuite, and at dawn a successful crossing was made. It was a complete surprise to the enemy. The 1st and 2nd Bns. occupied Ste. Genevieve; 2nd Bn. on north, 3rd Bn. La Falaise. The regiment had all its weapons plus one company of 702nd Tank Bn. together with some guns of the 610th T.D. Bn. After our pontoon bridge was in position a part of another regiment moved in on low ground between Ste. Genevieve Ridge and the river, oriented toward Foret de Facq and Mousson Hill.

The morning of Sept. 13 the enemy launched a severe counterattack from the Foret de Facq against the north end of Ste. Genevieve Ridge and the low ground west of the ridge. Our companies on the north end of the ridge were infiltrated; one company was forced out, but we held and regained everything before noon, with casualties high on both sides. On the 14th and 15th heavy attacks were made against the 1st Bn. and then the 3rd Bn. The enemy seemed determined to drive us back across the river. The attacks continued daily but about the 17th we began expanding the bridgehead and were soon in the vicinity of Sivry and Bratte. The bridgehead was safe and the enemy was shifting his strength from the Mousson Hill area to the terrain features in front of us. There was still much fighting to be done.

The accomplishments by the 317th bridgehead at the Moselle River were as follows:

Dielouard was the first usable bridgehead across the Moselle River.

The Dielouard Bridgehead was the key to the success of the XII Corps and to some extent the XX Corps, at the Moselle.

The enemy weakened the defenses of both Nancy and Metz by pulling battalions—about eight of them—away from these areas for use against the Dielouard Bridgehead in an endeavor to close that door, the only exit available at the time to CCA, 4th Armored Division which was operating in the rear area east of Nancy.

The City of Nancy was given up by the enemy without a fight because of the Dielouard Bridgehead.

Other units of the division were awarded Presidential Unit Citations, which they deserved, for their supporting roles in this lengthy action. However, the 317th received no official recognition, notwithstanding what the regiment accomplished at the Moselle River, with the exception of the fiasco at Pont-a-Mousson, was a tactical classic.

During September 1944 the regiment's casualties were:

	Off.	E.M.
K.I.A.	40	529
W.I.A.	118	2,279
M.I.A.	26	659

It is felt by the men of the 317th that the regiment should have been awarded a Presidential Unit Citation then and the time to make amends should be now.

TAPS—

- ACKERMAN, Lt. D. G.** (Bty. A, 313 FA, AEF)
April 19, 1968, New Vernon, N. J.
- ALLEY, William A.** (Unknown Unit, AEF)
May 17, 1968, Richmond, Va.
- BROADWATER, H. S.** (Co. D, 320 Inf., AEF)
Unknown Date, Mannington, W. Va.
- BROWN, Stanley D.** (HQ, 313 FA, AEF)
Oct. 23, 1967, New York, N. Y.
- CARLSON, Arthur T.** (Co. K, 319 Inf., AEF)
March 11, 1968, Emporium, Pa.
- CROKER, Charles** (Co. L, 318 Inf., AEF)
April 14, 1968, Pittsburgh
- CZACHOWSKI, Wm. F.** (Co. A, 319 Inf., AEF)
April 17, 1968, Pittsburgh
- HARRIS, John P.** (Co. C, 317 Inf., AEF)
Sept. 15, 1967, Roanoke, Va.
- KNEPPER, Charles I.** (HQ, 320 Inf., AEF)
May 13, 1968, Somerset, Pa.
- McGOUGH, Thomas D.** (Co. K, 318 Inf., AEF)
May 4, 1968, Ebensburg, Pa.
- WHITE, Cullen C., Sr.** (Co. C, 317 Inf., AEF)
Nov. 11, 1967, Victoria, Va.
- WUNDER, William T.** (Co. H, 319 Inf., AEF)
May 8, 1968, Elizabeth, Pa.

NEWS FROM THE POSTS

Greater Reading Post

The annual memorial service and wreath-placing by Post No. 32 was held at Forest Hills Memorial Park on Sunday, May 26.

Members of the Post and Ladies Auxiliary helped swell the crowd at the dinner in honor of Robert N. Nathason, retiring Commander of Philadelphia Post No. 2, at Fort Washington, Pa., on May 11.

The June meeting was held at Eddie and Mary Schappell's place near Shoemakersville where those attending were regaled with a delicious steak dinner.

Philadelphia Post

The annual Memorial Day services were held by Post No. 2 with a full uniformed complement despite the absence of the Grand Marshal, Rod Bonsall; the Chaplain, Ben Heist, and the Placer of the Wreath, Sam Copelin. All were "hors de combat" due to illness or convalescence.

Sixty members and guests attended the testimonial dinner to the 1967 Commander, Bob Nathason, on May 11. National Commander Calvin J. Webb and Mrs. Webb were the honored guests on this occasion.

The Post is already hard at work making plans to host the 50th Reunion and Convention in the City of Brotherly Love next year.

Cleveland Post

PNC Anthony J. Ray officiated at the installation of officers of Post No. 35 at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel on March 15. Seated at this time were Ben Bykowski, Commander; Joseph Federico, Vice Cmdr., Carl C. Ferritto, Adjutant and Financial Secretary; John Harlach, Sgt.-at-Arms, and Albert Goldring as Chaplain. Trustees are John Crobaugh, Robert W. Smith and Joseph Coniglio.

On April 20 the Post held their "Nite Out" dinner meeting, which was held at the Quality Catering Restaurant. VIP's on hand for this event were National Commander Calvin J. Webb and Mrs. Webb, the Clarence Brockman's of McDonald, Pa., the William Santella's from Philadelphia, Mrs. Rose Cistolo from Ellwood City, Pa., and Martha Hanna, Steubenville, O. Commander Bykowski opened the meeting, Adjutant Ferritto made the introductions and Chaplain Goldring gave the blessing. A cocktail hour preceded the dinner which was followed by dancing.

Plans for a big picnic in July are now being made and it is hoped to have a large crowd at this popular affair.



Mr. & Mrs. Nick Sekerak, National Cmdr. & Mrs. Calvin J. Webb, Mrs. Michael Kapral and Mrs. Rose Cistolo at Post 35 "nite out."

80th Recon Troop Post

Recon Troop Post No. 37 will have a hospitality room and will hold its annual meeting on Friday night of the Convention. Commander Willie Myer, in a recent phone call, says he hopes to see all members in attendance at this meeting. New officers will be elected and the business of the Post transacted at this time. Following the meeting we will have our annual Post Party.

MORNING REPORT . . .

Our esteemed National Judge Advocate, **Samuel H. Copelin, Esq.** (Div. HQ, AEF), 1530 Spruce St., Philadelphia, was recently a patient in the Hahnemann Hospital in that city. We are glad to report that he has since been given a good conduct discharge—by the nurses! . . . Also hospitalized in the Coatesville (Pa.) General Hospital was **Ben W. Heist** (Co. D, 305 MST, AEF), 117 Lupton St., Woodbury, N. J., who had a staphylococcus (Oh goodness!) infection. We hope these two boys will quit this damn fooling around before it's time to take off for Cincinnati. . . . **Ed Jerzak** (HQ, 314 FA, ETO) and wife Helen are the proprietors of the Golden Sands Bar in Plover, Wisconsin. They are open from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. and entertainment is featured.

National Commander **Calvin J. Webb** sent a letter of felicitation to Maj. Gen. John L. Hines, Commanding General of the 4th Division, on the occasion of his 100th birthday which occurred on May 21. This expression of sentiment was motivated by the fact that the 318th Infantry and 2nd Bn., 315th Field Artillery served under his command while attached to the 4th Division during part of the Meuse-Argonne Operation. . . . Sending regrets that due to health reasons he will be unable to attend the 1968 Convention, **George C. Worsham** (Co. C, 317 AEF) of Green Bay, Va., nevertheless wishes all his comrades a happy reunion and the best of luck and health for all able to be there. . . . **Victor G. Yokum** (Bty. A, 313 FA, AEF) wants all to know that he has moved from Keyser, W. Va., to 104 Dicky Drive, Auburndale, Fla. 33823. He opines that maybe some of his old comrades could stop in to see him sometime.

The House of Fong prospers and grows. The latest addition to the clan is a granddaughter, Roxanne, and the mother is Maxine (Mrs. Eugene Sotelo), second sibling of the Fong Dynasty. Grandfather **Ray Fong** served with the 2nd Bn., 317th Infantry, ETO, and the staunch California representative of the 80th with headquarters in College City. . . . And who else do you think is a new grandfather? None other than bounteous **Ben Bykowski** (Co. B, 318 ETO) of Cleveland, Ohio. (Don't forget to bring the cigars to Cincinnati, Ben!)

Paying a social call to the VA Hospital in Miami, Fla., **Carle B. Hazen** (Co. C, 313 MG Bn., AEF), Box 274, Port Salerno, Fla., stayed long enough to have a cataract removed and his left foot fixed up. He testifies that they did a wonderful job on him, but adds that you can't keep a 313th Machine Gunner down. . . . **Ike W. Crump** (Co. H, 318 AEF) of Richmond, Va., reports that quite a few of the boys from that area plan to attend the Cincinnati Reunion. We hope he will be along with them.

318TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

LINEAGE

Constituted in National Army 5 August 17 as 318th Infantry Regiment, assigned to 80th Division. 22-27 August 1917 at Camp Lee, Va. Demobilized 1-5 June 1919 at Camp Lee. (80th Division demobilized 5 June 1919, relieving components from assignment; reorganized in 1921 in Organized Reserves.) Reconstituted, allotted to Organized Reserves, assigned to 80th Division, 2d Corps Area, 24 June 1921, and organized November 1921. Ordered into active military service, less personnel, and organized 16 July 1942 at Camp Forrest, Tenn., as element of 80th Infantry Division. Inactivated 9-18 January 1946 at Camp Kilmer, N. J. Redesignated 318th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 80th Airborne Division, 15 July 1946, and assigned to Second Army 1 August 1946. Activated 12 March 1947 with Headquarters at Richmond, Va. (Organized Reserves redesignated Organized Reserve Corps in March 1948.) Redesignated 318th Airborne Infantry Regiment 18 October 1950. Redesignated 318th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division, 10 May 1952. (Organized Reserve Corps redesignated Army Reserve in 1952.)

CAMPAIGN STREAMERS

World War I

Picardy
Somme Offensive
Meuse-Argonne

World War II

Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe

DECORATIONS

Following elements each entitled to DUC embroidered BASTOGNE:

All companies 1st Battalion

All companies 2nd Battalion

(WD GO 24, 1945; WD GO 13, 1946)

COAT OF ARMS

Shield. Vairy argent and gules (red squirrel fur) three oak trees one and two vert, on a canton of the first the shoulder sleeve insignia of the 80th Division proper.

Crest. That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Army Reserve: On a wreath of the colors (argent and gules) the Lexington Minute Man proper. The statue of the Minute Man, Captain John Parker (H. H. Kitson, sculptor), stands on the Common in Lexington, Mass.

Motto. "Old Virginia never tires."

The red squirrel background is for training in the British Area during World War I; Red Squirrel was the regiment's code name. The three green trees are for the three times into the Argonne. The 80th Division badge is in the canton. The motto was the one carried throughout the war by the regiment on its wagon covers. After World War I the regiment was reconstituted as a unit in the Organized Reserves and allocated to Virginia, which remains its allocation.

DISTINCTIVE INSIGNIA

The insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms of the regiment.

PUBLISHED HISTORIES

History of the 318th Infantry Regiment of the 80th Division. 1917-1919 (Richmond, 1919).

Rush Stevenson Young, Over the Top with the 80th, by a Buck Pvt. 1917-1919 (Washington, 1933).

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THE LETTER BOX

Dear Sir:

We are writing to you because your unit was one which so gloriously defended BASTOGNE during the historic Battle of the Bulge in the Ardennes Offensive of December 1944 and January 1945.

Following Victory in Europe in 1945, the Belgian people, anxious to establish a memorial to the valiant Americans who bled and died on our soil, decided to erect a monument which would perpetuate this memory and express our heartfelt thanks to them and their families.

We who live in BASTOGNE realize that it was through the sacrifices of men from units such as yours that we were able to freely erect such a memorial. For BASTOGNE was the last line of resistance against the enemy of World War II, the place on Belgian territory where the greatest battle of the war was fought, and lastly, the truly blood-stained ground where so many gallant Americans finally stopped the onslaught of the invader.

Now, a quarter-of-a-century later, in order that the generations to come may not only remember the name of BASTOGNE, but also will understand the importance of this final Battle of the Bulge, our city wishes to build a museum where all can see and know the valiant stand made by the Americans here. This museum, to be constructed beside the present Mardasson Memorial, will show all who pass this way this glorious page from history.

Our plan to finance the construction of this museum is to assign the proceeds from the sale of the enclosed brochure to a building fund. (See note - ED.)

In writing to you, we hope that you may have other ideas which would assist us in carrying out our project. We welcome your suggestions and hope that we may incorporate them in the overall plan to raise enough capital to fulfill our dream of this museum. Please send your ideas to the Burgomaster of the City of BASTOGNE (BELGIUM).

If you are unable to assist in our project, may we ask you to please give this brochure

to your children, or to their professors, because we want the name of BASTOGNE to shine as brightly in the hearts of all Americans as does the United States of America in the hearts of our citizens.

May we thank you in advance for your interest and cooperation in our effort. It is truly hoped that our project will be received in the United States with the same fervor which our citizens of BASTOGNE welcome it.

Very sincerely yours,
Louis OLIVIER, Burgomaster,
Ville de BASTOGNE, Belgium.

(Note: A notation on the brochure received indicates a suggested donation of \$1.00).

Dear Sir,

I am most delighted to be a member of the 80th Association. It was a wonderful experience and I still have a warm heart and highest respect for the leaders and men I served with.

For many years I have been trying to locate the following men, all formerly of F Co., 318th Inf., ETO. They are: Sgt. Dix, Lt. Hodge, Pfc. Ingram, Pfc. Lane, Pfc. Marcellie, Lt. McCormick, Sgt. Uniskia and Pfc. Wheeler. If you could give me any information as to their addresses I would appreciate it.

Virgil W. Gillen,
478 East Fourth St.,
Franklin, Ohio

Dear Editors,

Thanks to the response of the members of Cleveland Post No. 35 the Cub Scouts of Pack 568 now have a new American Flag, flagpole with eagle emblem, and two flagpole carrying belts.

Once again the members of the 80th live up to their true meaning "The 80th never fails"—all missions completed.

Truly this makes me proud to have been a member of the 80th Division during World War II and also a member of Cleveland Post.

Ilio "Al" Talvacchio,
Co. C, 305 Engrs., ETO.
Cub Master, Pack 568,
Cleveland, Ohio.