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NEW YORK CITY IN 1957

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MEN OF THE 83rd

By HARRY LOCKWOOD—329

The New Jersey Chapter held a special meeting on Monday evening, August 20th, for the purpose of getting started on the details for next year's convention which is to be held in New York in August of 1957.

Committees were appointed and a great many things were discussed and all those present seemed to share the feeling that with the proper bit of promotion and a lot of hard work we might be able to put on a convention the like of which we haven't had before. A challenge that we have accepted. There were 18 men present at the meeting and the enthusiasm was indeed contagious.

New York has tremendous potential in possible attendance, in entertainment and sightseeing. There are many places of interest that in the few days one may spend here during the convention it's impossible to do more than skim the surface. We have many plans for keeping everyone busy seeing some of the things that New York has to offer and I feel sure that you will all go home very much satisfied and certainly glad that you came.

You'll be hearing more and more convention chatter as time goes on and although I'd rather not make any rash promises. I'm of the opinion that this one is going to be a real WINGDING and those of you who attend will be saying for a long time "THE BEST REUNION WE HAD WAS IN NEW YORK".

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COL. ROBERT H. YORK NAMED PRESIDENT

By DAVE ROSENBERG—F-331ST



Colonel Robert H. York, former Regimental Commander of the 331st Infantry Regiment, was given a tumultuous ovation upon his election as President of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. The election of Colonel Robert H. York marked a fitting climax to the thrilling and most enjoyable Tenth Annual Convention. The Washington chapter played host to a most successful reunion. The members of the convention committee are to be commended for a job well done. The programming, which involved much hard work, bore fruitful results, and all who attended will attest to having a remarkably good time.

The convening "THUNDERBOLTS" arrived early and stayed late, all striving to make the most out of a well executed reunion. We were blessed with excellent weather and the "THUNDERBOLTS" struck early. The arriving men and their families found all in readiness. The registration Thursday was heavy and augered for a well attended convention. The registration desk worked like a charm and all were

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**THE
PRESIDENT'S
CORNER**



Fellow Thunderbolts:

The 10th Annual Reunion of the 83rd Division Association is now a matter of history. By every standard it was a great success. Last year's officers and the convention committee left no stone unturned to make it so, and every man concerned deserves the highest praise for his unstinting efforts. Inasmuch as this praise is being given in other sections of this publication I will not use this space for that purpose other than to endorse everything that is said. Rather, what I want to emphasize here is that despite the tremendous amount of work exerted by all those above, it could have been a better reunion. There was not a man there who didn't have a terrific time. There was not a man there who couldn't have had an even better time if more of his close friends had been there. In my own case I would have given anything if Long, Walker, Staples, Brown, Snyder, Shall, Kuhlman, Scott, Nielson, MacDonald, Bailey, Ashmore, Glenn, Barnes and a host of others had been there to swap stories, sing songs, and reminisce with. But looking over the mailing list I note that many of these are not even on it. That is a situation that should not exist among men who have shared so much, and I intend to do something about it!

Now I know that this same thing applies to every man present at the reunion, as well as every man who reads this. Will you, too, determine right now that you will do something about it? Send the Secretary the names and addresses of everyone you know, and write to those you particularly want to see at the reunion next year. We all know that everyone can't get to every reunion, but let's all decide now that at next year's reunion, to be held the third weekend in August in New York City, *we will each make every effort to get everyone there that we particularly want to see.* If each man will do this your newly elected officers will live up to the trust you have placed in them and arrange an unforgettable reunion in 1957.

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At this time, we of the New Jersey Chapter who attended the convention in Washington, and especially yours truly, would like to express a vote of thanks to the men of Washington who put on the show this year and a double portion of the same to Russell Hite who gave so freely of his time in acting as guide and chauffeur to a small group of us who arrived on Monday. He really gave us a Cook's Tour of the glorious city of Washington, so to Russ Hite, **A LIFT OF THE LOCKWOOD LID**, a well deserved gesture to a well deserving guy.

We'll keep you posted regarding progress and all that we ask of you is that you get in touch with your buddies of the past and keep them posted and in that way I'm sure we cannot miss.

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briefed, not with a five paragraph field order but with a complete program book and a full schedule of events for all. Thursdays events were mostly centered about sight-seeing in Washington's vast historical spots. The women and children made the most of this, and all found the city cordial and eager to welcome the "THUNDERBOLTS". The men as usual gathered at the various units C. P.'s and the inevitable "bull sessions" resumed. The winning of various campaigns over the "scotch and soda" table is a most pleasant and enjoyable way to pass the hours. With each new registration a new phase was fought and enjoyed. The business meeting was brief and well attended. Rumblings were heard as to the next meeting place and the election of new officers. Thursday evening found all ready to convene at the delightful air conditioned meeting room and enjoyed the Washington's Chapter well planned beer party. The



"THUNDERBOLTS" may have been glorious chowhounds in their prime, but certainly they acquit themselves well at the "drinking trough" and there was plenty for all to enjoy. Cessation of the regular beer party only led to the many "private" drinking bouts and bull sessions. You have not lived until you have partaken of these meetings. Good fellowship prevails and the renewal of future good friendship is born and raised at these meetings. So until the wee hours of the morning "gemutlic hkeit" prevailed and friendship bloomed. Everyone somehow or other was pleasantly surprised to greet a long lost buddy. The Friday schedule was a most complete and enjoyable one. After breakfast the business meeting proved to be spirited and well attended. The ladies and children were delighted with their tour of the White House. It proved to be very well attended and heartedly enjoyed. If the women of the "THUNDERBOLTS" start to harp to their mates about redecorating the "old homestead" blame it on the White House tour. All came away awed and inspired. To make it more delightful a stunning fashion show and intimate cozy enjoyable

lunch was the high spot for the ladies in the afternoon. Fortunately the large stores were closed the following day or else the "THUNDERBOLTS" would have suffered a horrible onslaught on the pocketbooks with all the women eager to purchase a few "glad rags". Friday evening found everyone eager to attend the cocktail party. It was a thing of beauty. The Washington chapter stinted not. The liquor was endless. At each table good fellowship overflowed.



A charming pianist entertained. A group of Philadelphia Chapter men provided "Amatuer Talent" as Lou Volpi gave a dazzling exhibition of a strip tease in pleasing good taste. As usual the formal end of the evening seemed to mark only the beginning of the night. Everyone reconvened to the "private" rooms and started anew.



The Philadelphia Chapter's suite overflowed with visitors. The Warren Chapter, not to be outdone, eagerly provided for the thirsty and the seekers of entertainment. Yes, men, the "THUNDERBOLT" Division men are the friendliest.



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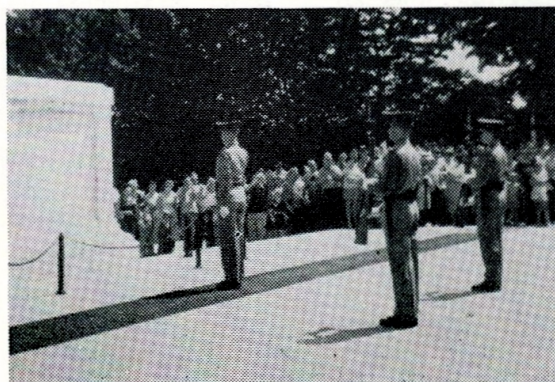
Saturday dawned bright and cheerful. More registrations blossomed and each new man was greeted with cries of delight. The important business meeting was solemnly opened with a prayer by Chaplain Bill Shuman. President Larry Redmond, seemingly recovered from his bout of sickness, presided and rapidly the meeting progressed. The slate of new officers headed by the ever popular Colonel Bob York was unanimously elected and given a round of applause that made every one positive the right leaders for our new year were the favorites and would be backed to the limit by all. Colonel Bob York addressed the assemblage with a speech that hit home.

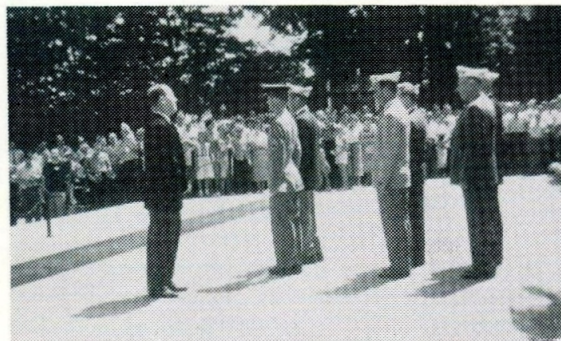
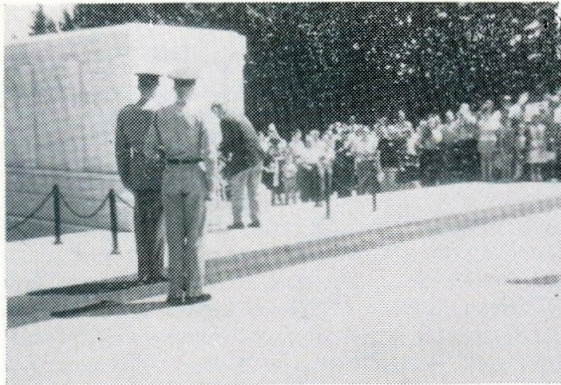


His desire for the best divisional association and his willingness to lead us presages a mighty year of growth. His request for all to pitch in and carry our organization over the top was greeted with a standing ovation. We of the 331st Regiment know of Colonel York's exemplary leadership and are eager to fall in and fight again by his side. The selection of 1957 convention city awarded to New York City. The newly formed New Jersey-New York Chapter have a huge job to equal the past conventions but we know the spirited group that they have amassed will go all out and do their best to live up to real driving "THUNDERBOLT" performances of the past. The finish of the business meeting marked the scramble of the men to attend the various unit meetings and luncheons. The 331st Regiment again met and the well attended meeting was privileged to hear from their former commander. He thanked one and all for their solicitude and remembrances while he was away on his various tours of duties. He was most impressed with our 1955 cablegram to Singapore and most touched with our gift of a portable radio to mark his homecoming. He reiterated his plea for cooperation in boosting the national membership and attendance at the 1957 reunion.



The afternoon found all the "THUNDERBOLTS" ready for the Memorial Services at Arlington Cemetary. The hallowed ground made a profound, touching, soul-inspiring impression on all. As we bowed everyone said unto himself a prayer of thanks and a prayer for the souls of our dear comrades who have passed on. May God rest their souls. The returning buses echoed with the deep feelings of all. It was a most fitting service, and the changing of the guard a memory every one will always cherish.





'Tis very hard to record Saturday evenings banquet. The banquet hall was most impressive and well arranged. The head table shone with well decorated flower pieces. The head table was a fitting assemblage for the men to admire and greet. Our own Congressional Award Winner Ralph Nepple who graciously greeted all. General Robert Macon, our President Larry Redmond and his hard-working, lovable wife, Secretary-treasurer George Cooley and his attractive wife, executive board members Walter Edwards and his pleasant wife, the effervescent Leo Schneider and his charming, lovely wife, Jack Levin, our Judge Advocate, who later acted as MC, and his delightful wife, our own elected President Colonel Bob Kork, and our guest of honor Ambassador George V. Allen and his charming wife all graced the imposing head table. A hugh turnout soon found seats at a well arranged dinner floor and the fine meal was enjoyed by all. Out-going President Larry Redmond was greeted with a rising ovation that brought down the house. His hard hitting actions of the past two



years were recognized by all. As a token of appreciation a beautiful wristwatch was presented to him by Leo Schneider. This gift was the wish and pleasure of the rank and file of the organization who keenly discerned President Redmond's exemplary leadership that was so openly revealed by the huge growth in the national organization. Larry Redmond's ovation was a well earned one and he steps down with the affection of all. May he stay in good health and prosper. The popular George Cooley, our Secretary and Treasurer, also received an ovation as a fitting recognition of his past performances. His continued stay in office marks huge sacrifices on his part and reveals that George will always be loved by the "THUNDERBOLTS". When mentioning George Cooley one would be remiss if not to state that George's beautiful wife deserves the plaudits of all for her fine cooperation in assisting George Cooley in the performances of his duties.

Our new President Colonel Bob York addressed the assemblage and strongly repeated his desires and wishes for a strong and growing national organization. His drive and enthusiasm for being the best was reflected in his remarks and captured his audience who evinced their spirit to cooperate by the applause afforded him at the conclusion of his remarks. Our guest of honor Ambassador George V. Allen followed Colonel York and after attesting to the splendid record made by the "THUNDERBOLT" Division in action presented a most timely speech on the near east situation. His briefing on this most important scene of future action served as an educational dissertation. The Ambassador's Address was well received and applauded.

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**DUES ARE
NOW DUE
FOR 1956-57**



And then the fun began. Multiply the previous evenings fun and hilarity by the hundreds and one has only a faint idea of the pleasure that all had. The "THUNDERBOLTS" proved as fine on the dance floor as they did on the battlegrounds. It would be impossible to pin point and enumerate the antics of individuals. It was a party enjoyed enmasse. Everyone had a "big" time. When the last strains of the music subsided the Philadelphia Chapter foretold what was to come, led by Frank McGrogan, draped in "Drinking Bartenders Aprons", a group of Philadelphians bearing liquor and the "makings" invited one and all to its suite of rooms. And if you visited Suite 901 at any hour of the ensuing morning you knew that the Philadelphia hosts were busy and having as good a time as their guests. Again with the aid of a slide rule you can multiply the fun and frolic that prevailed thruout the entire hotel. Yes, men this was a "great one". Don't miss the next, it also will be the finest. See you in New York. To all you men who unfortunately were not able to attend our Tenth Annual Reunion, please do yourself a huge favor, make plans now to attend the Eleventh Annual Reunion in New York. You won't regret it. You are insured the time of you lives. Bring your wives, bring the family. The "THUNDERBOLTS" are a friendly people, you will enjoy every minute.

WARREN CHAPTER NEWS

By MIKE SKOVVAN—Hq. 331

The Warren, Ohio Chapter is very pleased to extend our heartiest and warmest congratulations to Colonel Robert York on being elected President of The 83rd Infantry Division Association. We would also like to reaffirm the pledge made to Colonel York at the reunion by our chapter president Charles Tomazin that the Warren, Ohio Chapter stands 100% behind him and the Association, both in furthering and defending our principles, and to increase our efforts to the maximum in building up the membership of the association. In this respect, we would like to add that letters and rosters are already in the mails to former buddies who are not as yet association members. We would like to extend further congratulations to all of the other newly elected officers of the association including our own George Cooley, re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer.

Our thanks to all our buddies and their ladies who were able to avail themselves of the Warren, Ohio Chapter C. P. at the reunion. We hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as we enjoyed having you. With another very successful reunion tucked away in our memories to be long remembered, let's all start now to make our plans to attend the 1957 reunion in New York City.

The final outdoor picnic of the year for the Warren Chapter members and their families was held at Valley Lake Park, Ohio on September 2. The usual good things to eat were prepared by our ladies and a good time was had by all. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kelley, Hq.-908-F, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nuzzi, I-331, for coordinating this fine affair.

The annual election of chapter officers for the 1956-1957 term was held September 19th with the results being as follows:

CHARLES TOMAZIN, B-322-F
President
JOHN TERINGO, G-331
First Vice President
DICK KELLEY, Hq. 908
Second Vice President
ANDY PANKOVICH, Ser.-330
Secretary-Treasurer

The Warren, Ohio chapter will hold its Annual Costumed Halloween Dance, Saturday, October 27. A cordial invitation is hereby extended to all association members, their wives and friends to attend what we hope will be a gala affair. (COME ON CLEVELAND.) For reservations, contact George Cooley, 1459 Beechwood Street, Warren, Ohio.

To all former 83rd Infantry Division members in the local area around Warren, Ohio we would like to offer the benefits of our chapter. Regular monthly meetings

are held the third Wednesday of each month at Club 83, North River (Ratliff) Road, Warren, Ohio at 8:30 P. M. Free refreshments are served. (Also free lessons on the pool table by Leroy Titus, G-331.) Please come and be one of us.

WARREN, OHIO LADIES CORNER

The monthly meeting of the Warren, Ohio Ladies Auxiliary, 83rd Division Association was held at the home of Mrs. George Kilpatrick, September 17, 1956. The business of the evening was the discussion and planning of the rummage sale, which is to be held October 4th with all the ladies sharing the responsibilities.

A combination picnic-party (with stories around the fire) was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Skovran, 331 by the ladies auxiliary in honor of their husbands, Saturday night, September 22nd. A 48 cup electric coffee urn was presented by Mildred Kelly, president of the ladies auxiliary to Charles Tomazin, B-322-F, who accepted as president of the Warren chapter. The following inscription appeared on the gift "With Love from the Warren Thunderbolt-ettes to Their Thunderbolts". A good time was had by all spiced with various forms of entertainment, especially the singing and playing of Leroy (Lili Marlene) Titus, G-331. The evening entertainment ended with Mary "Fireball" Cooley making like a rocket heading for the moon in their Buick sedan (at three o'clock in the morning) with George looking for a parachute. (Anyone wanting to hear the story of the year, mention the word "enema" to the Cooley's.

CLEVELAND CHAPTER NEWS

By CASEY KOWALEC—C Btry 322 FA

Another reunion is put into the history of the 83rd Infantry Division, with the attendance growing every year. You who did not attend the 10th Annual Reunion in Washington, D. C. this year really missed a good time. Our Chapter was well represented by Alf Uridel (Can-329), Casey Szubski (C-322-F), Mike Demko (3 Bn-331), Bob Uher (B-329), Ted Karageorge (A-322-F), Eugene Desh (B-323-F), and your reporter.

Our heartfelt sympathy to R. J. Voracek and family on the recent passing of his mother. She will always be remembered in our prayers.

Congratulations to Hank Katell (F-330) on the recent opening of Katell's Music Center located at 4833 Turney Road. You Clevelanders that have musically inclined children will do well to take them to Hank to bring out their hidden talent.

Now that bowling season is back in full swing, lets keep those arms well oiled and your eye an the "ole" head pin so that we can whip the Warren Chapter this year.

Remember buddies, any news that you would like to have published in the THUNDERBOLT, feel free to call me at any time and I will forward it on to the editor. Also don't forget that we meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at V. F. W. Post 3456, 9503 Miles Ave., Cleveland, at 8:30 P. M. How about coming out and bring along a buddy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear George:

I am sorry that I was unable to attend this years reunion. I hope that I can make it next year. Dues enclosed.

Sincerely,
Ralph E. Hoover, B-330
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Dear Mr. Cooley:

Enclosed dues for year 1956-57. I felt poorly that I could not attend the reunion this year, though it was so near. I work shift work and it was impossible for me to get off to attend.

With best wishes to the association, I am,
Sincerely yours,
Chas. E. Nothnagel, C-324-FA
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Dear Buddy,

Enclosed find dues for the coming year. I did not attend the past reunion but as always I'm looking forward to the THUNDERBOLT to read about it. I was surprised when I read of how few members belong to the association. I know of a few fellows around here that I'm going to try to round-up and get them to join the association.

Wishing the new officers the best of luck I remain,
An old buddy from the 329th
Charles D. Pursglove
* * *

Dear Sir:

Find enclosed money-order for \$400 for my dues. Sorry to be so late. Hope that everyone had a good time at the reunion and I'm sorry that I couldn't attend.

Thank you,
Richard E. Freeman, L-329
* * *

... sorry that I couldn't make it to Washington this year.

Kindest regards,
Don Schwartz, G-331
* * *

... had a visit from "Millie" Millegan prior to reunion in Washington. If it had been a week earlier I would have jumped in and gone along with him. Am looking forward to next THUNDERBOLT.

Sincerely yours,
Johnny "Reb" Folsom, A-330
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**PICTORIAL REVIEW
OF
10th ANNUAL
THUNDERBOLT
REUNION**



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr. George Cooley, Sr.
THUNDERBOLT, 83rd Inf. Div. Assn.
1459 Beachwood Street
Warren, Ohio

Dear Mr. Cooley:

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of BATTLE CRY Magazine which may be the first copy you have had an opportunity to see.

Even though the title BATTLE CRY is long established, the magazine it represents was only recently revamped to its present form and is devoted entirely to the past activities, adventures and experiences of former servicemen. All articles are authentic and the data has been provided by the official files and records of the United States Armed Services.

You will be interested in knowing that BATTLE CRY is enjoying a splendid sale so far as the general public is concerned, and the sales are particularly good in and around military installations. It is nationally distributed to all newsstands and your readers can obtain copies from that source.

Other organizations similar to yours have called the attention of their readers to BATTLE CRY Magazine. They have referred to either the general contents or to specific articles that are of particular interest to their readers. Obviously, we appreciate such comments because we honestly feel we are providing the ex-serviceman with a publication he will thoroughly enjoy from cover to cover. We would naturally appreciate any favorable comment you would like to make in your publication.

The publishers and editors join me in hoping you thoroughly enjoy reading the enclosed issue of BATTLE CRY Magazine.

Sincerely,

THE DIEHL MAGAZINE
CONSULTING COMPANY
M. H. Diehl

Editors note—We enjoyed the magazine so much that it is a "must" on our reading list. We recommend it to our THUNDERBOLT BUDDIES.

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Dear Mr. Cooley:

We regret very much to have to inform you of the death of our son Albert L. Wouters, Co. C-331st Infantry in an automobile accident on September 22nd.

He attended the reunion in Washington last August and enjoyed it very much.

The 83rd was close to his heart and he was always glad to see his buddies.

Yours very truly,
Albert Wouters, Sr.
142 Dartmoor Road
Mentor, Ohio

Mr. George Cooley
1459 Beechwood Street, N. E.
Warren, Ohio

Dear Mr. Cooley:

I wish to extend my personal thanks to you and the members of the 83rd. Infantry Division Association for being with us for your 10th Annual Reunion August 16, 17, 18, 1956.

It was a great pleasure serving your group—and I trust you will have occasion to be with us again in the future.

May all of your coming reunions be most successful!

Sincerely,
Richard H. Nash, Manager
The Willard
Washington 4, D. C.

MESSAGE FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

Hello Buddies:

Here we are settling down after having just attended one of the finest Reunions that this Association has ever had the pleasure of having. There is a world of credit due to the fine Washington Chapter for hard work that they did in making this great reunion possible.

I would like to at this time express my sincere thanks to each and everyone of you for having afforded me the honor of serving as President of this great Association; not only one year, but two years. I sincerely hope that I have fulfilled this Office in a satisfactory manner. I would also like at this time to thank each and every one of you for the very fine watch that was presented to me as a gift from the members of this Association. It is a grand feeling to a person to feel that he has so many friends.

The success of this great association is not due to any one man; each and every one of us play a part in its success or failure. The success of it is due solely to increased membership and by sending in your dues today, you can do your part in helping to make it grow. If your dues are paid up, how about having another former buddy presented with a gift, send in \$4.00 along with his name and address and a membership card will be sent him as a gift from you.

This year we have the honor of having as our national president, one of the finest men in our association, Colonel York, who is one of the most well liked men in our association, and is deserving of your support. Let us all get behind him and make this the biggest year of the 83rd Infantry Division Association.

Larry Redmond

TENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION PERSONALITIES

By DAVID J. ROSENBERG—F331st Inf.

A national reunion is a joy to behold. Throughout your days and nights there are moments that bless and burn. You can't wait for the big day to come. Each preparation you make is a work of joy. For one full well knows that the ensuing days will be pleasureable ones. Yet unbelievable every great expectation is surpassed with each meeting and greeting of a buddy.

Fortunately the first old time buddy that I was able to greet was Jesse Cullen, F-331, of New Cumberland, West Virginia. Jesse Cullen was every ones favorite in Fox Company, no one but no one could speak ill of him. His extreme sobriety and piety among many sceptics proved to be an oasis during days fraught with peril, so it was a comfort for me to meet up again with Jesse. No need to say Jesses Christmas card correspondance lists have no equal. I am proud to call Jesse Cullen buddy. With Greetings over, I sat down and soon enjoyed a resume from Jesse of the doings of all the old bunch of Fox Company. It was a pleasure to meet up again with Jesse, a real "THUNDERBOLT" man and a credit to our organization.

Ten years is a long time, in ten years much can happen, many changes in ones appearance can transpire, yet the years have been kind to the following two men who I next met for the first time since the cessation of hostilities. Major (now Colonel) Larry Laliberte, is a pleasant legend to Fox Company 331 Infantry men, after indelibly making his impression on us in training in Tennessee maneuvers, we surrendered him reluctantly to How Company and finally looked for his leadership as executive officer of the 2nd Battallion. When I say Major Larry Laliberte led us in battle, I mean that, where he directed his men to go, there went Major Laliberte, to lead, direct and fight. He captured the affections of all the men who were privileged to serve with him. Gallant, heroic are but words that little display his actions. These traits made him a favorite with all, and so it needs little saying that Major Larry's appearance at the reunion was one that all Second Battallion men marked as a memorable reunion experience. Col. Laliberte has had a host of commands since he last saw us, included was service in Korea. Presently he is attached to the AG office in the Pentagon in Washington, D. C. To the Second Battalion men I want to say that our Major Larry Laliberte is still the distinguished man we knew. A tinge of grayness about the temples highlights his granite like features. Soft, quiet spoken, Larry discoursed and revealed stories about all the men he knew we would be interested.

Even today he carrys himself in a true military manner. His upright carriage, his quiet gentlemanly demeanor bespeaks a well trained mind, his solicitude for men whom he had not seen for years reveals the true gentleman he always was. Colonel Laliberte captivated all who greeted him, and strengthened every ones belief that indeed fortunate were we who served under "Major" Larry Laliberte. Yes, it was a most refreshing experience to meet up with "Major" Larry Laliberte.

Acompanying Colonel Laliberte was another favorite of Second Battalion men, namely Major James A. Patterson. Captain "Pat" as he was affectionately known, remains the same dashing handsome figure of a man he always was. His trim mustache still crowns the friendly smile that is his own signature. Captain "Pat" at present also is attached to the Pentagon where his efficient capabilities are being recognized. Captain "Pat" also was greeted by one and all and always was the center of all.

This convention was marked by the attendance of many of the wives of the "THUNDERBOLT" men. All were pleasant, cordial and God bless them, most attractive. Many of the men brought their Children. This is a favorable sign that the reunions in the future will be a real family affair.

One of the most humorous phases of our reunion was the meeting between "Big Gun" John Piscatelli and "Little Fire Cracker" General Macon, this was democracy at work and a sight to see.

President Joe Lacy and his lovely wife welcomed the Philadelphia contingent as they arrived. Frank and Mary McGrogan as usual officiated as our host and hostess away from home. No one can be greeted by Mary McGrogan's smile and not be warmed to the cockles of the heart. Walter Sammler effervescent past president of the Philadelphia Chapter was elected to the post of Sergeant of Arms. Walt is a little fellow with a hugh heart. Eager to serve he will be a hugh help to our new president Cononel Bob York.

No mention of a "THUNDERBOLT" reunion can be complete without mention of Leo and Shirley Schneider. Leo masks his hard work for the "THUNDERBOLT" organization with a smile and small talk, is truly a real hard worker for the good and well of the organization. Shirley Schneider is a fine mate for Leo. A perfect hostess, Shirley did more than her share to make all feel at home. All who visited with the Schneider's at their suite agree that Shirley is quite a gal and a real "THUNDERBOLT" on her own.

With each flash of another flashbulb Harry Lockwood captured another lasting picture. Harry, a hard working New Jersey-New York Chapter man uncomplainingly
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snapped many a picture.

Tis impossible to repeat and recapture all who were present, rest assured all who attended returned home pleased and eager to make the trip to New York in 1957.

AN OPEN LETTER TO COLONEL ROBERT H. YORK

Dear Bob:

We who have been privileged to serve under you on the 331st Infantry Combat Team join our buddies in congratulating you upon your election as our national president. We who know of your drive and unlimited enthusiasm to be the "best", feel confident that your feelings will be well reflected in our success in the year to come. Your inherent ability to organize and plan will lead us to heights unreachd as yet. We also realize that your job shant be an easy one, so we are willing to enlist in any campaign you wish to wage to make our organization the best of all national division associations. We know your well planned fight for future growth will need volunteers and workers. With this thought in mind on behalf of the countless others who campaigned with you we offer you our sincere congratulations and best wishes for a successful year. Feel free to call on us to serve and enable you to fashion a fighting team and achieve the success you desire.

Affectionately yours,
David J. Rosenberg, F-331st

ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY

By DAVID J. ROSENBERG—F-331

Were we of the 83rd Infantry Division still a military organization, it would be most fitting for us to award Larry Redmond a well deserved citation which would extoll his past services to the 83rd Infantry Division Association. This citation most assuredly would be inscribed with the inscription "Above and Beyond the Call of Duty", to describe Larry Redmond's heroic efforts as president. Despite moments when ill health assailed him, he persevered to accomplish what he first started to do, namely to make our organization one that all would be most proud of. It was through his untiring efforts that the phenomenal growth of our organization brings it up among the leading division associations. It rests with us to join Larry Redmond and offer our services to our new president Colonel Bob York our individual support and cooperation. Yes it would be a fitting testimony to Larry Redmond if we all redouble our efforts and attempt to reach Larry Redmond's devotion to the 83rd Infantry Division Association and offer cooperation to Colonel York and enable Colonel York to attain all of his objectives.

OBITUARY COLUMN

We extend deepest sympathy to the Albert L. Wouters family on the loss of their son on September 22, 1956.

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GOING TO STAND IDLY BY
AND LET THEM DIE?**

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DUES AND
MEMBERS IN
NOW!**

OUR C. O.

By DAVID J. ROSENBERG—F-331

Colonel Robert H. York, our newly elected President of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, perfectly epitomizes the 331st Infantry Regiment Motto, "See it Through".

Colonel York assumed command of the 331st Infantry Regimental Combat Team at the age of 32, one of the youngest regimental commanders in the army. A veteran of 11 major battle engagements in North Africa, Sicily and France, even then he was the bearer of the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star and the Oak Leaf Cluster.

Colonel York was graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, in the class of '38, and commissioned a Lieutenant in the infantry in the same year.

Upon Americas entry in the war, Colonel York was in command of troops on foreign shores in the vanguard of great American invasion troops. In his rise from the gold bar of the Second Lieutenant to the silver eagle of his present rank, Colonel York has held many posts of command, as Company Commander, Battalion Executive Officer, Battalion Commander and Regimental Commander.

Prior to his appointment to the Military Academy, Colonel York attended St. Bernard College.

While serving with the First Division as Battalion Commander, Colonel York was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for exemplary bravery he demonstrated at Djebel Berda, North Africa, during a heated engagement against crack units of the 10th German Panzer Division, on March 22 to March 25, 1943.

Colonel York was assigned to Command of the 331st Infantry Regiment in July 1944. From the perilous fighting through the hedegrows of Normandy, from Carentan to Periers: Through Brittany, from St. Malo, Dinard, Dinan, the Fortress of Paula on Hill 48, through the St. Lunaire and St. Brieuc engagements, throughout the Hurtgen Forest to the banks of the Roer River of Duren, through the Battle of the Bulge, in the harsh winter, Colonel York led his men. Crossing the Roer River at Julich, Colonel York spearheaded the 331st Infantry drive across the Reich, leaving captured town after captured town in his wake. In less than 48 hours the Rhine River bank at Neuss was ours. The first of the American Army Units to reach the wall between the American Army and the heart of Germany. In 13 days Colonel York led "The Rag Tag Circus" across 213 miles into the center of the Hinterland to establish the only permanent bridgehead across the Elbe River. Despite many counter

attacks Colonel York turned over this bridgehead to the Russians two days before V. E. Day. No stranger to the front line troops Colonel York inspired all the "Doughboys" with his disregard for personal safety and his tireless efforts to make his team the "best", and "to see it through". Bob York returned to the states with the last units of the 83rd Division on the 31st of March 1946. After a brief furlough Colonel York was assigned to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. There for the next four years he served in the tactical department. During the Korean War Colonel York recognized as a tactical authority, was assigned to Assistant Chief of Staff, G3, Department of the Army. Then followed another year at the Pentagon. Colonel Bob York's ability was again recognized and he was selected to attend the War College at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Upon completion of his course Colonel York was ordered to Singapore as the Military Attache. This tour of duty was of three and one half years duration. It was a most valuable experience. He was able to study and observe first hand the national scene as he traveled through the Asian, Arab and African world. His duty carried him through Singapore, Malaya, Borneo, Indo China, Thailand, Indonesia Ceylon, India, Pahlkistan and Egypt.

At present Colonel York is assigned to the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Colonel Bob York is a devoted family man. His gracious wife Grace, who hails from Long Island, N. Y., will attest to that. A most proud grandfather, Bob will at the slightest provocation, (most times without any prompting) bring out the family pictures of his 8 month baby granddaughter, his eldest daughter Elizabeth Ann, married to an RAF Officer, and his 3 other girls Barbera Allison, age 15, Gail Andrea, age 9 and Carol, age 6.

This is our new C. O., a man of deep courage, a man devoted to duty, a real leader. We can look forward to a most successful year. If we the entire membership will cooperate with our new president, a year of growth and strength awaits our organization. Pitch in and do your share to increase our membership. Lets everyone write to Colonel Bob York at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia and declare our desire to cooperate and put every one of Colonel York's goals over the Top.

LET'S GO!!!

DON'T STAND IDLY BY . . .

GET INTO THE ACT

GET A NEW MEMBER

REUNION 1956 STYLE

By HARRY LOCKWOOD—329



We just returned from Washington a few short weeks ago,
From our annual convention which is always quite a show,
We toured our National Capital, that is, all that we could see,
In the time that was allotted to us, the time that we were free.
We visited the Capitol, the Washington Monument too
The Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials also came in view,
The White House with it's splendor and decorations unfurled
At 1600 Pennsylvania, the most famous address in the world.
The Library of Congress, the F. B. I. and the place where our money goes
That, of course, is the Treasury, as everybody knows,
The Bureau of Engraving where they print that which we spend,
The tremendous Department of Commerce which it seems will never end.
The old Ford Theatre where Lincoln was shot as he watched a play inside,
The Peterson house across the street, the house in which he died.
The statue of Iwo Jima an awe inspiring sight,
A symbol to a group of men and to American might.
This of course can go on with the Archives Building and such,
And the old Smithsonian Institute which we all enjoyed very much.
The Hall of Justice, The Pentagon, The Unknown Soldier's Tomb,
But unfortunately, or fortunately, we just don't have the room.
But in the little space we do have left we shouldn't fail to mention,
A word of praise to the boys of Washington who put on this last convention.
It's a lot of work and many details keep you on the run,
And though it's impossible to satisfy all, it was a job well done.
You'll be hearing from us from time to time and every time you do,
Pass it on to you buddy, we want him to know too.
and at this time I might interject, just a parting word,
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YEAR**