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Fellow Thunderbolts:

I made a flying trip to New York on the weekend of the 27th of April to meet with the Great New Jersey - New York Chapter to discuss arrangements for our reunion which, as you know, is to be held at the Roosevelt Hotel on 15, 16, and 17th August. Believe me they are really working in that group to insure that everyone who attends the reunion this year has the time of his life.

The Command Post the Convention Committee has selected is even better than the one I had in Luxembourg during the war. All the rooms are air-conditioned (at no extra cost) and the prices are most reasonable. The location is particularly ideal. Walking west you are within 5 minutes of Time Square on old Broadway. En route you cross the famous 5th Avenue where you'll have a hard time getting your wife past all the world-famous dress shops. Going east you are within 5 minutes of Park Avenue. Step out the door and you are in Grand Central Station. Sub-ways to all parts of Manhattan Island are practically under the hotel.

As for entertainment, the Committee has arranged a program that will satisfy everyone's taste—ladies and men alike. There will be the usual cocktail and beer parties (note: beer party stag, with special entertainment) and dinner. In addition, there



will be sight-seeing tours around Manhattan Island which they say is out of this world. There will be give-away T. V. shows and what not. In arranging the program the Committee has also provided for ample free time to let people go and see what they like — particularly the ladies. And needless to say, New York has plenty to offer — Radio City, the Empire State Building, shops, plays, night clubs, dance halls, the Statue of Liberty, the United Nations' Building, Chinatown, the Village, etc. You name it — New York has it. *You really can't miss this one.*

THUNDERBOLTS make your plans now to meet your best buddies at the *Crossroads of the World* this year — little old New York.

REMEMBER, this is the year we are all going to try to get all our friends there. Better start working now.

GREATER PHILADELPHIA

By DAVE ROSENBERG, F-331

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter is most fortunate to have among its membership the following men who are outstanding in their ability and devotion to furthering the growth of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. Our nomination for National Association Officers are: For Vice President:

Samuel Aiello, C-908-FA
Construction Superintendent
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Pennsauken, N. J.

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John Piscitelli, C-323-FA, Gulf Oil Co.
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1903 S. Iseminger St.
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The above named men have faithfully served the 83rd Division Association in the Philadelphia area. They have demonstrated their ability and stamina to follow through to successful conclusions every important responsibility imposed on them. The superior performance of these men will reflect credit to the National Association should they be given the opportunity to serve.

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New Jersey Chapter News

By HARRY LOCKWOOD, 329

Not much to report on the personal activities of the New Jersey Chapter except that we are now holding two meetings a month and will continue to do so until the convention for this year is a thing of the past. We are so tied up with the convention arrangements that we do not find very much time to plan any personal programs.



Everyone is working very hard and I'm sure that this will be one of the best reunions we have had yet. Plans for the reunion are rounding into shape and in a few weeks they ought to be completely formulated.

Unfortunately, we have run into a slight snag and we would like to be honest about it. You see, this is New York and things are more expensive than they might be in many other cities, consequently, the cost of putting on a show of our type is greater than it might have been elsewhere.

We are trying very hard to hold the fort against overwhelming odds and I hope we can give you the type of convention we would like and if we cannot, please bear with us and don't let it deter you from your original purpose or influence you one way or the other as the difference, if there is one will be nominal.

Please try to come to the reunion this year, I'm sure the program we have arranged is an exceptional one and the reunion can be a success only through the combined efforts of everyone concerned. I'll be looking forward to seeing you then.

Attention Greater Boston Area Men

Dear Buddies;

I am writing to you to find out whether you would be interested in forming our own Greater Boston Chapter of the 83rd Infantry Division Association.

If the response is favorable, you will receive further information on this matter.

Should you know of any members of the 83rd Division, kindly inform them of this proposed motion, or else send me their name and address.

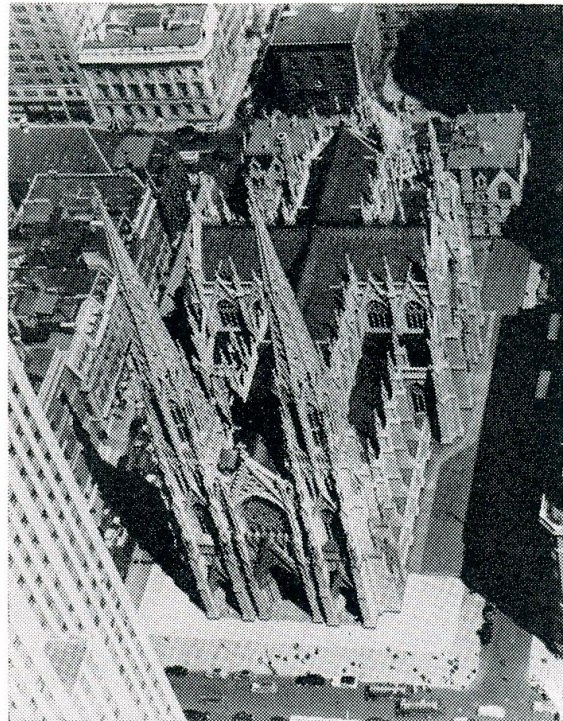
Sincerely yours,
Charles Abdinoor "A-330"
46 Merrimack Terrace
Dracut, Massachusetts

Buddies In Need Of Assistance

This is a reprint of an article that we ran in the May 1955 issue of the THUNDERBOLT. Perhaps it didn't reach the right persons, but if any of you have even the slightest recollection of this mans service connected disability, please contact him and let him know.

"Edward F. Rose, formerly of Co. A, 331st Infantry, needs verification of the fact that he was hospitalized while in service in Luxembourg. Ed Rose needs this verification to establish disability claim with the VA. Anyone having any knowledge of Ed's claim, please contact him at his residence, 21 Quimby Street, Watertown, Mass.

SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL



This Roman Catholic Cathedral is the first major cathedral ever to be built in the United States in the Gothic Revival style. There are 17 marble side altars and 70 stained glass windows. All the deceased Archbishops are buried in the crypt beneath the High Altar.

—Courtesy New York Convention & Visitors Bureau.

MIAMI VALLEY CHAPTER NEWS . . .



Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fink, (Sec. - Trea.)



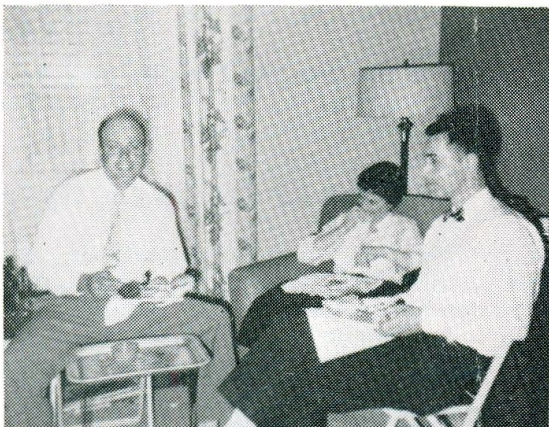
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Monnin



Leo Boyd — President



Left to Right - Roger Lemaster, Orville Ellis, Charles Irwin, Leo Monnin, Mrs. Monnin and Delbert Rinehart (Vice Pres.)



Left to Right - Roger Lemaster, Mrs. Orval Ellis and Orval Ellis



Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Rinehart, (Vice Pres.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

.... am planning to be in New York in August and will contact some buddies to meet me there. We will keep the Division Association alive.

Sincerely;
Charles M. Lesser, B-331

.... sincerely hope I can make it to New York this year. My wife and I purchased a small grocery store last fall and if we can get someone to take care of the store we will see you in New York.

Sincerely yours;
Wilbur Johnson, K & I-331
Minerva, Ohio

.... I have high hopes of attending the coming Reunion this August. But, if we don't make it, give our regards to the gang, in particular, the 83rd Signal Company boys. We enjoy the THUNDERBOLT and news of the 83rd families. Keep it coming.

Sincerely;
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Winchell,
83rd Signal Co.

Dear Editor:

Thanks to the fine Warren, Ohio group who gave me the red carpet treatment last summer. I showed up unexpectedly at one of their Chapter meetings, a stranger passing through town. I heard a lot of stories, told a few myself, and in general had a wonderful time. No matter what they are doing now memories of yesterday seem to bind them like cement.

I'd like to meet with some Chicago or vicinity boys from the 83rd, especially 2nd Bn 330. Maybe we could form a group of our own.

Robert J. Coughlan, E-330
7346 Kingston Ave.
Chicago 49, Ill.

.... have a slight hope of coming to New York on business. Hope I can make it around Reunion time. There were a couple of boys in my Co. (A-330) from New York. Sam Sandler and a fellow named Mawm. Hope some body in the N. Y. Chapter can locate them.

Johnny "Reb" Folsom, A-330

.... I joined the outfit in Oct., 1942 and went "all the way". I came home with the 8th Armored Division and was discharged in '45. I re-enlisted in '50. I am now stationed at Fitzsimons Army Hospital, Denver, Colo. I read my first THUNDERBOLT

today and must say it is a real nice paper. I am hoping to read about some of the boys from the 329th, especially 2nd Bn. Will try to make the Reunion in August.

Yours;
SP3 Ward O. George, 329
Troop Cmd, Box 370, FAH
Denver, Colo.

.... if possible I would like to get the addresses of the members of the original Co. A-308th Engr's. I was a member when the Division was activated at Atterbury, Ind. and was separated from the outfit in France. Hoping to hear from you soon.

Edwin A. Salley, A-308 Engr
Salley, S. C.
(Walt Sammler, take note.)

.... I am looking forward to seeing all of our friends from the "Thunderbolt" once again and definitely plan to be present at the Reunion in New York.

Maj. Christofer D. Doyle
83rd Signal Co.

.... I would like to get my name on the mailing list. I served with Co. G, 329 Infantry. Would appreciate Information on Reunion To be held in August.

Sincerely;
Maj. George L. Whitmeyer

.... do hope you are successful in getting the roster back in shape and of course would be delighted to hear from any of the jokers of "Charlie's Meat Market - 330th."

Paul E. Garthwaite, C-330

Dear Mr. Cooley:

I served with the 331st Inf. Regt., 83rd Division from 1943 to 1945. I commanded "F" Company, 331, through five campaigns. I hope to make the Reunion in August and look forward to meeting you and others.

Sincerely;
Robert A. Mitchell, Maj. Inf.

.... would like to attend the Reunion but find it impossible to do so at this time. Hope all have a good time.

Yours truly,
Willard L. Sitz, 1st Bn Hq-330

.... keep up the good work on the THUNDERBOLT. Sorry that distance prevents me from attending the Reunions, but hope to make one soon. I am now associated with a lumber buying firm here in the - "lumber capitol of the world," Oregon. Regards to Col. Bob.

Les Anderson, I-331
Eugene, Oregon.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

I have just read a copy of SAGA magazine and I am real glad that I did. I have just found out about my old outfit and their 1956 Reunion in Washington, D. C. I would like all the information possible on the 1957 Reunion. I was with Co. B, 331 Inf., and would like to get in touch with some of my old buddies of W. W. II.

Yours very truly;
Earl Sells, 2810 E. 37th St.,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

. . . . I was a member of Co. I, 331, from January to March 1945. I was taken prisoner at Kapellen, SP, Germany, 2 March, 1945. Looking forward to receiving up to date news of the Association.

I remain;
M/Sgt. Hugh F. Stockton
Det. No. 1, AH, USMA
West Point, N. Y.

. . . . I was with Co. E. 331 until I was hit at St Malo. I was in Sgt. Hannie's squad and Sgt. Foust at the time Foust was hit. I often wonder how the boys made out. Would appreciate more info on Reunion.

Thank you,
John W. Stauffer, E-331

. . . . I intend to get to New York City for our annual Reunion.

John P. Farrell

. . . . if anybody knows of the whereabouts of a Richard E. "Hap" Arnold, who I believe is in Miami, Fla., and is now an accountant or in that related field, please jot it down and drop it in the mail to:

Joseph L. Volkmer, K-330
Box 43 — Kimball, Neb.

. . . . I joined the 83rd Division, 308th Engineers, Hq Company in 1942 at Camp Atterbury and remained with them until I came home on points. Please send application blank.

Robert Friebe, Hq-308 Engr.

. . . . hope to see you all in New York City at the 11th Annual.

Ray G. Witherell, 330th

. . . . after following me around a large part of the world your letter finally caught up with me. Please take note of my new permanent address.

Sincerely;
R. M. Montague, Lt. Gen., USA
Commander In Chief
Caribbean Command
Quarry Heights Canal Zone

. . . . I've lost contact and would sure like, if possible, to get in touch with the boys of Co. F, 329 Inf.

Fraternally a buddy, F-329
Joseph F. Buckles, F-329
Rt. 1, Box 33 - Coos Bay, Ore.

Dear George:

I am proud to enclose check of my buddy, Karl Friedman, 4934 Denmore Ave., Baltimore 15, Md. He was Div. Arty's switchboard ("Blackbird") operator. He has a lovely family of three girls now. Karl hopes to make the Reunion in New York City.

Faithfully;
Wm. O. "Bill" Shuman, Hq-Div
Arty - Division Association Chaplain

. . . . if you ever come to Fort Polk, La., I am at Fire Station No. 1. It is a wonderful honor and privilege to belong to the Great 83rd Division Association.

Sincerely;

Lawrence B. Armand, Cann.-331

Dear Mr. Cooley:

Enclosed is a check for \$8.00 to cover 1957 and 1958 dues in the 83rd Infantry Division Association.

Was in Tokyo last week-end and had dinner with Colonel and Mrs. Norman Campbell (1st Bn, 330th). We had a most pleasant evening reminiscing our days with the 83rd in Europe, and later days in Hawaii where we had formed the 49th State Chapter of the Association at the urging of General Ferenbaugh.

Colonel Campbell is in the J-2 Division at Far East Command and United Nations Command headquarters. He and his wife and three children are living at Washington Heights in the heart of Tokyo.

I'm in the PIO business at Headquarters, United States Army Forces, Far East and Eighth Army (Rear) with an officer at Camp Zama — some 35 miles southwest of Tokyo. Have my wife and two kids here and will be enjoying the Orient for at least two more years.

Best wishes to all.

Sincerely,
Paul C. Rapp — A & E -330

Dear Mr. Cooley,

I recently received word from President Bob York concerning 83rd Division Association.

The Lord willing, I will be leaving here on furlough June 12 and hope to attend the reunion in August. My temporary address in the States will be.

Rev. Ernest H. Hayhow
c/o H. E. Vendt
42 Bay View Drive
Shrewsbury, Mass.

I was a Tec 4 with G-3.

Cordially,
Rev. Ernest H. Hayhow

Dear Mr. Cooley:

I note with interest that the 83rd Division is holding its annual convention in New York during August. I would appreciate more information about the convention as well as the 83rd Division Association.

I served with "C" Company, 329th Infantry from September 1944 to September 1945.

Very truly yours,
Harold Freeman 251-04 71st Rd.
Bellerose, L. I., N. Y.

ATTENTION INDIANAPOLIS AREA MEN

The HOOSIER THUNDERBOLTS - 83rd INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION have held two organizational meetings and are anxious to contact as many men as possible to help form a Chapter in this area. We would like to have as many men as we can get. If interested; contact:

Walt Edwards, 7865 Windcombe Blvd., Indianapolis, Tel. Clifford 1-2439. In case you cannot make the meetings, give us the names of your buddies so that we may contact them and let them know of our plans.

New Address — Section Two

(Con't from page 3)

Al Fessia,
103 Profile St.
Portsmouth, N. H.

George Hetsch, F-330
2433 Nesbitt Lake Blvd.
Kenmore Station
Akron 14, Ohio

George McCabe, 83rd Signal Co.
6th Avenue
Shamokin Dam, Pa.

Max Plaks, Hq-331
2703 N. Stone Ave.
Tucson, Ariz.

GRAND CENTRAL CROWD



This is the busy main lobby of the famous train terminal showing the varied activities that occur at almost any time of day. While some people are purchasing tickets (on the right) others gather around the Information Desk in the center of the floor, and still others wait for the gates to open so that they can board trains which will take them to their homes in the suburbs.

—Courtesy New York Convention & Visitors Bureau.

CORNER OF CENTRAL PARK



In this picture, the skyscraper apartment houses of New York tower above the country scene that is Central Park. This is just one small corner of the 840 acre park which was begun in 1856. It was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux.

—Courtesy New York Convention & Visitors Bureau.

**An Open Letter To The Men And Their
Wives And Families Of The 83rd Infantry
Division Association**

Dear Friends,

The New Jersey Chapter is now in the process of making final arrangements for the ANNUAL REUNION to be held August 15, 16, 17 at the Hotel Roosevelt in New York City.

Things are really beginning to hum now and the few details that are left should be straightened out very soon.

One of the details is getting permission from the musicians local to bring in the FIRST ARMY BAND to play ceremonial and patriotic music while we are entering the main ballroom preparatory to attending the banquet, and also to participate in the INDOOR MEMORIAL SERVICE we have planned, in place of the outdoor service we have had in the past. One thing that must be understood though, is that there is to be *no dancing* during that period of time, a stipulation that is to be adhered to with no exceptions.

We are in the process of chartering an excursion boat for a three hour tour around Manhattan Island which undoubtedly will be one of the highlights of the convention. If a few minor details can be straightened out we will have the whole boat to ourselves which I'm sure will lend for a greater feeling of cordiality and fellowship.

A tour of the fabulous United Nations Building is on the agenda and other tours can be taken under the guidance of one of the men or ladies of The New Jersey Chapter.

We are now dickering for an interior decorators show for the ladies that will answer many of the problems that one may encounter in setting up a home.

We have been promised about 100 tickets for one of the big nationwide television morning shows and also an opportunity to participate in one of the big afternoon television shows.

All in all there will be so many things to see and do that the earlier you get here the more you will enjoy your visit to New York but in any event, early or late please try to come as we want this reunion to be the biggest and best yet and it can be only by everyone making an all out effort to make it be.

We have booked entertainment for you for every one of the functions. There will be entertainment at the beer party, which for the first hour and a half will be exclusively for the men, during which time

the ladies will have their own little party put on for them by the ladies of the New Jersey Chapter after which they will join the men for the rest of the evening. There will be entertainment at the cocktail party and of course the big show that will take place after the banquet.

The show we have booked for the main entertainment consists of some of the finest that can be gotten and is extremely high class. In the next issue of the Thunderbolt I will itemize it for you but right now I can say that your master of ceremonies will put on the type of show for you that might be a bit different than some which we have had in the past, having been a service man himself and in the ETO he has been informed as to the type of audience to expect and is taking his cue from that.

We are trying to work out some sort of program that will also give you plenty of time to do many things that you will want to do, especially those of you coming to New York for the first time. Some of you may want to see one or two of the big shows, or go to Coney Island or visit the zoo in Central Park or the big zoo in Bronx Park or the Hayden Planetarium, (if you're interested in astronomy) the Museum of Art, Museum of Natural History, the Botanical Gardens, the newly built Coliseum, The Statue of Liberty, The Empire State Building, Radio City and so many many other things far too numerous to mention but all here and all either within walking distance or within one fare on the subway. Speaking of the subway, if you have never ridden on the subway, during rush hour especially, you have missed one of the biggest things in life. Only through actually doing it can you visualize what it is like. You'll never forget it, believe me.

I can go on extolling the virtues of New York but I'd much rather have you see for yourself and naturally one way to do that is to attend the 11th Annual Reunion here in August so I think I'll leave you with that thought, mull it around for awhile, talk it over among yourselves and I'm sure you will find that it will be well worth your while to join us at our little shindig, we always have a swell time and you will too.

Anything you may want to know regarding the coming convention or about New York in general get in touch with me and I'll try to get the information back to you soon as possible.

My address is: 43 Oakland Ave., Jersey City, N. J.

Yours,
Harry W. Lockwood.

NEW YORKS FAVORITE FIVE

What the 13,000,000 visitors who annually make New York their vacation and convention headquarters want most to see in the world's tallest city is somewhat hard to determine. However, according to Royal W. Ryan, Executive Vice President of the New York Convention and Visitors Bureau, there are five places which are definite favorites. These, Mr. Ryan reports, are that city within a city known as Rockefeller Center, the 71-year-old Statue of Liberty, the 1,472 foot Empire State Building, the relatively new United Nations Headquarters, and colorful Times Square.

Last year 797,412 people took the boat from Battery Park to visit America's Number One Glamour Girl, the Statue of Liberty, but the number of people who deliberately set out to see the Statue far exceed the number which actually set foot on Liberty Island. Thousands of people, for instance, go to see her each year by way of the world's greatest sightseeing bargain — the five cent Staten Island Ferry boat ride. It takes 35 minutes each way, and from the boat voyagers get magnificent views of our glamour girl, as well as the panoramic sweep of downtown Manhattan and of a few of the 10,000 ocean-going ships that annually steam past the Statue. Other visitors see her from Battery Park, down at the lower tip of Manhattan. And last year more than three quarters of a million people got a close look at her from the decks of the little yachts that circle Manhattan in a three-hour sail.

Rockefeller Center can base its attendance figures only on the number of people who took guided tours. This amounts to about half a million yearly, but the figure is misleading since there is no way of tabulating the millions who visit, among the center's 15 buildings, such world-famous structures as Radio City Music Hall, and the RCA Building with its observation terrace, the Sert murals and radio and television studios. And, then too, there are the Center's famous restaurants where many visitors dine, the Rainbow Room where many sip cocktails or tea and get a magnificent view of the city, and the outdoor skating rink which, winter, fall or spring, has its full quota of onlookers.

The Empire State Building, which helps immeasurably to make New York the world's tallest city, last year welcomed 1,154,844 people to its observation areas on the 86th and 102nd floors. A relatively new feature of the building, the 222 foot multiple television tower which rises above the 1,250 foot structure, is an added attraction these days. Guards at the observation terraces on both floors happily answer visitors questions, and those visitors get two exciting and different views from the two floors.

Overlooking the swirling East River stands the 39 story Secretariat Building and the low, sweeping General Assembly Building of the world headquarters of the United Nations. Last year 780,007 people took the guided tour available at the U. N., and the organization estimates that altogether approximately 1,000,000 people visited the U. N.

No one can even guess how many millions of out-of-towners visit Times Square each year. With its myriad legitimate and movie theatres, the attraction of this gay, brightly-lighted area is phenomenal. It is impossible to tell by manner of dress whether a person is a New Yorker or a visitor, so no one can tell whether the man and woman going into a nightclub on Times Square or the young hand-holding twosome staring up at one of the animated signs are in their own hometown or far from it.

And of course, visitors to New York often see several of the same places more than once, sometimes under different circumstances. More and more tourists are finding that the yacht trip around Manhattan is an excellent way to wrap up all the varied impressions and sights of a vacation in New York. The three-hour trip around the island proves to the visitor that New York is not only the tallest city in the world, but also that it is (which many people forget) the greatest seaport in the world. And on the trip the vacationer will see, or see again in another setting, the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty, Radio City, the U. N. Buildings and the hundreds of other inspiring sights which make the city the greatest travel resort in the world.

So come on you wonderful THUNDERBOLTS, write your buddy NOW, make your plans to meet each other NOW. We here in New York City are most anxious to make your visit here the most welcome one of all.

NOW is the time to make your reservations. Remember the date, August 15-16-17, and don't be late.

STORK COLUMN



Baby boy, Brian Ralph, to Mrs. and Ralph Nepple, M-329, CMH.

Baby girl, Suzan Lynn, 5 lb - 13 oz, to Mrs. and Bruce Winchell, 83rd Signal Co.

THUNDERBOLT congratulations to both.

THUNDERBOLT PERSONALITIES

"Hank" Vanderminden, Hq-331, writes and tells us, "I am certainly glad to hear so many fellows are behind you and the Association," and with this he sends \$15.00, "for dues and added some extra for use in printing the THUNDERBOLT." * * * from Willard Sitz, 1st Bn Hq-330, "an extra buck to help out on postage, etc.," Thanks buddies, which only proves that we belong to the Greatest outfit with the Greatest bunch of guys anywhere, bar none. * * * * You fellows out there in California, drop a card to George W. Stone, B-322-FA, 1812 Warrington Ave., Duarte, Calif. George seems to think that he is all alone out on the coast * * * * Recently at Fort Benning, Col. York came across a group of some 50 visiting Congressmen and Senators witnessing military operations and met Rep. Charles B. Brownson, 11th District, Indiana and Rep. Elford A. Cederberg, 10th District, Michigan. (Mr. Brownson was Acting Chief of Staff before the Division went overseas and Mr. Cederberg was C O of Hq. Co. 83rd Div.) Col. York, as usual, was right on the ball and promptly signed both Congressmen up with the Association. Both said they expected to be at the Reunion in August in New York * * * * If you happen to be in the vicinity of Hixson, Tenn. you might stop in and "gas it up" with Walt Blancett, C-330, at Blancett Gulf Service * * * * While in Salem, Ohio recently we visited with Steve Bartha, I-329, and found out that its a special kind of grocery that Steve sells for the gourmet. He sends greetings to Belino in Michigan. * * * * Your editor was privileged to attend the Cleveland Chapter Banquet on May 25 and I want to go on record when I say that the Army really loused up by not making a mess sergeant out of this guy Voracek, Hq-324-FA, superlatives fail me, all I can say is "wow, what chow." Really nice, fellows. Thanks. * * * * While in Cleveland we heard that the boys are making book on Bob and Joan Uher, B-329, to out-jitterbug any couple in the Association. Really a rug cuttin' pair. With which the boys from the Warren, Ohio Chapter come back with their own favorites, Johnny and Olga Teringo, G-331, who are a couple of capercutters in their own right.

Karl Burkhard, H-330, 2805 Creston Ave., Bronx 69, N. Y., has written to his buddies and is going to make his home available to them in order that they may be financially able to swing the three day Reunion. "How about that?" And, how about some of you other Greater New York area men, write your buddy, DO IT TODAY, this is a good way to get him to visit your home and to make the Reunion too.

YOUR CHAPLAINS CORNER

The following old song sung many years ago by our grandmothers and mothers, surely conveys my Chaplain's Corner Message to you on this occasion. Perhaps one of you may recall it or give me a clue to the author.



Bill Shuman
(Div.-Arty)

*"After the din of the battle's roar
Just at the end of day — — —
Wounded and bleeding upon the field
Two dying soldier's lay.
One thought of mother at home alone
Feeble and Old and Grey —
One of his sweetheart he left in town
Happy, young and gay.
One kissed a ringlet of thin gray hair
One kissed a lock of brown
Then bade each other a last farewell
Just as the sun went down."*

Oh! God give us courage and hope, with Thy help to carry on where they left off. Let us always remember the dead by helping the living. Amen.

Wm. O. Shuman
83rd Inf. Div. Assn. Chaplain

WARREN CHAPTER LADIES CORNER

By MARY NUZZI

The regular meeting of the Warren Ladies Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. Ann Tomazin, on May 27, 1957.

The business meeting consisted of planning our annual rummage sale, which is to be held on the 13th of June (so get those clothes together girls).

Plans for a spaghetti dinner to be held on the 26th of June, were made. After a discussion of the aforementioned subjects the meeting was adjourned and the rest of the evening was spent in admiring the latest styles of fashions which the gals were modeling. A grand time was had by all — except maybe for Mary Cooley, who was having a little trouble keeping her skirt from falling. Explanation — We had each purchased a bag with old clothes for the rummage sale at our last meeting and we had to wear what ever we got in the bag to our meeting. We had every size, shape, and style in the lot. We sure were a bunch of cuties. Ask Joe Sotak to show the movies.

Refreshments were served by our hostess, Ann Tomazin. The next regular meeting will be held at the home of Kay Osborne.

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