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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

To me, one of the most pleasant things to do is visit an old friend or buddy, spend a little time with him and leave him with the feeling that you've enjoyed his company and hope the feeling is mutual.

Unfortunately, one cannot do too much visiting when so many miles separate him from so many people, so he does the next thing. He writes a letter, and that's what has been taking up much of my time since the last reunion.



I've corresponded with a number of former 83rders, who, at one time were members of our association and also with others who, in many cases knew nothing about the association.

In some instances it has paid off and in others there has been no response.

That there are many men in all parts of the country, who served with the division and are still unaware of the association, was very evident in New York, when, because of the nationwide publicity we received, we were deluged with phone calls from men who were seeing or hearing about the association for the first time.

It's a man sized job to get them all lined up and next to impossible to know them all but we can do the next best thing and

write to them and with a bit of cooperation I'm sure we can achieve reasonably good results. All we need is effort and incentive.

If any of you know of former members of the 83rd who might be likely prospects for the division association, please try to drop them a line or two regarding membership in the association or send the names and addresses to me and let me take it from there.

I would like very much to build up our membership to about 1000 and it can be accomplished only through the combined efforts and cooperation of everyone, so let's get this membership campaign rolling and perhaps we'll see some results.

Also, the "Sponsor a Buddy" campaign will help a great deal and this being the Christmas Season, I think it would be a wonderful gesture to send a buddy a paid up membership card as a token of friendship to show him that you think of him oftener than just during the few short days at reunion time. I'm sure he will appreciate it.

Early in October, my wife and I made a trip to Dayton, Ohio and quite a pleasant trip it was although the end of it was a little on the hectic side. We spent Saturday with Roger Lemaster and his family and Sunday with Leo Boyd and his family.

On Sunday the men of the Miami Valley chapter held a special meeting after which we watched the ball game and had a few cans of beer. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and one of the most gratifying things about it was that some of those men come as much as sixty miles to attend the meetings. With loyalty of that kind your association is sure to be a better and more closely knit one and my hat goes off to the men in all the chapters who take the time and effort to get together on meeting nights, few they may be, to iron out problems and think of ways and means for making our association the type of organization of which they can be proud to be members.

On Monday, Leo Boyd and I went to the Hotel Dayton Biltmore and made the necessary arrangements for rooms, banquet and other details, got a special rate on liquor and the mixings and exacted from management a solemn promise that we of the 83rd would be treated in a manner befitting us and not on a take it or leave it basis. We also went to a booking agency and arranged for music and entertainment, and, at the same time, spoke on the subject of publicity similar to the type we got in New York.



After leaving Dayton we (Fern & I) drove to a little town about 90 miles north of Detroit to visit relatives and on Tuesday morning left there and drove to Warren, Ohio where we spent a very pleasant evening with George and Mary Cooley and some of the men of the Warren chapter at their clubrooms. Left Warren at noon on Wednesday and headed east, the direction of home. Got about 20 miles west of Carlisle, Penna., and discovered I had sprung a leak in the oil filter and had lost most of my oil. Had to be towed off the Turnpike into Carlisle and after five hours wait finally got under way again, getting home about 5 o'clock Thursday morning, a little on the tired side but when we thought of the swell few days we had had previously it far overshadowed the inconvenience of the few hours delay.

If it is at all possible, I would like to pay at least one visit to each of the chapters before next reunion and say hello to some old friends and probably make the acquaintance of some new ones I may meet for the first time. We'll see what can be done about that.

On Saturday evening, November 9th, I presented their charter to the men of the newly formed Greater Boston Chapter, at a dinner they had at the Kernwood Cafe, in Malden, Mass. to commemorate the occasion. A goodly crowd was there and a swell time was had by all.

This job of National President has its compensations. The tremendous amount of work attached to it is somewhat offset by the many nice people you meet.

That's it for now but before I close I would like to take this opportunity to extend to each and every one of you and your families the Best Christmas ever and sincere good wishes, along with the best of luck, good health and fondest regards for the New Year and, if I may, I would like to leave you with this thought.

*They still make pens, they still make ink  
and greeting cards and such*

*And many other little things that don't  
cost very much*

*The thought behind it is what counts and  
for each one that you send*

*You'll find life so much better cause  
you've written to a friend.*

Sincerely

Harry W. Lockwood

## A BIT OF PHILOSOPHY

by HARRY LOCKWOOD, 329

Quite often we are called upon to do a lot  
things

That require time and effort and the  
results that each one brings

Sometimes can't be measured monetarily  
you know

I've come to this conclusion, perhaps  
you'll find it so

If you choose a rose, just one little rose,  
from the garden of a friend

You may find that it will compensate  
for all the time you spend

A pleasant word, a cheery smile, a hand-  
shake that is warm

Can often be the difference in weather-  
ing a storm

An act of kindness here and there, a thank  
you now and then

Can help induce the effort to try some  
things again

There are many, many ways you know, to  
express your gratitude

Be a little courteous, try not to be rude

You use up more facial muscles every  
time you frown

And you'll find that you're unpopular  
with everyone around

Diplomacy and common sense go hand in  
hand in fact

Coupled up with courage and a little  
bit of tact

Life is short so make it sweet, get out  
of it what you may

You come around just once you know,  
so try to make it pay

That rose you choose, that cheery smile,  
that pleasant word or two

Might just make the difference in many  
things you do

When we think of all the good things that  
are given to you and me.

By SOMEONE we all know about,  
SOMEONE we can't see

You must admit it's worth a try, this bit  
of philosophy

To quote the words of a popular song,  
"THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE  
FREE."



## WARREN, OHIO CHAPTER NEWS

Before we go any further we want to say that it was a real pleasure to have the Association President, Harry Lockwood and his wife Fern visit with us at our club rooms here in Warren, Ohio. Harry gave the fellows a hint of whats coming in August in Dayton.

The holiday spirit is in full swing here. We started out with a riot of a Halloween dance. Some of the costumes were really sensational, to say the least. And the "floor show" put on by "Tiger" Beliay, "Mae West" Teringo and "Pappy" Minotti was all recorded in gorgeous color and this is the film that is a "must" for everybody that attends the reunion in Dayton. The Cleveland Chapter men and wives attended en masse and added to the fun. They also took all the prizes for costumes. JoAnne Uher and Rollie Warner, both from Cleveland, walked off with first prize in women's and men's divisions. Cleveland Chapter President Bob Grobelny (A-329) on behalf of the Cleveland Chapter presented a pair of genuine beer steins to add to our club bar.

By the time that this is in print the boys will have had their annual steak dinner which is put on by the auxiliary every year around Christmas time. This popular affair is always followed by a party which, this year, will be at our club rooms. We hope to have some pictures for the next THUNDERBOLT.

On Sunday, December 22nd, the Warren Chapter will entertain the chapter kiddies with a Christmas party featuring their own tree with all the trimmings and a real professional Santa to pass out toys and goodies. We welcome all area "Thunderbolts" and their families, only let us know at least a week in advance so that your youngsters won't be left off Santa's list.

To end the year, and to start off another year of good fellowship, the Chapter will hold their annual New Year's Eve party and dance at the club rooms at 143 West Market Street in downtown Warren, Ohio. We extend a hearty invitation to all our Thunderbolt buddies and their wives. There will be plenty to eat and drink and fun galore for all in attendance. For reservations, write Lee Titus, 234 York St., Warren, Ohio - Telephone 3846-1.

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"Here-n-there" . . . congratulations to "Oz" Osborn, (C-322-FA) and wife Kate who have waited a long, long time and finally were blessed with a baby girl . . . speaking of babies, the Titus' are coming forth with a new production this month,

haven't seen much of "dad" around lately, really sweating . . . we wish to welcome to our Chapter John Caparanis, (B-331). John just moved to Warren and we expect to see a lot of him in the future . . . since we have come up with a chapter bowling team that plays every Monday we haven't been asked up to Cleveland for a match, "How Come?" . . . Joe Sotak, (A-322-FA), can take some of the credit for the weight the gang is putting on. His mother-in-law really bakes a delicious hunk of pizza and supplies all our meetings and parties. . . wanta bet that Warren will be the first chapter to have their reunion plans completed? . . . Don't forget - Warren Chapter meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month. We sincerely urge all 83rd men to join us and attend our get-togethers. If you are too far away to join and happen to be in the vicinity, drop in at our club rooms at 143 West Market Street and visit with us. We welcome you.

From the Warren Chapter and families to all our 83rd families — A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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## AN APPEAL TO ALL

Everyone was touched and moved by our President's show of emotion when he was elected President of the National Association in New York. Harry Lockwood is an emotional man. Hard working all his efforts to further and advance the growth of our organization motivate all his actions. His deep sincerity is readily evident when he speaks to you. His dedication to the cause of the 83rd Infantry Division Association deserves recognition and assistance. This is a call to all to join Harry Lockwood in securing the further growth of our fine group. If everyone will pitch in and do their small bit his load will be lightened many fold. Everyone should devote a small portion of their leisure time dedicated to the goal of seeking our new members and reenlisting old. Search out your old address lists of buddies, write them asking them to join, write to "Thunderbolt" tell us what you are doing. Write to us telling us how we can make your newspaper a better one. Send us pictures. Send us news that you know that your old buddies wherever they are will be glad to hear. Use the "Thunderbolt" as your message center. Make plans to meet in Dayton, Ohio in 1958. Start now formulate your vacation to coincide with our reunion in Dayton. Above all help Harry Lockwood to make his term in office the most successful in building up our membership. Take a personal pride in doing your bit to enroll a new member today.



## PHILADELPHIA SCRAPPLE

By CHIEF CHEF DAVE ROSENBERG

### PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER HALLOWEEN PARTY A HUGE SUCCESS

This is a notice to Mike Todd and Elsa Maxwell to abdicate their crowns as "party givers". The Philadelphia Chapter is the new champ. Our gala Halloween party on Nov. 2, will long be remembered. Our mammoth masked masquerade ball was tops. A huge turnout of "Thunderbolt" men, their wives and friends were rewarded with the time of their lives. Our National President Harry Lockwood and his charming wife Fern, amusingly begowned as a pair of twin stars bedecked with Rea Listic garb down to the cute



nitecap, led the Merrymakers in an evening of fun and frolic. The Lockwoods led an array of lavishly costumed celebrants in a march past the judges reviewing stand.

The judges were overwhelmed by the originality and beauty of the contestants. Jim Logue, yours truly, and my missus acting as judges really had a hard task to select the winners. The following were awarded prizes. For the most original pair, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGrogan, who titling themselves "The Twin Cannibals"



each were attired in similar costumes, huge hand painted rubber feet, black painted rubber masks, long black woolen longjohns and straw skirts. Their costumes, home made spoke of many long hours of preparation and their selection were greeted with much applause. Another award was made to affable Sam Aiello and Tony Sederi. Sam Aiello dressed as a headless man defied everyone's attempt to guess who he was. His characterization was carried out with much skill and preparation. His partner Tony Sederi carrying out the same theme was skillfully made up as "Frankenstein". Their selection was also hailed as a well deserved one. A most charming Miss, Laura Gara, a guest of Joe Ponzi, wearing a dazzling brief satin costume of a French maid, captured the eyes, the whistles, and a prize for the most beautifully attired contestant. These were but a few of the skillful and much time consuming and laboriously planned costumes that captured the oohs and ahs of the assemblage. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Redmond wearing masks of a pair of aged and decrepit man and woman played their parts exceptionally well. Ruth Paulino wearing an Indian Princess' costume was a strikingly beautiful gal. Joe Ponzi's attractive wife Olive attired as a female "Zorro" was terrific. Tis a shame that there wasn't anyone from Hollywood to see the striking figure of Walt Sammler as he strode through the room bedecked in long tails and white tie. He was great.





## THUNDERBOLTING AROUND THE COUNTRY

We have a memo here stating that the Pittsburgh Chapter may be re-activated. This is real good news. Phil Catalfamo and Dorothy Navish are formulating plans to call together the Pittsburgh area men and their wives to get the ball rolling. For complete information, call or write Phil Catalfamo, 115 Holly Hill Drive, Pittsburgh 9, Pa., Telephone WElington 1-3875. Lots of luck fellows . . . Congratulations are in order to our Association Chaplain, Bill Shuman, (Div-Arty). Bill was elected to office of County Treasurer last November, seems our Bill beat out the other fellow by quite a margin too. . . . Ed Cadron (A-329) and wife had more than reason for not being able to attend our past reunion in New York, they had one previous excuse, and recently Mrs. Cadron presented Ed with three more, triplets, on August 23rd, how about that? We bet that this is the only set in the whole association. Our heartiest congratulations Ed and Mrs. Cadron, from the whole gang. . . . We recently heard of a buddy that is in distress and needs information real fast in order to receive his VA authorized disability relief. If you have no recollection of his injury please write to your buddies they may have. The buddy, Steve Keresztori, Co. A, 308 Medical Bn. was wounded in France and evacuated to a hospital in Metz, France. He needs the address of his C. O. Capt. Cook and medical officer Capt. Brown. If you have any information write to Steve Keresztori, c/o 2752 Harvey Street, Warren, Ohio, (Bolindale) . . . *Seasons Greetings to all Thunderbolts from our Executive Board, your association officers and your Thunderbolt staff. May the best of everything be yours in this and every New Year.*



Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cadron and Triplets:



Big sister and triplets  
Frank Joseph, Mary Josepha, Mathew Charles

## CLEVELAND CHAPTER NEWS

by CASEY KOWALEC, C-322-FA

With the passing of the fall and summer seasons, we can look back on a successful series of picnics and outings. We all had a grand time but missed the members who couldn't attend. We are setting up a busy winter schedule which started out with a party and turkey raffle on November 24.

Reunion activities are still an interesting and lively subject to discuss at our meetings. All who were in New York voted it "the most". That alone should inspire all of us to attend in full strength this August in Dayton. Judging by the starry eyed look in the eyes of Mrs. Al Uridel (Cannon-329) and Mrs. Rollie Warner (Cannon-329) it can also be a "second honeymoon".

Most of our Cleveland members have been sick at one time or another with the current "flu-bug", nothing serious, so thankfully, we wish all good health—take care of yourselves.

Rita and Joe Belock (Hq-331) are to be congratulated on the arrival of their new baby — a boy. Joe came through fine, as did the mother and son. The stork is also announcing an impending visit to the R. J. Voraceks — hope it too is a boy.

As usual, we enjoyed our Halloween party with the Warren Chapter at their club rooms. They always put on a good show and we look forward to it each year.

The Cleveland Chapter Family extends SEASONS GREETINGS to all our 83rd buddies and their families. A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR. May the coming year find the 83rd Infantry Division Association bigger and stronger with great success in all its efforts.



## MIAMI-VALLEY CHAPTER NEWS

by ED FINK, Hq-330

Greetings from your Miami Chapter with a "sneak Preview" of your 1958 83rd Infantry Association Reunion. We've got the ball rolling for what we hope is your best convention ever, in Dayton, Ohio.

As you know, dates for the meeting are August 21, 22 and 23, with headquarters at the Biltmore, a Hilton Hotel. Room rates start at \$7.00 for singles and \$12.00 for doubles or twins. In reservation will be 40 rooms without bath at \$5.00 and \$5.50 for those of you who just come in for a day.

The above information was presented at the October meeting which was held in the local association president's own business establishment, Leo Boyd's Barber Shop. We had a visitor at this meeting, namely Harry Lockwood, the 83rd Association President. Needless to say, we were most happy to have Harry, and want to say Thanks for his time spent with us. The pictures were taken during Harry's visit.

We sincerely hope many of you are planning to attend the 1958 Reunion, wives and all. We guarantee you good food, good booze and good fun. More later from Dayton, the City Beautiful.



L. to R.: Leo Boyd, Kermit Sloan, Pres. Lockwood, Ed Fink, Del Rinehart and Virgil Thobe

## NEW JERSEY CHAPTER NEWS

by HARRY LOCKWOOD, 329

The New Jersey Chapter is getting back into the swing of things and once again holding regular monthly meetings. We meet on the third Monday of each month at the V.F.W. Hut, 129 Belmont Ave., in Garfield, N. J. Anyone wanting further information regarding the New Jersey Chapter please write to Harry W. Lockwood, 43 Oakland Ave., Jersey City 6, N. J., or call —Oldfield 6-8834.

There is always some activity at the meetings and usually refreshments are served. The ladies are beginning to attend along with the men folk and find that they too can spend an enjoyable evening at a meeting where there is little business and mostly social activity.

Much of our usual activity was curtailed during the past year so that we could concentrate on arrangements for the past reunion that was held at the Hotel Roosevelt in New York City in August, for which we were the Host Chapter.

We are at present lining up a monthly program that will include a Christmas party for the kids, a January White Sale, Valentines Day party, an evening out with the ladies every so often and a number of other things to help instill interest in the chapter.

On Saturday evening, November 16, a group of us from the New Jersey Chapter and our ladies went to The Blue Swan in Rochelle Park, N. J., where we were joined by a group of men and women from the Philadelphia Chapter. At the Blue Swan we had a delicious dinner, a few drinks, a bit of dancing and finally topped it off with everyone winding up at the Lockwood Manse in Jersey City where we killed the rest of the evening and well on into Sunday morning.

As for myself, and I'm sure that I can speak for the rest of those present we really had a bang-up time, and a nicer gathering one could not have gotten together.

For those of you who like an evening of fun and social get-together every once in a while, get in touch with us of the New Jersey chapter. You may find us to be nice people.

With the Holiday Season approaching the men and women of the New Jersey Chapter wish to take this opportunity to extend to their Buddies and Friend of the 83rd throughout the country, the best of season's greetings and health, happiness and prosperity in the New Year.



PICTORIAL REVIEW OF PAST REUNION NEW YORK CITY



John and Mary Raikos



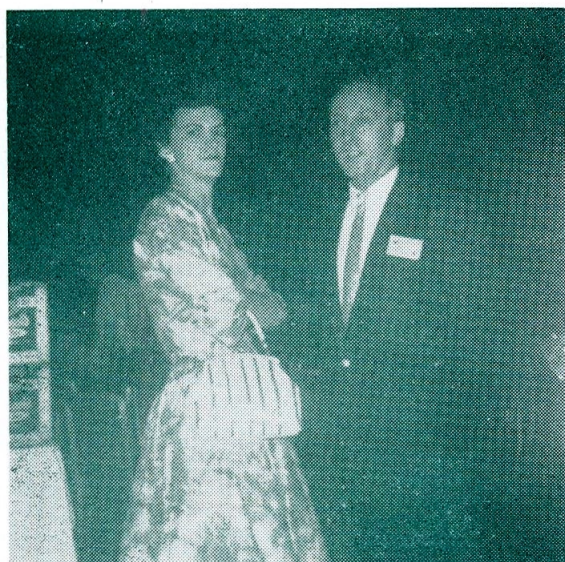
The Mrs. Rugienus, Cooley & Phillipone



Fern Lockwood and friends



Cocktail party



Mr. and Mrs. A. Klugiewicz



Elwood and Edith Kreger





Mrs. A. Uridel and Mrs. R. Warner



Helen Rugienue, Mr. & Mrs. C. Russ



Adeline Martin & Pres. Lockwood



Col. York, Leo & Mrs. Schneider



Dr. G. French & Mrs. J. Carvey



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The enclosed picture is one taken by Lt. Norman Kruse in Luxembourg, 1945. This was a crack platoon led by a great platoon leader Lt. Norm Kruse. The affection his platoon felt for him was translated in its efforts to do his biddings. Pictured are many fellows who regularly attend our reunions. How many can you remember. Can you identify the others. What are these men doing now. Where are they now living. Are they married. How many kids. Write us telling all you know about them. Some pictured are: Frank Powell, Gil Gilstrap, Curt Deisher, Bud Harmer, Earl Reed, Carmen Diblasie, Mike Morales, Sekula, Dave Rosenberg, Frank Nappo, Grady Legg, Jack Deese, Claiborne. Any one having info about the others please write in.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Members of our great 83rd Division Asso.:

Lovelier than loveliness itself is the legend of the Littlest Angel who was not permitted to join the angelic choir that heralded the holy birth. Gathering an armful of star flowers, he set out on the earthward journey alone, but on earth he saw so much suffering and misery that he gave them all away. He gave them to those who were full of fear and feverish with pain, in the hope that the flowers' beauty and fragrance would bring courage and comfort to the people. So it was with flowerless hands that he arrived at Bethlehem, but Mary sweetly consoled him and he was welcomed to join the little group that had gathered around the manger to pay homage to the Christ Child whose advent had been heralded with the promise of "peace on earth, good will toward men."

Fellows, as your Chaplain, I'd like to leave that little humble thought with you come this another Christmas Season, for it conveys to us the real meaning of Christmas and this is "giving" — giving

ourselves, our time and effort to the welfare of many and to our God.

On Christmas Eve I always liked to "take the long way home" first taking time to give to the poor, needy, the afflicted, the orphans and to return home to be with my loved ones too, to share the real Christmas Spirit.

Fellows, WE GET BY GIVING. Always remember these good words: "He who gives himself with his alms gives three—himself, his hungering neighbor and Me."

The most wonderful event in all the world's history was the Son of God becoming man. This happened when He was born in Bethlehem. He came into the world that He might get nearer to the people, and tell them of God's love.

As you and I share Christmas together, let us prayerfully remember the little things that really count, including in those memories of the Littlest Angel.

God bless you and yours.

Faithfully,

Wm. O. "Bill" Shuman  
Chaplain, 83rd Inf. Div. Assn.



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# NOTICE!

WE ARE BEING RETURNED AN ALARMING NUMBER OF THUNDERBOLTS BECAUSE OF MEMBERS MOVING AND LEAVING NO FORWARDING ADDRESS. THIS NOT ONLY COSTS THE ASSOCIATION EXTRA POSTAGE BUT INVOLVES A LOT OF EXTRA WORK IN TRYING TO LOCATE THESE PEOPLE. PLEASE, IF YOU MOVE, OR ARE PLANNING TO MOVE, LET US KNOW SO THAT WE MAY KEEP OUR LIST UP TO DATE.

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NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE YOUR REUNION PLANS — DROP A LINE TO YOUR BUDDY ALONG WITH THAT CHRISTMAS GREETING — AND DON'T FORGET THE DATE IN '58 — AUGUST 21, 22, 23 — HOTEL BILTMORE — DAYTON, OHIO.



## LETTERS TO EDITOR

Mr. Wilbur Brucker  
Secretary of Army  
House Arms Service Committee  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

Quite often, so I've been told, complaints and protests find their way to the nearest wastebasket and never get past the clerk or secretary who has the responsibility of opening and screening the mail when the postman delivers it.

I trust that this letter does not fall in the above category as it is the type of protest that could be repeated a few million times if that few million could or would take the time to voice their protest as I am doing on behalf of myself and my organization.

We have been informed by reliable sources that the old Infantry Divisions and their attached units of the past and present are to undergo a face lifting and name and unit change.

If this face lifting and name and unit change is in the interest of progress, far be it from me and my organization to impede those wheels but I voice the sentiment of every member of the 83rd Infantry Division and it's attached units in this protest.

Men who served with this truly great Infantry Division from the time of it's reactivation in Camp Atterbury, to Camp Breckenridge, on through the Hell of the Normandy hedgerows, the Brittany Campaign, The Ardennes Battle of the Bulge, Hurtgen Forest, the Rhineland and other areas too numerous to mention, all of which made it one of the most active and respected Infantry Divisions in the E T O.

Among it's other attributes was the capture of the 20,000 German prisoners at Beaugency, France, the largest mass capture of World War II and the capture of some 82,000 prisoners during it's tour of duty in the E. T. O.

It received Five Battle Stars, more than 13,000 awards, including unit citations and one of it's members was awarded the CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR.

Sometimes statistics are boring but when they are applied to an Infantry Division with the record of which the 83rd can truly boast, one can readily understand and appreciate the concern on the part of those of us who so proudly served with the 329th, 330th and 331st Regiments and the attached artillery and other units that made up the famous 83rd Infantry Division.

This is not a letter from a crank. It is a letter that I was instructed and authorized to write by the men of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, on behalf of

all those men who served with the division during the many arduous campaign of World War II, in protest against changes of name and unit designations for the many great infantry divisions and other units that helped bring about the successful climax of World War II and that help to make up the National Defenses of this wonderful country of ours.

Thank you very much for any courtesy and consideration regarding the subject about which this letter is written and when you consider the many millions who so proudly served in the Infantry and it's attached units, then this Thank You is magnified that many million times and certainly something to be given serious thought.

Very truly yours  
Harry W. Lockwood, Pres.  
83rd Infantry Div. Assn.

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Dear Mr. Lockwood:

Your letter to the Secretary of the Army has been referred to me, and I have ascertained that there are no plans to change the name of the 83rd Infantry Division or in any way to detract from its fine history of which you rightfully are so proud. In addition to the foregoing I am also happy to report that in present membership the 83rd Division is among the topmost Army Reserve divisions and currently has a combat mission.

You undoubtedly are aware of the pentomic organization for infantry divisions into which our active units are being changed. Under this concept the three regiments give way to five self-sufficient battle groups which are equipped with the most modern weapons, transportation, and communications equipment in order that they may prevail on the atomic battlefield. This reorganization, like the transition of the square to the triangular division with which you are also familiar, is but another manifestation of the Army's progress in keeping its organization abreast of technological advances.

Reorganization to the pentomic structure does not change the name nor history of a division. The units of the division retain their battle honors and, in the event of future hostilities, would continue to earn credits for service. These honors would, as in the past, add to the prestige of the division under which the units fought.

Please be assured that we fully appreciate your Association's desire to preserve your division's place in the United States Army annals and that we are proud of its outstanding accomplishments.

Sincerely yours,  
Albert Watson, II  
Brigadier General, GS  
Director of Personnel Plans



## LETTERS TO EDITOR

. . . . will be looking to a big turnout of "Thunderbolts" in Dayton in '58.

Del Rinehart, Jr., Hq-330

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Dear Sir:

Due to my recent promotion to Detective, my vacation was changed and I was unable to attend the past reunion in New York. Will try to make it in '58. Give my regards to all the boys of Hq-Co. 1st Bn., 331.

Wilson Day

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. . . . I plan to be with the fellows in Dayton in '58 and I believe a lot more could do the same if they just try.

H. T. McClain, Jr., I-330

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Dear George:

I hope all the fellows had a grand time in New York City this past August. I was not able to make it but am going to try extra hard this year. Best wishes to all.

Wm. Leibelsperger, H-331

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Hello Fellows:

Well as I intend to continue to be a member of the 83rd, I plan to send in my dues each year when they fall due—without being reminded, persuaded, bombarded or snaffued into doing so.

Not long ago I took a journey to Paducah, Ky., and stopped off at Camp Breckenridge. My thoughts wandered back to 1943-44 when we were there. Things are different there now, less activity and not a familiar face around. Time sure runs fast.

Joseph Healy, A-331

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Dear George:

It just occurred to me that I must pay my dues in order to preserve my position in Section I of the Membership Roster. My check is enclosed herewith.

I was unable to attend the convention in New York this year, but hope to make it at Dayton next year.

My best to you all.

Yours truly,

Joseph V. Lowry  
CWO. USA, Ret  
Former member Hq., 83rd Inf. Div.

To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to have my name added to list of membership of the 83rd Infantry Div. Assn. I was a member of Co. "A", 331st Inf. Reg. from Aug. 1943 to Sept. 1945. I'm very sorry that I can not be in New York for the annual convention.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Arnold  
6345 Upton Ave. S.  
Minneapolis, 23, Minn.

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Dear Mr. Cooley,

Sorry that I was unable to attend this year's reunion as I know it was a success as all before have been. However, please find my check attached for paid-up membership during the coming year. Would appreciate being placed on the mailing list so that I may keep up with the Division activities.

James A. Patterson  
Former member 2d Bn, 331st Inf.

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. . . . "hello" to all members of B-Battery, 322 FA Bn. from California.

George Stone, B-322 FA

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. . . . sorry that I couldn't make the reunion but due to a combine accident I spent my reunion in the hospital. Hope to make it next year.

Walter J. Bonnet, E-330

(we sincerely hope you are better and well rested up after your accident Walt and we'll be looking for you in Dayton.)

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Dear George:

I am very disappointed that I could not be with you in New York. Hope I can make it next year as I always like to get with the boys.

W. C. Means, Hq.-329

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. . . . had a swell time and am all set and looking forward to seeing the gang in Dayton.

Ted Hodum, 308 Medic

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. . . . would like to hear from some of the boys in Co. H, 329.

Enoch N. Allen  
902 Hart St.  
Conway, S. C.



## PHILADELPHIA SCRAPPLE

There is no friendship that can be more lasting and deep, than the ones made in service. This is clearly portrayed in the Philadelphia Chapter monthly meetings. The men are more than friends. They are true "buddies". One has but to attend a monthly meeting to see this clearly. The horseplay, the gibbs take on a warm personal tinge. Among the men the monthly meetings and social affairs do not stop as such. The men and their wives have become true friends and see each other much more often than only at meetings. The McGrogans, the Paulinos, the Redmonds and Walt Sammler need no excuse such as a meeting to see each other. The Ponzis, the Belvederes, the Aiello, the Piscatellis, the Dino Martinos all still get together. This distinctly portrays the fine benefit one can gain by joining an 83rd Thunderbolt local chapter. Where ever you live there is a local chapter near you, join, become active, it will pay dividends in friendship you will treasure.

When you have met Joe Ponzi and his beautiful wife Olive, you have met what has often been called "the salt of the earth." They are without a doubt an ideal couple. Warm, friendly, big hearted, humane, considerate, always ready to pitch in and do their share and maybe a bit of the other fellows job too. Joe Ponzi has never turned down a Philadelphia Chapter chore, he has volunteered for other assignments, and in all work he has had the approval and help of Olive his wife. Yes these two are great people, not for great deeds that they do, but for the fine life they live and their willingness to share with others. This charming couple have recently been blessed with an addition, Anna Marie. A beautiful child who has inherited the finest qualities of her parents. We extend on behalf of the Philadelphia Chapter our warmest congratulations and best wishes to Olive and Joe Ponzi.

The Philadelphia Chapter again will hold a Christmas party for the children. "Big" John Piscatelli entirely recovered from a recent illness will be Santa Claus. Aptly fitted for this job with a physique that needs no padding, "Big" John has the huge heart needed for this task. All children of the members and their friends are invited to attend the party at the McCall American Legion Post Home, 41st and Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa., on Saturday, December 21st.

Dino Martino proved to be a deft chef. His food preparations even brought cheers from the most avid chow hound. There was food and drinks galore, and everything was on the house. A special mention must be made of Lou Volipi's contribution.

Ever a magnanimous and genial host, he brought in delicious sandwiches that were the last word.

Throughout the entire evening the jukebox played. You aint seen anything until you have seen big John Piscatelli dancing the polka. It is the most . . . This shindig lasted to the wee hours and was a huge success. It was a typical Philadelphia Chapter affair. Well arranged, well planned, lots of food, lots of fun, and a lot of laffs. Make plans to join us in Philadelphia on February 7, 1958 when we hold our annual banquet at Palumbo's. It will be the greatest. Contact Larry Redmond at 132 Rockwood Drive, Haverstown, Pa., for tickets.

A very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years from our house to yours.

Dave Rosenberg, 331st F



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