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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Made another trip to Dayton, Ohio and on Sunday April 20th had the pleasure of sitting in on a meeting with a number of the men of the Miami Valley Chapter along with Walt Edwards, George Cooley and LeRoy Titus.

The purpose of this meeting was to formulate final plans for the reunion coming up in August and

also to see if we could arrive at a definite conclusion whereby the registration fee could be reduced commensurate with the economic situation and in response to the many requests we had gotten from quite a number of you Thunderbolts along those lines.

I am not going into detail as to all that transpired at that meeting, I will leave that up to our capable secretary who I'm sure will give you a complete breakdown in another part of the Thunderbolt.

On leaving Dayton, I went to Indianapolis where I spent two wonderful days with Walt Edwards and his charming wife, Lucy and their two lovely daughters, not to mention Peppy the Cocker Spaniel. While in Indianapolis Walt and I spent a little time with my old Capt. John D. Raikos, former communications officer and Company Commander of Hq. Co. 329th Infantry, who is

also a resident of Indianapolis. We had a few lengthy discussions and "Jake" (Raikos) presented a few well rounded and sound ideas which, if they materialize, should make the arrangements for all future reunions a great deal simpler than they have been in the past. More about that some other time, if not during my term of office, your next president will be informed as to results and he, in turn, can pass it on to you.

The time for our reunion is drawing near and the time for you to make your plans to be with us is also drawing near and I do hope that those among you who can see your way clear will be among us at our 12th Annual Reunion at the Hotel Dayton-Biltmore in Dayton, Ohio, on August 21, 22 and 23.

I have heard of a number of challenges being sent out by men of various Companies, Batteries, etc. regarding the biggest individual attendance and, if I may, I would like to make it worth your while by saying that I will personally give to the company or battery having the biggest representation a bottle of SCOTCH and a bottle of BOURBON or RYE which will be presented to them at the banquet on Saturday evening or the equivalent in cash and you can buy your own.

On the way home from Indianapolis, I stopped off in Pittsburgh and spent the evening with Rocky and Phil Catalfamo and needless to say the subject of conversation was mostly about the now defunct Pittsburgh Chapter. We all agreed though, that perhaps, at some time in the not too distant future, the gang from Pittsburgh area will get together again and enjoy each other's company as they did in the past.

Also, on the way home I dropped in on our chaplain, Bill Shuman, at his place of business as caretaker of the financial resources of Franklin County, Pennsylvania, (Treasurer to you) and Bill and I spent a very pleasant 45 minutes together (that's all the time I had on the parking meter) after which I headed for home.

It was indeed a wonderful trip, everyone was so swell to me and everyone went out of his way to make me feel at home. Nice people are nice people and I'm firmly convinced that the 83rd Infantry Division Association has more than it's share.

So now I'll sign off with this thought in mind, "If you think the grass is greener on the other side of the street, cross over, turn around and look again, you'll find the same thing applies."

Sincerely,
Harry W. Lockwood

Reunion Program

(TENTATIVE)

THURSDAY AUGUST 21

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. — Registration

8:30 P.M. — Cocktail Party

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FRIDAY AUGUST 22

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. — Registration

9:30 A.M. — Ladies Breakfast (get acquainted)

10:00 A.M. — Business Meeting (Welcome by Mayor)

7:30 P.M. — Ladies Bingo Party

9:00 P.M. to Midnight — Beer Party

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SATURDAY AUGUST 23

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. — Registration

(Ladies free to shop and look over Dayton, Ohio)

10:00 A.M. — Men's Business Meeting

12:00 Noon — 331st Luncheon

6:30 P.M. on — Memorial Service

Banquet
Dance
(in Grand Ballroom)

NEW JERSEY CHAPTER NEWS

On April 25th the New Jersey Chapter had a dinner meeting at Scordato's Restaurant in Paterson, N. J. at which there were 15 of us present.

These dinner meetings are going to be held more often as we are all of the opinion that if a group of us can get together every couple of months, have a drink or so, partake of a good substantial meal and completely relax a great deal more can be accomplished than at the usual meeting where everyone is so anxious to agree to everything to get it over with and get out of there so that they can go home and watch the fights on television or some other program that may meet their fancy.

The meeting, after the dinner, was very short. We did nevertheless discuss a few things among which was a donation to a very worthy cause which I shall try to outline for you briefly here.

On December 6th, last, John Bernard's little boy, Paul was struck by an automobile and injured to the extent that he has been in a coma ever since. He has been in a number of hospitals and under the care of many doctors and specialists and at last report was still in a coma. The bills for the hospital and doctors and specialists, not to mention nurses care and everything else that goes into a prolonged injury of that or any other type, are tremendous and the little bit of financial resources that John might have had I know must long since have become exhausted.

The New Jersey Chapter started the ball rolling by voting to send a check for \$20 to the Paul Bernard fund which has been gotten up by the Swansea Fire Dept. in Swansea, Mass. Although John is not the type to do too much complaining about the idiosyncracies of life and certainly not the type to cry on anyone's shoulder regarding what Fate has dealt out to him, I'm sure that if anyone of you who reads this can find it in your heart and can afford it from your pocketbook, a small donation to the Paul Bernard Fund will receive the Grace of the Lord and the undying gratitude of a swell guy. John Bernard was in Co. B, 331st Infantry and has been to quite a number of our reunions. Send your check or money order or even cash to The Paul Bernard Fund, Swansea Fire Dept., Swansea, Mass.

I do not go in for fund raising to great extent and I trust that you will not censure me too much for doing it at this time but I just thought that I would pass on to you all the need of a very worthy cause and you can take it from there.

Any of you desiring information about the New Jersey Chapter, get in touch with me. Harry W. Lockwood, Sec-Treas. 43 Oakland Ave., Jersey City 6, N. J.

The New Jersey Chapter is still holding it's regular monthly meetings at the same old stand; The V.F.W. Post in Garfield, N. J., on the 3rd Friday of each month. As most men do not have to get up to go to work on Saturday it was decided that would be a better night instead of the third Monday as heretofore.

For the past few months, after the meetings, we have been going down to Bod's Restaurant in Garfield to partake of some of that good Italian food with mussels, pizza pie and sausage sandwiches being very much in evidence, washed down with beer or soda or whatever liquid refreshment may meet your fancy.

For those of you in the area of Garfield and it's adjoining towns, if you feel in the mood for a night of social get-together why not come to the meeting, you'll find that we are a pretty nice bunch of people and always waiting to welcome you and at the same time, bring the Mrs., she too will find a few of the other wives there and I'm sure they'll get to know each other in a very short time. The ladies are invited to all of our meetings.

On Friday evening April 18th we are having a dinner meeting at Scodato's restaurant in Paterson, N. J. where we expect to have a good turnout and spend a very pleasant evening. Scordato's is on Hamilton St. just off Market St.

At this time the men and women of the New Jersey Chapter wish to extend the best of luck and success to It's President in his new venture. Ed Hering was elected president for the year 1958 and was just getting things lined up, inserting new ideas for our social activities when, due to business commitments he was transferred to Los Angeles, California. He and His family headed west on Thursday, March 20th. Ed and Dot will be missed very much, they were both very hard workers and truly had the interests of the Chapter at heart. Keep in touch with us Ed, and if you ever head back this way again you will find WELCOME written in CAPITAL letters on the doormat of every member of the New Jersey Chapter with a warm and true 83rd greeting yours upon entering.

Dave Benick will take over the presidency of the Chapter at the next meeting with the full support and cooperation of the membership and personally, I believe that we will have a pretty good year as Dave too, is a good and true 83rder.

Sincerely,
Harry W. Lockwood,
Sec.-Treas.

DAYTON CHAPTER NEWS

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

Dear George:

First — on behalf of the Dayton Chapter, let me express our appreciation, of the visit to Dayton of our president, Harry Lockwood, you George and Lee Titus. Also to Walter Edwards for driving down from Indianapolis. We all know that the key factor in this meetng, was the cutting of expenses for the coming reunion. The experience gained by past reunions and the economic conditions that prevail, as of now; we all know that the ultimate cost must be curtailed.

We, of the Dayton chapter are going all the way, in regards to the suggestions made and I believe that the program in formation will be one of the best, considering the curtailment involved.

Now George — I have another challenge to throw at all the other units in the 83rd. Div. — and specifically this is it. I, on behalf of Co. F. 329th. Inf. — will buy a ten dollar ad for the program; in fact, I have already taken care of that function.

If one member of every unit would take it upon himself, to send in ten dollars for an ad — just think of the boost to the reunion. Now — I am thinking that of the units usually represented — that at least five men per unit will attend the reunion here in Dayton. I really believe that all of them would be glad to pitch in with two bucks each. That would be of no great expense to the man sending the original ten hoggies.

I realize that due to the economic conditions that prevail, we really have a problem to contend with — but that some of us have to go a long way, to make this the success that past reunions have been. Believe me George, we in Dayton are putting forth our utmost efforts to make this come true.

Again George — I want to thank you, Harry and Walter for making the trip to Dayton on behalf of our organization and we hope to make your next visit to our fair city, one you will long remember. Good luck and best regards to you and your staff.

An old, old buddy
Vic Landis
124 Potomac St.
Dayton 10, Ohio

Send all ads to: Edward B. Fink, Sec.-Treas. Miami Valley Chapter 83rd Infantry Division Assn. 2030 King, Dayton, Ohio.

GREATER BOSTON CHAPTER NEWS

by CHARLES ABDINOOR, A-330

We recently held our mid-year meeting at the Lord Fox Restaurant in Foxboro, Mass. We had the privilege of having Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lockwood as our guests. We had a very enjoyable meeting and dinner. We had member guests from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New Hampshire. It seems as we have our dinner meetings that the membership keeps growing larger.

Our next executive board meeting was held at our permanent headquarters in Malden, Mass. There we are planning on a dinner dance affair. We are going to send out notices to the local papers and try to drum up some added publicity. We have a hard bunch of workers in Pat DiGiammerino, Nick Francullo, Lucien Elie and Joe Eberle. They have gone out canvassing for new members as soon as we get any sort of an address of an old Thunderbolt. Incidentally we would appreciate it if you also put a note in our column that if anybody has any address of their old buddies who live in and around Massachusetts would they forward it to me so that we may look them up to try to get them to join our organization. Write to: Charles Abdinoor, 46 Merrimack Terrace, Dracut, Mass.

I have already received from members even though I do not know their addresses and we did not even ask for them, so by asking for them I imagine we may be able to swell our membership quite a bit. We are going to hold our future meetings in a different state and try to draw from that area. At the same time give our members who live quite a way from our meetings a break. I had the privilege to spend two evenings with Harry Lockwood at his home and in New York where we had a good time talking about the future convention and the past one. We are all looking forward to the coming convention in Dayton and a few of our members are already making plans.

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CLEVELAND CHAPTER NEWS

by CASEY KOWALEC, C-322-FA

Good luck to our newly elected officers for the year 1958-59. Elected to carry on for the Cleveland Chapter were:

President — Mike Demko, Hq-3rd Bn-331

Treasurer — John Evans, A-331

Secretary — Bob Grobelny, A-329

Our new officers were installed at a dinner party held at Hamm Hall in Cleveland, Ohio with R. J. Voracek, Hq-324 FA, catering. The food, (as usual) was delicious, the entertainment loads of fun ("tch-tch" such movies!!) and the short speeches by Prexy Mike Demko and Ted Karageorge, A-322-FA, were well received for their sincerety and timeliness.

Our new officers have dedicated themselves to the task of making the Cleveland Ohio Chapter the liveliest and most active in the Association. With all of us here in northern Ohio backing them this task can become a reality. Our last raffle was a huge success, so "hats-off" to our Chapter members who did their utmost in putting it over. We all derive the benefits so lets all get behind every endeavor and insure success in all our efforts.

"TID-BITS"

Congratulations to the parents of the newest additions to our growing Cleveland Chapter — Ray and Dorothy Voracek, Hq-324-FA, on the arrival of their son R. J. and to Hank and Evelyn Katell, 330, on the arrival of their new daughter — Hank has also expanded his music business by adding on to his present building to take care of both his retail and teaching. Rolly Warner's eleven year old son, Jimmy, has entered the literary field with the winning of a safety essay contest sponsored by Motor Cargo Inc. of Akron, Ohio. His subject was; "What My Dads Safety Means To Me".



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Although we have never received any news of the Indianapolis Chapter, the above picture, sent in by Dick Ammon, proves that they do get together. Most of the fellows pictured will be with us in Dayton in August.

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Co. G - 331st Inf. Accepts Challenge

In answer to an article written by Mr. Vic Landis in the last issue of the Thunderbolt — challenging all other units to a membership contest, we of Co. G. 331st Inf. wish to issue this statement.

“Reserve the ringside table at the banquet and break out a few extra bottles of booze in Co. F - 329th C.P. because when the thundering herd from G. Co. get to Dayton, we aim to let everyone know that we are still the best damn company in the division and have held that distinction since 1942.”

Lets look at the record. In sports Co. G was divisional champs in softball the only year that there was a playoff, 1943. Co. G was also undefeated in 3 years of competition whenever there was an opportunity to play softball. We were Regimental basketball champs the same year 1943 in the only playoffs.

During the five campaigns the 83rd participated in — Co. G was outstanding under the capable leadership of Captain Bill Waters and Captain Joe Macaluso. Col. York can verify this fact.

Since the activation of the 83rd Association Co. G has had at least 20 paid up members almost every year and of this number 10 to 12 attend conventions every year.

This year, we again have went over the 20 men membership. By the time this issue of the Thunderbolt goes to press we shall have 25 paid up association members and when August rolls around we should go over the 30 mark with attendance in Dayton tenatively set at 16 and more fellows to hear from.

In a meeting in Dayton at Leo Boyds barber shop April 20th Harry Lockwood said he would donate 3 fifths of whiskey to the company winning the honor of setting at the ringside table. We in Co. G. 331st Inf. will drink a toast to Vic Landis, Ed Fink and all other units that finish behind us.

Enclosed is a picture of the 9 men available out of the 11 in attendance in New York last August.



Pictured above;

Standing L to R — Clyde Flanary, Mike Mizerock, Mort Gaynor, Lee Titus, Don Schwartz.

Kneeling L to R — Bob Piette, Oscar Rutstein, John Teringo, Joe Phillipone.

Not present for picture — Harold Ladley, John Rung.

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GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER NEWS

by DAVE ROSENBERG, F-331

On Saturday nite, April 12, the Greater Philadelphia, Pa., Chapter played host to an overflow crowd at a sumptuous spaghetti dinner. The successful evening was the culmination of exceptional fine planning and hard work of our regular group of "volunteers".

Joe Ponzi, Chapter Vice President, headed this fine group of "volunteers" which included the following men. Mike Skerbetz, Walt Sammler, Ed Paulino, Frank McGrogan and Larry Redmond, and last but not least, our chief cook, Lou Volpi. Lou is a successful restaurant and catering service operator, his skill and art is well known throughout the Delaware Valley. Many organizations are among his clients. With little thought to his own business, Lou took over and acted as overseer at this gala affair. President Sam Aiello along with Veep Joe Ponzi acted as hosts, greeting everyone as they entered the gaily decorated hall. Frank McGrogan and Larry Redmond, gayly garbed in colorful aprons, acted as head waiters and showed each party to their tables. And then the women folk, God bless 'em, took over. Mary Redmond, Mary McGrogan, Vi Aiello, Olive Ponzi and Ruth Paulino, serving as the most beautiful waitresses that could be had, pitched in and soon the anti-pastos and spaghetti and meat balls appeared on the tables and soon disappeared as each guest joyfully consumed each plate and washed it down with all the beer they could drink. It was really a swellegant affair and National Association President, Harry Lockwood and his charming wife, Fern, will attest to that. The Lockwoods, always welcome guests at our Philly affairs, had a great time meeting their many friends.

Dancing followed the food and fun and frolic become the catch word for all. To top it all off a drawing was held and among the winners was Curly Myers who certainly deserved it. Curly was a great help that evening — his adroit handling of the beer pitchers was a work of art. The evening was such a great success that plans are already made for a chicken dinner on May 24 which means more work for Lou Volpi and his "volunteers", but they love it, and with true spirit of friendship and cooperation, success will be the end result.

Sam Aiello, Philly Chapter Prexy, Recuperates

No Philadelphia Chapter member is more popular or better liked than Sam Aiello. Sam from the early days of the Chapters formation was a willing worker and volunteer for all extra work details, no job was too small or too big for him, his spirit and drive were rewarded with his election to the Philadelphia Chapter Presidency this year. His conduct as President has been exemplary. When the Chapter heard that Sam was being operated on for a serious illness, everyone directed their prayers for his speedy recovery. Sams stay in the hospital was made more cheery by the many cards and tokens of friendship he received from the Philly men. Sam's wife, Vi, also a Philly Chapter favorite, has Sam under her wing and our Sam is almost good as new. We of the Philly Chapter are extending thanks for Sam's complete recovery, he is an ace, and liked by all.

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Philadelphia Chapter Makes Plans For Dayton

At this date, the constant subject at each meeting is the coming August Reunion in Dayton, Ohio. All plans to attend in full strength are being formed. As in previous years the Philadelphia Chapter Command Post Suite will be open to all, always the LIVELIEST GROUP, Philadelphia will again lead the way. At each monthly meeting more and more men are signing up as in previous years, car pools are being set up and Philadelphia will be the FIRST to come and the last to go home. Look for all of us in Dayton, Ohio on August 21-22-23.

STORK COLUMN

Congratulations are in order to the newest parents and arrivals to our ever growing THUNDERBOLT family.

Mr and Mrs. Orval Ellis, Hq-329, baby girl, Melaine Jo, born January 23.

Ray and Dorothy Voracek, Hq-324 FA, baby boy, Ralph Joseph, 9 lb. 5 oz., born March 12.

Tony and Dorothy Sudano, Hq-324 FA, baby boy, James Patrick, 6 lb. 13 oz., born March 21.

Hank and Evelyn Katell, 330th, baby girl.

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Picture taken at the Philadelphia Chapter Banquet.

Front row, left to right, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ponzio, the new Vice President, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Aiello, the new President, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Redmond, the out-going President, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Paulino, the outgoing Vice President. Back row, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lockwood, Mr. and Mrs. George Kirk, out-going Secretary, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Rosenberg Publicity Chairman, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGrogan, Treasurer.

WARREN CHAPTER NEWS

The Warren Chapter again takes the lead in activities in the 83rd Division Association. We are now full fledged members of the Trumbull County Memorial Association. The activities of this association include the taking care of the graves of all our departed buddies. Much credit is due Joe Minotti, 324 FA, for his efforts to get the Warren Chapter into the Memorial Association and all the fellows are pitching in to back Joe and The Association.

We are glad to welcome back Tony Sudano, 324 FA, who we haven't seen in a long, long time. Also good to see Red Kilpatrick, C-330, who came back to us sporting a "rich-mans" Florida tan.

"Whatzis" we har about Dick and Millie Kelly, 908 FA, ? ? This newest addition will make it five for the Kellys. Wonder if it will be "four queens and ace high" or "aces full".

On April 27 the men and families of the Cleveland, Ohio Chapter joined a happy, hungry group of Warren Chapter men, their families and friends at one of the most delicious spaghetti dinners that was held by the hard working women of the Warren Chapter Auxiliary. The girls started early Saturday making the sauce and meatballs and by Sunday the Warren club rooms were filled with the lucious aroma of real Italian food. The girls are to be complimented on the fine job of cooking,

service and serving of 200 men, women and children. The fine group from Cleveland attended en masse. After everyone had their fill the boys from Warren "took" the Cleveland lads in a rousing bowling match at the local alleys after which mucho-refreshments were served at the Warren club rooms. National Secretary, George Cooley seemed to have disappeared into high air shortly afterwards and hasn't been seen around since. Plans were made, while the boys were enjoying each-others company, for a family picnic, and a challenge ball game, to be held at Round-up Lake between Warren and Cleveland on June 22nd. ALL 83rd-ers cordially invited. Contact any Warren or Cleveland Chapter member.

We were real sorry to hear the sad news about our favorite subject, "Do-do" Teringo. Seems that nine lives weren't quite enough to keep "Do-do" out of the feline heaven. * * * * Last January we welcomed John Caparanis, B-331, into the Warren Chapter and wife Helen into the Warren Chapter Auxiliary and from then on Warren had two hard working members. Our John hasn't turned down a work detail yet and is ready to volunteer for any job that comes up (including taking the boys at the poker table) * * * * Plans are just about complete for Warrens spearhead into Dayton, Ohio on August 21. Lee Titus, G-331 and George Cooley, 322 FA, were down on a short reconnaissance and secured the Warren C.P. and contacted the liquid supply train. All is ready for our attack. Dayton, "we're a comin".

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

How about this? After all these years I received the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Achievement in the Normandy Campaign. I also received a Unit Citation Ribbon and Army of Occupation Medal and Ribbon. I served with the 83rd from the start and until transferred to another outfit to come home after the War.

In the past few months I've written at least ten letters to buddies that I served with and haven't received a single reply. I did get one letter returned — man unknown. I should have received at least five replies. I thought a lot of our Company M - 330th and after all that we went through together I don't understand how men can forget each other like this. Please see if you can find someone that may have the addresses of anyone that served in the mortar platoon of Co. M.

Could you also tell me if the 330th had a book made similar to the one that the 331st had made. If so, is it for sale? I would like to have one. Bye for now and Bless you all. I will see you in Dayton.

A buddy and member,
Robert Hedger
3010 Morgan Street
Middletown, Ohio

P.S., I'm lucky, I live only 22 miles from Dayton.

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... I will try to be at the reunion this year. Just moved to new address here and do not know of any members here.

Sanford B. Halperin, Capt. USAR
Hq-1st-Bn-331
3364 Berkeley Avenue
Cleveland Hts. 18, Ohio
(Cleveland Chapter — take note)

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Dear George;

I will do my best to be at the reunion this August. I got your last edition of THUNDERBOLT and was sure surprised to see a picture of my old buddies of Company F, 329th Infantry — Vic Landis, Hank Golombieski, Bill Ferguson, Corsi, Nickell and Kittrell. Will do my utmost to see all the fellas in August.

Regards;
George Trebonyak

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... will try to attend the reunion this year.
Charles R. Kabler - 83rd Hq

... I was a member of Co. B, 331st Infantry from Jan. 4, 1945 to July 1945 under Capt. Danny Moore and 1st Lt. Norman Kruse and am now proud to be a member of the Association.

Joe Czarnechi

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Gentlemen:

I certainly want to thank you for the booklets and information that you sent me. You have certainly been most helpful and I appreciate everything that you have done. However, I would still like to know if you could tell me or send me information including the names and addresses of the members of the 453 Anti-Aircraft Bn. Since I was a member of this outfit, I am primarily interested in these people. Just prior to the end of the War, this group was disbanded and most of us were assigned to the Military Police.

Thank you very much for your courtesy and attention.

Batley State Hospital
Sincerely yours,
Sylvester Ritchie
Ward No. 35
Rome, Ga.

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Mr. George Cooley
Secretary - Treasurer
83rd Infantry Division Association

Dear Mr. Cooley:

The General Manager of the Sheraton-Park Hotel, Foster H. Gurney and I, his Military Representative, cordially invite you to bring the 1959 convention of the 83rd Infantry Division Association to the Nation's Capital, Washington D. C. and to make the Sheraton-Park your Headquarters.

You will find our rates very modest. All our sleeping rooms are air-conditioned and furnished with radio and television at no extra cost.

Our outdoor swimming pool is available to you free of charge.

Our rates for July and August are: \$7.00 single, and we have in reserve 60 such rooms; \$6.00 a person for twins if occupied by 2 persons and \$5.00 a person, if 3 persons wish to occupy a room. In such case we furnish a roll-in-bed.

The Sheraton-Park offers a Headquarters second to none for a successful convention. With best wishes I am,

Sincerely yours,
Fred During
Colonel U. S. A., Ret.

Dear George:

Here is an item for the Thunderbolt which ought to be of considerable interest:

Shelly G. Hughes of Findlay, Ohio, Division Headquarters, was married in Cleveland on April 5 to Florence Steeds. The happy couple will live in Findlay where Shelly is Vice President of the Differential Steel Car Company. He served as G-4 of the Division during the war and saw extensive military service overseas also during World War I. Shelly is the father of a daughter by a previous marriage, and also three times a grandfather.

With best wishes,

Cordially,
James C. Hanrahan
83rd Div. Hq

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Mr. George Cooley,
Editor
83rd Infantry Division Association
1459 Beachwood Street
North East Warren,
Ohio. (USA)
Paris, France, 1958

Dear Mr. Cooley,

As Chairman of the Membership Committee, and at the request of the Trustees of the American Overseas Memorial Day Association, Incorporated, I am writing you and, through you, your American friends, to invite you to enroll yourself as an Active Member of the Association.

As you know, this group has rendered splendid services in organizing fitting Memorial Day ceremonies in the overseas national cemeteries since 1920. The funds of the Association are limited, and the additional burden which falls upon it, by reason of the World War II cemeteries now under its care, makes it imperative that support be solicited from the entire American Community.

Annual dues are \$5.00 or Frs.2.100.—Please make checks payable to the American Overseas Memorial Day Association Incorporated, and use the enclosed card and envelope.

I highly recommend this patriotic cause to your consideration and support.

Chairman of the Membership Committee

Sincerely yours,

Carl J. Batter, Jr.,
Vice-President,

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... can't make it this year. I am now stationed in good old Hawaii where it never gets cold. I live for the "good old 83rd" and want it to be known all over the world so send me some decals for my car. Say "hello" to the boys from Co. E, 329.

Sgt. James C. Brown

MEMORIAL DAY

by HARRY LOCKWOOD, 329

There's a field of little white crosses, each
about a foot high

Standing so majestically, pointing toward
the sky

Each cross is clean and fresh and white,
and as you gaze upon the scene

The clover is abundant and the grass is
ever green.

You'll find these fields in many lands,
they're there for all to see

Each cross is for a buddy who died, that
we all could be free

Each one also represents a monument to
the brave

A statue to a precious life that so willingly
they gave.

They did not question why or what or
where or when or how

Nor are they the least concerned at all
with who lies beside them now

They knew they had a job to do which
they did with head unbowed

And although they do not ask it, we
should sing their praises loud

They are not there by their own design but
because it was to be

Fate decreed that it should be them instead
of you or me

And as you look upon that field of crosses
pointing toward the sky

Your thought is this, that there, but for the
Grace of GOD lay I

So to you our buddies of the past, we
dedicate this day

We think of you with reverence, as
beneath the ground you lay

Though you've now become immortal in
your heavenly terrain

We make to you this promise, You shall
not have died in vain.

OBITUARY COLUMN

The 83rd Infantry Division Association members express their deepest sympathy to the families of our buddies who have passed away in recent months.

Louis E. Kilper, unit unknown, died September 22, 1957. Louis was from Willard, Ohio.

Lt. Gen. Robert M. Montague, 58, 83rd Division Artillery commander during World War II and lately head of the U.S. Caribbean Command, died in Gorgas Hospital on February 20 of a cerebral hemorrhage.

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