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Things Look Great For The 83rd

"We Saw It Thru"— Remember

All of us, who ever were a part of the 83rd Inf. Div. have left with us a brand deep in our self conscious soul, a strong memory. For you it may be one man, for others it is a group or unit. What ever be your own particular feelings you can not deny that Thunderbolt brand. A portion of our lives was welded into a unit of the 83rd. We the more fortunate "Saw It Thru." Think back to a few of those "Rag Tag Circus" days. Your buddies and mine are all scattered now. Many are still able to share and confirm our brand, yet others are no longer able to be with us.

Our outfit is reduced to a small group who want to "Remember" and carry on some traditions of those days. Yet our Assn. has a great problem to collect annual dues of four dollars. These dues are needed to pay mailing expenses. Just think we can't get the equivalent cost of "one bottle of liquor" from a few hundred men to enable us to have an "Annual Reunion."

Remember over 99% of your buddies would gladly pay four dollars just for one hour with you.

Some funds disappeared, we are trying to find facts and report the results to you.

Remember Atterbury, maneuvers, Breckenridge, Shanks, the ocean voyage, England, Channel hop, Normandy, hedgerows, dead cows, Brittany, Loire Valley, Luxembourg, Belgium, Holland, Alsace, the Rhine and Germany.

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Much progress has been accomplished since the first publication of the Thunderbolt. Membership has increased and the organization is both morally and financially secure. After the Boston reunion many men were in doubt as to the continuation of the Assn. There have been numerous inquiries and we are proud to say that each has been promptly answered. Former members have again beckoned to our call, of course there are many more who still have their doubts and we would appreciate all those having this feeling to write this headquarters.

At the present time no news has been forth coming pending investigation concerning past operations, but as soon as this information is available, it will be released. The membership campaign is making great progress but there is still room for improvement. We at this headquarters are doing all that is humanly possibly, but we must depend on you as individuals to help along in the task. Drop your buddies a line, contact him by phone and convince him to enroll as quickly as possible. If every member would endeavor to obtain a new member our roster would be doubled. Put your nose to the wheel and dig hard. Remember our slogan, "*For Hoop-De-Doo In '52, Columbus is the Place For You.*"

We feel this year's convention will be a great success, as much work and effort has been given this year's "Well Planned Program." There is a program for ladies, so you fellows plan to bring your wives or girl friends for a gala celebration of our 6th Annual Reunion at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 21-22-23, 1952,

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"WE SAW IT THRU"—REMEMBER

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I remember that "chunk" out of my life, yet I want to "Remember We Saw It Thru." Together we can enjoy a wonderful three days at the 6th Annual Reunion. Mail in your dues. You can't afford to DROP that Thunderbolt Brand. Make those old acquaintances again. Your Assn. is a non-profit organization, where there are NO paid employees. Let's keep it alive. DON'T YOU AGREE IT DESERVES YOUR SUPPORT?—Walter Edwards

THUNDERBOLT DIVISION REACTIVATED IN OHIO

March 1st deadline has been tentatively set for as assignation of a reorganized 83rd Infantry (Thunderbolt) Division in Ohio. Brig. Gen. Russell A. Ramsey, Division Commander said the reorganization follows Army plans to strengthen Organized Reserve Corps Units.

Two new Infantry Regiments from Ohio's Reserve Pool will be activated as soon as possible to form an all Ohio Division. They will be known as the 332nd and 336th Regiments and will replace the 329th and 330th Infantry from Indiana.

Units of the Division are located in Columbus, Akron, Toledo, Dayton, Cincinnati and Cleveland.

Division Headquarters . . .

Herb Gibson, G-2, is traffic manager for a Pittsburgh machinery firm. Herb recently shipped 557 tons of rolling mill equipment on the S.S. St. Malo of the French line to a mill in Rennes, France. The shipment was landed at the port of Nantes. Like Herb, this will recall, to many of us, the Brittany towns of St. Malo with its fortress Citadel, 'Mad Col.' Von Auloch and the Isle de Cezembre. The Loire River, which reaches the sea at Nantes, is well remembered for the 20,000 prisoners at Beaugency and the submarine pens at St. Nazaire and Lorient.

John Consiglio, Supply Sgt., operates a Hotel and Bar in the Turtle Creek, Pa. area. . . . Mess Sgt. Rock is managing a Pastry Shop in the Hotel Schenley, Pittsburgh, Pa. . . . Your editor, would like to hear from all you headquarters boys so that we can enlarge this column next issue.

Should anyone having any information concerning the following units: Medics, Ordnance, Division M.P., Quartermaster, forward said information to this headquarters.

Open Letter To The Men Of 83rd Signal Co.

As it would be too much of a time consuming task to write to each of you individually, I am taking this opportunity, through the Thunderbolt to ask all of you that can possibly make it to come to the reunion this year. I have been to every one except last year and that was only because I was misinformed and thought that there wasn't going to be any.

We had our best turn out in Pittsburgh, Pa. in 1949 when 46 Signal Co. men came to the reunion. We sure had a swell time talking over old times. Please try your best to make it this year, and if you can't, at least send in your four bucks and join the Association, so that you can get all

the news and be informed of the dates of our coming reunions.

Here's hoping I see you all in Columbus in August.

Your old First Sgt.

Steve Chico

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Bernard Malecki was the first man from Signal Co. to join the Assn. and has given much help in locating former Signal Co. men and in the publication of this issue of the Thunderbolt. He urges all his buddies to plan now for this convention.

Lawrence J. Kearns writes us he is looking forward to meeting a lot of the men this year and exchange old latrine rumors. . . . Charles B. Hathaway, Springfield, Ohio has his reservation all set for August 21, 22, 23.

308th Engineers . . .

Many of the former 83rd Engineers have been called into active duty, among those was George Peterson, N.C. 332398273, 984th Engr. Field Maint. Co., A.P.O. 301, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif. . . . Wedding Bells recently rang for Monessen, Pa. barber, Charles Altomari. . . . Heard from Lester Hauck, now living in Perkioneville, Pa. . . . Pasquale Scapano recently sent in his change of address. It is 211 Atwater St., New Haven, Conn. . . . Glad to have Jimmie Burke, Springfield, Ohio in the paid-up member list. . . . Leonard Davis, is in Paris, France as a Courier for the Dept. of State. Write to him at Washington 25, D.C.

329th Buckshooters . . .

No better way to start this column than thanking Harry Lockwood (Hqs.) for that wonderful poem. Let's hope it brings results.

Joe Eberle, Jr. is now manager of the J. J. Newberry Co. in Portsmouth, N.H. . . . Robert Allard, Putnam, Conn., wishes to hear from men of "M" Co. . . . Joe Harpin (M) is on his way to

Korea. Hurry back, Joe! . . . James Leonard (H) is now with the law as Deputy Sheriff of Seneca County, N.Y. . . . "Woody" Smith (H) is an engineer at the Grand Central Aircraft Co. in Tucson, Arizona where he recently moved. . . . Arthur Kramer (I) sent in 213 names from his outfit, thanks. . . . Lt. Col. G. A. Sharpe and Col. E. B. Crabill are both stationed at Fort Monroe, Va. . . . Ernest L. McMurchy is expecting E Co. out in force at Columubs. . . . John Taylor (Cannon) is in the furniture business in California and employs Edwin Campbell (2nd Bn.) as a salesman. . . . Mortimer Goldman (Cannon) is raising chickens at Tom's River, N.J. . . . Harry Hochman, also of Cannon is operating Sam's Subway (a restaurant) in Indianapolis.

Wish we had more space for this column but space is limited, however, keep sending in your news and most of all your dues. So Long.

330th Latrine Rumors . . .

John P. Aldrich (A) now in the furniture business in Perry, Mich. . . . Heard from a great old combat medic Frank Srubar (C) is married and has two sons. . . . James McHale (D) hales from Dewitt, N.Y. and will be Columbus bound come August 21st. . . . "Columbus or Bust" is the slogan of Ed. A. Shipman (E) Provo, Utah. . . . Dues have just arrived from Walter J. Bonnet (E) of East DuBuQue, Ill.

Woodrow B. Swift (H) hails from Baltimore, Md. . . . Joe Barton (I) of Boston, Mass. says the only time he receives a Thunderbolt is around dues time. (Wanta make a bet on that). . . . Ensio "Toss" Tosolini (Hq.) sure gets around according to his stationery, but his home is in Reno, Nev. . . . Anyone knowing the whereabouts of former Capt. Allen, adjutant of 1st Bn. 330th please send it into this headquarters.

Doesn't any one know what has happened to men from Companies B, K, L, M, Bn. Hq., Regt. Hq., and Cannon. Let's get on the ball and send in those addresses. Don't be afraid of duplicates, we'll sift through them.

The Strolling Scribbler

There have been quite a few members added to the roster since our first issue of the Thunderbolt. Many men are out trying to get new members. Among the few has been E. M. Brewer, 324th of Alexandria, Va. Just sent in



BILL SHUMAN

his first one. Paul A. Powell, 331st is taking over Richmond, Va. Bill Shuman is doing his bit from Greencastle, Pa., and I hear has sent out several letters. Bill is also busy working on his memorial service for the convention this year. . . .

Heard from Jerry Mattio and he is interested in hearing from his old buddies. Write him: 26 W. Diamond St., Hazelton, Pa.

Edwin C. Diller of New Holland, Pa., is married and has a son. . . . From the looks of the stationery Jim Garrigus, Lima, Ohio, is in the Financing Business. . . . Leo A. Boyd, Dayton, Ohio has sore feet looking up the addresses of men from that city. Finds it is quite a job, but he is still doing his bit. . . . Heard from Joseph Pertusi and he seems quite proud to have been a member of such a great organization and wishes to continue his membership in the Assn.

Elbert Clock of Sidney, Mich., writes us that he has never attended a convention but this year will be there. . . . Learn we have quite a few former 83rd men in Japan and Korea, among that list is Joe Lowery, Div. Hq., Col. "Tubby" Brown, 331st, Col. Crabill, 329th (just returned) and Bill Seavy, 330th. . . . Morrey Maggied, Columbus, Ohio spent a recent week end in Pittsburgh taking in a hockey game and

was seen doing the town with Rocco Catalfamo, Larry Leonardi, John Consiglio and Francis Beerhalter.

Send in your news and gossip to the Scribbler, c/o 83rd Hdq.

This headquarters has on hand a few of the Division's publication, "Thunderbolt Across Europe," and may be purchased at a nominal fee.

Convention Committee Meets In Columbus

Robert McGonagle, Convention Chairman called a meeting January 15, 1952 at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel in Columbus, Ohio. Plans were laid for the coming convention. The committee was in session for six hours.

Those attending the meeting were: Bob McGonagle, Vice President John McShane, James Maynard, John Sweeney and Morrey Maggied all of Columbus and Rocco Catalfamo, Sect.-Treas. of Pittsburgh, Pa. Robert Wendelkin represented Columbus Convention Bureau and Max Lloyd represented Deshler-Wallick Hotel.

The next meeting will be held March 15, 1952 at which time all officers and executive board will be present.

For Your Information, Deshler-Wallick Lists Rates

The following are the rates for the Deshler-Wallick Hotel and all rooms include combination Tub and Shower Bath.

Single Rooms for One: \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$8.00, \$9.00.

Double Rooms for Two (Double Bed): \$9.00, \$10.00, \$11.00, \$11.50, \$12.50, \$13.50.

Twin Beds for Two: \$9.50, \$10.50, \$11.50, \$13.00, \$14.50.

Parlor Suites, Living and Bed Room: single or double \$12.00 to \$27.00.

Large Capacity Rooms accommodating 4 to 10—from \$3.00 up per person, depending on number of occupants per room.



Meet your Buddy!



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**THUNDERBOLT
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331st Infantry . . .

We now have company rosters of A, D, L, and Hdq. Co. 1st & 3rd Bns.

Should anyone have rosters of the remaining companies not listed above, please send them into the Thunderbolt Hdqrs. With membership application please include Co. and Regt. for filing purposes.

Russell "Bulldozer" Carver (Hq.): "In '52 I'll be there, you can depend on that." . . . Leo Schneider (Hq.) successful Chemical Manufacturer in Memphis, Tenn. . . . Sydney Schachmeister (Regt. Medics) says "hello" to all his buddies . . . Louis Kilper (Cn.) from Willard, Ohio. . . . Joseph Healy (A) is a new member in the fold. . . . Raymond Carr (B) from Dalton, Ga.—"Seeing the old gang, the greatest thrill of my life, see you in '52." . . . Don Schwartz (G) "Auto accident enroute to Boston, hope to see you in Columbus." . . . Jack Ledbetter (H) VA Hospital, Ward 408, Swannanoa, N.C. . . . Byron F. Smith (L) now active as Lieut. USA.

Lt. Col. Larry Laliberte informs us that Lt. Col. Sellars, Maj. Barney Wiselogle, Capt. Holliday, Maj. James Patterson are all stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. . . . Capt. Bob Mitchel is stationed at Ft. Dix with the Ninth Div. . . . Maj. Harry Flemming is in Europe and Capt. Beasley, formerly of the 83rd QM Co. is an aide to Lt. Gen. Milburn at Ft. Monroe, Va. . . . George B. Pastirik (Hq. Co. 3rd Bn.) requests all company buddies to join the Assn. . . . Emanuel Lamb (H) of Brooklyn writes, "It's a great pleasure to join the ranks again."

322nd Field Artillery . . .

Where, Oh Where is 322nd? Surely there was more than one man in that Bn. So let's drag out that roster and get it into this headquarters. . . . W. J. Oswald has lost his roster and requests former men from this Bn. write to him at 1909 E. Pontiac St., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

323rd Field Artillery . . .

Thurl L. Henning (Bty. B) noticed the Reunion Notice in the American Legion Magazine and is planning to take his vacation in August so he can attend. . . . Walter Harding recently bought a home in Farmersburg, Indiana, and intends joining the Assn. soon. . . . We hope in the next issue to have more news from this Bn.

324th Field Artillery . . .

Where are the men from 324th? Surely there were more than we know the whereabouts of. Let's hear from them.

Much is to be said about the work done by E. M. Brewer of Alexandria, Va. He has been out searching for 324th men and has come up with a new member. . . . Hans M. Bielski has completed his education and inherited part ownership in a cemetery in Aberdeen, Wash., and has assumed managership of it. . . . Joe Minotti has sent in his reservation. Plenty early, Joe! . . . New members added to the 324th roster are: Charles Nothnagle, Perry Point, Md.; Ralph M. Berkstresser of Altoona, Pa.; Victor S. Ecklund, New Castle, Pa. and Harry E. Borchert, New Wilmington, Pa. . . . Who has 324th's roster? We are in need of such and it will be promptly returned to sender.

908th Field Artillery . . .

Herman Wilkerson, former 908th is now a patient in V.A. Hospital. How about you fellows dropping him a letter? His address is Ward H, 115 Annex, V.A. Center, Los Angeles 25, Calif. . . . Russell E. Davy now lives in Zoar, Ohio and writes us he will be one of the first to cross the Deshler's door. . . . Jules Desgain, Pittsburgh is still in active reserves and trains each Tuesday.

A Plea . . .

*We went thru much together and sometimes things looked black
Those mumblings that were heard at night were prayers to bring us back
For folks and friends so far away we left so long ago
For the courage to fight against the Hell, the Rain, the Snow*

*At times we'd sit around and gab and live in retrospect
Of things we'd done, of girls we had, or perhaps a car we wrecked
We promised we'd be buddies in all our conversation
And upon return we Fortunatees formed an association*

*Officers were elected, we had a reunion once a year
Which helped us keep in touch with our buddies far and near
We drank a little, ate a little, had entertainment, too
But now we've hit a snag and there's something we must do*

*To those who are a little lax we have just this to say
Your help is badly needed
This plea you should obey
Please open up your wallets and send your dues today*

*See you all next August (if my car holds out till then)
We'll heist a few, be entertained, be buddies once again
Now please after reading this don't say "That's for the birds"
Just dig down in your pockets for the "GOOD OLD 83rd."*

—Harry M. Lockwood—329

Dues for membership and subscription to the Thunderbolt for the year of 1952 are long past due. In order to receive further publications, remit dues as soon as possible.

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