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Basic in '42 — Frolic in '52



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Front row, left to right: Lawrence Leonard, John Consiglio, Rocco Catalfamo. Back row: Francis Beerhalter, Bernard Malecki, Joe De Palma, George Pastirik.

"Let's All Help Put It Across"

Reminiscing our past Basic Training with that old familiar chant of **1st Call** or **Fall Out**, and now back in civilian garbs, let's all make **this A Grand Slam for 52.**

Your entertainment committee promises all a grand time, but only with your cooperation. Plans have been made for a **Gala Time**, but only prompt attention on your part will help to make this coming "6th Annual Reunion" a success.

The Deshler-Wallick Hotel has given us a total of 239 rooms as priced on the inside back page. Take advantage of this offer and hurry your reservation into the Assn. headquarters. These are on a "First Come—First Served" basis.

"Enthusiasm"

Do you realize the meaning of the word "Enthusiasm." It is a spirit of warmth, interest. An excitement to the end. Such is the word that helped to carry the 83rd Thunderbolt Across Europe. It is the spirit that caused the handful of veterans to organize and cooperate the Association for the purpose of maintaining those close ties of friendship that each of us made during our service in the 83rd Div.

That enthusiasm was present in our first reunion in Cleveland in 1947. Many men learned of the association and it grew. In Indianapolis in '48, Pittsburgh, '49, Boston, '50, Columbus, '51. Now we are returning to Columbus and you ask, why? For the simple reason that Deshler-Wallick Hotel and the Columbus Convention Bureau did us an exceptional service last year. Their enthusiasm helped us out when loss of records after the '50 reunion made our job most difficult to keep the old 83rd Association rolling. Here again a certain few of you pitched in with *Enthusiasm* to retain our organization.

There is nothing wrong with the 83rd Inf. Div. Assn. that a little "personal enthusiasm" from you and your Squad Buddies can't cure. We can build a real association, one that we can be proud of for years to come. There is a lot of confusion in our world today because a very small minority work against progress. Let's not let any such disturbance keep us from planning to keep our friendship

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"ENTHUSIASM"

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in the 83rd active. The best way for all of us to make our Div. Assn. work. There is strength in numbers. From this organization you can contribute *Enthusiasm* and *Appreciation* by helping to make the Columbus Reunion, Aug. 21, 22, 23, 1952. Be there and meet your Foxhole Buddies. Drop a few cards to them. Remember when "We Saw It Thru." See them all at Columbus. We're asking you to come and have a great time together.

308th Engineers . . .

Not much news has come into this office for 308th, although they are coming through with their dues and hotel reservations.

William McClellar, former Battalion Sergeant Major is now Lt. McClellar, stationed at Ft. George Meade, Md. . . . James Burke will be expecting to see a lot of his buddies this year so don't miss the reunion. . . . George H. Cox, plans to drive in for the event from Galax, Va. . . . Ody Coffey writes us to reserve the biggest room as he will be there to chat with all the engineers.

. . . Edward Poniski plans to drive in from Chicago. . . . Clem T. Stemplewski is now living at 1900 S. 15th St., Milwaukee, Wis.

Strolling Scribbler

Your Secretary's Comment

Since we have very little news for the Scribbler this issue I would like to use this space to express my thanks to all the men who gave of their funds and time to put this Association where it is today.

To all the officers, the program committee, executive staff, the men who went out in search of new members, those who sent out letters to their Companies, the men who were financially able to pay the dues of a less fortunate buddy, to the men who helped to compose and send out your issues of the Thunderbolt.

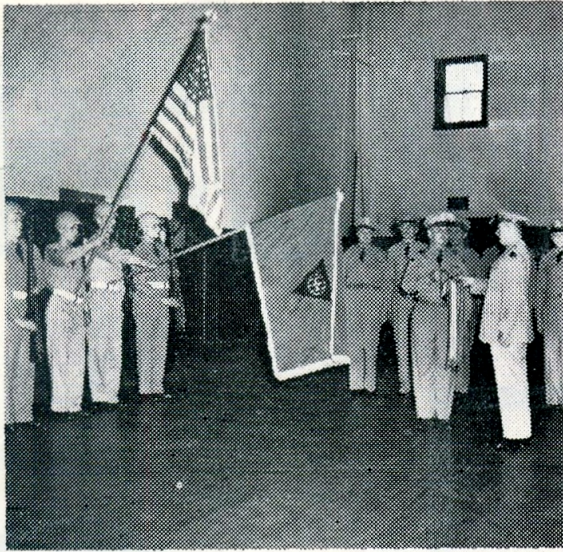
I took this office last year with this thought in mind: To try and help to make this a bigger and better association for all of us, to administer the affairs of the association as set down in our constitution and by-laws, to give equal consideration to all members and ask them to strive to make their association, to conduct the office efficiently and answer all inquiries promptly, to keep accurate records, to operate on a sound financial basis, to encourage suggestion for improvement, to consider the advice of the executive committee and to try and make this 6th annual reunion the best ever.

I feel that these have been carried out to the best of my knowledge and again I want to **thank all the men** who worked so hard to make the 83rd Infantry Division Association grow. It has been a pleasure to work with the men this year and I do hope that next year the officers of our GREAT association will find it as pleasant and interesting as it has been to us as officers this year.

Rocco Catalfamo, Sect-Treas.

322nd Field Artillery . . .

Help is needed by your reporter if this Bn. is to have a column. Don't you have any buddies who are interested enough to send in some names and addresses, so we can work up a roster.



Brig. Gen. Russell A. Ramsey (Center Left) Commanding officer of the Unit receives streamers denoting past Battle actions . . . Presenting officer is Col. S. D. Slaughter.

83rd Div. Honored

Battle Streamers honoring campaigns in two World Wars were presented to the 83rd Inf. Div. The silks will be flown with the FAMOUS unit's New Parade Colors. W.W. I streamers honors the Division's campaigns in Italy, the Aisne, the Argonne and the Marne-Meuse areas in France. W.W. II streamers were awarded for the Normandy, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe operations.

323rd Field Artillery . . .

Can't seem to get any news from this Battallion. What's wrong? Don't you guys have time to send in a note along with your memberships. Can't make a column with out your help. We recently added Robert Scheumann of Hoagland, Ind. to the membership file.

324th Field Artillery . . .

Much can be said for the men from 324th F.A. Bn. since the last issue of the Thunderbolt. As this reporter can report the men are showing much enthusiasm over the reorganization. I just called Greer Thompson to see if he could give me any information before we went to press and his news was good. Greer just moved into his new home and also boasted like a "poud papa" would of his new arrival, a boy.

Garland "Turk" Byrd is now assistant Director of the State Dept. of Veterans Affairs of Georgia. . . . Harold E. Balaity, Ardmore, Pa. will be waiting to see all his Foxhole Buddies. . . . George Irvine is planning to attend the convention, a long trip from California. . . . Francis P. Maguire was a recent addition to the 324th roster. . . . Frank W. Spowart will be in Columbus, come August, with bells to celebrate.

329th Buckshooters . . .

Your reporter (H) is highly pleased with the showing of 329 in sending in dues and also news. Sorry we don't have the space for all of it.

Thanks again to Harry Lockwood; he reports his car in good shape again. . . . Bob Dunlop (Hq.) is trying hard to make his first reunion. . . . Herbert A. Templeton informs us that his brother Richard (K) died in Berlin, Germany, March 10, 1950 while serving with the 1st Div. . . . Michael Evanick is in Veterans Hospital, Dearborn, Mich. . . . Eldon S. Brissman sent in his dues for this year and next. True Thunderbolt spirit. . . . Max R. Williams is doing his bit from Topeka, Kansas in covering Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma.

This is all that space will allow for this issue, but hope to see everyone in Columbus, come August. Let's have 329 out in force.

RAG - TAG - CIRCUS - TIME

HIGHLIGHTS:

MEMORIAL SERVICES ON
CAPITOL GROUNDS
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6th ANNUAL REUNION

Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus, Ohio

August 21, 22 and 23, 1952

Shake Hands Once Again with all your Former Buddies



83rd Recon . . .

Where is the roster for the 83rd Recon? Our newest member to be added is Clem J. Schmidt, who resides at 3008 Hackenberry St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

330th Latrine Rumors . . .

Keep them rolling in and let's put 330 way out front at the reunion.

Recently added to the membership roster: Claud H. Brown (B), Miles J. Brtna (Can.), Charles Barefoot (D), Paul Broxholm (C), O. L. Cook, Ray C. Carlsen (Hq.), Joseph Cossaboon (A.T.), Lowell Claxton (E), Lt. Col. Norman Campbell, Patsy Caruccio (K), Elbert Clock (G), Harold M. Durbin



Myron Hayden

(C), Nick Francullo (A.T.), Steve Ferko (D), F. M. Haney (E), Charles E. Heterick (L), Joseph E. Haub (C), Myron Hayden (C), Robert Hewins (G), William S. Klinder (Hq.), Robert Kopperman (I), George P. Lamar (G), King Meyers (C), John H. Mortorff, Fred R. Moltz (H), Theodore Melnyk (E), H. T. McClain (I), Frank McGorogan (D), James McHale (D), Anthony J. Provenzano (B), Wilfred Puhl (Hq.), Lawrence J. Remond (H).

Roy Ridgeway (Hq.), Howard M. Schreiner (D), Harold G. Simm (E), Alfred H. Spangler (F), Edward A. Shipman (E), Woodrow B. Swift (H), Jay D. Thonas (A.T.), Arthur Tate (Hq.), Paul J. Viantonio (D), Paul J. Wagner (E&H), Emil J. Wheling, Harold B. Wallace (G).

308th Medics . . .

So far we have been unsuccessful in securing a roster for 308th Medics. Lawrence DiPrima is Assistant Administrator for the Illinois Veterans' Commission. . . . Theodore Hodum, St. Paul, Minn., is the first member to be paid up for two years. That shows "Enthusiasm."

Signal Chatter . . .

We've Built Anew in '52

Since the last publication the outfit is beginning to take shape. Memberships have been coming in for Signal.

A recent convention held in Pittsburgh, Jos. Minotti, representing the Commonwealth Gas Corp. of Charleston, W. Va. attended. He made a tour of the city and contacted some of his old buddies. Joe is now purchasing agent for that organization. . . . Bruce Winchell of Freedland, Mich., has submitted his application for membership as well as his room reservation for the coming event. . . . Warren Kernaghan of Radio Maint. informs us he is with the Civil Aeronautics Administration, Wake Island, maintaining communication facilities.

Here are a few former Signal men and their present occupations: Chris Munaz, tax collector official, Los Sanz, Texas; Irving Landacre, Air Force, Traux, Wis.; Dick Block, sporting goods salesman and projectionist, Lawrenceburg, Ind.; Bubbles Hathaway, diesel engine factory, Springfield, Ohio; Martin Scarfino, coal car repairman, Tams, W. Va.; Norman Brown, Ind. Highway Commission, Reussalaer, Ind.; Dick Andrews, employed by a tobacco firm; Kenneth McGrath, policeman, Chicago; Tony Holedak, operates trucking concern, Yonkers, N. Y.; Fred Fenton, employed by power company, Phillipsburg, Pa.; Peter Dolan, killed in automobile somewhere in Pa.

908th Field Artillery . . .

News for this Bn. is scarce. Jules Desgain supplied up with his roster and each man has received notice of this year's convention. Memberships have been coming in but not much news. James R. Prentice has sent in for membership and gives his address as D-274 Charters Oak Terrace, Hartford 10, Conn. . . . Grafton, Ohio, Rte. 2 is the new address of Nelson E. Reisinger.

331st Chit-Chat . . .

Lloyd Ernst, is confined to Crile Vet's Hospital, Ward 29-B. Drop him a card. . . . Leo and Mrs. Schneider announce it's a girl.

Since the last issue the following have been added to the 331st men who plan to attend the convention: Luther Kantner, Jack Dye, Wade Haupt, Jack Drapkin, John D. Alley, Ray Orsene, Stanley Bielen, Wilber Johnson, Everett Singleton, Carl Ornen, Elwood Launon, Emil Svitak, Emil R. Olsen, Art Moran, George Krupicka, John Ridgeway, Charles Hopta, Bill Guilano, Wilson Day, Dan Baron, Leo Boyd, Harvey W. Clements, Byron Smith, Fred Snyder, John Burke and Richard Ammon.

In this issue is hotel reservation cards. Let's get them into this headquarters and put more men on the list for 331st. We have very little space for news but you can bet 331st will have its CP set up and waiting. Join us now if you haven't sent in for your reservation.

Division Headquarters . . .

Of interest to buddies of Jimmy Burton of the "Fox Hole Follies:" Jimmy was recently seen at the Beverly Hills Club in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was M.C. of a show which had as a headliner, Ben Blue. He wants to be remembered to all the old gang. While traveling recently Lou Nolan bumped into Major J. C. "Sparky" Reeder and J. C. Arnold in Madisonville, Ky. . . . Roy Storik is studying for the Priesthood and wishes to hear from all his former buddies. . . . Carl T. Weber is executive secretary to the Monroe County Medical Society. . . . Allen Nemrow is in the window display advertising business. . . . Edwin DeWayne Jansen is now operating a 280-acre livestock and grain farm in Eastern Nebraska. . . . Many thanks to Gardon D. Briggs, vice president and General Counsel of the Bangor & Aroostock Railroad Co. of Bangor, Maine for his dues and contribution to the funds of the Assn.

Has anyone the rosters of the following units: Medics, Ordnance, Div. M. P., Quartermaster, Recon? Won't someone loan us a roster? It will be returned.

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Just A Reminder . . .

*Convention Time is drawing near, it's not so far away,
Soon it will be August and you'll hear your Buddies say:
Hello there Joe, Hi Ya Frank, Gee I'm glad you're here,
Good to see you once more Pal, Come on let's have a beer.*

*Tell me all about yourself, Gee, You're looking swell,
What about the other guys, Jack and Tom and Bill?
Tell me, Are you married? Yes, Good for you,
In that case I'm sure you brought the little woman too.*

*We had good times together, (when the going wasn't rough)
And at cards we often hoped that no one called our bluff.
Then that time in Paris when we almost missed the truck,
Many times, things we did we'd really crowd our luck.*

*It's almost time for the meeting but before we go I think,
Set 'em up bartender it's time for another drink.
Put your dough away Buddies, this is my treat,
Drink up and we'll get going, there are other guys to meet.*

*You eat and hash out many things, have entertainment too,
But this is just the gist of it, there are other things to do.
Columbus really isn't far, you can drive there in a day,
Forget your other commitments, I'm sure you can break away.*

*This is just a reminder to be sure you don't forget,
And to also give you plenty time to get yourself set.
So give yourselves a break, Fellows, Bring the Missus too,
To the 83rd Convention in August '52.*

Harry Lockwood—329