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## 83rd Sues Julius Ansel

### The President's Corner

By Leo Schneider

It is customary at the end of the year to take stock, to review the past, and to plan for the year to come.

We have weighed our previous plans and promises with what has actually been accomplished. We find an unfavorable balance. True, we have published the "Thunderbolt" at the promised intervals; we have audited our accounts, and published same; we are operating on a sound business basis; we have, thanks to our Sec.-Treas., Rocco Catalfamo, and his staff, accomplished the above and much more. However, we have not as a group, accomplished our mission. We have not enlarged our dues-paying membership to the desired goal. So much for Aug. thru Dec., 1952.

What's a h e a d? Ray Voracek, Bob Berstler, and Bob Uher are laying the groundwork for the reunion in August. Your executive committee will meet with the convention committee in February to put finishing touches on reunion plans and to handle general association business. We are assured of at least two more "Thunderbolts" before August reunion time, and, covered elsewhere in this issue is a plea to you to contact your buddies so that we may continue to enlarge our membership. With your assistance along this line we can attain our goal. With your help we will have the 1,000 attendance for the August reunion at the Hollenden, in Cleveland.

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The association has commenced an action against Julius Ansel, former president of the Association and the person in charge of the 1950 Convention held in Boston, Mass., by writ dated December 26, 1952.

The Association, by its Boston attorneys, has filed an action of contract against Mr. Ansel in the Municipal Court of the City of Boston based on two promissory notes in the amounts of \$1,000 and \$500 respectively which were given to Boston Council in connection with recent negotiations concerning settlement of legal matters arising out of the Boston Convention. The Association's Declaration in the action now pending in Boston alleges that Mr. Ansel made the two promissory notes dated July 25, 1952 and that the same have not been paid, and asks for judgment in the amount of the notes with interest.

The defendant's answer is due January 22, 1953.

Boston Council advise that the above action may be followed by other litigation in the event that such further steps are needed in order to protect the Association's interests in connection with the Boston Convention.

### NOTICE

THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE  
TO UN-PAID MEMBERS.

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have necessitated this move.

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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Your present administration has set its goal for 1952. Will you help?

We have received many splendid suggestions from you members for improving our 83rd Div. Assn. Your mail is deeply appreciated. Your ideas are being converted into action as fast as possible.

## Our Mail Bag Is Empty!

Usually letters to the editor appear in articles throughout the Thunderbolt. But when we dipped into our mail bag to see what you had to say, it was empty. As we have stressed in past issues, we want to hear from you. After all, the Thunderbolt is your magazine. It is an excellent opportunity for us (and for readers) to exchange ideas, to express opinions and to get to know one another. So **LET'S HEAR FROM YOU.**

You could write 2,483 letters and lick \$74.49 worth of stamps to get the same coverage as through the Thunderbolt. No charge of course. You are urged to consider your unit column, it is your personal broadcasting station.

## Division Headquarters . . .

Ray Flinn is now cozily settled in his new home at 2308-A Grove Avenue, Richmond, Virginia . . . Bob Keim, of Erie, Pennsylvania, finally got his wish, a boy on the fifth attempt—congratulations, Bob . . . Congratulations are in order for Carl Russo, of Buffalo, New York, also, who is following in Bob's footsteps. He was blessed with his third daughter just shortly before Christmas . . . Ray Stovik, of the Benedictine Order at Richardton, North Dakota, has his work cut out for him this year with 20 hours of studies and 10 hours of teaching. Good luck to you, Doc. Any news for the next issue fellows—let's have it.

## F. A. & Special Units . . .

THIS IS YOUR COLUMN: YOU MAKE IT: LET'S GET IN SOME NEWS:

George Flecker (324), Pittsburgh, Pa. is a new addition. Welcome in to the fold. George was found by a member of the staff (Benny Malecki) who had gone out to purchase a suit. Benny was wearing a 83rd pin. The salesman (George) spotted the pin, inquired about the association, paid his \$4.00, got lost in the gossip, made a new friend, and lost a sale.

Joe Minotti (324), Warren, Ohio, has a method all his own for collecting dues from past 83rd men. Stop in and visit him at either his Tavern or Gas Station. He just sent in his fourth member. Nice going, Joe, we're back of you.

George Cooley (324), was one of Minotti's men, now George is out to fulfill a promise to get as many, if not more. Thanks for today's arrival. George added to his list Steve Haldack, Warren, Ohio (908th Fa. Bn.)

Three Thunderbolt staff members of Pittsburgh, Joe Minotti and George Cooley of Warren were recent guests of Ray Vorack (324th) at a Steelers and Browns Pro football game.

## 329th Buckshooters . . .

**OPTIMISTIC**—Victor E. Landis (F) Dayton, Ohio, predicts that his company will have twenty or more men in attendance at Cleveland this year . . . If all the other companies would do the same I'm sure our regiment will have the largest number of men present at the convention. Something to work on.

**WISPS FROM THE STACK**—Antonia J. Gaudio (formerly S-3, 2nd Bn. Hqs.) is now an attorney-at-law, practicing at 305 Linden Ave., South San Francisco, Calif. . . . The Ass'n Committee which had a business meeting in Cleveland on Nov. 15-16, 1952, spent a few enjoyable hours at the home of Frank Balzercak (H), 9611 Rosewood Ave. . . . Robert M. Dunlop (Hqs.) Orange City, Iowa, is "setting his sights" on Cleveland. You missed a good one at Columbus, "Bob."

**NAILING DOWN THE LID**—As you can see the 329th is making a very poor showing in getting new members. We are being "beaten to the punch" by the other regiments. The same situation prevails in the news items. We just don't have much to print . . . let's do something about it.

## Signal Chatter . . .

Have any of you tried writing to anyone or about something not knowing what to say? Believe me fellows you now have me in that position. This assignment is not too easy, and without your assistance your reporter finds it very difficult in reporting the news. This column will not continue unless you, the informer assist in making the news. Is it asking too much to send a post card giving any information?

Col. G. W. Ryan, while attending the Army-Navy game in Phila., Pa. was delighted with having met Col. R. York who at the time was enroute to Singapore.

A new name has been added to the Roster. Lt. Col. Melvin A. Zazzi, first Co. Comm. of the 83rd Signal Co. He is employed by the telephone Co. in San Francisco. His residence: 2942 Franklin St., San Francisco, California. Another new comer, Elbert Sheppard,

35698 Stevens Blvd., Willoughby, Ohio.

In exchanging holiday greetings it was noted that since last year many new names have been added to family signatures. The largest, being the family of Elmer Cessna, 52 Greene St., Cumberland, Md. Elmer now has 5. The Paul Jacobsons of 30 Plymouth Rd., Paterson, N. J. now are 4. Last and not least, the Peter Sportinos, 128 Belden Rd., Hamden, Conn. who have been blessed with a baby boy. Our heartiest congratulations is extended to all mentioned hereto.

## 330th Latrine Rumors . . .

**TRACKED DOWN.** Lt. Col. Norman Campbell who sends his regards to the men of the association and expects to join us in Cleveland. He tells us Ft. Benning possesses several ex-Thunderbolts. Maj. Joe DeSantis—Address: Advance Course Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Ga.

**SYMPATHY** to O. L. (Cookie) Cook (F) whose mother recently passed away.

**HOSPITALIZED** Claude H. Brown (B) is in Vets Hospital, Seattle, Wash., and has taking up knitting to wile the hours away.

Edward Keane, Deshon Vets Hospital, Butler, Pa., wishes to extend his best wishes to all the 83rd men and for their get well wishes.

**WELCOME** into the association is extended to: Morris Press (H) who hails from L. I., N. Y. where he heads the Tru-Ad Advertising Specialist.

**LETTERS** from: Robert L. Harrell (D) is planning now for Cleveland. A note from Frank Jackson (D) Oliver Springs, Tenn. is expecting to hear from D Co. men . . . Robert L. Koppelman, Waukegan, Ill. writes that he enjoyed the past issue of the Thunderbolt . . . Emil J. Wheling (Hq. & Hq.) wants to hear from men from his company. States, "He's still checking."

**HAWAII.** In flew an air mail letter with \$4.00 from Hilo, Hawaii from John F. Braz (Cannon). He is still working in the tax collector's office. Says he is planning to make the convention either in 1953 or 1954 **FOR SURE!**

## 331st Chit-Chat . . .

I hope that all enjoyed a happy holiday season and that all of us remembered our buddies in the 83rd with a Christmas card. It is surprising how this small gesture helps make friendships stronger and keeps our growing organization more closely knit.



**Capt. Nottage**

There are 331st histories, "We Saw It Thru", still available. Send \$2.50 per copy to Walter H. Edwards, 7865 Windcombe Blvd., Indianapolis, Ind. Hurry! They are going fast.

Paul Nottage, (F), now a captain, has been serving the last 14 months in Korea . . . Best of luck and a safe return, Paul . . . Col. Henry Nielson, 1st Bn. C.O. is Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Arkansas . . . Jack Straus, former 83rd Prexy, stopped in Pittsburgh to say hello . . . Paul Drapkin, 331, has a portrait studio in Detroit.

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## Ex-330th MAN KILLED

Ivis Jewell Brooks, 30 year old timber worker, was instantly killed when struck by a bolt of lighting as he pushed a wheel barrow of saw dust to the top of a large saw dust pile near a saw mill operated by he and his brothers in the Macedonia community 15 miles north of Doniphan, Michigan.

During World War II Brooks served with Co. A 330th Inf. from Nov. 27, 1942 till Sept. 27th, 1945, part of which time was spent in Central Europe, Rhineland, Normandy and Northern France.

Brooks was awarded the ETO Service Medal with four Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, Bronze Star medal and Good Conduct Medal for service in the above campaigns.



This is a new addition to your Thunderbolt.

To continue this column we need help. Let's hear from you and how many new members can we mark you down for in the next issue?



The following men have been Real Go-Getters and to them "Hats Off":

Col. Robert York (331), nine new members; Joseph Minotti (324), four new members; Francis Beerhalter, (329), three new members; Henry Hine (330), three new members; F. M. (Coe) Haney (330), three new members; Russell Hite (Div. Hdqs.), two new members; Benny Malecki (Sig.), one new member; George Cooley (324), one new member; William Shuman (Div. Art.), one new member.

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## Division Artillery . . .

Much credit is due William Shuman for the many newsy letters he sends out to the men. He sure gets a lot on a page . . . Lt. Col. George Irvine is on a new job now: A 3 year hitch in the army as I. G. checking on the Administration of Army Contracts in Arizona, Calif., Nevada and Utah . . . Harvey O'Hara received his masters degree in Music and is Band director of Middleboro, Ky. school Dist. . . . Emerson "Buddy" Reid now resides in Evansville, Ind. and is the proud papa of three.

# Cleveland Convention Headquarters

## HOTEL HOLLENDEN



Our Convention Committee has selected HOTEL HOLLENDEN as headquarters for the August 20-21-22, 1953 convention. The HOLLENDEN will provide us with an atmosphere calculated to appeal to everyone. It's public eating and drinking rooms vary from the Corner Bar, appealing to the individuals who want a "quickie," to the pine-paneled Cape Cod Room . . . the Gazette Bar featuring a Gay Nineties atmosphere, decorated with Police Gazettes and the focal point of it is a tremendous mahogany bar which used to delight a young man who later became our martyred president, William McKinley . . . on to the sophisticated 2-1-6 Club . . . and from there to one of America's outstanding supper clubs, the famous Vogue Room featuring internationally known stars of radio, screen and television.

The HOTEL HOLLENDEN is located in the center of the downtown shopping and entertainment world. It is anxiously awaiting to welcome the men from the 83rd Infantry Division.

# WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

## 329th Infantry

### Company A

Edward I. Goldberg  
210 N. Tuscarawas Ave., Dover, Ohio

### Company B

John Lubianetzki  
455 Comstock N. W., Warren, Ohio.

### Company G

James Ransdell  
8830 Sayre Ave., Morton Grove, Ill.

### Company H

Frank S. Balcerzak  
9611 Rosewood Ave., Cleveland 5, Ohio

### Company M

Robert P. Allard  
19 Quinebaug Ave., Putman, Conn.

### Hq. & Hq. Co.

Robert M. Dunlop  
402 E. 2nd St., Orange City, Iowa.

### Hqs.—Band—Div. Hqs.

Victor W. Jacquot  
325 S. Durbin St., Casper, Wyo.

## 330th Infantry

### 1st Bn. Hq. & Hq. Co.

Lt. Col. Norman A. Campbell  
G. S., Asst. Comptrollers Office,  
Ft. Benning, Georgia

### Company D

Robert L. Harrell  
776 Rex Blvd. N.W., Warren, Ohio.  
Frank Jackson  
Route 1, Box 275, Oliver Springs, Tenn.

### Company E

Walter J. Bonnet  
Route 1, East DuBuQue, Ill.

### Company F

O. L. Cook, Jr.  
409 Crosson St., Newberry, S. C.

### Company H

John L. Hewitt  
1463 Republic Ave., Youngstown 6, O.  
Morris Press  
62 Hathaway Ave., Elmont, L. I., N. Y.

### Cannon Company

John F. Braz  
P. O. Box 1377, Hilo, Hawaii  
Miles J. Brtna. Academy, So. Dakota

### Company I

Robert R. Koppelman  
519 Popular Street, Wankegan, Ill.

### Hq. & Hq. Company

Emil J. Wehling  
39-17 Sycamore Drive, Fairlawn, N. J.

## 331st Infantry

### 1st Bn. Hq. & Hq. Co.

Robert J. Criswell  
2030 So. 4th E., Salt Lake City, Utah  
Col. Henry Neilson  
PMS & T. University of Arkansas,  
Fayetteville, Arkansas

### Company B

Sherwin B. Kutts  
204 South Farmer St., Otsego, Mich.

### Company D

Ralph C. Hamilton  
Box 390, Marion, Kentucky

## 2nd Bn. Hq. & Hq. Co.

Capt. Wm. J. Flahaven  
373—6th Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

### Company F

Capt. Paul E. Nottage  
Hqs. Co. 1st Bn., 34th Inf.  
APO 24, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif.

## 3rd Bn. Hq. & Hq. Co.

George J. Klein  
3580 W. 60th Place, Cleveland 2, Ohio  
Seymour Litwack  
738 Hunterdon Street, Newark 8, N. Y.  
Mac P. Waller  
1923 N. Douglas Ave., Springfield, Mo.

### Company K

Jack Drapkin  
18509 Snowden Ave., Detroit 35, Mich.  
Fred W. Fegley  
237 So. Franklin Street, Allentown, Pa.

### Company L

Charles C. Kerchevall  
1020 Homer Street, Toledo 8, Ohio

### Hq. & Hq. Company

Robert C. Walker  
P. O. Box 91, Anderson, S. C.

### Service Company

Theodore Davenport  
246 Blackburn Road, Summit, N. J.  
David Kribs  
1236 Nassau Drive, Kalamazoo, Mich.

## Division Artillery

### Medical Staff

Harvey E. "Doc" Davis  
Box 218 Station C, Clarksburg, W. Va.

### Hqs. Battery

Frank R. Loeb  
3113 W. Dakota St., Phila. 32, Pa.

## 324th F. A. Bn.

### Battery B

Thomas G. Hrimak, Rt. 4, Warren, O.  
Victor S. Ecklund  
2203 E. Washington St., New Castle, Pa.  
Steve Heldack  
1255 Hollywood St. N. E., Warren, O.  
George A. Flecker  
C-6 Pyramid Drive, Pittsburgh 27, Pa.

## 908th F. A. Bn.

### Headquarters

Joseph K. Robbin  
125 Montclair Dr., West Hartford, Conn.

## 83rd Signal Co.

Col. George W. Rhyne  
50 Prospect Hill Avenue, Summit, N. J.  
Elbert A. Sheppard  
35698 Stevens Blvd., Willoughby, Ohio

## Division Headquarters

### Postal Platoon

Edward Baechle  
6420 North 11th St., Phila. 26, Pa.

## 308th Engineers

Warren P. Morrison  
1729 S. 55th St., Philadelphia 43, Ohio

## Unit Unknown

Col. C. L. Boyle  
G-3 Section, OCAFF, Ft. Monroe, Va.  
Donald J. O'Grady  
1920 Ripley St., Philadelphia 11, Pa.  
Lt. Col. Kenneth L. Scott  
U.S. Army Sec. JBUSMC  
APO 676, c/o P.M., New York, N. Y.

## Application for Membership:

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I have been honorably discharged from Army Service \_\_\_\_\_ or I am still on active duty \_\_\_\_\_

1. Am enclosing \$4.00 for dues.
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1435 Clark St., Pittsburgh 21, Pa.

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Street or P.O. Box number

City      Zone number      State

## This Is Your Convention!

What would you like to see or do at the coming reunion?

**We Want To Please You!**

The Convention Committee and Officers will meet soon to discuss convention plans. Let us present YOUR suggestions to them.

**Send Us Your Ideas.**

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FORM 3547 REQUESTED

*Our reason's returned so let's all be gay, the holiday season has gone on it's way.  
The pomp, the splendor, the turkey and such, the exchange of gifts we enjoyed  
very much.*

*The trip back home to see Mom and Dad, an aunt, a cousin or friend,  
Helped us escape from the commonplace and life took on a new trend.*

*The greetings, the handshakes, Mom's tears of joy, Junior's expression when  
he spots a new toy.*

*The cheery hellos from friends of the past, then it's all over, Times goes by fast.  
And speaking of time my friend let me say, there is another time you must  
think of today.*

*Time for a Thunderbolt fresh off the press, for you and me and all the rest.  
It brings back old memories, helps keep in touch, with some old friends we  
don't see much.*

*Jack's gone into business, Joe bought a farm, Jim bought a new home, Oh yes,  
so did Tom.*

*A bundle of joy was delivered to George and his wife last week,  
All this and more in the Thunderbolt, You'll find the news you seek.*

*News of our yearly convention, that makes the headlines too,  
It's all printed there in black and white, to be read by me and by you.*

*This year the Convention's in Cleveland, please try to come around,  
The place—The Hotel Hollenden, right in the heart of town.*

*You can drive, you can fly, come by train or by bus, but however you come  
please be there,*

*The fun, the frolic, the fellowship, are yours and mine to share.*

*The Mrs. I'm sure will have a good time so bring her along with you,  
She'll meet new friends, see new places and things, be a change for her too.*

*August 20, 21, 22, the time's not so far away,*

*GET ON THE BALL, tell your buddies and friends, ADVERTISE, LET'S  
MAKE THIS THING PAY.*

*This just can't go on and on, all things must come to an end,  
See you at the Convention, bring along a friend.*

*The fondest wish for success this year in anything you choose,  
But above all remember the 83rd and SEND ALONG YOUR DUES.*

—Harry Lockwood, 329th