

# THUNDERBOLT

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## LAST CALL!! DON'T MISS IT!!

### Representative Elford A. "Al" Cederberg (83rd Div. Hq.) to Address Banquet Guests

By DAVE ROSENBERG - F-331

This year we are most fortunate to have as our honored speaker a genuine "Thunderbolt", our own Rep. Elford "Al" Cederberg. Rep. Cederberg, Member of Congress from the 10th Congressional District of Michigan, was elected to the 83rd Congress on Nov. 4, 1952. He is a member of the Appropriations Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and its sub-committees on Civil Functions and Military Construction.

Son of a Swedish immigrant, Mr. Cederberg was born on March 6, 1918 in Bay City, Mich. where he now makes his home. He attended the public schools of Bay City and Bay City Junior College.

He entered the Army in April, 1941 and was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry at Ft. Benning in July, 1942. He was assigned to the 83rd Infantry Division with which he served throughout the war. He served as Platoon Leader, Battalion Plans and Operations Officer, Division Headquarters Company Commander and Executive Officer Division Special Troops. He landed with the 83rd Division at Normandy and fought with it across Europe. He won five campaign battle stars and the Bronze Star medal. He was discharged with the rank of Captain in December, 1945 and presently holds the rank of Major in the U.S. Army Reserves.

He married Miss Arlene Munro of Bay City in February, 1942. They have two children, Tommy, 11 and Marylyn, 8.

Following World War II, he became manager of the Nelson Mfg. Co., of Bay City, which produces trailer coach accessories.

Rep. Cederberg first entered politics in 1949 when he ran for Mayor of Bay City, campaigning for greater efficiency and economy in government. After a successful two-year term, the voters of Bay City re-elected him Mayor by a majority twice the size of that in his first election.

### Well Planned Campaign Means Enjoyment for All

By DAVE ROSENBERG, F-331

Zero Hour approaches and the Greater Philadelphia Chapter is geared to Full Speed Ahead. Convention Chairman Tony Adelizzi and his associates have toiled at Top Speed all the way. With the result that all activities scheduled for the mammoth Reunion in Philadelphia are sure to delight and cause much joy to all who attend. Starting from Thursday, August 18, 1955, a full-sized program of events has been planned with the main purpose of making this Convention Tops in all Phases.

This year we are fortunate in having one of our own to be the featured honored Speaker at our Annual Banquet. Honorable Elford "Al" Cederberg, Representative in Congress, representing the 10th District of Michigan, an 83rd Division Man, will delight his listeners with a stirring and interesting Address. "Al", who hails from Bay City, Michigan, will meet many of his former Buddies. The "Swapping" of Tall Tales which will follow will be strictly off of the Record Stuff.

OK Men, this is it, so Synchronize your schedules and make the Philadelphia Convention a MUST! See you all there.

### Ralph Nepple, M-329, Medal of Honor, to be Honored Guest

The Philadelphia reunion committee has completed arrangements to have Ralph Nepple, M-329, the Thunderbolt Division's Medal of Honor holder, flown in to Philadelphia for the 9th annual Thunderbolt reunion, by the United States Air Force. Ralph will arrive at McGuire Air Force Base on Thursday, August 18 and will be welcomed by several dignitaries and members of the Association. On hand will be an Air Force Honor Guard and a special escort to take Ralph to the reunion headquarters.

**REGISTER  
HELP CARRY  
THE LOAD**

# THUNDERBOLT

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## EDITORIAL

With this issue of the Thunderbolt, the last one of the fiscal year before the 9th Annual Thunderbolt Reunion, I would like to take this opportunity in print to thank all you wonderful Thunderbolts for the fine support you have given me to make this the greatest year that the 83rd Infantry Division Association has ever enjoyed. Your response to my call for dues has been terrific, making this the biggest year in that department. Your response to my call for news items has been overwhelming, making possible the Thunderbolts that we all enjoyed this year.

I would especially like at this time to thank my wonderful Thunderbolt staff who deserve the credit for their hard work in prying news out of you men, Leroy Titus, G-331, Warren Chapter News, my right hand boy "Friday", who suggested many of the Thunderbolts make-up, Harry Lockwood, Hq-329, for his timely poems, and for the promptness which Harry always displayed in getting his articles in on time, Dave Rosenberg, F-331, Philadelphia Scrapple, for his powerful writeups on the men and families of the Philadelphia Chapter; Henry Hine, M-330, Iron City Chatter, Pittsburgh Chapter, is one boy that has his finger on the whereabouts and activities of the men of the Greater Pittsburgh Area and can be counted on to get them in print, Henry also has been responsible for many items of interest that he dug out of the newspapers concerning former 83rd men in and out of service today; Will Zach, Hq-330, Cleveland Chapter News, the amazing way which Will gets news on short notice is tops; Russ Hite, Div. Hq., Washington Chapter News, who didn't have much to work with, yet managed to get in some interesting write-ups.

It has been a great privilege and honor to serve side by side with Larry Redmond, the hardest working President that ever held office in our Association, there just isn't enough praise in my heart for this wonderful guy.

Along with the rest of the Association Officers, I would especially like to thank Leo Schneider, Hq-331, who was never too busy to take time out to listen and to give expert advice on Association problems that come up quite often during the year.

This year proves that our Thunderbolt Association can become stronger and more successful with every year. We need the support of each and every one of you men. Write to your buddies that are not as yet members, keep your dues coming in on time, help your buddies in need of assistance, publicize the 83rd Division every chance you get, many of you are active in local veteran organizations and get into public print, mention the 83rd when you do, it helps to get men that are unaware of our existence. We are, of course, open to all suggestions at all times, send them in.

Again may I say Thank You for the privilege and the great honor of serving you.

Make it a point to stop in to see me at the Ben Franklin so that I can become personally acquainted with you.

George Cooley, Sr.  
*Secretary-Treasurer*

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**REMEMBER**

**THE DATE**

**AND DON'T BE**

**LATE**

**AUG. 18, 19, 20**

**HOTEL BEN FRANKLIN**

**PHILADELPHIA, PA.**

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY LARRY REDMOND

Hello Buddies:

Well here we are once again, and in just a few short weeks we will be gathering at the Ben Franklin Hotel here in Philadelphia, to hold our 9th Annual Reunion. We are hoping to have one of the finest Reunions ever held. We are expecting the largest crowd ever to attend a Reunion.



Well fellows, this being my last message to you during my term of office as President of this great Association, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all of you, for affording me the great Honor of holding this Office, and hope that I have served you in a proper and fitting manner. I also want to express my sincere thanks to all of you for the splendid co-operation that was given us this year in helping make this one of the greatest years in memberships. I sincerely hope that you will show the same cooperation to our new Officers, and help make their year even a bigger and more successful year.

Being chosen as President of a great Association like the 83rd Infantry Division Association, is a great Honor, but with such great cooperation, it makes it even a greater Honor. I am sure that with your help, we can make this Association grow to be one of the largest Associations in the Country.

In my farewell to you, I am going to make an appeal, and I know that I can depend on you for your help. I am going to appeal to you for your dues. Remember, your \$4.00 means a lot to our Association, so send your check or money order in the amount of \$4.00 and do it now, before you forget it. If you are going to attend the Reunion, you can pay it with your registration, but if you are unable to attend, send it now. Our fiscal year begins in August, so your present membership card will expire then. How about being a Buddy? Do you have a Buddy that you would like to give a little gift to? If so, send his name, address and unit, and enclose a check in the amount of \$4.00 and we will send him his Gift Membership Card as a gift from you.

Well fellows, once again I want to say so long to all of you wonderful guys, and in behalf of all of the Officers of the 1954-1955 year, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of you for helping make our term of office a successful year. We have one big ambition, and that is to make each year a bigger year than the last one, so let's get to work and start now in trying

to make the 1955-1956 year even greater. I will be looking forward to seeing all of you in Philadelphia in August.

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## WASHINGTON CHAPTER NEWS

By MEL STAFF, 783rd Ord.

Washington Chapter is going all out to get the 1956 convention.

Jack Levine, Russ Hite, E. M. Brewer and Gerney Jaynes have been doing a fine job in preparing a program for the 1956 convention to be presented in PHILA.

Russ Hite is spending a few weeks at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Jack Levine is expecting an addition to his family in August.

As President of the Washington Chapter, I would like to take this time to thank all of the National Officers for a job well done, and special recognition should go to our President, Larry Redmond and Secretary George Cooley.

The Washington Chapter has come a long way in the past year, due to the efforts and time of Colonel Silver, Lt. Colonel McLaughlin, Russ Hite, Jack Levine, Gerney Jaynes and E. M. Brewer, just to mention a few. In fact, every member has contributed a lot of his time so that we may carry on here in Washington. And I hope that this spirit may continue so that we may increase our membership in the future. See you all in PHILA. Aug. 18, 19 and 20th.

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## THUNDERBOLT PERSONALITIES

John DeSimone, 330th Bn Medic, runs DeSimone's Mobilgas Service Station in Moorestown, R.D. 2, New Jersey. John just sent in his 1955-56 dues . . . Col. Henry Neilson, 1st Bn, 331, has just returned from 15 months in Korea. His new address is: Col. Henry Neilson, Box 2354, Fort Benning, Ga. . . Lt. Gen. Claude B. Ferenbaugh, deputy commander Eighth Army, is back in the States and retirement . . . Henry Hine, M-330, Secretary Pittsburgh Chapter, sends us a newspaper advertisement which reads "For Sale, Fabulous Shanks Village (Formerly Camp Shanks) 700 Improved Acres, 30 Miles from New York City, An offering of the U. S. Government" — any takers? . . . a most welcome visitor to Association Headquarters was J. W. Nicholson, C-324 FA, from Wellsville, Ohio. Bill gave us quite a few names of former 83rd men while here and we got together with Joe Minotti, Hq-324FA, and had a little reunion at Joe's "Club 83". . . Walter H. Edwards, Jr., C-331 sends a card saying that he will be in Philly with a guest in August.

# ANNUAL REUNION

It's our Annual Reunion, we're at it once again  
We've come by highway, we've come by rail and some of course by plane  
We've done this thing quite often so we try not to be late  
Weather notwithstanding, we get here at any rate  
To those who've attended others it's a pleasure to be here  
It's something to look forward to at this time of the year  
Three short days and nights of fun, you'll enjoy it very much  
It helps you see your buddies with whom you've been out of touch  
A chance to let your hair down and to live it up once more  
Before you head for home again and renew your daily chore  
It breaks up the monotony of every day routine  
And for you who like to travel, it's another place you've seen  
The welcome mat is thrown out far, you're greeted with a smile  
You'll find that by attending it's really worth your while  
The trip may make you tired or even muscle bound  
But all of that just disappears when your buddies gang around  
A hearty welcome to your lady, she too deserves a change  
From city life or country life or home out on the range  
Glad to see you all on board and I see no reason or rhyme  
Why we can't all get together and have a marvelous time  
When the Convention's over let's see if we can call  
This the best of all we've had, by far the best of all  
Now we bid you welcome with a handshake and a word  
To the 9th Annual Reunion of the good old 83rd.



— HARRY LOCKWOOD, 329

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## BUDDIES In NEED OF ASSISTANCE

We have run a few articles on a few of our 83rd buddies that needed verification of service connected disabilities and as yet have heard nothing on whether these buddies heard from their former buddies. We would like to hear from these men in order to ascertain whether to run their appeals again. This is your Thunderbolt men, if you can use it to help yourselves in any way, we urge you to do so, and we on this end will print your requests gladly.



Charles Edward Tomazin, 7 lbs., on June 28th, to Charley (B-322 FA) and lovely wife Ann. Warren, Ohio.

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## OBITUARY COLUMN

Albert Nunzianto, H-330, 64 Berrman Rd., East Haven, Conn., of a heart attack on April 11, 1955.

Grover Crawford, D-330, San Antonio, Texas.

Vincent J. Pezzano, K-330, 513 Siegal St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Charles K. Richards, (unit unknown), Royersford, Pa.

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**DON'T FORGET THE DATE . . .**

**August 18, 19 and 20**

**PLACE . . . Ben Franklin Hotel**

**9th & Chestnut St.-Philadelphia, Pa.**

JOSEPH S. CLARK, JR.  
MAYOR



CITY OF PHILADELPHIA  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PHILADELPHIA 7, PA.

PROCLAMATION

83rd INFANTRY DIVISION DAY

WHEREAS, the 83rd Infantry Division Association will hold its ninth annual convention in Philadelphia on August 18, 19, and 20, next; and

WHEREAS, the Association, which was formed in our Nation's capital in 1946, is composed of ex-service men who served in World War II with the 83rd Infantry Division, a fighting unit which saw action in five major European campaigns; and

WHEREAS, the Division is renowned for its heroism in the D-Day landing, the Saint Lo break-through, the Hurtgen Forest Campaign, the Battle of the Bulge, and the Rhine Crossing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph S. Clark, Jr., Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, hereby proclaim Saturday, August 20, 1955, as 83rd INFANTRY DIVISION DAY in Philadelphia, and extend a hearty welcome to the members of the famed Division, expressing the hope that they will take advantage of this opportunity to visit our historic buildings, as well as other places of interest in the City.

Given under my hand and the Seal  
of the City of Philadelphia  
this thirteenth day of July  
one thousand nine hundred  
fifty-five

*Joseph S. Clark Jr.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing my \$4.00 dues and want to say that I am sorry that I can't be with you in August for the Reunion as I live too far away, maybe when it comes closer I will be able to attend. I was with Co. B, 329 Inf. Give my regards to all my buddies. Do you have James V. Houseknecht on your mailing list? He was my buddy and I would like to get in touch with him. I was wounded July 14, 1944 and stayed in the hospital a long time and still have to return to the hospital here. I was in the hospital in March of this year and stayed for three weeks.

Best wishes to all,  
Lloyd M. Ashburn, B-329  
Lodge, Va.

Dear George:

Is there any possible way for me to get the address of John F. Lillich (Co.K, 330) out of Philadelphia, Pa.? I won't be able to attend the reunion this year but send my best wishes to all Thunderbolts.

Myron I. Hemming, Hq-330  
Lucas Highway  
Latham, Ohio

Dear Mr. Cooley:

Enclosed check for 1955-56 dues. Hope this reunion will be the best ever—I cannot tell at this time if my work schedule will allow me to attend—I certainly don't want to miss it.

Sincerely,  
Charles E. Nothnagel,  
Btry C-324F

We look forward to the Thunderbolt and hope with each issue to see someone from my company (G-330) mentioned. Am unable to attend the reunion this year. Hope it comes closer next year. How about Detroit? Will look for the next Thunderbolt telling about the reunion and next year's location.

Elbert Clock, G-330

Dear Sir:

Enclosed check for 1955-56 dues. Keep up the good work on your fine editions of the Thunderbolt.

Sincerely,  
Lawrence A. Galimi, A-331  
Medford, Mass.

... I did not notice the name of DeCamp on the Warren Chapter list, he came from Warren, Ohio and I was wondering about him. He was with C Co., 329.

Saunders Lemon, C-329  
623 R. R. St.  
Ironton, Ohio

Dear Sir:

I would like to thank you for sending the Thunderbolt which I enjoy very much. I am planning to attend the reunion this year and plan to arrive in Philly on Tuesday, Aug. 16. I am enclosing a check for two more year's dues which should cover me until August, 1957. I'll be seeing you soon.

As ever,  
Ted Hodum, 308 Medic

... am very much in favor of the reunion at Philadelphia, Pa. Will be in Philly August 18-20.

William M. Bickel,  
A-T 330

... okay, so I forgot!!! Hooray for us. Company G, 329 Inf.

Florentino Casile  
Bronx 62, N. Y.

... I'd sure like to see you in Philly but don't think I can make it this year. Hello to all anyway.

Merle L. Akam, D-331  
Corry, Pa.

... hope to see some of the boys from 1st Bn Hq., 331 Inf at Philly.

Leo A. Boyd  
Dayton, Ohio

... none of my buddies from Co. M, 329 ever attend the reunions, will see you in Philly anyhow.

John Jankovic  
2105 Main St., Sharpsburg  
Pittsburgh 15, Pa.

Enclosed check for 1955-56 dues, expect to be in Philly this year too.

Russell E. Davy  
Btry C, 908F  
Zoar, Ohio

Dear Sir:

I am writing to inquire about the 83rd Infantry Division Association 9th Annual Reunion to be held in Philadelphia, Pa., in August which I read about in the June issue of the American Legion Magazine.

I was a member of the Military Police Platoon from October, 1942 to December, 1945.

I would appreciate any information that you can send me about the reunion, and also information regarding the joining the Association. Thank you,

Charles R. Kabler, 83rd M.P.  
1014 Ash Street  
Johnstown, Pa.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

July 14, 1955

Dear George:

Enclosed find check for four dollars to cover my 1955-56 dues in the 83rd Infantry Division Association. Received my last Thunderbolt (Vol. 8, No. 4) and have read it from cover to cover, as I always do with every copy. You are doing a wonderful job in this 83rd publication and it means a lot to all former 83rd members. I know that it is a thankless job that always falls on the hard working and eager fellow that is willing enough to take it.

I have written to all the buddies that are listed in my address book, about the 83rd reunion and that covers over two dozen of them. So I hope that will be a little boost to some of them and we get some results.

As I wrote you before, I plan to be at Philadelphia for the convention in Aug. I have my plane tickets and hotel room reservation already. I fly back to New York City to meet an 83rd buddy, Florentino Casile (G-329), and we will drive to Washington, D. C., for a couple of days before the reunion. Then after Philadelphia we go back to New York and pick up Casile's brother and we all are off for a week in Canada. On the way home to California, I stop off in Phoenix, Arizona for a couple of days to visit relatives and Army friends. So it will be some vacation and I better make the most of it, as it will be a long time before I will be able to make another reunion East.

It is a long trip to make just to attend a three day reunion. You have to do something else along with it. The first reunion I went to was Indianapolis, and I just flew out and back. Well, the next one I attended was Columbus. After the reunion I flew on to New York City and visited with Casile and we drove all around New England and looked up old 83rd fellows that we had not seen since our overseas days and we all had a swell time, almost better than the reunion itself. So that is what we plan to do along with our trip this year.

I hope that I get to meet you in Philadelphia at the reunion this year. See you then.

An 83rd member from the state of California,

Albert C. Bizzini, Jr. - G-329  
Rt. 1, Box 120  
Gustine, Merced County  
California

Dear George:

Recently had the pleasure of a visit from Jack Strauss (Hqs.-331), past association president. Jack now lives in Los Angeles,

where he has an advertising agency.

Jack is going to Europe in August on a combined business-pleasure trip. Among other things, Jack intends to drive over the 83rd route through Europe. An excellent writer, there is a possibility he will author a book on his experiences.

He has offered to contact, for members of the association, any people he can. Members who wish Jack to be of service to them on this, should write to him at: 422 Southwestern Avenue, Los Angeles 5, California.

Also, this past month, enjoyed visit from Bill Klotz ("C"-331). Bill lives in Dallas, Texas now, traveling this area for a Pennsylvania concern.

May I say, Mr. Editor, that Jack, Bill and everyone else I hear from are enthusiastic in their praise of the excellent "Thunderbolt" you have published this year.

Cordially yours,  
Leo Schneider, 1st Bn, 331

Dear George:

Just a note on behalf of Rocky and myself. The Thunderbolts are the best. Here's the latest way to find an 83rd man. Rocky was out one A. M. setting up picket lines when one of the men noticed the 83rd tag on Rocky's car and said that he was a former 83rd man from Co. C, 331 Inf., he is Francis R. Wagner, 901 Rockwood Ave. Pittsburgh 34, Pa. So the picket line had to wait while they "battled" the war over again. Rocky's kid sister is in the WAC presently stationed in Germany in the 5th General Hospital and ran into a couple of boys who were in the 83rd. Henry Hine gave us four of the latest copies of the Thunderbolt which we sent to her so that she would contact them and maybe get them to join up with the association.

Rocky was just elected, unopposed, for another three year term in the union, so I guess that I'll be a "Union widow" for a while longer.

See you in August,

Regards,  
Phil Catalfamo  
(Rocco Catalfamo, C-330)

Dear George:

Just returned to the States from Korea. I'll see you in Philadelphia for the reunion. I hope we can get 1,000 men there in August. See you then,

1st Lt. Robert J. Burns, 329  
24 Richardson Rd.  
Belmont 78, Mass.

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## WARREN CHAPTER NEWS

By LEE TITUS, G-331

At our regular June meeting the following men were nominated and given 100% support by members of the committee and convention members for consideration and election to the high offices of President and Secretary and Treasurer of the 83rd Infantry Division Association.

In past years a candidate has been selected and elected by the convention without the majority of the members present knowing the candidate's background.

Since the Warren Chapter, along with other Chapters, has the privilege of writing a column in the 83rd Thunderbolt, we would like to take this opportunity to acquaint those of you who do not know our candidates, with their records, so that at least you will know that a vote for them is well founded and deserving.

Joe Minotti is our candidate for President of the 83rd Infantry Association. Joe, his wife Christine, and their three children reside on Homewood Ave., here in Warren. He owns and operates his own business, known as the Club 83. Joe has recently put a large sign high on the roof which displays the 83rd insignia.

His war record is impeccable. Joe served his entire enlistment with Hq. 324FA, entering service in October, 1942 as a buck private at Atterbury, going through the ranks of the non-coms until early 1945, when he was highly honored in receiving a battlefield commission as a second Lt., of Field Artillery. Minotti was discharged in October of 1945.

Joe has made every convention since the 83rd Inf. Div. Assoc. was activated and along with a handful of men at the Columbus convention in 1951 was instrumental in preventing a complete collapse of the Association.

He lives, eats and sleeps 83rd. In the fall of 1952, Joe, George Cooley and Lee Titus got together and began to lay the groundwork for the formation of a local chapter. The plans materialized after months of hard work and time spent in contacting all former 83rd men of the area. The Warren Chapter was formed early in 1953 and stands today as the first chartered chapter of the 83rd Infantry Association.

Minotti served as the chapter's first president and his devotion to the 83rd has inspired many local members to take an active interest in the parent organization, as evidenced by our large turnouts each year at the conventions. It was only at our insistence over a long period of time that we were able to persuade Joe to accept the nomination.

George Cooley is our candidate for re-election to the office of Secretary-Treasurer. His wife, Mary, and their two children reside in Warren. Their home at 1459 Beech-

wood, NE, is the National Hqrs. for the Association. George is a foreman at a local printing firm and in our opinion is the fireball of the whole division. Everyone who has been to a convention knows George by sight, if not by name. Personality plus is his greatest asset. This, plus the tremendous job, which he has done this past year are the reasons the Warren Chapter has nominated George for the office. His persistence in increasing membership has inspired all of us to greater effort in contacting buddies who were not members, in an attempt to interest them in the Organization.

Our nominee has a tremendous amount of correspondence to attend to daily. Even George's closest friends are amazed at the efficiency which he displays. George, who also edits this paper, has published twice as many Thunderbolts as in any previous years. We of the Warren Chapter will put this publication up against any other organization's publication. Gathering the news and keeping the chapter correspondents on the ball is a very difficult job and George has shown by his interest and efficiency that he deserves to be re-elected.

His war record is also impeccable. George served his entire enlistment in the 83rd, entering the Army in Oct. of 1942 as a buck private going through the ranks until he too, was offered a battlefield commission early in 1945. George refused the commission for several personal reasons and was discharged in Oct. of 1945.

George has been to almost every convention, missing only one, due to the birth of his son, George, Jr.

Cooley also helped activate the Warren Chapter and served as the first Vice-President in 1954. His election to the National Secretary-Treasurer's office has forced him to withdraw as an officer of our chapter, but he is an active member and attends regularly.

Your vote at the convention in Philadelphia for these two candidates will be greatly appreciated. They are a credit to the 83rd Infantry Division Association and in order to preserve the Association's high standards and reputation we need men of this calibre to cement the bonds of friendship within the organization and to prevent any chance of dis-organization such as we had a few years ago.

At this time the Warren Chapter would like to congratulate the entire slate of officers that served this past year on a job well done. Larry Redmond and his group of officers have went all out to build a better organization and reports indicate a huge turnout this August in Philly.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

Congratulations are in order to Charlie Tomazin, Warren Chapter President, and his wife Anne, on the birth of a baby boy, June 28th. This makes a girl and a boy for Charlie. He served with B-Btry-322FA.



The Warren Chapter members and their families held their first picnic of the season June 28th at Valley Lake. Refreshments, contests for the children and a ball game highlighted the affair. Joe Minotti, Hq. 324FA hurled the "thin boys" to a victory over the "fat boys". The final score 27-21. Andy Pankovich, Service Co. 330 Inf. led the "thin" boys in the slugging department with 6 hits in 6 trips to the plate.

## IRON CITY CHATTER

By HENRY HINE, M-330

Dear George:

Sorry to be so late, but this getting acclimated to third shift again, and the heat of the last few weeks has really gotten me down. Received my "Thunderbolt Across Europe". Thanks. Also received a letter from Andy Pankovich stating that the Warren Chapter was nominating Joe Minotti for President and you for a second term as Secretary-Treasurer. Personally, I am all for both you and Joe. Whether I can swing much support from the boys of the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter remains to be seen. Will do what I can both here and in Philadelphia.

Have some news. The Greater Pittsburgh Chapter is throwing a free lunch and beverage session at its next meeting, Wednesday, July 27th. We expect to get together on transportation to the Convention in Philadelphia next August 18th, 19th and 20th. Had a long telephone conversation with Joe DeLuca, Hq. Div. Arty., last night. Joe works for Pittsburgh Steel in Monessen. He informed me that William O. Shuman, also Hq. Div. Arty., our Association Chaplain, contacted him while he was in Pittsburgh for the State Encampment of the VFW of Pennsylvania. Bill was elected Chaplain of the VFW of the State of Pennsylvania. Charles Altomari, B-308th Engr., is not sure of attending the Convention in Philadelphia since his wife is expecting at that time. George Gelety, F-330, Al Vivio, Hq. 3d Bn. 330, and Al Yuhass, F-331, are planning on attending the Convention. Adam Hassick, B-308 Engr., may also go. Elmer F. Palm, B-331, is also looking forward to the trip. Elmer is the turn leader in the Blooming Mill, at Pittsburgh Steel in Monessen.

Charley Hopta, A-331, hasn't been able to attend our meetings lately due to the illness of his father and the death of his uncle. But Charley's sure to be at the Convention in Philadelphia in August. He also informed me that he recently received a letter from the War Department, which he opened with some apprehension, only to find he had been awarded the Bronze Star. Buddy!!! Sure could have used those five points ten years ago to get home on. Martin Propst, Cannon -330, missed

our April meeting. On the way from Aliquippa to Pittsburgh he noticed the back end of his car sagging more than usual, and on inspection discovered he had broken springs. NEVER MADE IT! But the jalopy's in good shape again, and Martin's rarin' to head for Philly. Meet some new faces on the Pittsburgh scene—John J. Hardy, G-329, works for American Industrial Chromium Co. John, wife and child live in Rankin where he was on the Police Department for nine years—looking for all his old G-329er buddies, especially Frank Galopi of Milwaukee whom we're trying to contact—in the meantime he's attached to I-329 for rations? (liquid). Wilbur Campbell, D-331, works for the McKeesport Vending Co., and lives with the wife and two children in McKeesport. Wib helped set up our affair at the White Elephant in April and wants to see a lot of his D-331 buddies in Philadelphia come August.

Walt Poland, I-329, our Prexy, is looking for Bob Savajo, I-329, from up around Boston way. How about some help from the buddies up there in Boston? A quick look in the Telephone Directory might allow us to contact him.

Letters your Pittsburgh Correspondent has received from outside the area: William H. "Ben" Lehr, A-330 & Personnel, 330, is thinking of attending the Philadelphia Convention in August. "Ben" is now the payroll supervisor of the York Corporation, and he and his wife Janet, and little Mike live at 324 west North Street in York, Pa. They're also expecting another addition to the family in November. Letters from Robert A. Costello of 79 3rd Ave., Gloversville, N. Y. and George J. Desrochers of 52 Riverside Ave, Lowell, Mass. both M-330 indicates that they will attend the Reunion in Philadelphia next August 18th, 19th and 20th.

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## PHILADELPHIA SCRAPPLE

By DAVE ROSENBERG, F-331

Ever since the fine Anniversary Dinner and Dance held by the Philadelphia Chapter, a clamor has been heard for a repeat performance. President Frank McGrogan has been pressing for another Get To Gether, so it is no surprise to learn that Friday, July 29, 1955 will mark another date to remember for all Philadelphia Chapter men and their friends.

A Dutch Supper and Dance is scheduled to be held at the McCall Post of the American Legion. The McCall Post is the largest American Legion Post in the country. Its luxurious quarters have been opened for the use of the Philadelphia Chapter for its meetings and social functions and the Quaker City men will hold all of its future Social Nights there.

The June Meeting of the Philadelphia Chapter was one to remember. An enthusiastic and large turn out convened at the Planster VFW Post Home. "Old Soldier" GI Walt Reardon was our host at this party and he really made all feel at home . . . The meeting portion was devoted to further plans and re-hashing of old plans to make the Annual Convention a Huge Success. President Frank McGrogan at no time had to appoint "VOLUNTEERS" for any committee. All men concurred that no efforts were to be spared to make this reunion a Huge Success . . . Walter "Prez" Sammler although a bachelor, displayed remarkable good taste in selecting several beautiful gifts for Mrs. Larry Redmond, in appreciation of her magnificent work in sponsoring a successful card party for the Philadelphia Chapter benefit . . . At the conclusion of the business portion of the meeting, a few "Volunteers", named AL BUCHER, FRED NORDBLOOM, WALT SAMMLER, WALT REARDON, SAL CAPONE and others, made the finest Kitchen Detail and KP men ever seen. Hot Dogs, Beer, Potato Chips and other tasty morsels were dispensed freely and graciously by our "Volunteers". When all had had their fill of Liquid refreshments the Party adjourned to the main hall and motion pictures of the Philadelphia Eagle Football Team were shown and enthusiastically received.

Men attending Reunion from the Philadelphia Metropolitan Area:

Larry Redmond	Peter J. Enderle
Anthony Adelizzi	W. Allen Fisher
Frank McGrogan	William A. Hutton
Frank Kemmery	John Hubiak
James F. Logue	Adam Dormuth, Jr.
Walter G. Sammler	Sanford B. Halperin
Paul A. Powell	William H. Lehr
Pat Porter	Russell H. Carver
Ed Harmer	Leslie E. Martin
Robert Thompson	Richard H. Coyle
Frank L. Cilinski	William W. Allen, III

Paul Straff	Phil Daly
William J. Hart	John J. Daniels
Lester E. Hauck	Thomas Kennedy
Clarence Gardner	John D. Hanft
Edwin C. Diller	Ralph W. Charles
Fred A. Taylor	Thomas V. Rodway
Thomas P. Jacob	Mort Goldman
Sidney M. Steiger	Vernon C. Lee
Samuel Cohen	Stanley Banachowski
Albert A. Belvedere	John (Jr.) Krebs
Glenn J. Angstadt	Geo. W. Afflerbach
Stanley Squires	Norman Glaze
Joseph P. Lacy	John F. Wilson
B. Mendelsohn	Edward A. Paulino
Edward A. Colello	Thomas A. Sullivan

This is only a partial list of the many that have made verbal statements of their intentions of attending. Each of these above named have sent in their written intentions of attending.

### Greater Philadelphia Chapter 83rd Infantry Division Assn.

Our candidate for President —  
Mr. WALTER G. SAMMLER, 308 Engr.

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the 83rd Infantry Division Association considers it a privilege to present our Candidate for the Office of President of the National Association, Mr. Walter G. Sammler.

Walter G. Sammler has clearly demonstrated his willingness to accept, and the ability and stamina to follow through to a successful conclusion every important responsibility imposed on him; always in a manner which has brought credit and honor to those with whom he has been associated. Thus proving executive ability above reproach.

Walter G. Sammler has, while serving as President of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter, further demonstrated his sincerity of purpose and his ability to lead.

During Walter Sammler's tenure in office the Greater Philadelphia Chapter attained a foremost position among the other Chapters of the Association in respect to size, growth and recognition in this area.

We can vouch that if Walter G. Sammler is elected President our National Organization will reach new heights in membership and National recognition as a strong Veteran Group.

The membership of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter strongly endorse and invite the support of all to elect Walter G. Sammler as National President.

Our candidate for Vice President —  
Mr. PAUL A. POWELL, Hq-331

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the 83rd Infantry Division Association takes pleasure and deems it an honor to place before the National Membership its Candidate for Vice President, Mr. Paul A. Powell.

Mr. Paul A. Powell, while serving as Vice President of the Greater Philadelphia

Chapter has revealed superior executive capacities to insure his successful execution of all tasks he may be called on to perform.

Paul Powell has further demonstrated a willingness and firm convictions of purpose to serve our National Group with unflinching sincerity.

Paul Powell's election to Office as Vice President will provide our President with a most capable assistant.

The membership of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter earnestly endorse and seeks the further indorsement of the National Membership to bring about the election of Mr. Paul A. Powell as Vice President.

Our candidate for Vice President —  
FRANK McGROGAN, D-330

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the 83rd Infantry Division Association energetically offers and endorses the election of Mr. Frank McGrogan as Vice President of the National Association. Frank McGrogan at present is serving as President of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter and most clearly is demonstrating outstanding ability to lead and carry out all programs to successful conclusions.

Mr. Frank McGrogan has from the inception of our National Organization revealed ability and stamina to further the growth of our National Organization.

Frank McGrogan will greatly aid our new President to successfully follow thru any important task confronting our Organization in the future.

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the 83rd Infantry Division unqualifiedly endorse the election of Frank McGrogan as Vice President and seeks the endorsement of all to promote his candidacy for Vice President of the National Organization.

DAVID J. ROSENBERG, *Chairman* - F-331  
Philadelphia Nominating Committee

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Sir:

I just received my last issues of the Thunderbolt and enjoyed every page. We just recently bought a home and I failed to give you my new address so the Thunderbolts were a little late getting here.

We hope to be in Philly in August, I haven't missed a reunion yet and hope not to.

All the Company E, 329 men are cordially invited to our buddy Salvatore Capone's for a spaghetti dinner and we hope to have a full company there. I am active in the VFW Post here in Warren, Pa., and am Officer of the Day, Firing Squad Commander and was just appointed Adjutant in the Cooties. The Cooties have done a wonderful job for the hospital veterans and I am real proud to be a Cootie.

I have met fellows from the 83rd that I never knew before and when I talk of the reunions they tell me that they never knew there were any and become very interested, so I am sending a few of their addresses, try to send them a copy of the Thunderbolt and I am sure they will gladly pay their dues when they hear from you.

We hope to see all of you in Philly and as for the men of Co. E, 329, want to see all of you present.

You fellows of the Warren, Ohio Chapter have done a wonderful job and if ever in Warren, Pa., look me up, its a MUST.

Your Thunderbolt pal,  
Axel Nasman, E-329  
11 Nesmith St.  
Warren, Pa.

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# LAST REMINDER

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