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The Spirit of Christmas



What does the spirit of Christmas mean, many have tried to convey
On down through the ages, right to the present day
In poetry, prose, and literary gems and articles galore
Something to remind us what the season has in store.



First it means the birth of Christ, that in itself a gem
Born of the Virgin Mary in a manger in Bethlehem.
It means that life was given to us, and this we must believe
That it was in His image that each of us was conceived.



It means the season of snow and ice in many parts of the world,
The jingle of the sleigh bells and gaiety unfurled,
It means the chanting of carolers heard most everywhere,
And the soft, sweet music of many hymns pulsating through the air.



It means that we are broke again, but that's really not too bad;
We had the opportunity of making someone glad.
Spreading a little happiness does all of us some good;
We're in a better frame of mind as we give thanks for our food.



It means there's no place for the holiday like good old Home, Sweet Home;
A visit back to the old home town from where you've chanced to roam.
It means the family from near and far is together once again.
A prayer is said for Peace on earth and for Good Will to Men.



That's what the Spirit of Christmas means, yes, all that and more.
It's written in story, it's written in verse and in many a musical score.
So, to you "Thunderbolts" all over the world—may your day be Merry
and Bright.
And, as Santa would say, "Merry Christmas to all and to all a very Good
Night.



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EDITORIAL

"A Christmas Wish in '54, That Our Association Grow Bigger And Better Than Before"

Let us all take a little time to think of our 83rd Infantry Division Association on this Christmas Day, 1954. Where have we been? What have we done? Where are we going? These questions, and many more, are in the minds of many of our Buddies today.

Each year, these Buddies of ours, plan their vacations to coincide with the date of the Annual 83rd Thunderbolt Reunion — hoping that when they arrive at the reunion site they will run into Louie, Tony or Freddie, buddies that they had lost contact with, buddies, that when they see them and shake their hands, bring a lump to their throats, buddies, that they want to introduce with pride to their families and say, "This is the so-and-so that I told you about."

So why not bring this wish true in August? A sort of Christmas-in-August" in Philly in '55, huh?

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

LARRY REDMOND

Hello, Buddies:

Here we are again with another copy of our little Association paper, that we are trying to get to all of our former 83rd Infantry Division Members. There are several of them that

we don't know, and I am sure that you have their names and addresses around somewhere that you could send to us, so that we can try and get them to join our great Association.

Well, buddies, we are about to enter the greatest season of the year, the great and holy season of Christmas. To many of us, this season can never be forgotten, many of us can still remember that first Christmas, when we were in the great 83rd Infantry Division and were stationed at Camp Atterbury. Then we remember our next Christmas season when we were at Camp Breckenridge, and then last but not least, the last Christmas that some of us spent with the 83rd Infantry Division, when we were in the battle of the Hurtgen Forest. Now that it is all over, we can sit down at the table with our families on Christmas Day, and thank God that we were delivered back home safely to our families, and say a special prayer for our departed buddies who were less fortunate than were we.

Well, fellows, to go along with this great Christmas season, many of us each year buy a little gift for a buddy or a particular friend, and to many of us it becomes a hard problem to figure out, as to what we can get for this special friend or buddy. I have a little suggestion that I would like to pass on to you, why not send in the dues for this buddy and have him receive his membership card from you as his Christmas present from you to him. This way the Association would gain a new member, and you would be able to give him a gift that would be a little different. Let's think it over, and if it sounds good to you, send the check in today, so that he will receive his gift in time for Christmas.

I would like to take this opportunity in behalf of all the officers of the Association to extend to all of you the *Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*. And may the year of 1955 be the best for you and me, and for the 83rd Infantry Division Association.

WARREN CHAPTER NEWS

By LEE TITUS

Congratulations are in order for the following newly elected officers of the Warren Chapter: Charles Tomazin, 322nd FA. BN., President; Harold Wetzell, 908th FA. BN., First Vice President; Joseph Nuzzi, 331st INF., Second Vice President; Andrew Panovich, 330th INF., Secretary-Treasurer; John Teringo, 331st INF., Asst. Secretary Treasurer.

By the time this article reaches the Thunderbolt members the Warren Chapter and their families will have enjoyed their second annual Christmas party. Our National Secretary-Treasurer will play Santa again.

Articles have been written and sent to the newspapers in all the surrounding cities, inviting all former 83rd men to attend our meetings and join the Association. This is the first step in increasing our memberships.

We would like to give our association Secretary-Treasurer, George Cooley, a vote of thanks for the fine job he did on the November issue of the *Thunderbolt*.

The Warren, Ohio, Chapter, wishes *A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year To All Our Thunderbolt Buddies.*

GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER EXTENDS SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL!

Just a short year ago a tiny seed was planted by a few courageous and hard-hitting former Thunderbolts. It was just a dream, merely a desire of a few to organize a Philadelphia Chapter of the 83rd Infantry Division. Led by National President Larry Redmond, this wish became almost an obsession. Tireless efforts of these pioneers blossomed out. Today the fruits of the efforts are apparent to all. A strong, well organized Chapter that has perpetuated the well known "infantry buddy spirit" in the greater Delaware Valley area.

To all our buddies of the 83rd Infantry Division Association the greater

Philadelphia Chapter extends its most sincere and best wishes for a Happy Yuletide Season and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

The spirit of fellowship and good will to all is prevalent at this time of the year. It asserts itself with the exchange of Christmas greeting cards and gifts. We of the Philadelphia Chapter hope to keep this spirit of friendship and free-will giving alive throughout the year. Our most fervent wish of Santa Claus is to permit all, we mean all, our buddies to join us at the huge jamboree we will stage in Philadelphia during our next convention. Please make your plans now to join us and permit us to be your good hosts in Philadelphia in August, 1955. So you see we, of the Philadelphia Chapter ask of Old St. Nick nothing for ourselves, just the opportunity to be on the giving side to all of our buddies. So, make your plans now to join us in Philly.

FRENCH LIBERTY MEDAL AVAILABLE TO MANY WORLD WAR II GIs

French authorities award the Medal of Liberated France to military members of the Allied Forces who participated, between Sept. 3, 1939 and Aug. 20, 1945, in actual combat operation by land, sea or air in French territory, including the French Union and French Mandates. Medal is also awarded to Allied military personnel assigned to liaison with French land, sea or air forces between June 18, 1940 and Aug. 20, 1945. Under U. S. regulations, the medal cannot be accepted or worn by U. S. military personnel, but may be accepted and worn by former members of the U. S. military. Eligible ex-GIs desiring the medal may apply to the appropriate address among the following: Office of the Adjutant General, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C. Applicants should state they are applying for the Medal of Liberated France, give full name (printed), service number, rank, organization in which served, mailing address and battle participation credits. U. S. military offices forward verified applications to the French Embassy for action.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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PHILADELPHIA SCRAPPLE

Milwaukee may be famous for its beer, but Philadelphia scrapple is a most welcome dish any time, so here goes a fresh plate full of tasty Philadelphia scrapple for your holiday dinner.

Ed "Bud" Harmer, 331st Inf., Co. "B", celebrated his birthday, and his daughter's first birthday together. Bud hosted at a family get-together, permitting wife, Joan Marie, to show off her prowess at the electric range. From all reports a eating good time was had by all.

Big Prez Larry Redmond and Little Prez Walt Sammler played Santa Claus to a group of orphans and aided greatly in amassing huge stocks of toys and games for the kiddies. They were aided in their efforts by the local Chapter members.

Edward A. Paulino, 322nd F. A. Bn., will soon celebrate another wedding anniversary with his wife, Ruth, and darling daughters, Barbara Ann and Linda. Ed is quite the handy man with the woodworking tools and showered his family with gifts of his own making.

Peter J. Enderle, 308th Eng. Bn., always a handy man with the figures, is busy as all get out writing automobile insurance policies as agent for one of our leading companies. (All you men in this area are invited to consult Pete with your problems). Peter and wife, Margaret, are proud of their two angels, John and Joanne, ages 4 and 7.

William Fenstermacher, Btry. C, 324th F. A. Bn., lives pretty close to the Gratersford penitentiary and this nearness means nothing to him. He is happily married and he and his wife, Edith, have three lovely children, John Jr., Larry and Dennis.

Franklin K. Kitselman, G 5, 83rd Inf. Div. It is known in these parts that if you want to get in touch with Frank you can reach him at the golf course, where he will be busy hitting a few divots and trying to induce his playing partner to sign on the dotted line of an insurance policy. Frank and wife, Mildred, are always willing to talk about their four children, Sandra, Leslie, Jeanne and Charles.

Anthony J. Madonna, Jr., Co. "D", 331st Inf. Tony finds his night work rough, but it has its reward, as he has developed his green thumb and works for the Pepperidge Farm Co.

Alan D. Reinheimer, 908th F. A. Alan and wife, Marian, both carry pictures of their daughter, Anne, and will show them to you at the drop of a hat. Alan is a full-fledged accountant.

Francis J. Renzulli. If at a meeting one were to ask "Is there a doctor in the house?" up would pop Frank. Doctor Renzulli is a well known surgeon and when not "cutting up" or being the good provider for wife, Rosemary, and daughter, Mary Joyce, is busy with his hobby of woodworking.

Abe Steinman, 308th Eng. Bn., would like to get in touch with two of his buddies, Steve Elonzoe and Eli Lucchessi. When he does, as an amateur photographer, he has plenty of photos to show of his wife, Gladyn, and children, Lynne and Mitchell.

Joseph H. Whiting, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 330th Inf., always an admirer of George Washington, he picked out the birthday of the father of our country to be his wedding day. Yes, sir, Joe and wife, Mildred, celebrate their anniversary on February 22.

Best wishes from yours truly to all the boys of Fox Company, 331st Inf.

—DAVE ROSENBERG