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GET ACTIVE NOW

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Hello, Buddies:

We have now passed the half-way mark of this our tenth year of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. We, the Officers of this great Association, would like to express our thanks to each of you for your co-operation in helping to make this Association the great organization that it is.

We have started a membership drive, in the form of a contest, and we are appealing to each of you to put forth a little effort in securing at least one new member per man. I know that each of you must have the name and address of a former Buddy. How about writing to him, and selling him on the idea of becoming a member of our Association. Last year we doubled our membership, and with your help, we can do it again. Each year we run across a new member, who gives us the same old story, that is, that he didn't know there was an 83rd Infantry Division Association. I am sure that if we each did our part on this membership drive there would be no former 83rd Division men who were unaware of our great Association.

The Washington, D. C., Chapter is hard at work planning our 10th Annual Reunion. This is no easy job, as it involves a lot of hard work and time. We can show our appreciation of their work, by planning to attend this Reunion. Each year the planning of a Reunion becomes a much harder job. The rising costs of living make it much harder to plan a Re-

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The *Thunderbolt* is printed by you and for you in hope that it will aid us in the continuation and building of a greater friendship between the men who served together in the BEST FIGHTING MACHINE of World War II, the 83rd Infantry Division. Through no fault of anyone in particular, our membership has dwindled to an incredible low. Our future depends on what we do NOW. Each buddy surely has at least five names and addresses of buddies he served with. Why wait until Christmas to write or send a card? DO IT NOW—TODAY. "Talk up" your Association and what we do. Get active and help run your Association. Attend the reunions and take an active part in the business meetings and election of officers. Always remember, THIS IS YOUR ASSOCIATION, its existence and future depend entirely on you and what you do for it. To help perpetuate the name of the 83rd Division we need the support of everyone. Keep sending your dues in regularly. Get as many new members as you can to join your Association and help it to grow into the biggest and best organization of its kind.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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union program, which means that in order to give you the best program available, we either have to raise our registration fee accordingly, or cut our activities. We are trying to avoid both of these threats. All we can do right now is to go over our plans very carefully and see what we can do.

Remember men, this is your Association, the success of it depends on you. Let's all do our part to make it a bigger and stronger Association. Get a new member today and let him get a new member tomorrow. Last but not least, remember Washington, D. C., on August 16, 17, 18, 1956.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

With this issue of the THUNDERBOLT we are sending a roster of men on the mailing list of the Division Association, a bright NEW windshield decal in Division colors and an automobile bumper sticker advertising the 10th Annual Thunderbolt Reunion in August to all our paid-up members. There are plenty of the above-mentioned articles on hand so get those dues in so that you, too, can receive yours to show off to everybody.

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

The membership contest is still wide open to all you Thunderbolts and it's not too late to get in there and win one of those prizes that are listed on page eight along with the contest rules. Get your new members in before May 30, 1956 so that we can publish your name with results of the contest in the JUNE issue.

ATTENTION!

All Thunderbolts and Chapters

With convention time drawing near we here in Washington are calling you to send us one dollar for each name you desire to have printed in the program. These boosters will help defray the cost of our convention program.

Also, to all Chapters—we are counting on each of you subscribing to a half-page ad, \$20.00, as you have in the past.

If any of you Thunderbolts have businesses of your own, or work for a manufacturer of a nationally known product, and would care to give us an ad, please feel free to do so. The cost is as follows—\$35.00 full page, \$20.00 half page, and \$10.00 one-quarter page.

Please make your checks or money orders payable to the 83rd Infantry Division Association and send them with your name and 83rd organization to Russell Hite, 3927 Alabama Ave., S.E., Washington, D. C. We will appreciate your immediate response.

We are counting on your support. Plan now on attending the 10th annual reunion in your Nation's Capital. It will be a memorable one for you.

Russell T. Hite—83rd Div. Hq.
Convention Committee



HURRY

**WRITE YOUR BUDDY
AND MAKE YOUR
RESERVATIONS NOW**

AUGUST 16 - 17 - 18

HOTEL WILLARD

WASHINGTON, D. C.

CLEVELAND CHAPTER NEWS

By CASEY KOWALEC, C-322-FA

Wonderful plans are in store for the growing Cleveland Chapter in the very near future with picnics, parties and other social doings for the men and their families plus entertaining movies of the Cleveland Browns and World Series at the Chapter monthly meetings, so why don't you 83rd buddies in and around Cleveland come on down to the meetings and get acquainted. It's a wonderful opportunity for you and your wives to meet all your old World War II buddies.

NEWSY ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Alfie Uridel of 329th Cannon Co. is still giving the best shave and haircut in town but when he starts talking fishing watch out for your ears. Joe Belock is building a lot of recreation rooms for folks and they say that he is quite an expert at setting up refreshment bars. Ray Voracek, Hq-324-FA and Casey Kowalec, C-322-FA are in the grocery and meat business and selling their share of Kolbasa (baloney to you). Welcome to Ray Heinly, 331, who is the newest addition to our Chapter. Frank Balcerzak, H-329, one of the few THUNDERBOLT bachelors left, is delivering the mail here in Cleveland and the word is that Frank carries his entrenching tools with him to fight off all his female customers. For a really good fit see Ed Bobowski, 322-FA. Ed is top salesman for the Slavin Tailors Co. in Cleveland. Benny Gasiorek, E-331, is the top auto mechanic around these here parts.

The Cleveland Chapter holds its meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at the VFW Post 3456, 9503 Miles Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. The meetings start at 8:30 and refreshments are in order after each meeting. The next meeting, May 16, can be the biggest of all if all you Cleveland area buddies hike on down to join us. How about it?

CLEVELAND CHAPTER 3rd ANNIVERSARY DINNER-DANCE MAY 19

All "Thunderbolts" and their wives, families and friends are invited to attend the biggest and best dinner-dance in the history of the Cleveland Chapter in commemoration of the Third Anniversary as a Chapter of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. Chicken will be served family style after which there will be dancing to the wee hours. For details and reservations contact Casey Kowalec, 6207 Heisley Ave., Cleveland 5, Ohio, Tel. VULcan 3-4785 or R. J. Voracek, 5455 Beechwood Ave., Maple Heights, Ohio, Tel. MONTrose 2-7233 or Bob Uher, 7603 Pelham Dr.,

Parma, Ohio, Tel. TUXedo 5-1152. Remember, all "Thunderbolts" are cordially invited and friends most welcome.

THUNDERBOLT PERSONALITIES

Lt. Gen. Frank W. Milburn is now retired and living at 534 Eddy Ave., Missoula, Mont.

Lt. Gen. Robert M. Montague is now Commanding General 1st Corps in the Far East. He can be reached at APO 358, c/o PM, San Francisco, Calif.

Howard M. Schreiner (D-330) is a building contractor in Fostoria, Ohio.

Paul A. Rossborough (C-331) can be reached at the Rossborough Supply Company, 3376 West 137th St., Cleveland 11, Ohio.

If you are interested in Real Estate or Investments, see Jack Drapkin at the Drapkin Investment Company, 8632 West Mc Nichols Road, Detroit 21, Mich.

We got word from Chuck Abdinoor (A-330) that Paul Reed, Jr. (330) who is an attorney in Baltimore, is the campaign manager for George P. Mahoney who is running for U. S. Senator and is sure to be elected. Paul has assured Chuck that he will bring the Senator-Elect to our reunion this August.

OBITUARY COLUMN

The 83rd Infantry Division Association expresses deepest sympathy to the families of our buddies who have passed away in recent months.

Victor W. Jaquot, 83rd Division Band, 1419 So. Cottonwood St., Casper, Wyo., was killed instantly when the pickup truck in which he was a passenger overturned, crushing Vic as the cab of the vehicle pinned him to the ground. Survivors include his wife, Margaret, and three children.

George Coates, A-322-FA, his wife, Arleigh, and eight-year-old daughter were all killed instantly when their car was struck and demolished by a train in Newport News, Va.

Major Robert Stewart, 3rd Bn-330.

Col. William W. Sellers, 331.

Lt. Col. John Norris, 2nd Bn Cmdr-330.

NEWS of WARREN, O., CHAPTER

By MIKE SKOVAN—Hq. 1st Bn., 331

The third anniversary of the Warren, O., Chapter was celebrated by a dinner-dance held Saturday, February 11, 1956, at the Sportsman Hall, Highland Avenue, Warren, Ohio. Many guests, both local and out of town were present to help us celebrate this important date. Our compliments and thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kelly for all their efforts in planning and conducting this successful gala affair.

An appreciation stag party was held by the Warren, Ohio, Chapter March 27, at the Roumanian Hall, for its friends who regularly purchase tickets for the chapter's monthly affairs. In addition to the usual stag party entertainment (and everyone may draw his own conclusion) two one-hundred-pound barbecued pigs were served with all the trimmings. Everything was free—on the Chapter. Although much credit is due to every chapter member for digging in and really putting on a good party, special recognition must again be given to Dick Kelly, Hq. 908 FA, ably assisted by Joe Minnoti, Hq. 324, FA, for all their efforts in supervising and conducting this fine affair.

The bowling match of the year was held in Cleveland, Ohio, April 8, 1956, when Ray Voracek's Cleveland "Wildcats" played host to Joe Minnoti's Warren, O., "Cuties". It was two teams, ten men apiece, against each other. The results of the match were disastrous to the Cleveland group, Warren winning by "beaucoup" points to spare. This cost the boys of Cleveland and they immediately demanded a return match, which will be held on April 22 in Warren. Due to the fact that the *Thunderbolt* will be on the way to the presses the results of the return match will not be published until the next issue.

The Warren, Ohio Chapter is forming a kitty-ball team (old men's version of baseball) this year and is hereby making an open challenge to all Chapters or groups for a game or a series of games.

WARREN, O., LADIES' CORNER

By LIZ SKOVAN

The regular February monthly meeting of the Warren, Ohio, Ladies Chapter was held at the home of Mrs. Joe Nuzzie, February 20, 1956. Election of officers was held with the results as follows:

Mildred Kelly—*President*
Birdie Titus—*Vice President*
Chris Minnotti—*Secretary-Treasurer*
Liz Skovran—*Correspondent*

Many thanks to Mrs. Nuzzi for her hospitality and the delicious refreshments.

A successful and profitable bake sale was held in the foyer of the local Grant's

Department Store, March 12, 1956. All ladies of the chapter are to be complimented for their participation with donations of some very good looking baked goods, and for their efforts in helping with the selling phase.

The regular March meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Ann Tomazin, March 19, 1956. After a brief business meeting a very enjoyable social evening was had by all, topped off by the delicious refreshments served by Mrs. Tomazin.

330th INFANTRY CORNER

Dear Buddy:

Since we all served in the 83rd Infantry Division during the War, I feel that it would be a fine gesture to extend our friendship whenever and wherever possible. There is a means of doing this via the 83rd Infantry Division Association which has been organized for some time. I attended the last convention of the Association held in Philadelphia in 1955, and here I found I was the only member of "A" Company present. This, as you can well imagine, was very discouraging and disappointing, and I decided that I would make an effort to round up the members of our Company and try to arouse some interest for the future conventions, mostly for the members of our own Platoon.

At the 1955 Convention, I submitted your names and addresses to the Secretary, requesting that he contact you and send you the THUNDERBOLT pamphlet, the Association's official paper. Dues for 'the THUNDERBOLT' are \$4.00 per year which also includes your membership fee in the Association.

One of the ideas which I would like to have acted upon in the not too distant future, would be to re-visit and re-acquaint ourselves with former sites of combat in areas which our "A" Company was involved during our tour of duty overseas. This, naturally, would be determined according to interest developed in such an affair.

At this time I am taking the liberty of informing you that the 1956 Convention will be held August 16, 17 and 18 at the Hotel Willard in Washington, D. C., and I sincerely hope you will be able to attend. Special rates are being offered us at the hotel, and there is plenty to see in Washington. Why not arrange your vacation there and bring along the wife and children, attending the Convention at the same time?

Your Buddy,
SYVIO F. ALLARD
PAUL J. REED, JR.
CHARLES (ABBIE) ARDINOOR

500th MEMBER FOR 1956

It is with a great deal of pleasure to announce for the second time in succession the 83rd Infantry Division Association has reached the 500 mark in paid-up members. This year's 500th member is Max Plaks, Hq-1st Bn-331. Max resides at 560 Saratoga Ave. in Brooklyn, N. Y. and is a Guard with the Burns Detective Agency. He was a PFC with the 83rd Division and is the holder of the Bronze Star Medal. Max sends the following which we think is of interest along with a snapshot of wife, Pauline, and 12-year-old son.



Dear Mr. Cooley, Sir:

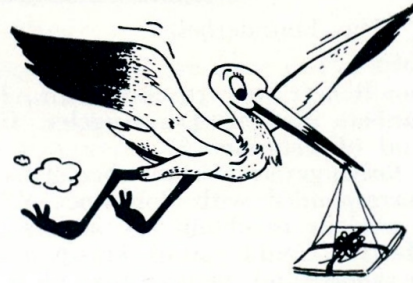
I received your letter of congratulations selecting me as the 500th paid-up member. I was greatly thrilled and surprised to receive it as this is the first time in my life I have ever hit the jackpot.

You asked me if I would give you the honor of printing my picture and writing an article about me . . . to that, I can just say—thanks for bestowing that honor and privilege on me.

As requested by you, I am enclosing a photo of myself and family.

I would also like to know if you can convey a message for me? While in Germany, I was with a fellow named, George W. Truell—we were a bazooka team. I was with him when he was hit, I took care of him until he died. Since my discharge in 1945, I have been thinking of visiting his folks. I am taking a trip this summer, and would like to accomplish what I have been thinking of doing for so long. Now I don't know where this fellow lived. All I know is that it was somewhere down

STORK COLUMN



Baby daughter, Michele Diane, 7 lbs., 4 oz., to Bruce and Mrs. Winchell, 83rd Sig. Co.

DON'T FORGET THE TIME and PLACE

AUGUST 16 - 17 - 18
WASHINGTON, D. C.

OUR PRIMARY MISSION

The primary mission of our Association is to keep firm the friendships and fraternal companionship that had their conception at Atterbury but matured and ripened through aging of war. Within our ranks, in peace as in war, there are rich and poor; Republicans and Democrats; lawyers and laborers; farmers and factory men; Protestants, Jews and Catholics and agnostics. The patch of the 83rd is big enough to shade and merge all difference.

Once a year, we will meet in a physical sense at our reunions. For the rest of our lives I pray we will be together constantly in the pleasant grip of comradeship.

—JAMES C. HANRAHAN

South. If you can mention something about this in your article, perhaps someone in our outfit would remember who I mean, and perhaps even know his last known address and send it to me.

In closing I want to say once more thanks and I hope to see all of my ex-G.I.'s (friends) at our next reunion.

Sincerely Yours,
MAX PLAKS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor, The Thunderbolt

Dear Sir:

Major Robert Stewart, ex-3rd Bn., 330th commander, died in Los Angeles, Calif., on 22nd of February.

His father wrote to a number of us who had corresponded with Bob since WW-II. He is anxious to obtain the address of a Sgt. Harris. Could you make up a squib on the above and request the address of the Sgt. Harris who knew Major Stewart?

Sincerely,
Norm Campbell, (1st Bn, 330)
Col. Infantry
Army War College
Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

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... have been in Korea fourteen (14) months now and will return shortly. Looking forward to seeing the boys in Washington in August, LET'S MAKE IT A BIG ONE! !

Sincerely,
William J. Flahaven,
(Hq. 2nd Bn, 331)
Major MPC

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... I hope to attend the next reunion in Washington this August. At this stage I am a "fifty per center." I have attended 50% of the reunions thus far. A combination of raising a family and running my business have kept me from attending the other 50%.

Best regards,
Art Moran (Hq-3rd Bn, 330)
Holbrook News Agency
Holbrook, Mass.

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Dear Sirs:

I am sorry that my vacation schedules do not allow me to be at the Division Reunion in a more regular manner, but I do enjoy following the activities of those I meet whenever I can attend. I wish you every success in your Washington Convention in August.

Sincerely,
Robert McIntyre, (C-330)
Rochester, N. Y.

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... enjoyed your last THUNDERBOLT, as I do all of them. I am now Deputy President, Board Nr. 3, CONARC, Fort Benning, Ga. It is good to be on an Army Post again after 14 years, except for several months at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, 1947-48.

You are doing a fine job, good luck!
Col. Henry Neilson, (1st Bn, 331)
403 Wickersham
Ft. Benning, Ga.

... I'll see you in Washington in August.

Edsel F. Giffen, (329)
Capon Bridge, W. Va.

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Hi Gang! !

I missed the '55 reunion but sure am going to try and make it in '56.' I have been to past reunions in Cleveland and Columbus and had a real good time at both. I notice that our "ol Sarge" had a letter in the last THUNDERBOLT about a list of our old buddies he is compiling. Sure hope that they all get contacted and show up at the coming reunion in August. Sure is nice to see your old buddies and talk over old times with them. Hope to see all in Washington.

Sincerely,

Bruce Winchell, (83rd Sig Co)
R No. 2, Freeland, Mich.

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Gentlemen:

Received the latest copy of THUNDERBOLT and want to say it is very interesting reading, keep up the good work. Do you have a list of 83rd members living in and around Detroit? I would like to get in touch with a few of them.

I may get to Washington this year, but not sure as yet.

Best of luck,
Jack Drapkin, (K-331)
18509 Snowden Ave.
Detroit 35, Mich.

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... hope to make this year's reunion. Would like to see Al Wouters and Louis Donnelly there.

Sincerely,
Paul A. Rossborough, (C-331)
3376 W. 137th St.
Cleveland 11, Ohio

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... am looking forward to the Reunion in Washington this August. Please send *Thunderbolt* for details. I am also trying to contact some former 83rd fellows who live in Baltimore.

Yours,

William Barber—83rd Sig. Co.
Pine Ridge, Finksburg, Md.

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... have you the address of Donald Larr who was in Co. A, 308 Medics? If so, please send it to me. If you don't have it, maybe one of our members could help me out.

Lawrence Myerson—Hq-308 Med. Bn.
329 Medhill, North Lake, Ill.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sirs:

I enjoy the *Thunderbolt* publication very much and always read it from cover to cover. Sorry that I haven't been able to attend the past reunions; the only one that I did attend was the Boston reunion. I would like to be able to say that I will be in Washington this year, but cannot make any definite plans at this time. I have three children now, all boys, and they keep us pretty well occupied. I have had some contact with a few of the boys at Christmas time, but for the most part the *Thunderbolt* is the main tie that will hold the boys together.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Sessions—F & 2nd Bn Hq 331
R. F. D. 2, Norway, Maine

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Dear Sirs:

I enjoy very much receiving the Division Association news and certainly hope I can make the Reunion this August. Can't help but notice that the 330th is not nearly as ambitious as some of the other units with regards to gathering news and information, and keeping in touch. Believe me, I am not criticizing, as I realize I am of very little help.

I might mention I do see Louie Maybaugh, A-330. He is in Owasso, Mich., a building contractor, and doing very well. His address is 1028 N. Dewey, Owasso, Mich. Also enjoyed a visit from Lee Milligan last summer. He is in the real estate business in Wieluta, Kan. For those that may be interested, I am in the furniture and floor covering business with my brother and family. I manage the floor covering department. Business continues to be good and as soon as the weather permits we are going to build an addition to the floor covering department, which we have outgrown since 1947. I shall close by wishing all the best of luck, and say that the amount of work "done by so few for so many" is certainly appreciated. Hoping to see you in Washington, I remain,

John Aldrich—A-330
c/o Aldrich Furniture Co.,
Perry, Michigan

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... I like to read the *Thunderbolt* very much and eagerly look forward to each new issue. I want to congratulate you for the excellent work you are doing with the Association paper—very neat and interesting. I would like to hear from some of the fellows.

Yours truly,

Thurl L. Henning—Btry B, 323 FA.
1215 Holly Avenue, Dayton 10, Ohio
P.S.—The new membership cards look very sharp.

Dear Sirs:

I just received my issue of the *Thunderbolt* and membership card. I am always glad to receive our paper and read it from cover to cover. My wife and I attended the reunion in Philly and enjoyed seeing some of the old faces, and new ones, too. I had the good fortune of seeing one of my buddies that I hadn't seen since my discharge. That alone made the trip to Philly a success. We always enjoy seeing the same ones, but its the thought of seeing one you haven't seen for years, and when you do, it's quite a thrill. Well, here's to a bigger and better 83rd Infantry Division Association, and I hope to see a record turnout in Washington, D. C. this year.

A member of the 83rd,

Leo Boyd—1st Bn Hq-331
3523 Riverside Drive, Dayton 5, O.

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Dear Sir:

I am starting the new year off right—here is my check, sign me up. I am sorry that I waited so long to join up. I served with Company E, 329th Regiment from Normandy to Germany, and if another fight should happen, I am ready to serve with the 83rd again. I served 12 months of front line duty in Korea and am now with another good outfit from W W II, the 505th Airborne Inf. Regt., 82nd Airborne Div., Ft. Bragg, N. C. I'll see you in Washington, D. C., in August, and I am very proud of the *Thunderbolt* that you put out. Keep up the good work. Hello to all the boys from Co. E.

Sgt. James C. Brown—E-329
RA-34848056, 505 A I R
Ft. Bragg, N. C.

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... You may be interested in the following: Several months ago I asked Gen. Milburn which of the Association Conventions of the several units he had commanded he would most like to attend. He replied, "The 83rd!" So if your convention comes at a time when he isn't in the Southwest, and if you work on him, you probably can get him to attend. He lives in Missoula, Mont., but he tries to escape both cold and damp weather by vacationing in California and Arizona from December to the middle of April.

Yours truly,

Harry F. Adams—S.S.O. 83rd Div.
Montana State University
Missoula, Montana

(I went to the XXI Corps with Gen. Milburn and later to the Seventh Army XXIII Corps, and 1st Inf. Div. with him.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

. . . don't know if I'll be able to make the convention this year. I still get a chuckle now and then when I think of some of the bright spots of eleven years ago. And for a fellow who has trouble remembering his phone number, and never knows his car license number, it amazes me to be able to jot down my Army serial number (36602788) without a bit of effort. Best of luck for the coming year.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Koppelman, (I-330)
519 Poplar St.
Waukegan, Ill.

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Dear Sir:

I am writing in reference to obtaining some information about my old Army Division, the 83rd Infantry. The Legion Magazine sent me your name. Does the Division still have an annual reunion? If so, when and where. I realize they have had them in the past, but I have been unable to attend. Three times in the Veteran hospital in the past few years has taken up a great deal of my spare time.

I would like to hear from the boys from A Company, 330th Regiment, as I was a S/Sgt. with that outfit. At the time of my service with the 83rd I was from Tennessee and carried the nickname "Reb".

I fully realize I should have done all this earlier, but in the process of getting out of the hospital, discharged, going through college, getting married, setting up my own business and rearing a family, I have put off doing things that I should have done earlier. I have contacted one of the boys in Evansville, Ind., who was captured in Luxembourg, but the rest I can't find or remember.

I hope you can help me or refer me to someone who can.

Thank you,

Johnny Folsom—A-330
1005 Crestland, Columbia, Mo.

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. . . hope to see you in Washington come August.

Sincerely,

David Brinkmoeller—83rd Div. Band
Cincinnati, Ohio

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Dear Sir:

I enjoy the *Thunderbolt* very much and can hardly wait for the next issue to come out. I am trying to make arrangements now to see all of you in Washington this August.

Sincerely,

Wilson E. Day—Hdq.-331
438 Kitty Lane, Cincinnati 38, O.

Dear Sir:

Have been getting the THUNDERBOLT pretty regular and enjoy it very much. Would certainly appreciate hearing from any of the old gang from C Company, 330th that are planning to attend this year's Reunion in Washington.

Cordially,

Raymond G. Williams, (C-330)
1039 Wagner St.
Louisville, Ky.

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. . . hoping to see you in Washington, D. C. I can make it this year, after all, Baltimore is only 40 miles away.

Sincerely,

George Toner, (A-329)

P.S.: I have to make it this year, *for sure!*

83rd ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST RULES

1. Any paid up member of the 83rd Inf. Div. Association is eligible to compete except the National Officers.
2. Contest to begin Feb. 1st, 1956, and end Aug. 1, 1956.
3. A participant in the contest will be given credit for a new member only if he sends in the new member's dues along with his name, address and unit in which he served, to the National Secretary or if the new member specifies to whom credit shall be given for his membership.
4. Prizes shall be awarded to the two men who get the most new members.
1st Prize—Hotel accommodations, consisting of a single room not to exceed 3 days at the convention to the man getting the most members.
2nd Prize—Free Registration at the convention to the man who is runner-up in the contest.
5. Winners shall be notified by mail immediately following the close of the contest and also at the convention.
6. Progress of the contest will be published in each THUNDERBOLT.
7. For the purpose of this contest only, a new member shall be defined as follows:
A. A man who served with the 83rd Infantry Division during World War II and who has never been a member of the 83rd Association.
B. A former member of the Association prior to 1955 shall be reinstated upon payment of his dues and termed as a new member if he so desires.

REMEMBER OUR DIVISION'S DEAD BY BY ATTENDING A MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE IN THEIR HONOR

PHILADELPHIA SCRAPPLE

By DAVE ROSENBERG, F-331

GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter elected a new slate of officers at its February meeting. A well-attended session voted into office an enthusiastic group of officers, all pledged to serve and do all in its power to increase the already strong Philly group.

The following men will serve for the coming year:

President . . . Joseph Lacey, Ser-331
Vice President . John Piscitelli, C-323-FA
Secretary . . . George Kirk, Med-329
Treasurer . . . Paul Powell, Hq-331

The entire Quaker City contingent is in back of the new officers and will respond with cooperation which in the past has aided the Chapter to swell its roster with new members.

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER CELEBRATES 2nd ANNIVERSARY

On Friday evening, February 24th, the Greater Philadelphia Chapter marked its Second Anniversary with a tremendous, successful banquet at the nationally famous restaurant, Palumbo's. Despite inclement weather, that bordered on the blizzard side, a huge throng of "Thunderbolts" gathered to pay homage to its past officers and to hail its newly elected officers. Gracing the head table were Mr. and Mrs. Frank McGrogan (D-330), Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lacey (Ser-331), Mr. Walt Sammler (308-Eng) and Lady Friend, Mr. and Mrs. John Piscitelli, C-323-FA, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kemery (Hq-331), Mr. and Mrs. George Kirk (Med-329), Mr. and Mrs. Paul Powell (Hq-331) and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Redmond (H-330).

Harry Lockwood, THUNDERBOLT poet laureate, honored us with his presence and brought along a group from Massachusetts. Manny Epstein (K-331) from Cederhurst, N. Y. also attended and enjoyed every minute of it. The food was most palatable and

all the "chow-hounds" were satisfied with "seconds" and even "thirds" of tasty spaghetti and ravioli. A special liquor price list enabled one and all to quaff of spirits and not feel it in their pockets. With the food well taken care of, the ensemblage turned their attention to the head table, and Paul Powell, serving as MC, introduced the old and the new officers who with well-chosen words pledged to carry on and make the Philadelphia Chapter bigger and better for the new season.

A two-and-a-half-hour floor show followed with all the entertainers attempting to surpass each other. With the conclusion of the entertainment everyone agreed that this was an evening to remember.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Noe (Hq-Div Arty), Mr. and Mrs. "Curly" Meyers (D-331), Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thompson (D-330), Mr. and Mrs. Phil Chroniger (330), Mr. and Mrs. Pat Porter (Hq-323-FA), and Mr. and Mrs. Nick Taglinetti (D-331). It seems that no Philadelphia group affair is complete without Larry Redmond's mother and a well deserved round of applause greeted Mrs. Redmond.

The Pat Porters and Bob Thompsons made this affair a double celebration by marking the birthdays of the female members of their parties. Like all Philadelphia Jamborees, the Second Anniversary Banquet will long be remembered by all who attended.

A TRIBUTE

The past year the Philadelphia Chapter was most fortunate in having at its head a most enthusiastic and dedicated President.

Frank McGrogan's guidance as President resulted in the 9th Annual Thunderbolt Reunion being such a huge success that always it will be spoken of and one that all others will be compared by. Frank is a representative of an appliance company and this work keeps him on the road most of the week. Despite this, every meeting found Frank punctual and in attendance at all meetings. Armed with a forthwith schedule and agenda every meeting was meaty and well conducted. His leadership

was further portrayed by the success of each social gathering. By personally pitching in and doing more than his share, Frank successfully brought to a close a most successful year for the Philly Chapter. The Greater Philadelphia Chapter wishes Frank McGrogan the best of everything and extends to him our hand in friendship and say many thanks for a job well done.

NEW JERSEY CHAPTER NEWS

By HARRY LOCKWOOD—329

The members of the New Jersey Chapter wish to extend many, many thanks to the Greater Philadelphia Chapter for the plug and acknowledgment of our newly formed chapter in the bulletin at their second Annual Banquet held on Friday evening, February 24. Five of us attended the shindig, Bob Walsh, Emil Wehling, Manny Epstein, Vinnie Arvidson and yours truly and we really had a ball.

For future affairs I'm sure that the boys of Philadelphia can count on a good-sized delegation from this part of New Jersey and the metropolitan area of New York.

Things are going along smoothly, we are on a membership drive and would appreciate hearing from any of the boys from New Jersey and the metropolitan area of New York who served with the 83rd or any of its attached units during World War II.

We meet at Legion Hall in Cresskill, N. J. on the third Monday of each month, have a short meeting and serve refreshments all through a regular gabfest.

Come out and have an evening of fun and social get-together.

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"Thanks," as you know is a six-letter, one-syllable word denoting gratitude and appreciation among other things. It is a word quite often misused and very often not used when it should be.

The English say "Thanks," the German—"Danke," the French—"Merci" and so on but no matter how it may be said and in whatever language, please write it in Capital letters to convey the feelings of a small group of us to the Greater Philadelphia Chapter for the wonderful way in which we were received, the marvelous dinner and the fabulous floor show they presented at their second Annual Banquet on February 24th.

Fern and I, Vinnie Arvidson and Honey, Adeline and Manny Martin (who came all the way from Fall River, Mass.) drove to Philadelphia through a snow storm to at-

tend the banquet the Philadelphia boys were having. There we were met by three other members of the New Jersey Chapter, Bob Walsh, Emil Wehling and Manny Epstein who had gone stag. Believe me when I echo the opinion of all concerned, IT WAS WELL WORTH THE TRIP.

The genuine and sincere welcome we received and the way we were treated the entire evening was something that words just cannot express.

Elaborating on the banquet itself I will leave to the very capable Dave Rosenberg who can do a much finer job than I but I just want to say, "A lift of the Lockwood Hat" to the Greater Philadelphia Chapter, a real nice bunch of people.

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TO THE LADIES

By HARRY LOCKWOOD—329

When the good Lord made woman he had many things in mind;
He planned her very carefully, so that nothing was left behind.
He took a rib from Adam and made a masterpiece,
With a few important differences, that is, to say the least.
He planned that she would cater to our desires and our whims;
He blessed her with a beautiful body and an attractive pair of limbs.
With a deftness of touch and much finesse, and with each one in its place,
He molded delicate features into a beautiful face.

He gathered a few tresses and sprinkled them with hue,
Some He made blonde, some brunette, and He made some redhead, too
He gave her love and understanding, and He told her to be kind,
And always try to keep man in a pleasant frame of mind.
He gave her intuition and a little patience too,
Along with the power to reproduce (or there'd be no me or you).
He gave her poise and dignity; He gave her charm and grace;
He planned she'd be attractive, dressed in frills and lace.
He said she'd be the weaker sex, look to man for protection,
And in return she'd give him love and shower him with affection.
Then just before He finished, and with His masterpiece unfurled,
Twice more He waved His magic wand and sent her into the world.
He gave her the power to think so that she could speak her mind,
Since then, so far as man's concerned, this is what we find:
Whenever woman speaks her mind her words she does not mince,
A situation we've been trying to cope with ever since.
But with it all we love them, and for that reason we
Should bring them to this year's convention in Washington, D. C.
We'll be at the Hotel Willard, so come out and meet the throng.
But, above all, please, please don't forget to bring your woman along.

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