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Have faith in everything you do
Have faith in what you plan
Have faith in what's in store for you
Have faith in your fellow man
Have the courage to ask for many things
And the strength to accept a few
But above all else, HAVE FAITH IN GOD
So that HE may have faith in you.

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Fellow Thunderbolts

We, on the executive board, wish to express our thanks for the manner in which you are responding to our membership drive and buddy campaign.

The membership is gradually increasing and is now well over the 400 mark. Still considerably below what is needed to run the association, the way it should be run but, nevertheless, a trend in the right direction.

It takes the revenue from those 400 or so to print the five issues of Thunderbolt we will have this year. Stationery, postage and other incidentals will amount to the revenue from another 100 or so, after which we can figure we may end up on the right side of the ledger.

All indications point to our achieving those results and it is only through your cooperation that this will be possible.

Your Thunderbolt is a very interesting and informative publication and your excellent staff of reporters have helped make it so, along with the few individual members who have contributed material for publication.

To all of you we say: Thank you very much, but remember, the only way we can print the news is to receive it from you, so, if you have any news of yourself and/or family, a buddy, or an event that has taken or is due to take place, please send it to your Thunderbolt editor who will try to find the space for it.

This is your association, men, and it is your Thunderbolt. The more you cooperate the more interesting and informative we can keep it. So, you keep the news coming and let us take it from there.

Once again, thank you very much and best regards.

—Your Executive Board.

The President's Corner

Dear Buddies,

As you no doubt know, we have a campaign in progress, known as the "BUDDIES CLUB." You may join this club by sponsoring a buddy, who was



a member of the 83rd Infantry Division, and its attached units, just by sending in 1 year's membership dues for him. If you do not want to be partial to anyone then send in one year's dues for a buddy to be chosen by the secretary from among the files; it may be for someone who is not in

a position to send it in for himself. Your name will be divulged or anonymous, whichever you prefer.

We are in hopes of doubling our membership by reunion time and if we do, it will be the best year we have had since 1950. Please get behind this and help make this the best year in our existence.

I would like, at this time, to thank all of you who have done his part in helping us increase our membership; your efforts are beginning to show results.

With our tremendous potential, if we can get word to a lot of our old buddies and try to plant the seed, I'm sure, in many instances, it will bear fruit.

We are also hard at work on our publicity campaign and are spreading word of the association over the entire country. We are getting inquiries from far off and remote corners of this vast land of ours, along with the more well known and larger areas, which means that we may one day realize our goal of 1,000 members. The potential is there. All it needs is a concerted effort.

Again, thank you very much and don't forget the reunion is in Boston, in August. Hope to see you all there.

—Charles "Chuck" Abdinoor, A-330

Wanted

Anyone knowing the address of the following two members, please send them to me so that I can mail them the last issue of the Thunderbolt. It has been returned to me, in each case.

Harry Lockwood
Secretary-Treasurer

Col. Henry Neilson, 1st Bn. 331
Lt. Col. William G. Marks, I-329

DUES IS DUE

— Just A Reminder —

A Report From Larry Redmond, 330

Chapter Coordinator.

In behalf of the members of your executive committee of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, I would like to extend my sincere



thanks to you, the chapter members and also to those of you, not affiliated with a chapter, for the wonderful help and co-operation you have given the officers, of our great association, this year.

As many of you know, we got off to a bad start, with a paid-up membership of about 200, the lowest it had been in five years. This put quite a financial burden on our treasury, what with the cost of printing stationery, of various types, five scheduled issues of Thunderbolt and postage costs, we were working under extreme difficulty, but after a little negotiating here and there we finally got things rolling and I think that, from here on in, we can expect only the best results, this, of course, being due to the response of all who were asked to do their part.

After a few months of rough going, we are now on the upgrade, our membership is well over 400 and growing rapidly. Our Buddy campaign is doing well and the results are beyond our expectations. Quite a number of you have sent in a year's dues for an old buddy, making him a member of our association, and, quite often, he never would have become a member otherwise, or he had not heard of the association. Those of you who have not participated in the buddy campaign, think it over, and, if you can see your way clear, send in a

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Top, left to right, Steve Benson, Ed. Zerucha, Tommy Linn, Bill Palazzolo, Nick Barbu, Nick Boyd, Santa Claus, Marion Murio and Don Spano.

Detroit Chapter News

By Bill Palazzolo—G-329

The Detroit Chapter held its Christmas party on December 20 and I must say it was a huge success and everyone attending had a wonderful time.



The kids had a ball getting presents from Santa Claus and watching the antics of a very pleasant and funny clown.

The ladies also received gifts and a far away expression could be seen on many of their faces, reminiscent of the time that they too sat on Santa's knee and thinking

in retrospect of a never to be forgotten era, so long ago.

Our "Spirits" drawing was held on the same day, the results of which you will find in a report submitted by our capable and hard-working raffles chairman, Ed Zerucha.

We had quite a nice turnout and following is a list of those who attended, and, receiving no complaints so far, must have enjoyed themselves: the regular members, who were accompanied by their lovely wives were Steven Benson, E-331; Nick Barbu, D-331; Orlen "Nick" Boyd, E-331; Thomas Linn, QM; Marion Muoio, C-308 Eng.; Bill Ferguson, F-329; Ernie Schmidt, 1st Bn., 331; Dom Spano, G-331; Ed Zerucha, F-329; Bill Palazzolo, G-329 and Ed Bucholtz, E-329. Our guests and buddies who also brought their lovely wives included John Daugherty, L-329; Don Allan, I-329; Bill Wosiniak, 308 Eng.; Ray Nantau, E-329 and John Salatrik, I-330.

You will notice in the pictures accompanying this article, that the Detroit Chapter is sporting their new shirts and caps, which were custom made by me, Bill Palazzolo, at home. Anyone interested in getting shirts and/or caps, please contact me at 20000 Lancaster, Harpers Woods 36, Michigan. Shirts are \$6, caps are \$2. To the other chapters who already have shirts and would like caps, let me know your desire; black band and gold crown or gold band and black crown.

If everyone would get his own cap, at least, it would save the association the expense of getting the cheap ones for the reunion and would look so much more uniform.

Mr. and Mrs. (Major) Bill Ferguson are proud to announce that they have moved into their new home at 10020 Mercedes, Detroit 39, Mich., and for those of you who may want to congratulate them, their phone number is KE 2-1071.

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Chaplain's Corner

By Wm. O. "Bill" Shuman, Divarty
This month we observe the birthday of General George Washington, our first president. I feel it rather appropriate and fitting that I might jot down



a few sentences for thought, concerning this great American. In this age when men are forgetting the great heritages that are ours, it seems that we should take a second definite look toward those things which we should hold near and dear.

Don't you think, the reason Washington looms so large on the horizon of the world's life is because he saw through the superficial things of his age into the profound truth of all time?

Acknowledgement of GOD'S wisdom and power, trust in GOD'S providence, obedience to GOD'S law formed the basic foundations upon which President Washington began the building of our great country. We are not, then, surprised to learn that his old pastor once said: "He was the most punctual attendant at church I have ever known, and his behavior was so reverential as to greatly aid me in my labors."

May I ask you, in what position would you place Washington with Napolen, Alexander or Hannibal? Would you class him with the named military men that were before? Think it over. But isn't it true that the difference between Washington and Napoleon, Alexander and Hannibal was that they rose to heights by stepping upon and putting down all others, but Washington rose to fame by reaching down and lifting up all others?

Allow me to repeat a poem which seems so fitting for the subject on which I am writing:

Shall the name of Washington ever
be heard

By a free man and thrill not his breast
Is there one out of bondage that hails
not the word

As a Bethlehem star of the west.

Washington has handed the torch of freedom to us, whether or not we believe it. Let's accept the torch proudly and not falter for the next generation.

**PLAN AHEAD FOR
THE REUNION IN BOSTON
AUG. 18, 19 & 20, 1960
SEE YOU THERE!**

Indiana Chapter News

By Murray D. Therber—Med. 330
The fellows of the Indiana Chapter extend best wishes to all the other chapters and hope that this will be a banner year.



Bachelors take note, another has left the fold. Dick Ammon surprised his buddies by finding himself an attractive bride, LaVerne. She came along when Dick attended the last meeting and we caught a picture of them together. Congratulations from us all.

Thanks to Ned Smith and Bill Ledger for arranging a Christmas party that was held at Brodey's Village Inn here in Naptown on December 12. Putting their best foot forward were the following:

Lois and Bill Ledger, Helen and Joe Lowry, Mary and John Raikos, Gay and John Robinette, Geni and Ned Smith, Dot and John Soroko and John Walker.

Yours truly was unable to attend due to a fall on the basement stairs the very day of the party. After treatment for a cut on the head and a severely sprained ankle I was all for going anyway but my wife, Laura, hid my other shoe and it was too cold outside to go barefoot, at least on both feet! Sure hated to miss the affair and those attending reported a good time was had by all. They tell me the food was excellent.

1959 in Review!

Looking back on the old year, it seemed to be a good one for most everyone. We had a lot of fun and laughs to recall. In June we held a picnic and had a swell turnout of the guys and dolls. We are looking forward to a repeat this year.

Besides the regularly scheduled meetings the wives also gathered round at times and the evenings together seemed to pass all too quickly.

Came the month of August and, of course, all roads led to Detroit and the reunion. Much has been said of the good time there and in passing we say, gone, but not forgotten. Election of local chapter officers took place Aug. 6.

October brought us together again at the home of Dot and John Soronko for a Halloween party. We hope they will invite us again sometime as it was a swell party.

Besides the turkey in November, came the tri-state dinner held at Fort Wayne. The weatherman treated the Detroit fellows unkind so the Hoosiers and the Buckeyes held forth. Those at-

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Attention All Troops

The following is a breakdown on the paid-up membership as per units. Each unit is listed according to its paid-up membership.

- 30—Co. F-329
- 25—Co. G-331
- 20—Div. Hqtrs.
- 14—Co. A-330
- 14—322 - Field Arty.
- 13—324 - Field Arty.
- 11—Co. E-329
 - Co. I-329
 - Co. H-330
 - Co. B-331
 - Divarty
- 10—Hq. 1st. Bn.-331
- 9—Regt. Hq.-329
 - Regt. Hq.-330
 - Co. A-331
 - Co. D-331
 - 323 Field Arty.
 - 308 Eng.
- 8—Co. G-329
 - Co. F-330
 - 908 Field Arty.
 - Unknown
- 7—Co. M-330
 - Co. C-331
 - Co. K-331
 - Regt. Hq.-331
 - All Medics
- 6—Co. B-329
 - Co. H-329
 - Hq. 1st. Bn.-329
 - Cannon Co.-329
 - Co. D-330
 - Co. K-330
 - Co. H-331
- 5—Co. A-329
 - Co. E-330
 - Misc.
- 4—Co. L-329
 - Co. B-330
 - Co. I-330
 - Co. L-330
 - Cannon Co.-330
 - Quartermaster
- 3—Co. M-329
 - Co. C-330
 - Hq. 1st. Bn.-330
 - Co. G-330
 - Hq. 3rd Bn.-330
 - Co. E-331
 - Co. I-331
 - Co. M-331
 - Hq. 3rd Bn.-331
- 2—Co. C-329
 - Hq. 2nd Bn.-329
 - Hq. 2nd Bn.-330
 - Co. F-331
 - Cannon Co.-331
- 1—Co. D-329
 - Co. K-329

Those not listed are either not represented or could be among the unknown category, who did not give their unit designation. They are the following men, who we would appreciate telling us with what unit they served, so we can get the records straight.

Edward Baun, 329
Leroy Swank, 330
William N. Rajotte, 331

Andy Banyon, 329
Sander Tonnesen, 331
Louis Gorton
Merrill Plummer, 331
Willard Sitz, 330

Warren Chapter News

The Warren Chapter is sending you and your staff the very best compliments for a job well done on the last edition of the Thunderbolt. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

Now down to business of reporting our events and what has been happening in our chapter. First of all, I may mention that Joe Minotti has done it again. He came up with a three-game series in bowling not too long ago with the following games in league competition: 212, 243 and finally topped the evening off with a 252 game that gave him a three-game total of 707. I would be safe in saying that the Warren Chapter has done it again by the three-game series rolled by Minotti. I don't believe that any other member of the 83rd Division Association could duplicate it or has ever surpassed it. Any takers?

Speaking about bowling, the Cleveland Chapter challenged the Warren Chapter to a bowling event this past January 17 and much to our sorrow the Warren Chapter lost the total pin events by eight pins. High for the Cleveland team was Casey Szubiski with a 224 and Warren's high man was Joe Nuzzi with a 223. That Nuzzi is almost through the door and within sight of getting into the click. Cleveland took the square bowling ball as the trophy and Warren will attempt to win it back in the very near future. After the bowling was over, members of both sides, their spouses and youngsters retired to the club-rooms for a buffet lunch prepared by Madames Caparanis, Pankovich and Skovran, who put on quite a spread. Of course, we had the soft drinks for the youngsters and the usual alcoholics for the adults. All in all it was a fine get together, ask Cheese Bellay and Titus?

Let's pause here for a while, before continuing with our news. I would like to point out that in the past year or year and a half, we have acquired two fine members in the persons of Tony Sudano and George Dubois. These two fellows are always willing to pitch in and offer their help at anytime, and I must say come meeting night, they show up and it's real good to have them around. Tony makes quite a trip to come to our meetings, as he has to travel about 55 miles to make it. I would say that is another first for the WARREN CHAPTER. George lives in and around Youngstown and if he's not working, rain, snow or moonshine won't stop him. Along with this, their better halves are very nice and their presence is enlightening when they attend our social gath-

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Miami Valley Chapter News And Dayton Fly-ings

By Vic Landis, F-329

The Miami Valley Chapter Christmas party on December 20 for the kiddies went off in great style. Some 50 members, their wives and children were in attendance. Refreshments were served, along with presents for the kiddies and special movies for the youngsters—as well as all movies taken of our prior meetings and parties.

The kiddies really got a bang out of the professional Santa we had to disperse the gifts and entertain them.—also to take their requests for Christmas gifts. The feature and main event was when Leo Monnin sat on Santa's lap and told him of his wishes for Christmas. Haven't checked with Leo to find out if he received the gifts.

Hats Off Dept.—to Bill Washburn and the wonderful job he is doing as our president. Bill has really been going all out and securing new members. Bill fathered the inter-chapter meeting at Cutters Chalet in Fort Wayne, where a wonderful time was had by all that attended.

Cheers to our distant members—Leo Schneider, of Memphis, Tenn. and Jake Glenn, of Knoxville, Tenn. Also new member Don Himes. A special tip of the hat to Ed and Marge Fink, for the fine job they have been doing with the secretary-treasurer office and the keeping of the books.

Our drawing for the \$100 was really a success and we are going to stage two more before reunion time. This seems to be the best method to help our bank account to grow and we are doing just that. Cheers to all other chapters and our national officers. More Anon.

All these pictures were taken at the Tri-state meeting at Cutters Chalet in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. All are Miami Valley Chapter members.



Robert Hedger enjoying a big juicy steak at Cutters Chalet.

Heir Conditioned

On the cold, stormy, windy night of January 26, the stork paid a visit to the home of Ralph and Jean Neppel and left with them a baby girl, appropriately named—Gail.

The cute little gal weighed in at 7 lb. 4 oz., and rounds out the Neppel family at two boys and two girls.

Ralph says his 83rd training comes in very handy at a time like this, when he has to be father, mother, cook, butler, laundress and what have you.

So congratulations are in order for Ralph and Jean Neppel on the birth of their daughter, Gail Jean.

Her pink, rosy cheeks and dark brown hair

Are something to behold

She is the end of our rainbow

Our little pot of gold

She's the answer to our fervent prayers

With little bother or fuss

And within our hearts we both agree

God has been good to us.



Left to right, Del Rinehart's hands, Pearl Rinehart, Leo Monnin, Mrs. Monnin, Leo Boyd, Mrs. (Boots) Boyd and Denver Hilton.



Left to right, Bill Washburn, Leo Boyd and Claire Washburn.

Indiana Chapter News

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tending from the Hoosier state were the Ledgers, Montgomerys, Nartkers, Owens, Robinettes, Smiths, Sorokos and the Walkers. If I have omitted anyone, I'll accept 30 lashes with a wet noodle.

This brings us to December and the annual dinner and dance covered above. So now we say goodbye old year and welcome in the new.

Leading off for 1960 was the regularly scheduled meeting held on Jan. 8 at the Forty and Eighth Chateau. Two new faces joined our midst, Matthew Brumbach and Edward Crow. Welcome fellows and plan to be with us on the second Friday of each month. Others answering roll call were as follows:

Dick Ammon, Walt Edwards, Joe Lowry, John Raikos, John Robinette, Ned Smith, John Soroko, Murray Therber and John Walker.

LaVerne Ammons, Mary Raikos, Gay Robinette and Dot Soroko were our visitors this time. Come back more often girls, we enjoyed having you.

It was a very good meeting this time and much was accomplished in lining up coming events of the year. Committees were appointed to select a hall where we can hold a dance, probably during the month of April. It was also decided to hold Spirit's Raffle. The president, John Robinette, stressed the fact that all the chapter members must pay their national dues. No pay, no Thunderbolt! You are really missing something should that be the case. Hats off to the National Secretary, Harry Lockwood, for getting out that last issue. It was a bang-up job and we know there will be many more just like it. During the coming months our fellows will be busy recruiting members for our chapter as well as the National Association. If necessary, we will pair off and go knocking on doors to get new members. It may be that we will enlist the aid of our wives and have them become "door knocking dollies"! We feel that by a personal contact we can add many new names to the roster.

Start your plans now to attend the national reunion to be held in Boston this year.

Time to smile!

Scap Opera, 1959 version:

"Mabel, run to me, darling."

"No, John, I'll walk."

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"No, John, I'll walk."

Announcer: "Tune in tomorrow to see whether Mabel runs or walks to her John."

DUES IS DUE
— Just A Reminder —



Seated, left to right, John Walker, Murray Therber, Ned Smith, Dot Soroko, John Soroko, Joe Lowry and Walt Edwards. Standing, John Robinette and the newlyweds, LaVerne and Dick Ammon. Photo by Gay Robinette.



Front row: John Walker, Matthew Brumbach, Edward Crow. Second row: Walt Edwards, John Raikos, Joe Lowry, Ned Smith. Standing: Murray Therber, Dick Ammon, John Soroko and John Robinette.



A big tree and a big sign pointed the way to the Indiana Chapter picnic.

Philadelphia Annual Banquet A Smashing Success

By Dave Rosenberg, B F 331

You are there, it is Saturday, January 9, 1960, you want to be early and so at 7 p.m. you are at Palumbo's famous restaurant, one of Philadelphia's famous night spots. The Philadelphia Chapter is holding its annual banquet and from past experiences you know that this will be a memorable night. But bless me, no one expected the huge



turnout. From seven on the folks from near and far gathered, all resplendent in their finest garb, each of the female "Thunderbolts" as pretty as a picture. As we wend our way past the cloakroom we are greeted by Joe Ponzio and his lovely wife, Olive. The men are given the hearty handshake and the welcome greeting and then turn to the bar where all old friends meet and drink to the coming year. The women are tendered beautiful corsages and they too search out old friends. It was just like a national convention turnout, and before long there are as many people present as have graced some of our national reunions. In fact we had to turn away some 25 guests. Sad to relate their wasn't any room for them. In fact some of the late comers had to sit at the bar and be served their meal and watch the floor show from that vantage spot. Even after two extra tables were crowded onto the already packed floor, we had to stop selling tickets. The New York and New Jersey contingent were there led by Harry and Fern Lockwood. From Boston came five representatives including National President Charles Abdinor. From Minersville, Pa., came "Reggy" Reginius and his charming wife, Helena. In fact, "Reggy" and Helena held court at the bar and Reggy an outstanding member of the bar, couldn't be budged and graciously permitted other folks to take seats held for him and his wife.

When the seating problem was overcome, the Palumbo management did their best to atone for the slight delay. A sumptuous dinner, tasty and delicious was served. The good food and fine drinks worked magic. The assembled Philadelphia Thunderbolts and their guests became a wonderful audience as the old officers of the Philadelphia Chapter were lauded and the new officers were installed. Outgoing President Ed Paulino made a wonderful speech praising his fellow officers and turned

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A Report From Your National Director of Publicity

By Vic Landis, F-329

Am glad to report that publicity on the national scale is on the increase and the outlet for the future is very bright. We cannot let up, even for one week—as articles and notices must be constantly placed in all sections of the country. It is very much like advertising—keep the product before the public.

May I elucidate—millions of releases—(yes, I mean millions) must be placed in order to reach a few thousand former members of the 83rd. Sounds impossible, but it is very simple. One paper with a circulation of 100,000 means the same number of notices. Ten papers of that type means one million notices in different homes. However, on the day it is printed, a former member has to read that one paper and the odds are against it.

Fellow members of the 83rd, the above reasons why we all must send in a notice of our search for former members of the 83rd. Even if a notice is placed many times in the same paper, it increases the chances of one of our buddies reading the article.

So, old buddies, and again I repeat, mail in a notice to all papers in your section of the country, giving the site and date of our reunion in Boston with Harry Lockwood as the man to contact. I am asking every member upon reading this, to look in the mirror and ask himself: "Have I done anything to secure new member?"

News About New And Old Members

George Hallenstein, A-330, is now a member of the police force in the city of Springfield, Mass.

It. Col. Rupert G. Macpherson, USAR, is vice-president in charge of sales for the Babe-Tenda Corp., Metropolis, Ill. Rupert lives in Paducah, Ky., and was with division artillery. Babe-Tenda makes safety chairs, safety cribs and strollers, etc.

Emil Wehling says: M/Sgt. Rudy P. Pappas, formerly 329 and 331 Medics, marks the 30th anniversary of his Army career on April 30 of this year. Congratulations are in order for Rudy and for those of you who may know him, here is his address.

M/Sgt. Rupert P. Pappas
Commission on Influenza
c/o U. S. Army Hospital
Fort Ord, California

Definition of Mixed Emotions

A man who watches his mother-in-law drive his brand new Cadillac over a cliff.

New Jersey Chapter News

Nick Esposito, B-331

Since my last article, the boys of the New Jersey Chapter took it easy. On December 5th we went to Frank Dailey's Meadowbrook, which features a New York stage play, along with your dining and dancing.

This particular evening there was a showing of the famous play "Plain and Fancy", and we all agreed we had a wonderful time until the waiter brought the check. Have you ever seen anyone's blood rush from his face and that person turn white; well, multiply that by eight and you will have a vision of the fearless boys of the New Jersey Chapter. All because of a little old bill.

After being revived (some time later) old money bags Bielen politely said "THIS IS ON ME". This was too much for us and away we scooted leaving Stanley and his wife with the tab. As far as we know Stan may still be at the Meadowbrook. (Ed. Note — We bailed Stan out by chipping in.)

Then came the Christmas holidays and each of us was busy with the mailing and receiving of greeting cards. We wish to thank all of you, near and far for your thoughtfulness and especially our old friend, Ed. Hering, way out in California. Ed, this is a personal to you; How about a little more detail when writing again or better yet, how about you writing a column for the New Jersey Chapter? After all, you're still one of us.

In the evening of Saturday, January 9, four carloads of us journeyed to Philadelphia to attend the Annual Banquet and Dance sponsored by the Philadelphia Chapter. I must congratulate those boys for the wonderful turnout they had. Every seat was occupied and then some. We Jerseyans managed to keep together some how. That floor show was terrific and any time the midget is on the bill, we'll be there. "Pop Jennings" came down from Providence and spent a couple of days with the Lockwoods and accompanied us to Philly.

It has come to my attention that Manny Epstein spent two weeks in Florida, returned home to pick up some more money and headed for California, from where, if the urge strikes him, he will fly to the Hawaiian Islands to get a first hand impression of the land of Poi and Hula. Manny recently returned from Europe. Mr. Epstein is the proprietor of an exclusive men's haberdashery in Cedarhurst, Long Island, N. Y. and says, the reason for these trips is to look over the material and styles for the latest in merchandise. But Manny is still a bachelor and we're wondering if there is another reason in-

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Cleveland Chit-Chat

By Casey Kowalec—322 FA

Most of us here, in this area, have been victims of the Flu Bug, thanks to the proper "Whiskey treatment" we have managed to keep the ball rolling and, at the present time, the situation in the Cleveland Chapter is well in hand.



As a last fling before ending the year 1959, we held our annual raffle and Christmas party With Walter Meczka in charge, and with the splendid effort of all the members in selling tickets, it was one of the most successful ever. Chet Czeck, once again, was our top ticket seller and the following people were the prize winners:

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Mary Poszawan, first prize; George Fox, second prize; M. Karpowicz, third prize; Al Conley, fourth prize, and Alex Zalewski, fifth prize.

Our thanks to all the chapters in the association for their help in making it the success it was.

The Christmas party was also a huge success and one that will be remembered by all who attended. There were gifts for the ladies and the food served by Ray Voracek had everyone saying "I ATE TOO MUCH". The liquid refreshments, of course, put everyone in a gay holiday mood as the following pictures will indicate.

We ushered in the New Year with a Little Alfie show, which was quite something and had the assemblage rolling in the aisles. "Alfie" will remain anonymous for obvious reasons. Ted Karageorge and his wife were unable to attend and they not only missed a good show but we missed them. They were involved in an auto accident shortly before and although not seriously hurt, were badly shaken up. At last report they were doing fine and, because they are such nice people, we are happy for them.

Carrying on into the new year we drove to Warren, Ohio for our annual bowling match, with the Warren Chapter, and beat the POP CORN bowlers by 11 pins. (Editor's note: Warren says it was only eight pins).

That brings the trophy of "The Square Bowling Ball" back to Cleveland C.P. and entitles Warren to a return

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About Boston

Millions of Americans (everyone in Boston) affectionately refer to Boston, Massachusetts, as the "Athens of America." This enviable reputation as the seat of America's culture is as natural as beans and brown bread in Boston, where the first public school in the country was founded in 1635, and where today can be found the world's greatest concentration of colleges and universities.

Tourists from the world over make the capital of Massachusetts their objective in order that they may visit some of the oldest and most esteemed institutions of higher learning in the world. Harvard University with its traditions and magnificent setting in Cambridge is Boston's representation in the Ivy League, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, fondly called "Tech" by thousands of its graduates, are both located just a few minutes by subway from downtown Boston.

Boston University, Boston College, Northeastern, Simmons and Emmanuel are all located in Boston proper as well as dozens of smaller schools.

Boston's museums are second to none in the dissemination of knowledge of the fine arts. The Museum of Fine Arts houses important collections of Egyptian, Greek, Roman and Near Eastern art as well as priceless collections of silver, tapestries and porcelains.

Because Boston is known as the "City of Yesterday and Tomorrow," the Museum of Science is of particular interest to visitors as they marvel at the world of science.

A new concept of Boston's cultural heritage is the outstanding Arts Festival which is staged each spring in the Boston Public Garden. Painting, sculpture, drama and music are enjoyed in this magnificent outdoor setting by growing thousands of visitors to the "Hub" each year.

Visitors to "The Hub" will enjoy the "Pops" Concerts of the world renowned Boston Symphony Orchestra and the summertime Esplanade Concerts in the Hatch Memorial Shell on the banks of the Charles River. Information about the programs of the Boston Symphony and all of the attractions of Boston is available through the Boston Convention and Tourist Bureau.

A large share of Boston hospitality and an outstanding program of events to suit all tastes awaits the thousands of visitors to New England's largest city during this wonderful season of the year.

PLAN AHEAD FOR THE REUNION IN BOSTON



Statue of the "MINUTE MAN" located on the Battle Green in Historic Lexington, Massachusetts. On this site on April 19, 1775, the Lexington Minute Men under Captain Parker their fire obeying that immortal command, "Stand your ground, don't fire unless fired upon, but if they mean to have a war let it begin here."



Everyone who visits "OLD IRONSIDES" in the Charlestown Navy Yard in Boston takes a souvenir snapshot of the old frigate. The sailing ship has been restored to its exact condition when it fought so nobly in the War of 1812. The recently restored steeple of Boston's



BUNKER HILL MONUMENT — The Bunker Hill Monument in Charlestown, Mass., where General George Putnam gave the command on July 12, 1775, "Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes." This 220-foot monument was completed in 1842 to commemorate the historic battle of the American Revolution.

Greater Boston Chapter News

By Nick Francullo—3rd Bn. 330

At our meeting, at the Hotel Statler, on December 5, we talked over plans for the coming reunion, and although the turnout was small, a lot was accomplished.

We were supposed to have an election of officers but this was put off until next month due to the small turnout.

After the meeting we showed a movie of the 83rd in action, which proved to be very interesting.



Mr. and Mrs. Sylvio Allard were guests of honor at

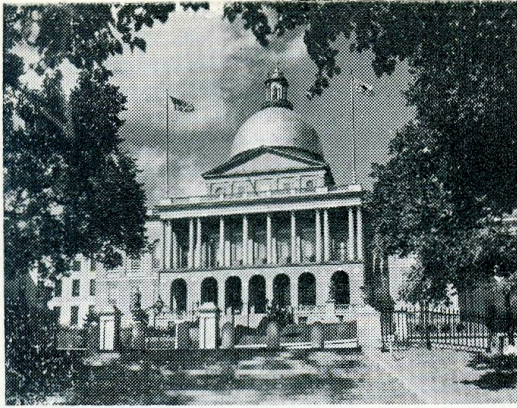
a banquet commemorating their 25th wedding anniversary and following is a detailed account of the affair. As you notice, Charlie Abdinoor was master of ceremonies for the evening and, I might say, he did a wonderful job. Chuck does a wonderful job at everything he undertakes; a good example of that is the job he is doing as president of our association and to say we are very proud to be associated with Charlie is putting is very mildly. Pat and Ginny DiGiammerino were present at the affair and Pat was his usual quiet, reserved self. Pat doesn't say very much but you know that he'll be in there pitching if the going gets tough and that little something extra is needed.

A note of sorrow was added to our chapter by the passing of Manny Martin's dad, who went to his eternal reward shortly before the holiday season. Our deepest sympathy was extended to Manny on a visit we paid him right after the new year.

While there we hashed out a few details about the reunion after which we got a good look at the new wall oven Manny gave his wife Adeline for Christmas. Adeline's only complaint is that there are so many dials that she's thinking seriously of taking a course in electronics to offset the possibility of eating burnt chow, and, of course, Joy (the dog) doesn't like burnt food either.

On yes, the Minny Pearl of Greater Boston Chapter (Mary Francullo) had a birthday on January 10. Mary will not reveal her age but her kicks do not have the power and momentum of the past which means that she must be slowing down.

Fourteen years ago Mary and I sold pencils on the street corner to get the two bucks for the marriage license. Since then we have been sharing everything and after 14 happy years we still have the first two bucks we ever made but we've spent everything in between. So come February 23, happy anniver-



The magnificent gold-domed capitol of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is located on Boston's Beacon Hill overlooking the famed Boston Common and Public Garden. This imposing structure is the work of the famed architect, Charles Bulfinch, and was occupied for the first time on January 11, 1778. The dome was covered with gold leaf for the first time in 1874 and has been re-gilded six times, the last time in 1947 at a cost of \$12,480.



"OLD NORTH CHURCH" towers above the lifelike statue of that famous patriot, Paul Revere. It was here, on April 18, 1775, that "The signal lanterns of Paul Revere warned the country of the march of the British troops to Lexington and Concord." The "Old North Church" is a favorite stopping place along Boston's famous Freedom Trail which takes visitors to Boston on a systematic walking tour of the city's many historic shrines. The original steeple was felled by hurricane "Carol" in 1954. The present steeple was rebuilt from funds provided by school children, civic, religious and historical organizations throughout America and was dedicated on October 12, 1955.

sary, darling, I'm so glad you asked me to marry you.

A bit of sadness entered the Francullo household on Christmas eve when
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Following is a facsimile of a program set up by Bill Ferguson for a Valentine's Day party at the Fort Wayne Officer's Club. Rather interesting.

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Hq. MDC 83rd Inf. Div. Assn.
Allen Park (98764325)
211000 January 1960
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Operation Order 1

References: Maps, United States,
Sheet 1348, Detroit

I. Situation

a. Enemy Forces

1. The Enemy: cold weather blues, after holiday let-down, old age, veteranitus, and water fission are firmly entrenched in our area.

2. These enemies are capable of creating mass depression and causing extreme doldrums.

b. Friendly Forces

1. The Metropolitan Detroit Chapter

- a. It's officers
- b. It's men
- c. Their wives

II. Mission

The members of this unit will proceed to the banks of the Detroit River to defeat the enemy forces in our zone.

III. Execution

a. Concept of Operation: The MDC of the 83rd Inf. Div. Assn. will proceed to the Detroit River with all available elements in a column of two by organic transportation over assigned routes of advance. The big guns of the chapter will furnish support.

b. All members will dress their wives and try and keep her quiet during the advance to our positions on the river bank.

c. Chapter Reserve will be those unfortunate soldiers who cannot join this attack.

d. Coordination Instructions: All personnel will move out from present positions so as to arrive at Fort Wayne (687 63936) (6301 West Jefferson) prior to (1730) 14 Feb 1960.

IV. Administration and Logistics

a. Great losses of spirits and beef-steak through abnormal consumption is expected.

b. Supplies are considered adequate.

c. The big guns will be loaded.

d. Members participating in the operation must wear their ties and coats.

e. Every effort will be made to control the individual cost of this operation and keep it consistent with a poor man's income.

f. Drinks during the Happy Hour are 25 cents and steaks are \$3.

g. Reservations will be taken at our meeting 2 Feb 1960.

V. Command and Signal

a. Direct telephone communication is authorized with hqs. Call Ke. 21071.

b. C.P. will be on the river's bank.

Acknowledge

W. Ferguson, F-329, in charge
Operation "Valentine Day"
S. Benson, President

Official:

El Toro

The Bull

Distribution:

1 each member

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Detroit Chapter News

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How's this for perserverance. After trying for 15 years to locate one of my old G-329 buddies, I finally hit the jackpot and located Eugene Soro, who is safely enseconsed at 79 Mill St., Newburgh, N. Y. Perhaps a lot of you remember him, 2nd platoon, 2nd squad, then company runner and radio man. I'm sure he would like to hear from you, men of G-329.

Also, I received a letter from Albert (Buzz) Buzzini informing me that he had quit his job with the city and started back to college in June, last, to get a BS degree in education. He got sick in November from his wounds during the war and went back to the V.A. Hospital. Received seven pints of blood to recover from a major operation. At the time of his letter he was at home but expected to return to the hospital for a checkup in January. He says he felt a little weak but is sure that he'll go back in the groove by February when he plans to return to school.

Note to Vic Landis: Information comes to me that the rooms in Dayton are cheaper because they don't give you much for your money. Also that the refrigerators make so much noise that they have to be removed, by request of the tenants, necessitating getting ice cubes from other sources or drinking warm highballs. And, of course, the suite is only half the size and with a dozen people in the room, you're rubbing elbows with each other. One consolation in that is that you're rubbing elbows with the nicest people in the world.



Our Great Clown and Santa Claus.

Annual Banquet Sidelight

A special vote of thanks must be given to the Philadelphia committee for their fine work in managing the huge undertaking the banquet entailed. Led by President Ed Paulino, Sam Aiello at the ticket desk, Joe Ponzio at "The Firing Line", and Al Belvedere as the reserve shock troops, all the men pitched in and did a wonderful job. Many, many thanks to them.

Did you notice the new hair-do that Mary McGrogan has?? Wow, she looked like a debutante from the main line and really shown.

Of course, Ruth Paulino, she of the Svelte Glamorous Figure, glowed and exuded warmth and friendliness from all sides. It is no small wonder that all the men gravitate to her like a magnet.

The quiet beauty that Lucy Volpi has about her makes one more and more conscious of her well-bred charm and pleasantness. A most gracious lady and a welcome addition to any party.

Speaking of beauties, Ann Belvedere was rewarded by many an ogling from the male sex. Some of the strangers thought for sure she was a show girl and would appear on the stage.

Sam Aiello's two beautiful daughters were present, but we can see where they get their good looks. Vi Aiello is a dazzling girl, and still has enough pep to spare for all.

When it comes to out and out friendliness, beautiful Helena Reginius is tops. Her pleasant disposition and ability to mix must help Reggy out tremendously.

Larry Redmond and his wife, Mary, were tendered a warm welcome and much applause when they were introduced. We all know the hard work Larry has performed and admire that he cared enough to leave his sick bed, even though still not fully recovered, to be with us this evening.

It was good to see the Skerbetz with us. Bill and Pam always help make an affair a success. Good humor, good cheer and friendliness are their trade mark.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Logue and their friends enjoyed their evening out, and the Philadelphia Chapter boys were glad to see the "Logues" and hope to see them at all future affairs.

Big gun John Piscitelli and his wife, Josie, were surrounded by their family and they had a high time. John surprised everyone, remaining quite sedate and calm throughout the entire evening.

Walt Sammler despite his run in with Jackie Leonard emerged unscathed and buoyed up with the stuff that cheers took some fine motion pictures that will make good showing some day.

Al Belvedere's speech of acceptance revealed his fine spirit. His pledge to carry on the fine work of his predecessors will be no empty pledge. Al has

been one of the hardest working Thunderbolts in the Philadelphia Chapter and we know that he will countenance nothing but success in all that he undertakes.

No one looks more distinguished than Frank McGrogan in a homburg. Frank looks like an ambassador when he puts on his homburg. Nevertheless Frank has the common touch that makes him one of the most popular Philadelphia Thunderbolts.

Co. G-331 News

Men of G Company: our National Secretary has just sent me some startling news. For the FIRST time in many years another company is beating our time in paid up members.

Company F, 329, led by that personable dynamo, Vic Landis, has 28 paid up members, compared to 25 for us, and 20 for Division Headquarters. (Ed. note—It is now 30 for Co. F.)

We had better get to work or we'll have to pay for our own booze, perish the thought.

In the past, there have been several good workers in Co. G, Captain Macaluso, Bob Piette, Mike Mizerock, Bill Bogacz and a few others. Now we need more help. Each of us has a company roster, let's use it and contact a few likely suspects. Don Schwartz, you are always a fireball at the reunions, let's try to use some of that dynamic personality for getting some of the boys in line, membership-wise. Kate Pangle, use some of your feminine charm on Loyal; Singleton, get your first platoon in line; Gaynor, as a first sergeant you were great, get off the big duff and bring your boys in from the hot sun; Costanzo, if you don't start soon, I'll send Guarneri and Wesley to Pittsburgh to see you.

Add the following new names and addresses to the roster:

Joseph Kuzma
47 East 28th St.
Bayonne, N. J.
Louis Tirone
134 Marion St.
East Boston, Mass.
Gilbert Simons
1627 Riverdale Road, S.E.
Roanoke, Virginia
Alvin Woods
Route 2
Woodbury, Tennessee

It was certainly nice to hear from Joe Kuzma after all these years. Send in your \$4.00 dues Joe and join the crowd. And that applies to the rest of you G-331 men. Our backs are against the wall men, we are about to be dethroned; let's not let that happen.

Special note to Vic Landis: Congratulations Vic on breezing past G-331 but don't drink the booze yet. We've just begun to fight.

— Lee Titus

Philadelphia Annual Banquet A Smashing Success

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the gavel over to our new president, Al Belvedere, who in turn thanked the men for their faith in him, introduced his fellow officers and pledged to make the coming year a fine one. President Ed Paulino was awarded a beautiful plaque commemorating his term in office and extolling him for the exemplary work he accomplished the past year. National President Charles Abdinoor expressed his pleasure at being present and wished everyone to come to the Boston reunion in August. The national reunion in Boston promises to be one that we will all remember. The Boston Chapter is hard at work and already have a program that will please all.

After the installation of the new officers everyone sat back and were treated to a floor show that topped anything given before. Nationally famous comedian Jackie Leonard was at his insulting best, and despite a slight interruption from Walt Sammler, went on to have everyone in stitches.

Dancing and more pleasantries followed to the small hours of the morning. Everyone went home saying it was the greatest affair, and promised to make each succeeding Philadelphia Chapter affair a must.

An Apology

We of the Philadelphia Chapter, sincerely want to apologize for any inconvenience we may have incurred to our invited guests at the annual banquet. We never thought that so many of you fine people would attend. We had seats for 200 people but when the late comers came we were swamped. Unfortunately it was the out-of-towners who suffered.

We especially want to beg forgiveness from the Espositos and the Benicks. These wonderful people coming from N.J. & N.Y., brought with them friends but alack and alas they came a bit too late and all the seats were taken. We were hurt because in fair weather and foul these fine people have come to our annual banquets. We assure them come what may the finest seats in the house will be theirs at all future affairs.

A Report From Larry Redmond, 330

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year's dues for a former buddy and make him a member. Remember men, this is your association, be proud of it, help it grow.

Again, fellows, thank you very much on behalf of the executive committee. I know the National Officers are equally proud of you for the support you have given them. We hope that by the time

we go to Boston for the reunion, in August, our membership will have reached an all-time high and with your continued help I am sure that we can do it.

Miami Valley Chapter



Del Rinehart and Ray Philpot.

Indiana Chapter



Pass the chicken and the "jug".

Cleveland Chapter



Singing Christmas Carols

Warren Chapter News

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erings. I think the above two men deserve a full vote of thanks for the confidence that they show in the Chapter and the Association. It takes men with this caliber and interest to keep a chapter and the association stronger. Keep it up men!

Now back to reporting.

A New Year party was held in the clubrooms and Dick Kelly was the chairman. There was plenty of high powered stuff and all had a good time. Our annual kiddies party at Christmas was most successful and the youngsters went away very happy and still believing in Santa Claus. Our mission accomplished. Total cost for the goodies was \$106 to the chapter. Celebrated our annual anniversary dinner. Had plenty of steak and side dishes. Adorned the ladies with corsages, later we went to a local night club to wine the better halves, and I may say all had a very good time, especially Lee and Bertie Titus. The modern day beatniks have nothing on these two after their rollicking performance on the dance floor. It lasted about 15 minutes and all Lee could say when he sat down was "the old gray mare ain't what she used to be and I'll take combat anytime".

The card games are still going on every Wednesday and Phillipone and Pankovich and Russ is winning all the money, even if Cap does shuffle the cards and does Charley Russ out of a pot. Strictly unintentional, old buddy. All the golfers are waiting for the warm weather to show up and talking about getting out and playing a few rounds. This sounds fine too. Well, from all of us here at the Warren Chapter to the rest of the association, our regards, and if you're ever in our area, drop around to see us. We are listed in the phone directory as the Warren 83rd. And to John Teringo, of Goshen Union, our current president, how's the special committee making out? Se La Gare.

—John Caparanis, Co. B, 331

Obituary

Men of C-330 ATTENTION

Just received word that one of your former buddies passed away.

Former Tech/Sgt. Oscar E. Cover, of Brookfield, Ohio, died in Sharon General Hospital, on January 18, 1960, after several months illness.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Charlotte L. Cover (Mrs. Oscar E.) on the loss of her husband, and our buddy and we know that each time the roll is called in that CELESTIAL LODGE ON HIGH our former buddy will make his presence known and whatever duties may come his way they will not find him wanting.

To Oscar we say, rest in peace old buddy, we'll see you sometime in the future.

A Little of This and That

Earl Holstrom, C-308 Eng. went back over part of our old "stamping ground" and returned recently.

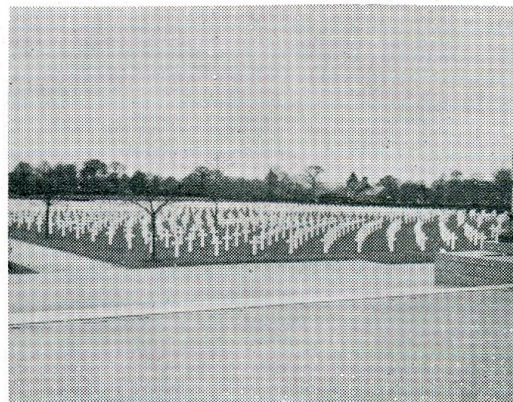
He states that most of it has been rebuilt and that there is little to indicate that at one time all HELL broke loose there and it would hardly be recognized by those who last remembered it as a devastated area.

He was very much impressed by the care taken of the graves of those of our buddies who were less fortunate than we.

The following prints are by the courtesy of Earl and Thunderbolt extends its thanks for his thoughtfulness.



Entrance to St. James.



The cemetery at St. James.



The only emplacement I seen left on the beach.

Warren Chapter Auxiliary News

By Helen Caparanis (Mrs. John)

With the passing of the old year, we can look back on the series of successful activities. The parties and picnics are always something to look forward to. The holiday season is always in full swing. Our Christmas banquet honoring the Warren Chapter and its fine group ensemble was held at the Astoria, an elite place with its modern surroundings and high class atmosphere. Main speakers at the dinner were as follows:

Mrs. Charles Russ, president of the Auxiliary; Joseph Nuzzi, vice-president of the men's group and acting president in the absence of John Teringo, president.

Main topic of conversation from the speakers table, each showering compliments on accomplishments for the past year.

The male sex of the chapter responded by presenting the ladies present with a lovely corsage, which is one way to a woman's heart, for the start of an enjoyable evening.

Monthly meetings are still a must with us and we have come up with a new slate of officers for the coming year 1960:

President, Bertie Titus; vice-president, Dimps Minotti; secretary, Angie Philipone, and treasurer, Elizabeth Skovran.

After election of officers — a light luncheon was served and then we were entertained by the newest in film entitled, "Arts and Talent". The girls were quite amazed and in the happiest frame of mind as they observed some of the scenes. And in closing our sincerest thanks to the past officers for a job well done.

Metropolitan Detroit Chapter

On Sunday, December 20, 1959, our chapter held its first annual Christmas party and Christmas spirits drawing. Both events were very successful, socially as well as financially. Everyone that attended the party had a wonderful time and it was a great pleasure to welcome some new Thunderbolts in our midst. For your information the list of winners in the spirits drawing follows:

1st—C. Gettel, 1325 Broadway, Detroit; 2nd—Jack Drapkin, 18509 Snowden, Detroit, and 3rd—Jerry Zukowski, 14936 Lappin, Detroit.

It is my privilege to extend the thanks of our chapter as well as my personal thanks for the efforts you put forth in our behalf for our Christmas spirits drawing. Because of the spirit of helpfulness displayed by Thunderbolts such as yourself, our raffle realized a profit beyond our fondest dreams.

—Edward Zerucha, F-329
Raffle Chairman

Greater Boston Chapter News

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we discovered that our Cocker Spaniel dog, To-Too, had been poisoned. To-Too was with us for nine years and had become one of the family. The place doesn't seem the same anymore.

All you 83rders, and especially those in the vicinity of Boston and the New England states, make your plans to attend the reunion at the Hotel Statler in August. Let's make this the biggest and best reunion yet. We'll be looking for you.

On January 9, Chuck Abdinoor, Pat DiGiammerino, Sylvio Allard and yours truly took a drive to Philadelphia to attend the annual banquet and dance put on by the Philadelphia Chapter. We had a grand time and were very happy to see so many of the gang that we see at the reunions each year. It was good to see our fellow chapter member and buddy, Earl Jennings, who came down with the Lockwoods and Espositos. It pays to be nice to everybody, you never know where you'll meet. Our thanks to Frank and Mary McGrogan for putting us up for the night and to all the gang in Philadelphia for the very nice evening we had.

Co. F, 329 News & Sidlights

By Vic Landis, F-329

Will begin this little article with a special note to Lee Titus. In regards to the oomph and determination that we of Co. F, 329 are supposed to lack—let me enlighten you. Before the year is gone, you and Co. G, 331, will have had your fill of both these qualities from the best damn unit in the 83rd—namely, F-329. We will let the box score in the Thunderbolt speak for itself.

Note to Ed Labus: sorry old buddy for not including you in our Co. F, 329, bachelors' club. Vic Landis and Hank Golembiewski do welcome you with open arms. Every year we have a fight on our hands and all F 329 members want to marry us off. Now we have some help.

Sorry to hear that Arlene Nickell has been ill and under a doctor's care for the past two months. Bill called me the other day and we had quite a phone conversation. Bill and Arlene never miss a reunion. A tip of the hat to two wonderful people and their children.

Cheers to all of the Co. F 329 men who paid their dues. All will be listed in another spot on these pages. If each of our new members will contact one buddy and bring him into the fold, Co. F would run away from the field. Let us all give it a try.

As usual, at the coming reunion in Boston, the Landis suite and the F-329 C.P. will be open to all. Will loan it to G-331 for a one hour crying period when they find out how far they are behind us.



Charles Abdinoor, Sylvio F. Allard,
Irene Allard, Bernice Abdinoor

25th Wedding Anniversary For Sylvio and Irene Allard

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvio F. Allard, of 68 South Main Street, Gardner, Mass., were honored at a 25th wedding anniversary party held last December. More than 250 friends and relatives of the couple enjoyed a fine program arranged by Mrs. Viola Patch, sister of Mr. Allard. The master of ceremonies for the evening was Charles Abdinoor, of Dracut, Mass., president of the 83rd Division Association of which Mr. Allard is a member.

Mrs. Allard was presented a corsage by Mrs. Patch and Mr. Allard received a boutonniere from Mrs. Amy Allard. The couple was presented 25 silver dollars, a purse, numerous gifts and congratulatory messages.

Mr. and Mrs. Allard were married in Holy Rosary Church December 29, 1934, by the late Rev. Fr. Powers. They are the parents of a son, Richard, 16, a junior at Notre Dame High School, and a daughter, Arlene, who is five. Mr. Allard is part owner of A. M. Distributors which distributes Made-Rite Potato Chips in Worcester county. He is also a member of the VFW and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

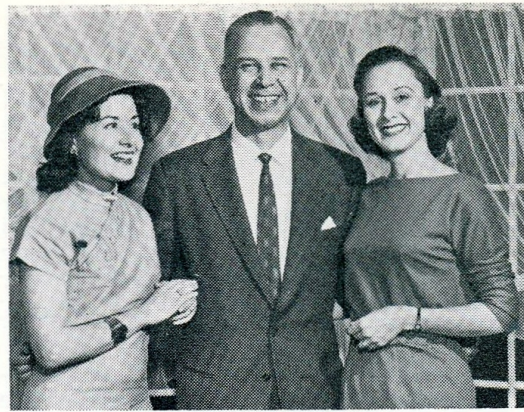
Music for the occasion was provided by Ziggy Wagner. Guests from Gardner, Templeton, Baldwinville, Winchendon, Westminster, Fitchburg, Leominster, Dracut, Lynn, Worcester and North Brookfield attended the celebration.

Mrs. Lucy St. Lawrence was in charge of the buffet lunch.

Knick-Knacks

(Editor's note: The following was sent to me too late to be printed in the last Thunderbolt, so I give it to you now for what it's worth.)

What a swell world this would be
If we'd follow the golden rule
That says "Do unto others
As you'd have others do unto Yule".



CARLTON H. RUSSOW, formerly a staff sergeant at Headquarters Company, 83rd Infantry Division, during World War II, stands between his wife, Mercedes, named "Mrs. New York State" of 1959, and "Mrs. America of 1959", Mrs. Helen Giesse, of Ohio. Division men will remember Mercedes as a singer with the division band in 1943-44. She represented New York State in the "Mrs. America" finals last May. She won the National Music Contest Essay prize, which was an electronic organ.

Carl is now secretary-asst. treasurer of R. C. Neal Co., distributors of industrial supplies and is a licensed real estate agent in his spare time. They have three lovely daughters, Tamara, 12, a blond; Narda, 8 and a half, brunette, and Carla, six, bronze-haired. As of last July 1, they reside at 93 Sherwood Avenue, Hamburg, N. Y.

The following was sent in by Ed Paulino, C-322, FA. at present Poet Laureate of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter.

DO YOU JUST BELONG?

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock?
Or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?
Do you ever go and visit a member who is sick?
Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique?
Come to meetings often and help with hand and heart
Don't be just a member, take an active part
Think this over member, you know right from wrong
Are you an active member, or "Do You Just Belong"?

— Ed. Paulino, C-322

**PLEASE PAY DUES
NOW !!**

Cleveland Chit-Chat

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match at some time in the future. Will report the outcome of the return match in the next issued of the Thunderbolt.

Our hearty thanks to the gang from Warren, and their ladies auxiliary, for their wonderful hospitality. The food was excellent and Joe Nuzzi and Sons made sure that our glasses were never empty. Bartenders may come bigger than Joe but none come better.

With plans being made for the Boston convention, all our members are selling "50" star flags to help finance the trip. Thinking very seriously of selling the "48s" at half price. Come Hell or High water, we'll be in Boston in August.

Speaking of conventions; the wheels have been put in motion for the 1961 reunion here in Cleveland. A program has been set up and the hotel has been booked, but more about that as time progresses.

We're all getting on President Charlie Abdinoor's bandwagon for his Buddy program and look for big things along those lines, so that the Boston reunion, and other reunions to follow, will have huge turnouts.

See you in the next issue.



Casey and Eleanor Szubski,
Mary Rosolowski



Singing Christmas Carols

New Jersey Chapter News

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Involved. Just a thought. Pleasant journey, buddy, wish we could go with you.

Our little group meets at the Benda-Roehrich VFW Post in Garfield, N. J. on the third Friday of each month. We are looking for a good turnout at the next meeting on March 18 and all former 83rd men in the neighborhood are invited to attend. Refreshments are always in order and we get a big bang out of talking about old times and many other things that come up during the course of the evening. Among those we hope to see are Vito Lascari, if he can get away from his trucking business and the firehouse long enough! Johnnie Di Nicola, that fiery little dynamo from Delawanna, N. J.; Andy Socha, our baseball star; Sam Galati, of Brooklyn, copilot for Dave Benick. I know that Emil Wehling, Bob Walsh and "Stash" Bielen will be there and Joe De Peri makes it when he can. The rest of you, shame on you for 10 days.

Last, but not least, I am raising my weak voice in protest to the editor, Harry Lockwood. I have read the last two issues of Thunderbolt from cover to cover, like all of us do. They have been very good issues with fine material, well written and edited, a fine layout, well chosen pictures, newsy articles and very interesting and informative, but there was one glaring error I leave you with: Was my picture alongside my byline?

Philadelphia Chapter Installs New Officers

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter is honored to have a distinguished group of men serving as officers for the coming year. The Philadelphia Chapter is blessed with the finest group of men making up their membership. So it is no wonder that the present slate of officers will carry on in the fine tradition of the past officers. The following men were elected and in all sense of the word will serve for the following year:

President, Al Belvedere; vice-president, Walter Sammler; treasurer, Sam Aiello, and secretary, John Piscitelli.

We look to these men to carry on and engender the further growth of the Philadelphia Chapter. We know that they have the full support of all the members. Above all we know that their women folk are in back of them too. Great things are in store for the Philadelphia Chapter and under the leadership of our new officers we shall attain new heights.

**PLEASE PAY DUES
NOW !!**

Attention Men of G-330

Hi Fellows,

Been out of contact with a lot of you for some time and would like to say "HELLO" from Shiraz, Iran.

Iran is one of the Middle East countries undergoing an industrial revolution. They need skilled craftsmen, engineers, doctors, teachers, surgeons and just about any kind of skilled help obtainable. If they don't get them they could easily end up on the wrong side of the fence. And this is one reason I am saying hello from the other side of the world.

Iran is developing industrially faster than she can produce skilled help to take care of her needs.

Teaching has always fascinated me. I've trained apprentice electricians for many years and the fact that I was implying knowledge, with graifying results, has always left me with a favorable impression, so, when the opportunity presented itself, my wife and I talked it over and decided that it was worth a try. I, as a teacher and she doing administrative secretarial work at the local hospital.

It wasn't easy leaving the soft life of the average American with television and all the other conveniences of our civilization and it is quite difficult working through an interpreter, but we manage to get by and are enjoying it immensely.

We have no such things as television, night clubs, bars and the like but there are plenty of parties where the bourbon, Scotch, rye, gin, etc. flows freely and is yours without asking and getting slopped is one of the easiest things to do but you'd be surprised how infrequently that happens. We have two movie theatres, one in English and the other in Persian and two good hotel-restaurants and the skilled craftsmen coming from all over the world, give the settlement a touch of internationalism.

President Eisenhower was here in December and the attitude of these people, friendly by nature, since his visit, dispels any of the shortcomings they may have had toward the American people.

We will be here until August, 1961 and, if in that time we can do some good and spread a little Americanism here and there, we feel that we will have accomplished our mission.

Expect to be back in the states in time for the reunion in 1961, and it will be swell to see some of the old gang again. In the meantime, if the urge strikes you, please drop me a few lines as mail from the states now is almost as important as it was in 1944 and 1945.

I trust that you are all doing your bit to keep our wonderful association together and next time I see you the

drinks are on me. So, until then, health, happiness and the best of everything to each and every one of you.

Sincerely,

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Combat Story Sent In By Bob Hedger—M-330

Way back in August, 1944, we of Co. M-330, plus the 3rd Battalion, were part of a task force in Brittany. Our company commander's name was Capt. Andy McKenna and he was the best.

During the attack on the town of Guingamp, Capt. Andy took the first section of mortars over for a special fire mission. He ordered the mortars in position in the heart of town and our target was directly across the street, a building with a basement full of Germans.

We got ready several rounds of H.E. heavy and waited for orders to fire. Capt. Andy then went to the O.P. a short distance away and shouted "Fire Mission."

The first round was much too far; instead of correcting the range, Capt. Andy said "Up one turn." After three or four shells fell in the backyard of the building, his next order was "Up half turn, six rounds."

The order was carried out and six rounds were in the air before the first one hit.

The building blew up right before our eyes and the evening sky looked dirty with smoke and flames blocking it from view.

Capt. Andy walked forward calling for the Germans to surrender, whereupon 70 "supermen" walked out with their hands high.

We followed through on many missions afterward but, I believe, this was the best that we, of the first section, ever did.

Later, you could hear other company commanders making bets over the telephone with Capt. Andy about being able to put shells down a smokestack any time they wanted.

I hope Capt. Andy reads this, along with which we'd like to say he was the best officer anyone could be asked to serve under.

—Bob Hedger, Cpt. M-330

(Editor's note: Your Thunderbolt would appreciate any articles or anecdotes, news about yourself and/or family, a buddy, an event that has taken or is about to take place or a combat story that may be of interest to the troops. You just write the outline, we'll fill in the details).

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