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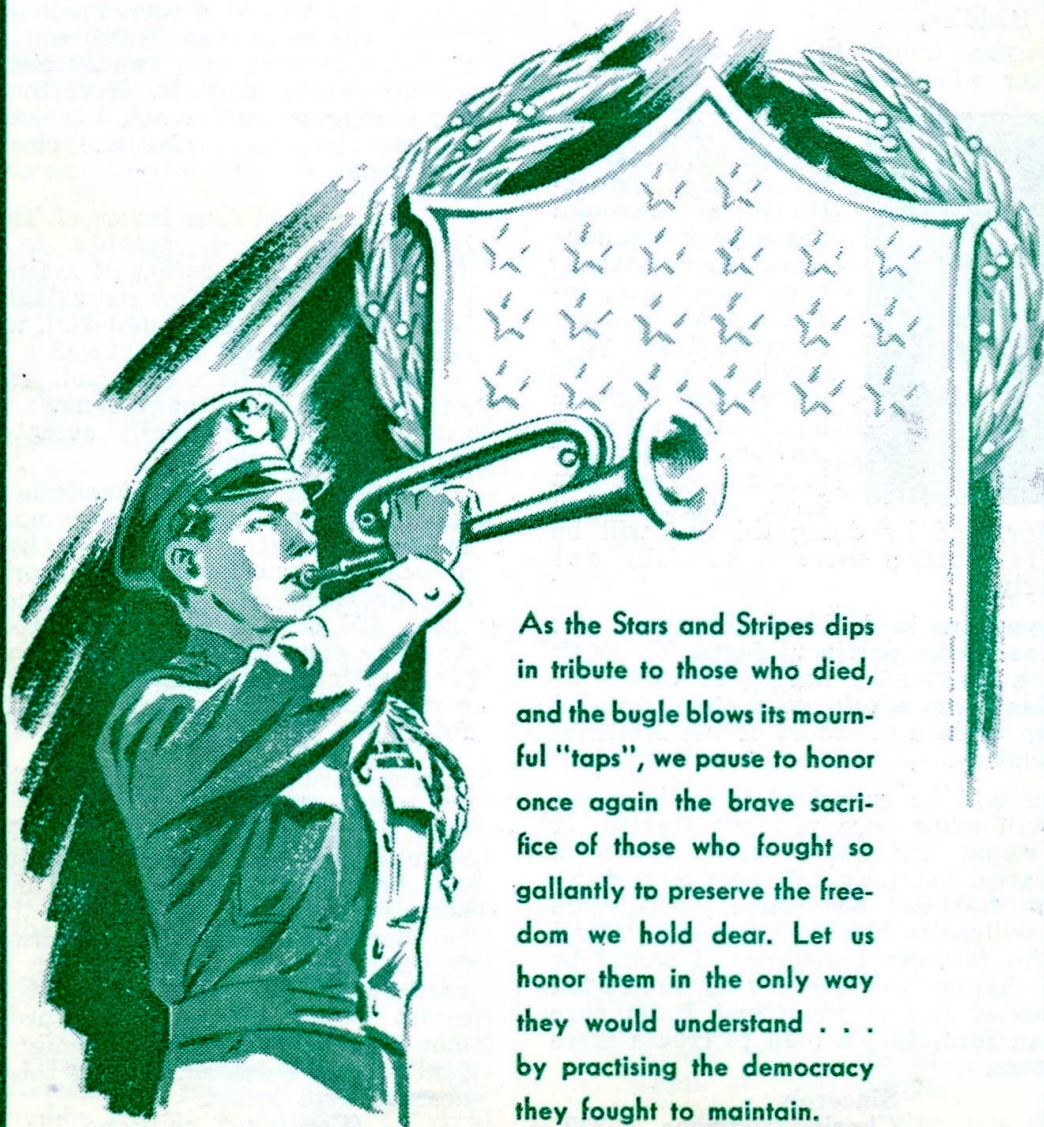
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MEMORIAL

Day



As the Stars and Stripes dips in tribute to those who died, and the bugle blows its mournful "taps", we pause to honor once again the brave sacrifice of those who fought so gallantly to preserve the freedom we hold dear. Let us honor them in the only way they would understand . . . by practising the democracy they fought to maintain.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Buddies,

As you know the Greater Boston Chapter will host the 14th annual re-



union of our Association, August 18, 19 and 20. This will be at the Statler-Hilton. Through these past reunions many acquaintances have been made, especially by meeting someone from your city or vicinity. To these men I would like to make a suggestion, by banding together you can form your own chapter, and by doing this we will be able to function more successfully and properly.

If you are in doubt of the procedure, here are some pertinent facts. You may form a chapter by having 10 names of members who are in good standing, and are up to date members of the National Association.

You will be surprised how the number will grow once you get started. If you would like names of members in your area, you may get them by writing to the National Secretary. He is more than willing to help and you can depend on him for any assistance. I would be most happy to meet with interested parties at our reunion, and I am sure we can formulate a plan to create more chapters.

Sincerely,
Charles Abdinoor, A-330

A REPORT FROM YOUR SECRETARY-TREASURER

Fellow Thunderbolts,

We have more than passed the half way point and heading for the home-stretch and I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank those of you who helped, so tremendously, in the successful year we have had thus far. You are too numerous to mention individually; collectively, it was through your efforts that we managed to keep our heads above water.



We started this year with 204 paid-up members, which included 9 carried over from last year. As of April 30 our membership increased to 520. A respectable figure but far short of what it could and should be and a very small percentage of the more than 30,000 who served with the division and its attached units, during World War II. Nevertheless, I am hoping we will reach the 600 mark by the time the books are closed for this year.

You have had four issues of Thunderbolt so far, with another to come. Through the cooperation of a fine staff of reporters and a few individual members, who have sent in material, we have been able to print a publication second to none that we have ever had. Any suggestions, criticisms and/or news will be graciously and gratefully accepted and certainly appreciated.

The cost of printing Thunderbolt, stationery, postage and the other necessary incidentals that are needed to keep the association functioning will absorb most and probably all of the revenue from those 520 memberships but I feel that we have done a very good job and with the continued cooperation of all concerned there is an upward trend for the future.

In soliciting members, quite often you are asked the "stock" question: "What do I get for my Four bucks"? My answer to that is: "What truer friendship can be cemented than that which was born in the face of adversity"? What he does, how he fares, his emotions, his feelings and the closeness that is kept very much in evidence by direct and indirect contact cannot be measured by a monetary value and only through a well functioning organization can this closeness be kept intact.

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MEMORIAL MESSAGE

Memorial Day is a remembrance—and a resolution. The church has its memorial—the Lord's Supper. Recall the sacrifice . . . "In remembrance of me." A challenge to holy living.



The nation has its Memorial Day, "lest we forget." A forward look - Resolution: "That we highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain. That this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom."

Memory is the only Paradise out of which we can never be driven away.

Someone has aptly described memory as "the jewel box of the mind." The term is true, however, only if our memories contain these things that are beautiful and true and good. Ugly things are not for jewel boxes, and the memory of wrong deeds or unkind words or evil thoughts will bring no happiness in days to come. It is important, then, that we live in such a way that the things we are now doing and saying and thinking will become precious memories in future years. What we are today constitutes our memories for tomorrow.

Ninety-two years have passed since the observance of Memorial Day. Throughout our nation, citizens are commemorating the great sacrifices made by men and women who devoted themselves to the service of their country during the time of war. For those who have gone before, there is no more mortal conflict—just peace, everlasting sleep and obliviousness to all that gives grave concern to us in whose hands the torch of freedom of liberty, and justice has been placed.

Memorial Day should stir the patriotism of every American, for this good land of ours has been baptized in the blood of brave men who fought for the preservation of our country.

Our job wasn't over when the last shot was fired. It goes on. Service in war as veterans was only a part of our duty as citizens; service in peace can be and should be just as important. Let us serve, then, in the burdensome task of making democracy work, and serve with the same devotion that we gave so freely and willingly to the task of preserving our country from its enemies.

Our foundations are solid. Our defenses impregnable from without but never forget that as big and powerful as is America, the smallest thing in the world—The Atom—could wipe us right

off the face of the earth.

So let us walk together, work together for a strong America! Economic security at home—peace in our time—peace for all time.

We are marked men, we Americans at the mid-century point. We have been tapped by fate—for which we should forever give thanks, not laments. What a day we live in! What a flowering of the work and the faith of our forefathers.

Buddies and friends, we have a country worth fighting for. I urge you to take an active part in your church, your Government, your labor organizations, fraternal groups or any other thing which might be in your Community whereby you might give service. You will become better Americans and will help preserve a free, strong and dynamic America.

I feel we can maintain military power without militarism; political power without oppression; and moral power without compulsion and complacency.

I firmly believe that man stands on the eve of his greatest day. I know too, that that day is not a gift but a prize; that we shall not reach it until we have won it.

Therefore, let us have faith in America, and live by that Faith. Let us never doubt what God has for this national great destiny, and that YOU and I are included in His plan. America is God's great experiment in human brotherhood and let us pray and labor that God's Will will be done.

Let this be our prayer this Memorial Day "Until for us the day breaks and the shadows flee a way, may the Lord grant us to so live that we may follow the comrades and friends who have gone before us. Thus together may we come to that City which He has prepared for them that Love our God.

We must strive to think, to act what is right because it is right; truthful, honest and honorable in all things we do—be intellectually honest for the sake of right and honor, without thought of reward and have the ability to be charitable, forgiving and patient with our fellowmen, understanding their motives and shortcomings even as we should try to solve our own.

Make Memorial Day 1960 a memorable one—yes, a remembrance of many. For memory's sake alone, if there were not other reason, we would do well to heed the words of the great Apostle: "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report . . . think of these things."

Bill Shuman, Chaplain-Divarty

Hello Buddies,

In behalf of the members of the executive committee, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to you the members of our Association for the grand support that you have shown in our membership drive. At the time of my last letter in "The Thunderbolt" our membership was at about 400 paid up. At the time of this letter, I learned that it is over the 500 mark once again. This was made possible by the support that you have shown by joining forces and contacting your buddies and getting them to join us.

We have been most fortunate in having such fine men as Charlie Abdinoor and Harry Lockwood to lead us. These men have shown the fine qualities in them by their sincere efforts and hard work that they have put forth to make this a successful year. They along with the fine publicity handled by none other than Vic Landis has made this possible. Enough praise can't be given to Vic Landis for the very fine job that he has done in obtaining nation-wide publicity for our Association. His fine work is showing up every day in the letters that Harry Lockwood is receiving from all over the country from men who never heard of our Association before, but are learning of it from news clippings in newspapers and magazines all over the country.

The success of an organization such as ours is based primarily on its leaders, but they alone can not do it themselves. They must have the support of each and every one of you. With the continued support of each and every one of you along with the fine publicity by Vic Landis, I am sure that we will reach a new high in paid up membership in our Association. Let's all keep trying to sell membership to a buddy, or give him that gift to remember, a paid up membership in our Association.

In a letter that I received from Harry Lockwood today, I was surprised to learn that there are about one hundred men who were paid up members last year who have not sent in their dues this year. Are you one of these men? If so, is it because you have a gripe? If you have a gripe, drop us a line and let us know so that we can remedy it. Remember, we need your \$4.00 dues to help keep this Association going, and stand ready to accept any criticism that may be beneficial to our Association. There is no organization going that hasn't done wrong at some time or another, and without someone like you to show us where we have done wrong, we may never better ourselves. Let us all join in and try getting at least one

new member each to make this the year to remember.

Larry Redmond
Chapter Co-ordinator
Executive Committee

CO. F 329 NEWS AND SIDE-LIGHTS

By Vic Landis

Harry Lockwood informs me, as of this writing, we now have 34 paid-up members. Division Headquarters has 26 as has G-331 and the competition, like the slip, is beginning to show. Come on you other units and get on the ball — contact your old buddies and give us a run for the booze.

Welcome back into the fold to three former members, George Kittrell, of Portsmouth, Va.; Harold Keefer, of Shippensburg, Pa., and Dr. Marshall Keith, of High Point, N. C. All have assured me they will be in Boston for this year's conclave. CHEERS to them all. in Boston for this year's conclave.

A tip of the Landis hat to Lee Titus in the losing cause he is fighting. I know during all the past years, he has been mainly responsible for G. 331, riding in the driver's seat. All good things must come to an end and this year F. 329 will do the job.

As I stated in the last issue, the Landis suite and F-329 C.P. will be open for a one hour sad sack period to the units that finish behind us. If this needle I am applying works too good and some hetup unit beats us out, we will take the crying hour and let the one that beats us, drink our booze and do the gloating. God forbid.

Note—to all members of F-329, I will arrive in Boston Wednesday, August 17 to set up our C.P. and start the ball rolling. All and sundry are hereby invited to a bit of early elbow bending in the F-329 C.P. and rumpus room. We will command the post and raise a rumpus. Orchids to all of the boys who paid their dues. F-329 is riding high.



At a previous Reunion.

WARREN CHAPTER NEWS

John Caparanis
B Company, 331st

EGG DASH—About 3,500 youngsters participated in the annual Easter egg hunt in Packard Park last month. The hunt, sponsored by the 83rd Infantry Division Association Chapter and downtown members of the Warren Retail Merchants Association, was held for Warren children, one through 10. Sixteen-year-old children were sent out on the hunt first while children in each age group thereafter were sent out at 15-second intervals.



Easter Egg Chairman Joe Minotti and Committee, left to right, seated: Leroy Titus, John Caparnis, Mike Skovran. Standing, John Teringo, Joe Minotti preparing plans for Easter egg hunt.



Chairman Joe Minotti with two grand prize winners.

SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS — Darlene Clemente, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Clemente, 226 Hudson NW, won a life-size stuffed Easter bunny as the grand prize for finding the silver colored egg at the annual

Easter egg hunt at Packard Park. She found the silver colored egg in the tea-garden area designated for children under six. At right is Theresa Buydos, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Buydos, 166 Oak Knoll, whose prize egg won for her an Easter basket. Standing in the back is John Tringo, president of the 83rd Infantry Division Association Chapter which co-sponsored the egg hunt with the downtown members of the Warren Retail Merchants Association.

Our annual anniversary dance was held April 23 at our clubrooms and attendance was par for the course. Had some of the fellows and their spouses down from Cleveland and Detroit. Plenty of booze on hand plus some fine food that was especially prepared by members of the committee, so now we wait for another year to celebrate again.

Coming events for the year are as follows: soon it will be Memorial Day and we will be assisting in decorating veterans graves and marching in the Memorial Day parade. Yes, we still fall out for this purpose and I might say that we all enjoy it. Gives you a certain amount of pride to be out there with the rest of the fellows. May 22, we have our first of many Golf Field days. An event that gets the men away from their wives for one day of golfing and relaxation with the boys. Not to mention the amount of beer and cold cuts involved. Picnic time is almost here and plans are being made for the monthly outings that all the families are looking forward to as soon as the weather warms up a bit.

Past president of the association R.J. Yoracek dropped in to the clubrooms not too long ago and it was real good to see him. Typical 83rd man, had a few to drink and shot the bull.

Reunion time is not too far away and plans are being made by the group to invade Boston at 2 p.m. Friday reunion time. Step outdoors and you will see a sight and grand entry as ever made at a reunion. Charley Russ has been taking jumping lessons for the past year and belongs to a parachute jump club and will make his entry by parachuting over the hotel at 2 p.m. and he will be piloted by Andy Pankovich piloting his own plane and after Charley jumps off, will take to skywriting and let you fellows know that this Warren Chapter is on the ball.

And to John Teringo, our president, the committee is starting to get on the ball. Well, until we see you fellows at Boston, take care and if any of you fellows think that you can top the Warren Chapter in any event to date, see if you can top an entry to a reunion like we can

Say La Gare

CLEVELAND CHIT-CHAT

By Casey Kowalec

Things here in Cleveland are at a stand-still, with everyone in spring training, preparing for what summer has to offer.



Those muscles that lie dormant all winter are crying out in protest at being put to use by our 1st sergeants (wives) who compile a list of things to be done and foist it on us unsuspecting husbands.

I did manage a round of golf, though, and "Oh, my aching back"; One of these years I'll spend the winter in Florida to prepare for the rigors of spring.

Our return bowling match with our good friends from Warren, proved to be disastrous and we literally returned in barrels, having had the pants beat off us. The Square Bowling Ball is back in enemy territory, but if our anchor man had bowled anywhere near his weight the result might have been different. Don't you think so, R. J.?

In spite of the weather the gang from Warren were here en masse. A nose matching contest, after refreshments, was called a draw, for obvious reasons, the two participants being the only two men who can take a shower and smoke a cigar at the same time.

Laura and I journeyed to Warren for their anniversary dinner-dance and to enjoy the good food and wonderful hospitality of that fine group. The feeling of welcome given in Warren is well worth the time and effort of the trip.

Sorry to have missed Nick Barbu and Bill Palazzolo from Detroit (had out of town guests), a belated greeting to both. See you next time around.

Night work is the reason for some of our men not attending meetings, among them being Ed. Glinka, John Evans, Lou Rosolowski and Bill Herhout. Missed you boys. Try to do better, yes.



Nose Contest.

The past lenten season has taken its toll on some of our heavyweights. Ted Karageorge, R. J. and one or two others look a bit like they did during military service. Try to keep it above the waist, boys. Of course, we would not recognize Al Uridel without his "pot". So don't change, Al.

Then there's Mike Demko, Rocky Krupicka, Bob Grobelny and a few others who still wear the same size uniform. They got a little uglier, though.

Our Dinner-Dance on May 21 should be the best yet; hats off to Walt Meczka for an outstanding job.

Casey Szubski says his "shiner" is from having a cyst removed. OK Casey, we believe you.

A bit of sadness entered the Bob Uher household recently. Bob's mother passed away and our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Bob and his family in their bereavement. Also to Chester Czech on the loss of his brother. May they rest in peace and be remembered in our prayers.

NEWS ABOUT NEW AND OLD MEMBERS

Joseph T. Conroy sends his regards to all his old buddies of Co. B-324 and hopes to see quite a few of you at the reunion in Boston this year. Joe is employed at the very fine Davis Park Veterans Hospital in Providence, R. I.

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Charlie Lesser (M-331), of Seattle, Washington, has the enviable distinction of being elected once again as commander of Sunshine Chapter of the Disabled Americans Veterans in his own city of Seattle.

Charlie says that unless the DAY convention is held in Seattle, in which case he will have to stay and represent the local chapter, he will be in Boston at the reunion. He is hoping that things work out that way and that he'll get to see many of his old buddies there.

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Dear Harry,

During the early part of March I was a guest of our former Chaplain, Rev. Father William J. Lundy who is now pastor of St. Malachy's Church, 1221 East 82nd Street, Los Angeles 1, California. Gosh it was sixteen years ago that I last saw him and that was in Germany. How fast time goes by.

I am sure Father Lundy would be delighted to hear from all the men that knew him in the days gone by but not forgotten. So would I.

Sincerely,

Walter J. Hughes, G-330
P.O. Box 444,
Evanston, Illinois

Ed. Note: Walter Hughes must have quite an interesting job. Each time I hear from him it is from a different part of the country. Walt really gets around.

AN APPEAL: "BLACKSTONE - BLACKBOY CHARLIE"

For about 6 years "Charlie Co." led either in paid up National membership or attendance at reunions. We published our own paper, "The Lame Duck Reporter" for those and a couple more years—then we sort of "let up" a bit and the attendance and paid up membership dropped off. The old "Lame Duck" had letters from as many as 125 men not including Christmas greetings in 1949. What's happened? Have the postal rates gone too high, or do we ALL have broken arms? For the sake of "Good Old Times" I would like to make a personal appeal to every single one of you to sit down now and call or write a couple of your long unheard from Buddies. Let's get "Alive again"—pay up 1960 dues to Harry Lockwood. Plan now to go to Boston. Do it NOW. Let's get up front again. (Charlie-331).
Walter Edward, C-331

A REPORT FROM YOUR NATIONAL PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

By Vic Landis, F-329

I am very happy to report that publicity on the national scale has exceeded my fondest expectations. Releases of "OPERATION MANHUNT" have appeared in every state in the union and by reunion time in Boston, every daily paper in the land will have carried the article.

Numerous small weekly papers have helped out the campaign. Lodge, church, fraternal clubs, college and the veterans magazines, all will have notices appear in their publications. In other words, for the first time, the nation will be covered like a tent.

Harry Lockwood informs me he has been busy day and night, answering inquiries from the publicity. Many new members have been secured and quite a few were former members who thought our organization had been discontinued and were both surprised and pleased to note we old dogfaces are still carrying the ball.

However, we cannot let up even for a week and every member can help by writing a notice to the public service section of his local radio and television stations. In most cases they are more than happy to publicize an outfit like ours.

In closing a special tip of the hat to our national secretary, Harry W. Lockwood, for the herculean job he is doing. We all know Harry is working like a

Trojan and the results will bear him out. Let us all give him a lift and help ease the load off his very capable shoulders.

PHILADELPHIA SCRAPPLE

By Dave Rosenberg

We welcome back into the fold after seiges of illnesses, both Larry and Mary Redmond. Their very presence at the Valentine Day party was enuff to make the party a success for the Phila. Chapter people. These two enjoy a popularity that is well deserved. We hope they have seen the last of sickness for a long, long time.



Our women folk have added something new to our monthly meetings. We are to enjoy

snacks, tastily prepared by the women. Ann Belvedere, better known for her delicious "Gavadils", treated the assemblage with a home made cake, that was gobbled up so fast that we all demanded a repeat performance soon. Scheduled for the next meeting is "Tasty Hoagies" and all the fixings. Remember all are welcome to the Philadelphia Chapter meetings.

It is a cinch that the next 50-50 raffle that the Philadelphia Chapter runs will find "Big Gun" John Piscitelli a busy man. Everyone will want to buy his tickets. It seems that he always sells the lucky ticket.

Have you noticed Mary McGrogan's new hair style. Even the men are remarking about the change. Its made a striking beauty out of a charming girl. Look out Frank, with Frank never home now, he better post a guard or some one will steal her away.

I am nominating my favorite dancing partner Ruth Paulino as the world's best female dancer. This lovely gal can take a guy with two left feet like me and make him into a passable hooper. Dancing with Ruth is like holding a dream, and floating on air.

A message to all Delaware Valley men, If you have not joined the Philadelphia Chapter, now is the time. We have great plans scheduled for the future. Send your dues of three dollars to Sam Aiello, 1128 Durfor St., Phila., Pa. and get on the bandwagon.

PLAN AHEAD FOR THE REUNION IN BOSTON



OLD STATE HOUSE—Here the first Town House was built in 1657 in the earliest market place in Boston. The present building was built in 1713, burned in 1747, and immediately rebuilt with walls of the former building. Oldest state building in U.S. Headquarters of Bostonian Society. Contains valuable collection of early Americana. Here convention met to adopt Federal Constitution.



MINUTE MAN. This statue may be seen by the visitor to Greater Boston when he journeys to Concord to visit the scene of "the first shot that was heard 'round the world."

REUNION PROGRAM

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- 1:45 P.M. Ball Game - N. Y. Yankees vs. Boston Red Sox
- 8:00 P.M. Cocktail Party Serving Manhattans, Highballs, Solid Refreshments and Dancing '—Surprise?

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- 9 A.M. - 5 P.M. Registration Mezzanine Floor
- 9:30 - 12 A.M. Business Meeting For Men, Welcome By Lt. Gov. Robert F. Murphy
- 12:00 - 1:30 P.M. Unit Lunches At University Club
- 1:30 P.M. Get Together Bingo For Women With Prizes Galore
- 1:45 P.M. Burlesque For Men At The Old Howard Casino
- 2:30 P.M. Tour Of The Carling Brewery Co.
- 6:30 P.M. Bus Leaves Hotel Statler For Moonlight Sail & Dance Aboard The Boston Belle - Two Bars Will Be Open For The Thirsty
- 7:00 P.M. For Those Who Do Not Attend The Moonlight Sail, Sound Combat Movies Of The 83rd In Action - Boston Chapter Room

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1960

- 9 A.M. - 5 P.M. Registration Mezzanine Floor
- 2:00 P.M. Military Parade With Bands, Members Of The 83rd Div. Parade Will Terminate At The Beautiful Hall Of Flags At The State House Where Chaplain Bill Shuman Will Conduct Services For Our Departed Buddies
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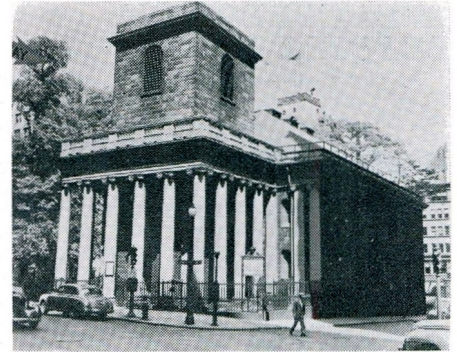
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KING'S CHAPEL. Founded 1686. First Episcopal church in New England—became first Unitarian Church in U. S., 1785. Here British Officers worshipped during siege. Open 9 to 4. **BURYING GROUND**—First burial here in 1639. Graves of Gov. Winthrop, Rev. John Cotton, John Davenport, founder of New Haven; Roger Clap, first settler in Dorchester; and Mrs. John Winslow (Mary Chilton), first woman of Mayflower to touch America.



PAUL REVERE'S HOUSE, where he lived from 1770 to 1800. This is the oldest wooden house in Boston, built in 1660. Ancient wallpaper, tremendous fireplaces and numerous other features of the Colonial period make this historical shrine a favorite stopping place for visitors to the "Hub." This famous historical shrine is one attraction along Boston's famed Freedom Trail, a walking tour of many of the city's famous landmarks.

GREATER BOSTON CHAPTER NEWS

At our February meeting, held at the Hotel Statler, we had a very good turnout. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs.



Pat DiGiammerino, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Whitten, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ar-rigo, Mr. and Mrs. John Meaney, Mr. and Mrs. Manny Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Caprio, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Prentice, Mike Amicone, Earl "Pop" Jennings, Bob Hunnewell and our own Charlie Abdinoor.

The enthusiasm shown by our group is such that they come from many parts of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and as far away as Hartford, Connecticut, more than 100 miles away, to be with us, as in the case of Jim Prentice and his lovely wife.

The March meeting was an affair highlighted by a dinner at the Lord Fox Inn in Foxboro, Mass., famous for its wonderful food and a smorgasbord that is second to none and actually in a class by itself.

Aside from the usual group there were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tisdell, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lussier, Mr. and Mrs. Mario Simonelli, Mr. and Mrs. George Connors, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Colvin, Mr. and Mrs. Les Bassill, Dick Armstrong and that human dynamo Lucien "Jiggs" Elie. Our National Secretary-Treasurer, Harry Lockwood, and his lovely wife, Fern, drove up from New Jersey to be with us on the occasion.

Needless to say, the appetites of all were something to behold. We dogfaces pride ourselves on the capacity of food we can consume at one sitting but you "ain't seen nothing" until you've witnessed our ladies in action. The "Vittles" that were stowed away by Ginny DiGiammerino, Mary Francullo, Fern Lockwood and a few of the other lovely ladies put us to shame and I'm sure that those ladies who were wearing girdles were very uncomfortable for quite some time afterward.

The reunion is all set up, as you will see by the program accompanying this article. But remember, **WE MADE THE PLANS AND ARRANGEMENTS. WE ARE DEPENDING ON YOU TO ATTEND TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS.**

Also, we would appreciate a booster ad from any and all members. Whether or not you plan to attend, and we surely hope that you will, a booster ad for \$2.00 will help the cause tremendously and give the reunion a big lift.

Nick Francullo—3rd Bn., 330

The diggings at the Lord Fox.



Nick Francullo, Larry and Mrs. Colvin, Ginny Di Giammerino, Mary Francullo, Irene Allard, Sylvio Allard, Charles Lussier. Secretary-Treasurer Harry Lockwood, extreme left foreground, with one thought in mind—CHOW TIME.



Jiggs Elie, Ginny DiGiammerino, Mrs. Larry Colvin and Pres. Chuck Abdinoor.



Lord Fox — Pat DiGiammerino, Harry Lockwood, Fern Lockwood and Charlie Abdinoor.

INDIANA CHAPTER NEWS

By Murray D. Therber
Med. 330

Ah spring! After a couple of nasty months of winter's last fling it's good to see that people have come to life,



so to speak. Comes now the merry month of May, the old familiar sound of the power mower and once again we are in the swing of things.

Since we last went to press, the Chapter has held a couple of meetings and, as a spring tune-up, made plans for a dance which will take place on Saturday night, May 7. A large crowd is anticipated and we hope that our buddies from out of town can be on hand.

Plans to hold a couple of picnics during the coming summer months will be realized in the near future. A notice will be mailed in ample time for you out of town Hoosiers to make plans to gas up the family buggy and head for the park that will be decided upon.

We are happy to extend a hearty welcome to the new members of the Chapter. They are as follows:

Marion B. Cooper, Crawfordsville, Ind.; Baxter Montgomery, Plymouth, Ind.; Charles Owens, Windfall, Ind.; Matthew Brunbach, Edward Crow, John Law, Paul Lewis and Louis Meyer, all of Indianapolis.

Since a number of the fellows, because of their work, are unable to attend all the meetings we do our best to keep them posted of what is going on. As we have mentioned before our meetings are held on the second Friday night of each month.

A number of the wives are visiting the clubrooms at the Cheateau where our meetings are held and it is nice to join them in a bit of refreshments after the meeting.

A number of the fellows have already laid their plans for attending the national reunion to be held in Boston in August.

That's it for this time but next issue we will have more to write about.

ABOUT BILL APPLETON

Div. Hqtrs

Back in 1948, Bill Appleton became acquainted with a group of handicapped people and soon learned of their employment problems and desires to be self sustaining.

It became quite evident to Bill that some type of organization was needed

to help these people become respected and wanted citizens, so, NATIONAL HANDICAPPED INDUSTRIES was born.

N.H.I. is made up of victims of Polio, Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy and other crippling diseases and also victims of accidents. Many are in wheelchairs and others bedfast. They are an organization dependent entirely on themselves and do not solicit charity. They sell a line of products, most carrying their own brand name: "HANDI", such as Handi Air Spray, Handi Glass Cleaner, Handi Dish Cloth, etc. Some products are packaged for and some by the organization itself, are the same as sold in other business establishments.

Started in Pittsburgh, Penna., N.H.I. now has branches in Cleveland, Philadelphia and Washington and weekly delivery service in many parts of Ohio and Indiana, Pennsylvania and other states.

There is a Delivery Dept., I.B.M. Tabulating Dept., Key punch Dept., Record Dept. and a Reproduction Dept.

All the benefits derived from organized labor are available to these handicapped people.

Our hat is lifted to Bill Appleton for the wonderful work he has done in behalf of those less fortunate than most of us but as Bill says: "I am indeed proud to be the Founder and General Manager of this Business Enterprise and for the opportunity to prove that handicapped people have their place in business today and can be a credit to any community."

Ed. Note: Thank you Bill for sending in the material for this condensed article. Some time later an article on your trip to Russia, in behalf of the handicapped, will appear in Thunderbolt.



Remember when we all looked like this?

PHILLY CHAPTER CELEBRATES ST. PADDY'S DAY

The Philadelphia Chapter ushered in the spring season with a bang. Saturday night, March 19, was another red letter day in the social calendar of the Quaker City Chapter. A lively gay contingent of "Thunderbolts" gathered at Lou Volpi's Ranch Room and had a great big "ball".

Sure and begorra St. Patrick himself would have enjoyed the evening's fun and frolic. Host Lou Volpi's stature as host par excellence grows with leaps and bounds with every affair he tosses for his buddies and friends. Lou's beautiful ranch room was jammed with merry making Thunderbolts at an early hour. The festive table groaned under goodies that would tempt St. Patrick himself. A massive turkey surrounded by a huge baked ham, hemmed in by mountains of delicious potato salad, was just the beginning. The most tempting steaks broiled to perfection capped the evening's food offering. Despite the many appetizing shrimp cocktails the Thunderbolts consumed, huge table of goodies disappeared washed down by many drinks dispensed by the best bartender this side of the Rockies, our own "little giant" Sam Aiello.

Host Lou Volpi provided for his guests a most pleasing combo of musicians that played until the wee hours of the morning. The dancing Thunderbolt folks Irish jigged, Irish reeled, waltzed, fox trotted, polka jumped, Charlestoned, and swung throughout the nite.

Again the women folk attired in their finest attested to the fact that the Philadelphia Chapter women are the most pleasant and the friendliest and most beautiful of all.

There was Ruth Paulino, stunning in a flowered creation of her own making sparkling all over. Mary McGrogan, radiant as ever, sparkled as she beamed at her favorite husband, Frank McGrogan. Vivacious Vi Aiello scintillated and astounded all as she danced. This girl is talented down to her toes and can control every movement of every charming grace. Beautiful Ann Belvedere hovered over her handsome husband, President Al Belvedere, and tended over his wish and whim. Al, who is recovering from his illness, is coming along fine through his wife's fine ministrations. "Josie" Piscitilli's interpretation of the Charleston is a must. She's great.

A Philadelphia social is a sure cure for what ever ails one. A sure proof of this is the Redmonds. Larry and Mary both were ailing and feeling off their

oats until they set foot into the ranch-room. Like magic, Mary was her former good-natured, funny, bright self again. Mary danced and had herself a ball. Exec board Larry pitched in with the bartending chores and looked at home dispensing good cheer to all. Hostess Lucy Volpi, in the best traditions of the perfect hostess, moved from table to table dispensing her own brand of sunshine. Olive Ponzio, New Jersey's contribution to the Philadelphia Chapter, sparkled and shone as she joined in the fun making. Olive's beauty is more than skin deep. She has that facility to make all who are in her company at home and welcome. Marie Sullivan, our newest regular, has captured the hearts of all the Phila. Chapter with her poise and good spirits.

The Philadelphia Chapter has another scheduled social nite planned for the night of May 19, 1960. If it produces half the joy and fun of this St. Patrick Day's celebration all will be well pleased.

Dave Rosenberg, 331st Inf.

MEMORIAL DAY 1960

It's fifteen years since the last angry blast of gun fire seared the ears and hearts of the men of the 83rd Infantry Division. The passing years have all but erased the scars of hatred and blood shed that accompany war. These ugly trademarks of battle strife are but a memory to those who survived. The melting pot of an army division has brewed in these latter years an organization we call the 83rd Infantry Division Infantry Association. It is through this medium, we who served with the Thunderbolt Division, have a common meeting place to perpetuate the wonderful spirit of comradeship that developed on the battlefield.

The memory of our "buddies" who passed on are sacred to us. It is to their memory and devotion we pay homage on Memorial Day. Their personal sacrifice, their unselfish giving of themselves to bring peace to others, merit our unrelenting pursuit to keep our country free from forces who would seek to bind us to their hated ideologies.

In our organization we have the means to perpetuate our past friendships and keep the memories of our 'buddies' alive.

It is incumbent on all "Thunderbolts" to again gird their strength and help the national organization to flourish and grow. Our annual reunions should be a must to all. It should be considered as a pilgrimage to the shrine of the memories of all our fallen "buddies".

On this Memorial Day 1960 every "Thunderbolt" should rededicate himself to carrying on and renewing friendship and comradeship anew.

Dave Rosenberg, 331st Inf.

DETROIT CHAPTER NEWS

By Bill Palazzolo, G-329

At our social on February 14, at the Fort Wayne Army Post, we had a grand turnout of some 30 couples. Plenty to eat and drink, along with some fine music and dancing all added up to a wonderful time.



Steve Benson's (our president) bar was headquarters for our March 5th meeting where we mixed business along with a few mixed drinks to sort of add an edge to things.

On Saturday evening, May 21, we will all hie ourselves to Ray Nantau's home where the usual liquid refreshments and condiments will be very much in evidence, along with the hospitality of the Nantau household. A good turnout is expected.

On April 23rd Nick Barbu and I attended a meeting of the Cleveland Chapter. Ray Voracek had just returned from the ball game and was sick at heart, having witnessed his beloved Indians get the pants beat off them by the Detroit Tigers. To make matters worse, Rocky Colavito, erstwhile Indian, was mostly responsible for Ray's condition, having homered with two men on base.

Expect an order from the Cleveland gang for 83rd shirts and caps, to be ready for their next social on July 4.

My wife and I, along with Jack Daugherty and his wife, attended the Warren Chapter Anniversary Dinner and Dance and we could not have felt more at home than if we had been home. All the courtesies one could expect were extended to us from a wonderful group of people and our special thanks to John and Olga Teringo for a delicious Sunday dinner and excellent hospitality.

Chapter get-togethers are just the thing for a better relationship within the association and for much closer contact at the reunions.

The Warren Chapter ordered caps to be ready in time for the Memorial Day parade, in which they will take part.

You other chapters; get on the bandwagon, get your shirts and caps so that there can be a little uniformity at the reunions each year. Shirts are \$6.00, caps \$2.00 and how about caps for the ladies? Just get in touch with me at 20000 Lancaster, Harper Woods 36, Michigan.

Olga, thank your folks for putting us up for the night. They are lovely people.

Now for a bit of personal news. We have been informed that Sylvia Barbu is infanticipating and Nick and Sylvia are very happy about it. Congratulations to them both, a couple of nice people. Also, Dom and Betty Spano have been notified that they will be getting a second son from Canada and are extremely excited about it. Lots of luck to two fine and wonderful people for giving these children a good home and a chance to become a credit to society.

MIAMI VALLEY NEWS AND DAYTON FLY-INGS

By Vic Landis, F-329

We of the Miami Valley Chapter held our Easter egg hunt for the kiddies at Dewese Park here in Dayton. Prizes and oodles of goodies were furnished for all the children that attended. Everyone, including the adults had a very wonderful time. It is really a pleasure to observe the antics and enthusiasm of the young ones. It was a huge success.

Hats off Dept: to Ed and Marge Fink, who purchased the condiments and managed the affair. To Bill Washburn, our president, Bob Eldred, Leo Boyd and his wife Boots, Del and Pearl Rinehart—to all others who colored and painted the eggs. Orchids to them all.

We also held our drawing for one hundred dollars and lined the coffers of our treasury quiet a bit. Glad to report that one Vic Landis sold the winning ticket. Del Rinehart sold the one in our last drawing.

We are planning a Sunday trip en masse to the Cincinnati ball park and will be roaming through the stands resplendant in our black and gold Chapter shirts to help publicize our 83rd Div. Assn. Also on the agenda is our annual picnic in June. Many events are in the offing.

A special to the chapters who generously bought tickets for our drawing. This inter-chapter co-operation helps us all keep our treasury in the black and the Miami Valley Chapter always will retaliate with a check from Ed Fink for the amount requested. CHEERS to all I have missed.

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A REPORT FROM YOUR SECRETARY-TREASURER

(Continued from Page 2)

This is your association, men, we, who keep the wheels turning depend on you to supply the power and momentum.

The reunion, each year, is a very good example of "Friendship born in the face of adversity". Those of us who have attended all or most of them, and even you who have been to but a few, know that the first thing you do is look for your buddy and keep looking until you find him. If he does not show up you find yourself wondering and start asking questions. We're all alike, there is a bit of softy in all of us.

The reunion, this year, has all the earmarks of being a real bang-up affair. I've sat in with the convention committee and can truthfully say that nothing has been left undone. A real swell program has been set up and a wonderful time is assured all who attend.

Try to be with us; join in the frolic and fun for the three days and, when it is over, I know that you will leave, fortified with a spirit and feeling within that is contagious and one that will stay with you for a long time.

Again, thank you very much for your help and cooperation in making the 83rd Infantry Division Association the finest of its kind.

Harry W. Lockwood, Hq.-329
Secretary-Treasurer.

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER GROWS AND GROWS

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the 83rd Infantry Division Association is an organization that merits the study of the other chapters for ideas and consideration. In all previous years we have been blessed by having the entire body encompassed in its membership, co-operating with its elected officers.

We are fortunate in having a hard core of men who are most devoted to the growth and welfare of its fellow members. Early in its formation Larry Redmond instilled in the charter members a feeling and enthusiasm that permeates and fills every new member. There has never been an unsuccessful project launched by the Philadelphia Chapter, thanks to the spirited "pitching in" by all members.

Today we are a "rich" organization. Wealthy and flourishing with good will that promotes inspirational cooperation from all. Our greatest treasure is the huge bond of friendship that has developed among all of its members. This invaluable friendship has blossomed, fed by the spirit of good comradeship that had its inception in the best incubator

of all, the battlefield.

We have no problems when it comes to selecting officers, every one of our members would successfully fill any office. It takes spirit and enthusiasm to make a good officer, and every man in our Chapter possesses the unselfish devotion to the organization to make a fine officer. Petty quarrels and annoying spats have never reared its head in our group. Each member glories in the success of each individual and assists in the culmination of every project. Philadelphia Chapter's success lies basically in the undivided spirit of good will and friendliness that binds each man, whose first concern is the growth and success of our Chapter. We have inaugurated a series of social gatherings that have cemented this feeling of friendship. Philadelphia Chapter's success belongs to the entire membership and invites inspection from all other "Thunderbolts" to inspire success to other chapters and lead to a strong united national association.

Dave Rosenberg, 331st Inf.



This is War?

WARREN CHAPTER



President John Teringo presenting prize winners to Girls' Division.

OBITUARY

Michael F. Chismar —

Received word a short time ago that Mike Chismar (Co. K and M-331), of Canton, Ohio, died suddenly at the home of his sister, Mrs. Sigmund Tebroski on February 14, 1960.

Mike was a Purple Heart veteran, having been wounded in Normandy and was a prisoner of war for more than five months.

Having attended many of the reunions with his bosom buddy, Stanley Duff, he will be missed for his cheery disposition and contagious good humor.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of our departed buddy.

Mrs. Ida A. Shuman —

It is with heavy heart that we acknowledge the death of the mother of one of our most popular and well known members.

On February 19 last, Mrs. A. Shuman, mother of our association Chaplain, William O. "BILL" Shuman was called to her eternal rest after a long illness.

Bill's mother, with whom he lived, was his best friend and guide and, quite often, his advisor and confidante.

Our deepest sympathy to Chaplain Bill Shuman and may his loss not weigh too heavily on his shoulders.

Letters to the Editor

Saw in our local paper that the 83rd Division is having a reunion this year in Boston. This is the first notice of a reunion I have seen. Always hear about it after it is over.

Have arranged my vacation to coincide with the dates given and hope to see you there.

Edwin Mutch
22 Second St.
Barre, Vermont
Ex-S/Sgt. 83rd Div. Band

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Dear Mr. Lockwood,

My husband often talks about many of his old buddies and has a soft spot in his heart for the 83rd Division, having been a member of the 329th regiment.

We are indeed thrilled to be able to attend a reunion at last.

Many thanks for coming to Boston.

Mrs. Richard J. Tucker
Box 204
Troy, New Hampshire

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Dear Harry,

Nice to read about the old famous 83rd Division in the local paper. Nice also to know we are having a reunion. Please keep me posted.

Bernie Kott
2622 Fairfield Ave., N.E.
Kalamazoo, Mich.

Dear Harry,

Sorry I cannot be at the reunion but my thoughts and prayers will be with all who attend. Best regards to all.

Paul H. Bostic
2108 Capitol
Cheyenne, Wyo.
Chaplain's Ass't. Divarty

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Interested in Division reunion. Please send particulars.

Peter P. Bruzofsky
10 W. Main St.
Schuylkill Haven, Pa.
1st Sgt., Btry. C, 324 FA.

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Dear Harry,

Interested in contacting some old buddies from G-331. Sorry, cannot attend reunion in Boston, but will try to make the next one.

Claude C. Deuel
2131 Sinclair Ave.
Utica 4, N. Y.

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Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Former squad leader, Co. F.-329. Interested in contacting some old buddies.

Charles Detter
Good Time Kennel
New Haven, Ind.

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Dear Mr. Lockwood,

My son sent me a clipping from the Savannah paper telling of your "OPERATION HANHUNT".

I joined the 83rd about activation date and left the unit just before they moved to Austria. I served briefly as Executive Officer, then as Commander Officer of the 308th Medical Battalion and for nearly four years I was Division Surgeon.

In July of 1948, after two years as Division but not as often as I'd like to.

The Commander Officer of Company D, 308th Med. Bn. demonstrated recently his leadership in running a hospital, which first began with the 83rd in Normandy. I am referring to Dr. Henry Randall, who, as Clinical Director of New York City's Memorial Cancer Center, took part in the hour long TV show; Biography of a Cancer; featuring Dr. Tom Dooley's treatment. The 83rd can be proud of Dr. Randall's efforts to treat our wounded.

This July I retire from the service. The period from July 1944 to May 1945 will never be forgotten by those of the 83rd, nor will the memory fade of those who were left behind along the by-ways of Europe.

Sorry I will not be at the reunion but regards to all.

Sincerely,
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