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The President's Corner

Dear Buddies,

Once again reunion time is here. We of the Greater Boston Chapter are looking forward to greet each and everyone of you. We have worked diligently to



try to make this reunion one of the most memorable and successful ever held by our great Association.

As for me, it has been a great honor and privilege to have served as your National President this past year. I have had a great deal of help from our National Secretary and many other

ers. I am deeply grateful to each and everyone of them.

I would also like to thank all of the Chapters throughout the country for their splendid cooperation, also all of the National Officers for their time and effort to make this year a successful one.

To the incoming officers, I know that they will continue to do a wonderful and conscientious effort to make our Association even greater. Again my grateful thanks to all, and last but not least my own Greater Boston Chapter, to a great gang of boys, my eternal thanks.

Sincerely, your buddy,
Charles Abdinoor, A-330

A Report From Your Secretary-Treasurer

This year has been a wonderful experience for me and I gratefully and graciously appreciate your confidence in me by electing me Secretary-Treasurer.



All the work attached to the job was, in part, compensated for by the tremendous cooperation given me by so many of you, for which, again, I am very grateful.

We had a reasonably good year, as the 541 paid-up memberships will indicate but, when you consider the potential of the more than 30,000 who served with the Division, and its attached units, 541 is a very small percentage.

A good many of those 541 were new members, some of whom had never before heard of the association. To those men we say "WELCOME INTO THE FOLD". By the same token, there are more than 100 of last year's members who have not paid this year's dues. If those men had come through we could have had the best year of all.

Twelve prepaid from last year plus 31 already paid for next year brings our total membership up to 584.

This is not meant as a criticism but as a fact and if these men are TEED off about something please let us know and perhaps we can rectify the situation.

Although the Buddy Membership Campaign was not a howling success it met with enough response to make it worthwhile.

The cost of printing five issues of Thunderbolt, stationery, postage and other incidentals has just about exhausted the revenue from those 534 members and, in the fact that everything has increased in cost, so greatly, these past few years, we need a larger membership to take up the slack or the alternative will be an increase in membership dues, which can only be done through majority vote of the membership. Something to think about, men, please give it some serious thought.

The boys up Boston way have lined up a swell program for this year's reunion. All they need for it to be a success is your support so, if it is possible for your to attend please do so. I'm sure that a wonderful time will be had by all.

Harry W. Lockwood, Regt. 329
Secretary-Treasurer

"Buddies"

To: Members of our great
83rd Inf. Div. Assn.

Dear Buddies:

On this the eve of another convention of our 83rd Infantry Division Association fond memories of buddies of the past and present are ever alive in our



minds—so much so that I would like to relate to you a beautiful old story of "two buddies".

Engaged in an arduous enterprise, Orestes and Pylades, two sworn buddies, landed on the shores of the Chersonesus to find themselves in the dominions and power of a king whose practice was to seize all strangers

and sacrifice them at the shrine of Dianna. The two buddies were arrested, carried before the tyrant, and doomed to death. They were delivered over to Iphigenia, who, as priestess of Dianna's temple, had to immolate her victims. Her knife is to be buried in their bosoms, but she learns before the blow is struck that they are Greeks, natives of her own country. Anxious to open up a communication with the land of her birth, she offers to spare one of the two buddies on the condition that the survivor buddy will become her messenger and carry a letter to her friends in Greece. But which buddy shall live, and which buddy shall die? That is the question.

The buddyship that has endured for years in travels, and courts, and battlefields, is now put to a strain it has never borne before, and nobly it bears the strain. Neither buddy will accept the office of messenger, leaving his buddy to the stroke of death. Each implores the priestess to select him for the sacrifice and let the other buddy go. While they contend for the pleasure and honor of dying, Iphigenia discovers in one of them her own brother. She embraces him; and, sparing both, flees with them from that cruel shore. Both buddies are saved and the story, borne on wings of fame, flies abroad, fills the world with wonder, and, carried to distant regions, excited such admiration among the barbarous Scythians that they paid divine honors to Orestes and Pylades, the two buddies, and defying these heroes, erected temples to their worship.

What is it within us that causes the desire to cherish the memory of such a story and its meaning? What is it within us that makes us pause to think of our buddies of the past who gave their all? What is it within us to stem the

joy of perhaps making another reunion? Is it the good time or the chat with your buddy and his family?

The ability and desire to love one another in His Name is the answer in the long run. When we no longer love nor take time to see the finer things in life, then there is cause to wonder what the future may hold.

Faithfully,
William O. "Bill" Shuman,
Chaplain
83rd Infantry Division Assn.
Divarty

From Your Editor

This is the fifth and final issue of Thunderbolt for this association year.

I trust that you have enjoyed the previous issues and that this one proves equally enjoyable. Also that, on occasion, you may have found something of interest about some of your old buddies.

Some of the articles sent in had to be rewritten or edited and, in some cases, due to lack of space, omitted.

We have received many favorable comments about Thunderbolt this year and I would like to express my gratitude and the gratitude of the entire association to our staff of reporters and to those of you who helped make Thunderbolt the interesting and informative publication it is. Let's try to keep it such.

Co. G-331 Reports

By Leroy Titus

Congratulations to Vic Landis and his F-329 boys and also Division Headquarters for their tremendous efforts this year in their membership race for the booze.

Latest reports from our National Secretary place Co. F in the lead, with 35 paid-up members and Div. Hqts. second with 28 and Co. G-331 a close third, with 26.

Although it looks hopeless, at the moment, we, in G-331 will fight right up to reunion time and if we do not win this year we promise a fight to the finish again next year.

Major Macaluso, Bob Piette, Bill Bogacz and a few others are still in their pitching but only a big rally in the late innings can pull it out of the fire.

Thank you fellows for your efforts and if we don't win, at least we can say we went down fighting.

Add another name to your roster, men: Claude C. Deuel, 2131 Sinclair Ave., Utica, N. Y. Let's all write to Claude and welcome him into the fold and perhaps give him the incentive to become a member of the association. Nice to know you are interested, Claude. Best regards.

Miami Valley Chapter News & Dayton Fly-ings

By Vic Landis—F. 329

The Miami Valley Chapter, at this time, wishes to extend its hearty congratulations and a special salute to all the chapters of our great association. It is through the individual chapters and the untiring work of their officers that bands the national unit, with a bond of friendship that is unbreakable. The national is the heart and soul of our organization; the chapters are the blood lines—to keep us in circulation.

We, here in the Dayton area, are happy and feel privileged to be a vital cog in the forward progress of our great outfit. We all are cognizant of the hard work and untiring efforts it takes by the members of the various chapters to keep us all in operation. May we keep the banner of the old 83rd flying high, for the duration of our natural lives.

It is my suggestion, during the coming reunion in Boston, we designate a central meeting place for the officers and other chapter members, who may wish to attend—and hold a National Chapter meeting—sometime before next year's reunion. In this way we could exchange ideas and formulate plans to further the cause of our national association.

Reunion time is drawing nigh and all of us are raring to go. We all know Chuck Abdinoor and the Boston Chapter has a real three-day program lined up. See you all in Boston.



THE HAPPY FOUR — Left to right: Ed Fink, Del Rinehart, Leo Boyd and Vic Landis.

Greater Boston Chapter News

By Nick Francullo—Hq. 3d Bn., 330

This is it, fellows. Reunion time again. We, of the Boston Chapter have made the arrangements. It's up to you, the members, to make it a success.



Pat DiGiammerino, the convention chairman, has put in many hours and a lot of hard work and says he'll be thankful when it is all over so that he can goof off on his original job.

Lucien Elie, the man who can't stand still, is at it again making big news in Amesbury, Mass.

Jiggs, as he is affectionately called, has a religious stamp collection that is on display at the Haverhill Public Library and receiving many comments and overtures. Jiggs is also active in the Boy Scouts, for which he received a trophy for outstanding work as assistant scoutmaster, active in VFW and hospital chairman for the COOTIES. In his spare time he dabbles in photography and attends our meetings. If we could keep him in one spot long enough I'm sure there are other activities in which he participates.

National President Charles "CHUCK" Abdinoor was presented the key to the city of Worcester by City Councillor George A. Wells, at a meeting of the Boston Chapter at the Hotel Bancroft, in Worcester on June 5. Chuck was called on to say a few words and that's exactly what he said. To Chuck, three short paragraphs make a long speech and if you can't get out of it, make it brief.

Mary and Nick Francullo had quite a hectic last two weeks in June. Friends came up from Owensboro, Ky., and we had the toughest time teaching them to wear shoes. After filling them with sand we dumped out a little each day until they became accustomed to it after which time they finally decided that from now on, shoes are S.O.P.

See you all at the reunion.

Correction in the Reunion Program

At one p.m. on Saturday, August 20, buses will leave the Hotel Statler for Hamilton, Mass., where a memorial service will be held, along with a dedication to the late General Patton.

Co. F 329 News & Side-Lights

By Vic Landis

Am very happy to report at the time of this writing that Co. F-329 now has 40 paid-up members. If memory serves me right and I have every reason to believe it does, this sets a record for paid-up members of a single unit. We are glad to show the way and prove it can be done. It takes hundreds of letters and a lot of needling, plus some money expended—but believe me, the ultimate result is more than worth it.

We wish to congratulate Division Headquarters (28 members) and G. 331 (26 members) for their very fine work in giving us a run for the money—not to mention to booze. All and sundry are invited to visit the F. 329 C.P. at an early date to have a drink and watch us do a bit of friendly gloating. Bring your own booze.

We all know Lee Titus and G. 331 has been the leaders in the past and too much credit cannot be given to Lee for the friendly competition he has stirred up. Lee and I get together at every reunion and figure ways and means to needle other units to put forth their best efforts to beat us out. CHEERS to the man.

Note to Ed Labus and Hank Golembiewski: I have concocted a special Old Bachelors' Cocktail for the three of us. It is Old Grandad with something added to give it a kick. Results are amazing. Co. F. 329 rests on their laurels. See you all in Boston.



The two old bachelors of Co. F-329, Vic Landis, about to rise and shine and, Hank Golembiewski, at ease. Legs at left not identified, but very nice.



Co. F-329 members, left to right: Lavona Whitcomb, Chuck Whitcomb, Vic Landis and Trudy Fowler at beer party.



Co. F-329 members Ann and George Trebonyak.



BEER PARTY — Co. F-329 members Trudy Fowler, Jim Fowler, Ed and Jean Zerucha.

Letters to the Editor

The following are excerpts from some of the letters sent to your editor. Due to lack of space, it is impossible to print them all and these were picked at random.

If yours is not among them, please don't feel slighted. Perhaps it will appear in another issue.

Dear Harry,

Was with 308th Eng. attached to 329, from '43 to '45. Please send information about reunion.

William S. Dunham
52 St. Jude Street
Portland, Maine

Dear Harry,

Formerly a member of Anti-Tank, 330. Will try to make the reunion.

Truman Brown, Jr.
Brainard Hill Road
Higganum, Conn.

Dear Mr. Lockwood,

I was with the 83rd from Camp Atterbury to Breckenridge. Served with G-330, wounded in Battle of the Bulge. Last rating was Sergeant.

Raymond J. Jackson
660 Jefferson St.
Danville, Virginia

Dear Harry,

Thank you for the copy of Thunderbolt and your informative letter. Due to recent hospitalization, will join the association later. Thanks for your cooperation and looking forward to seeing you at the reunion.

Walt Cummings (1st Lt.)
Co. C. 330

Dear "Comrade" Lockwood,

Enclosed find my dues for 1960. Hope I can make the reunion. Best wishes for the 83rd.

Bob Allard
Putnam, Conn.

Dear Harry,

Enclosed find payment of dues long overdue. Also note change of address.

John W. Stauffer, E-331
Shelby, Ohio

Dear Harry,

Saw the article in The Newburgh Press about the 83rd. I served with B-329 from June '44 to December '44. Was wounded in Battle of the Bulge and rejoined the outfit after hostilities ended. Good to contact old 83rd members.

Abraham Robinson
3 Memorial Drive
Newburgh, N. Y.

Dear Sir,

Saw your article in the Elmira Gazette about 14th reunion of my old division. Please send information. Hope I can make it.

Ernest D. Foulkrod
Troy, Penna.

Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Read an article in the local paper about the reunion in Boston. Would appreciate further information. Formerly a member of Co. A-329.

Henry H. Foss
608 Cabot St.
Beverly, Mass.

Dear Harry,

Enclosed find \$5.00 dues for the ensuing year. Extra buck can be used to help the cause along.

Larry DiPrima
308 Med., 331

Dear Harry,

Enclosed find check for next year's dues. Sorry, am unable to attend the reunion in Boston. Hope to see you next year.

William G. Pierce
Co. A-329

Dear Harry,

Sorry I couldn't keep an active part in the association in the past but hope to do so in the future.

My wife was in the hospital for 14 months and recently passed away.

Enclosed find my dues. Are any lapel pins or rings available?

Al. Fessia
Mobil Oil Co.
Portsmouth, N. H.
Can. - 329

(Ed. Note: Dear Al. Please accept the sympathy of the association and may the GOOD LORD help you in your time of sorrow.)

Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Formerly a member of A-329. Please send information about the reunion. Hope to attend on the 19th and 20th.

Thank you for the Thunderbolt. Enclosed find my dues.

Warren Lenfest
103 Newbury St.
Danvers, Mass.

Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Originally a member of the 83rd at Atterbury and at one time a member of the association. Would like information regarding the association.

Edwin A. Salley
Salley, So. Car.

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BY-LAWS

of the

83rd Infantry Division Assn.

Following is a copy of the Amended By-Laws of the association, accepted at the reunion, in Detroit in 1959 and the amendments that are to be voted on at the reunion, this year, in Boston,

MEMBERSHIP

Active Members—Any person who was assigned to the 83rd Infantry Division during the period 8 August 1942 through 30 April 1946.

Associate Members—Any person who was a member of any designated unit attached to the 83rd Infantry Division during the aforesaid period of time long enough to qualify for a battle star shall be entitled to all privileges to active membership, except the right to vote and the right to hold office.

Honorary Membership — Any person who would qualify for Active or Associate Membership and is deceased, shall be an Honorary Member of this Association. The next of kin of any person qualifying as an Honorary Member is eligible for Associate Membership.

Any person who has been dishonorably discharged from the service of the United State Army shall not be eligible for any membership whatsoever.

OFFICERS

The Association shall have the following National Officers:

President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
3rd Vice President
Secretary-Treasurer
Chaplain
Historian
Judge Advocate
Sergeant-at-Arms (2)

ELIGIBILITY ELECTION, TERM OF OFFICE AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Eligibility—Any paid-up Active Member in good standing shall be eligible for election to any office of this Association.

Election — National Officers will be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Association by a plurality of the votes cast thereat.

Term—National Officers shall be elected for a term of One (1) Year.

Voting—Any Active Member in good Standing shall be entitled to vote for the proposed slate of Officers. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

In the event that an Annual Meeting is not held, the Annual Election shall

then be conducted by mail in such manner as prescribed by the Executive Board.

President—The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership and of the Executive Board and shall assist in the formation of all politics of the Association. The President shall have such other duties incident to the Office of President, and shall have such additional powers and duties as may be, from time to time, prescribed by the Executive Board.

1st Vice President—The 1st Vice President shall in the absence of the president assume the duties of the President. He shall have such other duties as may be, from time to time, prescribed by the Executive Board.

2nd Vice President—The 2nd Vice President shall in the absence of the 1st Vice President assume the duties of the 1st Vice President. He shall have such other duties as may be, from time to time, be prescribed by the Executive Board.

3rd Vice President—The 3rd Vice President shall in the absence of the 2nd Vice President assume the duties of the 2nd Vice President. He shall have such other duties as may be, from time to time, prescribed by the Executive Board.

Secretary-Treasurer — The Secretary-Treasurer will be responsible for all of the Association's funds. He will be responsible for the taking of the minutes of the Association Meetings, and the reading of the minutes of past meetings and of all reports submitted by the Executive Board. He will furnish a Bond with Corporate Surety, in such amount as may be prescribed by the Executive Board. Said Bond shall be at the expense of the Association. He may be paid such salary as may be determined by the Executive Board.

Chaplain—The Chaplain shall have all of the duties incident to the Office of Chaplain and such additional duties as may be, from time to time, prescribed by the Executive Board.

Historian—The Historian shall keep a record of the events of the association. He may, with the concurrence of the Executive Board, re-write the Division History; collect and maintain a file of published and unpublished unit histories, pictures, papers and other documents concerning the division units; conduct contact work between the War Department, and in conjunction with the Chaplain contact deceased member's families and establish the full facts concerning the death of any Division member.

Judge Advocate—The Judge Advocate shall be the legal advisor of the Association and, in particular of the Executive Board. He shall have such other duties and powers as may be, from time to time, prescribed by the Executive Board.

Sergeants-At-Arms—The Sergeants-at-Arms shall maintain decorum at the annual meetings and elections. They shall have such other duties and powers as may be, from time to time, prescribed by the Executive Board.

Executive Board—The Executive Board shall function in the manner and with the powers and duties as detailed in paragraph "Eight" of the Certificate of Incorporation of the 83rd Division Association.

DUES

Dues—Shall be in such amount as may be prescribed by the Executive Board, payable annually, in advance, prior to June 30th.

COMMITTEES

Nominating Committee—Shall be comprised as follows:

Two (2) representatives from each Regimental Unit of the Division;

Two (2) representatives from the Division Artillery;

One (1) representative from the Division Special Troops Unit.

These representatives shall be chosen by Unit Caucus held by the individual units, and shall be so certified by the Units.

The Nominating Committee so selected shall, in its own caucus held, select names of qualified persons for the National Offices provided for in the by-laws.

The Nominating Committee shall submit its list of nominees to the Executive Board for its approval, prior to submitting same to the Membership at the Annual Election.

Membership Committee—Shall consist of Five (5) members to be appointed by the President, who shall be charged with the duty of securing new members, and furthering the policies of the Association in matters concerning Membership in the Association.

Other Committees—The President shall appoint such other committees as may be established by the Executive Board.

AMENDMENTS

The by-laws of this Association may be amended by a three-fourth (3/4) vote of members present at an Annual Meeting.

Amendments proposed, must be submitted to all members in written form not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

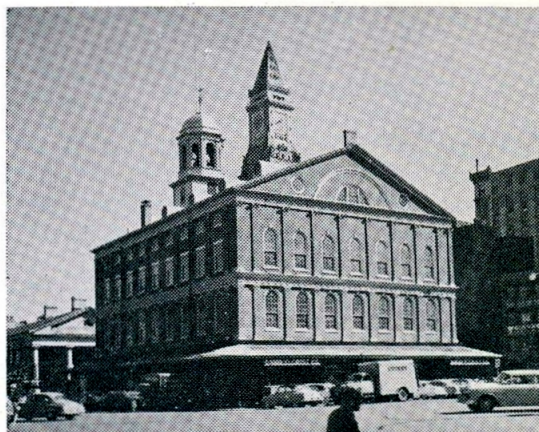
Amendments of an urgent nature may be submitted to the Executive Board, without the aforesaid prior notice, for its approval and presentation by the Executive Board to the Annual Meeting for immediate action.

Amendment

The Executive Board, provided for in Paragraph "Eight" of the Certificate of Incorporation of the Association shall be comprised of Five (5) members elected by the assembled convention. The initial members, elected after the adoption of the By-Laws, shall be elected for terms of five (5) years, four (4) years, three (3) years, two (2) years and one (1) year, the respective terms of office of each member of the initial board to be designated by the Executive Board and submitted to the body to be elected, if they so desire.

Amendment

Any person expelled shall not be eligible for reinstatement except by unanimous vote of the Executive Board and the unanimous vote of the assembled convention.



FANEUIL HALL. Sometimes called the "Cradle of American Liberty" is Faneuil Hall in Boston where American patriots made fiery speeches and organized committees against the British which led to the Revolutionary War. The second floor contains the original hall preserved in excellent condition, and on the ground floor visitors will still find the market stalls as they were nearly 200 years ago.

Philadelphia Scrapple

By Dave Rosenberg—F-331

We, of the Philadelphia Chapter, who journeyed to Detroit last year by bus, had such a rollicking good time on the way that when the mode and method



of transportation was one of the subjects at a chapter meeting, it was unanimously decided that, once again, we would travel that way.

It was not difficult chartering the bus for, apparently word had gotten around that we were a pretty jovial bunch and that everything we said

and did was all in good clean fun.

The trip to Boston, of course, will be less than half that to Detroit but you can be sure that the spirit of the crowd will be none the less. What we lack in time will be more than compensated for in joviality and the spirit that is left in our systems will be carried on into the hotel and everyone will know the Greater Philadelphia Chapter is in town.

This is what we have been planning for, this is what we have saved for and the time has finally arrived. Reunion time is here.

The Philadelphia Chapter will be open to all our friends and those of you who wish to get a first hand example of how contagious fellowship can be are cordially invited to pay us a visit at our C.P. and we promise you that the welcome mat will mean just what it implies and I'm sure that, when you leave, you will be singing the praises of the Philadelphia Chapter until time for the next reunion when another portion of the same will be yours for the asking.

SEE YOU IN BOSTON.

Warren Chapter News

By John Caparanis—B-331

The Warren Chapter will hold forth in the usual way at this year's reunion, in Boston, and the hand of welcome is extended to all who care to pay a visit to our C.P.

Come up and meet your old friends and buddies, have a drink, sit down and bat the breeze and, if you have a story or anecdote to interject, feel free to do so. Relive with us the Battle of the Bulge (in both yours and our version), Normandy, Brittany, Ardennes, The Rhineland and Central Europe. The scouting missions, the insurrections and the many tougher phases of the part we

all played during that time, it all helps make a reunion three days of the best and most delightful periods of the year.

Also, let me say that the Warren Chapter is open to one and all fellow Thunderbolts, and their families, at any time during the year. We have many social functions and are probably one of the most active chapters in the association. If you're in the neighborhood, or have no aversion to travelling from where you are located, you will find that the Warren Chapter, at 143 West Market Street, Warren, Ohio, is the answer to what to do for an evening's entertainment.

That's it for now, see you all in Boston.



Just part of the Gang.



Howie Edwards
Mr. and Mrs. Sylvio Allard

New Jersey Chapter News

By Nicholas Esposito, B-331

The members of the NEW JERSEY CHAPTER were a sad looking group immediately after the last issue of the THUNDERBOLT, because of me. I publicly apologize to them for failing to write an article for the NEW JERSEY CHAPTER. A couple of Fridays ago Harry Lockwood, our national secretary, picked me up to attend our monthly meeting at the V.F.W. Post in Garfield, N. J. As I sat in his car he handed me a copy of the Thunderbolt and I thought he said "no news". I didn't press his action because I knew what he was referring to and like a good duck it rolled off my back. Entering the meeting room in the Veterans Post there was Emil Wehling, our national vice-president, drinking his usual "coke". Harry handed him his issue of the THUNDERBOLT. Emil said, "saving postage stamps again" with a smile and began thumbing through the issue. After a minute or two he looked up with a disappointed look. As Emil was glancing through the issue I could see his face fall and I knew what his reactions were, as if to say, what no Jersey news? The same thing happened when Harry gave copies to Dave Benick, Sam Galati, Stanley Bielan and Joe De Peri. I am telling you now that I could have crawled through a pin hole. I never knew what an article in the issue meant to them. It was as if the THUNDERBOLT had all blank pages. Now I (and you other reporters take note) have learned that there may not be many pages to the THUNDERBOLT but what it contains gives the readers a sort of feeling that they are part of it. Again I am sorry.

Our meeting perked up a bit in so far as action was concerned. The boys seem a little excited nearing reunion time. We have decided to give each member of the NEW JERSEY CHAPTER a division shirt with our call letters on the back. Plans were made to have refreshments at our C.P. in Boston and all agreed that is the way it should be. By the way, come up and pay us a visit.

The New Jersey Chapter will have about 90 per cent attendance and are looking forward towards winning one of the prizes for the largest group in attendance from individual chapters. Oh, by the way, I am in group three.

Joe De Peri has been attending our meetings lately and he is a nice guy to have around as he knows his way around the pizza restaurants. If Joe says go there you can be sure the food is good.

Sammy Galanti, our Brooklyn boy, is back with us again after a slight lapse due to a pulling match with the dentists and who do you think won? Mr. Galati can chew the fat more often now and he has improved his appetite to the extent where he gives a helping hand to his mouth from other peoples' dishes.

Sam's partner, also a Brooklyn boy, Dave Benick, missed the previous meetings as he spent the Easter holidays at the Madison Hotel in Miami Beach. And from Sam's report to us everyone should spend a week or two in the sun, especially the Miami sun. Mrs. Benick and the children enjoyed themselves event if it did rain three or four days. Mrs. Benick, did Dave order an aiti-pasto and eat only the lettuce?

One of the first to be at our meeting is Emil Wehling. Here is a man who has his heart and soul in the organization. He is a long time member and knows quite a few of the boys from the other chapters and keeps in contact with them either by mail or telephone. Keep up the good work, Emil.

The least said about Stan Bielen the better off I will be as he seems to think I am always picking on him. He is a boy who likes to have some nice clean fun and will go out of his way to make people happy. He will give the shirt off someone else's back to you. If there were a choice at sometime or other to make a traveling companion I would choose old Stan. He and I planed in from Detroit last year and what a time we had. Are you with me, buddy?

Although there wasn't an item in the recent issue regarding the New Jersey Chapter, I believe Harry Lockwood put together a darn good Thunderbolt. I especially liked the article on the letters to the editor. There were some interesting letters from our present and former members and some who did not know of our annual reunions. Thanks to a vigorous campaign put on by our publicity director, Vic Landis, who has done a terrific job. I think if more of us wrote a letter to the editor it would create more reader interest, not that this is lacking as I know, and maybe some of you would have a question to be asked or answered.

The time has come for your answer to an important question. Are you going to the convention in Boston? There are three possible answers. Number one is yes. In this group there are those who can afford the tariff and make all the conventions, also those who cannot afford the fare but beg or borrow the

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Dining in Boston

Millions of visitors to the city of Boston, Mass., have ahead of them one of the truly exciting experiences of a lifetime as they dine in the cosmopolitan atmosphere of the "Hub."

Dining in Boston is dining in the graceful traditions of New England combined with the cuisine of France, Italy, Germany, Syria, Turkey, China, and as a matter of fact, practically every other nation of the world.

It is true that Boston is famed as the home of the cod and the bean; you may choose to enjoy baked beans as they can be prepared only in their original home, or you may decide on fresh cod or halibut direct from Boston's famous fish pier. Possibly lobster or a New England boiled dinner is more to your liking, or maybe you're a Chinese food fan. Luscious ribs of roast beef and pig's knuckles and sauerkraut are both famous in Boston, but no matter what your taste or the limitations on your pocketbook, you can be certain that the atmosphere and variety, the quality and preparation of your food will be unsurpassed.

With a little planning, the visitor to Boston can discover the second-floor walk-up in the market district or the luxury of soft carpets, dim lights and music in the Back Bay. Whatever your mood and appetite, Boston has the place to dine that will satisfy the most discriminate.

Visit Faneuil Hall in Boston

Once again, as the vacation season approaches, thousands of visitors to Boston, Mass., will find their way to Dock Square and Faneuil Hall, the busy market district of the "Hub" to relive the fiery speeches that kindled the sparks of the American Revolution.

A tour of this landmark known as the Cradle of Liberty will thrill young and old alike as it has for over 200 years. The first Faneuil Hall was completed in 1742, burned in 1761 and was rebuilt in 1763. The structure built in that year was enlarged by architect Charles Bulfinch in 1805. The original building is embraced in the present Faneuil Hall.

School children will remember from their studies of American History that the Hall was built by Peter Faneuil, "The topmost merchant in all the town" who was much inconvenienced by the lack of a market house in Boston. In 1740 he generously offered to erect this "Noble and complete structure for the sole use, benefit and advantage of the town." Generations of Americans who have visited this shrine will remember that the Hall over the market stalls be-

came one of the most famous rooms in the history of the world. In the first town meeting held therein, it was described as "spacious and beautiful," and at the same time was named Faneuil Hall in testimony of the town's gratitude to the giver.

Faneuil Hall is one stop on Boston's world renowned Freedom Trail, which indicates such other famous attractions as the Old North Church, Paul Revere House and the Old South Meeting House where plans were made for the world's most famous "Tea Party."

An outstanding brochure called, "You'll Like Boston," which outlines the Freedom Trail is available through the Boston Convention and Tourist Bureau, 80 Federal Street, Boston 10, Mass.



"Chuck" and City Councilman George Wells of Worcester.



Some of the lovely ladies of The Boston Chapter.

Indiana Chapter News

By Murray Therber, 330 Med.

Since the last issue of Thunderbolt, the Indiana Chapter has been humming. Besides our regularly scheduled and one special meeting, we held sway at the



Chapter Dance on Saturday evening, May 7.

Held at the Chateau, here in Indianapolis, amid a beautifully decorated ballroom and some solid music, by the Aristocrats, a wonderful time was had by all.

The way to the Chateau, which is near the World War Memorial, was pointed out by colorful 83rd Division signs and when approaching, the music emanating from within, was all the assurance needed that this was the place.

By 9 p.m. the place was crowded, favors were distributed and, during a lull in the music, laughter could be heard from across the floor. Small wonder, some of the favors were not to be taken lightly by the imagination and would have to be seen to be appreciated.

The night was such a success that we were sorry that more out of towners and folks from other chapters could not attend.

On June 26, the annual Chapter Picnic was held at Longacre Park. A scenic location between huge oak and maple trees was the setting. A small stream nearby added its beauty to the surroundings and the kids had a field day. One young lady presented her mother with a jar of small fish and tadpoles, which, of course, mommy appreciated very much. The tables creaked from the weight of the food, aside from being very neatly arranged by the picnic chairman, John Walker, who did an excellent job, along with roping off the area with some very neat plastic 83rd emblems, created by John himself. Our boy John really did himself proud.

Those attending were as follows:

The John Walkers and two daughters, Linda and Brenda; John and Mrs. Robinette; Louis and Mrs. Meyer; John and Mrs. Law and daughter, Barbara Ann; John and Mrs. Soroko (their twins were away at camp); Ned and Mrs. Smith and children, Melissa and Brownie; Joe and Mrs. Lowry; Ed and Mrs. Crow and children, Carole and Earl, and Murray Therber.

ORCHIDS TO: "Bodie" Crow for the fried chicken deluxe (plus Lucy Strikes). Camilla Law for southern fried chicken and other goodies. Helen Lowry for those famous cup cakes and her way with a ham isn't bad either!! Mickey Meyer for her covered dishes that were a treat indeed. Gaynelle Robinette for her German chocolate cake and cucumber salad. Dot Soroko for her baked beans and cheese cake. No wonder the other gals were asking her for the recipe. Geni Smith for her out of this world potato salad. Ruth Walker for her home cooked green beans with country ham. (What happened to those you prepared on Saturday night, Ruth?)

What more can be said about our gals and their cooking besides WONDERFUL??

A Final Report From Your National Publicity Director

By Vic Landis, F-329

By the time you receive this—the final edition of the Thunderbolt before reunion time in Boston, the die will have been cast, the mold will have been set, and the rest is in the lap of the God.

I know that thousands of our former members now have the knowledge of our coming reunion in Boston, and the fact that we have a national association. It is not too late for all former members who receive the Thunderbolt, free gratis - to mail in their dues to help out during the coming year. I cannot stress too much the importance of these dues, as they HELP keep us going from year to year. However, if some of us did not spend our time and money, we could not stay in operation.

Am mailing out hundreds of releases, stressing this point; The 83rd in conjunction with a number of other divisions, who served under his command, will erect memorial in honor of the late Gen. Patton, in Patton Park, Hamilton, Mass. on Saturday, August 20. Members of the Gen. Patton's family will also be in attendance.

This is really helping our publicity on a national scale and I can freely state that not one World War II division association in the land has even come close to the publicity we have received.

In closing, a special doff of the Landis chapeau, to three men, who have played a major role in holding our great outfit together—Harry Lockwood, Charlie Abdinoor and Larry Redmond. Orchids to them all. See you in Boston.

Metropolitan Detroit Chapter News

The Detroit Chapter held its first outdoor picnic at Ed Zerucha's Cottage on June 26, with about 50 members and guests present.



Also present, from out of town, were our former Association President, Ray Voracek, his wife and family from Cleveland, and Ray Dutton and his wife from Toledo, Ohio.

A lot of food and drink was consumed and, from the talent displayed in horseshoe pitching, look for some inter-chapter competition in

the future.

Surfboard riding and water skiing were also on the agenda for all, but no matter how hard Ray Voracek tried, he just couldn't make the grade.

The day's activities were topped off with a weenie roast and a little something to wash them down and a wonderful time was had by all who were very tired but very happy at the end of the day's festivities.

At our July 5 meeting at the El Toro Bar, we welcomed two new members, Eli Giura, L-330 and Al Salvator, M-330, which brings our paid up membership to 25 with a few likely prospects in the offing.

Also, at the July meeting, a six-month program was decided on, with a picnic in August; anniversary dance and installation of officers in September; Halloween dance in costume in October; social event at the Fort Wayne Army Post in November, and the usual Christmas party in December. For specific dates contact me at 20000 Lancaster, Harper Woods 36, Mich.

Bill Palazzolo—G-329

News of Our Miss Thunderbolt

Lovely Christine Stephanoff, who was elected "Miss Thunderbolt", 1960, at the reunion in Detroit last August, is still at it, receiving laurels and accolades from other outfits.

Christine was chosen as beauty queen of the Edward J. Madaj Amvets Post 45 and will compete in the finals; the winner to represent the Amvets at the National Convention in Miami, Fla., in August.

(Editor's note—I guess we know how to pick 'em. Christine, honey, don't let us down.)



This is our new Flag we made for the Metropolitan Detroit Chapter. (Sorry it didn't print better). Left to right: Bill Palazzalo, Art Byrne, Ray Nanteac and Tommy Linn.



Left to right: Marion Murio, Jack Dougherty, Steve Benson, Nick Barbu, Ray Nanteau, Ray Vorechak, Tom Linn, Al Wandre and Art Byrne.

News About Old And New Members

Rev. William Lundy reports that he will be unable to attend this year's reunion as he will be in the midst of a three-month trip to Ireland, at that time. Father Lundy is former Chaplain of the 330th Regiment, and is located at St. Malachy's Church, in Los Angeles, Calif.

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Did you know that Rev. Ted Landis, of the Nashville church, is a brother of our own Vic Landis, national publicity director?

From Your Chapter Coordinator

Larry Redmond, H-330

Here we are coming down the home stretch of another great year.

Thanks to the fine leadership of President Charlie Abdinoor and the hard work put forth by our Secretary-Treasurer, Harry Lockwood, we can proudly say that our membership is on the upward climb again. We can also give a word of praise to Vic Landis, our National Publicity Director, who has done such a tremendous job in exploiting the association and the coming



reunion this year.

All the laurels that can be handed out, along with the gratitude and appreciation of the membership must go to Vic Landis for a really, truly wonderful job and it has been the combined efforts of these three men, in particular, who have made the increase in membership possible.

I also would to extend a word of thanks to the chapter members, and those not connected with chapters, who participate in our membership drive. You, too, helped by adding a member here and there and by sending in names and addresses for us to contact.

It is surprising how many answered our letters. A sizeable number responded with dues and those who did not at least know of the association and some are likely prospects for the future.

With continued cooperation, of this kind, we can look forward to having one of the largest and most active Division Associations in the country. Again, thank you, thank you very much.

Our reunion in Boston is upon us and I sincerely hope that all of you who can will attend and show our national officers and the association that you are behind them one hundred per cent.

I trust, too, that you will continue your efforts for the officers elected for the coming year. With such cooperation and determination HOW CAN WE FAIL?

Cleveland Chit-Chat

By Casey Kowalec, C-322, FA.

Glancing at Harry Lockwood's memo pertaining to the convention issue of Thunderbolt, makes me realize that another year has flown by. It seems that



just a short time ago we were whooping it up at the reunion in Detroit and here we are getting packed for the reunion in Boston. I wonder, does time go by more swiftly when one gets older?

Speaking of conventions, we, of the Cleveland Chapter, have a wonderful treat in store for you in 1961. The beautiful Manger Hotel has been selected as the site for next year's reunion in Cleveland. Details will be presented at the Boston reunion.

We are all in good health and having a full summer of activities.

This past 4th of July another glorious event was recorded in the annals of the Cleveland Chapter with a 100 per cent turnout at the memorial service honoring our deceased buddies.

As most of you know, or should know, this is the day that the division was committed to action, so, it is always on July 4th that we choose to pay tribute to those men and may their memories live forever in the hearts and minds of us who were more fortunate.

It was a beautiful day and, thanks to Bill Palazzolo for getting our uniforms felt so proud that the martial aspect of the surroundings took on that much more importance.

Our thanks, also, to Charles Hronek and his rifle squad from Anton Blazek Post who helped make the affair a complete success.

Our own Alfie is a stickler for being prompt and punctual and in the 18 years that we have known him he has never been late. Well, it finally happened. Why was he late? We'll let him tell you about it in Boston.

Walt Meczka has made the arrangements for this Sunday's picnic and I'm sure that no detail has been overlooked. We are all looking forward to a wonderful affair and this will be the prelude to the coming reunion and should warm here in time, we looked so sharp and us up for that grand get-together that See you all in Boston.

Letters to the Editor

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Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Saw your notice in Chattanooga paper. Was in Co. M. 330.

James W. Gray, Jr.
Route 8, Wilson Road
Chattanooga, Tenn.

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Dear Sir,

Very pleased to read about the coming reunion of the 83rd Div. in Boston. First notice I've seen. Your Publicity Director is on the ball. Plan to attend, at least one day. Was in Co. C-908 FA. Bn.

Joe Woitkiewicz
189 High Street
Greenfield, Mass.

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Dear Sir,

Seems like I've become a lost sheep, probably because I haven't paid my dues recently. Like the Prodigal son's father, I'm sure you like to see the lost return; especially with four bucks in hand. Would appreciate back copies of Thunderbolt.

Bill Dyer
Smithville, Tenn.
Hq. 329

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Gentlemen,

Was unaware of the reunion these many years. Have tried to find buddies from my old outfit: Co. I-330. Please add my name to roster.

Laddie A. Parry, T/Sgt.
Box 111, Bolivar, N. Y.

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Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Say your notice in local paper. Was with Co. L-329.

Gilbert M. King
Box 156, Petersham, Mass.

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Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Say your notice in the Gainesville (Fla.) Daily Sun. I was in Co. A-331 from December 1944 until de-activation, in 1946. Have seen notices before, however, this is the first time I've responded. Have been in Florida National Guard since 1951.

Archie Crawford
1005 NE 11th Ave.
Gainesville, Florida

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Dear Harry,

Formerly a member of Hq. Co. 329 and discharged as 2nd Lt. Ordnance Corp. Saw your notice in the Grand Island Independent. Best wishes for a successful reunion.

Harold Grossman
4th and Locust
Grand Island, Nebraska

Dear Sir,

Ran across your notice in the local paper. Have never been to a reunion before but plan to attend this one in Boston. Was in Co. I-329 and came to them from Co. E, 253, 63rd Div. Hope to see a few old buddies in Boston.

Floyd G. Corbett
Star Route,
Staunton, West Virginia

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Dear Sir,

Saw your article in the local paper. I joined Co. M, 331 as a replacement and was captured in Normandy on July 19, 1944. Would like to hear from anyone else taken prisoner on that day.

Paul Weiss
22½ Thornton St.
Venice, California

New Jersey Chapter News

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money. Those who borrow the money can see their way clear to meet the payments later and are doing what any ordinary American does today. Buy now and pay later. God bless the inventor of this plan.

The second possible answer is no. In this group there are those who can afford it, but will not go because of any number of good reasons. Some would like to be there, but it is advisable for them to stay home.

The third possible answer is maybe or I don't know. This is the group which all of us must try to convince. As in any political campaign a candidate can talk himself deaf to anyone in group one or two, but their minds have been made up. The politician knows this but continues to make speeches over the countryside trying to convince those in group three, because he knows that they, in group three, have the power to elect him to office. By convincing only a few he has turned the tide for a victory celebration and that is what we want at our reunion. A celebration which will go down in the history of our conventions as one of the best and biggest. A celebration which group three will never forget and be converted to group one.

Be on the winning side and try to attend your reunions—make a vacation out of it for you and your family. Meet your old buddies. Have a good time.

SEE YOU ALL IN BOSTON.

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