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## The President's Corner

Dear Buddies:

Now that the holidays are past and the hustle and bustle has gotten back to normal, I hope we are all prepared to do a greater job for the 83rd Association than has ever been done before. I do hope all survived the holidays in the finest of health and not too badly bent financially.



It has been quite a time for the Minottis. With the welcome addition of a daughter on Nov. 22 and the holiday season, you can just imagine the turmoil at our household. As of this date mother and daughter are doing fine. Daddio still reeling off the ropes.

In September, just a few weeks after reunion time, I had to return to Boston for a few days and spent a pleasant evening with our former President Charles Abdinoor and convention chairman Pat DiGiammerino. Always nice to return to the scene of battle (reunion) and see what the town really looks like. I never get out of the hotel at these functions to see the town. It's amazing at the things going on just around the corner from the hotel you stay at. Try it sometime. Pat and Charles found out a few things about the town also. Then on January 7 my wife and I, with R. J. and Dorothy Voracek had the pleasure of travelling to Philly for their annual dinner and dance. A real blowout, great turnout, wonderful entertainment. Just don't have the adjectives to describe the wonderful hospitality extended to us by all the Philly Chapter members. Also my special thanks to Larry and Mary Redmond, Lou and Lucy Volpi for making our stay a pleasant one and we will not soon forget. Also great to see our old buddy Pete Constantino again. I would like to say good luck and much

happiness to all this gang for the coming year.

We, all the officers of this great association are still open to any ideas that will strengthen us membership-wise or for the betterment of our reunion affairs. Do you have any ideas? Write to us and try us on it. One idea I have is when you get your Thunderbolt and have read it, take it down to your VFW, American Legion or any veterans organization or for that matter, any organization that has a bulletin board and post it. If you need any more copies drop Lockwood a line and he will send whatever you need. I believe that many outsiders will see this and pass the news along to someone they know that did belong to the 83rd. Mention the fact that anybody attached to the 83rd between the dates of October 1942 through November 1945, are eligible to belong to our 83rd Association. This last fact is something many do not know about.

I would like to hear from all chapters. I would like a complete roster of the names and addresses of all the chapter officers, and a rundown of all their future events. If by any chance I can make a visit to some of these affairs it would help to know the dates well in advance. Not only myself, but some of the officers could possibly attend sometime.

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Stock Car Enthusiast, Joe?



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## The President's Corner

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Congratulation to Vic for a flying start in the New Year. I see by the papers that we have started to get some publicity we so richly deserve. With this kind of cooperation from the newspapers in the future we should be able to swell our ranks well past our past membership. As of now Harry tells us we have 550 paid-up. A great start I would say. So let's continue the good work and drop Vic a line on any ideas for publicity. Let's not just settle for this year's good showing, but continue to remember that the years to follow are just as important. Continue the good work, Vic.

Word from our Convention Chairman Ray Voracek is all good. The hotel set, the rates are fine, the program we hope to be the greatest, and, best of all, we hope to keep the registration fee down as much as we possibly can. The most important thing we have to say is, the reunion will be on the usual past dates, the third week-end in August 17, 18 and 19. At the last reunion we announced it would be the second week-end but through much effort and hotel commitments we will still hold to our past third week-end in August. So make your plans now, and I cannot stress too strongly, please make your reservations well in advance with the hotel so there will be no disappointments when you come to Cleveland. I myself have been one of these arrivals, thinking, oh it is a big hotel so there will be plenty of rooms, Not so. So I repeat, start planning now with early reservations at the hotel of your choice.

So in closing, I would like to say it has indeed been a great pleasure so far,

in being the president of our great 83rd Division Association and for the best of luck and really great happiness to every member and their families for the coming year, I am

Sincerely yours,  
JOE MINOTTI  
C & Hq. 324 F.A.

## Chaplain's Corner

Dear Buddies,

I know that most of you have heard the wise comment, "What a mother sings to the cradle, goes all the way down to the grave," or "One good mother is worth a dozen school masters."



What I am leading up to is a poem that my late mother often repeated to me. It is entitled "The World of Mine." The poem contains so much good wisdom and reminders that I felt that I must jot it down for you to read, keep it in

your memoirs.

### "The World of Mine"

Today upon a bus I saw,  
a lovely girl with golden hair,  
I envied her, she seemed so gay  
and I wished that I were fair.  
When suddenly she rose to leave  
I saw her hobble down the aisle;  
She had one leg and wore a crutch,  
And as she passed - a smile;  
Oh! God forgive me when I whine,  
I have legs - the world is mine.

And then I stopped to buy some sweets,  
the lad who sold them had such charm,  
I talked with him, he seemed so glad,  
if I were late t'would do no harm.  
And as I left he said to me 'I thank you'  
'you have been so kind,'  
'You see, he said 'I'm blind'.  
Oh! God! forgive me when I whine,  
I have two eyes - the world is mine.

Later walking down the street,  
I saw a child with eyes of blue.  
He stood and watched the others play  
It seemed he knew not what to do,  
I stopped a moment, then I said -  
Why don't you join the others dear.  
He looked ahead without a word, and  
then I knew he could not hear.  
Oh! God! forgive me when I whine,  
I have two ears the world is mine.

With legs to take me, where I'd go.  
With eyes to see the sunset's glow.  
With ears to hear what I would know.  
Oh! God! forgive me when I whine  
I'm blessed indeed, the world is mine.

William O. "Bill" Shuman  
Hq. Btry. Divarty



## Your Secretary's Report

We have reached the halfway point for this year and, so far, it has been a pretty good year. With the paid-up membership, as of February 15 at 560, we are well ahead of a comparable time last year when the paid-up membership was under 500.



Thanks to those of you who have helped in our membership drive and also to you who have sent in names and addresses for me to contact.

It is all the more surprising when you realize that more than 100 of last year's paid-up members have not responded for this year as yet. If those men would send in their dues, along with what we can expect between now and the close of the association year, this could be the best year in the history of our association.

Leading the field is the 324th Field Artillery( collectively, as a unit) with 31 paid-up members with F-329 and G-331 closing in with 28 each. Following is a list of paid-up members for each individual outfit. In some cases more than last year and in other cases less. See what you can do to help. For those of you who may want to send in a membership for a buddy who may be temporarily financially embarrassed, I'll be happy to send you a list of those of your outfit just by sending me a post card and you can take it from there. Get behind it fellows, this is your association.

More than 50 Thunderbolts were returned to with changes of addresses or marked "moved", "no forwarding address", and I would like to appeal to you to please inform me of your new address to expedite the situation and to save the fifteen cents it costs per copy to send it out again. It not only delays it getting to you, it is a lot of extra work and you probably have heard the news therein through some other source and get teed off because you did not get your copy.

I like to believe that your staff of reporters is doing a very good job keeping you informed and we have received many compliments along those lines so if any of you have news that may be of interest to the members of your own outfit or the association in general, send it in, the only way they can know about it is through the Thunderbolt, in many instances. Also, any suggestions will be graciously and gratefully appreciated.

(Membership List on Page 10)

From all reports, arrangements for the reunion have just about been completed and it looks like another bang-up time is in store for all who attend but I must make one important suggestion. The Hotel Manger is a lot smaller than most of the hotels we have used in other years, although it is perhaps as good an establishment as any of the others. So please, please send in your reservations as soon as you possibly can to avoid the situation that has come up in past years, that of coming in and finding that there is no room for you which causes you to look elsewhere. You're tired and soon become angry and eventually say, "To hell with it" and go home. Actually, in many cases it is your fault. Let's see if we can avoid that this year, it will make for far better relations.

In closing let me say, although this job of Secretary-Treasurer is a tremendous amount of work, I've enjoyed the opportunity of serving you and shall continue to enjoy it until you decide that you want a change.

One thing more, I have heard from Col. Bob York, who is back among us and, in all probability will attend this year's reunion. Col. York states that he still is receiving mail by way of the Korean command and would like all to know that his new address is 421 Argyle Drive, Alexandria, Virginia. He has been in Europe for a few weeks and perhaps has returned by now so those of you who have need to write to him, remember the address.

Harry W. Lockwood  
Secretary-Treasurer

## "Vas You Dere Charlie"

By Walt Edwards  
C-331

Whether it's my C-331 or 329-330, engineers, artillery, medics or what have you, this is still your association.

Why don't each of you not LIE to yourself and really write to five of your buddies who are not members or who are members and have not paid dues for this year. It wil cost you just 20 cents postage and about a half hour of your time.

It might help the association obtain a few members and it also might help the attendance at the reunion in Cleveland on August 17, 18 and 19.

Our gold bricking days ended when we left the service, so let's get on the ball you C-331 men and the rest of you guys of the 83rd Division, and its attached units, let's try to build up the association, the bigger the membership the stronger we are. A few of us cannot do it alone. It takes a concerted effort by a lot so let's try it men. I'm sure it'll bring results.

As I said before, this does not apply only to my own C-331, but to everyone.



## Philadelphia Chapter Banquet A Smash Hit

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter celebrated its annual banquet on January 7, 1961 at Palumbo's Restaurant,



and again witnessed a remarkable turnout of Thunderbolts and their friends. This year's edition was such a tremendous hit, that it was necessary to reserve the greater portion of the famous supper club for our guests. A record breaking crowd of 350 assembled and had a most joyous time. Many of the

visitors gathered to help the Philadelphia Chapter pay homage to their outgoing President Al Belvedere. The huge response was a fitting tribute to Al for his outstanding performance as president. It marked full recognition to Al for his unstinting devotion and labors as president. It capped a year that was full of good fellowship and successful programming. A beautiful plaque was tendered to Al Belvedere for his exemplary actions.

The Philadelphia Chapter was very honored to have at the banquet our National President Joseph F. Minotti, and his wife, Dimps, National Secretary and Treasurer Harry Lockwood and his charming spouse Fern, and National Executive Board Member Raymond Voraček and his vivacious wife, Dorothy.

Our own National Executive Board Member Larry Redmond and his wife Mary, acted as host and hostess to our visiting guests and surely did a swell job.

In line with presenting to our guests the finest group of entertainers available, this year's program topped them all. Featuring Nelson Eddy and Gale Sherwood, the entire program of acts was a tremendous hit. In fact we all stayed and partook of "seconds" for the presentation of the final show, which was different and equally entertaining as the first presentation.

Even the greatest of "chowhounds" among the Philadelphia Thunderbolts or their guests could not say a bad word about the food, or the huge portions served. No need to mention the huge quantity of liquid refreshments which were absorbed by our guests. The bar did a thriving business, continuous dancing to two dance bands, all in all it was a fabulous evening, and one evening that we all will remember and cherish.

The Philadelphia Chapter annual banquet serves as a joyous occasion to honor

our past officers of the year and a salute to our new crew of officers and their wives. This year we doff our hats and salute for a job well done to the following men: Al Belvedere, president; Vice President Walt Sammler; Secretary John "Big Gun" Piscitelli; Treasurer Samuel "Little Gun" Aiello; Co-ordinator of social affairs, Major Domo, host extraordinaire, swell guy, Louis Volpi.

The above listed men can be well proud of the accomplishments of the Philadelphia Chapter for the past year.

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Joe Minotti, Ann and Al Belvedere, Sam and Vi Aiello, Ernie De Francesco, Josie and John Piscitelli, Lucy and Lou Volpi in front of Ken Seiger.



Piscitelli, Minotti, Belvedere

## News About New And Old Members

Phil Remillard, Battery C-323 FA, is the proprietor of Radio Center, 20 Thorpe Avenue, St. Albans, Vermont, and deals in sound equipment, radio and TV along with service for the same.

Paul J. Wagner, H-330, has a cycle and hardware shop on Stover Avenue in Akron, Ohio.



# Cleveland Chapter Chit-Chat

By Al (Little Alfie) Uridel

Cannon-329

Delayed this article a bit to keep you posted on a number of things. First, at our last meeting the following men were elected to the following offices for this year:

President, Casey Szubski; vice-president and treasurer, Casey Kowalec; secretary, Bob Uher and sergeant-at-arms, Louis Rosolowski.

Getting back to our Christmas donations, as the result of contributions, the following people received the following donations:

First prize—case of Seagrams, H. Vukcevic, Cleveland; second prize — 6 bottles of Canadian Club, R. Konko, Cleveland; third prize—5 bottles of Seagrams seven Crown, C. W. Gump, Garfield Heights; fourth prize—4 bottles of Seagram Seven Crown, Charles Smith, Cleveland; fifth prize — 3 bottles of Seven Crown, Pat Panette, Cleveland; sixth prize—3 bottles of Seven Crown, Joe Cichanski, Cleveland; seventh prize —2 bottles of Seven Crown, C. Dvorak, Bedford, Ohio; eighth prize— bottle of Seven Crown, Mary Mikovsky, Cleveland.

The two Caseys, Kowalec and Szubski, having become proud papas not too long ago, are still bombarding us with pictures of the offspring which they just happen to have all the time. (Bless them both).

Plans for the reunion are going along fine and everything is just about ready to roll and this one should be a humdinger but more on that later.

We have a bowling date with the Warren Chapter on March 12 and hope to regain possession of the square bowling ball which the boys from Warren have gotten to believe is outside our grasp. We'll show'em, and if a couple of our stalwarts come through I think it's in the bag. More about that later.

Also looking forward to a picnic or two with the Warren gang (Guess we'll have to prod them a bit.) It's been a long time since I umpired a good ball game, or a ball game of any kind, in fact, good or bad, so how about it, Warren?

Yours truly opened a new "Clip Joint" a few doors down and am quite happy about it. My motto is: "Satisfaction guaranteed or your hair back". See you next time around.

Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Sorry I couldn't make the reunion in Boston. It would have been good to see the boys from I&R and Co. L-329.

Pass along my regards from the Kingdom of Laos. Should be home sometime in December, on leave and thence on duty in Washington, D. C. with V O A .

Robert J. Burns



The Cleveland Gang—Christmas Party



Bob Uher, Bob Grobelny, John Evans, Lou Rosolowski, Al Uridel, Casey Szubski, Ray Voracek, Casey Kowalec.



With Some of Their Ladies.



## Reunion News

The Cleveland Chapter has just about completed plans for the coming reunion and we feel that nobody can afford to miss this one. The most important thing is that the date has been changed to the third week in August, that is August 17, 18 and 19, 1961. This has been the usual weekend that the reunion has been held and I hope this notice will not create any hardships in arranging your vacation plans. Notices have been sent to everyone, but I want to remind you again.

The program we have as of now includes a cocktail party on Thursday, burlesque show and beer party on Friday, unit luncheons, memorial service, banquet and dance, on Saturday. Horse races, trotters, and ball games will also be made available for all.

The ladies will have a cocktail party and dance on Thursday, a live TV program for 83rd ladies only, Friday afternoon, and a Broadway cast in High Button Shoes at a tent theatre Friday evening. Memorial services, banquet and dance on Saturday.

In the next issue of the Thunderbolt we will publish our complete program and the cost of registration. I would like to urge all of you to send in the room reservation cards early. That way you will be assured of a room and it will help us tremendously in preparing for the evening affairs. We all have been lax these past years in doing this and as I said it will really help the reunion committee and eliminate guesswork.

Remember, the Hotel Manger, Aug. 17, 18 and 19, 1961, Cleveland, Ohio.

R. J. VORACEK  
Reunion Chairman

Dear Sir,

Former 83rder from Atterbury to end of war. Was in Anti-Tank 329. My last reunion was Washington. Would enjoy hearing from some of the boys.

James H. Young  
4821 26th Ave. North  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

## "Help Your Buddy Club"

Hello Buddies:

Here we are at midway point of our year, it is just short of six months since we attended our 14th annual reunion in Boston, Mass. To some of us I am sure that it still seems like only a few weeks ago, because the good time and warm hospitality that was extended to us there, still remains with us.



Well, fellows, in another six months we will be on our way to Cleveland, Ohio for our 15th annual reunion. The

boys from Cleveland are very hard at work trying to show us another, never to be forgotten time. Under the leadership of Chairman Ray Voracek, a member of our Executive Committee, they have a very nice time planned for us.

From time to time we have called upon each and every one of you to help do your part. In the six months that are left, we ask all of you to get behind our officers, and show them that by trying to get at least one new member, or pick up some member who has fallen by the wayside and hasn't sent in his dues as yet. At the time of this letter, we have shown a very nice increase in paid-up membership, but we will never be so great that we don't have room for another member. Let us all help start a "HELP YOUR BUDDY CLUB" by sending in dues for a former buddy, and surprise him by making him a member of our great Association. He may be one of the many that doesn't know of our Association. This is your way of letting him know, and also your way of helping our National Publicity men reach some of those long lost buddies that they have been trying so hard to reach.

Sincerely,  
LARRY REDMOND  
Chairman, Exec. Comm.  
83rd Inf. Div. Assn.

# THE REUNION DATES HAVE BEEN

## CHANGED TO:

### AUGUST 17, 18, 19

### Hotel Manger in Cleveland, Ohio



## Warren Chapter News

By Lee Titus, G-331

Our annual Christmas party for the children of the Warren Chapter was held in our clubrooms with approximately 50 children present to receive their gifts and stockings filled with candy, fruit and nuts from Santa Claus, who made his entrance through a window which left the children breathless. Since our clubrooms are on the third floor, the kids still can't figure out how Santa gets there. They even look for his reindeers. Following the gift session with Santa, everyone sat down to enjoy a very nice lunch prepared by our Auxiliary.

Our sweet little wives took us all out to a local cafe for their annual Christmas gift to us. A steak dinner followed by a visit to a local nite club. Highlights of the evening were John and Olga Teringo doing their famous Hungarian Rhapsody. Mike and Liz Skovran in their specialty, the Pennsylvania Polka, National President Joe Minotti and wife Dimps, gliding along to the Blue Danube, Dick and Millie Kelly doing the Cha-Cha, Joe and Angei Phillipone the "Twist", and George Bellay and wife Louise, easily the best Jitterbugs. The rest of us enjoyed watching.

Our next social event will be our 8th annual anniversary dance which tentatively is scheduled for April. We would certainly welcome anyone in the 83rd who can possibly attend. Make your reservations early by writing to our Secretary, Mike Skovran, 2447 Reeves Road N.E., Warren, Ohio.

The Cleveland Chapter boys will be in Warren in March to get their annual drubbing at the bowling alleys. We understand that they are trying to persuade one of their boys to stay home. They blame the poor guy for their loss last year. Always excuses. If they want to know why they always lose, they could ask any of the Warren boys and get the same answer: "To participate in any sport you must stay trim and be in good shape". Just take a look at all the beef those boys haul around. For example, our Warren bowlers are all trim, especially Charlie Russ, Andy Panovich, George Dubois, Charles Tomazin and John Caparanis.

Congratulations Dept. — To Joe and Dimps Minotti on the birth of Christina. George and Louise Bellay on the birth of Kathleen.

Sympathy Dept. — To the Joe Nuzzi family on the recent death of Joe's father.

**PLEASE PAY DUES  
NOW !!**

## Warren Chapter Aux. News

By Birdie Titus

New officers were elected at the January meeting of the Warren Chapter Auxiliary at the home of Dimps Minotti. Mary Nuzzi replaces Birdie Titus as president; Dimps Minotti was re-elected vice-president; Sophie Russ replaces Angie Phillipone as secretary; Elizabeth Skovran was re-elected treasurer, and Birdie Titus replaces Helen Caparanis as publicity reporter.

We held our annual Christmas dinner at the Astoria Cafe where we honored our famous "Thunderbolt" husbands with very nice T-bone steaks. Not to be out done by the little women, the men reciprocated with the loveliest corsages and then escorted us to the Airdrome Nite Club for an evening of dancing and refreshments.

Our Warren Chapter family has been increased by two sweet little girls since the last issue of the Thunderbolt. Dimps Minotti presented National President Joe with little Christina and Louise Bellay presented her husband George, with little Kathleen.

We are all presently very busy preparing for a lasagne dinner which we hope to have in April, followed by a bake sale in May.

For the past several years, the girls of the Warren Auxiliary have discussed the possibilities of forming a National Auxiliary to no avail. We know that a great many wives of 83rd men read the Thunderbolt and perhaps would enjoy belonging to an Auxiliary, so that when attending the annual conventions, they could attend business meetings and make a lot of new friends while their husbands talked over old times with their buddies. At almost any convention some of the wives sit in the hotel lobbies, apparently alone and without friends. Let's get something started girls. Anyone interested in the formation of a National 83rd Auxiliary may write and express their thoughts to Mrs. Sophie Russ, 323 North Road S.E., Warren, Ohio.

### Attention Men of Co. I-331

Fellows,

I have received a request for any former member of Co. I-331 who was personally acquainted with Audie L. Presnell, Jr. to get in touch with Audie's mother, whose address is: Mrs. A. L. Presnell, Route 1, Box 65, Sparta, North Carolina.

Audie died in a field hospital of wounds received in action in July, 1944.

Please, if any of you knew Audie, write to his mother at the above address.

Your Editor



## Co. F 329 News & Side Lights

By Vic Landis, F. 329

Am glad to report at this date, F. 329 now has 27 paid-up members. That, my friends is just a criterion of things to come. We are running on the outside and moving up fast. We fully expect to have 50 in the fold by reunion time in Cleveland. Last year we set a record with 40 paid-up members.

A special welcome to two new members — Charles Stevens and Marsden Hanwell. Hope you both make it to Cleveland. Once you make the trip to a reunion, hell and high water will not keep you from making another one.

We hope to have many of the boys attend in Cleveland that have not been in attendance for quite a spell. Special note to Ado Langenkamp, Harvey Ward, George Whitehead, Harold Keefer, George Begalla, Bob Noll, Bob Heidel, Bill Hutton, Pete Kostomite, George Kittrell and Wright Cotter. Get off your duff men and make your plans now to join the conclave in Cleveland.

Another special to Lee Titus—We have our work cut out to beat Division Headquarters and the 324th. So old buddy let us get up and go. We have a tradition to uphold and I believe we can do it. I really believe we can make this a banner year for all units.

In closing, F. 329 will have their C.P. open to all and sundry on August 16 to drop in and have a drink. We always get an early start to exercise our elbow bending. See you at the Hotel Manger.



Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Reunion brought to my attention by article in San Francisco Chronicle. Please send information. Formerly with Co. L-329. Still in service assigned to Hq. 2nd Logistical Command. Fort Ord, Calif.

S/Maj. Gordon E. Heitz



## A Report From Your National Publicity Director

By Vic Landis, F. 329

Am very happy to report that publicity on the national scale is really progressing beyond my expectations. Harry Lockwood informs me he is being deluged with inquiries from various parts of the country. Papers in every state of the union have been sent releases and before reunion time, each and every daily paper in the land will have published an article to publicize the 83rd Division Association and our reunion.

However, we need help along the way. On the day the article is published, the former member has to read that particular paper. If an article was placed a dozen times, many of our former members would miss out on reading it. We have to have millions to reach the hundreds. Now I reiterate once more — if every member of our Association would write to all of the papers in their respective areas and get a notice printed, we could reach many more of our former members. Just address it to the EDITOR. Give Harry Lockwood as the man to contact.

Remember men, this is OUR ASSOCIATION and we can only go as far as the membership carries us. So, look in the mirror old buddy and ask yourself this question. What have I done to help?





# Miami Valley Chapter News And Dayton Fly-ings

By Vic Landis, F. 329

At a recent meeting, the following officers were elected: president, Delbert Rinehart Jr.; vice president, Leo Boyd; secretary-treasurer, Ed Fink; chaplain, Donald Himes, and publicity reporter, Vic Landis. These men I am sure will serve us to the best of their ability for the coming year.

The chapter's Christmas dinner and party was a huge success. Some 50 members and their children attended. A wonderful dinner was served at the Yum Yum Restaurant and, presents along with goodies, were given the kiddies. Santa and all the trimmings were there.

I really believe the Miami Valley Chapter will have our best attendance in Cleveland since our charter was granted. We have great plans for the affair in August. Ed Fink is working on a new cocktail and all are invited to visit our chapter room to try it out. We will observe the results and act accordingly. He maintains it will be better than his DOUBLE ZOWIE. Heaven forbid.

The Miami Valley Chapter extends hearty congratulations to all other chapters for their great work during the past year and we all hope to make this a banner one. We have purchased a beautiful 50-star American flag and will bring it to Cleveland, along with our Chapter banner. May they both wave for ever on.



Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dixon and  
Boots Boyd



Don Himes, Vic Landis and Leo Boyd



Marge Fink Reaching Into Outer Space



# List of Paid-Up Members, Per Unit, As of Feb. 15

# Indiana Chapter News

By Murray D. Therber  
Medic, 330th

Unit	Amount
324 FA	31
F-329	28
G-331	28
Div. Hqtrs.	24
323 FA	20
908 FA	19
322 FA	18
308 Eng.	17
B-331	17
Divarty	14
E-329	13
Regt. Hq. 329	12
I-329	12
D-330	12
M-330	12
1st. Bn. Hq. 331	12
A-331	12
D-331	12
G-329	11
Regt. Hq. 330	11
Regt. Hq. 331	11
K-331	11
H-330	10
A-329	9
A-330	9
F-330	9
C-331	9
Hq. 3rd Bn. 331	8
H-331	8
E-330	7
L-331	7
C-329	6
Hq. 3rd Bn. 329	6
H-329	6
Cannon 329	6
G-330	6
L-330	6
Quartermaster	6
Signal	6
B-329	5
Cannon 330	5
M-329	4
C-330	4
I-330	4
E-331	4
F-331	4
A-T 331	4
K-329	3
Service 329	3
B-330	3
Hq. 3rd Bn. 330	3
Hq. 2nd Bn. 331	3
M-331	3
Cannon 331	3
Hq. 2nd Bn. 329	2
Hq. 1st Bn. 330	2
K-330	2
I-331	2
Service 331	2
Recon	2
All Medics	8
D-329-Hq. 2nd Bn. 330	
A-T 329, A-T-330, M.P.	1 each
Unknown	3

If your unit is not listed it means that it has no paid-up members for this year.

Say now, wasn't that last issue of the Thunderbolt a nice one? Big too, so a hearty Hoosier thanks to Harry L. and



all of those who made it so. It shows what can and will be done when all hands take the oar. With Harry as captain of the ship for another year, we'll look forward to each issue.

We trust that each and all had an enjoyable holiday season and extend to members of the other chapters the best of health and fun in '61. The weatherman has not been so kind to those of us in this vicinity as well as those of other parts of the nation but just the same the annual Chapter Christmas party went on as planned. Once again it was held at the Village Inn here, however, The place has been redecorated and after a delicious meal in one of the dining rooms, we adjourned to the Starlight Room for dancing. John and Gaynelle Robinette, Ned and Geni Smith, John and Dot Soroko, Lou and Mickey Meyer, Ed and Vodie Crow, Bob and Pat Duke, Bill and Lois Ledger, Dick and LaVerne Ammon and yours truly attended the affair. It was a first occasion for the Dukes and we hope they join us again real soon.

### 1960 in Review:

The year seemed to pass all too quickly, however, it seemed to be a fairly good one for most of us. We had the usual trials and tribulations but also a lot of fun and laughs to recall.

In June, we held sway with the annual picnic and that always is a lot of fun for all.

July came along and we settled for a few fire crackers and cold beers at the Chateau. The gals were the "sparklers" during the month and let us brag a bit, we do have some nifties along that line!!

Comes now the month of August and sorry to say, not too many of us were fortunate in being able to make the trek East, to Boston. Those who did attend filled us in on all the doings upon their return. Much comment was voiced on the trip to Patton Park. It surely must have been a highlight of last year's convention.

September and the second Friday of the month brought us together again for a regular meeting. Ned Smith and

(Cont. on Page 13)



## Greater Boston Chapter

By Nick Francullo

Hq. 3rd Bn. 330

First let me apologize, on behalf of the Boston Chapter, for our lack of attendance at the Philadelphia Chapter



banquet and dance on Jan. 7. To that swell gang in Philly believe me when I say we're sorry we could not be there. We'll try to do better next year.

Former Association President Chuck Abdinoor has bought a 26 ft. cabin cruiser which, I'm sure, we'll all enjoy as soon as the weather breaks. For fishing

trips and just cruising around under that good old blue sky with not a care in the world. Who, among us little people could ask for more.

My wife, Mary, and I along with Jiggs (always in a hurry) Elie, paid a visit to Pat Digiammerino's house on January 4 and here's what we found. The sink in the middle of the floor, some of the walls down and other things adding to a sizeable degree of disarray. It looked like the place had been hit by a short round fired by one of our artillery units until we found out the reason.

It seems that Pat is rebuilding part of his house so that the kitchen will be the length of one side of the house and I'm sure that Ginny will be glad when he has finished the job. What a mess: Pat is a handy guy with tools and you can bet that when the job is done it will be well worth having to wait for.

We have been informed that the Made Rite Potato Chip Co. had burned down and put Sylvio Allard out of business for awhile, but he is back in business again and doing rather well.

Being a postal employee I saw in the Postal Record that one of our association members, Jim Prentice, of the Hartford, Conn. post office and president of the employee group there, presented a gold membership card to a retiring brother letter carrier. Also, we hear through channels that Mike Caprio is holding down the night shift at the Providence, R. I., post office. Mike is a pretty fair guy who says, "When I work everybody works, when I loaf everybody loafs, when I drink everybody drinks and when I pay everybody pays."

To you boys of the Boston Chapter who have not responded to the notices of meetings and get-togethers, what's wrong? We used to have a pretty good turnout but now it's the same old faces

time after time. If something is wrong please let us know. I'm sure it can be straightened out. Let's see if we can't get back in the swing of things, we're all friends, let's all be buddies.



Chow Line—Hq. 3rd Bn. 330



Bob Spots - Orange, N. J.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Interested in getting more info about the reunion. Spent all my time from its acitivation in 908th FA. and ended up as Btry. commander of Hqts. Btry. In spite of that I'd like to see some of the guys again.

John Robinson

8 Parker St.

Exeter, New Hampshire

**PLEASE PAY DUES  
NOW !!**



## Philadelphia Chapter Banquet A Smash Hit

(Cont. from Page 4)

This smooth working team enjoyed the splendid co-operation of such hard-working members as Frank McGrogan, Edward Paulino, Joseph Ponzio, Ernie De Francesco, Bill Skerbetz and many others. 'Tis no wonder that this was a successful year, every member, every members' wives, volunteered freely for all chores with the result that a remarkable year of accomplishments was attained.

Space does not permit lauding our wives as they should be. A separate chapter in the archives of the Philadelphia Chapter, must be devoted to the Philadelphia Chapter women folk. There lies the crux of the Philadelphia Chapter, the splendid cooperation of the wives, God bless them.

The following men were installed as elected officers for the Philadelphia Chapter for the year 1961:

President, John T. Piscitelli; vice-president, Ernie De Francesco; secretary, Ken Seiger; treasurer, Sam Aiello.

This swell group of men will receive the cooperation of all, and will lead the Philadelphia Chapter to greater heights.

Dave Rosenberg  
Co. F 331st Inf.

### Announcement

We had been informed, through the grapevine, which was finally confirmed by the interested parties that the Ed. Paulino's are infanticipating.

Yes, it's true, after quite a few years, Ed and Ruth Paulino of Bristol, Pa., and the Philadelphia Chapter, are expecting a visit from the Stork and, in all probability, the result of that visit will appear in the next issue of Thunderbolt.

Ed. was in the 322nd Field Artillery.

### Birth Announcements

John (Big Gun) and Josie Piscitelli are walking around on Cloud 11 (cloud nine is too crowded) having become grandparents on December 13, last.

A baby boy was born to son Anthony and his wife Loretta, at that time, weighing in at 6 lbs, 6 $\frac{3}{4}$  ounces.

John and Josie wish to extend their gratitude to all who sent cards and congratulatory messages.

Big Gun is formerly a member of the 323rd Field Artillery.

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Sam and Ann Galati are to be congratulated on the birth of their fifth child. A boy born on December 7, 1960.

At this point Sam says, "That's enough, I'm through" but Ann just smiles and says nothing but that expression says "We'll see".

Sam is formerly of Co. K, 331.

## The Three Thirty First We Saw It Through

By Dave Rosenberg, 331st Inf.

Remember—where do you think the going was the roughest??? This is my nomination for one of the ruffest of the ruff.

### Gey Stronghold Falls to the 331st, Doughboys Punch Way to the River

Hurling their might against the town of Gey, men of the 331st Infantry combat smashed one of the most formidable Nazi strongholds on the outskirts of the Hurtgen Forest and drove the enemy to the banks of the Roer River just south of Duren. From one high point of ground to another the doughboys with the support of tanks and artillery stabbed relentlessly forward and pushed the Germans back while beating off a series of savage counter-attacks. Capturing the towns of Horm Berzbuir and Lendersdorff the men held a firm griup on the west bank of the Roer approximately seven days after their initial attack was launched.

Gey was one of the most strategic strongpoints in the network of German defenses protecting the vital approaches to Duren. Situated at the edge of the Hurtgen Forest, it lies in a valley through which all the roads of the forest cross. The Germans were determined to hold this town and had built it into a veritable fortress. Every house was a complete arsenal. At each window was stacked huge supplies of ammunition. The basement of each house was reinforced with double walls of cement and steel, and were pillboxes for the German defenders. For three days the Germans poured reinforcements into town, as fiercely fighting doughboys of the 331st in a house to house battle drove the enemy from cellars and corners.

Nearly every company in the regiment had a crack at this heavily defended position and felt the sting of the enemy's force. They fought their way through intensive mortar fire, machine gun and small arms fire. And as each house was taken they held it against fierce counter attacks. Supporting tanks were knocked out by mines in the streets. Supplies were able to trickle through to the men. It was impossible for jeeps or any vehicles to get near the town as the Jerries pounded the towns approaches with artillery fire. There was no battle lines. Each house was either an American sector or a German sector. For two days and a night the attacking companies were without water, many men without food. Each company had its heros. Each company had its stories to tell. It was hell. Now just a memory. Do you remember.



## Indiana Chapter News

(Cont. from Page 10)

John Walker made us laugh with their stories about the trip to Boston by Greyhound bus.

October rolled around and there was the usual trick or treating. Some of them looked so big this time!. The colors gave them way besides and upon having this suspicion, I asked one what company he was from and he replied, A B C D E F G, so then there was no question about it, I knew he had been given too much licorice by someone or else had sampled the Schnapp's or dark foamed lager of Bavaria! He should have worn his Lederhosen!

November brings us to the thought of Veteran's Day and turkey! But wait, this also was the month the chapter scheduled another of their dances for members and their friends. The Chateau Ballroom was the scene of this affair and from all reports a good time was had by all. One of the former division members saw the dance notice in the local newspapers and journeyed forth. It was a pleasure having you, Kenneth Baird and wife. There have been a number of inquiries as to when the next dance will be held. Sorry that Ed Fink and other members of the Miami Valley Chapter were unable to be with us.

This brings us to December and the dinner and dance covered at the beginning.

January and February of the new year brought us out for another meeting on the second Friday. A new member, Bill Smith, formerly of Hdq. Co., 331st joined our ranks as a member. Welcome Bill, and what's this I hear about you playing a mean guitar as well as wielding those barber tools?

Ned Smith, president of the chapter, has appointed committees to secure information and other data in regard to staging the 1963 convention here in Naptown. More about that in the next issue.

The things I hear!

Walt Edwards and John Soroko being on the sick list. A speedy recovery to you both, fellows.

The chapter will charter a bus to Cleveland?

Instead of cream for your coffee, it's now, "Heifer Juice"!

"Lili Marlene" is the name of a movie to be released before too long. (But will they sing it as we did??) It will bring back a lot of memories, to say the least.

Next issue, Therber, you should write something interesting. So with that thought in mind, best wishes to all for the year ahead and I'll hum a few bars of Lili Marlene and say, "Aufweder-sehn".

## G-331 Reports

By Lee Titus

Well fellows, we of Co. G-331 are off to another good year. Harry Lockwood reports that we have 28 paid-up members up to the middle of February and so far we are just three behind the 324th Field Artillery, leading with 31.

A tip of the hat goes to Bob Piette, Bill Bogacz, Mort Gaynor, Gene Costanzo, Don Schwartz and Everett Singleton who all have been working very hard to bring Co. G back to the top of the list. Joe Macaluso always helps out in signing up new members too, but until he signs up our former company officers, he's still on the carpet. Incidentally, Mac, congratulations on your recent promotion to Lt. Col.

We received a very nice letter from our former captain, Bill Waters. For those of you would like to write to him, his address now is: Lt. Col. William E. Waters, Box 35, Quarry Heights, Canal Zone. He certainly would appreciate hearing from his old boys, especially Mort Gaynor, Singleton, Wiggenhauser and Schwartz.

That's is for now fellows, except to remind everyone that now is the time to plan for the convention in Cleveland this year at the Hotel Manger on August 17, 18 and 19. One thing more, if you still haven't sent in your dues for this year, get on the ball, or else we'll have to settle for second or third place again this year. Open up your purse strings men, it's for a good cause.

## Edith Nourse Rogers

Following is a letter received by former president, Charles Abdinoor, in answer to a note of sympathy sent by Charlie in behalf of the Association, on the death of Edith Nourse Rogers who gave so much of her time and efforts in behalf of the veteran:

Dear Mr. Abdinoor:

On behalf of the family and the staff of the late Honorable Edith Nourse Rogers, we send our deep appreciation and grateful thanks for your gracious and beautiful message of sympathy.

Expressions such as yours gave strength to us all during these very sad days.

It is our intention to keep your message as it came as a part of the permanent record of the Honorable Edith Nourse Rogers.

Very sincerely,  
Harold A. L. Lawrence

Will the following men please send me their unit designations:

Andy Banyon  
Lavern Belzer  
Abe Bishop  
Louis Gorton  
John Law  
William N. Rajotte



## News From The New Jersey Chapter

By Harry W. Lockwood  
Regt. Hq. 329

With the continued absence of our roving reporter, yours truly has, once again, been delegated to get together a column about the New Jersey group so here goes.

Not being a group of overpowering size we have very little activity but there is never a lack of news and happenings among the men and their families and I'm kept pretty well informed. For instance.

First and perhaps most important is that our reporter, Nick Esposito, B-331, who works for the Department of Agriculture, has been seeing a bit of our country in a capacity related to his job. He was sent from New York to Chicago, where he spent a few weeks, from there to Kansas City, Missouri, thence to St. Louis, back to Chicago and I received a card from him and Rose, a few days ago, from Pompano Beach, Florida, where they will undoubtedly spend the rest of the winter, where, I'm sure, the only shoveling they'll think about will be in their thoughts reminiscent of their childhood (many years ago) when, at that age, a shovel and pail was S.O.P. for a day at the beach. I guess we all can't be plutocrats.

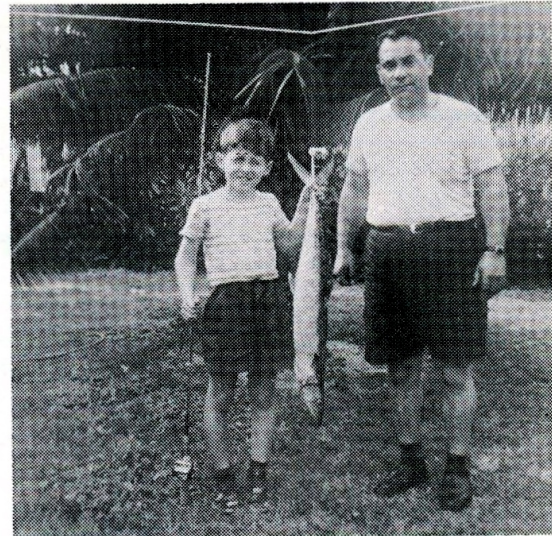
Bob Walsh, K-331, showed up at our last meeting with a shiner and three stitches which, according to Bob, was the result of him getting tangled up with a winch (or was it wench) at Westinghouse, where he has been employed for almost 20 years. I'm just reporting what I was told, you can draw your own conclusions, but that's Bob's story and he's stuck with it.

Dave Benick, A-331, and his family, which includes Millie and the two kids, Bobby and Donna, spent the last two weeks of last year in the Catskill Mountains, upstate New York, where they engaged in a bit of skating, skiing, tobogganing and other winter sports and I gather, from what I've been told, that between getting knocked down by other tobogganers and winding up on all fours most of the time due to his ineptness at handling the skis and skates with the form of an expert or the grace of a gazelle, Dave was very thankful for the overstuffed chairs that form part of his living room motif, for a week or so after they returned.

Sam (K-331) and Ann Galanti became the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy on December 7 last. That, being Pearl Harbor Day, Sam says if it had been a girl they would have named her Pearl but in the fact that it was a boy they couldn't very well name him Harbor so they compromised and called him Sam Jr. That rounds out the Galanti

family at three girls and two boys and as Sam says, "That's a full house, I'm through".

John (F-330) and Claire Di Nicola and son, Charles, spent the last three weeks of the year in Florida returning on January 6 last. John and Charles did quite a bit of fishing while there and the print accompanying this article will give you an idea who is the better fisherman. And it's authentic. Charlie actually caught it. Shortly after they returned, this part of the country was hit by a blizzard-type snowstorm and Johnnie, being the energetic type but also the type that tries to figure out an easier way decided that with a burst of speed he could plow through the snow and drifts and get to work without too much difficulty. He plowed through part of it, got stuck in another part and, trying to get out, his chains pulled up part of the macadam driveway which will have to be repaired come spring. To top it all off, Johnnie did not get to work that night but spent the evening sitting around in a robe and slippers and keeping his mouth shut; everytime he opened it Claire was right there with "I told you so". Johnnie is fixing up a rumpus room in his basement and when it's finished it'll really be something to behold.



This One Didn't Get Away.

Joe De Peri, F-330, doesn't attend many meetings as he has to get up at five in the morning to open his gas and service station at 6 a.m. but when he does attend he is his usual jovial self.

Vito Lascari, Hq. 330, made all sorts of money with his trucks removing snow this winter, looking for moving jobs and above all, looking for Edith. Cheer up Vito, she may be at the next reunion.

Don't get much of a report from the other boys except good old laughable, likeable Stosh Bielen, 1st Bn. 331. Stosh is so busy making money that he has Fran, his wife, running to the bank (making deposits, of course) so often



that the gal has given him an alternative, either buy me another pair of shoes that are more comfortable than these spike heels or I'll fill the car with gasoline and drive. I haven't heard the outcome yet but I'm sure they will work out an amicable settlement.

And, of course, we have Emil Wehling, Hq. 330, who is always ready to help out. At the last meeting, at the VFW Post, Emil acted as bartender while the boys from the post attended the "Traveling Gavel" show in Little Ferry, N. J. Quite a bartender he was to, in fact he charged us for every drink, at least when Sam or Duke bartend we get a free one once in a while. Emil doesn't have much to talk about though since the track is not running here and the Gee Gees have gone to warmer climes but I know he'll be his old self again as soon as the bugle blows ushering in the racing season in the Garden State.

Haven't heard from Manny Epstein, K-331, lately but no doubt he has been to Europe, Florida and California or some such place to break up the monotony of every day existence. Manny also spends quite a bit of time in and around Denver, Colorado because he likes that part of the country.

We all wonder what happened to Ed. Hering. Since he and the family moved to Anaheim, California, Ed seems to have forgotten his old buddies but, you can be sure, his old buddies have not forgotten him and we hope that everything in the House of Hering is as it should be. Perhaps one of us will be taking a trip to California in the very near future and will drop by and listen to his excuses, over a drink or two of course. That's a promise, Ed.

Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Not sure that I can make the reunion but would appreciate hearing from some of the boys from Btry. A-324 FA.

Lance W. Davis  
Pinellas Park, Florida

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Dear Mr. Secretary,

Joined the 83rd as cadre in Atterbury, was company clerk with Co. A 308 Medics. After maneuvers, in Breckenridge was assigned to Hqts. Special Troops. Was aid man with 783rd Ordnance and overseas aid man with Recon Quartermaster and Signal Corp. Would enjoy hearing from some of the boys.

Richard Erisman  
1356 Ironwood Drive  
Fairborn, Ohio

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Dear Harry,

Writing as one of your lost men. Was with Hqts. Btry. Divarty, 1942-43 and 83rd Signal from 1943 until March 1, 1945 when I was wounded near Neuss, just before the Rhine crossing. Have

83rd Division Signal Co. roster which I will send to you on request.

Claude T. Smith  
4102 Winchester Road  
Louisville 7, Kentucky

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Dear Sir,

Was with 308 Combat Engineers. Would like information about the reunion in Cleveland, so I may plan to attend.

Cecil Walters  
Stanton, Kentucky

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Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Please send information on reunion in Cleveland. Was with Co. H-331 and discharged in April, 1946.

Billie Max Overton  
1476 Mathews Way  
Sacramento 22, Calif.

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Dear Sir,

Formerly a member of Co. F-330 and have lost touch with the old outfit. Would like information about the reunion as I plan to attend.

William F. Fulks  
4611 Roosevelt Ave.  
Middletown, Ohio

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Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Was a member of the 83rd from 1943 to 1945 from Breckenridge through combat in Service Btry. 324th FA.

E. Beer  
112 North Elm  
Bellefontaine, Ohio

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Dear Harry,

Am one of the rag tag circus boys who raced the 2nd Armored to the Elbe. As I remember it my regiment was the lead as we met the Russians just below Berlin; I was S-1 of the 1st Battalion commanded by Lt. Col. Tim Cook, 329th Inf.

Tom Little, Ex - 1st Lt.  
1st Bn. 329  
2198 Janlyn Road, RR 3  
Jeffersontown, Kentucky

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Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Formerly with 329th Infantry. Interested in Cleveland reunion.

Robert S. Kendall  
548 Belle Ave.  
San Rafael, Calif.

## Obituary

We've just been informed of the untimely death of Arthur Tate, of 1309 Esplanade Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., formerly of Headquarters 3rd Battalion, 330th Infantry on May 10, 1960, due to a heart attack.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Arthur Tate on the loss of her husband, and our former buddy and also on the loss of her dog, Daisy, who died a short time after.



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