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## The Sixth Campaign -- Memberships

By President Joe Minotti, C & Hq., 324 F.A.

Most of us who fought through five hectic campaigns during World War II, thought that the war was over when V-E day arrived and we all eventually returned to the status of civilians; however, after 15 years of peace and security I must remind you all that we have not yet fought hard enough to win a battle star for our sixth campaign.



We shall all be awarded a sixth battle star only when the **battle of membership** has been won. We have a long way to go. At the present time we have approximately 625 paid-up members for 1960-61. Now we should employ our reserve strength. Since most of our great Regiments have been broken down to company units, individuals, and local 83rd chapters — therein lies our strength. Men with the energy and devotion to duty to contact all their old buddies with only pens as their weapons, instead of guns, are needed immediately to attack our greatest challenge. To get a good portion of the 35,000 men who served with the 83rd back on the roster.

Remember Sainteny, St. Malo and Dinard? Remember Angers, Nantes and Beauegency? Remember the Hurtgen, the Ardennes, the Rohr and the Rhine? Remember the wild chase to the Elbe and the celebrations which followed?

The 83rd Division Association now in its 15th year will be the means by which we who remember these places only too well can again and again remind our people of the efforts we made for the individual freedom we enjoy and for the tranquility we treasure. Those five campaigns across Europe **MUST NOT BE WASTED**. We must carry on to success.

Our job is not yet finished, despite some wishful thinking. There is a sixth campaign in progress. We are all of us in it. The mission is fixed. As veterans and as Thunderbolts we must capture and secure the "Lost Division of 35,000 Men" who belong with us at conventions.

May I ask each of you who reads this message to set aside just a few hours during the coming months to get out the old address book and write to your old buddies, get them signed up and encourage them to meet you in Cleveland in 1961. Let's get that sixth battle star in 1961.

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## Metropolitan Detroit Chapter

### Thunderbolt Report

The best news concerns one of our hardest working and most popular members, Ed. Zerucha. Ed and his charming wife Jean, were blessed with a bouncing baby boy, 7 lbs. 12 ozs. on March 11, 1961, and immediately named Thomas Edward Zerucha. Mother and baby are still doing fine but father will return to normal when his swollen chest goes down and the buttons are sewn back on his shirt. It gives us extreme pleasure to share the happiness of Ed and Jean Zerucha. Our sincere hope is that Tommy will grow up to be as good a man as his father.

Jack and "Hankie" Daughterty moved into their new home around the holidays. We expect to bust champagne bottles on the walls as soon as Hankie finds all the items that were lost during the moving. Their new address is: 19920 Inkster Rd., Romulus, Michigan.

Dom Spano bought a new car just before the holidays. Treasurers of other chapters please note. It didn't take this kid long to make enough for a new car. Dom was treasurer for two years. We are not complaining though because Dom did a real good job. We only hope that our new treasurer, Marion Muoio, doesn't decide he needs a new car too soon.

Steve Benson celebrated another anniversary of his El Toro Lounge a short time ago. Steve always makes this a big wing-ding and those who attend have a wonderful time. Mentioning Steve brings to mind the annual Venison Dinner that he has each year. Steve insists that he hunts the game himself but rumor has it that he has friends up

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## Warren Chapter News

Since the last issue of the "Thunderbolt" we of the Warren Chapter have been quite busy. In March that great bunch of boys from Cleveland, came down and for the first time in a long time gave our bowling team a licking. The final score was Cleveland 3,073 pins, Warren 3061 pins. Ray Voracek was high man for Cleveland with a 580 series including the high game for the day, 245. John Teringo was the king pin for Warren with a 575 series. Congratulations boys, you deserve the victory. Our only beef was that Voracek kept feeding his team pep pills and oxygen every frame.

On April 22nd we celebrated our 8th year of activation with our annual anniversary party. As usual we held the event in our clubrooms and it lasted until the wee hours of the morning. Everyone enjoyed the dance music supplied by a local band and later sat down to a most delicious meal prepared by three of our lovely ladies, Ann Tomazin, Theresa Gautschi and Birdie Titus who knocked themselves out baking three turkeys with all the trimmings.

We certainly were happy to see some of our friends who traveled quite a distance to be with us. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Palazzolo and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Daughterty came in from Detroit, Ralph and Toni Guarneiri traveled 400 miles down the turnpike from Levittown, Pa. and Mike and Kay Mizerock drove in from Cleveland. Those of you who know Ralph Guarneiri don't have to be told that he's the life of any party.

We were disappointed that there were no representatives from the Philadelphia or Cleveland Chapters, but it's mostly our fault for not sending them the information sooner. Next year we will notify you in plenty of time fellows.

As this article is being written Larry Redmond and Walt Sammler are traveling the turnpike back to Philadelphia. Larry and Walt breezed in on Saturday, May 13th and spent the weekend at Joe & Dimps Minotti's. It was certainly nice to see these boys again. Our best wishes go with Larry as he must report in to a Philadelphia hospital on Wednesday, May 17th for an operation. The only thing we can say about Walt is that he had better practice up on the bowling board before he attempts to take Minotti on again.

That's all for now from the Warren Chapter but we will have more news for the next Thunderbolt.

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## The Chaplain's Corner

By Bill Shuman, Hq. Divarty

### "MEMORIAL DAY: A REDEDICATION TO HIGH IDEALS"

The time has come again, another MEMORIAL DAY, when we stand with bowed heads because only in our me-



mories live the thousands upon hundreds of thousands of sons, husbands and brothers who have fallen in our battles for justice and lasting peace on earth.

We eulogize these men and we console the loved ones who survive them. We declare that dying for victory is an HONOR, and that death makes all men equal, even though

we may not be tolerant enough to recognize the same degree of equality in LIFE.

Who were these men who are absent? Their names are upon American crosses in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Islands of the Pacific as well as upon the monuments here at home. They are the Thompsons, the Pensingers, the Olsens and Smiths; the Ortegas and Petkiewicz's. They were the strong, brave, vigorous young men from every walk of life. They were our buddies of the 83rd too. They were the white men and black, the rich and poor. They were the college graduates and the untutored. They worshiped GOD in different ways. They had many conflicting opinions.

However, despite all their differences, we regard those men, today, as our HEROES, WHY? Because they fought and died so that you and I might carry on as free peoples. Because of their sacrifices we continue to enjoy the rights of freedom, the greater opportunities and the pursuit of happiness.

Today we move at thrice the speed of sound and we see farther than ever before into space. We hear the universe crackling around us with the aid of a giant radio telescopes and the moon has become the target for our projectiles.

We must not become slaves to our own scientific progress. We must not sacrifice the joy of living for the sake of greater speeds or distances, nor for the creation of more powerful destructive forces. All of the scientific advances are triumphs of man's intelligence but that intelligence can become only an epitaph upon our own graves if we lose the common touch. All that we have gained in a material sense must be shaped to serve our own usefulness,

happiness and peace on earth. We must not dedicate our intelligence to self annihilation.

Perhaps you say these are wordy platitudes, but they are the expressions of thoughts and the solutions must be conceived in the minds of men before they can be interpreted into action.

Each of us has a mind and a tongue. With those instruments of self expression all men—working together for what is universally good—can rule the world for peace.

This day is our symbol of immortality. Through it we express our belief that life is eternal and that the transition called death is but a thin line between reality and spirituality. In that sense, MEMORIAL DAY should not be an occasion for sadness. It is our for cherished recollection and rededication to high ideals.

Our ritual is not lavish. The words I use are very simple. But what we do and say here are measured in the highest degree of affection and sincerity. What we do today constitutes the fond memories of tomorrow.

Greater service should be our pledge to perpetuate the high ideals for which so many have fought and died — the ideals so important to all freedom loving people.

With that task before us let us seal our pledge with those few final words of assurance. Let us declare to our departed:

Fear not that you have died in vain  
The torch you gave us we hold high  
The task is ours—the goal unchanged  
And FREEDOM'S LIGHT shall never die.

### A Secretary's Dream

By Harry Lockwood

I had the craziest dream last night  
with colors of many hues  
I dreamt that every member had  
finally paid his dues  
The checks that came were green  
and blue, brown and tan and white  
The Postman kept his finger on my  
doorbell through the night  
The color of the cash, of course,  
was beautifully green  
It came in many, many ways and  
some was even clean  
I sat down at my portable with all  
intent to type  
Then discovered something causing  
me to gripe  
For much to my surprise, I found,  
I hadn't a membership card  
So in spite of my intentions, progress  
would retard  
This was all a dream of course,  
we know it isn't true  
If you send in your dues, I promise,  
I'll send your card to you.

## Report from Larry Redmond

Chairman of Executive Board and  
Chapter Coordinator.

Hello Buddies:

Coming to the close of another year and a successful year it has been. Our



Secretary - Treasurer, Harry Lockwood, informs me that the paid-up membership is 625 as of May 1st. with still some 130 of last year's members yet to be heard from.

This has both merit and demerit. Merit in the fact that we are able to build and increase our membership through the acquisition

of new members and those who have renewed their membership after a period of inactivity, and demerit in that there are 130 of last year's members unpaid this year and we must ask ourselves why and the answer we get is: in some cases it's economy and in other cases it's neglect. Which one are you in?

Fortunately, we have a VIC LANDIS as Publicity Director and also a very efficient Secretary. The job that Vic has done this year, in covering the length and breadth of our country, has gotten us more publicity than we dared hope for. His efforts cannot be measured or rewarded by mere words but through his efforts the existence of the 83rd Infantry Division Association was made known, and, coupled with the efforts of our able secretary we have reached the point where that 1000 paid-up membership we have been striving for all these years may not be too far beyond the horizon. As Harry says, "Vic gets them out of bed, while I serve them coffee and BUTTER their toast."

Let's put it this way—Now that the baseball season is here, we can compare our association with a big league ball team. We are in there playing every game to win so that when August rolls around we can move into Cleveland for our World Series with an all-time high batting average. Right now the team is batting well over 600 and we hope that by August the average is much higher. We have a fine battery team of Landis and Lockwood but the games can't all be won by the pitcher and catcher. We must also have a couple of good fielders and a few long ball hitters. WE've all had a turn at bat so let's try getting some hits.

You can get a hit by contacting a former buddy and try to sell him a me

bership or you can score a home run by getting his dues and having him become a paid-up member. You get nowhere with the bat on your shoulder so even if you swing and miss, at least you tried. I'm sure we have a lot of long ball hitters on the team and we can use the hits and runs to swell our batting average. Step up to the plate and swing away.

Your manager, Joe Minotti, is mighty proud of his team and I'm sure that when we go to Cleveland for our World Series in August he expects to have the greatest team we've ever had on the field.

## Two Chapters in One City

An inquiry came to your secretary a short time ago, asking if it is possible to have two chapters in one city. It is not only possible but in large areas may be a good idea and I see no reason why another group could not start another chapter in the city in question or in any city, for that matter.

## A Report From Your National Publicity Director

By Vic Landis—F-329

We have only a few more months until the big affair in Cleveland and much is still to be done. Publicity on the national scale is bearing fruit and Harry Lockwood is receiving inquiries from all over the nation. However, this does not mean they will be dues paying members. But, we do know the news of our association and the coming reunion is being publicized. Many of them will attend in Cleveland.

Every member can really help—if he will do two things: first, write to all of the newspapers in his area, giving the date and site of our reunion; second, drop a line to all buddies, giving the same data. Give Harry Lockwood as the man to contact at national headquarters. Any publicity from radio and television will be a big help.

I have written along these lines in all of my articles to the Thunderbolt — but I really cannot stress this angle too much. Remember, each and every member can play a vital part. It seems that only a few are doing the job and we need **HELP FROM ALL MEMBERS**. Come you hitch-hikers, wrap your thumb around a pen and get busy.

If this article makes you mad enough to do something, I hereby invite you to drop into my suite at the Hotel Manager, punch me on the chin and I will ride the punch, considering it a job well worthwhile.

## Pay Your Dues Now

## Miami Valley Chapter News And Dayton Fly-ings

By Vic Landis—F-329

The Miami Valley Chapter is planning many events for the coming summer months and the highlight of it all will be our annual picnic in July. This is the greatest day for the kiddies and oldsters alike. Del Rinehart and Vic Landis play some baseball with the older youngsters and wind up with sore and aching muscles.

At our last meeting we all got a look at our new 50-star American flag and it is a beauty, standard and all. We are going to purchase a new Chapter banner, with standard and will bring both to the reunion in Cleveland. Our chapter room will be the show place of the reunion.

Ed Fink has been promoted to body shop foreman of the Ray Bryant Chevrolet Company and now wants us to hire a professional sec-treas. as he thinks it is beneath his new calling. Good old Ed. We talked him out of the deal and gave him some new duties.

At the reunion in Cleveland, I believe it would be a good idea to have a special meeting of all 83rd. Chapters and formulate plans to hold inter-chapter meetings for the coming year. Our various chapters are the life lines that hold the 83rd together and these meetings could help us weld a stronger national organization. Hope we can arrange the deal.

The Miami Valley Chapter is looking forward to hosting the other chapters for a few drinks and a little get together at Cleveland. More Anon.



Ed and Marge Fink in a happy mood at the Miami Valley's party at the Yum Yum Club.

## Co. F. News and Sidelights

By Vic Landis

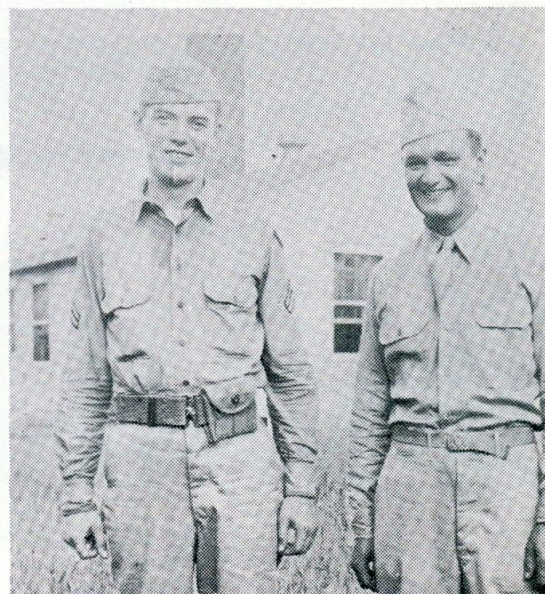
Am very glad to again report, F-329 is once more perched at the top in regards to paid-up members. Believe we are tied with 324-FA. It really doesn't matter; by the time the reunion rolls around, we will be way out in front, running easy, looking over our shoulders and laughing at the other entries trying to catch us.

I really had a pleasant surprise several weeks ago. I received a telegram from Sylvain Fishman, who informed me he would be in Dayton for one night. Sylvain, his beautiful wife, Eunice, and their show poodle, Dumplin, arrived. We had dinner at the Miami Hotel and a big bull session, far into the night, not to mention a few drinks.

Sylvain was a former Co.-F medic and wishes all who remember him would drop him a line at: 321 9th St., Huntington, West Virginia. He, Eunice and Dumplin will attend the reunion at Cleveland.

From all reports F-329 will have its greatest attendance in Cleveland. As usual the C.P. and rumpus room will be set up on Wednesday night. We will command the post and raise one hell of a rumpus. Come on you guys and try to arrive on August 16, to have an early show of strength.

In closing, may I urge all former members of F-329, who have not paid their dues, to get pen in hand, check book out and send in the \$4. Also, make it a major effort to be with us in Cleveland for the conclave. Your old, old buddies would really love to see and greet you. **BE THERE.**



Vic Landis, right, and Andy Anderson, left, at Camp Atterbury, 1943. Note the trim waist lines.

## Greater Boston Chapter Doings

By Nick Francullo

At our meeting held at the Lord Fox Inn, in Foxboro, Mass. on Feb. 26 an election of officers was held with the following named men elected to the following offices: Pres., Pat DiGiammerino; vice-pres., Mike Amicone; treas., Mike Caprio; sec., Lucien Elie; chapter reporter, Nick Francullo and Father Armando "Spike" Morrissette, chaplain.



Those of you who attended last year's reunion will remember Father Morrissette as our principal speaker and can you ever forget him. Father "Spike", although not an 83rder in actuality he's certainly one in spirit and choice.

We had the privilege of welcoming Lt. Col. James Higson, 322 FA. of North Scituate, R.I., and a new member of the Association and Ambrose Tynan, Hq. 323 FA, of Brookline, Mass. who brought along his son. They boy had a ball with the clown who is a permanent fixture at the Lord Fox and who really outdid himself and actually made Veria Caprio blush.

As usual "Jiggs" Elie came in on the run, accompanied by his attractive daughter, Anne, and her equally attractive girl friend, Carol Doyle.

Due to the crazy New England weather this past winter, the Boston Chapter has been rather inactive but expects



Father Spike, chaplain; Jiggs Elie, secretary; Pat DiGiammerino, president; Nick Francullo, reporter; Mike Amicone, vice-president; Mike Caprio, treasurer.



Front to rear: James Higson, Nick Francullo, Pat DiGiammerino, Mike Amicone.



Ambrose Tynan and son, Mike Caprio and Richard Armstrong.

to make up for it from here on in.

Chuck Abdinor has been looking for a two way radio for his boat and after a few minor adjustments it should be ready for it's trial run very soon. Get with it Chuck, we're sweating you uot.

I've been teaching the lady of the house to drive and it's not easy. When one is accustomed to horses and tractors the fine points of an automobile require a different kind of coordination but at least she's trying and I'm sure she'll get the hang of it before long.

We'd still like to hear from some of the boys in the outlying districts and Father Spike has promised that he will listen to all your gripes and complaints and be impartial in his advice.

Congratulations are in order to Chuck and Bernice Abdinor on the birth of Charles, Jr. on April 9th at Methuen Hospital. At last report, mother, father and son were doing fine and it couldn't happen to a nicer couple, so good luck and all things nice to Chuck, Bernice and the family.

## Your Secretary's Report

First, I wish to thank all those who participated in our yearly membership drive and helped achieve such wonderful results.



As of May 8th, the paid-up membership was 625 which is about 40 more than all of last year. The odd part of this is that there are still some 130 of last year's members who have not paid their dues for this year.

Some of this is due to economic reasons but that can't be the reason in all cases. We are all a

little lax at times and will do it tomorrow and after tomorrow comes and goes it is forgotten.

I've sent out three notices in most cases and here is another reminder that dues, for this year, are still being accepted. Get with it fellows, with a little help this can be the best year we've ever had.

The response to our publicity campaign has been tremendous and, if half of those who have inquired about the reunion attend, there will be an extremely big turnout of 83rders at the Hotel Manger for the 15th Annual Reunion of the 83rd Infantry Division Association.

The association owes our National Publicity Director, Vic Landis, a debt of gratitude that cannot be expressed in words, for the job he has done in making it known that there is an 83rd Infantry Division Association. I have been kept busy answering correspondence from all over the country and, as a result, have picked up quite a number of new members, some of whom were not aware of the association before.

This issue of Thunderbolt includes a hotel reservation card and the directions how to get there and I might suggest; if you plan to attend the reunion and intend to stay at the Hotel Manger, return the card to the hotel as soon as possible to minimize the chances of a mixup on your arrival.

There will be one more issue of Thunderbolt shortly before reunion time to take care of last minute news and details.

We, on the staff of Thunderbolt, trust that you enjoy reading the issues you get from time to time and we want you to know that it has been a pleasure putting it together for you. We realize that we make mistakes occasionally and would appreciate any suggestions and criticisms you may have to offer.

Most people like to see their name in print and, if yours does not appear, perhaps it is because we have no news about you or your family, a situation that can be rectified only by you. We're always looking for news.

That's it for now, if I can be of any help, at any time, a postal card is all that's needed, I promise you'll get an answer.

Harry W. Lockwood, Editor



Mrs. Venia Capiro, Mrs. Mary Francullo, Mrs. Gin DiGiammerino and Mrs. and Mr. Lester Bassil.



Carol Doyle, Anne Elie, Father Spike and Chuck Abdinoor.

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## BANQUET MENU

FRUIT COCKTAIL en Supreme  
HEARTS of CELERY                      GARDEN RADISHES  
RIPE and GREEN OLIVES

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FRIED HALF SPRING CHICKEN  
AU GRATIN POTATOES    BUTTERED GARDEN PEAS  
TOSSED GREEN SALAD

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ICE CREAM NUT LOG  
COOKIE  
COFFEE

ROLLS

BUTTER



Lobby



Purple Tree - Lounge Bar



# REUNION PROGRAM

## Men

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 1961

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Registration - Mezzanine Floor
2:00 P.M.	Races
3:00 P.M.	Welcoming Meeting
8:00 P.M.	Trotting Horse Races
8:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M.	Cocktail Party & Dancing

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 1961

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	Registration - Mezzanine Floor
10:00 A.M.	Business Meeting
2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.	Burlesque For Men
8:00 P.M.	Trotting Horse Races
8:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.	Stag Party

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 1961

10:00 A.M.	Business Meeting
1:00 P.M.	Unit Luncheons
6:00 P.M.	Memorial Services
7:30 P.M.	Famous 83rd Banquet & Dance

REGISTRATION FEE FOR MEN WILL BE \$15.00    ANNUAL DUES \$5.00

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## Ladies

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 1961

8:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M.	Cocktail Party & Dancing
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 1961

1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.	Live T.V. Program
8:00 P.M.	Tent Theatre, "BUTTONS & BOWS" with an Allstar Broadway Cast

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 1961

6:00 P.M.	Memorial Services
7:30 P.M.	Famous 83rd Banquet & Dance

REGISTRATION FEE FOR LADIES WILL BE \$10.00

## Co. G-331st "Bombs Away"

By Bob Piette

The latest report from Harry Lockwood indicates a close battle right up to August 17th for the Championship company of the 83rd in paid-up memberships, however in order to insure victory for old Co. G. and leave Vic Landis and his tired troops from F. Co. 329 in the dust along with the battle-fatigued 324th F. A. boys, the membership committee from Co. G issue this proclamation.

Our chairman, Lt. Col. Joe Macaluso, orders all men who have paid their 1961 dues to drop "Bombs", in the form of post cards, on the following named men to awaken them to the fact that we need their \$4.00 dues. We know that they intend to pay, but have just forgotten. Check your rosters for addresses and "Bomb" away. — Do it today.

Bigelow, Gifford, Guidice, Hickerson, Kowalski, Sears, Simon, Young, Woods, Feasel, Kuzma, Mayse, Perry, T. Smith, G. Smith, J. Smith, Tirone, Bruce, J. Jones, Ladley, McAbee, G. B. Robinson, Sherrys, Dauls, Singleton, Henley, Porter, Robson, Spanner, Sefton, Vollmer, Kontoulas, Barton, Speakman, Wesley.

We in G Co. get tired of picking on Vic Landis all the time. We know that C. Co. 331st has the potential members to beat both of our companies but they are letting Walt Edwards down. His tremendous efforts go unnoticed so they offer no competition to us.

-NEWS FLASH- Mike Mizerock has promised all men from G. Co. who attend the convention in Cleveland an old fashioned mess Hall Beer Party. He has already lined up that old singing group to entertain, -"Lumpy" Guarneiri, "Rebel Wesley and "Sand Hill" Porter, while "Beau" Wheeler and "String Bean" Bunk do a soft shoe tap.

### Sickness and Distress

George P. Lamar, Co. G-330, has entered the hospital to undergo his 14th operation, this time on the right ankle and will be out of action for a few months. George takes it all in stride and expects to feel a lot better after it's all over. Write to him at: Box 104, Temple, Georgia.

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Bill Nickell, Co. F-329, had an operation for a ruptured disc and will be in a plaster cast for about three months and then in a steel one for quite a spell and will be out of work for about a year.

Bill received his injury in a train wreck on the railroad for which he works. Bill would enjoy hearing from his old buddies. His address is: 208 Ranen Drive (TC) Michigan City, Ind.

## Special News - F-329

By Vic Landis

Received some sad news from Arlene Nickell. Some time last year, prior to our reunion in Boston, Bill was involved in a train wreck during his work for the railroad. Bill had injured his back and was having trouble with it at that time. Just recently he was forced to go to the hospital. Bill has undergone a very serious operation for the removal of a ruptured disc and will have to wear a plaster cast for three months and then a steel one for about nine more.

The operation necessitated some bone grafting and Bill is in for a long period of inactivity. I know he would appreciate all 83rd members who know him to drop a line of cheer at: 208 Ranen Dr., Mich City, Indiana. Bill has never missed a reunion and we hope he will be able to attend in Cleveland.

Received word of Gerry Morrison, who was a former platoon leader of F-329 and later aide de camp to Gen. Claude Ferenbaugh. At present, he is West Coast editor for the U.S. Steel Hour on TV. He was TV aide to Henry Cabot Lodge during his campaign and just recently authored a Civil War novel, "Unvexed to the Sea". Nice going, Gerry.

Incidentally, Sylvain Fishman is in a supervisory capacity for the chain of Kay Jewelry Stores. Just returned from a trip through North Carolina. Nice to see the old 83rd men doing so good.



A picture taken by Bob Hedger at Camp Atterbury last year during his visit there.

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## New Jersey Chapter News

By Harry W. Lockwood

Regt.-329

An apology is in order, first thing, to Bob Walsh, K-331. In the last issue of Thunderbolt I stated that Bob has been employed by Westinghouse for almost 20 years. That was indeed a boo-boo and shame on me for ten days. For the record, Bob has been an employee of the Western Electric Co. for that period of time. He feels reasonably certain that he has a steady job. Sorry, we made the mistake, Bob.

Incidentally girls, Bob is still as eligible a bachelor as he was last time around.

We didn't know until a short time ago that Dave Benick and Emil Wehling are coin savers. I'm not sure that you'd call them Numismatists in the true sense of the word but that's their hobby and stock in trade. Another great coin saver is Stan Bielen who actually saves it because he can't spend all he makes. Good old, ever smiling Stosh, always has his hand in his pocket and occasionally he removes it ; (empty, of course).

Stosh was elected president of the New Jersey Chapter at its last meeting and, to deviate from the usual and commemorate the occasion, offered to buy us a round of drinks but his luck held out, it was the bartender's turn to buy. He swears it wasn't rigged.

Emil Wehling and his lovely wife, Hazel, celebrated their fifteenth wedding anniversary and as Emil says, "I've given her the best years of my life and what have I gotten in return?. Here's what. Fifteen years of the being married to the sweetest gal in the world who tends to all my needs and saves me the ordeal of eating my own cooking. Hazel, I love you."

Joe De Peri, along with operating a service station, is in the trucking business with his brothers. They operate the Park Motors Carriers and those of you in the vicinity of Garfield, Lodi, etc. who may be in need of trucking service, at any time, get in touch with Joe at 112 Harrison Avenue, Garfield, N.J. Aside from all Joe's business activities, he still finds time to be a devoted husband and father and, at last report his wife, Vicky, is expecting an increase some time this summer.

Any of you who may be in the neighborhood of Woodbridge, N. J., drop in at the Brass Bucket and introduce yourself to the bartender, Joe Chiera, formerly a member of Co. C-330. Joe and Olga promise to be with us at the reunion, this year, and expect to find a lot of their old friends there.

Not much news from the Sam Galati household except that Sam says, "If that new kid of mine doesn't lose some of his appetite soon, I'll have to get a

spare time job just to keep him in food. Boy, can that kid eat".

Vito Lascari did not show up at the last meeting and we decided that either he had an out of town moving job or he was out looking for Edith.

Manny Epstein hasn't put in an appearance in quite sometime so we assume that he is off on one of his safaris into the hinterlands to break up the monotony.

Haven't heard from John Di Nicola lately and have an idea he is in the process of finishing his basement.

And now for our roving reporter: Nick Esposito is still on the go for the Dept. of Agriculture. Nick was home for the Easter holiday and said that he expects to be back around the middle or latter part of May. In the meantime he has covered territory in Chicago, Kansas City, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Philadelphia, parts of Florida and other places in which his services were needed. Nick's wife, Rose, anxiously awaits the time when her gypsy will call and say, "Keep the light in your window tonight, your wandering boy is heading home."

Jerry Mirelli, Dave Feig, King Meyer and the rest of the gang we don't see very often we are looking forward to their appearance at the reunion so don't disappoint us fellows.

If I've missed any of the gang I'll get them next time around.

In addition to Stan Bielen being elected president of the chapter, Sam Galati is vice-president and yours truly secretary-treasurer.

## Birth Announcements

John and Josie Piscitelli, C-323, became grandparents once again when, on February 22, 1961, daughter Ida gave birth to Michael Joseph, who weighed in at 8 lbs., 6 oz. John says, "I can't forget Washington's Birthday now, it is also the birthday of my grandson."

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Last year's Association president, Charlie Abdinor, A-330, had to reveal a well kept secret when his wife, Bernice, gave birth to Charles, Jr. on April 9th, 1961 at Methuen Hospital. Charles, Jr. tipped the scales at 7 lb., 3 oz. and, at last report, mother, father and son Charles were doing fine.

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The long awaited blessed event has finally taken place in Bristol, Penna. On April 21, 1961 Ruthie Paulino gave birth to a sweet little baby girl to round out the Paulino family of three girls. Margaret Mary weighed in at 6 lb., 15 oz. on that day and, from what we hear, is as cute as a bug's ear.

Mother and daughter and also dad, Ed. Paulino, C Btry-322 FA, doing fine when last heard from.

## News About New and Old Members

We have just been informed that Johnny Folsom, Co. A-330, was awarded a Distinguished Service Pin by National VFW Headquarters, for outstanding accomplishment in membership.

Johnny is a former Commander of his local post in Columbia, Missouri, and was awarded the first lifetime membership in the history of the post for outstanding work as Post Commander and chairman of the Building Committee.

Johnny is a graduate of the University of Columbia, Missouri, is married and the father of two children.

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Jim Young, Anti-Tank-329, is a "Ham" operator in St. Petersburg, Florida, through Amateur Radio Station K4TGC. He works on 10, 15 and 20 meters and will be very glad to work any of the boys. He also has a phone patch and will Patch anyone in St. Pete. Jim, before moving to St. Petersburg, was located in Cleveland, Ohio, where his letters were WBFBI.

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Harold Gaffney, Service Co. 329, is in the printing business at 148 Greenwich Ave., New Haven, Conn. He does business printing, calendars, book matches, advertising specialties, business forms and other types and also sells ball point pens. Any of you in that area who might need business cards, letterheads, envelopes, etc., I'm sure that Harold can take care of your needs.



John Folsom. Taken by a traveling photographer near St. Malo, France, August 23, 1944.

## Sylvain And Eunice Fishman

Sylvain, F-329, and Eunice Fishman lead a very full and interesting life in Huntington, West Virginia.

Sylvain is an executive of the Kay Jewelry Company, a large chain jewelry outfit, and is direct supervisor of 8 of their stores in North Carolina and West Virginia. He is a sports car enthusiast and has a Mercedes-Benz 190 SL roadster. His only regret is that he is a little too old to take an active part in the sport. He has two other valued and cherished possessions: his lovely wife and toy French Poodle, "DUMPLING".

Mrs. Fishman, or to use her given name, Eunice, has been a professional breeder and handler of dogs for some twenty years and, although she has handled many breeds of dog in that time her favorite is the French Poodle.

Pictured here are Sylvain and Eunice Fishman with their toy French Poodle, "Dumpling" who has made several TV commercials and is always in demand for fashion shows and dance recitals.

An accident, at birth, prevents him from being active in dog shows but he is of champion stock. He accompanies the Fishmans wherever they go and, as Eunice says: "Without him we are ordinary people but when he's around we're the most popular couple there." (Ed. Note—The following print should explain why.)



Sylvain and Eunice Fishman and "Dumpling".

## Cleveland Chapter Chit-Chat

By Al Urdiel—Cannon Co.-329

Received so many compliments on my last report, it was felt that another was in order so, here goes, you asked for it.

We, of the Cleveland Chapter, will be incorporated by the time this Thunderbolt goes to press. The following members were elected to the Board of Trustees: Bob Grobelny, A-329; Bill Herhuth, Hq.-324 FA; and yours truly, Al Urdiel, for 1, 2 and 3 years in the above order.

We regret the loss of our meeting rooms, Ray Voracek's hall having been severely ramaged by fire, during the month of March. This left us without a place to conduct our meetings and also deprived us of our bowling party with the Warren Chapter. We especially miss the chance to prove that the last bowling match (we won, of course) was no fluke.

We now have a "SLEEPER" in our gang, none other than "King of the Hill, Voracek" as he will be called from now on. He insisted that I include this and when you realize the difference in our sizes, you can readily understand why I agreed. I'm no fool.

We had our monthly meeting at my "Clip Joint" as a last resort, until some other place can be found. Our return match with Warren was discussed and we are all anxious to get it under way and prove our superiority. We don't have a place to celebrate afterward, as yet, but I'm sure that will be worked out to the satisfaction of all. Unfortunately, I had to miss the last one, my sons wanted to go fishing and, being a dutiful father, I am vulnerable.

The program for the reunion is just about set and we are looking for all of you to attend, with your wives, of course. Three full days for the small registration fee that we ask, where can you do better? The dates are August 17, 18 and 19 at the Hotel Manger, here in Cleveland. Get your reservations in early, we would like nothing better than to fill the joint and make this reunion a howling success.

Walt Meczka is doing a terrific job on the project he has undertaken and his tireless efforts should bear reward and results come reunion time. Should anyone fail to be notified about the reunion it certainly will not be Walt's fault.

BOOSTER ADS for \$1. will be greatly appreciated. It all goes for a good cause and those of you who can afford an extra buck or so, cough up and send it to: Walter Meczka, 6927 Worley Ave., Cleveland 5, Ohio.

So long for now, till the next time in print.

## Letters to the Editor

Was with the 83rd Division in World War I, in Co. C-331. Enlisted at the age of 16 and have sent a photostat of my discharge to prove it.

Served at Noyon and around Lemans, Department of Sarthe, France in 1918 as a replacement from the States. Maj. Gen. Glenn was Commanding Officer.

Sorry to say I was not with the good old 83rd in World War II, in that unpleasantness. I did a four year hitch in the Pacific from Australia to Japan.

Homer Floyd Fansler  
Hendricks, West Virginia

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Dear Comrade,

Would like all information about coming reunion. Was a member of E-331 during World War II.

Lamar G. Hess  
22 South 10th St.  
Reading, Penna.

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Would like to be informed about the reunion in Cleveland, Ohio. Will try to make it. Was with E-331.

Robert J. Wieck  
669 Henry St.  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Dear Sir;

Read about it in the Paris Daily Enterprise. Am very much interested in attending. Please send information about registration, reservations, etc. Never knew whereabouts of the reunion before.

George Eads  
Route 1  
Paris, Kentucky

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Dear Sir;

Ready your article about the search for old 83rd men. Am a former member and would like information about reunion as I've never been to one.

William Niebauer  
805 Hubert Ave.  
Barnesboro, Penna.

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Dear Sir;

Read about your search for former members of the 83rd Division. Proud to say I joined as a replacement in Dinard, France, August 1944, and was wounded in Gay, Germany, Dec. 10, 1944 and was discharged from Thomas M. England Hospital, Atlantic City, N. J., March, 1946.

Clarence L. Opperman  
1737 Shelburn Place  
Johnstown, Penna.

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Dear Sir;

Fred Snider, of Hundred, West Virginia and I were with Co- K-329. I'd sure like to make it to Cleveland, if at all possible.

George F. Six, Jr.  
Pine Bank, Penna.

## A Plea For Company Reporters

By Lee Titus—G-331

For years the 83rd has tried unsuccessfully to gain back the Division strength that we once had immediately following the war.

Despite the tremendous publicity program that Vic Landis puts on each year, we can't seem to reach the 1,000 mark in paid-up members. Many of our old buddies read items in newspapers, magazines, etc., pertaining to the coming convention and, in all probability, plan to attend one some day, but the years slip by fast and slowly they become less interested until finally they decide that they wouldn't see any of their old buddies if they did attend.

Gentlemen, the cold facts are this: If you don't write to your buddies how can you expect them to meet you at the reunion? The only way to make certain of their interest in the association is to encourage them to join and become active.

Don't take the attitude of "Let George do it".

A breakdown on **paid-up members** as of May 1st, 1961 indicates that the 331st Regiment leads in paid-up members with 177 men. Most of us can remember when the 331st had more than that at a reunion. Following are 329 with 152—330 with 123—all artillery units with 105—Division Headquarters with 26 and Quartermaster, Signal, Recon, Medics and M.P. units a combined total of 40.

Men, the above figures show that unless someone in each unit gets off their duffs the 83rd Division Association will **FOLD**.

We need at least one man from each outfit to volunteer to act as company reporter. All we ask is that this man write to each man in his unit and try to get him to join the association and get available names and addresses to help build up our mailing list. Harry Lockwood, the secretary-treasurer, will supply a list of those he has on file, active and inactive to anyone willing to undertake this menial chore to help the Association and, if stamps and stationery are needed, we'll find a way to supply these items, too.

If you are willing to take on active interest in the association send your name to Harry Lockwood, 43 Oakland Ave., Jersey City 6, New Jersey.  
**WE CERTAINLY CAN USE YOUR HELP.**

**Pay Your Dues Now**

## Indiana Chapter News

Murray D. Therber  
Med. 330

News time again! That's what the notice from the Editor said, so the old typewriter is put to work to see what's



doing on the Indiana scene. Chapter-wise, things have been more or less status quo. A fair turnout at our last two meetings which are held on the second Friday of each month. It was decided to continue to hold our meeting at the Chateau, 619 N. Pennsylvania St., here in Naptown for the remainder of the year. Thanks to

John Robinette for arranging same. John is always ready to lend a helping hand. For those of you in the area who have not attended a meeting, why not pay us a visit? Arrangements for the 1963 Convention have been completed and just to keep you in suspense, fellows, we'll not divulge the hotel name as yet. We feel sure you will not be disappointed so the guess should be rather easy. When that time arrives we hope to have a new Convention Hall here in the city. Considerable construction work is in progress and the changes in the skyline are a surprise even to those of us who reside here.

At our last meeting of April 14th final plans for the Chapter Spring Dance were formulated. By spring dance, we thought we had shook ole man winter from the agenda. But not so, it seems, as just a week ago there was a mixture of rain, snow and sleet and you might say it was a Hail of a day. The 28th of April that was and now the temp is usually in the low 30's each morning. Dance we will though on May 13. We are expecting a large crowd this time. We dunno if the fellows will be trying the new drink that is out or not. It's a mixture of Metracal and Gin. It still makes you see Pink Elephants, but they're thinner!!

Reminds me of the old codger who said to another: "If they'd had electric blankets and sliced bread when I was a lad, I'd never have got married." To borrow another from the current issue of Readers Digest, there was the fellow who was amazed at the indefatigable ants in Walt Disney's Secrets of Life. "They know nothing but work, work, work and sex, sex, sex". Where they find time to spoil picnics, we'll never know."

Speaking of picnics, that reminds me to mention that comes the merry month of June, the Chapter will hold the annual affair. As yet no park has been selected. We always have a lot of fun and the gals really know how to fix the vitals.

We'll be looking forward to seeing all our old friends and making new ones at the Cleveland reunion. Time rolls on and if I'm to make the deadline, I'll have to say that this is all from Hoosierland for this time.

## Metropolitan Detroit

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north who stake out the game for him and all he has to do is go get it. It makes sense to us. It's hard to visualize Steve tramping in the woods trying to track a deer when he recently got lost trying to find Jack Daugherty's house to attend a chapter meeting. It really doesn't matter though because he does a terrific job in preparing and serving it and it's enjoyed by all.

Nick Boyd attended our last meeting. We hadn't seen him in some time and were beginning to wonder "Wha' Hoppen". Nick reported an avalanche of misfortunes. He had a death in the family, a siege of illness, poor business conditions in his particular field and he lost his place on the City Council of Hazel Park. What else could possible happen to a nice guy? He looks to be in pretty good shape now and we hope things take a turn for the better for him.

In the bad luck department: Nick Barbu was involved in a car accident a few weeks ago. No injuries but the sight of that beautiful car with wrinkles all over the back end was enough to drive a guy to drink. It looked like the 1964 model until the bump shop boys put things back in the right places. Nick intends to stay off the main drags from now on and stick to the slow residential streets where he can amble along at a snail's pace and keep out of people's way.

Our Chapter is again grateful to the Warren Chapter for warm and friendly hospitality extended to Bill Palazzolo and Jack Daugherty and their wives, who attended the Warren Chapter Anniversary Party. Needless to say, they were treated royally and the gang from Warren went out of their way to make certain that Bill, Jack and their wives had a wonderful time during their short stay. We are not offering thanks to any specific member but to the whole Warren Chapter a special thanks and our deepest gratitude and we look forward to the day when we will have the opportunity to reciprocate.

Other than that there is not too much to report. Since our Christmas Party we have been on the quiet side. Everyone seems to have become very busy and

chapter activities have been eased out of the picture.

We are looking forward to a visit from our National President, Joe Minotti and Reunion Chairman, Ray Voracek and will work a social around their planned visit.

With warmer weather around the corner we are anticipating a number of outdoor doings and that should bring the gang back together again.

Otherwise—See you at the reunion in Cleveland.

## Philadelphia Scrapple

By

John Piscitelli, 323rd F.A.

President

The Greater Phil. Chapter

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter, celebrated its annual April Shower Party, on April 29th at Lou's Ranch Room, 245 Woodbine Ave. Narberth. A great turnout of "THUNDERBOLTS" and their friends made it a tremendous success.

A Bingo Game was held, our Buddy, Larry Redmond was the cage man and number caller. Yours truly won the first two games. We also had a couple of card games going, to help increase our Treasury. The Bar, tended by Sam Aiello with an assist from Al Belvedere was also a great success. There was a slight admission fee charged, which entitled you to all you could eat. There was plenty of delicious roast beef, prepared by the master chef, Lou Volpi, also plenty of fresh shrimp was available.

We of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Lou and Lucy Volpi for all that they have done for our Chapter. They have given us the use of their Ranch Room for any affairs that we wish to hold as well as furnish us with the finest of foods at a very minimum of cost and in many cases without cost.

We also wish to express our sincere thanks to our National Secretary-Treasurer, Harry Lockwood and his very fine wife, Fern, for coming to our affair. They have attended many of our Chapter functions, and we are mighty proud to have them as our guests.

At our next Chapter meeting which will be held on Thursday, May 18th, we will start formulating plans for another affair or picnic to be held before Reunion time. We also had our Annual Memorial Day parade which was held on Sunday, May 28.

Also thanks to our friends who attended this affair and helped contribute to its success.

P.S.—Dave Rosenberg, come back into town, we have all missed you and your wife Anne.

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