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The President's Corner

In less than a month we shall all assemble in Cleveland again to begin our 15th Annual Convention. This will be our third convention in Cleveland and should be one of our largest gatherings.



Looking back through the years to our first Convention at Hotel Carter in Cleveland on Aug. 15, 16, 1947, it's interesting to note that there were 502 men registered. Thunderbolts came from 34 states and one man came all the way from France. They came by air, rail, auto, motorcycle and on foot. Some men covered more ground reaching Cleveland than they had dogged and shuttled over in Europe. I shall always remember the two boys who came in from Boston, on a motorcycle.

Ray Voracek and his convention committee are going all out in putting on a great convention at the lowest possible cost. Hotel rates are reasonable as is the registration cost to the individual. Now it's up to each of us to not only plan to be there, but to write to some of our buddies and ask them to meet us there.

As some of us have found out through the years, sometimes it's very hard to get some of our old buddies to pay their dues; but once they attend a Convention they usually become an active member from then on. Let's all make a determined effort to write to several of our buddies and let them know that we will

be in Cleveland on August 17, 18, 19.

Since this issue of the Thunderbolt will be the last during my tenure of office let me say that it has been a privilege and pleasure to serve as your President for the past year. I shall remember always, the fine hospitality extended to my wife and I on our visits to the various chapters. Thanks very much for bestowing this honor on me. It has been a wonderful experience and working with such a good bunch of officers certainly makes the job a lot easier.

Secretary's Report

This is the end of the association year 1960-61 and this report covers that period of time to July 15, 1961.



The paid-up membership, as of the above date, is 658 which, according to my records, is the best year we have had since 1954. There is one fact I must stress nevertheless and that is that more than 100 of last year's members did not pay their dues this year. This figure is all the more important when you consider that 658 paid-up members is 74 more than we had last year, in spite of the 100 or so not paid which means that a lot of men have found out about the association and decided to join their buddies.

To all of you who helped in our membership drive, thank you very much on behalf of the officers and men of the association.

Your association is solvent and, though the cost of everything has increased over these past years we can still keep our heads above water.

Those of you who attend the meetings at the reunion will get a complete report of a certified audit and I'll try to answer any questions that may be asked at that time.

As most of you know, an increase in association dues was voted in at the reunion in Boston last year, to become effective August 1, 1961 (This year) and from then on your yearly dues will be \$5.00 per. This increase is something we tried to avoid for many years but it just was not to be.

Here's hoping we'll be seeing a lot of you at the reunion and, to those of you who cannot make it, have a nice summer and read all about it in the next issue of Thunderbolt.

Harry W. Lockwood
Secretary-Treasurer

News About New and Old Members

Gerry Morrison, Co. F-329, has done very well since his deactivation from the service.

Gerry works for an advertising agency in Hollywood, Calif., was television consultant to Henry Cabot Lodge during his campaign for vice-president, has written a book about the Civil War called "Unvexed to the Sea", which is also being published in France, England and Canada and has gone into its second printing and is also finishing another book which should be ready soon.

In addition to his stint in Co. F-329, Gerry was aide to Gen. Ferenbaugh. He returned to the states on V-E Day and was on his way to Japan when they dropped the Big A.

Like many others, in the mad scramble to make a buck after the war, Gerry lost all contact with the 83rd but now that he's got his buck (And perhaps a few to spare) he is happy to renew contact and hopes he can make it to Cleveland to complete the cycle by renewing contact with his old buddies.

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Walter J. Hughes, Co. G-330, has been discharged from the hospital in San Fernando, Calif. and has been taking life easy during his convalescence in that beautiful State of Colorado.

Walt plans to stay in Colorado through July and August and then go back to work, selling men's clothing which, he says, has made him a comfortable living these many years.

His permanent home is in Evanston, Ill.; his mailing address being P.O. Box 444 for those of you who may want to drop him a line or so.

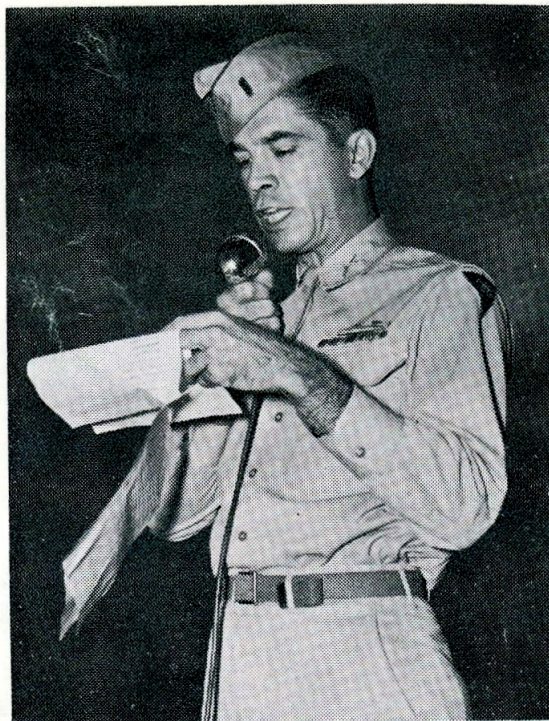
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Joe Chiera, C-330, has been a bartender for many years and has attended the bartenders' convention for quite a few of those many years, in various parts of the country.

This year Joe attended the convention, as usual, and entered a drink, he calls a Fashionette, in competition with other man-made concoctions. After some real hard honest to gosh judging (By taste of course, how else?) Joe was awarded fourth prize for which he received a plaque.

I believe the convention was held in Las Vegas and, since his return, Joe has been riding high and everyone who stops at the bar must first see and read the plaque before there is any possibility of being served

Joe will be at the reunion this year. Ask him about it, he probably will bring the plaque with him.



Morrison As A G.I.



Morrison As He Is Today.

Sickness and Distress

We have just received word that John Meyers, formerly of the 323rd FA and also formerly a member of the association, is in the V.A. Hospital at 3900 Lockraven Boulevard, Baltimore, Md.

No details were given but whatever the trouble may be we sincerely hope for a quick and complete recovery for John.

Report From Larry Redmond

H-330

Chairman of
Executive Board & Chapter Coordinator

Here we are almost at the end of another association year and, I'm proud to say, a very fine year it has been with a paid-up membership of about 660. Had all the regular paid-up members sent in their dues we would have gone well over the 750 mark which would have been an all-time high. As it is, the secretary informs me, it is the most paid-up memberships since 1954 which is as far back as his records go.



On behalf of the executive board, I would like to express our sincere thanks to all who helped, in any way, to make this the wonderful year it has been. We know that many of you contacted your buddies and had them send in their dues. Others of you went out of your way trying to get new members but were less fortunate. Whether or not you succeeded we appreciate your efforts and extend a vote of thanks to all of you and I'm sure that, with the same support, next year, we can obtain another all-time high.

I also want to extend our sincere thanks to two men who went so far out of their way to make this a bigger and better year. Our publicity director Vic Landis and our secretary-treasurer, Harry Lockwood.

Not enough can be said for Vic Landis. The job he has done getting us publicity can only be appreciated by talking to Harry Lockwood who has been kept so busy answering the countless inquiries, from all over the country, in response to Vic's publicity campaign. Almost every location in the country has been covered by Landis and, if there are still some who are not aware of the existence of the 83rd Infantry Division Association it is because they just don't read the newspaper or magazines. Here's a toast to Vic Landis, may he be with us for a long time.

In addition to his duties as secretary-treasurer, Harry has done a very fine job getting out our association publication, "Thunderbolt".

As I told you in my last report, the association is like a ball team, a good pitcher and a good catcher are a definite must, but without the support of the other players, the team would be lost.

Once again, thanks to all of you for your wonderful support and, if I may, I'd like to appeal to you to give the

same support to our new slate of officers who will take over at the reunion in August. I'm sure that our president, Joe Minotti is equally as proud of you as we, on the executive board, are. To Joe it was an honor to have served as your president and an even greater honor to have had such a wonderful year.

Here's wishing you all the best of luck and hope to see you in Cleveland.

A Final Report From Your National Publicity Director

By Vic Landis

Am now making the stretch run on publicity and come reunion time the entire nation will be covered like a tent. Every daily paper in the land will have received a release. Each year members that did not know of our association, read the articles and write inquiries. However, we do know there are thousands that miss reading the paper on that one day of publication. Others missing the article. We have to keep pounding away for years to come, in order to reach our ultimate aim and that is to have all former members informed of our existence. It will be a long slow pull—up hill.

We have two phases of publicity, outside and inside. Outside represents the articles placed in newspapers, magazines, posters and spot announcements on radio and television stations. Inside is the work of the individual member, the letters he writes to his old buddies, the telephone calls and the former members he contacts. If EVERY SINGLE MEMBER of our great Association would do his job, we could more than double our membership. It is as simple as that. As it is at the present, only a FEW MEMBERS do the job for the many.

Now old buddies—remember this: we are proud to have been a man that wore the triangle on his sleeve, the insignia of one of the greatest divisions to have fought in any war. Let us be proud of the war we are fighting now — THE WAR FOR NEW MEMBERS. Get on that phone, go to your radio and television stations, place a notice in your local papers. It is later than you think. See you in Cleveland.

These Were Found in the Indianapolis Times

Getting a fur coat is easy
Any girl can try it
Some get it to keep warm
Others to keep quiet.

Compliments of Mrs Celestia Cave

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Somerset Maugham once wrote:

It's a funny thing about life, "If you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it".

Indiana Chapter News

By Murray Therber—330 Medic

Comes now the summer edition of the favorite magazine in these parts, the "Thunderbolt"! And speaking of summer,



one thinks of picnics and reunion time. Sounds as though the boys in Cleveland have really been in there working to line up an interesting program for the turnout this year. We sincerely hope that those reading these lines and as yet have been unable to attend will be able to do so this year.

On the local scene, we offer a word of our doings since last issue of the Thunderbolt. The chapter dance was held on Saturday, May 13, and though a local bowling tournament gave us competition, you could hardly tell it by those attending who assured us they were having a "Ball"! The music was in good form and so were most of us by door prize time. Nice they were too, thanks to the good taste of our chairman of the dance committee. One thing about our committee chairman, they always turn up with a new idea.

Though June is an ordinary month except for newly-weds, it found our members awaiting the 4th of July holiday and annual chapter picnic. We first thought it would be in June but I surmise they were saving their firecrackers. (Who said that, anyway?) Comes now a report on the annual picnic which is a big affair around old Naptown. Geni and Ned Smith extended their usual hospitality and spread the welcome mat across the drive of their suburban home on Sycamore Lane and what a welcome mat that turned out to be!! Amidst a grove of trees of all description, the Smiths had everything arranged by the sound of the first car that turned in their drive which happened to be one of the Pontiacs which four of the members drive. (Mickey, you were looking quite comfortable first to see in that big lounge chair!) This invite took place on Sunday, July 2 and those arriving to join in the fun and frolic were as follows:

Lou and Mickey Meyer, Ken and Phyllis Baird and children Chrisa, David, Dwight and Mark, John and Dotty Soroko and son Doug, Joe and Helen Lowry, Judy and Mack Brumbach, John and Gay Robinette, Murray Therber.

The Smith children, Brownie and Melissa were overjoyed to see the Baird children among the adults. (Youngsters (Continued on Page 12)



INDIANA CHAPTER

This was a hungry group at one of the tables the Smiths' had arranged for the annual Chapter picnic.



The past president, Ned, enjoys the "Thunderbolt" and John Soronko agrees as don't we all???

A Little of This and That

My wife and I made a trip to Massachusetts the early part of July, stopping off at Dracut to visit Charlie Abdinoor and his family and see the new baby.

Spent a very pleasant few hours with Chuck, Bernice and the kids and regretted that we had to leave so soon.

Chuck regrets that he may not be able to attend the reunion this year but promises that Atlantic City is a must.

From there we spent the weekend with friends in Hingham leaving there early Monday morning.

On the way home we stopped off to pay a visit to Ed "Spud" Murphy in Cumberland, Rhode Island.

Ed is a wheelchair veteran, formerly of Co. G-331, and although we met him for the first time, I must say we never have met a more congenial person. And that goes for his mother and sister also. Wonderful people and we wish to thank them for their hospitality.

Ed is hoping that he can make the reunion this year and promises to give it a good try if he can get a buddy to go along with him.

We'll be looking for you Ed.

Harry Lockwood

Warren Chapter News

Everyone from the Warren Chapter is bubbling over with convention fever these days, but they did manage to attend a family picnic that was held on July 9 at Valley Lake. The children spent the day swimming and playing games, the women spent the day minding the children and the old soldiers spent the day, as usual, bending their elbows and shooting the bull. A good time was had by all, however. We shall have another picnic probably before the convention.

All members of the 83rd Association are invited to drop in at the Warren Chapter C.P. during their stay at the convention for a little refreshments and to get acquainted. Through the years we in the Warren Chapter have enjoyed meeting all members of the Association and have made many lasting friendships and, of course, to the people who are coming to their first reunion, stop by and see us. We want to meet you.

Since this will be the last issue of the Thunderbolt before the convention, we of the Warren Chapter, would like to thank all of the fine group of men who have contributed so much of their valuable time to insure the continuity of the old 83rd. We especially thank our old Warren buddy, Joe Minotti, who has worked his ears off as the National President, Ray Voracek and that great bunch of men from Cleveland who are the Convention Committee, Harry Lockwood for his outstanding efforts on the Thunderbolts and Vic Landis for his usual fine job as publicity director.

Also on behalf of Joe Minotti we would like to thank the members of all chapters who distributed the window posters sent to them with convention data printed. The Phillip Morris cigarette company was kind enough to print up 1,000 of them for us, free of charge, and we are hoping that some of our long lost members read the posters and meet us in Cleveland.

See you all at the convention.



Left to right, front row: Ralph Guarneri, Joe Minotti and Vito Pallazola. Back row: Mike Skovran, Dick Kelly, Babe Gauchi and Jack Doherty.

Editor's Note—Didn't have space in the last issue of Thunderbolt for the following article so I have condensed it here for your edification.

On Saturday morning, May 13th last, Walt "Squeaky" Sammler and I hit the Pennsylvania Turnpike, heading west and from there on to the Ohio Turnpike which we left at the Warren, Ohio exit.

We immediately proceeded to the business establishment of our National Association President Joe Minotti, where we received a cordial welcome.

After some liquid refreshment we followed Joe to his home where his lovely wife, "Dimps", prepared a really terrific meal. While there, Lee and Birdie Titus came in followed shortly afterward by Dick Kelly and a lot of conversation was enjoyed by all.

After quite a bit of this we all went downtown to the Warren Chapter clubrooms where we were met by John Teringo; stayed there until the wee hours of the morning and finally wound up back at Joe Minotti's Emporium, "Club 83", where we remained until closing time.

On Sunday, that good cook, Dimps, set another spread before us after which we took off for Ravenna, Ohio where we met Ray Voracek, and went over the reunion program. Stayed there for quite some time but, as is always the case, good things must come to an end and we had to break it up and head eastward back to the grind of regular co-existence.

We can say this though: Squeak and I will be ever indebted to the Warren men and women for their wonderful hospitality and can only hope that, at some time, they may give us an opportunity to reciprocate. Thank you, you nice people, thank you very much.

Following are a couple of prints from the Warren Chapter anniversary party held last April.

Larry Redmond, H-330
Chapter Coordinator



WARREN CHAPTER
ANNIVERSARY PARTY
Left to right: Teresa Gauchi, Birdie Titus and Ann Tomazin.

New Jersey Chapter News

By Harry Lockwood, Regt. Hq.-329

Our roving reporter, Nick "Nomad" Esposito, finally returned to the fold, a short time ago.



Nick returned on a Friday and on Saturday evening drove to the other side of town to pick up his wife, Rose, at her place of business. On their way to visit friends Nick stopped his car to allow another to make a left turn but the bus behind him did not stop and plowed into the rear of Nick's car. What a

mess! Fortunately, no one was seriously injured but Rosie was badly shaken up and her neck and back have bothered her since. But being the stout fellow she is, she does not complain too much.

By the time this T'Bolt is delivered the men, women and kids of the New Jersey Chapter will have had a picnic at Bob Walsh's brother-in-law's place in Clifton, New Jersey, not very far from all of us. The 23rd day of July is the day we will pack our picnic lunches and stock up on some cold beer and spend the day out in the open, basking in the sunshine and stuffing ourselves with cold cuts, chicken, chips and the usual condiments that are present at an affair of that kind. To Bob Walsh's brother-in-law, thank you, thank you very much for your hospitality.

Not much else to report from the New Jersey Chapter except that we expect to be very well represented at the reunion. Most of us who take an active part will attend and we are hoping that King and Dorothy Meyers and John and Claire Di Nicola will be among those present.

See you all at the reunion, till then, best regards.

Co. F 329 News & Side-lights

By Vic Landis

At this writing F. 329 has just finished making their patented stretch run and finished some six lengths in front of the 324th F.A. We now have matched our total of last year, which is 40 paid-up members.

Have received word from Hervey Ward and he assures me he will make the trip to Cleveland. Hervey has been promoted to sales manager of the Photostat Corporation in Rochester, New York. Upon graduating from Brown University, after returning home from the war, he became a junior member of an insurance company, then held a responsible position with the Hamilton Safe Co. and now has really made it big.

Nice going old buddy.

From all indications, F. 329 will break all of their former attendance records. I have the promises of some 30 men to be at the Hotel Manger, with bells on and rarin' to go. All other members that read these lines, get your bags packed and make the Hotel Manger a special mission. This year will be the greatest.

Special note to Sylvain Fishman: I noticed that RIPE OLIVES were on the banquet menu. You may have my share. Overseas I used to trade him a bottle of ripe olives for a bottle of bourbon. Sylvain loves ripe olives and I love bourbon. Enough of this. I will see all of the gang at the F. 329 C.P. in the Hotel Manger.

Cleveland Chatter

By Al "Little Alfie" Uridel,
Cannon 329

Things are really rolling now as reunion time is fast approaching. Wanted posters are seen in every nook and cranny of greater Cleveland, thanks to the Philip Morris people and the efforts of the boys who put them there.

Cleveland Chapter celebrated Memorial Day by joining the Anton Blazek Post No. 2079 in their annual parade and I must say that we added a bit of color to the proceedings even if we did march between the ladies auxiliary and the cub scouts. Nine of us started out but we lost six on the way back and there were some mighty anxious spouses awaiting the return of their wayward husbands. We don't know how it all turned out but there was a run on China dishes for the next few days.

Four of our men carried rifles and "King of the Hill" Voracek carried the colors. I'll bet many things flashed through their minds as they got the feel of the old iron on their shoulders once again. Those who saw them go through the manual of arms will never forget it (reminiscent of the Keystone Kops in bygone days). Nevertheless we gave them "A" for effort in accepting such a monumental task. Fellows, we're proud of you.

Lou Rosolowski is still trying to stem the tide of ill fortune that has plagued him and his lovely wife, Mary and we're all wishing real hard that things turn their way. Such nice people deserve a better fate.

George Krupicka has been seen with a big broad smile here of late and methinks that he has been bitten with the lovebug. George is available gals, and those of you who are unattached can do a lot worse. Look him up, with our recommendation.

That's it for now. Don't forget the reunion on August 17, 18 and 19 at the Hotel Manger here in Cleveland.

'Bye now and don't forget your dollar for a booster.

The Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain, 83rd Inf. Div. Assn.
AP No. 83,
Greencastle, Penna.

July 20, 1961
"Thursday"

Dear Buddies,

May I share with you a few moments and comment on a subject, which I feel is very essential as we go through life. I would like to begin by quoting a favorite poem.

SERVICE TO OTHERS



Supposing today
were your last day
on earth
The last mile of the
journey you've
trod;
After all of your
struggles, how
much are you
worth?
How much can you
take home to
God?
Don't count as pos-
session your silver
and gold

Tomorrow you leave these behind;
And all that is yours to have and to
hold

Is the service you've rendered man-
kind.

It has been told of Florence Nightingale that she took it upon herself the tragedy, the heartaches, and the sufferings of the soldiers of the Crimean War—because she cared and wanted to be of service to others. The story is that after that war, at a reunion of army and navy men held in London, they talked of great leaders, officers and others. One asked the question: "Who of all the workers and people in the Crimea will be the longest remembered.?" Each man was to write one name on a slip of paper—and the papers were collected. Many, many papers were collected but only the one name, that of Florence Nightingale.

May I also use another story of a man about whom all of us have heard and some have seen. This young man, belonging to a rich family of India, went to London to be received in society. He purchased expensive clothes, studied the social life of the times, and began a life of selfish frivolity and futile gaiety and fun-making. But suddenly a light came to him. He asked himself who earned the money? By whose sweat was gay life possible? Was it the half-fed poor of his own land? He renounced it all and became a champion of the illiterate, the outcast, the poor, the untouchables—until he shook India to its foundation. You now ask me his name? . . . Mahatma Gandhi.

Dare we live for God? Are we living

according to His will? Let us set our candle before a looking-glass so that we get two lights. Let us plant our rose-bush near our neighbor's fence, so that a little of its beauty will grow on his side. If we have any loveliness, let's share it. If we have any talents, let's make them count most in bewildered lives of others. We are preserved from ostentation by a spirit of true service. A glad, free life that is full of love and service for others will make up for what the frosts of time have blighted in our neighbor's weary way.

In the long run fellows, always remember, "It's the service we have rendered others."

Faithfully,
William O. "Bill" Shuman
Divarty - Chaplain

Miami Valley Chapter And Dayton Fly-ings

By Vic Landis

By the time these lines are read, we will have held our annual Chapter picnic for the members and their families. A meal fit for a king was served, with plenty of beer for the adults and a bountiful supply of soft drinks for the small fry. Vic Landis and Del Rinehart played a little ball with the boys and ended up stiff and sore the next day.

Bob Eldred sat under a tree and listened to the ball game. Ed Fink guarded the beer, holding one in each hand, while Leo (Little Stupid) Boyd was all over the place with his movie camera. Bob Hedger was eating all the time and our chaplain, Don Himes, led the ladies in song. A great time was had by all.

We plan on having a big attendance in Cleveland and will bring out new 50 star American flag, along with our chapter banner, to be on display in our chapter room. Long may they both wave.

As per usual we will make a tour of the other chapter rooms and will welcome all other chapters to our room in grand style. I am still of the opinion we should have a national chapter meeting before next year's reunion, to formulate plans to strengthen our association. Remember—the National Association is the heart and soul of the 83rd—but the chapters are the blood lines that reach the members and keep us in operation. See you at the Hotel Manger.

Inquiry:

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Jimmy Alef, formerly of Co. C-330, get in touch with King Meyers, 25 New St., South River, New Jersey.

Alef, when he was in the service, was from Grosse Point, Michigan.

REUNION PROGRAM

Men

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 1961

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

2:00 P.M.

3:00 P.M.

8:00 P.M.

8:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M.

Registration - Mezzanine Floor

Races

Welcoming Meeting

Trotting Horse Races

Cocktail Party & Dancing

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 1961

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

10:00 A.M.

2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

8:00 P.M.

8:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

Registration - Mezzanine Floor

Business Meeting

Burlesque For Men

Trotting Horse Races

Stag Party

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 1961

10:00 A.M.

1:00 P.M.

6:00 P.M.

7:30 P.M.

Business Meeting

Unit Luncheons

Memorial Services

Famous 83rd Banquet & Dance

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

Ladies

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 1961

8:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M.

Cocktail Party & Dancing

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 1961

1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

8:00 P.M.

Live T.V. Program

Tent Theatre, "BUTTONS & BOWS"

with an Allstar Broadway Cast

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 1961

6:00 P.M.

7:30 P.M.

Memorial Services

Famous 83rd Banquet & Dance

REGISTRATION FEE FOR LADIES WILL BE \$10.00

Detroit Chapter News

News from our chapter consists mainly of the long awaited and looked forward to visit of National President Joe Minotti and Reunion Chairman Ray Voracek and their gracious wives. Our chapter has been looking forward to this visit for a long time and it was a great pleasure to have these wonderful Thunderbolts amongst us. The red letter days for this auspicious occasion were June 17 and 18.

Shortly after their arrival, our guests were hosted to a sociable evening of dinner, drinking, dancing and shooting the breeze at a quiet nearby restaurant. "Tango" Minotti and "Hupaj Siupaj" Voracek were the kings of the dance floor. Arthur Murray has much to fear if these two ballroom terrors ever decide to turn professional. We managed to tear them away from the music long enough to find out that the Cleveland Reunion program is all set and ready to go. Ray has a good program planned

and everyone that attends the reunion this year is guaranteed a good time.

Our chapter hopes to have a good turnout and we're looking forward to three days of HOOP LA LA and HOLY H---. Joe gave us the latest news on the national association level. He takes justifiable pride in the gains made as a result of the hard work put forth by himself and his roster of officers. Our chapter salutes him and his administration for a job well done.

After spending the night as guests of the Statler Hilton Hotel, our visitors were entertained at the Bill Palazzolo residence on the 18th. Mrs. Virginia Palazzolo outdid herself in putting out a delicious Italian dinner. The only complaint heard was that after stuffing away the goodies, nobody was allowed to take the usual Sunday afternoon SIESTA. Bill insisted that everyone had to stay awake and chew the fat about their 83rd capers, etc. It was fun reminiscing but a short nap sure would

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Mr. Harry Lockwood
43 Oakland Avenue
Jersey City 6, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Lockwood:

I read with interest Victor E. Landis' letter entitled, "83d Inf. Div., Heed" in this morning's Boston Herald. I have very dear and very grateful memories of the 83rd when they were in Luxembourg, during October and November of 1944.

As the American wife of a Luxembourg dentist I had been living in the small border town of Echternach with three small daughters, and when Luxembourg City was liberated by General Hodge's First Army early in September, the Germans retreated to the Eifel, leaving our little town unoccupied for the first time in over four years.

We waited joyfully for the Americans to appear. But none came. Two weeks later 200 SS, the 'Kampfgruppe Fischer' returned to Echternach to 'defend' us. None of the 3,000 inhabitants was permitted to leave. I had been going daily for the milk to my aunt's, a kilometer from town at Lauterborn. We had very little food and one afternoon I went for milk and kept on going, straight on to Junglinster where the White Horse Shoe Div. of the 5th Armored had their Battalion CP set up. I had many maps and knew all the German gun emplacements. I remember plotting maps there throughout that night and sleeping in a Col. Dickson's sleeping bag on a barn floor with eight soldiers. They were the first Americans I had seen in five years.

The next day I was sent to the CIC in Luxembourg City and cleared with Washington. Col. Jett was the first Military Governor at that time and he issued me a pass back to Echternach. I was surprised to discover how little the 'Rear Echelon' knew of situations exceeding the three-mile limit. I thought, with the pass, Echternach had already been liberated but it wasn't, officially, until some six months later. I retrieved my American passport, which also contained my three children, from the underground at Esch and went back to Junglinster, where Col. Dickson told me Echternach was not liberated and not to go further than Consdorf, which now had American jeep patrols. Because of security measures I had trouble finding the unit which was supposed to liberate my town but one night I finally got to Eschweiler and the Battalion Headquarters of the 83rd, I believe it was the 329th Infantry, Co. B and talked with a Col. Speedie, a Major George White and a Captain Neaf. They had had a 'skirmish' at Lauterborn that afternoon and Capt. Neaf stated he was going to 'shell hell out of that town' before he would send another man down

there. I remember telling him he couldn't do that because my children were down there and when Col. Speedie looked at my passport I will always remember his saying, "Then there is a human side to this thing called war."

Subsequently, a civilian evacuation was arranged over the short route out through Lauterborn, but after communications were broken off, the Germans changed the plans and sent the people out through the southern route, 8 miles, to Herborn, over which American artillery was directed; of the 3,000, the first 800 were killed or wounded until the Americans realized what had happened. As destiny would have it, my daughters were among the last to leave—a German patrol had taken my husband at the front door as hostage for me, and they were waiting for their father to return. When he didn't come, they left with the maid and wired-haired terrier and got out unharmed.

During the next six weeks, the 83rd fed us, found us a place to stay and were very good to us. I remember getting dressed up in a G.I. uniform once, about a week after the disastrous evacuation, and driving down into Echternach with a Lt. Blume and his driver, Corky, to get some clothes for the children and how shocking it was to find myself entirely alone in my battered home in a ghost town almost devoid of human life, and of the ever-recurrent horror at the aspect of destruction, and the overwhelmingly sense of futility at this waste of life and endeavor.

Later, when they pulled back to Luxembourg City, they moved us, too, and helped me get my first job at Radio Luxembourg I will never forget sitting at my desk at the Radio and listening to the rumble of the 83rd pulling out, and feeling as if I were losing my last friend. Robert Burns, 'And wert thou in the cauld blast, I'd shelter thee',—they did shelter and protect us during the time we needed it most.

And, although this has all happened so many years ago, I have always harbored a very great affection, admiration and gratitude for the 83rd Division. I never heard from any of them again and have often wondered whatever became of them all. I thought, as National Secretary, you might be interested in hearing from someone whom you not only liberated, but helped to survive.

Sincerely yours,

Willa Thompson

28 Hancock Street
Auburndale 66, Mass.

Following is a play by play description of your Association paid-up membership for the year 1960-61 as of July 15, 1961.

Unit	Amount
F-329	40
324 FA.	34
G-331	32
Div. Hq.	28
323 FA	21
908 FA	21
322 FA	20
308 Eng.	20
B-331	19
Regt. Hq.-330	15
Divarty	15
Regt. Hq.-329	14
D-330	14
A-331	14
E-329	13
F-330	13
M-330	13
Regt. Hq.-331	13
1st Bn. Hq.-331	13
D-331	13
K-331	13
I-329	12
G-329	11
A-330	11
A-329	10
H-330	10
C-331	10
3rd Bn. Hq.-331	9
Cannon Co.-329	8
E-330	8
L-330	8
H-331	8
H-329	7
L-329	7
C-330	7
L-331	7
Signal Co.	7
B-329	6
C-329	6
3rd Bn. Hq.-329	6
G-330	6
Quartermaster	6
B-330	5
3rd Bn. Hq.-330	5
Cannon Co.-330	5
E-331	5
K-329	4
M-329	4
Anit-Tank-329	4
Service Co.-329	4
I-330	4
2nd Bn. Hq.-331	4
F-331	4
M-331	4
Cannon Co.-331	4
Anti-Tank-331	4
3rd Bn. Hq.-329	3
I-331	3
Service Co.-331	3
Recon.-331	3
D-329	2
1st Bn. Hq.-330	2
K-330	2
Anti-Tank-330	1
Unknown	1
Medics (All)	10

Co. G, 331st Reports

By Lee Titus

We of Co. G wish to issue a special tip of the hat to one of our hardest working members this year. He is Ed "Spud" Murphy who has written numerous letters and personally tracked down 5 of our old boys from Co. G. We welcome Nelson Davis, Mike Mealy, William Carriere, Joe Ruberto and Tom "Gabriel Mansour" Gabriel into the fold also, Benny Vecchione, Selma Corder, William Goldenetz and Bob Speakman whose addresses we now have.

Also a tip of the old G. Co. hat goes to Bob Piette, Mort Gaynor and Joe Macaluso for their annual good job of corresponding for dues.

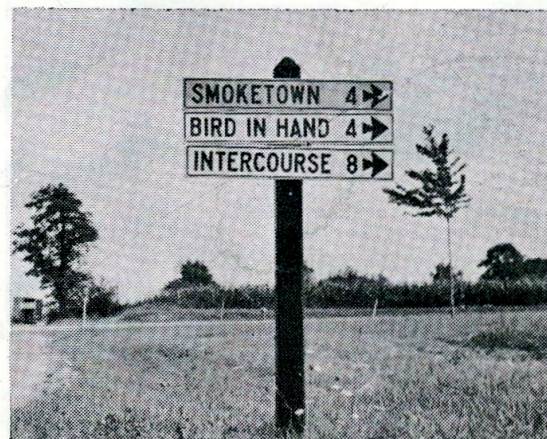
Since we have hounded most of the boys for dues all year we now issue a special invitation to everyone who can possibly attend the convention to be there, because from all reports, G. Co. will have at least 25 men in Cleveland. This should be our best turnout in 15 years. We expect to see the following men at the convention and certainly hope that there are many more: Anderson, Bush, Buckunas, Bunk, Bogacz, Carriere, Corder, Costanzo, Flanary, Gaynor, Guarneiri, Kuzma, Macaluso, Murphy, Mizerock, Piette, Porter, Pangle, Phillipone, Robson, Rutstein, Singleton, Schwartz, Teringo, Vecchione, Vollmer, Ruberto and Wheeler.

We urge all who expect to be in Cleveland to send in their hotel reservations right away.

Let's all plan now to get together and drink a toast to those who will never be able to be with us. To those who are going to attend their first convention, go to the 83rd Registration Desk and sign your names and room number in the 331st book. We will find you.

See you in Cleveland.

News Flash: Just got word from Joe Macaluso that the stork visited them for the 7th time. A boy born May 20th brings the Macaluso children to 5 boys and 2 girls. Congratulations, Mac.



Somewhere in Pennsylvania

Greater Boston Chapter News

By Nick Francullo, Hq. 3rd Bn., 330

At our meeting held at the Lindsay Tavern in Providence, Rhode Island on May 27, a plaque was presented to Chuck



Abdinoor for the outstanding work he did as president of our chapter. We had a tough time keeping it a secret until the presentation was actually made and the look of surprise on Chuck's face was genuine and when he was called on to say a few words that's exactly what he did and then sat down, astonished.

We all love our Chuck.

Speaking of Chuck, we are all waiting for him to get his boat in the water so that we can get in some fishing and boating the summer season comes to an Hurry up there boy, time's a wasting.

Saw a few new faces at the meeting in Providence and hope that they will come often and also that they may decide to become members of the division association.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Mike Amicone, Lt. Col. James W. Higson, Earl Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Caprio, Mario Simonelli, Mr. and Mrs. John Orlando, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Petrucci, Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Hastings, Dick Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Califranino, Mr. and Mrs. John Cleary, Ambrose Tynan, Chuck Abdinoor, Howie Edwards and Pat and Ginny DiGiammerino.

Three door prizes were "raffled" with the first prize going to Ginny DiGiammerino. Lucky gal.

That's it for now. Hope to see you at the reunion, if not, you'll hear from me next time around.



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have since developed more energy, I believe, don't you???) There were games for all and fun for all and things this reporter observed were as follows:

"After a game of tennis, the youngsters could out-run the grown-ups! (Especially to the refreshment stand, that is!!)

(Mat, wasn't those horseshoes kinda heavy, after that last chicken leg?) (Why did you give Gay and I that last 83rd Sing Drink, anyway, it makes people tell funnies, like so:

"By the way, "Robbie", was that the new Jet that visits Indianapolis that came over during your second helping of all that good food?"

"And by all means, does Geni have her own "Culligan Man"? She informed me she was only referring to what Ned told her, he had a softener in the basement!!

See what a good time U-all missed??

**HELP THE CLEVELAND CHAPTER
CARRY THE LOAD, REGISTER AT
THE REUNION!**

Thanks to all for their assist in my job as Secretary of the Chapter and be assured, Lou Meyer, with your co-operation, can do a better job.

Hope-to-see-you-inCleveland.

Indiana Chapter
83rd Infantry Division Association
Slate of Officers - 1962

President, John Soroko; first vice-president, Murray D. Therber; second vice-president, Ned Smith; third vice-president, Edward Crow; fourth vice-president, Walter H. Edwards, Jr.; secretary, Louis Meyer; treasurer, Joseph V. Lowry; judge advocate, John Robinette; historian, John Walker; sergeant-at-arms, Matthew Brumbach; chaplain, Paul Lewis.



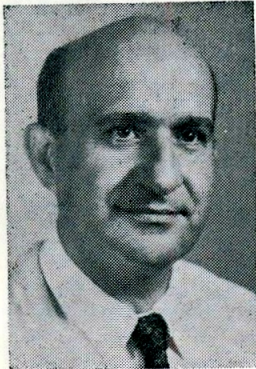
INDIANA CHAPTER

Past President Ned Smith enjoys his food as well as the incoming President, John Soroko seems to be doing. Who can blame them when the "Hoosier Wives of the Members" go into action preparing their specialties???

Philadelphia Chapter

Rides Again

Again as in the past, the Quaker City chapter has chartered an air-conditioned bus to convey a merry making fun loving enthusiastic



"Thunderbolts" to Cleveland. Again our trip will begin on Wednesday, the day before the official opening.

This transportation charge will be absorbed by the Philadelphia Chapter's treasury. Not that we need the added incentive of free transportation. But as in the past all our money raising activities has been aimed at providing a fund large enough to insure that all Philadelphia Thunderbolts have one heckova time.

The early start will allow the Philadelphia contingent to have a time on the town on Wednesday night, climaxed by our usual Wednesday night banquet at one of Cleveland's leading night spots. And of course this also is free to the Philadelphia men and their gals.

Already plans are being made to make the Philadelphia Chapter room at the convention, the meeting place for all Thunderbolts to meet, drink and be merry. And to all who have participated with us in previous conventions know what fun and pleasure awaits all who drop in for a night cap but some how stay until the wee hours of the morning. President "Big John" Piscitelli promises that this year's activities of the Philadelphia Chapter will top all others. (As if this is possible).

Our hospitality committee have made plans and knowing that they can "bank" on all fellow Quaker City men to make Cleveland in 1961 a reunion and a meeting place the entire national association members will always remember. Entertainment, food, drinks, "surprises", (watch out for the Saran Wrap) all have a place on the Philadelphia program.

We know that the Philadelphia Chapter will again have the most and the best representation in Cleveland We invite our neighbors to contact our bus captain, Ed Paulino, to see if any vacancies are available on the bus.

Dave Rosenberg, 331st Inf.

Philadelphia Chapter

Endorses

McGrogan and Paulino

At a Saturday night special meeting, very well attended by the Philadelphia Chapter, a vote was taken to slate Philadelphia Chapter men for the national association offices of national president and first vice-president. The nominations were spirited and we all knew that regardless which of our Philadelphia men would be slated and endorsed, we would make a selection of fine candidates. In the Philadelphia Chapter we are blessed with a host of good hard workers. The results of our election found that Frank McGrogan and Ed Paulino were selected for the Philadelphia candidates for president and vice-president respectively.

At the present time both Frank McGrogan and Edward Paulino have been diligently working on the 1962 reunion which will be held at the "world's playground", namely Atlantic City. These two gentlemen well merit the holding of national association office. Both have worlds of experience garnered as local chapter officers and also stints as national association office holders. The fine qualities of both Frank and Ed as leaders will manifest itself, and result in a well run 1962 reunion.

The special meeting was honored by the presence of national association executive board head Larry Redmond and his charming wife Mary. Larry is fast recuperating from his last siege of illness and appears to have weathered his latest operation in a fine manner. Appearing hearty and slimmed down Larry Redmond joined the rest of the group in the nomination and election.

The meeting at Lou Volpi's Ranch Room was capped by a "smorgasbord" of food that only Lou Volpi and his wife Lucy can dish out.

Also present were our good friends "T-Bird" Mike Jarmoska and "Casey Stengel" George Kirk. Both boys had been away from the active swing of things but both made themselves at home and were two god additions. Mike Jarmoska looked like a real hot rod and when he pulls up in his "T-Bird" he resembles a real racing driver.

The meeting was presided over by our hard working president, John Piscitelli, and an able capable man he is. His pre-meeting prayers are works of art and indicative of the real John, a deep religious man.

Dave Rosenberg, 331st Inf.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Lost contact with the old gang through moving. Saw your request in the local paper and thought I'd let you know I was with Co. F-330. Regards to the gang.

Bernard L. Binick
Route 2, Box 48
Onamia, Minnesota

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Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Please send me more info about the reunion in Cleveland. Formerly served with Co M-330.

Chester C. Gray
Box 121, Parrish, Ala.

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Dear Sir,

Formerly with Co. K-331 and took my training at Camp Atterbury.

Just learned of the division reunion and have planned my vacation to cover those dates.

Carl B. Van Dyke
326½ Hudson St.
Columbus 2, Ohio

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Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Was a member of the 83rd from its activation to the end of hostilities. Served with the 783rd Ordnance.

Percy Mohon
24 Bellview Drive
Skyland Park
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

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Dear Harry,

Not sure that I can make the reunion this year but will try my best. Used up all my vacation and am not working at present.

Enclosed find by check for \$10.00 for two years' dues.

Remember me to all the gang.

Ted Hodum
2510 East 4th Ave.
North St. Paul, Minn.

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Dear Sir,

So glad I saw your ad in the paper looking for former members of the 83rd Infantry Division.

My husband and another man here in town served with that outfit. My husband is William A. Mercer and the other man is Floyd R. Ward who lives at 190 Young St., East Palestine, Ohio.

Mrs. William A. Mercer
603½ Bacon Ave.
East Palestine, Ohio

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Dear Sir,

Served with the 308th Medics for 40 months from Atterbury on. Anxiously awaiting details of reunion and chance to see old buddies.

Clarence E. Byard, Jr.
1011 Logan St.
McMechin, West Virginia

Formerly with Divarty, S-1, S-4 and Recon Officer

Lt. Col. Howard Seidler
7616 N. Fairchild Rd.
Milwaukee 17, Wisconsin

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Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Married man with four children and work on a farm. Don't know if I can make it to the reunion but send me information and I'll try my best.

Howard Glispie
Route 1, Box 126
Prophetstown, Ill.

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Dear Sir,

Served with the 329th Inf. Never attended a reunion and would like information about the one in Cleveland. Will try to arrange vacation for then.

Roy L. Tolson
3661 East 178th St.
Lansing, Illinois

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Dear Sir,

Served with Co. A-329 from October 1942 to December 1945. Would like information on reunion in Cleveland, Ohio.

Sanford M. Lewis, Jr.
RFD 2, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

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Gentlemen,

Heard about the association from Ed. Murphy of Cumberland, R. I. Enclosed find check for dues. Visited Ed short time ago and we talked about all old buddies of G-331. Titus, Piette, Gaynor, Teringo, Schwartz etc.

William E. Carriere
110 Cumberland St.
Woonsocket, R. I.

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Dear Sir,

With 83rd Division from 1942 to 1945. From Atterbury right on through.

Sgt. Andrew B. Kotch
77 West Chestnut St.
Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

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Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Served with the 83rd "Thunderbolt Division" and very much interested in information about the reunion in Cleveland. Any information will be greatly appreciated.

Fred D. Glant
6 Sycamore Lane
Milton, Penna.

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Dear Harry,

Formerly a member of 1st Bn. Hq.-331 would welcome information about coming reunion in Cleveland. Send same information to Walter L. Rosenberry, 331 Horst Ave., Chambersburg, Penna.

Charles B. Hull
Box 126
St. Thomas, Penna.

Dear Sir,

Would like to attend the reunion in Cleveland. Please send information.

Truman H. Haldiman
203 East 9th St.
LaPorte, Indiana
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Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Formerly a member of Co. G-329.

Glenn R. Baker
125 Third St.
Coal City, Illinois
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Ed. Note,

There is not enough room to acknowledge all letters sent but following is some of those whom weve heard from:

William M. Mundstock 2220 S. Spring St., Springfield, Ill., B-330.

Charles F. Hawkey, RFD 2, Proctor, West Virginia.

John A. Howell, 404 Arlington St., Tamaqua, Penna., Serv-329.

Paul Linville, 418 Pine Bluff Ave., Ellwood City, Penna., M-329.

John C. Wilson, 109 North High St., Greenville, Penna., L-330.

John J. Shia, 614 Caldwell St., Ms-Mechin, West Virginia, C-331.

Burl A. Chronister, Pawnee, Illinois, Hq. 3rd Bn.-330.

Clarence W Bowers, 110 N. Clay St., Zelienople, Penna., Hq. 2nd Bn.-329.

Leonard L. Hoskins, 1805 Lane F, Wheeling, West Virginia.

DETROIT CHAPTER NEWS

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have hit the spot. With a great deal of reluctance, late Sunday afternoon, our guests were permitted to start their journey home. Our chapter considers it a privilege to have had these fine people with us. It was a great pleasure to have them and we hope to see them many times in the future.

Reunion Chairman Ray Voracek and his family came back to Detroit shortly after the previously mentioned occasion. They spent July 9 through the 12th with the Nick Barbu family. Ray had been saying for a long time that he wanted to bring his family to Detroit to do some sightseeing and it finally happened. Their children enjoyed the visit to the Detroit Zoo and the swimming at Camp Dearborn and all the rest of the shenanigans. Ray and Dorothy were content to just get away from the everyday hustle and bustle and as Ray put it "rest the jangled nerves". The Barbuses were happy indeed to be included in the merrymaking and did their best to keep things moving at a slow gallop. The edibles and the liquid refreshments were presented at the given time and signal. As usual Nick concentrated on the liquid refreshments but to his wife Sylvia goes the credit for the hard work of putting out the goodies that keep body and soul together. Rumor has it that now might be a good time for her to put in the

word for that automatic dishwasher that she has been wanting for so many years. Ray happened to be here on the day of our July Chapter Meeting and was a welcome guest. He furnished us with some last minute details on the reunion and again urged us not to miss "the best one yet". At the meeting we discussed our chapter's social for August which will be an all-day outing at Ed Zerucha's cottage at Wamplers Lake. As usual we stipulated that guests would be welcome so Ray popped up and said that he would try to make it—if this keeps up, and we sincerely hope so, we're going to sign him up as a Detroit Chapter member.

The best news from our chapter concerns the Steve Benson family. Their son Jerry has been feeling well for a long time. No matter what doctors or hospitals they took Jerry to, they couldn't quite figure out what was wrong. Finally Steve managed to get Jerry into the University of Michigan Hospital. After an extended stay and many tests they finally diagnosed his case and promised to have Jerry as good as new very soon. Our chapter is very happy to have this good word and sincerely hopes that the doctors are right and will have Jerry running around and enjoying life in the very near future.

Three of our chapter members have come up with promotions or new jobs in the recent past. Bill Ferguson switched from a good job at General Motors to a better job at American Blower. Via his wife Margaret we hear that Bill is working all kinds of fantastic hours—he's never home. We've heard of grass widows but this is the first time we've ever heard of work widows. Of course, Bill is still busy with Uncle Sam's Army. He recently returned from two weeks maneuvers at Camp McCoy. We hope Bill gets caught up on all of his work soon—we miss him at our chapter doings.

Marion Muoio was promoted to a supervisory capacity at the J. L. Hudson Company. We hear he's about the top dog in his department now. He recently returned from a business trip to New York City—pretty rough when you have to visit the Big City on an expense account—I should have it so bad.

Ernest Schmidt has been promoted at the Detroit Edison Company. Ernie works on some of this new electronic stuff that everyone hears about and hardly anyone knows what it's really all about. He seems to have mastered all the complicated tricks of the business and is doing very well. He's another one of those guys that is working from morning till night till ????. We've missed him at our meetings—hope to see him at the next one.

Now — SO LONG — hope to see everyone at the reunion in Cleveland.

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Indiana Chapter News

By Murray Therber—330 Medic

Comes now the summer edition of the favorite magazine in these parts, the "Thunderbolt"! And speaking of summer,



one thinks of picnics and reunion time. Sounds as though the boys in Cleveland have really been in there working to line up an interesting program for the turnout this year. We sincerely hope that those reading these lines and as yet have been unable to attend will be able to do so this year.

On the local scene, we offer a word of our doings since last issue of the Thunderbolt. The chapter dance was held on Saturday, May 13, and though a local bowling tournament gave us competition, you could hardly tell it by those attending who assured us they were having a "Ball"! The music was in good form and so were most of us by door prize time. Nice they were too, thanks to the good taste of our chairman of the dance committee. One thing about our committee chairman, they always turn up with a new idea.

Though June is an ordinary month except for newly-weds, it found our members awaiting the 4th of July holiday and annual chapter picnic. We first thought it would be in June but I surmise they were saving their firecrackers. (Who said that, anyway?) Comes now a report on the annual picnic which is a big affair around old Naptown. Geni and Ned Smith extended their usual hospitality and spread the welcome mat across the drive of their suburban home on Sycamore Lane and what a welcome mat that turned out to be!! Amidst a grove of trees of all description, the Smiths had everything arranged by the sound of the first car that turned in their drive which happened to be one of the Pontiacs which four of the members drive. (Mickey, you were looking quite comfortable first to see in that big lounge chair!) This invite took place on Sunday, July 2 and those arriving to join in the fun and frolic were as follows:

Lou and Mickey Meyer, Ken and Phyllis Baird and children Chrisa, David, Dwight and Mark, John and Dotty Soroko and son Doug, Joe and Helen Lowry, Judy and Mack Brumbach, John and Gay Robinette, Murray Therber.

The Smith children, Brownie and Melissa were overjoyed to see the Baird children among the adults. (Youngsters (Continued on Page 12)



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This was a hungry group at one of the tables the Smiths' had arranged for the annual Chapter picnic.



The past president, Ned, enjoys the "Thunderbolt" and John Soronko agrees as don't we all???

A Little of This and That

My wife and I made a trip to Massachusetts the early part of July, stopping off at Dracut to visit Charlie Abdinoor and his family and see the new baby.

Spent a very pleasant few hours with Chuck, Bernice and the kids and regretted that we had to leave so soon.

Chuck regrets that he may not be able to attend the reunion this year but promises that Atlantic City is a must.

From there we spent the weekend with friends in Hingham leaving there early Monday morning.

On the way home we stopped off to pay a visit to Ed "Spud" Murphy in Cumberland, Rhode Island.

Ed is a wheelchair veteran, formerly of Co. G-331, and although we met him for the first time, I must say we never have met a more congenial person. And that goes for his mother and sister also. Wonderful people and we wish to thank them for their hospitality.

Ed is hoping that he can make the reunion this year and promises to give it a good try if he can get a buddy to go along with him.

We'll be looking for you Ed.

Harry Lockwood