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*-- and a happy new year to all the
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Chaplain's Corner

Dear Buddies:

The mystery, the meaning, the importance of the Incarnation form suitable studies for the pre-Christmas time —



the Advent season. The doctrine is difficult, but is one whose meaning can be quite easily grasped.

“The birth of that little Babe in the stable of the humble inn at Bethlehem — there is the event. ‘The Word became flesh’ — there is the doctrine, and the mystery. God became man.

The mystery itself we cannot fathom: of that we say ‘I seek rather to believe than to reason!’”

A story comes from Alaska of the discovery of a lake in the mountains, the waters of which are always warm. Fish in countless numbers can be caught in the coldest weather without trouble, for the waters of the lake are never so cold but that one can bathe in them. While this wonderful body of water is hundreds of miles from the ocean, and there is no apparent connection between the two, the lake is affected by the tide, which is evidence of some subterranean channel which connects it with the sea. Like Selawik is the name given to the lake by its discoverer, Father Tosi, a Jesuit missionary, who for years has been working among the Alaskan Indians in the interior. Like this warm lake in
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President's Corner

By Frank McGrogan, Co. D-330

Frankly Speaking . . .

I have been very pleased by the response that I have had from the many members who have written to me. I am especially pleased by the enthusiasm that has been created to help swell our membership roll. Many of the men have sent many letters of their own wording to their buddies to join our great organization.



To provide a little incentive, although I know that you men join me in the great feeling that comes to us, when a “Buddy” rejoins the fold, I am offering as a little token of my thanks to the man who signs up the most new members for the coming year. This little gift is the most beautiful and serviceable transistor radio and matching case ever created. It is the size of a pack of playing cards and it has the greatest reception devised, and of course, it's an “Admiral” product, one that I am most proud of. This award of a transistor radio and case will be awarded to the member who enrolls the greatest amount of new members.

The only stipulation I am making is that a man must enroll at least five new men to be eligible. To you men who have already sent in new memberships, we are crediting you with same. The contest will run until August first and the winner will be awarded this handsome gift at the reunion banquet, or if he is not present his name will be noted to all and the transistor radio will be forwarded to him.

Let's all get into the swim and help increase our membership rolls. Everyone you send in brings us closest to the goal of ours of one-thousand men. It is not impossible. Help me fatten up my batting average. With a great team like you men, it is not unlikely that before the year is out we will be batting a thousand. So take your crack at bat and start swinging for the fences and send in the new members you have gathered. You may be the grand winner of the transistor prize. In any case our great organization will be the winner. Do your share start writing and talking up “The 83rd Infantry Division Association” to everyone and watch us grow . . . Many, many thanks. Let's start the ball game and take your turn at bat!!

Your Secretary's Report

At the present time the association paid up membership is around 430 with the response being spasmodical. Some days we'll get one, some days 2, 3 or 4 and occasionally a day goes by without a check for dues.



We are running at about the same as last year but there are still close to 300 regulars who have not yet paid for this year.

You've all been notified at least once and this is the second appeal in your Thunderbolt so get with it fellows, the only way we can survive is through your dues. If all respond, it's possible that our goal of 1,000 paid-up members may yet be realized so when you cash your Christmas checks please send in your dues.

To date, Division Hqtrs. leads the parade with 24 paid-up members, with G-331-23 and the 323 & 324 Field Arty. tied at 21 each. The rest range from 19 down to one or two units who have no paid-up members as yet.

If any of you want a company roster please don't hesitate to write to me and I'll send it to you.

In the meantime, please send in your dues, if you haven't already done so and write to your buddies, perhaps you can instill a little interest in them also.

And now, on behalf of the officers, the executive board and the men and women of the association we wish you all a **VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND AN EXTREMELY HAPPY NEW YEAR.**



Miami Valley Chapter at the Banquet—left to right, Jake Glenn, Marge Fink, Leo Boyd, Boots Boyd, Del Rinehardt, Pearl Rinehart, Bob Hedger and Piney Hedger.

Miami Valley Chapter News And Dayton Fly-ings

By Vic Landis, F-329

At our last meeting we issued tickets for our semi-annual drawing, for the \$100. We sell 200 tickets and thereby make a century note—as a profit. The proceeds will be used to give a Christmas party for the kiddies and a dinner for the adults.

In our election of officers, we have the same slate as of last year: Del Rinehart, president; Leo Boyd, vicepresident; Ed Fink, secretary-treasurer; Donald Himes, chaplain, and Vic Landis, publicity reporter. The fact of the matter is those were the only ones present and we let it ride. We are now thinking up various and devious means of stirring up our other members.

One of the most difficult things to do is to get the members to turn out for the regular meetings. For the parties and special events, we have a crowd. It was ever thus.

We are going to make an all-out effort during the coming year to build our chapter to a greater strength, and to try and have more inter-chapter meetings. We really need these meetings to help on a national scale. Big plans are in the offing and we will keep the other chapters well informed. More anon.



Miami Valley Chapter at the Stag Party — Jake Glenn, Bob Hedger, Leo Boyd and Wilmer Ryan, along with two guests.



Ladies of the Miami Valley Chapter — left to right, Marge Fink, Piney Hedger, Pearl Rinehart and Boots Boyd.

A Letter From The President

Dear Buddies:

This is the time of year when all "THUNDERBOLTS" should turn their thoughts to one and all of their former 83rd Division Buddies. What greater thrill is there than to hear from your old Buddy. A Christmas card may be the very instrument to renew old friendly feelings. A small investment that will yield great dividends will be the season's greeting card that you send your "BUD-DY".

Well Buddies, my one big hope is that the forth coming year will see our entire membership devoting itself to the task of increasing our membership rolls. With such a huge and vast membership of former "THUNDERBOLTS" to draw on, it would take but a concerted unified effort by enthusiastic members to swell our National Association Roster.

This annual campaign for new members will always be with us. Each year, although we gain new members, our old members drop out. Our capable Secretary-Treasurer, Harry Lockwood, will be the pilot around whom we will gather to fight for new members. Harry has numerous lists of rosters of men who were attached to the 83rd Division. His company rosters are the results of men, who in the past have sent in partial lists of men who served with the Division. Harry Lockwood will provide any and all men with company rosters, listing last known addresses.



One man campaigns using these lists will help add to the new members we will enroll. Let each man do his small bit and we will be successful. To break it down more simply, if each man will just add to our membership roll, one new member, we will have a successful year and hit that magic number of one thousand members.

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter is going all out to produce the greatest, finest and most successful reunion at At-

lantic City. Do your best to make our "Sweet Sixteen Party" our annual convention in Atlantic City, N. J. in 1962, the best attended and the most new members attending. We are depending on your help. We want your suggestions. Your National Officers and Executive Board want to serve you. Start the ball rolling. Take your turn at bat, now! Swing hard and hit a home run for your association.

Thank you,
Frank McGrogan

Chaplain's Corner

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the midst of almost Artic cold, Christianity is an upspringing fountain of warmth and god cheer and never-freezing hope, which will maintain its life and comfort in the midst of the most frigid atmosphere of the world's sin and despair. THE CHRISTMAS CHRIST IS A FOUNTAIN OF HOPE FOR THE WORLD.

I'd like to quote you a poem written by Bishop Robert Nelson Spencer, D.D.:

BY HEAVEN'S AIR MAIL

God is wrapping His Christmas Gift
In the softest midnight blue;
God is sealing His Christmas Gift
With a star incredibly new —
And God is dispatching the strangest
post
That ever the roads of night did boast-
A multitude of the heavenly host,
Winging the heavens through.
Now God be praised for His Christmas
Gift
Dropped at our heart's low door;
And never a sin and never a hame
Need bar God's Gift, if we keep
aflake,

Though faint as the lantern when first
it came-

A flame in our deep heart's core.

May His Love and Blessings be with
you on this Holiday Season. In the name
of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Faithfully yours,
William O. "Bill" Shuman
Chaplain

Obituary

We have just been informed of the death of the wife of one of our regular members.

Eleanor Morman, wife of Robert J. Morman, Co. H-329 of Osceola, Indiana, died on October 5, 1961. Eleanor enjoyed coming to the reunions with Bob and, in fact was at the last reunion in Cleveland.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bob Morman and we are sure that Eleanor will be genuinely missed by the many friends she made in the 83rd.

Convention Chairman's Corner

By Ed. Paulino, 322 FA

TEN SHUN! NOW HEAR THIS:

You are all invited to take part in the Greatest Thunderbolt Reunion ever.

The "Sweet Sixteen" Convention of our great organization promises to be the finest and best ever. Our committees have been working at top speed to complete plans for the reunion in Atlantic City, N. J. that will top all others. "You never had it so good" will be the theme for the entire program.



It is no small wonder that Atlantic City is known as "The Convention City" and the title "The Playground of the World" fits it to a T. No other Convention City can provide so much to do and so much fun as the scene of our next reunion.

We will be quartered in one of the finest hotels in the city; The Ambassador Hotel, situated on the world famous Broadwalk of Atlantic City. It will be our privilege to use the hotel's beachfront facilities, which are private, the broad expanse of clean seashore beach, the lounge chairs, the huge locker room and salt water indoor pool, or, for the more sophisticate, the most modern outdoor pool in the entire city.

We have arranged to have all Thunderbolts quartered in a section of the hotel that is now being renovated and refurbished for our visit. All rooms are outside ones so the salt water aroma and brisk ocean breezes will comfort everyone. The hotel management is working along with us to provide us the finest meeting rooms possible. Our individual chapter rooms will be along one hall and will permit everyone to visit each C.P. and join in the fun. At this reunion no one should feel alone. If you know us or not come in and join the crowd.

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter, your hosts, will provide hospitality never before equalled and we intend to make this reunion top anyone we've had before.

There will be so much to do you will wonder where the hours go. For the Sportsmen there will be fishing, boating, golf, etc. and for those who like to improve the breed there will be horse racing at one of the finest tracks in America. We are working on the possibility of having a stake race named after our group.

For the women and kids this will be a paradise. The women will be able to parade on the broadwalk, take rolling chair rides and, along with the kids, tour through Steel Pier, a playhouse and amusement center that will take a complete day to just skim over the cream of the entertainment world that are always on the program. World famous Steeplechase with its host of rides and activities will lure many of the kids and grown-ups.

For the greatest 3-day pass you've ever had now is the time to make plans for the greatest reunion of them all, the "Sweet Sixteen Convention" of the 83rd Division Association at the Hotel Ambassador in Atlantic City, N. J. on August 16, 17 and 18, 1962.

It is not too early to make your reservations now. The Hotel Ambassador is providing us with a special rate that will make it light on the pocketbook. Write to me now and let me make your reservations. Write em at my home, 4945 Elberta Ave., Cornwells Heights, Penna.

Follow the Thunderbolt for further information and particulars.

See you in Atlantic City.

Your National Publicity Director Reports

By Vic Landis, F-329

Just received a very nice letter from Col. York who just returned from another trip to Europe. Bob is about to receive his star and it couldn't happen to a better guy. We all know the all-out efforts he puts forth, in the service of his country and long may he be able to do it. Bob also informs me he will have complete coverage in all the armed forces papers in the world. Carry on old buddy.

I keep in touch with Manny (the old goat) Martin and he assures me he will cover all the New England papers—like a tent. I know he will do the job because if he doesn't, I have threatened to go up and visit him for a month or so.

Due to old newspaper connections, I will be able to secure articles in an alliance on papers, which will be carried several times. As I have said before and again I reiterate, we have to have millions of articles to reach the hundreds of our former members. If every SINGLE MEMBER of the 83rd would place a notice in all the papers in his area, it would do wonders. Come on you DONOTS—try it just once.

Remember this—the 83rd is OUR ASSOCIATION and we can go just as far as the MEMBERS carry us. Let us all put our shoulders to the wheel and fight like we did against the Jerries. That's all.

Co. F. 329 News & Side-Lights

By Vic Landis, F-329

It does not seem possible, the time has come for our Christmas issue of our great little paper — THE THUNDER-BOLT—but here it is. At his time, I would like to give a special tip of the Landis top hat to Harry Lockwood for the wonderful job he is doing in publishing a damn good paper. The ordinary laymen do not realize the hard work and untiring efforts the man has to put forth. As an old newspaper man from way back, I really know the efforts expended to edit a paper like The Thunderbolt, all on your own.

I hereby wish to apologize to two wonderful people, Hank and Ellen Golembiewski. Somehow in the last issue, I skipped their names in the review of F-329 members attending the affair in Cleveland. Hank has never missed attending a reunion and since their marriage, Ellen has been present. I don't believe she will ever miss the annual shindig from here on out.

We all really missed Bill Ferguson for the past two years. I know the mad Major has changed jobs, has had to do tours of duty and is one hell of a busy man, but we are going to get him to Atlantic City, if we have to kidnap the guy. Fergy and I spend most of our time at the reunions, insulting each other and thusly keep the other members entertained.

Enough of this chatter. To all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS.



Co. F. 329 Table at the Stag Party — l. to r., Ed Zerucha, Jim Fowler, Gen Ferenbaugh backs to camera, Sylvain Fishman and Doc Keith.

Attention Men of Co. G-329

Would like to know the whereabouts of the following men of Co. G-329 who have gotten lost in the shuffle these past few years.

Anyone having information on these men get in touch with 83rd Infantry Division Associatino, 43 Oakland Avenue, Jersey City 6, New Jersey.

Gale H. Varner, Charles Beresford, George B. Wetherington, Archie Hackett, Max G. Carruthers, Robert B. Cowder, Charles R. Willis, Joseph O. Grant and Arthur M. Pederson.



Co. F. Table at the Banquet—l. to r., Ed Zerucha, Trudy Fowler, Jim Fowler, Vic Landis, Ed Fink standing, Sylvain and Eunice Fishman.



Co. F. 329 Table at the Stag Party — Lieut. Gen. Claude Ferenbaugh extending the glad hand of fellowship to Vic Landis. Looking on are Sylvain Fishman, Doc. Keith and Tommy Rybarczyk.

Headquarters
Department of the Army
Office of the Chief of
Research and Development
Washington 25, D. C .

Members of the
Executive Committee
83rd Infantry Division
Association, Inc.
National Headquarters
43 Oakland Avenue
Jersey City 6, New Jersey
Gentlemen:

This is to officially request that you accept my resignation as a member of the Executive Committee. I sincerely feel that my official military duties in this critical period prohibit me from carrying out my responsibilities as a member of this committee in the manner that I would like.

In withdrawing I would like to say that it has been a real pleasure to be associated with such a dedicated group and I wish you and the Association every success. I would like it clearly understood that I will continue to give what support I can under the circumstances.

Sincerely,
Robert H. York
Colonel, GS

Company G 331 Reports

By Lee Titus

Members of Co. G wish to offer our congratulations to our former Regimental Commander Colonel York on his recent nomination to the rank of Brigadier General. We sincerely hope that by the time this article appears in the print, his nomination will have been confirmed.

Latest news from Harry Lockwood indicate that our company is at a standstill. We had 23 paid-up members on October 19 and we still have 23 members. Our old buddy Joe Macaluso is pulling his remaining hair out by the roots because we haven't signed up at least 30 men. He has issued his orders for the day. Piette, Gaynor, Pangle, Bogacz, Schwartz, Mizerock and Murphy, "Get Busy".

Our thanks to Mike and Kay Mizerock for sending us 32 copies of the picture they snapped in Cleveland. We sent them out to all of the paid-up members of last year. We would also like to report that new rosters are in the mail to all members of G company.

Since the next issue of the Thunderbolt will be published before the holidays, we suggest that a wonderful Christmas gift to a less fortunate buddy would be a \$5.00 paid-up membership in the Association for 1962. Pick out a man from your roster and send his name to Lockwood. When Harry sends you the membership card, send it to your buddy along with your yearly Christmas card.

Well gang, that's all for new. Let's get busy writing some letters so that we have some news for the next issue of the Thunderbolt. If your dues are due please pay as soon as possible. Let's beat that old buzzard Vic Landis this year.

Hospitality Fund

This year, for the first time, we have inaugurated a Hospitality Fund for the purpose of inviting a wheelchair veteran member of the Association, and his escort, to be our guests at the reunion.

The money for this fund is to come from contributions from the members.

All who would care to contribute to the fund, send in your contributions to the Secretary-Treasurer, Harry W. Lockwood, 43 Oakland Ave., Jersey City 6, New Jersey, and mark it "Hospitality Fund".

If it is your desire we will acknowledge your contribution in Thunderbolt.

Please help us invite one of our wheelchair veterans to the reunion by sending in your contributions.

The only stipulation is that to receive an invitation the veteran must be a paid-up member of the Association for at least three years.

Warren Chapter News

By Lee Titus, G-331

GEORGE BELLAY ELECTED PRESIDENT

At the September meeting of the Warren Chapter, the following officers were elected unanimously by the members for 1961-62:

George Bellay, president; George Dubos, 1st vice-president; Tony Sudano, 2nd vice-president; Charles Tomazin, treasurer; Lee Titus, secretary and chapter reporter.

Bellay, in his stirring acceptance speech, thanked the members for their confidence in him, outlined his plans for a larger and more active chapter and issued a proclamation designating October, 1961 as John Teringo Month, and November, 1961 as Mike Skovran Month for their outstanding service as officers for the past two years. Teringo served as President of the Warren Chapter and also President of the 331st Inf. Skovran served as Secretary-Treasurer of both outfits along with Teringo. Thanks for a job well done fellows and good luck to the new officers.

Bellay also rewarded Teringo and Skovran by appointing them to be co-chairmen of our annual Christmas party for the ladies. Joe Sotak was named to head the children's Christmas party.

NEWS BRIEFS

Dr. A. T. Laird of Youngstown, Ohio wrote that he had planned to attend our October meeting, but was confined to bed with the flu.

We are still looking for George Beggala and Glen Mathey to attend a meeting soon. Both are from Salem, Ohio.

Three members who deserve a lot of credit for traveling to our meetings from out-of-town regularly are Tony Sudano, Joe Phillipone and George Dubos.

The Warren Chapter welcome mat is always out for members of the association who desire to join a chapter. Our dues is \$5.00 per year. The nice thing about belonging to a chapter is that by being a member, a man has a C.P. to bring his long lost buddies to and join in the festivities that prevail during the conventions. Also he has a better opportunity to make many new friends each year; not only in his chapter, but all chapters. Each year chapters become more important as part of the association's simply because to put on a good convention it takes the combined efforts of all chapter members to get a good program set up and followed through.

Warren Chapter members and their families wish one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fall River, Mass. Chapter News

By Manny Pacheco, Co. L-331

Another month has gone by and another meeting was called to order by our president, Manny Martin, who does a fine job officiating.



Although it is in its early stages, plans for the 18th annual reunion, to be held in Providence, R.I. in 1964 are progressing very satisfactorily and a tremendous amount of credit goes to Manny Martin and Joe Correia, chairman and co-chairman of this affair.

Myself and every member of the Fall River Chapter, realize the great task that Manny and Joe have taken upon themselves to make this reunion, in 1964, a huge success. They are not alone in this great responsibility as we all have pledged our support and are behind them 100 per cent. If all goes right, you can be sure, this reunion will never be forgotten and we'll be having many of you ask for another one in Providence.

Our meeting lasted for about two hours, many things were discussed and many suggestions made with all having a voice in the proceedings and we really accomplished something.

After the meeting we gathered around the luncheon table which was prepared by our hostess, Adeline Martin. The luncheon was delicious, consisting of lobster salad rolls, olives, pickles, potato chips, pastry and coffee and, to top it all off, Manny prepared a Portugese delicacy called Favish, which is smothered in a very tasty gravy. Again, the Martins came through in all their glory with exceptional hospitality and we thank them for being such gracious people.

We then banded together for some cool refreshment during which we exchanged stories of past experiences with the 83rd Division and some joke telling that got its share of laughs. Ed. Labus, our handsome bachelor, had a real ball; he finally let this hair down and became the life of the party, and proved to be quite a comedian.

Al Coelho, our Chapter Vice President, is also Commander of his V.F.W. Post in Fall River which office he will turn over to a new commander very soon.

Al has promised he will devote a great deal more of his time to the chapter and the association as soon as his term of office in the V.F.W. expires and we

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First row—Al Coelho and Manny Martin. Second row—Manny Pacheco, Ed Labus, Joe Correia, Bob Sokoll.



Point of personal privilege—Ed. Labus and Albert Coelho.



Future Auxiliary Members — l. to r., Adeline Martin, Doris Barthelemy, Jilda Coelho, Dorothy Pacheco, Loretta Potvin and Evie Correia.

know that the office of vice president will be one of things accomplished and not just a title.

It's nice to see the men, and their wives come from some distances away to be with us for a day or evening of social activity. Pete Barthelemy and his lovely wife came in from Woonsocket, R.I. and Joe and Evie Correia from Raynham, Mass. Judging from the swell time they had, I'm sure, they will be with us frequently and, I might say, we enjoy their company.

We welcome new members into our chapter so why not drop in on one of our meetings or social gatherings and I'm sure that you too will want to become a member of our growing chapter. You'll find that we are a really nice bunch of guys. Bring the Mrs. along too, if not, bring your girl friend.

Our meetings are held the third Saturday of each month at the home of Manny Martin, 424 Freelove St., Fall River, Mass.

An Auxiliary will be formed in the near future, which is good news to all of us. Our ladies are really enthusiastic about it and we welcome them into the fold. Good luck, Gals.

A wonderful time is in store for the members of the Fall River Chapter and their wives, who attend the Christmas party at the Sheraton Biltmore Hotel, in Providence on December 10th. For further information get in touch with Manny Martin at the Freelove St. address. All former 83rd men are invited to this affair and I'm sure that a wonderful time will be had by all who attend. Also it will give you an idea of what the hotel is like; this is where we will hold the '64 reunion.

The outcome of this affair, including snapshots, will appear in the next issue of Thunderbolt. Get in on the fun and enjoy yourself.

You'll be hearing from me again so for now this is it and from all of us in the Fall River Chapter to all 83rds everywhere a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A TRULY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

News About New and Old Members

We welcome back into the fold, after an absence of quite a few years, James W. Phero, of 121 8th Ave., Clarion, Pa., formerly with the A.G. Office of Division Headquarters.

Jim is part owner of Phero's Food Market, 36 8th Ave., Clarion, Pa.

He sends his regards to all his old buddies and hopes to be with us at the reunion, in Atlantic City, N. J. in 1962.

If any former 83rder would be in the neighborhood of Clarion, Pa. drop in on Jim, he'll be happy to see you.

Greater Boston Chapter News

By Nick Francullo
Hqtrs. 2nd Bn.-330

At our meeting, held on September 23 at the Village Rendezvous in Cranston, Rhode Island, we had a very good turnout, thanks to those who attended.



At this meeting our "After Dinner" speakers were Father Spike Morrisette and Ed. "Spud" Murphy, with Father Spike being his usual jovial self and Ed. giving us a recap on the Cleveland reunion and how his G-331 boys walked off with the prize for the best repre-

sented unit at the reunion with 21 members present.

Also, Manny Martin, who attended with his lovely and charming wife, Adeline, spoke briefly on the plans the Fall River Chapter has in mind for the 1964 reunion in Providence, R.I. and, from what Manny said, if plans materialize as he hopes they will, the Providence reunion should rank high in the opinion of all who attend.

It was nice to see Art DelPadre and his vivacious wife again after being absent for quite some time.

Howie Edwards and Mike Caprio, along with their wives made the necessary arrangements for this dinner and a splendid evening was had by all.

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A get together at Chuck Abdinoor's.

Indiana Chapter News

By Murray D. Therber
Med.-330

Enjoyable reading, the last issue of the TB. Most everyone looks forward to the follow-up in print of the goings on of the Reunion, I'm sure. Thanks to Dick



Ammon for the photographs. One thing, though, Dick, Ned wants you to assure his wife, Genie, there was a better picture taken of him!!

Two meetings of the Chapter have taken place since reunion time and the last one of Friday, Oct. 13 was well attended. No one was superstitious I

guess. John Robinette distributed tickets for the Chapter Christmas Clothe-A-Child Fund. Two cash prizes will be awarded as well as 12 additional prizes of a Ham or Turkey. The drawing will be held at the Chapter Christmas party in December.

Ned Smith was appointed Chairman of the annual party and arrangements will be made to hold the party at the Village Inn on Saturday night, December 9th, starting at 6 P.M. This will be a Dinner-Dance so to those of you who have not attended one of these affairs, mark your calendar and come on out and join us in an evening of fun. The Management gives the Chapter special consideration for this party so the cost is nominal. The food is good and so is the music for dancing.

Memo to all wives: I understand many of you would like to get together and hold a gab fest on the night of our meetings. So why not dial each other's phone number and come on down to the Chateau on the second Friday of each month. Judy Brumbach and Bodie Crowe were made welcome the last time.

The Chapter decided not to hold a dance this Fall so those of us who wish to try the "Twist", "Horse" or "Mashed Potatoes" dance will most likely join in the VFW group on Veteran's Day celebrations. Since I have seen the Twist, I'm almost convinced that John Robby must have been doing it while in Cleveland!!

Sudden thought: There really aren't so many more women than men; it just sounds that way.

A girl who has well-turned ankles, trim calves and dimpled knees. Cannot be blamed if it rankles, her, to have legs like these ().

Statistics now prove that the bedroom has replaced the bathroom as the

room where the most accidents occur.

A lot of girls look entirely too young to be trusted with the figures they possess.

Chapter dues are due and for those unable to attend a meeting, you may mail your dues to the Chapter Secretary, Louis C. Meyer, at 3324 Manor Court, Indianapolis. Neat trick, Lou, on those reminder notices you are mailing to us.

The Chapter extends best wishes to all for the Holiday Season.

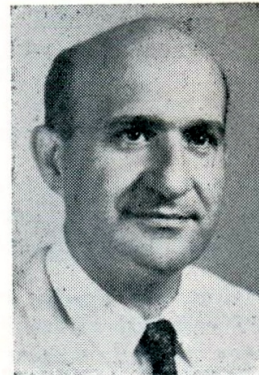


John and Gay Robinette doing what comes naturally.

Philadelphia Scrapple

By Dave Rosenberg, 331st Inf.

A gala picnic was held by the Philadelphia Chapter on Labor Day. The vast grounds of the Paulino home was the



scene of much merry making and fun. Our host Ed Paulino, and his lovely wife Ruth, graciously arranged a program that provided something entertaining for every one.

The highlights of the day were the spirited contests on the badminton courts and on picnic tables. Never have I seen

such hard competition as we witnessed when the men played the women folk badminton, or the quick rush to eat the delicious food the women folk had prepared.

With National President Frank McGrogan officiating at the tapping of the first beer keg, and serving up the cool brews, the liquid refreshment division was in capable hands. Fortunately Mary "First Lady" McGrogan supervised the tending of the outdoor grill and so that end of the food preparation was a success.

With "Bg Gun" John Piscitelli leading the way an invasion was made onto the grounds of Ed's nearest neighbor, the "Trelford Fletchers", and everyone enjoyed a refreshing swim in the new

Fletcher pool. We of the Phila. Chapter are grateful to the Fletchers for their co-operation. In fact we consider them "honorary members". The sight at the pool was the huge splash and the flood resulting when "Little" Ann Rosenberg dove into the pool, we had to call a halt on swimming until more water could fill up the pool.

And so the day progressed; swimming, badminton, pinochle, horse shoe pitching, bull sessions, eating, drinking and making merry. It was a grand day and a wonderful testament to the perfect hosts, the Paulinos, Ed and Ruth.

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter extended its heartfelt sympathy to Ed Paulino, National Vice President and Convention Chairman, upon the death of his mother. We of the Philadelphia Chapter, who were privileged to meet Ed's mother, share his loss. We knew Mrs. Paulino to be a wonderful mother with a great sense of humor and a fine comprehension of the happenings of the day. We all join the Paulino family in mourning her passing . . .

Sick Call . . . The latest Philadelphia Chapter man to be felled with an illness is our hard working, popular member Al Belvedere. On the eve of our fall social Al was rushed to the hospital. We all are sending our best wishes for a speedy recovery . . . P.S. I know how Al feels, I also had a little seige of illness and had to spend 6 days in the hospital. It's a little rough when you get too weak to even chase the nurses . . .

If you fine people in the far off places find you are getting your mail faster these days it's because "Big John" Piscitelli has joined forces with Uncle Sam and has agreed to supervise the moving of the mail at our Philadelphia depot. Lots of luck, John . . .

Party Time . . . On Saturday evening, Nov. 4, the Philadelphia Chapter held its first fall social. Like all Philadelphia affairs it was a huge success. The food was catered by our chief "chef" Lou Volpi, and that's a guarantee that the food was tops. The free liquid refreshments served as a fine catalyst and the mountains of food disappeared fast. We were honored and pleased to have present that night our past president and now executive board member Joe Minotti who, with several of his relatives, were visiting our fair city to witness his son, who is a star center on the Harvard University team, lead the Harvards to an overwhelming victory over the University of Pennsylvania team. Joe Minotti's boy is a star both on the football field and in his studies. A real chip off the old block, a fine lad who will bring much joy to his parents . . .

Make A Date Now . . . For all you fine folk who are not too far from Phil-

adelphia make it a date now to attend our annual banquet which will be held on Saturday evening, February 3rd, 1962. At the Holly House in Pennsauken, N.J. this will be a bang up affair. Please send your reservations in to our President John Piscitelli, 1903 South Iseminger St., Phila. Pa. . . . Tariff six dollars a person and well worth it.

Holiday Greetings . . . We are approaching the holiday season, soon good cheer and fellowship will be the keynote for the season. We can think of no better gift than for each Thunderbolt to send along a membership in our great organization to a buddy who may have dropped out. Do it today . . . Enroll a new member . . .

Mark Up Your Calendar . . . Just another reminder for the time of your life, make plans now to attend our Sweet Sixteen Reunion in Atlantic City at the Hotel Ambassador, on August 16, 17 and 18, 1962. This is going to be a gasser . . . Convention Chairman Ed Paulino is working to complete plans for a gala reunion. All signs point to a convention that will be long remembered. The Greater Philadelphia Chapter is in back of Ed Paulino 100 per cent and is accepting all assignments to insure a bang-up time for all. Let us repeat this convention will be a wonderful one to bring the missus and the kids. There will be things for all to do and enjoy. It will be a "vacation" you will always remember . . .

Be there . . .



That happy Philly crowd.



Big doings at the Paulino Estate.

New Jersey Chapter News

By Harry Lockwood
Regt. Hq.-329

Although we are not a big chapter and do very little entertaining, we have a small group come to meetings faithfully and enjoy each other's company over a few drinks and a bit of chow.

We exchange views and anecdotes and give each other the lowdown on each other and so, to those of you who might be interested, I'm passing that lowdown on to you.

We drank a toast to Stan Bielen, celebrating his birthday, at our meeting in October and, in addition, Stan proposed a toast to his old buddy Frank Kasuba. Stan also sends his best to Ernie DeFrancisco in his new business and expressed condolences to Wilson Day for the poor showing the Cincinnati Reds made against the Yankees in the last World Series.

Bob Walsh, our perennial bachelor, is still on the loose and states that he has locked over the field in Wildwood and Atlantic City and other places with the result being he still is a bachelor. While in Atlantic City this summer, Bob looked over the situation at the Hotel Ambassador and gave a favorable report on the site of our next reunion.

Dave Benick, who frequently takes time off from his barber supply business to take his family away for a couple of weeks, spent two weeks in upstate New York, along the Borscht Circuit, not too long ago and is still talking about it.

He sends his regards to Charlie Caven and Glenn Wible and hopes to see them and the rest of the gang in Atlantic City next reunion time.

Dave is very happy that Dave Feig picked up his rubber goods which gives Benick more room in his warehouse.

We wish Sam Galati lots of luck on his new job and will miss his humor at the meetings.

Never hear from Johnnie DiNicola and assume that he is still on the night shift. Been on it a long time.

Vito Lascari, our auxiliary fireman and moving man, attends more frequently than before but our big problem is to keep him awake during the proceedings. Sack time to Vito is the most important time of day and sack time to Vito is anytime of day.

Emil Wehling, our authority on "Improving the Breed", was his ever jovial self and, if he lost money at the track, he didn't say but we noticed that he was trying to be a bit more conservative than usual with his cash. Emil was also celebrating his birthday at the time.

Joe DePeri passed out cigars labeled "It's A Girl". His wife, Vickie, gave birth to a baby girl that day and Joe wanted us to be among the first to know.

That rounds out the DePeri family at two boys and a girl. Joe is also kept very busy, along with his brothers, operating the Park Motor Carriers, a trucking outfit with a fleet of about 30 trucks.

Frank Todd drove over from Staten Island with his wife, Phyllis, who spent a very pleasant evening with Fern Lockwood talking girl talk in the Lockwood kitchen while the men folk went to the meeting in Garfield. Frank has promised to try to get some action from his old Service Co.-329 buddies regarding membership in the association and sends his best regards to all.

Nick Esposito and his wife, Rosie, take turns driving their new two-tone blue Chevy and living like plutocrats. Wouldn't be at all surprised if they take off for Florida where a few weeks of basking in the sun might do Rosie's arthritis some good.

None of us, up to now, have met Manny Epstein's bride of a few months but we are sure that Manny and his wife will put in an appearance at the doings in Atlantic City next year. At least we hope so. How about it, Manny?

And that brings us to yours truly but my name appears in print so often in so many parts of this publication, the less said the better.

The one thing I left till last is that the three new members the New Jersey Chapter picked up at the last reunion have not yet shown up at a meeting namely, Charlie Lesser, George DeFilippis and Frank Kasuba. WHY?

Perhaps it's because they don't like to travel. You see, Charlie Lesser is from Seattle, Washington; George DeFilippis is from Holley, New York (near Rochester) and Frank Kasuba is from Vandergrift, Penna.

That's it for now. see you next time around. In the meantime, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Thunderbolts everywhere.

— For Sale —

There is a supply of 83rd Division Association "T" shirts for sale at 75 cents each or three for \$2. These shirts are made of white cotton and have printed on them, 83rd Infantry Division Association, Thunderbolt. Sizes available are medium and large.

Also available are drinking glasses with the 83rd Division insigna and Thunderbolt printed on them. The cost of these is \$3.50 a half dozen.

There are still some 83rd Division histories "Thunderbolt Across Europe" that can be purchased at \$2.50 each.

All orders for these items arranged through the Secretary at 43 Oakland Ave., Jersey City 6, New Jersey.

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A door prize was donated by Pat Di Giammerino and a beautiful cutlery set was donated by Earl "Pappy" Jennings, the cutlery set being won by friends of Mike Caprio. Many thanks to Pat and Pappy for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

The evening was a huge success but the one "Fly in the ointment" was getting home. Upon leaving the Village Rendezvous we ran into a Rhode Island fog that made the trip home a very hazardous one and, if you've never seen a Rhode Island fog, you've never seen a fog at its worst. But thanks to Ed. Murphy's directions and suggestions we went our respective ways without too much difficulty. Ed is a good guy to have around, he's sincere and, although he doesn't say much, what he does say holds a lot of authenticity and respect.

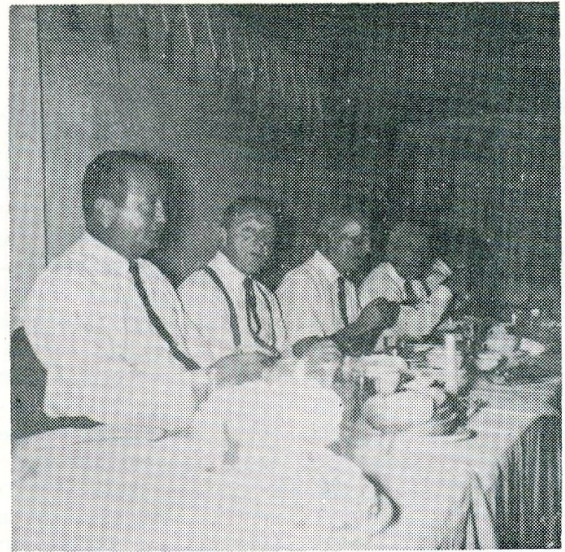
Many thanks also to Veria Caprio's mother for the delicacies that were served after dinner

On Sunday, September 24 a group of us attended a lawn party at Father Spike's sister's place. At the party we met Ted Kennedy, brother of John F. Kennedy, President of the United States and George Lodge, son of Henry Cabot Lodge, Republican candidate for Vice President in the last Presidential election.

Both of these men proved to be such wonderful people and we thoroughly enjoyed their company, along with the company and splendid hospitality of our hostess.

Many, many thanks from all of us who attended and also to Father Spike to who we shall always be grateful for the help and guidance he has given us.

That's it for now, see you next issue.



A well fed group.



Howie (Ball of Fire) and Mrs. Edwards



The happy girls from Boston and Pat DiGiammerino.



Taken at Father Spike's sister's place.

Cleveland Chapter Chatter

By Al Uridel, Cannon Co. 329

Hello Buddies,

Now that we have a rather successful year coming to a close, we, of the Cleveland Chapter, wish to thank each and



every one of you who attended the 15th reunion in Cleveland helping make it the huge success it was.

I, for one, am sorry that the Greater Cleveland area was not better represented and it's a shame to see guys shy away from an affair of this kind. It's even worse when you realize

that one of the men came all the way from Rhode Island, in a wheelchair, to see and be with his buddies and you begin to wonder about a bunch of guys who have the reunion right in their own backyard. Why, fellows? Let's hope the boys in Atlantic City fare better in this respect.

Cleveland Chapter has a raffle coming up; Our annual Christmas Spirit Raffle. This being our main source of revenue we work hard to make a few bucks (To dole out to the needy). Walt Meczka accepted once again, his duty, like the nice guy he is and offered to see that the raffle gets under way. We'll cooperate wholeheartedly, Walt, we promise you.

Heard a rumor going around that the Kowalecs are expecting again, a boy this time. Congratulations Laura and Casey. We hope you get your wish and bless you both.

Had a wonderful steak dinner and meeting in September—the meal being the most. George Krupicka acted as doorman and it seems that Bob Uher informed George wrongly. He said that our Queen of the Stag Party (Wanda) was to attend the dinner and meeting. Poor George got so excited he couldn't find time to eat his steak. Everytime a car pulled up at the door George ran out to escort Wanda in and, each time he returned he appeared more disappointed. In the meantime, Bob was getting fatter on George's steak and a happier expression on his face. Finally someone let the cat out of the bag and told George that Wanda couldn't make it. Better luck next time, George.

The word is out that another chapter is about to be formed in Greater Cleveland. Go to it men, the more the merrier and we wish you the best of luck. This move can do nothing but good; more guys in the fold, more affairs, etc. and

it may even encourage a little competitive spirit among us.

That's about it for now except to remind you that your dues for this year are due so let's pay up and try to make this the biggest membership the association ever had in any one year. Also, let's get behind that swell gang from Philly and give them all the help we can in making next year's reunion in Atlantic City a huge success.

We, of the Cleveland Chapter, wish all Thunderbolts everywhere, also their wives and families a very, very Merry Christmas and an extremely Happy New Year.

Warren Chapter Auxiliary News

By Birdie Titus

This is the first report from the girls of the Warren Chapter Auxiliary since the convention so we must go back to August and catch up.

Congratulations to Mildred Kelly and her committee for the fine job they did providing coffee and doughnuts to many of the ladies in Cleveland. From all reports the "coffee hour" was a huge success.

On October 26, we held a rummage sale which proved successful and at the present time are in the process of selling Christmas cards. We hope to make enough money from these two projects to take our husbands out for our annual steak dinner on December 9. These wonderful guys usually reciprocate by taking us out for an evening of dancing and refreshments following the dinner. We are all anxiously awaiting this "Night Out".

We are all still very much interested in forming a National Auxiliary and would like to hear comments from other women. Send us a post-card. Address it to Warren Chapter Auxiliary, 840 Prospect N. W., Warren, Ohio. If there are enough of us interested, perhaps we can arrange a meeting in Atlantic City and get something started.



Hankie and Jack Daugherty and Bill and Virginia Palazzolo at the Top Hat.

Metropolitan Detroit Chapter Reporting

By Bill Palazzolo, Co. G-329

On September 23rd, last, the Detroit Chapter held its annual installation of officers banquet and were very pleased to have Mike and Liz Skovran and John and Olga Teringo as out-of-town guests from Warren, Ohio.



The banquet was held at the famous Top Hat Club in Windsor, Canada, the food was delicious and the entertainment terrific.

All the officers and their wives and many of the members and their wives attended. The list of those present is far too numerous to mention each one but believe me, we had a wonderful turnout.

On Sunday our out-of-town guests had dinner at the newly built home of Jack and Hankie Daugherty in Flat Rock, Michigan.

Later in the evening and after the Skovrans and Teringos left a storm blew up that threatened to blow the house away and, in fact, did blow away part

of the sun porch. Not too much damage but many anxious moments and we were all glad when it was all over.

Thanks to Warren Chapter for the \$100 prize money I won. It sure came in handy.

At our October meeting our new officers offered suggestions for increasing our poor treasury. Lots of luck, fellows. One suggestion was a "Spirit Raffle" to make enough to cover the cost of our Christmas party on December 10 at which all children will receive a prize and refreshments will be served

Two days after the meeting Steve Benson's bar burned down. Fortunately the loss was covered by insurance and business is flourishing at the same old stand.

After 50 years in the same house, Allan Wandrie has decided to sell it to some lucky person. Anyone interested, I'm sure that Al will be happy to discuss it. Get in touch with him through the Detroit Chapter.

Yours truly went hunting on October 20 and all I got was sore feet but Art Byrne came back with two beautiful ducks for his efforts. He probably is a better shot than I am.

That's all for now, see you next issue and don't forget to make your palms to attend the reunion in Atlantic City, N.J. next August 16, 17 and 18.



The John Teringos and Casey Szubski's looking over the menu at the Top Hat.



Nick and Sylvia Barbu and Ed Zerucha at the Top Hat in Windsor, Canada.

ATTENTION ALL MEN

Look at the expiration date on your Membership Card —
If it does not read Aug. 1962 your dues for this year are due.
We would appreciate if you would send it in as soon as possible.

Send your remittance to Harry W. Lockwood, Secretary-Treasurer, 43 Oakland Avenue, Jersey City, N. J.

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