



# THUNDERBOLT

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### The President's Corner

By Frank McGrogan

Hello Buddies;

Here we are once again with the start of a new year, and we hope one of the biggest and best years of the 83rd Infantry Division Association. I would like to take this opportunity to extend to all of you the most cordial greetings for the New Year. I sincerely hope that with your continued co-operation we will be able to at least double our membership this year. We, the officers of the 83rd Infantry Division



Association, have had nothing but the best of co-operation from you since we took office in August, and we hope that this co-operation will continue.

The plans for our 16th reunion are coming along nicely and we hope to see a lot of new faces, along with old reliables, when the roll is called at the AMBASSADOR HOTEL next August in Atlantic City, N. J.

There is one committee I would like to appoint at this time and that is a membership committee. I am appointing everyone (yes, every single member) to work on this new membership drive. Just imagine—if every attending member brought along just one new face and member. We would have the largest attendance in the history of our Association. So, as a personal favor to me, and a great help to the Association, let's all make an effort to recruit one new member each. We all have old buddies we could call and talk into attending at Atlantic City. Sometimes all it takes is a phone call. As for myself, I have been putting on the heat on all the men of

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### Your Secretary's Report

Harry W. Lockwood, Regt. Hq.-329

At the halfway mark, in our Association year, things are moving at a near normal clip. The paid up membership is at 535 and our financial status is far better than at a corresponding time in some previous years. However:



There are still more than 250 regular members who have not yet sent in their dues, for the current year and although we have picked up well over 100 new members since the last re-

union, it is still the old regulars that we must rely on to keep the Association alive. Please men, if you have not yet sent in your dues, do so as soon as possible and help us make this the biggest year in Association history.

Early in January I sent out about 350 notices about dues being due. If you did not get one, look at the lower left hand corner of your membership card and if it does not read "Expiration Date: Aug. 1962", do your best to get one that does by sending in your check or money order right away. It's only \$5.

At the present time Co. G-331 leads the parade with 31 paid up members, Division Headquarters and the 324th Field Artillery are tied for second place with 27 each. 323rd Field Artillery with 22, Co. F-329 with 21, 322th Field Artillery with 18, Co. B-331 with 15 and Co. F-330 and K-331 with 14 each. The rest go down the scale from 13 to none and these are the ones to whom we make our most appeal, and when you consider that nine outfits are responsible for more than one third of the paid up membership it's something to think about.

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## The President's Corner

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company "D" 330th. Please check your lists, rosters and Christmas card file. I know you can find a couple good prospects. If you can't find a new one, try to reactivate one who may have dropped by the wayside, bring him back in the fold.

Thanking you all in advance for a job I know you are going to do on this membership drive. I will leave you now with this.

Just "MAC" Company "D" 330th.

## 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.

Please send any information on these men to 83rd Infantry Division Association, 43 Oakland Ave., Jersey City 6, New Jersey.

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

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of former Lt. Lagerquis get in touch with Robert G. Terrell, 517 Pinta Ave., Middletown, Ohio.

## Lost in the Shuffle

Anyone knowing the addresses of the following members, please get in touch with your National Secretary at 43 Oakland Ave., Jersey City 6, New Jersey:

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2402 7th Street

Columbus, Georgia

Lt. Frank Bollard, B-329

Lincoln, Nebraska

## Your Secretary's Report

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Also, the Hospitality Fund is not meeting with the response that it should. We are a little disappointed about it but, of course, it is all voluntary. To those of you who can afford it and would like to help a wheelchair veteran, who might be your buddy, come to the reunion. We would, and I'm sure he would, appreciate your contribution.

This is the third issue of Thunderbolt, this year, with two more to come. We trust that you enjoy reading them and that you may find something of interest about some of your old buddies.

Remember, this is your Association. If you have anything to say, don't hesitate to say it. If you have any news worth printing, send it to us, we'll do our best to see that it gets printed and if you have any gripes, complaints or suggestions, they, too, will be graciously and gratefully appreciated so get with it men, get behind your officers for the rest of this year and start thinking about those you would like to hold office next year but, in any case, support them.

## The Chaplain's Corner

Dear Comrades:

### THERE'S POWER IN PRAYER

Today, as never before, prayer is a binding necessity in the lives of men and nations. The lack of emphasis on the religious sense has brought the world to the edge of destruction. Our deepest source of power and perfection has been left miserably undeveloped. Prayer, the basic exercise of the spirit, must be actively practiced in our private lives. The neglected soul of man



must be made strong enough to assert itself once more. For if the power of prayer is again released and used in the lives of common men and women; if the spirit declares its aims clearly and boldly, there is yet hope that our prayers for a better world will be answered.

Prayer is not only worship; it is also an invisible emanation of man's worshiping spirit—the most powerful form of energy that one can generate. If we make a habit of sincere prayer, our life will be very noticeably and profoundly altered. Buddies, true prayer is a way of life the truest life is literally a way of prayer. "A Prayer" by Max Ehrmann is so timely and so worthy of reprint.

"Let me do my work each day; and

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## Convention Chairman's Corner

By Ed. Paulino, 322 FA

Men! Our Sweet Sixteen Reunion in Atlantic City should be the greatest and best ever. We have so much on our



side we just can't miss. The natural attractions, the allurements of "The Playground of the World", among the many other attractions, should make every Thunderbolt want to come and bring the wife and kids. There is something here and more of it for everyone.

The Hotel Ambassador management is going all out to make our stay at their hotel tops. The room rates have been pared down within the reach of all. A special wing of the hotel has been set aside for our use, and is being refurnished for our comfort. All this for \$8.50 per day for singels and \$13.00 per day double occupancy. Extra persons in the room will be charged \$4.00 each.

For our convenience the entire bathing facilities of the hotel are free. The huge outdoor swimming pool can be our playground, along with the salt water indoor pool with it's chairs and umbrellas and atmosphere of privacy.

For the kids we can have free use of the indor play room with free nurse and governess supervision. The huge lobby is ours and everything else for our comfort and enjoyment has been arranged with hotel management.

To those desiring to stay longer than the three days the hotel will provide the same low rates. The next Thunderbolt will carry the reservation cards so get your reservations in as early as possible as our reunion comes in the heart of the resort season and, unless you make reservations, it is possible that you will be disappointed upon arrival and perhaps have to billet elsewhere and pay a lot more.

Bathing, swimming, sunbathing, miniature golf, horseback riding, Steel Pier, entertainment, fishing, boat rides, horse racing, ice follies, etc. Can be yours so make this reunion a real vacation. Join us in Atlantic City for the Sweet Sixteen Reunion, we know you'll be glad you came.

Remember the dates, Thursday, Friday and Saturday August 16, 17 and 18, 1962. Refer all questions to: Edward A. Paulino, 4945 Elberta Ave., Cornwell Heights, Penna. Phone ME 3-3467.

## Philadelphia Chapter Elects New Chapter Officers

The annual banquet of the Philadelphia Chapter was the scene of the installation of our new chapter officers. Our new president, Lou Volpi, needs no introduction. His stentorian "Hello There" describes Lou to a "T". Friendly, engaging, capable, devoted, faithful and hard working only in a small way describe our Lou Volpi. His term as president will be a huge success, his spirit is contagious and will lead to a great growth in Philadelphia Chapter membership and response. Our new vice president is also a chap who needs no introduction. Al Belvedere epitomizes the word "cooperation". Never has he refused a chore. Never has he not responded with dedicated efforts, a real plugger for the Philadelphia Chapter, a sincere hard worker is our vice president Al Belvedere. Our selection of secretary was an unanimous one. Larry Redmond, "Mr. 33rd" himself can be counted on to pitch in and make our next year's projects and aims successful. Like I told Larry, to get a job done, give it to a busy man. That's our Larry, busy man but never too busy to pitch in and produce.

Handling the finance of our chapter is capable "JFK" Bill Pugh. Bill has plunged into the job as treasurer under the tutelage of our past treasurer Sam Aiello, and promises to do a swell job.

All in all we have swell team directing the Philadelphia Chapter affairs for the coming year and it augers well for our group. We can't miss. Our new officers have the cooperation of the entire membership and watch us grow and go, go . . .



Gracing the head table were, seated: Ann and Al Belvedere, Lucy and Lou Volpi, Joe Ponzio, Josephine and John Piscitelli, and Mary and Frank McGrogan, national president. Standing: Larry and Mary Redmond, Willard and Virginia Pugh, Vi and Sam Aiello, Ernie De Francesco and Norman Glaze.

## News About New and Old Members

We welcome back into the fold Steve Smotrycz, Co. F-330, 124 Manning Ave., Jersey City, N. J., after an absence since 1957.

Steve is in the retail photographic business as part owner of the Hudson Camera Co., 136 Newark Ave., Jersey City, N. J.

Nice to have you back with us, Steve.

Bob Scholer is a successful business man in Chanhassen, Minn., and operates Scholer, Inc., Builders, Developers and Cabinet Makers.

Bob was formerly a member of Division Headquarters and his address is Box 35 Chanhassen, Minn.

He has been a member of the Association for the past two years.

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James E. (Jim) Bird, Co. B-330 is a welcome addition to the association and the New Jersey Chapter.

Jim is employed by the Department of Public Works, Jersey City, N. J. and has been with them quite a few years.

He is an eligible bachelor and lives at home at 123 Leonard St., Jersey City, New Jersey.

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Frank Todd, Service Co. 329, has been employed by the makers of Piels Beer for well over 10 years.

Frank is married and lives with his charming wife, Phyllis, in Stapleton, Staten Island, New York.

Frank, also, is a member of the New Jersey Chapter.

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James R. Sanders, Btry. C-908 FA, a new member is a general contractor and has his place of business at 2 Shore Rd., Wayne, New Jersey.

On Page ?? is a very nice letter Jim sent to National Headquarters. Read it. I think you'll enjoy it.

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Robert E. Sessions, formerly of Hq. 2nd Bn. and Co. F-331, is secretary-treasurer for the Retail Lumber Dealers Association in the State of Maine.

Bob lives in Norway, Maine.

We also welcome into the association the following new members about whom we have no personal information:

David Chu Chin, Ivan E. Myers and Edward Baechle of Div. Hqtrs.

William C. Seman, 1st Bn. Hq.-329

John E. Ivins, Co. A-329

Harold Freeman, Co. C-329

Zeke Lannon, Co. D-329

Sanford Zeisler, Co. E-329

Carroll B. Brown, Co. E-329

James C. Golden, Tom Rybarczyk and

Robert Heidel, Co. F-329

Harold Wohleber and Sam Stepanovich, Co. G-329

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## The Chaplain's Corner

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if the darkened hours of despair overcome me, may I not forget the strength that confronted me in the desolation of other times.

May I still remember the bright hours that found me walking over the silent hills of my childhood, or dreaming on the margin of the quiet river, when a light glowed within me, and I promised my early God to have courage amid the tempests of the changing years. Spare me from bitterness and from the sharp passions of unguarded moments. May I not forget that poverty and riches are of the spirit. Though the world know me not, may my thoughts and actions be such as shall keep me friendly with myself.

Lift my eyes from the earth, and let me not forget the uses of the stars. Forbid that I should judge others lest I condemn myself. Let me not follow the clamor of the world, but walk calmly in my path.

Give me a few friends who will love me for what I am; and keep ever burning before my vagrant steps the kindly light of hope. And though age and infirmity overtake me, and I come out within sight of the castle of my dreams, teach me still to be thankful for life, and for time's old memories that are good and sweet; and may the evening's twilight find me gentle still."

I know most of you have sung the following hymn, but few perhaps recall it as "Prayer" by John Greenleaf Whittier". It is so appropriate to conclude my remarks with his words:

"Dear Lord and Father of mankind,

Forgive our foolish ways!

Reclothe us in our rightful mind,

In purer lives Thy service find,

In deeper reverence, praise.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,

Till all our strivings cease;

Take from our souls the strain and

stress,

And let our ordered lives confess

The beauty of Thy peace."

Wm. O. "Bill" Shuman

Chaplain, 83rd Inf. Div. Assn.

## Attention Men of the 83rd

A new charter is expected to be issued to the Cleveland Chapter at the reunion in Atlantic City, N. J., in August 1962.

This charter is being issued at the request of the Cleveland Chapter, due to the original charter being destroyed by fire.

The Secretary of the Cleveland Chapter has been notified to submit the names of the members to the National Secretary-Treasurer, Harry W. Lockwood, as soon as possible.

Harry W. Lockwood

## Co. G 331st Reports

Lee Titus

The latest report from our National Secretary, Harry W. Lockwood, indicates a little progress in Co. G membership. We have 31 paid up members to date. George Berlet, Johnny Rung and Al Suess came through as they do every year and we also signed up a man who hasn't been active for a long time. Welcome back, George Smith. We hope that you remain active from now on. George lives in Myrtle Beach, S. C.

We were sorry to learn from one of our gang, Vance Tuttle, that one of our old Co. G men passed away last year. His name was Robert Feasel and he lived in Carey, Ohio. Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Feasel and the family.

One of our spies in Virginia reports that Bob Speakman tried to slug it out with a Cadillac a year or so ago and lost. I'm told that he still carries scars from the encounter.

Spud Murphy came through again by locating another of our old gang in the Boston area and naturally wrangled dues from him. Remember Fred "Curly" Montrond?

Phil Wigggenhauser will be surprised when he finds a picture of his family in this issue of the Thunderbolt, but I just had to pass it along to Harry Lockwood for publication. "Wiggy" as he is affectionately known by everyone in the company joined the outfit in October, 1942, in Camp Atterbury and although slightly older than most of us trained very hard and became a truly great soldier. He must have lost at least 50 pounds during basic training. He never missed a day of duty all through training and combat, serving as Communications Sergeant the entire time. Capt. Macaluso rewarded him in Germany by giving him one of the first rotation furlough's from Co. G. "Wiggy" also was a very good athlete. He played center for our basketball team and contributed greatly to our baseball team, which of course, was divisional champs. He never dropped out of a hike and never went on sick call. He was such a devoted husband that he even refused passes to town. "Wiggy" was truly a most remarkable man and although we don't have information on his activities in civilian life, my guess is that he is an executive with that oil company he worked for prior to joining the Army. Knowing "Wiggy" I'm sure that he would be glad to see any 83rd man who travels near Wilbraham, Mass., where he, his lovely wife, Margaret, and their two boys reside . . . P.S.: If anyone does visit "Wiggy" ask him about the time he was confronted by a German soldier on a bicycle. "Wiggy", not having the desire to shoot the guy, wielded his rifle like baseball bat, knocked the man to

the ground, almost killing him. "I still have an old regimental newspaper telling that story."

Now I have a special favor to ask of all Co. G men. Please send me a snapshot showing your entire family and their names. I plan to start an album and promise to bring or send it to every convention. We shall call it the Co. G Family Album. Let's see how large we can make it.

That's all for now men, please pay your dues if you haven't already done so.

### Change of address

George Berlet now lives at 100 Trinity Place, Hillisdale, New Jersey.

### Add to roster

Frederick Montrond, Myricks Street, East Taunton, Mass.



The Phil Wigggenhauser Family of Wilbraham, Mass., G-331.



The Macaluso Family

## Warren Chapter News

### 9th Annual Anniversary Party Set For May 5, 1962

At the December meeting of the Warren Chapter, the members selected Saturday, May 5, as the date for our ninth annual anniversary party. We would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm invitation to all 83rd men and their wives to attend this gala affair. A slight charge of \$5.00 per couple will cover the entire evening of dancing with refreshments, both liquid and solid being served as long as you wish to stay. As an added attraction, Joe and Dimps Minotti have promised to give a demonstration of the new dance craze, "The Twist". Charlie and Sophie Russ has been chosen as back up's in case Minotti's sacrum gives out. Make your reservations by sending a card or letter to Lee Titus, 840, Prospect St. N. W., Warren, Ohio.

On December 9 our lovely ladies of the Warren Auxiliary exhausted their treasury by taking us out to a fine restaurant for delicious steaks. We in turn then escorted the ladies to a local night club for liquid refreshments and an evening of dancing. It was obvious that some of our men have been taking lessons at Arthur Murray's since last year. Charlie and Sophie Russ are the new jitterburg champs. The Teringos and Minottis were "Twisting" all over the place. The Skovrans kept the band busy playing polkas. Milly Kelly finally got Dick off his duff for a few dances then there was Theresa Gautschi trying to get "Jumping" Babe to sit out a few. The rest of the gang were satisfied to stick with the waltz.

Sunday, December 17 was the day Santa Claus decided to pay a visit to the small fry of the Warren Chapter and he arrived in his usual manner, climbing through the window from the roof. The tots stood with awe as he came into the room, held their little hands and led them in singing Christmas carols. He then sat each of the kiddies on his lap, asking the usual questions and giving each gifts and stockings filled with toys, fruit, nuts, candy and pop corn balls. Our wonderful gals came through again with a delicious meal and everyone went home in a joyous mood.

That's all from Warren. We hope to see some of you at our party.

Lee Titus

**MAKE YOUR PLANS  
NOW TO ATTEND  
THE  
Atlantic City  
Reunion**



## Changes in Postal Regulations Regarding Change of Address

On January 10, 1962 new postal regulations went into effect which eliminate the use of Form 3457 which has been a most dependable method of keeping up with changes of address.

Formerly, if a member moved within his former Post Office, our third class mail was delivered to him and we were advised of his new address. This practice no longer applies and the original mailing piece will be returned to us, with the new address, if known.

We will be charged eight cents for each piece returned plus the cost of mailing the piece of mail to the new address.

This expense can be avoided if each of you, upon moving to a new address, will send the new address to the Secretary-Treasurer at National Headquarters, 43 Oakland Ave., Jersey City 6, New Jersey.

## Philadelphia Chapter Banquet A Roaring Success

The eighth annual banquet of the Philadelphia Chapter can be described in one word, explosive. The committee,



headed by Al Belveder, with Norman Glaze, Joe Ponzio, Sam Aiello and Big Gun John Piscitelli did a wonderful job. Our new President, Lou Volpi, handled the entertaining artist problem and provided a show that was big league and tops.

A handsome turnout rewarded the efforts of the banquet committee and all had a most wonderful time. This was a new project for the Philadelphia crew inasmuch as we planned and handled all details ourselves, and the results showed that the Philadelphia Chapter touch was still there.

The tremendous banquet hall of the Holly House in Pennsauken, N. J. was the scene of the successful affair. We were very pleased to see our good friends and buddies of the New Jersey Chapter and their wives and gusts. They graced a prominent table and had a wonderful time and left in the wee hours of the morning glowing with their praises. Those who made the trip were Harry and Fern Lockwood and their guest, Peggy Clark; Stan and Fran Bielen; Emil and Hazel Wehling and their friends Mr. and Mrs. John Maunz and daughter Eileen; Jolly "Bachelor Bob" Walsh and a newcomer to our midst, Frank Todd of Staten Island and a new member of the New Jersey Chapter.

The head table was graced with the elite of the Philly Chapter. Our past officers and the new slate of officers and their wives made a splendid picture. Acting as M.C. for the business portion of installing the new officers and praising the old was in the capable hands of Joe Ponzio. National Association President Frank McGrogan and his charming wife, "My Mary" also sat at the head table and Frank delivered a wonderful address lauding the members of the Philadelphia group and the association officers. The entertainment, garnered by Lou Volpi, was in the capable hands of his good friend Jack Morgan, a most entertaining gentlemen of many talents, he sang, told funny stories, he danced, he played on the horn and displayed strictly good taste in all that he did. A beautiful dancer Marie Sullivan did a wonderful act, and was very capably assisted in a Hawaiian war dance by our own Sam

Aiello. The singing chores were performed by pert Margie Peters who warbled like a bird.

The meal was great, plenty to eat and very good. (P.S. I enjoyed my cheese sandwich while gazing at the others enjoying the roast beef) . . . At the conclusion of the show proper, the fun really began. We have the greatest collection of singers and dancers among the 83rds everywhere. No one can out "twist" our gang. All sizes and shapes everyone "twisted" and cha-chad like mad. You ain't seen anything so stirring as our "Downtowners" doing the Mummers Day dance. Big Gun John Piscitelli a sylph like shadow of his former self, danced like a light gazelle. Did you know that Bob Thompson was a great dancer, with a cigar in his mouth at all times didn't miss a dance. Among the younger folk present was Barbara McGrogan, our National Association President's beautiful daughter with a handsome "date". She sparkled and shone the entire night.

We were treated to some bombastic singing by Ernie "Juicy" De Francesco and "Little Gun" Sam Aiello. We must say Sammy missed his calling he should have been in show business. A strong vote of thanks should be tendered to Norm Glaze. He did a wonderful job as barkeep. He is the first church warden we know, who can mix the drinks with the best, and never touching a drop? He did a wonderful job. Assisting in the bar duties was "JFK" Bill Pugh, he took care of the financial end of the bar and never missed a count.

The stunning attire of the Philadelphia Chapter women must be given a plug. They were beautiful and dazzling. Our women folk sure looked swell.



Anne Marie Elie, daughter of Lucien "Jiggs" Elie, A & Hq.-329, has entered the Exeter Practical School of Nursing in Exeter, New Hampshire.

Anne will major in the care of crippled children, a subject which is not new to her.

Having taken many trips with Jiggs who is hospital chairman of the "Cooties" and V.F.W. Post in Amesbury, Mass., Anne has taken a keen interest in crippled children and has expressed a desire to help them and this is her way of doing so.

## On The National Publicity Front

By Vic Landis, F-329

At this writing, I have spot covered every state in the country. All the largest papers in each state has received a release. I have had articles placed in every newspaper in Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Am now working on Illinois and Indiana. During the next few months, every paper in the land will have printed an article and many of them will run it several times.

Also will have spot announcements on radio and television stations. But **MEN OF THE 83rd**. I need your help. I really hate to repeat this plea, but if every single member of the old 83rd would but contact the public service section of their local radio and television stations and ask for a spot announcement, it would really help.

Another item—write to the editor of your daily papers and ask them to place an article in their respective papers, giving a little data and the time and place of our reunion. Also give Harry Lockwood's address, as the man to contact.

Just received a letter from Harry W. Lockwood and he informs me he is again receiving inquiries from all over the country.

If I have an article placed in a paper with 200,000 in circulation, only a small percentage will read it. Most men and I am guilty of the same, will glance at the front page, read the sports section and the comics. We do not get articles placed in any of these sections.

Bear down old buddies and try to contact all the men you know that are former members. Put your shoulder to the wheel and try to push the 83rd INF. DIV. WAGON OVER THE TOP - 1000 MEMBERS.



Bob Eldred and Ed Fink, at a recent meeting, at Leo (Little Stupid) Boyd's barber shop.

## Miami Valley Chapter News And Dayton Fly-ings

By Vic Landis, F-329

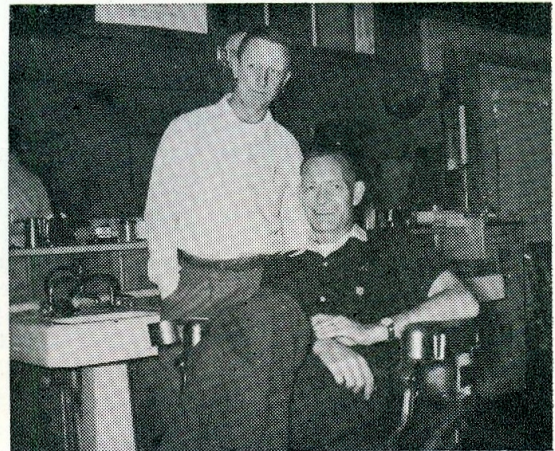
All has been rather quiet on the chapter front and there is not too much to report. We had a social meeting at Ed and Marge Finks home where liquid refreshments, along with a good food spread were served. A great time was had by all and we are all in favor of more to come.

We had our semi-annual drawing for \$100 and am glad to report Vic Landis sold the winning ticket. As per usual Del Rinehart and the Landis boy sold about all the tickets.

Was really sorry I could not attend the social at the Finks home, as I was laid up with Sciatica and my sacroiliac was raising hell, so I had to by-pass the deal. Know I missed a good time.

Have been trying to get Ed Fink to take over his column, but he wants to title it "Fink Thinks". If the guy will assume the title "Fink Stinks", I will turn it over to him. We will see the outcome.

Am trying to get some inter-chapter social events in the near future and I really believe it would promote more members and stimulate interest on the national front. Enough of this, more anon.



Ed Fink and Del Rinehart at a recent meeting.



The Lemaster Family: Norma, Nancy and cousin Carol on pony, Regina and Margie. The pony's name is Buttermilk.



## New Jersey Chapter News

By Nick Esposito, Co. B-331

I wish to thank our National Secretary, Harry Lockwood, for pinch hitting the last few articles for me. He did a swell job.

Although our group is small, compared to other chapters, we have a very large turnout, percentagewise, for our monthly meetings, held at VFW Post, Garfield, N. J., 3rd Friday of each month. At these infomal meetings we manage to induce Dave Benick, our beauty and barber shop and rubber goods supply salesman and Sam Galati, our printer, to come over from Brooklyn. Stan Bielen comes up fom Fords, N. J. Frank Todd, our beer connoisseur and Gerry Sullivan are from Staten Island; Emil Wehling and bachelor Bob Walsh from nearby Fair Lawn and Nutley, respectfully, plus Jim Bird, Harry Lockwood and myself from Jersey City. Occasionally Joe De Peri and Vito Lascari show up Joe being from Garfield and Vito from the adjoining town of Lodi.

The members of the Post are friendly toward us, especially "Bucky" the bartender who serves us after we threaten, a few times, to go across the street. Harry usually is our adding machine when it comes to figuring the cost of a round of drinks and Bucky gets confused by the different drinks and the cost of each. During the adding up for the tab, needless to say, the confusion is even greater and Bucky usually settles for what we say, figuring ten percent, one way or the other, is a profit.

Being off the "hard stuff" for one meeting, Emil Wehling is back in the groove again & then we had Bob Walsh pull a Jekyll and Hyde on us by having water on the rocks last meeting, due to an impending physical checkup the next day. We, of the Chapter, can make our



Part of the New Jersey Chapter, l. to r.: rea, Bob Walsh, Frnk Todd, Emil Wehling, San Bielen and Jim Bird; front row Gerald Sullivan, Sam Galati, Dave Benick, Nick Esposito and Harry Lockwood. Missing were John Di Nicola, Joe De Peri, Manny Epstein, George DeFilipps, Frank Kasuba.

own diagnosis of Bob's case. Just two words: sleeping sickness. Bob is the only one we know who can sleep while eating, drinking or walking and especially while attending a meeting. It was so bad at our recent meeting that Stan Bielen, our esteemed president, had to admonish Bob and threaten him with a two dollar fine or pay for the next round of drinks. Bob insisted he was not asleep and offered to repeat what had been discussed prior to the accusation. Sure enough his recorder was functioning properly and he gave a word for word report.

One of our new members, Frank Todd, works for Piels brewery and tells interesting stories of the extent to which some of his co-workers drink beer. Frank, himself, claims he drinks a case a day. Oh, well! He gets it for nothing. Gerry Sullivan, another new member, spent a few days in the hospital recently and said it feels so good to be able to sit comfortably again. Jimmy Bird, our latest member and an employee of the Department of Public Works, had been reviewing some of his wartime memoirs which brought back memories of our own good times. It seems that almost every GI did most of his fighting in a place called Pigalle. Wonder what it was like? Sam Galati brought along his brother-in-law this past meeting and not a peep was heard from Sam all evening. Sam did come through though, in fine style a little later thus: on the menu, that evening, at the Post, they served tripe which, to many of us, was something not unheard of but unfamiliar and Sam, being a connoisseur of good Italian food, gave a detailed explanation so satisfactory that even those who had refused it now became curious and tasted it to the exent that after they ran out of tripe they had to serve spaghetti. To those of you who may be curious ask Dave Benick at the next reunion.

The Benicks spent a holiday in Asbury Park enjoying the indoor pool. Stanley Bielen did some New Year's celebrating at a neighbor's house and each one was to bring something so Stan brought his beautiful wife, Fran.

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Bob Walsh in a favorite position.

## Fall River News

By Manny Pacheco, Co. M-331

"November"

The November meeting was held at the home of yours truly at 243 Montaup St. in Fall River at which time movies were taken of the members and their wives as they arrived.



In attendance at the meeting were: Manny and Adeline Martin, Al and Gilda Coelho, Joe and Evie Correia, Tony and Ann Telles, Pete Barthelemy, Eddie Labus and Loretta Potvin, Fall River Police Chief Norman Bowers and his

charming wife, Lillian.

Police Chief Bowers was voted an honorary membership in the Fall River Chapter and I'm sure that we'll thoroughly enjoy having him with us as he is a happy go lucky guy and a pleasure to be with; a good sport and extremely witty and between him and Manny Martin there is never a dull moment.

After the meeting was adjourned we joined the ladies for luncheon and refreshments which were prepared by my dutiful wife, Dot, and, when the evening was over all went away singing the praises of my wife, Dot, as being a wonderful hostess. And, I might add, a welcome addition and credit to the association and the chapter.

Manny and Adeline Martin were presented a cake to celebrate their 13th wedding anniversary and after a few rounds of drinks we all got together for an old fashioned community sing with Martin, Al Coelho and Tony Telles leading the way with the rest of us playing supporting roles.

Tony Telles joined the association and the Fall River Chapter at the same time that night and had us roaring with laughter as he recapped his experiences going through his physical at the induction center in Boston. Welcome into the fold, Tony, it's a pleasure to have you with us. Hope you feel the same.

"December"

The Fall River Chapter held it's annual Christmas party as planned at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel in Providence, Rhode Island with a very good turnout of chapter members, their wives and friends and a buffet luncheon, fit for a king, with more than enough to go around.

A prayer of "Thanks" was said by our Chaplain, Father Jean P. Cossette, 1st Bn.-331, who also was the honored guest for the evening. Father Cossette is a wonderful person, with a great sense of

humor, who is a friend to all who know him and who has won the hearts of us all in the Fall River Chapter.

A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all who attended and those who did not missed a most enjoyable time.

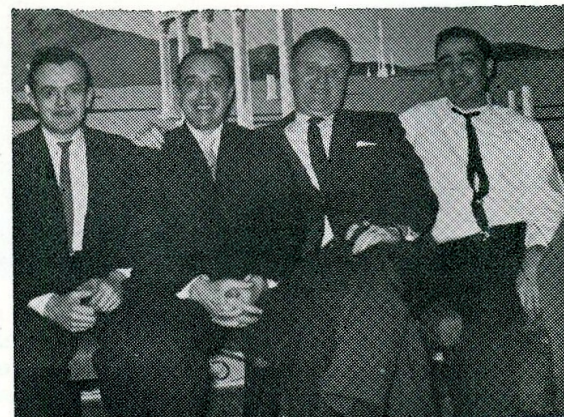
During dancing intermission, tape recordings were made and the talent displayed by some of those present was surprising. Norman Bowers started it with his version of "Around the World" followed by Manny Martin's interpretation of the late Al Jolson singing "Rock A Bye Your Baby", Louise Costa's rendition of an old Portugese folk song, "My Love, My Love" was really something to hear and those of us who knew the words and/or music of the songs being sung either sang or hummed along with it. We really had a ball and are making plans for another such evening in the near future.

We were sorry that Ed. Labus couldn't be with us due to the death of his nephew, Michael Murphy, aged nine. A floral piece was sent in the name of the chapter and we, of the Fall River Chapter, send our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Murphy on the death of their son.

The prints accompanying this article were taken at our Christmas party.



L. t r.: Father Jean P. Cossette, Louise Cartier, Gilda Coelho and Doris and Peter Barthelemy.



L. to r.: John Pacheco, Manny Pacheco, Police Chief Norman Bowers and Freddy Costa.



L. to r.: Louisa Melvina Costa, Jo Pacheco and Dot Pacheco.



L. to r.: Manny Martin, Celia and John Bernard.

### “January”

Here we are in January and it's hard to believe how fast the months really go and before we realize it the reunion will be upon us again.

This month's meeting was held at the Martin's residence and a real surprise was in store for most of the members and their wives to find that Martin had renovated his basement into a beautiful meeting room for the chapter. A beautiful bar with teakwood paneling and a white formica top, lounging chairs, TV, record player and what have you. It's got to be seen to be appreciated and I hope to have some pictures for the next issue of Thunderbolt.

The meeting was short and brief and John Pachero was voted in as our second honorary member and we're sure he will prove himself quite helpful.

It was good to see Pete Larue again after a long absence. Pete has kept himself pretty busy working in the Park Drug Store (which he owns) and being an expected father, he had other things to think about. The blessed event took place a short time ago when a boy was

born to Pete's wife. So to Mr. and Mrs. Adelard Larue congratulations on the birth of your son, a future honorary member of the Fall River Chapter.

A delicious luncheon was set out by our hostess, Adeline Martin and to top it off, my wife, Dot, baked a chocolate cake, which happens to be Martin's favorite.

Like all enjoyable affairs, they end too quickly and I would like to extend an invitation to all former 83rd men in the neighborhood of Fall River to attend one of our sociable meetings on the third Saturday of any month and bring the Mrs. along. I'm sure you will not be disappointed. No one is a stranger and I know you'll find the atmosphere to your liking.

Hope to see a few new faces at the next meeting and, in the meantime, for more information or, if you'd like to become a member of the chapter write to Manny Martin, 424 Freeloove Street or Manny Pacheco, 243 Montaup Street both in Fall River, Mass.

## Co. F. 329 News and Side-Lights

By Vic Landis

First—congratulations to that old reprobate, Lee Titus, for his work in having his unit on top in paid up membership at the time of this writing. Believe they have 31 paid up members and we have only 20 in the fold. That is exactly half the paid up members we had last year and the year before. In other words, we have 20 former members of F-329 who have not paid their dues. Will get on their respective tails. Wait till we make our stretch run, as we have the past two years. Class will tell in the end.

Glad to hear that Bill Nickell is getting better. Bill has had to wear a steel corset for about the last six months, since having an operation on his spine and some bone grafting on the same. He was injured in a train wreck while working for the railroad, where he is employed. Good luck Bill, keep in there pitchin'.

George Trebonyak and Wilbur Smail have just sent in their dues. Thanks fellas and I hope the other 20 do likewise.

Pete Kosomite is going to middle aisle it February 25. The lucky girl is Panagiota Vekrakos and the wedding will be held in the Evangelismos Greek Orthodox Church, 745 S. 12th St., Philadelphia, Pa. That leaves only Ed Labus and one Vic Landis, as the remaining bachelors of good old F-329 Co. We will carry on.

Will close this article with this thought—if every unit through the past years would have had the paid up members—that G-331 and F-329, had, we would have totaled close to TWO THOUSAND MEMBERS per year. This is really food for thought.

## Indiana Chapter News

By Murray Therber, 330 Medics

This issue of Thunderbolt prompts us to say, "The best to you in '62".

Looking back just once more to the year we just left behind, we cannot help but think ole '61 was one of fun.



Ending the year, we have the annual chapter Christmas party to write about. This was held on Saturday, Dec. 9 at the Village Inn. A nice crowd was gathered in the Starlight Room when yours truly arrived. Having enjoyed a

steak dinner, drinks were served and an ear tuned to "Big Moe and the Panics", furnishing the music for dancing. Everyone had a ball doing the Twist, the Mashed Potato and other dances a bit more sedate. Enjoying this evening of fun were: Lou and Mickey Meyer, Joe and Helen Lowry, Dick and Laverne Ammon, Ned and Genie Smith, John D. and Mary Raikos, John and Dot Soroko and John and Gay Robinette. Guests accompanying yours truly were Freida and Willie Olsen, Diane and Jim Keck, Patricia Cates, John Meyers and Lucille Bradford. (as you look over this list you will notice that there was never any difficulty finding a John.)

Lucille had been guest of honor at a party that started in the afternoon. She was presented with a set of luggage and a vacation trip to California by TWA jelinier. The occasion, and dig this, was the completion of 40 years of service with the company with whom she was employed. The employees of this company are loyal supporters of our chapter. You'll find them well represented at any and all chapter functions, be it dance, drawing or what have you. Thank you very much, folks, for your patronage and generosity.

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Dot Soroko, Mary Raikos, John R. Raikos and Big New Smith.



John and Gay Robinette, Mickey and Lou Meyer, Dot and John Soroko, Ned and Geni Smith, Helen and Joe Lowry and Lavern and Dick Ammon with an 83rd Santa gracing the center of the table.



Murray T and John (Robinette)



Murray Therber and Guess Who?

## New Jersey Chapter News

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I'd like to say something about the other members of the Chapter but we see them so seldom that we don't know how they are faring. We think of them nevertheless and send regards to John Di Nicola, Joe De Peri, Vito Lascari, Charlie Lesser, George De Filippis, Frank Kasuba and Manny Epstein. Hope to see them at the reunion. Save your dimes and quarters men and be there.

### A Little More

Although I could not be there I've been informed that those of the New Jersey Chapter, who attended the Philly Chapter banquet, on Feb. 3, did have themselves a ball.

The grapevine has it that:

Our own Frank Todd let his hair down and, when the evening was over, insisted that his bosom buddy, Eml Wehling, drive him back to Stapleton, Staten Island and, gave him wrong directions to boot. Shame on you, Frank.

That Stan Bielen, ever smiling Stan, really had reason to smile and his whole countenance lit up when he found out that the first bottle of liquor, at each table, was on the house. He kept it close by and doled it out to be sure that all got a fair shake. That's Stan, when he drinks everyone drinks, when he buys everyone drinks. No fool, he.

That Emil Wehling was on his good behavior (Hazel kept her eye on him) and in spite of all the trips he and Frank Todd made to the bar, at the end of the evening he was still raring to go.

That Bachelor Bob Walsh, with his ever present cigar, was there greeting the many friends he has met and made during his years of membership in the Association and the reunions he has attended.

That Harry Lockwood was there and was introduced as our Association Secretary-Treasurer and before he could respond to the plaudits of the crowd someone else was introduced and Harry was left speechless.

And, of course, the ladies in attendance were Hazel Wehling, the strong silent type, Fran Bielen, who, like Stan, is ever smiling and Fern Lockwood, whose charming personality is present at all reunions and who manages to keep Harry on his toes. Guests of the Chapter were Mr. and Mrs. John Maunz and their daughter, Eileen. The Maunz' have attended quite a few of these affairs and are an extremely charming couple who make you feel at home in their presence. Last, but far from least, was a guest of the Lockwoods, Peggy Clark, a wee bi' o' Scotch from Jersey City.

Sorry I couldn't be there.

## Indiana Chapter News

Came New Year's Day and the Robinettes placed the welcome mat out to one and all at their attractive home at 916 North De Quincy St. in Naptown. With plenty to quench one's thirst and a buffet that really was something, prepared by Gay Robinette. Those who were not there missed a most enjoyable day. Sorry to miss seeing Walt and Lucy Edwards who left just before I arrived. I do hope you are feeling better, Lucy, we've missed you at recent affairs.

January 12 found us holding a meeting at the Chateau, 619 North Pennsylvania St. where we will bivouac on the second Friday of each month. Why not come down and enjoy an evening with us.

We have a busy year ahead and many plans are materializing for the 17th annual reunion which will be held here in Naptown in August of 1963. Let's all pitch in and make this reunion a truly great one.

Singers we were at this last meeting when all joined in a chorus or so of happy birthday, Joe Lowry. What's the secret, Joe, the years have not taken too much of a toll. How do you do it?

Along came January 20 and thanks to John and Gay Robinette, a group of us were invited to a dance at the Indiana Roof (Yes, fellas, it's still going strong.) It was truly a swell evening and a good time was had by all.

The things I hear:

Definition of New Year's Eve: When many a celebrator feels single, sees double and pays triple.

A Puritan is a person who never quite got over the embarrassing fact that he was born in bed with a lady.

Roslyn, a newlywed, bragged that her groom was a model husband. After looking up the word model, what's she bragging about: it means small imitation of the real thing.

See you in print next time around.

Veterans Administration Hospital  
10000 Brecksville Road  
Brecksville 41, Ohio

Peter P. Kudlacz  
Tel. 526-3030, Ext. 225

The new Veerans Administration Neuropsychiatric Hospital, 10000 Brecksville Road, Brecksville 41, Ohio, has openings for:

Staff Physicians (Psychiatrists and General Practitioners interested in Psychiatry),

Professionally Trained Nurse Anesthetists,

Social Workers, and

Dieticians.

Those qualified and interested in these positions should contact the personnel officer.

Dear Mr. Lockwood:

Enclosed are some pictures you may find interesting:

One of Echternach is quite recent. Taken from the German side it shows the town rebuilt and also shows the street leading back into the hills toward Luxembourg City which the 83rd dubbed "Bowling Alley Boulevard". (I also have some horror pictures of the town completely destroyed but believe they are too morbid after so long a time.)

Also are some pictures of the Bastogne Monument. It stands on a lonely hillside outside Bastogne and somewhere I do have the complete inscription. Whoever wrote it must have been there during that time.

The insignia of the 83rd is high up on one of the five columns, which stand open to the winds, as are all the insignia



Echternach - 1960. Taken from the Ernzerberg, Germany, looking toward the Luxembourg side.



of the different divisions, taking part in that sector.

It was erected to the memory of the 76,890 Americans, wounded or missing during the Battle of the Bulge; the greatest loss of human life ever experienced during a single battle (at that time). The legend of the battle begins: The battle began with fog and darkness The thin defending line was overwhelmed and broken under the weight of fire and metal

The Ardennes door lay open  
The spearheads were advancing —

It tells the legend of the battle strategy, in detail, and closes with:  
Seldom had more American blood been spilled

In the course of a single battle  
Of these dead, and of all who fought here

The now living may attest the greatest of the deed

Only by increased devotion to the Freedom for which they braved the fire.

It actually reads like a psalm and I never have been able to find out who wrote it. Hope someday I will.

The monument, a five pointed stone star, erected on a hillside, is a truly beautiful site with its inscriptions written in gold down the inside walls.

To any 83rder who may, of necessity or design, be in the vicinity of the Bastogne Monument, you'll agree with me when I say it is one of the wonders of this age.

Willa Thompson

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Harry,

Sorry I was unable to attend the convention in Cleveland. I had planned to do so but could not because of an automobile accident.

Give my regards to Vic Landis and the rest of the boys of Co. F-329.

GOD willing, I'll see them all in Atlantic City in 1962.

Sincerely,  
George R. Whitehead

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Dear Sir,

Enclosed find a check for \$5.00 dues for this year.

Sorry I'm late and thanks for the reminder.

Antoine Boucher—G-329

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Dear Harry,

Sorry I couldn't make the last reunion. Will try to make the next one as I'd sure like to see my old buddies.

Sorry I'm late with my dues, enclosed find check. Thunderbolt is very interesting.

Thank you very much and best of luck.

Jerry Polverino—Hq. 300

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## Cleveland Chapter Chit-Chat

By Al Urdiel, Cannon Co. 329

Hello Buddies;

Here we are again, halfway through another association year of the old Thunderbolt. August will roll around mighty fast so, if you do not have your dues paid up send it to the National Secretary - Treasurer Harry W. Lockwood, right away. Harry tells me that dues are down for the year, so get with it men, this is your association, get behind it.



The Cleveland Chapter Christmas party was a resounding success. The dinner served by R. J. was delish, the refreshments plentiful and most of us had a snoot full.

Tony Nokar, of Blazek Post, VFW, was the recipient of a case of "soda" as first prize and other winners were from the Cleveland area also. The chapters that sent their ticket stubs and money too late will have their money returned to them, if it hasn't already been done.

The old gent who won first prize was elated indeed, being an old 83rd man from World War I. He purchased many tickets, almost everyone sold him a book.

Gentlemen, I thought the day would never come when I'd cry again but that day came last January 31st when we saw our eldest son, Al, Jr. off to the Navy. Talk about a tear jerking sight. All those kids walking toward a big jet heading for California with the parents standing in the background crying softly and trying to hide the tears. It was quite a sight for those with unob-

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Pulling Ticket Staples — Walt Meczka, Alma Herhuth, Eleanor Urdiel and Jo Glinka.



Cleveland Chapter and Pop Voracek.



First Prize Winner — R. J. Voracek, Tony Nokar, R. J. Herhuth, Casey Szubski and Al Urdiel.



Cleveland Chapter Women

# Metropolitan Detroit Chapter News

By Bill Palazzolo, Co. G-329

On Dec. 10, 1961, the Detroit Chapter held its annual Christmas party at the beautiful Dearborn Youth Center, in Dearborn, Mich. The grounds for this beautiful estate were donated by the Ford family, to be used for the betterment of the youth of Dearborn. It has a huge roller skating rink providing room for about 300 skaters at one time, a large recreation room, ping pong tables, shuffleboard, and 6 or 8 TV sets



to provide entertainment for those who like to relax. There are also private rooms for those who like good music and, in the basement, record hops and teen hops are held. For the various clubs in Dearborn, there are about ten meeting rooms. It was in one of those rooms our meeting was held.

It was a great pleasure to see so many of our members and their families present. The women helped by bringing potato salad, baked beans, cake and various other dishes and the Chapter provided, hot dogs, soft drinks, chips pretzels and gifts for all the children attending. Santa Claus (yours truly) gave out the gifts with a hearty ho-ho and have you been a good boy or girl pitch and a Merry Christmas to all. All in all everyone enjoyed a wonderful time.

Among those and their families present were Jerry Bucholtz, Tommy Linn, Eli Giura, Marion Muoio, Art Byrnes, Jack Daugherty, Nick Barbu, Ed Zerucha, Bill Palazzolo and many more too numerous to mention.

A movie was provided for the kids, "The Night Before Christmas" and some cartoons and yours truly showed

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Dear Harry,

Sorry we couldn't make the convention in Cleveland but will try to be with you all in Atlantic City.

Enclosed find check for dues.

Regards to all the boys of the 324th FA.

Pierre Barthelme—Btry. B.-324 FA.



Hello Buddies:

Here we are just about the halfway point of another great year, in the history of our Association. We are all settled down from the wonderful Cleveland Reunion, and have just gotten over the celebration of Christmas and New Year's, and are now ready to get down to some good hard work.



As you all know, we are in hopes of having this be the biggest and best year in the Association history. Each year we try to set our goal for a bigger and better year, and for the past few years we have done fairly well, but with your help we can do even better. As you all know, this is your Association, the future of it depends on you. I have approached several men trying to get them to become a member, and was faced with the story that they are already a member of the American Legion or the Veterans of Foreign Wars, or some other veterans organization. That is all very nice, and I am proud of any man who is a member of a veterans organization. This organization is different, it is made up of men who saw service with the 83rd Infantry Division in World War II. We do not accept for membership, men who saw service with any other division or unit. All men who are members of this Association are your buddies, who saw service with you, men who endured the same hardships, as well as the same pleasures as you. How about trying now to sell a membership to a former buddy, that particular buddy of yours, may be one of the many that we have been unable to reach. Become a salesman today,



The Sheridan Noe family of Hialeah, Fla. l. to r.: Doris Jean, Mrs. Sheridan Noe, Candy Ann, Fuzz and Sheridan, rear. Front: Penny, Sheran, Robert and Curtis grandchildren. Other son-in-law took the picture. Sheridan was a member of Service Co. 329.

and try selling him.

Well fellows, as I have said over and over again, the success or failure of our Association is wholly dependent on you. Our Secretary-Treasurer, Harry Lockwood, has done a very fine job, and we should all be proud of him. He has never once failed to answer a letter, and he receives many of them, hoping to either gain a new member, or make an old member happy by giving him the answer that he desires. Show Harry how much you appreciate the job that he is doing by starting today to try and get at least one new member, or get back a former member, who has fallen by the wayside. Let us each try a Unit Campaign, by this I mean contacting as many men from your old unit or company, and see if you can make your unit the largest paid up group in the Association. Vic Landis of Co. F. 329th and Lee Titus of Co. G, 331st have been conducting a campaign like this for years and between them they are responsible for more than 10 percent of the paid up membership. A hard goal to beat out but I'm sure you can give them a run for it if you try. Start trying now, and see who is the best salesman.

Sincerely,  
Larry Redmond—Co. H-330  
Chairman, Executive Comm.  
83rd Inf. Div. Assn., Inc.

## Cleveland Chapter Chit-Chat

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scured vision. I didn't see much. My heart was heavy and still is.

The kids are caught in a vise today; jobs are scarce, draft staring them in the face, college education hard to come by, among other things, so they enlist in one of the services to obtain an education they may not get otherwise plus a career that pays off in the end if they choose.

Soon, if all goes well, Cleveland and Warren Chapters will get together in a bowling match and, at last reports, everything has been arranged but the alleys and, it goes without saying, we are looking for another swell time with the gang from Warren and we're sure the only thing will spoil it for them is that we intend to beat their ears off and keep the square bowling ball in Cleveland.

Ray Voracek had another fire in his store. Not serious but very messy. Lots of work cleaning up after the smoke, etc.

Don't forget to make your contributions to the Hospitality Fund. This is a must for each and every one of us and it means a lot to those who will benefit by being our guests at the Sweet Sixteen Reunion in Atlantic City in August. Hope to see you all there.

Harry, enclosed find two dollars for the Hospitality Fund.

## Metropolitan Detroit

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some of the movies he had taken at the outings. The entertainment was well organized, thanks to the committee for a swell job.

Our first meeting of 1962 was held on Jan. 8, at the El Toro Lounge. It was a real cold night and not many attended, the temperature being 4 above zero. President Ed. Zerucha, being out of work for a few months, finally went back to work, on the afternoon shift and couldn't be present. Jack Daugherty from Flat Rock, drove 30 miles to be there and Nick Barbu and a buddy from Co. D-331 also braved the elements to be there. That old faithful 1953 Ford of Nick's, which he calls "The Bomb", never fails to respond to his every wish.

It was a pleasure to welcome Nick's buddy, Don Rentz, of 4177 Audubon, Detroit 24, Michigan. Don is real good company and has quite a sense of humor. He is married and the father of five children ranging in age from 15 months to 7 years. His wife's name is Mollie and we are all looking forward to meeting her.

## Greater Boston Chapter News

By Nick Francullo, 3rd. Bn.-330

At the meeting held at the Roma Restaurant on November 18, 1961, it was an extreme pleasure to see so many new faces among the 56 members and guests present.



A turkey and ham raffle was held with Silvio Allard getting the turkey and friends of the Di Batistas winning the ham.

Our good friend and fellow member, Col. Higson, showed some colored slides he had taken on a trip through Canada.

This was one of the features of the evening and, from what we saw, Col. Jim is quite a photographer.

We welcomed into the fold Frederick Montrond who came with his wife. Fred is a former G-331 buddy of our own Ed. "Spud" Murphy.

At the meeting it was decided that, with the money realized from the turkey raffle, we would put on a bingo party for the vets at the West Roxbury, Mass. veterans hospital. Spud Murphy was appointed chairman. He made the arrangements and the date was set for December 1, 1961.

On that date a gang of us from the Boston Chapter put on a bingo party for the boys at the Vets Hospital in West

Roxbury that proved to be a wonderful night for all concerned and, I'm sure, that one of the big reasons for its success was the cash awards as was indicated by the response each time a game was won.

To the 55 vets who were present we are happy that we were able to be a small part of things for the evening and you can look for another such evening in the future, if at all possible.

Those, from the Chapter, who were present were: Ed. "Spud" Murphy; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Montrond; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Arrigo; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Amicone; Chuck Abdinoor; Jiggs Elie; Howie Howards; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Caprio and son, Joe; Mr. and Mrs. Pat DiGiammerino and son, Paul; Mr. and Mrs. Nick Francullo and daughter, Helene.

On January 14, the Francullos and DiGiammerinos were invited to Chuck Abdinoor's place for a surprise party for Chuck's 39th birthday. After a few drinks the ladies entertained the men folk with their interpretations of the Twist. If they behave like that at the Reunion, the joint really will be jumping.

Sorry we couldn't get to the Philly Chapter banquet and dance. I know we missed a real swell time.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of James Kenney, a former 83rd who passed away at the West Roxbury Veterans Hospital a short time ago.

Many, many thanks to Father Spike Morrissette for the 50-star flag he presented the Boston Chapter.

## Letters to the Editor

February 4, 1962

Dear Mr. Lockwood,

A few years ago you were nice enough to spend the effort and a few nice letters and bulletins to acquaint me with the Division Association.

Though my intentions were good and my interest sincere I never actually got in touch with you or joined the Association.

When I received a copy of Thunderbolt, after last year's reunion I, again, was determined to become a member but, for some reason, it never happened.

Today I happened to glance through the issue again and read an anonymous letter deploring the lack of spirit of those who live in the vicinity of the reunions and, I guess, that letter finally got to me.

Enclosed is my application and check for membership and I hope to see you and some old friends and buddies at the reunion this year.

You people are doing a swell job. Keep up the good work and I hope your membership grows and grows.

Sincerely,

James R. Sanders, Btry. C, 908-FA

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Harry,

Have enclosed \$5.00 for dues for this year.

Sorry my wife and I couldn't make it to the reunion in Cleveland but we sure will not miss the one in Atlantic City in '62, if all goes well.

Thanks for the reminder about dues.

Sincerely,

Harry Herman—Btry. A.-323 FA.

Dear Harry,

Have enclosed my check for \$5.00 dues for coming year. Intend to attend the reunion in Atlantic City next August.

Wishing you and the association every possible success in the coming year

Bill Leibelsperger—Co. H-331

Dear Harry,

Enclosed find dues for the current year.

Many thanks to you and the staff for keeping the association alive.

Would appreciate receiving a roster of Div. Hqtrs.

Bob Scholer, Div. Hq.

Harry,

Here are my dues for this year and \$5.00 extra for the Hospitality Fund.

George E. Garver, Mines Platoon-329

Dear Harry,

Enclosed is my check for \$5.00 to cover my dues for the coming year. With this check come my best wishes for another successful year.

Sincerely,

Robert H. York  
Colonel, GS.

Dear Harry,

Was in the AG of Division Hqtrs from activation till V.E Day on the Elbe River, (all 5 battle stars) but to date have been to only three reunions. (A very poor record).

Seems as though there has been a very poor turnout of Div. Hqtrs. personnel.

Please send me a copy of roster of Division Hqtrs., if one is available.

Enclosed is my dues for this year.

Thank you,

James W. Phero—Div. Hq.

Dear Harry,

Enclosed find check for 1961 dues.

Haven't been able to make any reunions as August is summer training with the National Guard. I've been in the Massachusetts National Guard since 1947.

The Thunderbolt patch is quite scarce but I do run into one of the boys occasionally, especially Major St. Onge.

We've been on the alert for quite some time and who knows, I may yet get back to Atterbury.

Lots of luck to you and the association.

Ted Gorczynski,  
Hq. 2nd Bn.-329

Hello Harry,

Sorry but because of pressure of business I was unable to attend the reunion.

I'm sure everyone had a swell time as old Ray Voracek is a hard worker for our association.

Enclosed find dues for this year and hope it will be another successful year for the association.

As always,

E. M. Brewer—Hq. 324 FA.

## New and Old Members

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