

Metropolitan Detroit Chapter News

By Vito "Bill" Palazzolo
Co. G-329

Once again time is rolling by and we find reunion time getting closer and closer. We, here in Detroit, have been following the events of the Philadelphia Chapter on the progress they have been making in bringing us a real good reunion this year. With as nice a gang as the Philly group how can we miss.



Nothing much has been happening here in Detroit, chapter-wise at least. We changed our meeting day to the first

Sunday of each month so that we could get some of the fellows who work afternoons to come to the meetings.

We were happy to see two new members at the April meeting when Leo Jackson, 25408 Fourth St., Grosse Ile, Mich., Co. D-331 and Daniel Gould, of 6 Lanson Court, Dearborn, Mich. joined us. Another potential member is John Winek, 5845 Williamson Ave., Dearborn, Mich., who we hope will become one of the gang in the very near future. Any of you who may remember these fellows, drop them a line. They'll be glad to hear from you.

At the next meeting, the first Sunday in May, we will line up our summer program and you'll be hearing more about that in the next issue of Thunderbolt.

Still have plenty of hats and shirts left, if any of the Association members are interested. Shirts cost \$5.00 each and hats \$2.00. Get in touch with Bill Palazzolo at 20000 Lancaster, Harper Woods 36, Mich.

Dupont Show Recalls D-Day

"D-Day" an hour by hour account of the allied invasion of France on June 6, 1944, recalling the first 24 hours of the beach head and the harrowing days and weeks preceding the largest military landing in history, will be a DuPont Show of the Week presentation on NBC-TV on Sunday, June 3, 10-11 p.m. EST.)

The program will present thousands of feet of film never before seen in this country. The footage will include captured German film and recently discovered films of the French underground waging sabotage and guerrilla activities behind Nazi lines as allied troops stormed ashore.

Production on "D-Day" will begin this month. The program will include film

clips and voices of allied and axis leaders vitally involved, including generals, Eisenhower, Montgomery, De Gaulle, Bradley and Rommel. Also President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill.

D-Day will also present interviews with persons who were at the landing. These will include Merrill Muller of NBC News who covered the invasion as a foreign correspondent and Hellmuth Lang, personal aide to Gen. Rommel.

Frankly Speaking . . .

Men before we take our seventh inning stretch of this ball game, called the 1962 Big Contest, for more registrations, let's everyone take another crack at bat.

My Dear Buddies, never before has there been so much corresponding by your President and by members of the official family of our organizations. Literally thousands of letters have been sent out by me and the other boys who are your officers.

We have conscientiously applied ourselves to the goal of enrolling a record number of men in our organization. Now we need your help. We want everyone to take a solid smash at the ball and swing away. This is your chance to pitch in and swell our membership.

This year our board of officers has harmoniously and with good results, been staying in touch with each other. We have adopted plans and methods for the betterment of our organization.

We have been working closely with the Convention Chairman, Ed Paulino, and the rest of the Philadelphia Chapter men. They have done a bang-up job. This will be well planned this convention.

In closing, I am asking you to please again do your best to sign up more men for our membership drive.

Frank McGrogan, President
83rd Infantry Division Assn.

One-Man Membership Drive

John Piscitelli of Philadelphia, Pa., is truly a one-man membership campaigner. After his trip to Atlantic City last fall, Big John (as he is affectionately known to all his Philly Chapter friends and his 323 FA friends) signed up the following ten new members:

Maurice Candido, John H. Fowler, Anthony Piantedosi, Vincent Tessitore, Louis Frederick, William J. Irvin, James B. Boyer, Alonzo Folger, Pete Constantino, Joseph Stortia.

"Big John" is very active in the Philly Chapter and is writing letters the year around to all 83rd men everywhere, helping the Association in many different ways. We are indebted to him for his loyalty to the Association. Thanks, Big John, ole buddy.

Frank McGrogan
President

Warren Chapter News

By Lee Titus

The ladies and men of the Warren Chapter have been holding secret practice sessions doing the "Twist" in preparation for the coming 9th Annual Anniversary Party which is scheduled for May 5. Late reports indicate that one of our couples are away ahead of everyone else and have mastered the newest craze, the "Mashed Potato". It will be interesting to find out just who they are.

At this writing we have received no reservations from our neighboring chapters, but usually some of the members of the Cleveland and Detroit Chapter are in attendance and the Guarnieris travel 400 miles down the pike to meet the Mizerocks here in Warren. Those of you who have never attended one of our parties are really missing a good time, so if possible, try and be in Warren on May 5.

Our very capable president, George Bellay, has missed the last two meetings, due to his work schedule and our vice-president, Tony Sudano from 324th FA, has been acting president and has done a great job. Tony takes the trouble to drive 60 miles, one way, and makes every meeting. He usually brings Jim Ferruchio with him.

Last month we went to Cleveland for our first match of the year with the Cleveland Chapter and although we tried our best, we were defeated by only a few pins. Somehow the rules were changed and we were only allowed a five man squad. Two of our better bowlers couldn't bowl. Joe Minotti had to stay in Warren and take care of his business interest and Joe Sotak was late. Their replacements couldn't quite fill the gap. We have a return match with them very soon and this time, they will play to our rules. Incidentally, Ray Voracek practically beat us himself as he pocketed all the jackpot money. Teringo and Skovran were high for Warren.

We understand that a "Talent Night" is scheduled as part of the convention program in Atlantic City. We haven't decided yet on whom will represent Warren, but at our next meeting we will select someone (probably someone who can't attend the meeting and defend themselves).

That's all from Warren. Hope to see you all at our Anniversary Party!

Secretary's Report

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Attention Men of Anti-Tank Co. 329

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the following former members of Anti-Tank Co. 329 get in touch with Rev. Walter L. Arnold, Box 193, Science Hill, Kentucky.

Daniel G. Gust, former commanding officer, Donald P. Brown, Leo D. O'Connor, Lt. Lloyd Rubbelke and Charles O. Pauley.

Philadelphia Chapter Plans Ahead

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter, to a man, is pointing all its shots to the Atlantic City convention. Convention



Chairman Ed Paulino has instilled a spirit of explosive enthusiasm which has proved to be contagious. Everyone is talking, doing, soliciting, working, sleeping and eating the Atlantic City convention.

Our aim is to provide a program and schedule that will provide something to do and see for

everyone. This should be a family affair and everyone in our huge family of "Thunderbolts" should be able to find himself or herself an event for all hours both day and night.

We need everyone's cooperation. Early reservations will enable Chairman Ed Paulino to gauge and acquaint the hotel as to our needs. This is most important, so make your reservations now.

The Philadelphia Chapter has also scheduled for the next few weeks a most ambitious social schedule. On the 28th of April 1962, we are holding a victory dinner to celebrate the huge success of our installation of officers and help our president, Lou Volpi, to outdo his previous social successes with a magnificent steak dinner, and all the fixings for our members and their friends. Of course this is a surprise for Lou's darling wife, Lucy. Lucy will be feted by the Philadelphia Chapter folks in honor of her birthday. We all are looking forward to the extra something that Lou will surprise his wife and our members.

In conjunction with our "victory dinner" we are holding a profitable 50-50 raffle. This will build our bulging chapter treasury a bit more and will enable the Philadelphia Chapter to do more things at the convention.

Our social calendar also has a spaghetti dinner earmarked for the 26th of May. Our chief chef, Lou Volpi, will provide the victuals and we know that they can't be beat. We are trying to fill up our schedule of events and social calendar up until the reunion time. Each social event just ties each Philadelphia Chapter man a little closer and brings out the wonderful spirit of friendship that our chapter will again be in the front ranks of veterans during Memorial Day services in our community. We will again head the parade of veterans as the graves of our fallen buddies are decorated and memorial services are held.

Do you have some talent? Have you ever had the urge or penchant to sing, dance or entertain? If so, make sure you enroll in the gala talent nights schedule for the reunion. Start to practice now. Organize your barbershop quartets now. Get your twisters and polka dancers entered in the contest. You can win prizes and, who knows, a Hollywood or Broadway contract will be yours.

Make plans now to attend the Sweet Sixteen reunion. It will be great fun and time of your life.

Indiana Chapter News

By Murray Therber—330 Medics

Our thanks to Harry Lockwood and his staff and to everyone who contributed, in any way, in making the last issue of Thunderbolt such interesting reading.



Things have been rather quiet, on the local front, since last we went to press. The weatherman was a bit rough on us during the month of March with at least one snowstorm that long will be remembered. We welcome the breath of spring.

Not a very big turnout for the March meeting but, with spring here, the April meeting should be back to normal.

On March 22 John Robinette, John Walker and yours truly met with the sales manager of the Claypool Hotel for the purpose of establishing a definite pattern regarding the reunion to be held here in Naptown in '63. New ideas were presented and will be discussed at the next meeting.

A special meeting was called by our president, John Soroko, on March 30. This meeting was held at the attractive home of John and Dot Soroko on McFarland Road and those in attendance were: Kenneth Baird and his wife, Walt Edwards and his wife, Matt Brumbach, Bill Ledger and his wife, Joe Lowry, Lou Meyer, John Robinette, Ned Smith and his wife and John Walker. A business meeting was held presenting results and ideas of the previous meetings, along with suggestions and new ideas.

Came refreshment time and, I understand, there was a good supply on hand with the gang gathering around the fireplace in the basement recreation room for a weiner roast. Sorry, I was unable to attend as the Sorokos have the knack of making one feel at home. The men rounded out the evening with a few hands of poker while the ladies shuffled the euchre deck.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Harry,

Sorry to be late but here's my five bucks for Association dues. Have been kept pretty busy with my tractor-trailer and just forgot.

Hope to see a lot of Co. E-330 men at the reunion and also would like to hear from some of them.

Lowell E. Claxton
463 Ashland Ave.
Buffalo, New York

Dear Sir,

Enclosed find a \$5.00 check for Association dues for this year. Sorry I'm late.

Tom Papile, 323 FA
14 Tremont St.
Malden, Mass.

Dear Harry,

Enclosed find a check for 1962 dues. Sorry I'm late but I'll be on time at Atlantic City.

Frank E. Powell, B-331
North School Lanes
Smyrna, Delaware

Dear Harry,

Would like very much a roster of Co. E-330. Also names of some boys from North Carolina that I might get in touch with you. Perhaps we can come to the reunion together.

Will put about the reunion on radio and in newspapers here in Burlington.

Any 83rder passing through Burlington, N.C., look me up at Martin's Home Improvement Co., 1006 Mebone St., or at my home address, 508 Homewood Ave. in Burlington.

Robert G. Martin

Dear Harry,

How about finding a place in Thunderbolt for the following, it might help some of the boys decide to come to the reunion.

Although I do not have a picture available, seated around a table at the reunion in Cleveland last year, were: our former Co. M-330 commanding officer, Capt. Andy McKenna, Charlie Balmer, Robert Costello, Wilmer Ryan and yours truly, Bob Hedger. Hope we see a lot more in Atlantic City.

Bob Hedger, Co. M-330

Dear Mr. Lockwood,

My brother was a member of the 330th Regiment of the 83rd Infantry Division and was killed in action somewhere in France or Germany. We know he was buried in France.

His name was John Jay Workman and he was a master sergeant. I believe he was a cook at one time.

I would appreciate hearing from anyone who knew John and how he died.

Mrs. Marjorie Howell
1320 May St.
Ashland, Kentucky

National Publicity Report

By Vic Landis

Am pounding down the home stretch of placing a release in every daily paper in the land. Also am beating the bushes and securing some nice write-ups in weekly publications. In several dailies, I have made the front page—which is very unusual and gratifying. I keep in touch with Manny (the old goat) Martin and he will get a front page spread in the Fall River, Mass., Herald-News, prior to our reunion. Nice going, jug head.

Harry Lockwood is being deluged with inquiries and I have received quite a few myself. Each and every letter is answered and all the important information is given to the writer. The percentage of these men paying their dues is very small—but the good word is getting spread around and many of them will attend the affair in Atlantic City come this August. Publicity is like advertising—you have to keep the product before the public. We cannot let up for even one year.

Am having some articles placed in some college papers, including my old alma mater, Otterbein College at Westerville, Ohio. Also, am contacting lodges, clubs and fraternity magazines, with good results. Will make one more plea for you hitch hikers to PAY YOUR DUES. Just coming along for the ride will not do the 83rd much good. Try now to send your five bucks to Harry Lockwood and also TRY TO GET A NEW MEMBER. If only twenty per cent of the total number of men receiving the Thunderbolt would do this—we would be in clover. Let's try it.

Indiana Chapter News

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A recent fire destroyed the Village Inn where many of our chapter affairs have been held over the years. Looks like we'll be looking for a new place to wine and dine.

Good to know that our secretary is up and around again after a bout with the virus. My apologies to Lou Meyer that I was unable to get over with the Therber remedy to help get Lou on his feet. Nice to know you are well on the mend old boy. Good secretaries are hard to find.

Today's chuckle: A soldier leaving an Army post was overheard saying to his buddy: "This has got to be love at first sight. I'm on an eight hour pass."

Thanks to Lee Titus of the Warren Chapter for the invite to their anniversary party on May 5.

That's it for now. See you all in the next issue, and to those who have not yet sent in their dues, please do so before the next issue.

Adeline and Manny Martin were extremely delighted to have had as their guests in Fall River, Mass., Andy Raikos, his lovely and charming wife, Beverly, and the three heirs to the Raikos fortune, Pamela, Jimmy and Denisa.

Andy is the brother of John D. Raikos, former communications officer, 329th Regiment and, like John, hails from Indianapolis, Ind.

Although Andy is not an 83rder, he and Beverly are regulars at the reunion each year, coming with John and Mary.

The days were spent exhibiting the many historical sights and scenery to Andy and the children, while Beverly and Adeline went about their favorite pastime, shopping. The nights, of course, belonged to Andy and Martin with an assist from Chief Norm Bowers and Joe Correia and I dare say, a few items of liquid refreshments, along with many laughs were enjoyed.

Joe and Evy Correia came down from Raynham a couple of nights and a real ball was had by all.

Adeline and I hope that Andy and his family enjoyed themselves enough to come back and perhaps entice brother John to come with his family.

Miami Valley Chapter News & Dayton Fly-ings

By Vic Landis—F. 329

Not much is stirring on the Chapter front as of this writing but big things are being planned. With spring and summer coming up, we go for the great outdoors with outings, picnics, etc., on the agenda.

We would like to hear from the other chapters and get their ideas on inter-chapter affairs. I really believe this would do a lot to stimulate interest on the national front. We could also go over our respective mailing lists and each chapter contact the men close to their own selection.

Ed Fink is again working on a new drink. He calls it "The Twist" and says all you have to do is take one drink and it puts you in a twist. Then all you need to do is walk and your doing the advanced version of the dance craze. He claims it will help to win prizes and money in the various twist contests. Will see.

Leo (Little Stupid) is flying high, as usual. Del Rinehart is his usual cynical self and serving well in the capacity of our president and Bob Eldred has all the excuses for his bowling scores. Don Himes, our chaplain, has been conspicuous by his absence and Leo Monnin is being kept on the ball by his Boy Scout work. Roger LeMaster is a busy man, down on the farm.

That's all down the Miami Valley way. Roger and out.



Left to right: Beverly Raikos, Manny Martin, Andy Raikos, Joe Correia, Evy Correia and in front, Jimmy Raikos.



Jimmy Raikos does the honors as bartender. We had to shut him off after he had two cokes cause he got nasty.

To All Chapter Members

DO YOU JUST BELONG?

"Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contended
That your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock?
Or do you stay at home
And criticize and knock?
Do you ever go and visit
A member who is sick?
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the clique?
Come to the meetings often
And help with hand and heart;
Don't be just a member
But take an active part.
Think this over, member,
You know right from wrong.
Are you an Active Member
Or do You Just Belong?"

Frank McGrogan
President

Convention Chairman's Corner

By Ed Paulino—322 FA
ATLANTIC CITY REUNION
A MUST FOR EVERYONE

Included in this issue is the program for our Sweet Sixteen Reunion in Atlantic City, N. J. on August 16, 17 and



18, 1962. And, without a doubt, this should be the greatest reunion of them all. It will if hard work and effort mean anything.

Your Philadelphia Chapter buddies are pulling all stops to make this a howling success and have tried to think of everything.

Our first consideration was expense to the individual and we've kept the registration fee down to the level of other reunions. We have gotten a lower price for accommodations from the hotel, without sacrificing comfort. Considering that this is the heart of the summer resort season we still were able to get the low rates and what's more you may secure this low rate for any extended stay, at that time. You may come and register on Monday before the reunion and stay for the following week at the same rate. Low rates are also available for children.

Many other concessions have been made by the hotel including the use of their salt water indoor swimming pool and locker privileges. There is also a king-size outdoor pool (fresh water), lounge chairs, towels, deck chairs refreshments and other things at your command. For those who love ocean bathing the bathing privileges of the Hotel Ambassador are second to none. Clean, white sandy beaches, beach chairs and umbrellas, indoor showers and towels are at your disposal.

For the children the hotel has a playroom, and governesses to watch over them. There is a huge adult game room with TV, ping-pong, card tables and other games. Baby sitters can be secured at reasonable rates.

Actually, there are so many things to do in Atlantic City that three days are not enough but it will give you a good start. We are sure you will enjoy it thoroughly.

Our program for our three days in convention was planned for the sole purpose of providing pleasure and enjoyment during your stay there. For your convenience an opulent "hospitality room" will be your headquarters. Free drinks and refreshments will be

provided. Large chapter rooms have been secured for after hours fun. Make these rooms (whether you are affiliated with a chapter or not) your headquarters, you will be most welcome. Meet and greet your buddies there.

To the ladies the huge boardwalk and shops will be a revelation. For the kiddies the huge entertainment piers with their nationally famous acts and amusement will be a thrill they will never forget. For the men, fishing, boating, golfing, horseback riding, bicycle riding, thoroughbred racing at one of the finest tracks in the country. A trip through the Renault Winery for all with refreshments, etc.

Our two scheduled parties on Thursday and Friday are a must. Never before has there been such entertainment secured for your pleasure and fun. There is much talent right within our own Association and we aim to bring it out in the open. Do you sing, dance, play an instrument, member of a quartet? No matter what, there will be prizes awarded for such talent. The winners to be decided by impartial judges. Rest assured fun and frolic and lots of good comradeship and quite a few laughs will prevail as we sip our cups and enjoy the entertainment for the evenings.

We are asking all chapter, and those not connected with chapters, to enroll in our great talent search. Although there will be professional entertainment the "amateur night" will hold the spotlight.

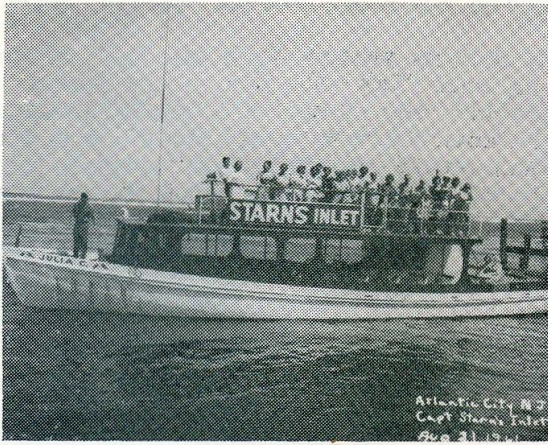
Memorial services, for our departed comrades, will be an outdoor one, weather permitting, and should be a memorable and impressive one. We'd like all the members, and their families, to join us in our parade down the boardwalk to the Veterans Park where a tree and a plaque will be consecrated to our departed heroes.

Our banquet and dance, on Saturday night, will have the finest entertainment possible for your pleasure. An excellent dinner will be served and there will be dancing and singing to the wee hours. The banquet is scheduled to start at 6:30 sharp and those of you who have complained in other years about starting late should have no reason to complain this year.

Finally an appeal to all: we need your cooperation to secure the best accommodations. Please send in your reservation card as soon as you possibly can. Our reservation committee needs your help on this so they can set aside suitable rooms and on time for you.

All reunions are great but we are sure this will be the greatest so be sure to join us and send in your reservations now.

Any questions will receive a prompt reply if you write to: Ed Paulino, 4945 Elberta Ave., Cornwell Heights, Penna.



SIGHTSEEING BOAT



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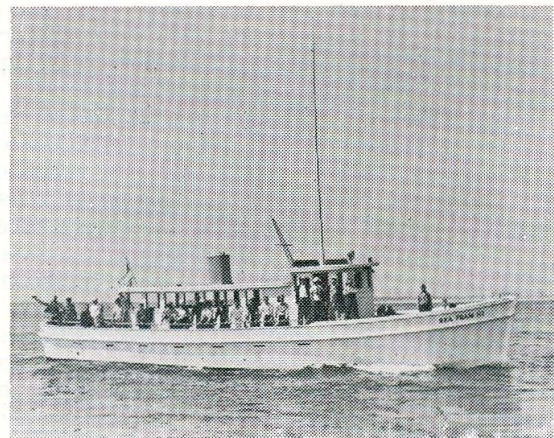
AMBASSADOR OUTDOOR POOL



BAR and LOUNGE



BOAT RIDE



FISHING BOAT

Cleveland Chit-Chat

By Al Uridel—Cannon Co.-329

The Cleveland Chapter is having its annual dinner-dance on April 28 and all those close enough to attend are cordially invited.



This is one of our gala events and one that always proves to be a real swell time for those who attend. The food is excellent, the refreshments the most and, each being generously served, no one goes away hungry or thirsty. And believe me, they don't.

Our return bowling match with the gang from Warren, Ohio, has been postponed until further notice. (They need more time to recover from the licking they took in Cleveland) Cleveland Chapter is straining at the leash after tasting victory in our first encounter. Being sole possessors of the square trophy we are determined to keep it here in Cleveland permanently.

We had our election of officers on the same day and the following men were elected to the following offices for 1962:

Casey Szubski, president for a third term; Casey Kowalec, treasurer for a third term; George Krupicka, recording secretary and Chester Czech, sergeant-at-arms. The staff reporter was not voted on but, being an unimportant duty, it requires nothing but an appointment by the president.

We did hear that Mary Meszka was rather ill a while back, and want to take this opportunity to wish her a speedy recovery and only good health in the future.

Guess you guys have read about the old members being delinquent in dues for this year about 150 strong. 15 we can forgive but not 150 so c'mon you guys, get with it, mail your \$5.00 to Harry Lockwood so that he can smile again and keep the Association alive.

Once again, I bring to mind that reunion time is just a hoot and holler away. Just think, gentlemen, 16 years of being together rates a damned big salute to all of us. This represents a tremendous effort by the men who initiated it and to those who have kept it going all these years.

Reunions are wonderful things to remember. They represent a lot of hard, honest and untiring work and effort by those who sponsor them in their cities and we can and show our appreciation by being there so let's reignite the flame and the old spirit of the "rag-tag circus" and show the gang in Philly, our

hosts this year, that we can still answer the call. Make this "Sweet Sixteen" reunion one to top them all. Let's invade Atlantic City with fun in our hearts on August 16, 17 and 18. Write to your buddies, you may pick up a sleeper, here and there, and tell them to plan their vacations to coincide with the reunion. And remember, this will be more of a family affair than any we have had yet.

A not to Mort Goldman: Keep aggravating those Cannon Company boys. We want a good turnout of our own this year so zero in on those Easterners.

Those of you, with a loose buck or two, also forward that to Harry Lockwood for the Hospitality Fund to help bring one of our wheelchair veterans to the reunion. Let's not forget them, ever.

Letter to the President

Dear Ole Mac:

Sure was surprised to hear from you and also tickled to get your nice letter. Ole Mac is one of the "Dogs" boys that never has forgotten his old buddies. I am glad to hear that you and the wife are fine and the same comes from my people back here. It did my heart good to hear from you, Mac.

First off, I want to wish you all the luck in your office as president of the association and if I am any judge of character you will be one of the best. I know you will put all you can into it Mac. Good luck again. There is no doubt in my mind that this convention in Atlantic City will be the biggest and best yet. There's a hell of a lot of the boys around there. Then again the ones that are near are the ones that never show up. Well, I know that the "Dogs" should be well represented.

Mac, I would appreciate your sending me a little more information on this deal as to hotel, location and such. The only thing I got is the dates of the convention. Please send me this poop as soon as possible as I want to get my reservation and get a confirmation of it. As far as I know now, barring any unforeseen circumstances, you can bet I will show my ugly face in Atlantic City, ole boy.

Well Mac, this is it for now and I will be looking for that info in the mail shortly. Give my regards to the wife and hope to see you all soon.

Always,
John

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

Fall River News

By Manny Pacheco—Co. L-331

Our February meeting was held at the home of Manny Martin with our social, as usual, held after the meeting adjourned and lasting long past midnight.



Our national secretary, Harry Lockwood, and his wife, Fern, were guests of the Martins that weekend and Harry sat in on our meeting and briefed us on the coming reunion in Atlantic City, N. J. and, from his description, it looks like it should be a beaut.

Though we are yet small in membership we will do our best to attend the reunion in full strength, accompanied by our ladies.

March

Albert Coelho, our chapter vice president, officiated at this meeting, President Martin being called out of town on business. This meeting and social was held at the Coelho establishment and our sincere thanks goes to Al and Gilda for their hospitality; the buffet luncheon, with all the trimmings was thoroughly enjoyed by all. To top it off, Dot, my wife, made a delicious jello strawberry cake and even those diet minded ones couldn't resist.

Police Chief Norman Bowers and his lovely wife, Lil, (who is a policewoman, by the way) were there, as they always are (and not in an official capacity, either), Johnny and Jo Pacheco, Tony and Al Telles and others.

Congratulations are in order to Al Coelho who was awarded a lifetime membership in VFW Post 468 in Fall River. His term of office as commander, the past year, was one of progress, hard work and honesty. Al feels very proud of the award and we are proud of him.

Here's wishing Louise Costa a speedy recovery from her recent operation. She and Fred were frequently in attendance at the meetings and socials and we miss their cheery dispositions. Hurry back, folks, we all miss you.

That's all folks except to remind those of you who have not yet sent in your Association dues to do so right away. If your present membership does not show an August 1962 expiration date, you owe for this year.

Good luck and good health to all. Hope to see you at the reunion.

Special News

Mr. and Mrs. Saleh M. Owen (Janice Fowler) are going to present Jim and Trudy Fowler with a grandchild, about June 20th. Jim says he doesn't mind being a grandfather—but doesn't know how he will like living with a 36-year-old grandmother. Jim was 1st sergeant of F-329 throughout the war.

The Owens are living in Tripoli, Lybya, where Saleh is Minister of Health in Lybya. Good luck to them and the coming blessed event.



One For The Road. Manny Pacheco, Manny Martin, Adeline Martin and Lil Bowers.



Fall River Chapter Meeting Quarters. Manny Martin.



Sitting: Adeline Martin, Norm Bowers, Manny Martin and Lil Bowers. Standing is Manny Pacheco.

New Jersey Chapter News

By Nicholas A. Esposito
Co. B-331st

With the coming of milder weather, we will expect more members to attend our monthly meetings which are held the third Friday, every month, at the VFW Post in Garfield, N. J., meaning Bob Walsh, whom I suspect became entangled with one of his many business propositions. Steer clear Bob and stay on the straight line as curves are dangerous. Sam Galati, our buddy from far away Brooklyn, has been missed since he brought along his brother-in-law a few months back. Sam if that is the only way out for you your in-law is a most welcomed guest, providing he pays his share. All kidding aside Sam has been very busy with his daughters and has become a Girl Scout leader.

Joe De Peri surprised us no end by bringing his vivacious wife, Vicki, to the meeting. According to Joe his new trucking business is doing well besides that his wife looks wonderful after blessing Joe with a brand new baby. During our conversation with Vicki, she inquired of Emil Wehling whether the rumors are true that Hazel is expecting. Emil put on one of his silly grins and let it go at that.

Dave Benick was on hand as usual and the first words upon entering were "What's for chow". God bless Dave for his appetite especially for Italian food. The Benicks are going to spend the Hebrew holidays at one of Pleasantdale, N. J. largest hotels. All are invited to partake an indoor swim as a guest of David. Happy holiday!

Fern and Harry Lockwood are looking forward to their six-week vacations starting early in May. Excuse me the telephone just rang. It was Lockwood looking for this article. They plan to motor to California via the southern route and spending a couple of days in El Paso, Texas. Their return trip will be via the northern route. To all members of the 83rd Infantry Division. If you are in the Lockwoods path you can bet your bottom dollar that they will pay you a visit. Receive them well. Happy vacation Lockwoods from all of us and may you pick up some new members. Drop a line when possible.

The Beau Brummel of the New Jersey Chapter arrives promptly at 9:30 from Fords, N. J. I don't know how his beautiful wife, Fran, puts up with the old skinflint. I bet the only way she gets spending money is to pick his pockets during the night. Whenever it is his turn to buy a drink, the president calls the meeting to order and who is president. You are right the first time, Stan Bielen.

While having my car down for annual inspection, I spoke to Ted Guzek, one of the inspectors and a former 83rd Infantry buddy. Ted promises to be at the reunion this coming August.

We are still hoping that Manny Epstein brings his wife to this reunion. We would enjoy meeting her and know that she will thoroughly enjoy herself.

Frank Todd always comes over from Staten Island to spend a sociable evening and there's never a dull moment when Frank is around. We've missed Gerry Sullivan the past two months and are looking for him to be with us regularly again soon.

We never hear from John Di Nicola since he got married. Perhaps he is still busy with his basement, and, of course, the boys who live out of town never put in an appearance but we are still hoping to see them either at one of our meetings or at the reunion in Atlantic City. The out of towners are George Defilips, of Holley, N. Y.; Frank Kasuba, of Vandergrift, Pa. and Charlie Lesser, of Seattle, Wash.

Co. F 329 News & Side Lights

By Vic Landis

It does not seem possible just a little over three months, before the coming reunion at Atlantic City. We are all looking forward the conclave with great gusto. Great plans are being formulated for good ole F. 329 and we look for a good showing in regards to attendance — et al.

Just received a letter from Dick Clark, of Altoona, Pa., and he is going to make every effort to be on hand. Dick has never attended one; as something always comes up to void his trip. Come on Dick, we would all like to see and greet you.

Andy Zonkoski, Ado Langenkamp, Chuck Whitcomb, Roy Clemons, Bill Hutton, Pete Kostomite, have been back sliding. Come on men, get off your duff and make your plans now to be with us in Atlantic City, N. J. The same to George Begalla, Roy Arnfield and George Whitehead.

Sylvain Fishman has been transferred to Washington, D. C., by Kay Jewelers and he now has 14 stores to supervise, in addition to the two in Huntington, West Virginia. Eunice and Dumpling stayed behind to sell their country home and then will join Sylvain. Good luck, nice people. Just received a letter from Eunice and she informs me they will be with us in Atlantic City.

Come on you laggards and send in your dues. We are falling further behind that old goat, Lee Titus and G-331. Let's go get 'em.

Executive Committee Chairman Speaks

Hello Buddies:

Here we are coming closer and closer to the end of another year in the history of our great Association. In a few short



months we will be heading to Atlantic City for what promises to be the biggest and best reunion ever held. I sincerely hope that there will be no offense taken by the former Reunion Committees, in my saying this, as I know that they have all done a very fine job to make their reunions the best.

My reason for saying this is that Atlantic City, known as the "Playground of the Word", has so much to offer, that I am sure we will have a larger turnout than ever. The Reunion Committee has also worked very hard this year to give you the very best that can be offered.

I would like to at this time say a few words about our membership. The Executive Committee as well as the officers of our Association are very disappointed at the response to the membership drives that have been conducted this year. We are below our paid-up membership of last year. I dare say that there are between 150 and 200 men who paid their dues last year, that are not paid up for this year. I am sure many of you who have failed to do so, have just let it slip by without noticing it. Our very fine president, Frank McGrogan, and his fine staff of officers are worthy of your support. Those of you who have failed them, show them how that you are behind them by sending your check today for your dues for this year.

Once again I would like to give credit where credit is due. I think that we all owe a vote of thanks to Harry Lockwood for the very fine job he is doing as Secretary-Treasurer. We can go on praising him time after time, and still not praise him too much. Harry has done a job that we can all be proud of. He has given all of his time to the Association. There is never a time that you write him or call him that he isn't ready immediately to answer you. The job he has done in editing our Association paper, "The Thunderbolt", has been a credit to him.

Well buddies, to those of you who are not paid-up members, let us try today to show President McGrogan and Secretary-Treasurer Lockwood that you are behind them, send your dues today. To all of you, let us start today to make

plans to be with us in Atlantic City. This is your Association, get behind it and lend your support.

Larry Redmond, Co. H-330
Chairman,
Executive Committee

Obituary

We were shocked and overwhelmingly surprised to hear of the untimely and sudden death of Lt. Co. William E. Waters, former C.O. of Co. G-331, on January 15, 1962.

Col. Waters had been preparing for his new assignment to the Air War College in Alabama and was to leave Panama in June of this year, when stricken with a heart attack.

Col. "Bill" was very well liked by those who served under him in G-331 and his passing will leave a big gap in their ranks.

Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Miriam Waters and the family and, although words cannot express our feelings, our hearts are filled with sorrow.

Just received word of the untimely death of Carrol E. Burris, 301 Market St., Attica, Maryland.

Carrol was formerly a member of Co. D-330. The sympathy of his former buddies of D-330 as well as those of the 83rd Infantry Division Association is extended to his family and friends.

Following is a letter received by Bill Shuman, Division Association Chaplain, in response to one he wrote to an old buddy:

Dear Bill,

For some time your interesting account of the recent reunion of the 83rd Division has been on my desk. Often I thought to acknowledge it, but it was always pushed aside for other work. Today I made up my mind to write to you and tell you how much I appreciated this letter.

I often think of the 83rd Division Artillery, and more so during these days when there are so many war scares. We did have a very interesting campaign in spite of our dangerous living, etc. I hate to think what might be expected of us if we would have to return to duty again.

Many times I have had a great desire to attend one of these "alumni" meetings, but they are usually held on the week-end, which, as you surmise, is my busy time. Here, I am the Pastor of St. Patrick Church with more than 750 families and a school with 14 classrooms for more than 540 students. I have an assistant, but yet we are both very busy.

It was nice to hear from you. Maybe, some how, some way, we will be able to meet at one of these reunions. With best wishes to anyone who might know me, I am,
Father Hoffmann

A Little of This and That

This significant Pennsylvania license plate has been used by Larry Redmond, Co. H-330 for five years.

When Larry bought his station wagon, a year or so ago, a new plate had to be issued, voiding the use of the old one.

The old plate, nevertheless, remains the property of Larry Redmond until new plates are issued, perhaps within the next year.

Larry says that with the 83rd plate and the numerous other 83rd Insignia he has had on his car, these many years, it was very plain for all to see what outfit he was in during the war.



Dear Harry,

Enclosed find my Association dues for 1963.

At the present time I am in the Veterans Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, with lucers and gail bladder trouble and as soon as that is under control I'll have some work done on my bad ankle.

Altogether I probably will be hospitalized for about six months and would appreciate hearing from some of the boys of Co. G-330.

Best regards to all. Have a good summer and, best of all, have a good reunion.

George P. Lamar
Box 104, Temple, Ga.

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Men of Co. D-330

The following pictures show some of your old buddies very much in evidence at the last reunion in Cleveland.

Why not try to be with them at the reunion this year in Atlantic City, N. J., August 16, 17 and 18.



Left to right: Paul Schick, John Walker, Frank McGrogan, Fred Barrett and Paul Vitantonio.



Standing, left to right: Paul Schick, Frank McGrogan, Paul Vitantonio and Ted Gurgol. Kneeling: John Walker and Paul E. Smith.

DID YOU KNOW

That Neville Brand, of television fame, last seen on "THE UNTOUCHABLES" is actually Neville Brand, formerly of Co. B-331st Infantry.



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THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 1962

- 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. —Registration - Mezzanine Lounge
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon—Hospitality Room - Refreshments
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. —Room No. 105
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. —Free Bathing - Indoor Pool, Outdoor Pool, or Ocean Front Beach.
12:30 p.m. —Atlantic City Races - Thoroughbred Racing. Tickets at Registration Desk
1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. —Fishing Trip - Captain Starns
12:00 Noon - 5:00 p.m. —Sightseeing, Boat Ride - Capt. Starns
1:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. —Steel Pier - Amusement Pier - For Adults and Children. (Tickets at Registration Desk)
8:00 p.m. —Cocktail Party

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 1962

- 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. —Registration - Mezzanine Lounge
9:30 a.m. —Business Meeting - Room No. 125
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon—Hospitality Room - Refreshments
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. —Room No. 105
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. —Free Bathing - Indoor Pool, Outdoor Pool, or Ocean Front Beach.
12:30 p.m. —Atlantic City Races - Thoroughbred Racing. Tickets at Registration Desk
1:00 p.m. —Steel Pier - Tickets at Registra. Desk
12:45 p.m. —Visit to Renault Winery
8:00 p.m. —Beer Party - Amateur Night

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 1962

- 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. —Registration - Mezzanine Lounge
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon—Business Meeting
12:00 Noon —Unit Luncheons
1:30 p.m. —Memorial Services - Vets Park Hall
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. —Hospitality Room
6:30 p.m. —Banquet and Dance - Renaissance Room - Main Floor.

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