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President's Corner

FRANKLY SPEAKING:

I am approaching the close of my term in office as President with mixed emotion. I wish I had the opportunity to speak to each and every one of you person to person. It would be most gratifying to me to reveal to you my keen appreciation of the honor given to me when I was elected President. I am happy to report that the state of the organization is strong. I feel that this has been a most successful year for



our organization. We have enrolled many, many new members. Thanks to every one's effort we have added to our rolls men who hereto were among the missing. Financially our condition is good and strong.

I have enjoyed wonderful cooperation from my "Cabinet" of officers. They have cheerfully responded to all my requests and have performed in an admirable manner. Never before has there been as much correspondence between the officers and the rank and file of members. I want to extend my sincere thanks to our Secretary-Treasurer Harry Lockwood for his capable assistance in presenting very fine editions of "The Thunderbolt" and his efforts in enrolling new members. I am indeed gratified by the excellent job our Vice President, Ed Paulino has performed in fashioning the plans for a wonderful reunion. He has been a bulwark of strength to me

and merits much praise for his untiring efforts. "Mr. 83rd" himself Larry Redmond as usual gave unstintingly of his time and efforts to rally the Executive Board members to my side. Larry Redmond's efforts for the good and welfare of our organization was tops.

The wonderful job our publicity director, Vic Landis performed is almost superhuman. Vic really outdid his best previous efforts and there wasn't a newspaper both large and small throughout our nation that wasn't contacted and briefed on the doings of the "83rd". While I am speaking of publicity I would like to thank Dave Rosenberg, my local publicity man, who also has done a splendid job this past year for both myself and the association. I have received numerous letters from the entire Executive Board and their suggestions were most helpful. All in all I have enjoyed wonderful relations with my Cabinet and I am thankful for all their efforts.

We are approaching our 16th Annual Reunion. This convention will certainly be the greatest. All efforts have been made to present the finest program of events for everyone's enjoyment. I strongly urge each and every one of you to make plans to attend this event. It will give me the opportunity to personally greet everyone and thank you for all your past efforts in strengthening our organization and making my term in office successful.

Nothing would please me more than to see the same effort you have extended to me given to my successor. We are all members of a wonderful organization bound together by ties that are unbreakable. Do your best to preserve our organization. Put your shoulder to the wheel and let's roll. Let's make the following even better and greater. Again many, many thanks and best wishes for a greater and better "83rd".

News About New and Old Members

Francis M. McCabe, 26 West 31st St., Bayonne, N. J. formerly of Co. I-329, has been with the East Jersey Railroad and Terminal Co. since 1955 and is currently its General Agent and Secretary.

Francis holds a bachelor of science degree in Business Management.

He was discharged from the service with the rank of Captain and is a member of St. Henry's Holy Name Society, St. Peter's College Alumni and the Traffic Club of Hudson County.

He recently was a candidate for the Charter Commission of Bayonne, N. J. and, although defeated, gave a very good account of himself. (Editor's note: Good luck next time, Francis, hope to see you at the reunion.)

Chaplian's Corner

Dear Buddies of our
83rd Division Association

PATRIOTISM AND PEACE

It seems that we are living in an age when mankind seems to be believing their doubts and doubting their beliefs.



We can add that we live in an era that appears one of apprehension, confusion and perplexity — an age of man trying to find a way, grimly being reminded that over 20 great kingdoms fell over the last few hundreds of years because man came to a point when he no longer cared. And then too

one can readily say in all truthfulness that our Heavenly Father must be grieved that after 2000 years mankind has not learned to live in peace but in fear and instead of trying to save mankind he is laboring almost day and night to devise means of destroying him.

But no I firmly believe that is not quite as grim as that, although much of the above is true and presents a challenge for the future. But to better understand what we are seriously talking about we must first try to recall patriotism and what it means and the ultimate peace that we are striving and should be praying for. But the wonderful part of it all, is that we still have time to play a part in patriotism and ultimately bringing peace to our nations and we trust to all nations — resulting in the peace of mind we should so earnestly strive.

May I jot down some challenges put forth by our forefathers—let us recall why we celebrate July 4th and then to realize that our forefathers were willing to give so much so that we might live in freedom as we do — yes they were willing to give their money, their possessions and yes their lives when they signed the Declaration of Independence. Where would you stand if you were them in 1776? Think of it fellows — are we courageous even today. And the challenges they gave us in word and print. Let's go back to some of our forefathers and recall their ideas and feelings.

It was they who said, Liberty is not in any form of government. It is in the heart of free man; he carries it with him everywhere -

God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it.

They can conquer who believe they can.

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Your Secretary's Report

By Harry W. Lockwood
Regt. Hqtrs.-329

Buddies,

We have come to the end of another Association year and, very soon, many of us will be convening in Atlantic City, N. J. for our Sixteenth Annual Reunion.



It has been a good year, one in which we gained many new members, welcome additions to the Association with the hope that they enjoy being a part of our wonderful organization. We're truly glad to have them.

However, a large part of the new membership was offset by more than 100 of the old members not responding for this year. The total paid-up membership was 610 which is a drop of 48 from last year's total.

I can't believe that this was due to the increase of \$1.00 in dues, which was voted in at the last reunion; I'm more inclined to believe that it is a combination of financial difficulties, laxity and, in isolated cases, lack of interest. Whatever the reason let's start the NEW YEAR off right by sending in your dues, if you are unable to attend the reunion but **DO IT NOW** before you forget it again.

At this point I would like to express my extreme gratitude to Larry Redmond for filling in for me while my wife, Fern, and I traipsed around the country for six weeks. It was something that we had planned for a long time and we had a most wonderful time but it would not have been possible if Larry had not agreed to take over my duties during my absence.

Although we did not get around to seeing all we'd like to have visited we did drop by and say hello to Roger Lemaster and his family, Leo and Shirley Schneider and the family, Jim and Trudy Fowler in Oklahoma City (Jim was 1st Sgt. in Co. F-329) talked with Ed. Hering on the phone in Anaheim, Calif. (Ed was in 1st Bn. Hq.-331) spent a very pleasant few hours with Ralph Neppel in Iowa City, Iowa and stopped by to see Bob Booher in Calumet City, Ill.

Ralph Neppel has been transferred from Waterloo, Iowa, by the Veterans Administration, for whom he works and doubts that he will be able to make the reunion this year. He is in the process of selling his house, if he hasn't already done so and will be moving around the time of the reunion.

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Hello Buddies,

Here we are on the home stretch and, in a short time, we will be reunion bound. I would like to, at this time, express my sincere



thanks to all of you who, so graciously, lent your support to the Association this year and although we did not surpass last year's membership, we still held our own. In checking our records I was surprised to learn how many of our regular dues paying members have fallen behind and, were it

not for the great number of new members this year, we would have fallen far short of our goal.

A few weeks ago our fine Secretary-treasurer and his lovely wife took a well earned vacation. During their absence I tried to take care of the correspondence for him. I received all sorts of letters and inquiries, one of which was, why we raised the membership dues from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per year. This had been a topic of controversy for a few years and finally last year, after a bit of discussion at the meeting, we put it to a vote and it was passed, almost unanimously, by the members present.

It seems that many of you fail to realize that the cost of living has gone up and, along with it, the cost of operating an organization such as ours or any organization for that matter. Like any business we must get a little more to cover the cost of operation.

A few years back we voted an allowance, to the Secretary-treasurer, of \$1.00 per member. For the amount of work involved and the many hours it takes to do that work (and believe me, I know) that allowance is inadequate and certainly does not compensate him for his efforts and, in fact, if it were twice that amount the allowance would still be inadequate.

On top of that our publication "Thunderbolt" is one of the best of any of its kind, (also the duty of the secretary-treasurer) and the cost of printing it has increased tremendously these past few years along with material costs and labor. Postage alone comes up about 75 cents per member.

We do not have advertising subscriptions and our only means of existing is through the dues sent in by you members and, when you consider the net return, shown by the audit, was about \$250.00, you can realize that it is very small and, one bad year, can wipe out everything we have accomplished.

Think about it and analyze it, men, and you will readily see why the increase was necessary. I'm sure that any man who has the Association at heart will have no gripes about the increase in dues. I sincerely hope that this will explain the answer to this question.

I would like, at this time, to thank each and every one of you who so graciously gave me your support over the past few years. This year, at the reunion, I will be bowing out as a member of the Executive Board and once again. I will join the ranks of regular dues paying members. I sincerely hope that you will continue to give the same support to the officers and members of the Executive Board that you have given me and I will always stand ready to help the Association in any way possible.

Hope to see you all in Atlantic City, if you can't make it to the reunion, please send in your dues, we need you as a member to help make this the biggest and best Association in the country.

Before I sign off I would like to say one more thing. Quite often I have been referred to as "Mr. 83rd", a title that really makes me feel proud and flattered. I'm sure that there are a few other men in the Association who deserve this title, and perhaps more than I, but, with your permission, I'll sign my final report, as member of the Executive Board in that way but with a question mark to indicate that I agree with those of you who may disagree.

Sincerely,
LARRY REDMOND,
Co. H-330, "Mr. 83rd"?
Chairman, Executive Board
83rd Infantry Div. Assn.

An Appeal

To all members;

As you know, the proceeds from the Ad book, distributed at the reunion each year are used to help defray the many expenses that accumulate to put on a reunion.

Without this Ad Book, I'm sure, many of our past reunions would have had a much higher registration fee. Your patronage, in the past years has been greatly appreciated.

We need this same patronage, this year, to keep the registration fee down to a minimum. So please, send in your ads to the journal, and, if you can't afford an ad, send in your \$1.00 booster as soon as possible as time is running out.

The deadline date for your ad is July 28.

Thank you very much.

Edward A. Paulino
4945 Elberat Ave.
Cornwell Heights, Pa.
Convention Chairman

Convention Chairman's Corner:

By Ed Paulino

We are on the eve of our 16th Annual Reunion and I am most pleased to say that all plans are A-O.K. The terrific amount of leg and spade work done in previous months has paid dividends. This will be a well planned convention. Above all it will be a most enjoyable one. It will be a reunion that should attract the family. We are fortunate that we are celebrating our "Sweet Sixteen Reunion" in Atlantic City, which in itself



offers more attractions and natural resources than any city we have held reunions in. This will be the chance for all to schedule their vacation and reunion together. The "Nation's Playground", as Atlantic City is rightfully known, is the perfect place for children and wives. So fellows make your plans now to attend with your family. The Hotel Ambassador has been very helpful and has made wonderful concessions to us in accommodations and rates. These same rates are available to all men who desire to extend their stay at the hotel. Our program of events is aimed at pleasing everyone.

Your hosts, the Philadelphia Chapter, wish to extend to you their sincere wishes to join them every day at the "Hospitality Room". Feel free to call on our committee members for all aid and advice. We want everyone to have the time of their lives so join us at Atlantic City on August 16, 17 and 18. If you have not made your reservations yet we urge you to do it now. It is most important inasmuch as our reunion is being held at the height of the resort season. We of the "83rd" have first call on the best accommodation so make your reservations now. Please, if you have any questions write me now. See you in Atlantic City. Do come, you will have the time of your life.

In parting I want to thank all the boys and girls of the Philadelphia Chapter who are serving as a committee to welcome and attend to the wants of all in Atlantic City.

Edward Paulino
4945 Elberta Avenue
Cornwells Heights, Pa.
Convention Chairman

Down The National Publicity Trail

By Vic Landis

At the time these lines are being written, every daily newspaper in this land, has published a release and some several hundred have placed the article in their paper at least twice. I have secured seven front page spreads in different sections of the nation. Am now in the process of sending releases to the largest papers in each state—that I know have carried it before. This is the most extensive coverage I have ever had.

While our wonderful secretary Harry Lockwood, took a much deserved vacation, a six-week tour of the nation, Larry Redmond took over and I gave his name as the contact man in my articles, during that time. Larry was kept busy answering inquiries and keeping up with the duties of the secretary A special tip of the Landis lid to the guy.

Lee Titus again has secured free posters from the Philip Morris Co. and has distributed them among the various chapters. Lee always helps out on the publicity angle and takes care of various veterans magazines, etcetera. Another tip of the Landis beanie to hard working Lee.

Gen. Bob York (he got his star) is taking care of placing an article in service publications, all over the world. Bob says he will make every effort to be with us at Atlantic City and we all hope he makes it. We have really missed Bob the past two years. Good luck stout fella.

In closing, may I make a final appeal to every one that reads these lines. Sit down, take pen in hand, write a notice to all papers in your area, send one to the public service section of your radio and television stations, giving Harry Lockwood's address as the man to contact. We cannot have an article published too many times. Every one that is printed will help our chances of a former member noting the article. Carry on Buddies.

Fleming Named President Of Advertising Firm

Harry C. Fleming Jr., 1408 Kensington NW, has been named president of Price-Adams Associates, Inc., Westport, Conn., advertising and promotion specialists.

Directors of Price-Adams announced the appointment June 1 at Westport.

Fleming has resigned from Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp., where he served as regional sales representative for the last 11 years.

Fleming was transferred to Warren in August, 1952, from Jones and Laughlin's Pittsburgh office.

F. 329 News and Side Lights

By Vic Landis

Will start this off, with congratulations to Lee Titus and his gang of G. 331 hustlers. I will concede the paid-up membership title to them and wish them the best of luck, in holding their men for next year. Too many of our F. 329 boys let us down from last year. At the last accounting, some 17 paid-up members from last year did not pay their dues this year and I have been on their tails all the time. We have led in paid-up membership, for the past two years, so it is fitting and proper, that some one else takes over.

Over 100 men, paid-up members of the 83rd last year, did not repeat this past year. Somewhere we are missing the boat—but I, for one cannot put my finger on the reason. Most of the unpaid members can afford the five dollars—but it seems they are looking for something for nothing. We cannot give too much away, or we would have nothing left to keep in operation.

To the unpaid members of F. 329, I have this message—if you don't care whether the 83rd Division Association stays in operation, don't pay your dues. If you aren't proud to have worn the triangle on your sleeve, don't pay your dues—if you would like to deprive old buddies the privilege of spending three wonderful days together—be sure and **DON'T PAY YOUR DUES.** To the loyal paid-up members of good old F. 329—a tip of the Landis hat and we are still amongst the leaders—and always will be.

Will arrive at the Hotel Ambassador, on Wed., August 15, to get the F. 329 C.P. and Rumpus room set up and ready to roll. All are invited to come to the suite and have a drink—but bring your own liquor.



Plattling Germany - Bombed railroad yard. Vic Landis and bombed Jerry tank.

Chaplian's Corner

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Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it. We almost have this fine statement of Lincoln backward in our 20th century philosophy of "might makes right".

True bravery is shown by performing without witness what one might be capable of doing before all the world.

No man is free who is not master of himself.

Every good citizen makes his country's honor his own and cherishes it not only as his precious own but as sacred. He is willing to risk his life in defense, and is conscious that he gains protection while he gives it.

Buddies, how patriotic are we? Do you possess peace of mind, soul and for country? I hope that the above few comments are worthy ones in your opinions, that you will digest them and look upon them as a guide when we become fearful, astray and grossly confused.

Look to the Heavenly Father for guidance and courage to go on where our father's of long ago have left off and have handed to us the torch of freedom, patriotism and oh yes a real peace.

Faithfully,

WM. O. "Bill" SHUMAN
Your Chaplain



Vendome France F. 329. Left to right front Chuck Whitcomb and John Crabtree. Rear Peter Kostomite, John Varley and Vic Landis.



Plattling, Germany, bombed out air raid shelter. F. 329 - left to right - Red Buckles Medic and Andy Zonkoski.

Cleveland Chapter Chatterings

By Al Uridel, Cannon Co.-329

Most of us who attended our Annual Dinner Dance had a swell time even though it was hot as Hades. The menu



lacked Dumplings and Kraut causing a few to be a bit disappointed, but they made up for it in other ways.

Casey Szubski and Casey Kowalec initiated a new wrinkle at the dance, they were the official welcoming committee. Not one single lass escaped those two; all had to surrender a smooch

and soon they resembled living aids for a lipstick company. To say they enjoyed it is putting it mildly, they were as happy as pigs in swill.

George Krupicka went to the hospital and had new "muffler" installed and is feeling lots better.

We had a meeting and picnic in June and had a good turnout. Seems as though that may be the answer for more attendance at the meetings. Absenteeism has played a prominent part in our chapter for quite some time and, being small, we can't afford to have many absent.

We had our annual Memorial Day service at the Blazek Post and I'm ashamed to admit that our representation was indeed miserable. During the parade, though, we could hear people along the curb say, "There goes the old 83rd and it made us feel extremely proud to be a part of the procession. Those are my sentiments and I know I can speak for the rest of the men who participated.

We were about the largest group ever assembled in the City of Cleveland to pay homage to our fallen comrades. There were Veterans groups, ladies auxiliaries, cub and girl scouts and even little Brownies in the parade. Wives and children of the men in the parade marched on the sidewalks along the entire route and it was really a sight to behold.

The Cleveland Chapter has sponsored George Nichols, as an Association member for the next three years. George is a buddy of Bob Uher, Co. B-329, who suggested this and we were very much in favor of it. George is one of our unfortunate members and is unable to work and we want to make sure that he is kept up with Association activities and this is our way of letting him know he is remembered.

Real soon now we'll be slapping each other's backs in Atlantic City calling each other names and inquiring about our families and things in general. What

a feeling that is. I can hardly wait.

To those of you who did not pay your dues for '62 don't let it happen again in '63, and your contribution to the Hospitality fund will be welcome also and, as you know, all contributions to the Hospitality Fund will help toward inviting one of our wheelchair buddies to come to the reunion who otherwise couldn't swing it. Dig down in your pockets, any amount is welcome.

One thing more, you can all get your name in the reunion program by sending a dollar booster ad to the 83rd Division Convention Committee.

See you in Atlantic City

Co. G 331st Reports

By Lee Titus

As convention time draws near, reports from members of G company indicate another strong turnout at Atlantic City, N. J.

John Teringo and Joe Phillipone are taking their families, Bob Piette writes that he is raring to go. Spud Murphy will be there with his gang from the New England area, Carriere, Moose Mansour and Fred Montround. Ralph. Guarnieri and Benny Vecchionne will welcome the Mizerocks. Clyde Flanary will breeze in from Indianapolis. Schwartz claims that this year for sure his wife Carol will attend. We also expect to see many other G company men who have yet to finalize plans to attend so Gaynor, Pangle, Vollmer, Anderson, Bunk, Bogacz, Costanzo, Macaluso, Rutstein, Rung, Mathey and the rest of you men from Co. G, let's hear from you.

We were pleasantly surprised to have one of our old boys drop in for a visit recently. Carl Wheeler, wife Karlene and children visited Warren from Ashland, Ky. and went on to Cleveland to see the Mizerocks. Carl looks very good and says that he will be at the Indianapolis convention for sure. He has used up his vacation for 1962 so will miss Atlantic City.

We still lead the Division in paid-up members with 41 and as always we must tip our hat to Ed Murphy who has done an outstanding job in contacting the men in G Company in an effort to get dues. A lot of hours at the typewriter Spud, but very much appreciated by all of us.

We were certainly sorry to hear of Walt Edwards' accident with his power mower and hope at this writing that he is back in shape and can be with us in Atlantic City. We also wish Vic Landis good health after his recent trip to the hospital.

Change of address:

Mike and Kay Mizerock have moved into their new home at 13491 Cherokee Trail, Cleveland 30, Ohio.

That's it from Co. G. See you in Atlantic City!

Reservation Rate Card

The Ambassador

Please Make My Reservations As Checked Below:

Atlantic City

83rd Infantry Division Association

AUGUST 16, 17, 18, 1962

Please reserve rooms(s) at the rate of \$..... per day, and acknowledge to:

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Address

EUROPEAN PLAN - DAILY RATES - ROOMS WITH TWIN BEDS AND BATHS

\$8.50 single occupancy.

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Additional charge for 3rd person in room is \$4.00 daily, rollaway bed provided.

Arrive Depart

ALL RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED

All Roads Lead to Atlantic City For 83rd Infantry Convention

A variety of convenient means of transportation to the resort will service delegates to the 83rd Infantry Division Association convention meeting in Atlantic City, N. J., August 16, 17 and 18, at The Ambassador.

Delegates will find excellent schedules by air, rail, bus and limousine converging on Atlantic City, and a network of first class highways and express toll roads for those motoring to the meeting.

Best air service from most points to Atlantic City is via the Philadelphia International Airport. Serviced 24 hours daily by 9 leading air lines — United, Eastern, National, Northwest, Delta, American, TWA, Allegheny, and Pan American Airways — the frequency of arrivals throughout the day offers a variety of scheduling for the traveler coming from any distance.

Quick, convenient limousine service delivers conventioners direct to Atlantic City hotels in about 80 minutes. The service operates four times daily but is increased, as demand requires, to meet the needs of incoming convention delegates. The same service exists on the returns trip. The fare is five dollars.

Those planning to use this convenient service are advised to make reservations through their ticket agents or travel agencies, with Salem Transportation Co., Philadelphia International Airport.

Additional air service direct to Atlantic City is offered by Eastern Air Lines from Newark and Washington, and by Allegheny Air Lines from Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Washington and Newark. Allegheny also offers good connecting service from Pittsburgh. Eastern's schedule connects the resort with 25 principal cities as far north as Bos-

ton, south as Atlanta and west as St. Louis. By connection at Washington, the system links the convention city to 57 other cities east of the Mississippi and 9 in Louisiana and Texas.

Allegheny Air Lines services Atlantic City from 17 cities in Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland and Delaware.

Train service to the convention site is by connection with the Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Lines at 30th Street or North Broad Street stations of the Pennsylvania Railroad in Philadelphia. Four trains operate daily in each direction, three on weekends.

Excellent bus schedules prevail for those coming from short distances. About 40 daily buses, many of which are non-stops expresses, reach the seashore in 2½ hours from the Port of New York Authority Bus Terminal in New York. Service is provided by Public Service and Lincoln Bus Companies.

From the Union Bus Terminal, Philadelphia, several buses hourly depart for Atlantic City.

Motoring to Atlantic City, delegates coming from the west will find the turnpike systems from Chicago east to Philadelphia, then Philadelphia's Schuylkill Expressway to the Walt Whitman Bridge, will lead them to the convention site without hardly stopping for a traffic light. From upper New York state, similar highway convenience is afforded by the New York Thruway, connecting to New Jersey's Garden State Parkway. Off the Garden State Parkway, take either exit 40 or 36 for Atlantic City.

From New York City, take the Jersey Turnpike, connecting to the Garden State Parkway for the best route to Atlantic City.

Motorists from the South find U.S. 40, out of Washington, a scenic and pleasant route to the resort.



HOTEL AMBASSADOR, Atlantic City, New Jersey



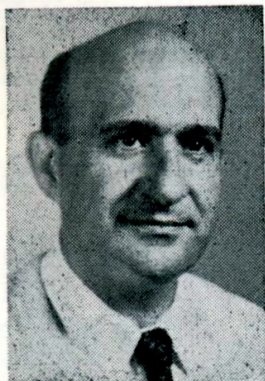
83rd MEMORIAL DAY PARADE PICTURE

Front row from left to right: Frank McGrogan, Lou Volpi, Sam Aiello, Larry Redmond.
Back row from left to right: John (Big Gun) Piscitelli, Ed Paulino, Al Belvedere, Frank Orsini, Charles Handline, Bill Pugh.

Philadelphia Scrapple

By Dave Rosenberg, Co B and F-331

The social season of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter is on. It is one party after another. With President Lou Volpi, acting as host, a gala steak dinner was held. It's theme was honoring Lucy Volpi on her 21st birthday (ala Jack Benny). As usual the food tables groaned under an avalanche of the best chow imaginable. The liquid refreshments were good and plenty.



On Memorial Day a fine representation of Philadelphia Chapter Thunderbolts marched in a Memorial Day tribute to our fallen buddies. Attired in their colorful uniforms our boys led the parade of veterans as they visited the cemeteries and decorated the graves of the boys who had passed on.

On Saturday, June 2, a tremendously successful Spaghetti Dinner Social was held by the chapter and with Chef Lou Volpi handling the food arrangements the party was a guaranteed success. A terrific "HOT COMBO" provided the music and everyone sang and danced the hours away. Mr. 83rd himself, our own Larry Redmond, gave Lou Volpi a big assist in the kitchen and did a most commendable job and with the women folk acting as the best dressed and most charming waitresses even our guests were served royally. Quite an affair.

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter, this season, has been most active. We have incorporated our social whirls with opportunities to fatten our "Kitty". We have great plans for our Sixteenth Annual Reunion and the Chapter members, and their friends which includes everyone who visits the chapter C.P. are in for a swellegant time in Atlantic City.

The Chapter has pointed all their efforts and plans for the reunion. We are acting as one committee to devote all our endeavors to making the reunion in Atlantic City a huge success. Everyone in the chapter will serve in one capacity or another to make the wheels run smoother. This is done on a volunteer basis and no one is shirking his responsibility.

On behalf of the entire Greater Philadelphia Chapter we wish our many friends of the Association to join us in Atlantic City. The Philadelphia Hospitality Room will be open throughout the day and night to cater to you. We urge you to make it your own C.P.

Above all please make your reservations with the hotel now. Do not put it off any longer.

Hope to see you all in Atlantic City.

Miami Valley Chapter News & Dayton Flyings

By Vic Landis, F. 329

Things are rather quiet in the Miami Valley and Dayton area, as our beloved Cincinnati Reds are not doing so well. Ed Fink and Bob Eldred, both think they could manage the team and do much better. I don't agree with them—I could do one hell of a better job and make the club more money. Leo Boyd says he could do it better—by a close shave. Little Stupid should stick to his barber shop.

The Miami Valley Chapter will hold their annual picnic this month and a great time is in the offing. Bob Eldred will sit under a tree and listen to the ball games, with Vic Landis's transistor, in one hand and a bottle of beer in the other. Del Rinehart and Vic Landis will TRY and play a little ball with the young ones, while Ed Fink and Leo Boyd will try to out-talk one another, between gulps of the suds. The others will all be eating and making merry.

The women of the Chapter are planning a great feed, as we well know it will be. We all hope to see our chaplain Don Himes and Leo Monnin at the affair, as we have not seen them for quite a spell. Bob Hedger, one of the old reliables, never misses and a tip of the hat to the guy.

We will all rally round our new flag and Chapter Pennant—for ever may they wave. We should plan on having an inter Chapter meeting, sometime after the reunion. Cleveland, Warren, Indianapolis and Dayton Miami Valley chapters are all within a radius of 200 miles and we could have a week-end, two-day shindig that would be a dilly. It's food for thought, eh gang.

Obituary

The last issue of Thunderbolt went to press before this obituary could be inserted.

The Association and its members extend their deepest sympathy to Walt Sammler and his family on the death of his brother Edward.

Ed was not an 83rder but those of us who knew him found him to be a most pleasant and likeable person and we're sure his loss will be felt by the many people who called him Ed, relatives, friends and acquaintances alike.

Fall River Chapter News

By Manny Pacheco, Co. L-331

We had a very good turnout at our May meeting and, as usual, the ladies were present. We enjoyed a wonderful cookout given by the host and hostess, Manny and Adeline Martin, although a sudden thunder shower drove us indoors where we continued to eat to our heart's content and wash it down with liquid refreshments. Many, many thanks to the Martins.



On June 23, the Fall River Chapter held a mystery bus ride which was a tremendous success but again, not without mentioning Manny Martin who had most of the burden. Because of his get up and go and the amount of work he had done the end of the day found him to be a very tired boy indeed. Without him this affair would never have been the success it was.

Those who sold tickets were responsible for the swell attendance. The men who served at the bar are to be congratulated for a job well done. To those who were in charge of the Mystery Ride procession and those who so generously made donations to the affair, thank you one and all. And to all our wonderful ladies who stood over hot ovens, baking pastry, preparing buffet luncheon and decorating the tables what else can we say but "THANKS A MILLION" YOU'RE WONDERFUL.

Despite the fact that we did very well does not mean that we've got it made, we've just begun. Cooperation among members and hard work is the only means of success to the Association, our Chapter and the coming reunion in 1964.

I'm happy to announce that we welcomed two more original members of the 83rd Division. Harry Batty of New Bedford, Mass. and Henry Cyr of Fall River. Hope your stay with us will be a long one.

We were very sorry that Harry Batty and his charming wife, Babe, could not attend our Mystery Ride because of illness that overtook Babe. We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her real soon.

On July 22 a soup to nuts CLAMBOIL will be held at Ed Labus' summer cottage in Fogland, Rhode Island. It promises to be a most enjoyable day for the members and their ladies. The outcome of this affair, along with snapshots, will appear in the next issue of Thunderbolt.

Good health and a good summer to all fellow Thunderbolts.

New Jersey Chapter News

By Harry Lockwood

Regt. Hq.-329

Pinch-hitting once again for Nick Esposito, here's hoping I don't strike out.

Nick hasn't been to the past two meetings due to the illness of his wife, Rose, who spent six weeks in the hospital, in traction, for an arthritic condition. Rose is back home, convalescing, but still not her old self and not able to get around as well as she'd like.

We wish her a speedy recovery and hope to have Nick with us again at our future meetings.

Many, many thanks to Bob Walsh's brother-in-law, Fred Homschek, for having the gang from the New Jersey Chapter and their families, at his place in Clifton, N. J. on Sunday, July 1. Those who were there enjoyed a dutch treat picnic and barbecue along with the use of an 85,000 gallon swimming pool. Truly a wonderful time was had by all and it was quite a chore getting the KIDS out of the pool.

Yours truly hasn't been to the past two meetings either, due to a six-week vacation in May and part of June and night work on the night of the June meeting.

The picnic was the first time I had seen most of the gang since April so, at this time I haven't much to report except to say that I did promise to get the gang together some cool evening and show some 350 color slides I took of the various points of interest during our trip around the country. More about that later.

The New Jersey Chapter expects to have a very good representation at the reunion in Atlantic City. Most of the boys have sent in their reservations for themselves and families and, with time getting short everyone is making preparations for at least three extremely pleasant days in the playground of the east.

To all THUNDERBOLTS, everywhere, have a nice summer and hope to see many of you at the reunion.

Warren Chapter News

By Lee Titus

The members of the Warren Chapter wish to take this opportunity to thank Dick and Millie Kelly, Joe and Dimps Minotti, Joe Phillipone and Eddie and Ozzie Sunderman for their work in making our 9th Anniversary party a great success. An evening of dancing and liquid refreshments followed later by a delicious meal sent us all home in a very happy, festive mood.

The Jack Daughertys drove in from Detroit and Monty and Dee Anderson came in from Akron. A special tip of

the hat to both of these couples for being the only out-of-town 83rd people to be there.

Telegrams of congratulations were received from and read from National President Frank McGrogan and Executive Board Chairman Larry Redmond. Thanks for thinking of us, fellows.

A scheduled function was a picnic on July 4th at Paramount Lake in Niles, Ohio. John Teringo was chairman of this committee and Joe Phillipone volunteered to assist.

Following the picnic, on July 15, Prexy George Bellay will take his boys out to a local golf course for our annual golf field day. Each year we have to pick a different course because we practically obliterate the greens. John Teringo has been getting lessons from a local pro and we expect him to take top honors.

Since this issue of the Thunderbolt will probably be the last before the convention all of us from the Warren Chapter wish to compliment Harry Lockwood for his fine work as secretary of our great organization and editor of this fine publication.

See you in Atlantic City.

Your Secretary's Report

(Cont. from Page 3)

Bob Booher is a victim of Multiple Sclerosis but you'd never know it to speak to him. His outlook on life and sense of humor is such that we could all be proud to possess. Bob was with Co. K-330 and lives at 1501 Stanley Boulevard, Calumet City, Illinois.

And to Joe Tabor, an old buddy from Regt. Hq. 329, whom I hadn't seen since 1945 it was really a joy to sit and talk over old times and the old gang, for a few hours. To those of you who knew Joe, he hasn't changed very much; got a little gray but the same ever smiling Joe. He sends regards to all and expects to be in Indianapolis next year and wants to see a lot of his old buddies there. Joe lives in Bowling Green, Ky.

And also to Bill Hoolan, of El Paso, Texas, formerly 1st Sgt. Btry A-324 FA. It really was a pleasure and thank you so very much for those few hours. I enjoyed it immensely. Hope to see you at the reunion.

Again, thank you all for your wonderful hospitality.

To those of you who can come to the reunion, please do so, I'm sure you'll thoroughly enjoy it and to those who cannot make it this year try planning for next year at the Hotel Claypool, in Indianapolis, Indiana on August 15, 16 and 17.

To all THUNDERBOLTS everywhere, good luck, good health and have a nice summer.

See you in Atlantic City.

Greater Boston Chapter News

By Chuck Abdinoor, Co. A-330

Nick and Mary Francullo, and the family are in Kentucky, enjoying themselves at Mary's folks farm so yours



truly will fill in for this issue. This is the first time, in seven years, that Mary has been back home and I'm sure that all the Franculos will really have a ball.

A small delegation from the chapter journeyed to Hamilton, Mass. to pay our respect to our memorial in Patton Park and there was

quite a celebration last Memorial Day.

We've had a few cookouts at my place and also at Pat's place and a lot of fun was enjoyed by grownups and small fry alike. Father Spike visited us and was his usual jovial self. Quite a man, HE.

Sorry to hear that Lucien Elie entered the hospital for an operation. Don't know how they expect to keep him there, he moves around so much. Do hope he is back on his feet very soon.

Lucien's town of Amesbury, Mass. was hit by a small tornado that uprooted many trees but otherwise no serious damage.

Lucien's daughter, Anne Marie, graduated from Exeter Hospital School of Practical Nursing on June 7 last, and is engaged to be married soon.

Sorry to hear that Howie Edwards will be transferred to New York, by his company, as we will lose a good man in the chapter. Good luck to you, Howie, in your new location.

Sylvio Allard is contemplating a change in jobs and we're hoping he finally hits upon something he likes.

Planning an outing soon for the Boston Chapter group and it shapes up to be a good one even though it may be held at the Billerica House of Correction.

That's it for now except to send our sincerest wishes to the Philadelphia Chapter for a most successful reunion in Atlantic City.

Attention Men of Co. L-330

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of former Sgts. Gushee and Schinn get in touch with Albert Tyralla, 26 Carter Lane, Elkins Park, Penna.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Harry,

Enclosed find my dues for 1963.

Don't expect to be at the reunion in Atlantic City. Off from work since May with a heart condition. 15 days in the hospital and then to Mayo Clinic in Minnesota.

Am improving and hope to be back on the job in August.

Try to be with you all in Indianapolis.
Russell E. Davy, Btry C-908
Zoar, Ohio

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Dear Sir,

Sorry I knew nothing of membership dues in the association. Please accept my check for application to same.

Please keep me informed of any news. Would especially like to hear from any of the old bunch who went overseas with Co. I-330.

If I can be of any help, let me know.

B. F. Patrick
P.O. Box 31
Atmore, Alabama

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Dear Harry and Fern,

Having a one man reunion here in Luxembourg and probably will miss the reunion in Atlantic City this year. Hope to get around and see as much as possible while here.

Best wishes to you and Fern and sincerest regards to all my buddies of the 83rd.

Florentino Casile, Co. G-329
1860 Barnes Ave.
Bronx 60, New York

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Dear Sir,

Writing in regard to an article in our local paper concerning former members of Thunderbolt Division, and Rainbow Division.

My late husband, Stanley E. Armstrong was a member of this (83rd) Division. His rank was corporal.

He passed away due to a heart attack and was buried July 18, 1961 at Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, California.

I realize the notice and cause of my husband's death is of little importance to you but it, at least, helps locate another missing member.

Vera F. Armstrong
36650 Cherry St.
Newark, California

(Editor's note: Quite the contrary, Mrs. Armstrong, all former members of the 83rd Division are of importance to their buddies of the 83rd Division Assn. and, I'm sure, those who remember your late husband, Stanley, join me in expressing our heartfelt sympathy to you on your loss.)

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Dear Harry,

Would have been a member a long time ago but just recently found out about the Association.

Enclosed find my dues for current year.

Like to hear from some of the men from Btry B-323 FA and Cannon Co. 330.

Ralph E. Moore
Reidsville, North Carolina
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Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Formerly served as 2nd Lieutenant in Co. I-330. Please put me on your mailing list.

Francis B. Barnett, Jr.
119 New London Turnpike
Glastonbury, Conn.

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Dear Mr. Lockwood,

As a former member of Co. E-329 I was glad to hear of the 16th Annual Conclave August 16-18 in Atlantic City.

Was with the unit in France, Belgium and Germany. Am interested in contacting some old freinds. How do I get information on their addresses?

Willard J. Van Singel
8604 Freeland Ave., S.W.
Byron Center, Michigan

(Ed. note—Names and addresses of those on roster sent.)

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Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Writing in regards to the 16th Annual Reunion of the 83rd Division Association.

Would like all information, as soon as possible as I plan to attend.

Charles Marsh
222 Birch Ave.
Moundsville, West Virginia
(formerly Buchanan, W.Va.)

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Dear Harry,

Enclosed find a check for \$5.00 and an application for membership.

Wish it were possible for me to attend the reunion in Atlantic City in August but, at that time, I have another convention in Jacksonville, Florida.

Have a good reunion, best regards to all and perhaps I can be with you all at a future reunion.

Richard K. Ellis,
Co. C-308 Med.
Rt. 1, Box 193
Cary, North Carolina

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Dear Sir,

Served with the 83rd for tow years. Would like to attend the reunion to renew old acquaintances. Please send me more information.

Delbert D. Kerns
Excavating Contractor
1303 Alleghany Ave.
Covington, Virginia

Dear Sir,

Read your article re the 16th Annual Reunion of the 83rd Div. Assn. Formerly a member of Anti-tank Co.-331. Looking forward to meeting you.

Fred Walker
Bldg 2; East 43rd St.
Paterson, New Jersey

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Dear Harry,

Best wishes on your convention. Say hello to all my old buddies.

Bill Sabom, Co. K-330
10880 Memorial Drive
Houston, Texas

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Dear Mr. Lockwood,

Was with the 83rd Signal Co. Send me information on the reunion. There are a few others in this area to whom I'll refer this information.

James F. Erisman
522 Harding Ave.
Mifflin Park
Shillington, Penna.

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Dear Harry,

Quite pleased to hear of the reunion. Please send information.

Came to the 83rd from the 2nd Division. Joined them at Atterbury. Went on Tennessee maneuvers and, of course, to Breckenridge. Served with Co. K-330 until sent home via hospitals from Europe. One other K-330 man from North Carolina was Donald C. Geer, Rutherfordon, N. C.

Will try to attend the reunion and possibly run into some old buddies.

Please keep me advised of events and, if there are any dues, let me know.

John W. Heffner
9 East Church St.
Maiden, North Carolina

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Dear Sir,

Was assigned to the 83rd at Camp Atterbury and remained till after the ETO. Served with Co. C and later transferred to Cannon Co.-329.

William C. Price
P.O. Box 162
Kirkland, Washington

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Morning Bicycle Ride
Steeple Chase Pier

Indiana Chapter News

By Murray Therber, Med.-330

Summertime! Great, isn't it? It arrived ahead of schedule here in Hoosierland and the short shorts and power



mowers were very much in the sunlight. Not too many complaints tho as summer starts the vacation trek to parts here and yon.

Our thanks to the officers who held down the fort during the past year. They deserve a salute of the 83rd cap and to the newly elected, you better plan to work real

hard to top 'em! We seem to be missing one "John" lately, and that means you, Walker!!

The things I hear!

John Walker is Chaplain and Service Officer in his VFW Post. John Robinette is the proud owner of a new car. John Raikos and Mary are expecting a visit from the stork. The films to be shown at the "Sweet Sixteen" reunion by John Robbie are a MUST!!

As a tip, they include a sojourn to Camp Atterbury. Need we say more?

Hitting the turnpike East, on vacation includes the Sorokos', John, Dot and their twins, Doug and Sue.

Scrry to hear of the misfortune of Walt Edwards. Walt met with an accident while mowing his lawn. We wish you a very speedy recovery. Ned and Geni Smith were host to the annual Chapter Picnic Group on Sunday, July 1. The weatherman turned the rain loose so, all moved inside to the recreation room the Smiths had thoughtfully prepared. There was the usual abundance of good food and refreshments and a good time was had by all.

Overheard at the last meeting:

"I come from a town so small, they close the Barber and Camera Shop on Wednesday." "So what," asked the other fellow, "who wants to go to town with a hairy camera"!!

Hope all of you reading the above lines can attend the reunion in Atlantic City and by all means plan to be with us in Indianapolis in '63.

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