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The President's Report

Dear Buddies,

Have you checked your 83rd membership card lately to see if you are a paid up member? If not, we would appreciate hearing from you.



We need only a few more paid-up members to make it an all-time high, of which we are all very proud and, as you know, with your dues being paid is a sure way of receiving your copy of Thunderbolt each time it comes off the press and, if you're like me, I'm always anxious to

get my copy and read the news about my old buddies, what's going on in the various chapters and news about the Association in general. Also, don't forget, if your address has been changed, please notify our secretary-treasurer so you're sure to get your copy on time.

Have you all paused long enough to realize our reunion is only three months away? I hadn't until I started writing this column. How time does go by. It seems like only a few months ago that we were all together in Atlantic City at our last reunion. And here we are making plans for the next one coming up on August 15, 16 and 17 here in Indianapolis, Indiana. If you haven't made your plans yet you'd better start thinking about it right away and get those reservations in. Big crowd is expected and

we hope you'll be one of them.

I would like to convey my thanks, at this time, to all the officers, past officers and their wives who attended the installation of our new Dixie Chapter in High Point, North Carolina on April 13. And I'm sorry that many more of you were not there. We all had a most wonderful week-end with our buddies and their wives and I especially want to thank Bob Martin, president of the Dixie Chapter, and the other officers and anyone who helped in the organization of this large group of former 83rders. It means so much to our national association when a group will get together and show enough enthusiasm to form a chapter. It means that many men are renewing old acquaintances with buddies with whom they may have served, side by side, and whom they may be seeing again for the first time since the end of hostilities. It also means that new friendships are made by men who have so much in common, who talk each other's language and who, together with their wives, look forward to the many social activities that are sure to come about. To the Dixie Chapter, congratulations, best of luck and all good wishes from the officers and men of the Division Association.

I might also say my wife and I had a wonderful week-end as did all the others who were there. Thank you so much for your true Southern Hospitality.

Most of the men and women I spoke with, during that week-end, are looking forward to being present at the 17th annual reunion, in Indianapolis, on August 15, 16 and 17 and all expressed a desire to see a lot of their old buddies there so, let's not let them down, come out and meet them and show we're glad to have them with us.

Get your reservations in now, if you have not already done so, and also take a few minutes out to write to one of your old buddies, letting him know you will be there and you'll probably find that he will be there too.

Guess I had better sign off now and let my reunion chairman have some space. See you in the next issue.

John W. Robinette, Pres.
Co. C-308th, Eng.

Attention All 83rd Men

Anyone who knew Pfc. George O. Culbertson, who was wounded on March 2, 1945 and died on March 5, just three days later, please get in touch with Mr. Hudson Culbertson, 1817 McKeon Road, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Chaplain's Corner

By Wm. O. "Bill" Shuman—Divarty

Dear Buddies,

During the month of May, we take time out to pay homage to the two great M days. Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Surely it behooves us to take time out from our busy life to ponder our position and to take note of the great heritages that are ours because of mothers and those whom we remember on Memorial Day.

Perhaps I may be putting a bit more emphasis on Mothers at this writing, but I know you'll agree with me that they have God's greatest gift to us all. Mothers. I know I shall never forget my late mother, her prayers, her guidance, her encouragements.

So I am taking the liberty of again paying homage to mothers on this occasion, in addition to our brave men who fought so nobly and well, but it is a different aspect and I feel that you will like the poem of Joaquin Miller that I am about to quote. It is entitled:

The Greatest Battle That Ever Was Fought

By Joaquin Miller

The greatest battle that ever was fought
Shall I tell you where and when?
On the maps of the world you will find it not
It was fought by the mothers of men
Not with the cannon or battle shot
With sword or noble pen
Not with the eloquent word or thought
From the wonderful minds of men
But deep in a walled up woman's heart
A woman that would not yield
But bravely and patiently bore her part
Lo! There is that battlefield
No marshalling troops, no bivouac song
No banner to gleam and wave
But oh these battles, they last so long
From babyhood to the grave
But faithful still as a bridge of stars
She fights in her walled up town
Fights on and on in the endless wars
Then silent, unseen, goes down
Ho! Ye with banners and battle shot
With soldiers to shout and praise
I tell you the kingliest victories fought
Are fought in these silent ways.
God bless you all.



Your Secretary's Report

Harry W. Lockwood
Regt. Hq.-329

Time is getting short and this Association year is gradually coming to a close. Just about three months from now



we will be convening at the Hotel Claypool in Indianapolis, Indiana for our 17th annual reunion. A real swell program has been arranged and it looks like a bang up time is in store for all so try to be with us, I'm sure you'll thoroughly enjoy it.

This has been a good year with an increase in membership, over last year, but still far below the anticipated and hoped for 750 which we could have realized had the 100 or so of last year's members, still unpaid, responded.

We are still optimistic though and believe that, one of these years, that 750 paid-up membership will become a reality.

Over the Easter weekend yours truly, along with Larry and Mary Redmond, drove to High Point, North Carolina, to be present at the inauguration and charter presentation to the newly formed Dixie Chapter in that city.

On the way we stopped off in Raleigh, N. C. to pick up former President Frank McGrogan, who was there on business. President John Robinette, and his wife, Gay, drove down from Indianapolis and Lou Volpi and his friend, Dr. King, chartered a two seater plane and flew down for the occasion.

All Saturday afternoon liquid refreshments were served by Bob Martin and "Dick" Riddle who, with their wives, Lucille and Lessie were there to greet us on our arrival, along with our old friend, O. L. Cook, from Newberry, South Carolina. J. C. Boyles and a few others arrived early and we really got started long before the dinner to commemorate the occasion that evening.

There were 46 men and women present at the dinner and the affair had all the earmarks of a small reunion. After a delicious roast beef dinner we got into the business of the evening and the presentation of the charter to a group of enthusiastic former 83rders.

Not only was the enthusiasm there but the Southern Hospitality, we've heard so much about was very much in evidence and, if the enthusiasm and desire shown, at that time, is any indication of things

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Convention Chairman's Corner

By Ned B. Smith
Med. Det. 331st Inf.

Hello Buddies,

"Back Home Again in Indiana"

We hope that is the theme song all of you are singing while making plans to join your buddies here in Indianapolis on August 15, 16 and 17.



In case some of you have missed previous announcements, here is the information: Dates - Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 15, 16 and 17. Place - Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Registration starts Thursday morning. Our program has

been planned for reminiscing, entertainment and fun! fun! fun! On Thursday afternoon we will travel by bus to Camp Atterbury. That will be a MUST, seeing the place where you spent several months of your life in service. This trip will also be for wives and children. Thursday night is the cocktail party for everybody. Friday afternoon a visit to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway has been arranged for all and following this we will visit Allison's General Motors "Motorama". We are working on a theater party for the ladies for Friday night, and what will the men be doing in the meantime? Guess we'll just have to be content with a STAG party. Of course, business will be conducted during the mornings, and John Robinette has arranged a TV show for the ladies, probably for Friday morning. Per usual, Saturday afternoon we will have our Memorial Service with a parade, and then on Saturday night the Banquet and Dance. A hospitality room has been provided with free refreshments. Make this your headquarters to meet your buddies and talk over old times.

John Robinette came over to my house the night of March 27 to work on the budget for the reunion and to go over the plans again. We tried to keep the expenses to the individual to a minimum without sacrificing the program and we kept the registration fee down to the level of, or lower than, other reunions. The hotel is giving us deluxe rooms for a lower rate, even though this is the heart of the convention season. Also, these rates will prevail should you decide to stay after the convention is over. The hotel is completely air-conditioned,

including the lobby. Most of you have probably received your letter and reservation card from the hotel. May we urge you to make your reservations as early as possible.

The Indianapolis Chapter is pulling out all stops to make this a howling success and have tried to think of everything to make this reunion a memorable one.

Finally, an appeal to all: We need your cooperation to secure new members for our Association. Call or write your old buddies and ask them to the reunion in Indianapolis.

The reunion program goes to press July 1, so let's get those ads in. You will find an application blank for these ads on the back page of this issue of Thunderbolt. Also, how about sending in a dollar and having your name listed on the Booster roster.

If you have any questions regarding the reunion, write at the following address:

Ned B. Smith
RR 9, Box 286B
Indianapolis, Indiana

Your National Publicity Director Reports

Victor E. Landis

Am very happy to report, our publicity has exceeded all former years, at the date of this writing. All 1,800 daily papers in the land, have published a release and this was done by the end of January. I have been receiving confirmations of the newcasts of radio stations all over the United States and this is just a start. Just received a confirmation from Bill Ryan, news director of K.S.E.I. Pocatello, Idaho and he informs me, my full story was placed on the United Press International wires serving radio and television stations and newspapers all over Idaho and Utah. This is a first, during my five years of publicity work.

Harry Lockwood informs me, he is being deluged with inquiries from all over the country, many of whom never heard of our Association and did not know we staged a reunion every year. Many of the stations are announcing it daily and will continue to do so, until the date of the reunion. Quite a few of the men have heard it during the day and night—and are surprised to know we had an annual reunion.

I am asking all you members of the old 83rd to listen for the broadcast in your area and watch your television sets for the newcasts to come. Will keep the name of the FAMED THUNDERBOLT DIVISION before the public's ears and eyes. That's all until the reunion edition.

F. 329th News & Sidelights

By Vic Landis

Things are shaping up in good style for the coming conclave in Indianapolis and it looks like a banner year for F-329th after the fade out at Atlantic City. Have quite a few promises from members that have never attended before and many from fellows, who have not been to our reunion for years. That is indicative of a very good representation for our gang.

We now have 30 paid-up members— at the last accounting and by the end of June, I expect some 15 or 20 more to sign on the dotted line. Am mailing out a PERSONAL LETTER to all the F-329 men on my active roster this month, who have not paid their dues. Some 100 letters in all will be banged out. Some 30 other men have been paid-up members, during the past and have been getting on their tails.

Just received a letter from George Trobonyak and he, his wife, Anne, and their two children are planning on making the trip. George Begalla will make it for the first time in years. Andy Zonkoski is hanging on the limb, Ado and Marie Langankamp are going to try and make it and Jim Fowler and his wife, Trudy, will be their at an early date. They come all the way from Okla. City, Okla. and Jim has only missed the Atlantic City affair in recent years. That miss was due to sickness. Bill Ferguson and Ed Zerucha will come down from Detroit and all of the old guard will be in attendance.

Good ole Hank Golembiewski and his wife, Ellen, will be there. Hank has never missed the annual affair and is not about to miss the big one at our old stamping grounds. Am trying to get Red Degnan to make his first trip. Roy Arnfield attended the first one and will try to make this his second. Alton Nogle of Columbus, Ohio, just found out about the reunion this year and will try and be there. After missing last year's, Bill Nickell, Arlene and their children will make it at an early date. Many others are going to try to be in old Mudburry.

As usual, one Vic Landis will be there on the day before the shindig opens, to get the Landis suite in order, for the F-329 C.P. and rumpus room. As I have said before—we will command the post and raise one hell of a rumpus.

Special to Lee Titus (the old goat): Last year at Atlantic City, did not kill us—it just wounded us a little. We will bounce back, with room to spare. For F-329, it will be forward HARCH. to Camp Atterbury and Water Tower Hill.



Vic Landis and two of his buddies.



Vic Landis—A thorn between two roses; Plattling, Germany.



PUTTING ON THE FEED BAG
L to R, Peter Kostomite, Vic Landis,
Bob Cersi and Andy Zonkoski in Schauf-
ling, Germany.

Fall River, Mass. News

By Manny Pacheco
Co. L & M - 331

The Fall River Chapter held its first Ham Chourico and Bean supper with a dance that followed. It proved to be a very successful evening indeed with about 350 people in attendance.



Donations were presented to the chapter by members and local merchants to be raffled off at the affair; this also proved very successful.

Many thanks to the following for their kind and generous offerings: Eddie's Market, food basket; Henry Cyr, bottle of whiskey; Park Drug, My Sin perfume; Doris Barthelemy, floral centerpiece; Fernandes Market, fruit basket; A & P Market, fruit and food basket.

We were very sorry to receive a letter from Father Cossette informing the chapter of his resignation as chaplain of the chapter; due to his many commitments he is unable to continue as chaplain. Pierre Barthelemy was elected as our new chaplain.

"Hospital Report" — Chief of Police Norman Bowers was treated for an upper respiratory infection but is well now and back to work.

Mrs. Gilda Coelho was under observation for an ulcer ailment; is feeling fine now but must remain on a strict diet.

Mrs. Henry Cyr gave birth to a healthy 5 lb., 15 oz baby; mother feeling fine and father passing out cigars.

Mrs. Josephine Pacheco underwent surgery for bursitis; still painful but recovering satisfactorily.

Manny Martin was seriously ill with pneumonia but is now back on his feet. He lost about 15 pounds but is gaining it back slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Costa's daughter, Marie Elaine, had a tonsilectomy operation and lots of ice cream.

Adeline Martin's mother, Mrs. Moniz, who has given so much of her time and effort by cooking and baking for all our affairs was unanimously voted by the members at our March meeting, as mother of the year of the Fall River Chapter. Mrs. Moniz will be presented with a gift on Mother's Day by the chapter and the Ladies Auxiliary.

On June 15, 1963 we will have a Buffet and Dance to be held at the Miguel Corte Real Club in Fall River and as always, I'm sure, those who attend will have a most wonderful and pleasant evening.

The Fall River Chapter members received their reservation cards from the Claypool Hotel and everyone is buzzing with the excitement of the coming reunion due to the fact that we're GOING BACK HOME. If all goes well, and we pray that it does, Indiana here we come.

Till next issue good luck and good health to all fellow Thunderbolts and their families.

Indiana Chapter News

By Murray Therber
330 Medics

The month of April is almost over and the time really has gone by fast. It seems like a short time ago since we year.



Next issue of Thunderbolt will be the final issue to remind all of the big reunion affair to be held here in old Naptown come August 15, 16 and 17. Plans have materialized to make this a must and response to previous announcements has been most gratifying.

We are sorry if anyone was inadvertently left out in our mailing of the bumper stickers and message of our convention chairman, Ned B. Smith. There are a few still available for those who wish to request them.

Milton McMahan of Greenville, North Carolina, writes he has been contacting former members of the 308th Medical Battalion to be sure to contact him at the reunion.

John Fowler sends a letter from Hughes, Arkansas, stating he head about the Association in the VFW magazine and plans to be with us in August. John was in Co. A-331.

Thanks to you, Del Rinehart, from over Dayton, Ohio way, for your letter.

For those of the television watching group, doesn't the program, "Combat", make you reread your copy of Thunderbolt across Europe? Some of those scenes look most familiar.

Indianapolis then welcomes you for the 17th annual reunion so set aside the dates, August 15, 16 and 17 and old Hoosier Hospitality will be very much in evidence.

Meet your buddies from the 40's in the 60's in Indianapolis, some of whom you may not have seen since that time.

Be sure and read the President's item of importance:—That's our John of Indianapolis.

Warren Chapter News

By Mike Skovran
Hq. 1st Bn.-331

With the Easter Holidays gone and summer practically here, it won't be long until it will be convention time again. As usual the Warren Chapter is beginning to make early, long range plans for going "Back Home in Indiana" in full force. Let's all back up John Robinette and Ned Smith along with the rest of their fine group out there and make this a real bang up convention.

The Warren Chapter was recently honored with a surprise visit from Bob Piette (G-331) of Athol, Mass. So as a result a real nice and surprise impromptu get-together was held by all chapter members at Joe Minotti's "Club 83" to bid him welcome. "Bob, come back again real soon."

Extensive plans are being formulated for the annual Warren Anniversary Dance. Although no definite date has been set at this time, we shall promise anybody that attends nothing but the fact that they will have a plain old fashioned good time. (Because of your nearness to Warren, Cleveland and Detroit, please take special note of this.)

The Warren Chapter is sorry to say at this time that to date the Cleveland Chapter has not accepted our bowling match challenge (in Warren). We have been looking forward to this rematch, however, just because we have planned this rematch to be at Joe Minotti's bowling alleys is no reason to think that the match would be fixed (much). Congratulations to the Palazzolos of Detroit on the fine addition to their family (and a girls, too!). However, Detroit, how about letting us know on your forthcoming shin-digs, we might be able to attend.

Nothing else new around Warren these days except maybe the following chit-chat: Johnny Teringo and yours truly will soon be starting to whip their respective "little league" teams into shape for the coming summer competition; Dick Kelly is still beating all the local pool sharks at the "Wonder Bar"; Charlie Tomazin keeps insisting business is bad at his supermarket as he rides around in his new Mercury; Joe Nuzzi's chest is still away out there even though those new twins of his are over eight months old; the Joe Philipones are sporting a new "Stereo" that is way out of this world.

That's about it from Warren for now until the next time.

PLEASE PAY DUES

All Aboard Phila. Chapter Charters Bus

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter has made plans again this year to travel in style to the Convention City of Indianapolis. Ever mindful of our past enjoyable excursions to the Thunderbolt reunion cities, the Quaker City Chapter will again assemble and travel en masse and in great spirits to the 17th reunion. A cordial invitation is extended to all "Thunderbolts" to contact our secretary, Larry Redmond, and learn how reservations may be made.

No one who has accompanied us by bus to the Convention City before will want to miss this trip. The great spirit of friendship and god cheer begins with the first step into the bus. We have entertainment galore. We have food galore. We have drinks galore. For a gala time plans to be aboard the Philadelphia Chapter Bus when it moves out to travel to Indianapolis.

For those living in the Delaware Valley area, we suggest you make your plans now to contact the Philadelphia Chapter for reservations on the "Indianapolis Special" our own air-conditioned bus.

Dave Rosenberg
331st Inf.

Miami Valley News And Dayton Fly-ings

By Vic Landis, F-329

Not much to report on the Miami Valley front, as we have had a lull in our meetings, due to business working hours and illness in the families. None of the sick turned out to be serious. Leo LITTLE STUPID'S wife, Boots, was hospitalized for a short time and is now doing real fine. Their daughter, Peggy, is now 14 years old and a very pretty young girl. Oh yes, their dog is doing all right, too.

Ed "Stinky" Fink, at the latest reports is selling cemetery lots for some outfit. First he sold flowers for a big outfit and had them shipped into Dayton. Don't know if the two tie in together or not. Will get around to asking the guy some time. Leo Monnin is busy with the farm and Scout work. Del Rinehart is selling raffle tickets every month for his VFW Post. Bob Hedger is still working every other Sunday, his wife Piney & children are doing fine and they all visited the Rineharts, Del and Pearl, a few weeks ago. They reside in Middletown.

Glad to report yours truly has been back to the old salt mine for some three weeks, after a six-week vocal rest. Have been on leave for six of the last nine months and hope this is the end. That's it for the time being. More anon.

New Chapter Inaugurated

On April 13th the newly formed Dixie Chapter was awarded a charter, culminating almost a year of hard work by a group of men mainly from North Carolina.

The affair was held at Margaret's Restaurant in High Point, North Carolina and an auspicious affair it was attended by 46 enthusiastic men and women including National President John Robinette and his lovely wife, Gaynelle, former President Larry Redmond and his charming wife, Mary, former President Frank McGrogan, National Secretary-Treasurer Harry W. Lockwood and Lou Volpi and his friend, Dr. King.

We are indeed grateful to these officers who traveled 600 to 700 miles to be present at the affair and we are sure that, with men like them to lead our national association, we can readily understand why the 83rd Division Association has functioned so well these many years.

Needless to say, those who know Lou Volpi will understand us when we say he was the life of the party with his quick wit and manner of putting himself across.

I'm sure you will read other accounts of this affair in this issue of Thunderbolt so I'll cut this short by saying we are proud to become part of a wonderful organization and shall do our best to make them proud of us.

The following pictures are some of the highlights of the affair.

Julius C. Boyles
Secretary,
Dixie Chapter



When it comes to collecting money, leave it to Volpi.



PRESENTING THE CHARTER
L to R, Association Sec.-treas. Harry W. Lockwood; president of Dixie Chapter, Bob Martin, and Association President John W. Robinette.



Seated left to right, Lou Volpi, Mrs. Worth Wells. Standing, Hubert Edwards, Charles Barefoot, Frank McGrogan, Mrs. Carson Deck, Lessie Riddle, Dick Riddle, Carson Deck, Association President John Robinette and Lucille Martin.



A goodly crowd was there.



Aren't they pretty? L to R, Lessie Riddle, Lucille Martin, Mrs. Carson Deck and Mary Redmond.



Four Musketeers: Lockwood, Riddle, Martin and Cook.



Door prize won by Worth Wells.



The end of a Perfect weekend; Lockwood, McGrogan, Mary and Larry Redmond, heading home.

Hello Buddies,

On April 13th, my wife and I had the pleasure of attending the presentation of the charter to the new "DIXIE CHAPTER" of our Great Association in High Point, North Carolina.

We would both like to express our sincere thanks to the members of this great Chapter there for the courtesies extended to us. We have all heard of Southern Hospitality. I can sincerely say that this is not just a fictional expression. From the time of our arrival there until the time of our departure, we were never left having that feeling of being strangers.

I would like to at this time express my congratulations to Bob Martin and his fine group there for a good job well done. They have a very fine group of men there and I am sure that they will grow to be one of the largest and most active chapters in the Association. The proof of this is, when you can get a man to drive 200 miles to attend a meeting and have that same 200 miles to drive back home again, then I know that they have a sincere chapter.

BEST WISHES TO THE "DIXIE CHAPTER" and its members.

Larry Redmond

To the Newly Formed Dixie Chapter

Mr. Lawrence J. Redmond
New South Motel
High Point, North Carolina
Dear Larry,

Sorry to be unable to attend the chapter meeting of the Dixie Chapter.

My heartfelt congratulations go to all members of this new chapter.

Our Division was second to none in accomplishing victory in World War II and we are rightly proud of its record. A glorious record resulting from the ability and valor displayed in combat by you who now join in a new chapter to maintain friendships welded in combat.

The formation of this chapter not only maintains the bonds of our comrades who live but also honors those whose lives were given to obtain success for the Division and our country.

Such organizations greatly strengthen our nation.

May God bless the Dixie Chapter.

Robert C. Macon
Maj. Gen., U.S.A., Retired
Former Commander,
83rd Infantry Division

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to come, look for an active energetic Dixie Chapter to be with us for a long time to come.

To the men and women of the Dixie Chapter we extend the congratulations and well wishes of 83rders everywhere along with success and the best of luck.

This is the last Thunderbolt before the convention issue in July-August and this is the last appeal we will make to you members who have not yet paid this year's dues to do so right away. We would like to break our all-time record and can do it with your help so, please, if you can afford it, send it to me, Harry W. Lockwood, 43 Oakland Ave., Jersey City 6, New Jersey.

See you next time around, in the meantime, best regards to all.

Philly Chapter Nine Years "Young"

By Frank McGrogan
Co. D-330

This is the story of one chapter, how it started, its goals and aims. It is also the story of good fellowship enjoyed in the past nine years. Yes, Philly Chapter has celebrated its ninth anniversary!



The beginning was never planned. It just happened. A group of Philadelphians were running into each other at the Association reunions. Someone asked the question: "Why do we have to wait for a reunion to get together?" A

second party replied, "Let's start a chapter!" A third put his two cents in with, "Who needs it? we have nothing in common. I want to forget about the war, the Army and all that stuff."

In spite of this negative viewpoint, the chapter was formed. It had its humble beginning at the home of one of the members and in a very brief span of time it was discovered we did have something in common. We had something that couldn't be bought, traded or ever forgotten. We had served in the 83rd Infantry Division. This one factor created a bond of good fellowship that has grown throughout the past decade and will continue to grow for years to come. We did not find it necessary to look for members of our own squad, platoon or company. We formed new friendships with men from other units. We spoke the same language. We shared the same memories. We were never strangers to one another. We were men who had been forged in the same mold—the 83rd.

In the beginning, monthly meetings were held. We were to be hosts to the Association for the 1955 reunion. Our first discovery was the importance of the ladies to our group. They also had important duties to perform for the reunion. Eventually, this led to social get-togethers, with visits to one another's homes and companionable evenings spent in full enjoyment by everyone.

After our first reunion, meetings and socials continued. An annual picnic on the grounds of Ed Paulino's bivouac became a must. The children insisted on it. An occasional open house brought us some once-a-year guests. Some of these people are the most active members of the chapter at this time. A night on the town or the taking in of some sporting event rounds out the social calendar. Business meetings are conducted in an informal fashion. It is not uncommon to find seated around the room, at a meeting, a goodly number of ex-officers of the Division Association. The agenda may range from taking Dave Rosenburg to task for the low state of local athletics, (Dave gets blamed for the failure of the Eagles to fly high, the perennial second division finish of the Phillies and the sale of the Warriors to San Francisco) to rehashing the last reunion or talking about the next one.

We have had some sad moments in these past years. Some of our members have dropped out, for reasons known only to themselves, and we regret it. Their places have been taken by new members moving into our area, or by people who just happen to discover we are alive. Some chairs will ever remain empty.

One would think Philadelphia, a large city, is an ideal location for a chapter. Oddly enough, most of our active members reside in the suburban and outlying areas. Some travel thirty to forty miles to attend our functions. Our last banquet drew the Zenz's from Bethlehem and the Bifano's from Carbondale, Pa.

One thing is certain, Philly Chapter will go on and on. We'll be on hand to welcome the Division back to a reunion—anytime it wants to return to our fair city. Make it soon, if you will, but soon or late—please come back. In the meantime, we'll just go our merry way, enjoying our warm friendship for each other and continuing to hope—our good friend Dave gets the Eagles out of the cellar.

Our regular business meetings are held at 8:30 p.m. at the McCall Legion Post, 41st and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia, Penna., on the third Thursday of every month. For additional information, you can call Dave Rosenburg in Philadelphia, Granite 2-6702; Larry Redmond in Haverthorn, Hilltop 6-2324; and Ed Paulino in Eddington, Mercury 9-3467.

Cleveland Chit-Chat

By Al Uridel
Cannon Co.-329

Hello Buddies,

The Cleveland Chapter seems to have found the right formula for almost perfect attendance. We now hold a meeting on the third Sunday of each month at the home of a member. The meetings are held on the east and west sides, alternately, thereby giving each member a chance to play host. After the meeting a friendly game of cards is played and enjoyed by all participating. Seems that we are brought closer to-



gether with more members attending and problems which arise are more easily remedied.

Our summer Sundays will be a combination picnic and meeting which proved very successful last year (food for thought, you other chapters).

Our annual meeting produced some new officers: president, Al Uridel; vice president, Robert Uher; corresponding secretary, George Krupicka; sergeant-at-arms, Chester Czech; trustees, Al Uridel, 1 year; Robert Uher, 2 years and Casey Szubski, 3 years.

Walt and Mary Meczka have moved into their new home and we wish them every happiness and the best of luck. Walter, once again, has charge of the dinner dance and is doing a great job as always. A great guy to have in your corner when their is a job to be done.

George Krupicka and Rosie not married yet. George is willing and getting rather impatient. (Say the word, Rosie, time waits for no one and George is not getting any younger.)

Ted Gurgol had a surprise for us at the last meeting at his house but had to do away with it. (Wonder what it was?)

What happened to the bowling match, Warren? We are still standing by waiting for a call.

Don't forget your dues, pay now and slip a buck into the Booster ad also. And remember to display your reunion stickers on your car.

Radio coverage of the reunion is good here, hope it brings results.

Attention All Members

Following is a letter which, I think, will be of interest to all.

It was sent to Ed. Glinka of Cleveland, Ohio, formerly a member of Co. B-330 and forwarded to me.

I think it is a very good example of what membership in the association can mean and what a few minutes time it might take to write can achieve.

Two buddies reunited after about 19 years.

Your Editor

306 Division Ave.
Carlstadt, N. J.

Hi. Ed,

Before I start asking questions I better tell you who I am and how I got your address.

My name is Jim Bowie. I was with the 330th Co. B. About two months ago, I saw an ad in the paper about the 83rd Division having a reunion in Indiana and those of the 83rd who were interested in information about it should write to Harry Lockwood in Jersey City, which I did. Last night I received an answer from him with a nice letter and names of some of the fellows who were with Co. B, that I might know. When I went down the list and came to your name I almost flipped, now I hope you are the same guy, if so you will remember when you were hit and laid in your fox hole for almost two days before they picked you up, I took care of you. We had taken a position in the Hurtgen Forest outside the town of Gaye, Germany where we had been lead so blindly by our new officer only to be surprised by Germans whom I think were just as surprised as us when we walked into enemy territory. The next day John O'Malley got it and then in the afternoon you were hit. I can remember saying to you don't give up—they will be here soon to pick you up. I know the pain was great and there was nothing more I could do for you. On December 9th I was hit in the town of Gaye which was just down the side of the hill we were on. I was sent to England where I spent five months in the hospital but thank God everything is all right now.

Ed, if you are the Glinka I'm writing about, please let me know as I have thought about this many times just wondering how you and a lot of the other boys made out. When I left the company I was one of the last 11 fellows with Doc McFadden, Sgt. Liston and another sergeant whose name I can't remember but met him in the hospital in England later.

He said he knew of about 3 guys who were still with the outfit and where they were he did not know.

Well, Ed, I better sign off now. Sure hope I hear from you soon and that everything is fine with you.

Best regards,
Jim Bowie

New Jersey Chapter News

By Nicholas A. Esposito
Co. B-331

The New Jersey Chapter members have been active socially lately. There was a goodly turnout for our March meeting probably due to the coming of spring and all our cold weather friends have completed their hibernation.

Our meetings are informal as we do not operate under parliamentary rules. After a few rounds of drinks someone would suggest having a meeting and we would gather 'round a table. Bob Walsh opened the meeting but Sam Galati said let the president have the honors, little realizing that he is our president. There is no order whatsoever as most speak on any and every subject including women. While Bob Walsh brought the members up to date as to what happened at our previous meetings, Emil Wehling, our TV guide and coin collector, was inspecting coins for his collection. Stan Bielen and Rev. Swartout were discussing a minor mechanical problem, which the Rev. Swartout is trying to promote, but good old money bags Stan had eyes only for his bank account. David Benick was beefing that his ulcers were acting up again. Dave said that he and the family are planning to spend the Passover Holidays at Grossinger's. Charlie Sihlanick from New York's main stem, Broadway, suggested a little bit of bowling with a side bet of a shilling or two. Hard-working Joe De Peri and his wife, Vicki, ambled in at about 10 p.m. Vicki still has her youthful appearance and said the family was well, but that Joe is working too many hours. Manny Epstein, our clothes and dapper man from Cedarhurst, Long Island, and Colorado, suggests that we and our wives have a dinner at the Friar Tuck on March 29. Bob Walsh was appointed as a committee of one to make all arrangements. The meeting was somehow adjourned and each scrambled to our cars from Emil's Volvo to Stan's T'Bird for home.

The evening of March 29 was vested with good food and fine liquor. Bob Walsh was complimented for making the fine arrangements. According to reports as to what transpired before 8 that evening, Bob was going into a state of shock as he had made reservations for 18 people for 8 p.m. Stan Bielen and his wife, Fran, were the only ones present at that hour, but needless to say, the De-Peris, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sihlanick, Sam and Ann Galati, Dave and Millie Benick showed up, finally.

Harry Lockwood took a couple of hours off from work and drove out with me for the dinner. The rest of the New Jersey Chapter can blame me for not notifying them of this affair and I am sure that each would have come but for

one reason or another I slipped. All in all we of the New Jersey Chapter are looking forward for another evening out and it may be on May 25 as the James F. Esposito Memorial Post of Jersey City are having their affair then and all are invited.

Co. G Reports

By Lee Titus
"50 For 63"

The above slogan still applies to the men from G Co. We are going to do our very best to reach 50 members and only need 13 more men by August to beat out that old goat Vic Landis and his Co. F-329th crew. As we have 37 men signed up at this writing. So get busy Murphy, Piette and Macaluso and get your troops in and out of the snow.

The welcome mat is out to two more of our old boys located after 17 years. Joe Fresiello, 6 Seaman Rd., Glen Cove, N. Y. and Verlyn Rilesy, 1340 Josephine St., Waukesha, Wisconsin. Tom Burbank sent in their old address and a simple post card to the postmaster of their respective cities brought a quick reply. We sincerely hope that both Joe and Verlyn join up very soon.

We have only four months to arrange our vacations and meet hundreds of other 83rd men in Indianapolis. From all reports Co. G will again be well represented, however if possible men, please notify me if you intend to be there as in the July issue of the Thunderbolt we will publish a list of men who have made their plans to attend.

Bob Piette was a recent week-end visitor to Berea and Warren, Ohio. Both Bob and I wish to extend our thanks to the Warren Chapter for a most enjoyable party at Joe Minotti's "Club 83". Before Bob's return trip to Athol, Mass., Mike and Kay Mizerock also paid us a visit so come back again soon, old buddy. Also any other 83rd man who travels near Cleveland.

That's it for now fellows and don't forget. let's all get busy and try to reach 50 for 63.

To 83rds Everywhere

Again, thank you, thank you very much for the sympathy cards, messages of condolence and your gifts to charity in behalf of my late, departed wife, Fern, who passed away on February 6 last.

I find added strength knowing that she was so well liked by so many and it gives me the courage to carry on as I know she would want me to.

So to all our wonderful friends, everywhere, a million thanks and God bless you all.

Harry W. Lockwood
Secretary-Treasurer

Philadelphia Chapter Plans Ahead

By Dave Rosenberg
Co. F-331

The coming of the spring season finds the Philadelphia Chapter making great plans for the social season. Already two wonderful social



gala events are in the works. President Bill Hoolan, a great one for parties and get togethers, is spearheading a repeat visit to the beautiful Southwark Club. The last party we held there was such a great success that in answer to every one's request for an encore, another banquet, dance

and show is in the works. With Frank McGrogan making all the arrangements at the club and all Quaker City men pitching in and selling tickets this affair should be a doozy.

The Philadelphia Chapter also has arranged another social night to be held in Narberth, Pa. This affair will be held in an intimate club under the guidance of our own Lou Volpi. This automatically signals a huge success. With Lou Volpi arranging the food and drinks, the music and entertainment, we all look forward to a reunion of Philadelphia area Thunderbolts that will rival our previous successes. All those interested, please contact Larry Redmond at 132 Rockwood Drive, Havertown, Pa.

Again this year as in the past, the Greater Philadelphia Chapter will lead the veterans' organizations in this area in paying homage to the fallen heroes of our country on Memorial Day. A strong turnout will parade.

I'd rather have one little rose from the
garden of a friend
Than to have the choicest of flowers
when my story on earth must end
I'd rather have a pleasant word of kind-
ness said to me
Than flattery when my heart is still and
life has ceased to be
I'd rather have a pleasant smile from
friends I know are true
Than tears shed round my casket when
I've bid this world adieu
Bring on all your flowers whether pink
or white or red
I'd rather have one blossom now than a
truckload when I'm dead.

Names of New Members

The following men have joined the Association since the last issue of Thunderbolt was printed:

- John Meylor, 2824 Hackett Ave., Long Beach, California—Co. 1-329.
Herman W. McCoy, 4708 Woodrow, Galveston, Texas—Co. L-329.
Ira C. McCrory, Annapolis, Illinois—Co. C-330.
Charles W. Barefoot, 2586 Westover Drive, Winston-Salem, North Carolina—Co. D-330.
John L. Thrasher, Jr., 918 Alabama, Beaumont, Texas—Co. F-330.
Kyle M. Sluter, 215 Clegg St., Statesville, North Carolina—Hq. 3rd Bn.-330.
James F. Kincade, 1064 Markee Terrace, Bryn Mawr, Penna.—Co. K-330.
John P. Quinn, 5614 Boyer St., Philadelphia, Penna.—Co. M-330.
Stanley S. Imbody, 1809 School St., Hatfield, Penna.—Service Co. 330.
Roy E. Douglass, 2012 West 9th St., Muncie, Indiana—Anti-tank-330.
John Speer, Route 23, Acra, Greene County, New York—Co. G-331.

Attention All Thunderbolts

Anyone from the 330th or 331st Regiments who may remember Angelo Cadena, who, at the present time, lives at Box 513, Santa Ana, California, get in touch with him immediately.

Angelo joined the 83rd near St. Lo and was wounded and sent back to the hospital. He was with the outfit for about three weeks.

It is imperative that he hears from someone who may remember him and would appreciate it, I'm sure.

OBITUARY

Capt. William Burnell died on Sunday, March 3, after a two-month illness with cancer. Capt. Burnell was with the 83rd Division since its activation in Camp Atterbury. He served in Regt. Hq.-330 and lost a leg in Normandy in August of 1944.

He had two heart attacks in the three years preceding his death before he succumbed to the dreaded cancer.

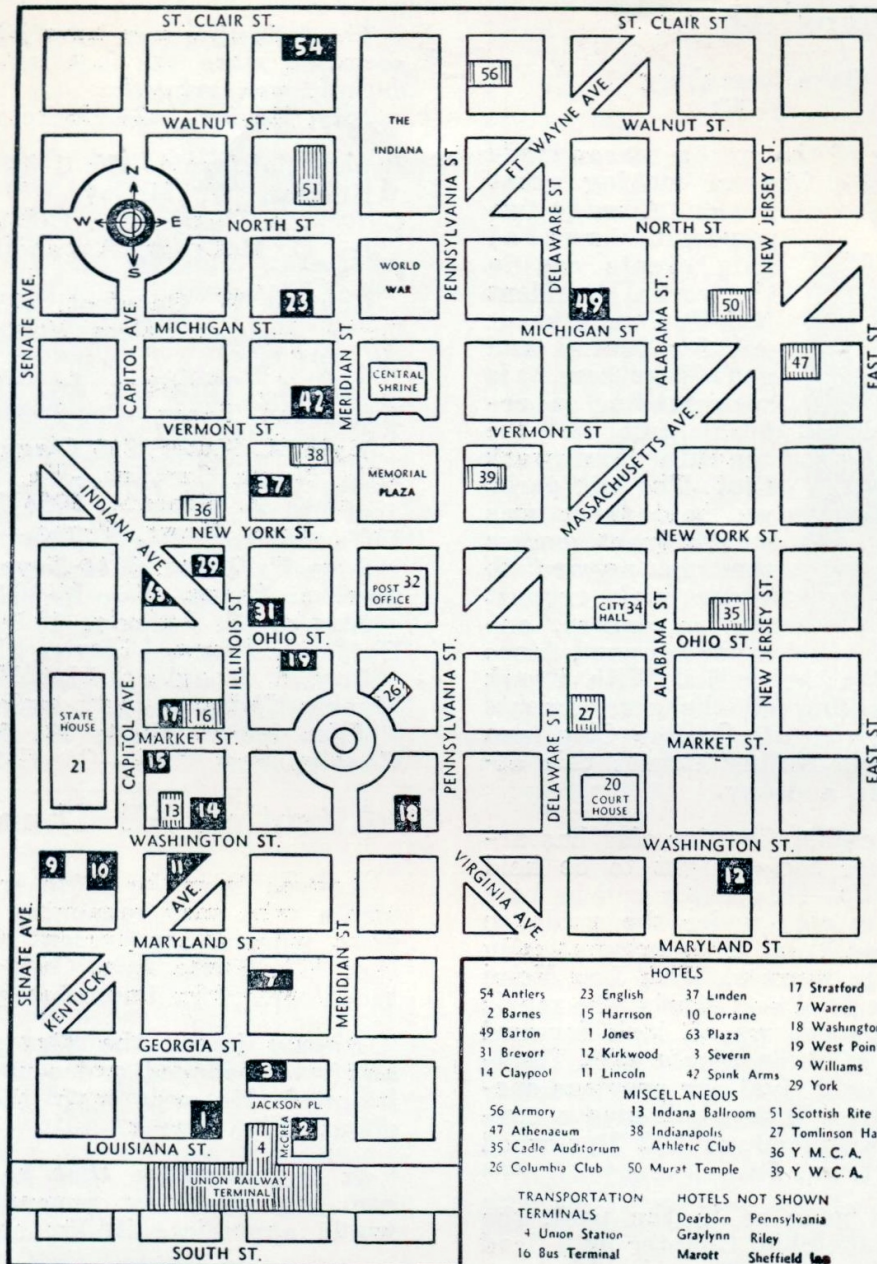
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Just received word that Col. Bernard P. Donnelly, former C.O. of 3rd Bn.-331, passed away on December 19, 1961 at Mt. Alto Hospital in Washington, D. C.

Col. Donnelly was with the 83rd from its activation in Camp Atterbury in 1942 until it left for overseas.

Our belated sympathy is extended to the family and friends of each of the departed officers.

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