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### President's Corner

Manuel C. Martin  
Co. F-329

Dear Friends,

I am quite certain that nothing, in this lifetime, shall thrill or delight me more than your selection of me to serve as president for the ensuing year.



It is an honor that I shall not take lightly and I promise to serve you with the best of my ability, honesty, sincerity and with the same devotion to duty that has been displayed by the 83rd men who have preceded me in this office. I call upon the GOOD LORD for HIS guidance and assistance that I may serve in the manner that our won-

derful group deserves to be served.

I know I have the assistance of a wonderful slate of officers elected with me. If this Association is to progress and prosper then a greater effort is necessary by each individual member. Remember, men, this is your Association; if we are to rise to what till now has been an elusive 1000 man paid up membership then you, as Thunderbolts, must devote some time and energy to assist our goal and not leave everything to a certain few. Get behind us, display some of the comradeship, team work and esprit de corp that made us such a well coordinated fighting machine during the war.

If everyone does his bit by sending in his dues, by getting his buddy to send in his dues and by just displaying a little more interest in our organization I assure you we can and will be the largest outfit in the United States. Again thank you for the honor bestowed on me.

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## President's Corner

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The Fall River Chapter, as you know by now has been real busy for the past two years, running various affairs to raise money to assure you one of the best you have ever had in 1964. I take this opportunity to invite you to three days of convention that I am sure will remain in your memories for many years to come. I ask you to come to Providence next year and enjoy our New England hospitality and I assure you that the Fall River Chapter will leave no stone unturned to show you the grandest time ever. Don't be shut out; get your reservations in early.

The people at the Sheraton-Biltmore in Providence Chamber of Commerce have already gone to extremes to be helpful and I'm sure they will continue to do so until our reunion is over.

The room rates at the Sheraton-Biltmore will be \$12.50 for a double or twin bedroom and \$8.50 for a single. This is a real fine hotel, clean, completely air conditioned with free overnight parking for its guests. Included also is a free continental breakfast and each corridor has an ice making machine for free ice cubes to all.

The hotel is situated right in the downtown section, close to all the stores; the railroad station is about a two minute walk away and main highways lead right by its doors. The special rates will be in effect for the entire week.

For those of you who have never seen New England here is your opportunity. Come early, use the hotel as your base

of operations. You are but two and a half hours drive from the tip of Cape Cod, three hours from the beautiful mountains and lakes of our neighboring state of New Hampshire. See our beautiful beaches, our picturesque villages and our many historical sights. There really is a lot to see in New England.

Perhaps many of you will want to take in the New York World's Fair first and then come in to cap your vacation at the reunion. I promise that the Fall River Chapter will go all out to make this a most memorable occasion.

See you in the next issue. Regards to all.

## 200 Veterans Let Memories Mire in Camp Mudbury

The above is the headline that appeared in the Indianapolis Times on Thursday, August 15th, 1936 to commemorate our return to the camp of our activation just 21 years ago on that date.

The boys were returning "home" for a sentimental journey, to Camp Atterbury, which was one of the highlights of our three days reunion in Indianapolis.

Many stories were told and as John Robinette stated: "We used to call it Mudbury." The camp was brand new when we got there and the ground was a solid sea of mud and some of the boys will recall cleaning mud off the barracks floor with tooth brushes--as extra duty of course. The aging and dilapidated buildings brought back many pleasant and unpleasant memories to all who made the trip. Actually it was like coming home as many of the men met their wives in towns surrounding the camp.

This, of course, was the start of our 17th reunion and, though other aspects of the reunion may be forgotten, eventually, this trip "back home" will forever live in the memories of the more than 200 83rd Division men who made the trip.

There will be other accounts of the reunion throughout this issue of Thunderbolt but this was worthy of a column of its own and for those of you who were not there, you missed a wonderful trip.

HARRY LOCKWOOD

— Just A Reminder —  
**DUES IS DUE**  
**N O W ! !**

## Office of the Chaplain

83rd Infantry Division Assn.  
Greencastle, Penna.

September 15, 1963

Dear Buddies of our 83rd Div. Assn.:

Memory is the only Paradise out of which we can never be driven away.

Someone has aptly described memory as "the jewel box of the mind." The term is true, however, only if our memories contain those things that are beautiful and true and good. Ugly things are not for jewel boxes, and the memory of wrong deeds or unkind words or evil thoughts will bring no happiness in days to come. It is important, then, that the things we are now doing and saying and thinking will become precious memories in future years. What we are today constitutes our memories for tomorrow. For memory's sake alone, if there were no other reason, we will do well to heed the words of the great apostle: "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report . . . think of these things."



Allow me to take you back to Camp Atterbury—a cherished moment and memory. I'd say one of the highlights of our reunion. What made it so important that you return? Why did it take all these years for us to return and remember the happy moment when you came to the brow of the hill overlooking "Camp Mudderbury". No it wasn't the mud, nor the beauty of the buildings, nor some of the duller or trying moments.

Fellows, it was the fellowship of your buddies, the good times you had together, in the barracks, on bivouac, at church, the rec hall, or the fond moments of your return home from the camp bus station.

Keep up the good work fellows—yes, remember Atterbury and your buddies with whom you served—yes, also the ones who never returned with us. May it not be too long for our return to the home we once had on the plains of Indiana near Columbus and Edinburg.

May your memories continue to be fond of our reunion and our fellowship there and that the good Lord will be with you until we meet again.

Sincerely,  
William O. "Bill" Shuman  
Chaplain

## Your Secretary's Report

Harry W. Lockwood  
Regt. Hq.-329

Another reunion has taken its place in the annals of the 83rd Infantry Division Association and there are many who say it was the best one we've ever had.



Whether it was the best one depends on each individual and what he got out of it. Some measure their decision on the program, others on how many of their friends were there and still others on a combination of both.

Personally, this was a wonderful reunion because nine of my old buddies were there some of whom I had not seen since 1945. I think the program was well planned and the boys in Indianapolis deserve a pat on the back for a job well done and I, for one, extend my thanks to the gang from Naptown for helping me enjoy three most pleasant days.

There were a number of highlights marking this reunion. The trip to Camp Atterbury, where the Division was activated more than twenty years ago, the trip to the Speedway where the 500-mile auto race is held each Memorial Day and the visit to Allis-Chalmers Division of General Motors were well worth it. Of course, the cocktail party on Thursday night which is always a top-notch affair, the beer party on Friday night, (which personally I did not think much of) most of those present enjoyed tremendously. The Memorial Service on Saturday afternoon topped off by the banquet on Saturday night.

I'm not going to elaborate too much on any phase of the program except to send a verbal bouquet to our chaplain, Bill Shuman, for the grand job he did at the Memorial Service on Saturday and to Jim Burton for his wonderful rendition of songs appropriate for the occasion.

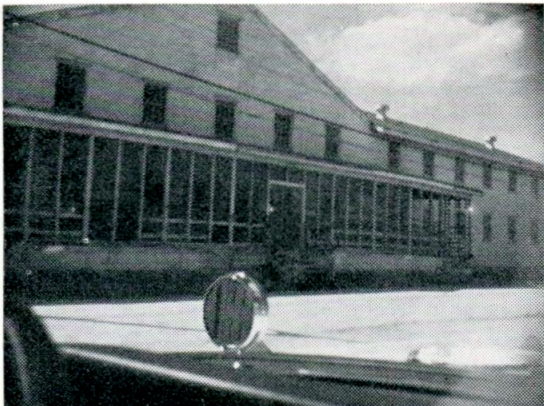
My good friend, Al Uridel, and I had our usual emotional breakdown during the services but then, who in the crowd didn't? Al and I always stand next to each other each year at the services, we're less conspicuous that way.

I might also mention it was a pleasure to announce the engagement of a couple of nice kids at the cocktail party on Thursday night, many thanks to Jim Burton again for his songs appropriate for the occasion. Jim is from Chicago and was formerly a member of Co. D-329. The engagement was that of Jim  
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# SCENES FROM CAMP ATTERBURY



A curious crowd?



Curiosity satisfied.

## Signal Musings

By Don Hinz

The 17th Annual Reunion has passed into memory and I missed another one. Therefore I have no record of those who attended from the Signal membership. I saw by the last Thunderbolt that we had 9 members paid up, you guys in the 329th may smile, yes even laugh, but when I joined a few years ago we had 6, this is slow steady progress.

Since last Christmas I have heard from five former members, list as follows: Clayton Lee Thomas, Conestoga, Pa.; Clifford Unbekant, Schenectady, N. Y., travel service delux; Kenneth E. Meyer, Houston, Texas, with Texaco 27 years; James B. Low, Wayzata, Minnesota, auto sales manager; and former lieutenant now Lt. Col. E. A. Doran, now in service in Europe. Lt. Col. Doran gave me my first lead on the possible location of a group of our former officers. Many thanks.

I will have a new address list to the Signal boys before Christmas so all the new finds and addresses will be in your possession. Any of you signal representatives who were at the Indianapolis reunion, I would appreciate hearing from you. I need names, addresses and any comments you may wish to make on the 17th get-together. Take care of yourselves, see you in the next issue. My address is 219 11th Ave., Worthington, Minnesota.

Executive Offices  
THE CLAYPOOL HOTEL  
August 20, 1963

Mr. Harry W. Lockwood  
43 Oakland Avenue  
Jersey City, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Lockwood:

I do wish to thank you and your fine organization for selecting the Claypool Hotel for your recent Convention. We most certainly enjoyed having you here and I do hope that we will have this pleasure again next year.

I can honestly say that we have never worked with a more cooperative and congenial group, and wish to personally thank you for your very great assistance and consideration.

Again with our sincere appreciation to you and looking forward to again having the pleasure of serving you and your members, we are

Sincerely yours,  
(Miss) Lee Hunt  
Sales Director

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Fowler's son, Jim., Jr. of Oklahoma City, to Zora Thorn, daughter of James Thorn of Azusa, California a remance which started through a visit by the Fowlers to the Thorns last year. The kids, Jim and Zora were given a round of applause and the well wishes of all those present along with the congratulations of the members of the Division Association everywhere are extended to them for a happy and glorious future.

One thing more; As I mentioned in my report at the meetings and again at the banquet, this has been the best year we have had in the past ten. It has been a year in which we increased our paid up membership to a ten year high, a year in which the cooperation of the officers and men was never more prevalent and a year in which our President outdid himself in performing the duties of his office.

I do not say this to degrade or criticize the performance of any of our past presidents, I, myself, having served in that capacity in 1957; I say it to exemplify the fact that, as years go by we are becoming a more closely knit organization with the uncanny judgement of choosing the right man for the right job.

And so another successful reunion goes down in history to be preserved, for all time, in the annals of the Division Association to be reviewed in retrospect and, if a history of the association is ever compiled, to take it's place among those at the top of the list.

To all those men and women whose efforts were responsible and who contributed to the results, on behalf of the Association, it's officers and members, THANK YOU, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

In closing let me say it was an extreme pleasure to have with us, again this year, our recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Ralph Nepple, who came in from Waterloo, Iowa to be with us on this auspicious occasion. It is always a pleasure to have Ralph with us and, in his own quiet, unassuming way, he makes his presence known by his warm greeting to all, whether he knows you or not.

Ralph officiated at the Memorial Service, laying the wreath on the Soldiers and Sailors monument to the accompaniment of "Taps" and, needless to say, there were few dry eyes in the crowd.

Editor's note: In answer to my request for pictures for this issue of Thunderbolt, the response was so great that it is impossible to use them all and many more pictures taken at the reunion will appear in other issues. Thank you very much for your indulgence.



Part of the head table — Hubert and Mrs. Edwards, National Secretary-treasurer Harry Lockwood, principle speaker Don Bruce, President-elect Manuel C. Martin and his wife, Adeline.



Part of the head table—r. to l. Ralph and Mrs. Neppel, Chaplain Bill Shuman, Ned and Genie Smith and Gaynelle Robinette. (The guy in front sneering at you is Carson Deck, Co. C-308 Engineer).

## Co. G-331 Reports

By Lee Titus

The 17th Annual Convention of the old 83rd is now past history and the 11 Co. G men who attended are now back at the old grind, but not without pleasant memories of another three days of fun and enjoyment spent with buddies and friends of the old outfit.

The boys from the Indianapolis Chapter went all out to make our visit a memorable one with a well planned program for both men and women. We of Company G are proud that our old friend Kenny Baird was part of the convention committee. He was grand marshal of the parade and did a great job.

We are also proud that Company G again has a few men holding key positions in the Association. Bob Piette was unanimously elected President of the 331st Regiment and Loyal Pangle will serve as a sergeant-at-arms for the coming year.

Congratulations to President Manny Martin and his new slate of officers. We of Co. G-331 stand ready to serve in any way possible.

We were all very happy to see Casel Bush and Kenny Baird after all these years. This was the first convention for both and we hope to see more of them although we hope that Casel brings his wife to the next convention. He would have enjoyed himself much more had she been with him.

For those of you who couldn't be with us this year, following is a list of Co. G boys and their wives who attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Flanary, Mr. and Mrs. Loyal Pangle, Mr. and Mrs. John Teringo, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Phillipone,



Co. G-331 well represented—Lee Titus, Carl D. Wheeler, Loyal Pangle, Bob Piette, Clyde Flanary and John Teringo.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Baird, Bob Piette, Joe Kuzma, Carl Wheeler, Gene Costanzo, Casel Bush and Beau Titus.

Of course, we had hoped to see a lot more of our gang but for various reasons they just couldn't make it, however, 1964 is another year and if we all work just a little harder we should have a fine turnout in Providence, R. I. The New York World's Fair begins in 1964 and Providence is only about 155 miles from there so perhaps vacations can be planned to see the Fair and also spend a few days in Providence.

In closing, just a reminder that dues are due again. Last year we finished with about 37 paid up members. The old goat, Vic Landis and his F Co. boys beat us out again with 42, so fellows let's go we have 12 to start with. In the next issue of the Thunderbolt I hope to report at least 30 men paid up.

## Warren, Ohio Chapter

A full contingent of Warren Chapter members, headed by President George Bellay and lovely wife, Louise, attended the most recent, but not soon forgotten "Naptown" reunion. For the records when we reread this "Thunderbolt" many years from now, we would like to list their names: the George Bellays, Dick Kellys, John Teringos, Joe Phillipones, Charlie Tomazins, George Dubos, Mike Skovrans, Lee Titus and the Joe Minottis.

Many thanks and congratulations to John Robinette and that great Indianapolis Chapter for a great, successful and truly enjoyable reunion. As usual it is nice to see all of the old gang and so many of the "new" gang. We hope to see you all many more times.

Congratulations are also in order to our new slate of national officers, headed by Manny Martin and "old reliable" Harry Lockwood. To Manny Martin and his fine Providence group, we say: "We'll all see you in '64 for that moonlight cruise with free booze and the swing and sway of Sammy Kaye."

The Summer season of social activities for the Warren Chapter will officially close with one last golf field day and family picnic to be held Sunday, Sept. 8. However, the fall and winter season is coming right up with our annual outdoor steak-fry to be followed by a Halloween Costume Ball and the annual Christmas parties. Anyone and everyone of the Association are invited to attend, just let us know if you can come and we'll send you the particulars.

Warren Chit-Chat:

Charlie Tomazin has sold his supermarket and now has retired from the grocery business.

Babe and Theresa Gautschi are happily sporting a brand new Mercury and an intense desire to attend the Providence reunion. They are also sad because they missed "Naptown".

John Teringos' Warren Red Sox Little Leaguers, paced by slugger Teddy Teringo won 18 straight ball games and the Warren, Ohio Little League championship.

Joe Phillipone presented his 10-year-old son Joey a new set of golf clubs and a copy of Arnold Palmer's book "How to Make Money — Play Golf." Who's going to teach him, Joe?

George and Louise Bellay have now moved into their new home and take with them the warmest congratulations and best wishes of the Warren Chapter for many years of happy living. (When is the house-warming?)

This is about all there is to say from around Warren, Ohio except that "we are still waiting Cleveland?"

Mike Skovran  
Hq. 1st Bn.-331



The Skovrans and Al and Ann Belvedere.



A couple of handsome 83rds — Mike Skovran and Jack Ledbetter. (Don't crowd, ladies, there already taken.)

## Company G-331 Ten-Hut

Just a reminder to all you guys from G-331, who were not there, you really missed a wonderful time in Indianapolis. And I'm starting a campaign now to make sure you do not miss the one next year in Providence, Rhode Island.

You have a whole year to make your plans and arrangements and, barring incidents, there should be no excuse.

It takes a just and simple man with a little hidden quality to be a leader. We can't all be leaders, some of us must be followers. If a few of you can lead the way the followers will fall in line and Co. G-331 will have the biggest turnout in its history next year in Providence.

See you all there.

Joe Kuzma

## For Sale

We have for sale 83rd Division Insignia pins that can be worn either as a lapel pin or a tie bar.

We have Division Insignia cuff links and decal for your car window.

Lapel Pin .....\$2.00  
Cuff Links .....\$3.00 per set  
Decals .....\$0.25 each

## Philadelphia Chapter Invades "Naptown"; Mission Accomplished

By Dave Rosenberg  
Co. F-331

The mobile and fast hitting Philadelphia Chapter, carried aboard their own supercharged air-conditioned Trailways



bus, smashed the defenses of Indianapolis and captured the 17th Reunion.

Led by the intrepid Captain Bill Hoolan a busload of Quaker City Thunderbolts and their wives jumped off from Lou Volpi's home on time. The zero hour of one thirty in the morning was figured on to give one and all

plenty of time to recover from the ride and permit the gang to inaugurate the festivities with a get together feast in "Naptown".

It was a gay assemblage that boarded the bus. Our chapter president, Bill Hoolan and his lovely wife, Carol, greeted each and every one who made the trip. Lou and Lucy Volpi, always the pleasant host and hostess, provided the coffee and cake for the oncoming troops. To describe the arrival of each and everyone is impossible. There was Ed and Ruth Paulino, Frank and Mary McGrogan, Al and Ann Belvedere, Joe and Olive Ponzio, Larry and Mary Redmond, Bill and Virginia Pugh, Tony and Josie Theodore, Bernie and Josie Mendelson, Les and Emily Hauck, Harry Deming, Ken Seiger and of course our driver, "Adorable Orville Funk".

All through the trip to the convention the ride was made more pleasurable by the thoughtfulness of Carol Hoolan who handed out pillows for those who were inclined to nap. The trip was just a few minutes old when the friendly card games started. Mary McGrogan, Virginia Pugh, Ruth Paulino, Ann Belvedere began a game that lasted the entire trip. The winnings were few and widely scattered with "Lucky Ruth" the big winner of 50 cents.

The men also had their "friendly" game with Lou, Bill, Harry and Bernie playing a quiet game that started with huge stakes and resulted in Lucky Lou Volpi winning 60 cents. There was plenty of refreshments, thanks to Lucy and Lou Volpi. And of course, Larry and Mary Redmond brought a load of tasty food, so chow call came often and the response was great. We have a most congenial group and we always have a grand time on the rides to and from conventions.

At 4:30 p.m. the bus arrived at the Hotel "Cesspool" and our greeting by the Indiana Chapter men was great. Better still good accommodations awaited all. That evening after the freshening up proceedings the Philadelphia group boarded their bus and with John and Gay Robinette and Harry Lockwood as guests drove to the Key West Restaurant and had a great time.

It was a tired but a joyous group that retired to bed that evening. Thursday morning the Philadelphia Chapter all convened in the lobby and went to breakfast. Throughout the entire stay the Philadelphia group enjoyed a "togetherness" that was very evident and added to the fun and pleasure of all.

Thursday night again the Philadelphia group boarded their bus and with Mr. and Mrs. Ned Smith as guests went to the Italian Village for a delightful meal. When the events for the evening were over, the Philadelphia Chapter had their own party to which every one was invited at the common C.P.

The Philadelphia Chapter bus was an integral part of every event with 'Adorable Orville' our driver a conspicuous participant. The Philadelphia Chapter thoroughly enjoyed the reunion at "Naptown" and want to thank the Indiana Chapter men for a splendid reunion.



The Philly Chapter at the banquet on Saturday night.



Buddies of Co. H-329 meet for the first time in 19 years. A happy group they were. L. to r. Harold Earp, Tracy, Bob Morman, Harold (Heavy) Miller, Ernest (Dutch) Smith and Ken Seiger in front.



## Fall River Chapter News

By Manny Pacheco  
Co. L & M-331

The 17th annual reunion has come and gone, much to our regret but leaving us with many fond memories.



We of the Fall River Chapter enjoyed the reunion immensely. We made many new friends, were greeted warmly by those we met last year, our cameras were clicking madly to show our families and friends and then to end up in our photo albums for posterity and fond reminiscing.

Congratulations are in order to the Indiana Chapter for the excellent job they did in making this reunion a huge success.

I wish, at this time, to extend my sincerest congratulations to all the newly elected officers and the executive board. Words cannot express how grateful I am to those responsible for electing me Second Vice President of our wonderful Association. I shall uphold my term of office faithfully and to the best of my fice faithfully and to the best of my ability for anything I am called upon to do.

Manny Martin was elected President of the Association and a proud man he is. In fact we, of the Fall River Chapter are extremely proud to find that two men of our comparatively young chapter were elected to fill such important offices. Manny is also president of our lccal chapter and chairman of the 1964 convention committee. Let's make Manny Martin proud of us, men, by standing together and assisting him in any way we can.

The 18th reunion is Manny's pet project and we have been working very hard since 1961 running many affairs to raise money to offer all concerned the finest reunion you have ever had.

Those of the Fall River Chapter attending the reunion were: Manny and Adeline Martin, Police Chief Norman Bowers, Freddy and Louise Costa and yours truly Manny and Dot Pacheco.

We had a very pleasant trip stopping off on the way to see Niagara Falls from the Canadian side. The following morning, Monday, August 12th, we proceeded on our way arriving at the home of John and Mary Raikos in Inidanapolis at 5:30 p.m. where a delicious chicken dinner was waiting for us. Thank you John and Mary for your wonderful hospitality.

During our week long stay in Indianapolis Andy Raikos and his charming

wife, Beverly, bestowed upon us, of the Fall River Chapter, the kindest and warmest hospitality we have ever experienced and their unselfish attitude toward us made our stay in Naptown a happy and most memorable one; truly the perfect host and hostess. We will be ever grateful for their kindness and consideration.

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



L. to r. Louise Costa, Beverly Raikos, Dot Pacheco, Norman Bowers, Andy Raikos and Manny Pacheco.



L. to r. Manny Pacheco, Freddie Costa, Louise Costa, Beverly Raikos (hidden), Dot Pacheco, Norman Bowers, Andy Raikos, Adeline and Manny Martin.

Dear Buddies:

On behalf of my wife and myself, may I take this opportunity to thank everyone for their splendid portrayal of true friendship in offering their heartfelt sympathies and offering of assistance upon hearing of the death of my Mary's mother, Mrs. Emma Boyle.

In our hour of grief the overwhelming offer of help eased the pain of our loss and revealed the power of true friendship.

We are eternally grateful for the messages of condolence from our friends and buddies. We will always treasure the memories of this response among our friends. To one and all we again extend our heartfelt thanks, and may God bless everyone.

Always grateful,  
Frank & Mary McGrogan

The following pictures were taken at the Memorial Service on Saturday, August 17.



Awaiting their cue to start on the down beat.



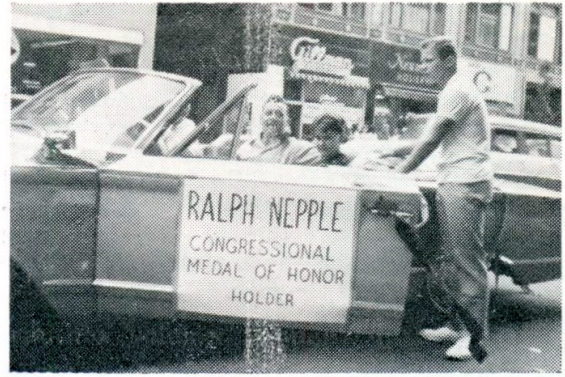
Two men out of step, shame on you.



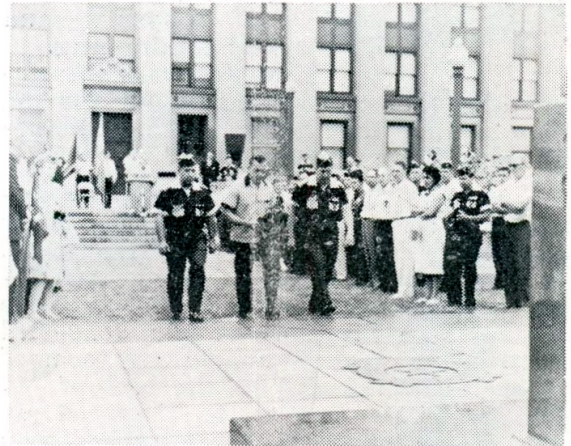
Chaplain Bill Shuman officiating.



Appropriate songs for the occasion by Jim Burton—Co. D-329.



Ralph Neppel, CMH, center leading the procession.



A solemn moment—Ralph Neppel, holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor, laying the wreath on the Soldier's and Sailor's monument. Ralph is escorted by Manuel C. Martin, president-elect of the Association on the left and John W. Robinette, president incumbent on the right.



Another solemn moment during TAPS.

## A Wonderful, Wonderful Reunion

Dear Buddies,

Once again we are trying to settle down after a very fine reunion. I think we owe a very large vote of thanks to our past president, John Robinette, and his reunion committee, led by Ned B. Smith, for the wonderful job they did in giving us the reunion they gave us.



I'm sure that every year our reunion committees work very hard trying to give us the finest reunion ever held but, without trying to hurt anyone's feelings, I must say that this, in my opinion, was the finest reunion we've had yet.

I think the trip to Camp Atterbury was the shot in the arm we needed. It brought back so many old memories to all of us that I think this is what helped make it the reunion of reunions.

I have never seen so many men registered the first day as we had there. Perhaps this is a sign that the men are becoming interested in attending the reunion; if so, then here's hoping that this interest continues and maybe by next year we can double our attendance.

We owe another big vote of thanks to the Association's number one man, Vic Landis, for the great job he did on publicity this year and in years gone by. Without the coverage we obtained, thanks to him, our membership still

would have been low and because of him we have more new members in the Association now than we have had for some time.

Now is the time for each and every one of us to show that we are real 83rd men. If you know of a former buddy who is not a paid up member how about trying to sell him a membership. If he is a special buddy of yours how about giving him a little gift of a buddy membership as a memento of the old days. It will be the best \$5.00 you ever invested.

Give this some serious thought; this is your Association, **HELP MAKE IT GROW.**

Larry Redmond  
Co. H-330

## Attention All Troops

In one or more future issues of Thunderbolt information will appear regarding a possible trip back to the scenes of our COMBAT areas.

A few of us, at the present time, are seriously contemplating such a trip and, as we get more information, you'll get more information, in the meantime, all those who may be interested can drop a card to your secretary-treasurer. In that way we can get some idea as to how many we have in comparison to how many we need to get the special rates that may be offered for such a trip.

At the present time, nothing definite has been decided and nothing definite will be decided until we can get some idea as to how many are interested.

Harry W. Lockwood  
Secretary-treasurer  
43 Oakland Avenue  
Jersey City 6, N. J.  
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## Thank You

From John Robinette, Past Pres.

A few weeks ago we were all here in Naptown enjoying ourselves at the 17th Annual Reunion and, I'm sure, we all enjoyed being with each other once again.



This past year has been the best and happiest of my life and to have had the honor of serving as President of our great Association made it even more so and, I sincerely hope, I filled the office satisfactorily. It has been a great pleasure and I have enjoyed every minute of it. Thanks to you who were responsible for my being elected, thanks to the hard working officers who served with me and thanks to the members of the Association; it was through all your efforts that this past year was such a successful one.

Also many, many thanks from all the members of the Indiana Chapter and their wives. We know how all of you had to work, plan, save and hustle around to have everything taken care of before you and your husbands can leave for the reunion each year and we appreciate your wonderful response to our efforts in putting on the past reunion.

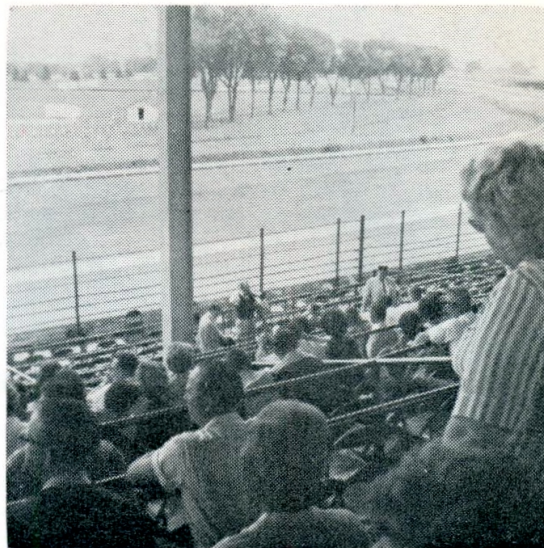
To our buddies and their wives who were not here with us this year, for various reasons, we did miss you all and your close buddies were looking forward to seeing you. We hope that we can all be together next year in Providence, Rhode Island.

It would be nice if some of you can take two weeks off for vacation and spend the first week in New York at the World's Fair and go from there to the reunion. That's planning a year ahead, I know, but it's better to plan ahead and hope it turns out that way. Anyway it is something to think about and perhaps we can keep in touch through the Thunderbolt.

I want to congratulate all our new officers and those who are still in office and wish them all the best of luck and a prosperous year.

John Robinette  
Co. C-308 Engineers

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Indianapolis Speedway.

## Miami Valley Chapter News And Dayton Fly-ings

By Vic Landis, F-329

The Miami Valley Chapter had fairly good attendance in Indianapolis, but quite a few that promised to attend, never made it to the affair. It was ever thus and we suppose it will always be. If we can get the gang together for regular meetings and a few social events, I believe we can once more build up to our greatest strength.

To start off with, Leo (Little Stupid) Boyd and his wife Boots was there and as usual, Little Stupid was all over the place. Ed (Stinky) Fink and his wife Marge, Bob Hedger, his wife Piney, Del (Big Stuff) Rinehart, his wife Pearl, Bill Washburn, Jake Glenn and a guy by the name of Ryan all were in attendance for the full three days. Bob Eldred and his wife were very much in sight for the entire event. Glad to see Bob back with us and hope the Eldreds make many more of the annual affairs.

For the first time in years, one Vic Landis came straight home from the reunion. Rode home from Indianapolis with Little Stupid and Boots. Leo took me right to my door. Cheers for the little burr head. I suppose Ed (Stinky) Fink got home, although I haven't heard from him. I think Marge drove the family vehicle, so I surmise they made it.

I sincerely believe we should have more inter chapter meetings, as this creative interest would stimulate the lifeblood of the Association. We need a little stimulating and Miami Valley Chapter needs it most. We are going to work on that in the near future. That's about all from down Dayton way, but MIAMI VALLEY CHAPTER WILL RIDE AGAIN.

## Co. F 329th News and Side Lights

By Vic Landis

The reunion has come and gone — but the memory will linger long, in the minds of all 83rd men. It was a well planned affair and John Robinette, along with Ned Smith did one hell of a job. A tip of the Landis beret to them both. F-329 salutes you—John and Ned.

Next, it was a great pleasure to have Lee Titus as my guest in the F-329 C.P. for four days. Believe me Lee and I had some great bull sessions and have formulated plans to build both our units even higher in our membership race. Competition like ours can really get results and our aim is fifty members for next year.

The highlight of the reunion for F-329 was the engagement party of Jimmie Fowler and Zora Thorn. Jimmie is the son of former 1st Sgt. Jim Fowler and Zora is the daughter of Jim Thorn, former bugler of F-329. The Fowlers from Oklahoma City made a trip last year to Azusa, California and the two fell in love. After the announcement at the cocktail party, the rest of the affair was held in the F-329 C.P. where a beautiful cake and an enormous bowl of punch was served. Happiness forever Jimmie and Zora—from all the gang in F-329.

It was good to see ole Pop Maranovich for the first time since the war. He lives in Clinton, Indiana and spent the entire three days with us. Sorry to hear of his wife's illness and we all wish her a speedy recovery. Frank Fleming made it after a pause from last year and a few before that. Wright J. Cotter dropped in for a visit, for the first time in years. Major Bill Ferguson dropped in on Saturday and made the banquet with the gang. Hank Golembiewski, Ed Zerucha, Jim Fowler, Jim Thorn and one Vic Landis were on hand for four days of the fun. Many of the old gang had business and working troubles and did not make it.

A wonderful time was had by all that attended and we are looking forward to Providence next year. I overlooked Ado Langenkamp, his wife Marie, Bill and Arlene Nickell, along with their daughter, Joann. They were there for the entire three days and joined in all the festivities. Two wonderful families and I hope they can attend forever more. Also, Jim Thorn's son Dee and Jim Fowler's son John Howard were in attendance for the full reunion. They are grown young men, although both are teenagers. It would be amiss, if I did not mention Jim Fowlers wife, Trudy and Jim Thorn's

wife, June. Both are very beautiful and gracious gals. If I have missed anyone please forgive me, as I was going round and round for about four days.

My thanks to Kenny Baird, for getting me a ride to the memorial services, in the jeep pulling the steam caliope, with the float of beautiful gals attached. It was really a thrill to ride through the streets of Indianapolis in the parade, both to the services and back. Again thanks Kenny. Its great people like this that makes the 83rd what it is today. Always willing to go out of their way to help someone else.

Now just a word about one Harry Lockwood, or the little guy as I call him. The job he has done as Sec.-treas. is unsurpassed and never will be equalled, unless by himself. The terrific job he does in editing the Thunderbolt is the best in the history of our Association. I fully realize the hard work and untiring efforts expended, in editing a small paper, as I have had that experience many years ago. So, for all his various jobs, including the great one he does at the reunion, F-329 says: CHEERS TO THE LITTLE GUY. For the time being — that's all she wrote.

### Cleveland Chit-Chat

By Ray Voracek  
Hq. Btry. 324 FA

Cleveland Chapter wants to thank the Naptown gang and congratulate them for a job well done. We all thoroughly enjoyed the reunion and we know the work involved and the sweat that goes into making it the success it was this year.

Walt Meczka, Casey Szubski, Ray Voracek were there with their wives and Ed Glinka, Ralph Malec and Al Uridel were our stags. The rest of our boys were there in spirit and sorry they could not attend.

Casey Kowalec sold his business and got tangled up in escrows and missed this year. Now he and Laura are watching their new home go up.

Chapter President Al Uridel is gaining back all the weight he lost this summer when Eleanor was visiting their navy son in California. The sandwiches and beer he lived on did not agree with him too much.

George Krupicka and Rosie still holding hands; we're all waiting patiently.

Lee Titus taught an old artilleryman like myself a lesson playing golf. Lee uses a howitzer off the tee. Get strokes if you ever play him.

The bowling match is finally coming off with the Warren Gang and the winner of the square bowling ball will be announced in the next issue.



Dick Riddle, Larry Redmond, John W. Robinette and Harry Lockwood.

## A Report From Your National Publicity Director

By Vic Landis

I can truthfully say, this has been by far our greatest year in publicity. A great deal of luck has helped me to do the job. During my sending of releases to various radio, television stations and the newspapers, I contacted many reporters, and radio announcers, I used to know, during the time I was in the newspaper game and as an announcer for old radio station WSMK in Dayton, Ohio. That has been many years ago, but most of them are still in the game. Through these fellows, I secured United Press and Associated Press wire releases, to newspapers, radio and television stations, in various parts of the country. Cheers to all those grand guys that helped me spread the name of the 83rd all over the nation. Believe me when I say, the publicity will be even greater during the coming year.

I know I am reiterating, when I say, to each and every member of the 83rd Infantry Division Association, you have your own publicity right in your membership. If every man jack of you would sit down right now, pen in hand and write to all your old buddies—those you have addresses on, the final results would be amazing. Most of you say, let Joe do it. Well Joe is getting damn tired of carrying the load. All I am asking is about two nights of your time during the next year. Is that too much to ask?

We are striving for 1000 members in our great Association and that is only some 300 away from our total paid up membership, this past year. If all the paid up members of last year would write their old buddies, we just might pick up those three hundred. Its worth a try old buddies—how about it? Let's all put the old Division triangular patch to the membership wagon and push it over the top. You can do it—IF YOU TRY.



A handsome, happy group: Jean and George Pastirik, Dick and Lessie Riddle, Worth and Maxine Wells and in front Bob and Lucille Martin.

## New Jersey Chapter News

By Harry Lockwood

(Pinch-hitting for Nick Esposito)

The New Jersey Chapter was well represented at the 17th Annual Reunion with eight of their members being present. Those in attendance were Stan Bielen, Emil Wehling, Vito Lascari, Bob Walsh, Manny Epstein, John Di Nicola, George DeFilipps and yours truly. Nick Esposito, who usually puts in an appearance early on Friday, could not get the time off and regrets having missed such a wonderful time.

Stan Bielen brought his son (who soon will be as big as his dad), who had a ball with other boys around his age whom he had met in previous years. John Di Nicola brought his charming wife, Claire, who had such a wonderful time in Atlantic City, N. J. last year that she has given John strict orders to schedule his vacation each year so that they will not have to miss another reunion, wherever it may be. George and Sarah DeFilipps are old hands at attending these reunions and look forward to seeing their many friends and acquaintances each year.

The rest of us came stag with that perennial bachelor, Bob Walsh, leading the field arriving on Monday and spending the whole week. Vito Lascari, our other confirmed bachelor, came in on Wednesday and stayed awake the rest of the time he was there except, of course, during the time when one is supposed to be sleeping.

All in all each of those present had a delightful time and asked me to convey their thanks to the Indiana Chapter for the splendid job they did in arranging for such a fine reunion.

## Philadelphia Chapter Reunion Highlights

After riding with Harry Deming for 12 hours on the bus, can you imagine Ann Belvedere asking Harry how he came to Naptown? Was her face red.

At the pilgrimage to "Mudbury" Josie Theodore took some interesting pictures of a few of the Philadelphia Chapter women in the midst of a critical operation. Her candid camera made the women blush.

Old Teddy Hodum greeted his Philadelphia buddies with great joy, and had a swell time dancing with a cute blond teenager Thursday night. Oh yes, Teddy was his usual "high" self.

It was a surprise to Eddie Paulino to see his old barracks the same as he had left it. The spot where he slept and lived hadn't changed a bit.

Genial Ted Gleba altho not going by bus, due to business committments, made sure that his Phila buddies were well supplied with liquid refreshments and other goodies. Good old Teddy has a heart as big and great as you will ever find. A swell guy, and a true gentleman.

The Philadelphia chapter was honored by having four of its stalwarts selected to lead the memorial march. . . . Joe Ponzio, Al Belvedere, Bill Pugh and Larry Redmond in full uniform marched and paraded like they were still dough-boys at camp.

The memorial services as prepared by Chaplain Bill Shuman, were truly memorial. The entire parade to soldier's memorial was great. Bill Hoolan and his gallon of vodka was a decided hit. Bill besides doing a great job of leading the Phila group was a congenial host.

When the great banquet Saturday nite was over the fun started with Ruth Paulino beginning the informal dancing and Manny Martin continuing his masterful strip and "Adorable Orville" dancing with Virginia Pugh.

Each trip gives birth to a joke or story that overwhelms and breaks everyone up. This trip was no different. Big Bill Pugh and his story of "From Church to Chapel" was a riot....We wonder if Virginia ever tries that Chapel to Church bit???

The Philadelphia Chapter greatly missed their Boston Chapter friends. We missed jovial Pat Di Giammerino and hoped he has recovered from his insect bite. We missed the Franculos. Nick's whistle and Ginny's singing. We missed the smiling face of Chuck Abdinoor and the rest of the Boston crowd.

The hit of the evening was Wayne Sandkuhl's dance with beautiful Ruth Paulino. This is an annual tradition and each reunion the duo have their annual dance.

Of course Philadelphia Chapter again

won the award for best chapter attendance. The bottle of good cheer was downed as toast after toast was made.

A new twist on "doing the twist" was displayed by Virginia Pugh and when Virginia Pugh dances everyone stops and watches. The Philadelphia Chapter missed some of their own group, it would have been great if John and Josie Piscitelli, Sam and Vi Aiello, Bill and Pam Skerbetz, and Jim and Annabelle Logue were with us.

The Philadelphia Chapter left for home after Mass on Sunday, the last ones to board the bus were the Pughs. Always the last to arrive Bill and Virginia must try that "Chapel to Church" bit.

The entire Philadelphia Chapter was saddened by the news of the sudden demise of Mrs. Emma Boyle, Mary McGrogan's mother. The news came Saturday morning and was a great shock to the McGrogan's. We of the Philadelphia Chapter join the legion of Thunderbolt friends in extending our condolences and best wishes to the family.

The concensus of opinion among the Philadelphia Chapter was that this reunion was a truly great one and reflected credit and evidence of good hard work on the part of John Robinette and Ned Smith and their hard working committee.

Next year in Providence we of the Philadelphia Chapter hope to bring a small army with us. We know that Manny Martin and his group will do a top job....Look toward the leader the Philadelphia Chapter to again lead the way to Providence. See you there.

Dave Rosenberg Co. F 331st Inf.

## Attention Men of Co. G-330

W. N. "BUD" Everhart, Jr. is a little concerned as to why Co. G-330 is not mentioned very often in Thunderbolt.

The answer, of course, is obvious. No one sends in any news of Co. G-330 members so, I suggest, you men of G-330, keep in contact with each other, and appoint one of you to see that you are given representation in each issue of Thunderbolt.

Bud was at the reunion in Indianapolis in August and wrote to me stating he and his wife thoroughly enjoyed themselves and will try their darndest to be in Providence, R. I., next year.

He sent me a list of some 30 names and addresses of his old buddies and, I'm sure, he will send any of you who may be interested the same list.

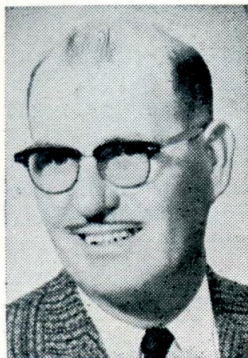
Perhaps some of you would like to follow this through and have an article for the next issue of Thunderbolt due to go to press around the middle of November.

Bud's address is Route 4, Seymour, Indiana 47274.

## Attention Men of Co. "D" 330

Hello Buddies:

Here we are back home again after holding our 17th Annual Reunion of the 83rd Infantry Division Association and



a lot of credit should be given to our past president, John Robinette, Ned Smith and all the members of the Indiana Chapter for offering us such a fine time. For you fellows who missed it, it is hard for me to explain just what a wonderful time we had.

As I told you in my last letter I would have liked to

have had a very good turnout of company "D" men, but most of you fellows let me down as there were only four of us who showed up from our company. Since it was in Indianapolis, back on the old stamping grounds, I thought we would have a good turnout. I also told you that I expected Captain Fritts there, but due to unforeseen circumstances in his business he was unable to make it. When I arrived home I found the following letter from him:

"Dear Mac:

I was hoping to be with you at the reunion in Indianapolis, but I find that I am not going to be able to get away at this time.

Give all of our buddies from Co. D, 330th my regards. Maybe I can make it next year. At least I'll try my best.

As ever,  
Gene P. Fritts"

For all you men who were members last year and were unable to attend the reunion, please send your dues in to Harry Lockwood, 43 Oakland Ave., Jersey City 6, N. J. and help to build the membership of Company "D". Any of those you know who were not members please get after them and get them signed up for this coming year so that "D" company can come out as one of the top companies in our association, and have one of the best turnouts next year in Providence, Rhode Island. Joe Gray, once again this will be in your back yard.

About four weeks before reunion time, I happened to be in Pittsburg, Pa., on business and at that time I called Jimmy DiAntonio, of Weirton, West Virginia and it sure was good to hear his voice again. Jim has been very lax in attending reunions due to a mishap he had a few years ago but he promised me he would come back in the fold. I hope to see him on my next visit. From here I moved to Wheeling, West Virginia to

look up Pete Syrylo. Pete came around to the hotel and we sat and chatted for about an hour going over old times and from here Pete took me to Moundsville, West Virginia where I met another one of our good old buddies, Frank (Jug-head) Juskey. Let me tell you fellows, that night we had a reunion all to ourselves right in Juskey's kitchen and his wife treated us like kings. I still don't understand to this day how Frank Juskey ever got such a lovely wife but as we all remember good old Frank was just one of the boys and always will be.

Well fellows, this is about all at this time but don't wait for me to get in touch with you—how about you fellows getting in touch with me for a change? I sure would like to hear from all of you and when you write send me your \$5 for your dues.

Sincerely,  
Frank McGrogan  
Company "D" 330th

## Boston Chapter News

By Nick Francullo  
Hq. 3rd Bn.-330

At our meeting at the Admiral Inn in Cumberland, Rhode Island we had a fine



turnout with a few new faces there including, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rosenfield, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Soucy and Jack Maloof.

The food was excellent and all you wanted was yours for the asking.

A report was brought back to us about the fine time that all had at the reunion in Indiana-

polis. Sorry I wasn't there, I'd like to have seen that show on the upper floor.

Our next meeting will be held in Malden, Mass. the date for which will be decided later and all will be notified. Hope to see you there.

Not much else for now, see you in the next issue.

Best regards to all.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Harry,

Would have liked to attended the reunion this year but my ulcer acted up and I'm on a strict diet.

Do hope to be with you all next year and have a drink with the gang.

Enclosed are my dues for the coming year, wish you every success and regards to the gang from Co. G-331.

William E. Carrier  
110 Cumberland St.  
Woonsocket, Rhode Island



# Indiana Chapter News

By Murray Therber—Medics 330

Another summer has slipped by and so has the 17th Reunion of former Thunderbolts.



We of the Indiana Chapter wish to thank each and every one who participated, in any way, to make the reunion such a big success. Cooperation, from every one, was just great and deeply appreciated.

A tip of the old 83rd cap to those making the long trek from distant states; to those attending for the first time we hope you enjoyed yourselves to the fullest extent and will be with us each year hereafter.

We have so much to be thankful for, including the weather, which was ideal. So thanks to you, you and you from all of us here in Indiana.

Congratulations to last year's officers for a job very well done and to the new we say carry on and the best of luck for next year and we're sure the reunion in Providence will be a big one.

Thanks also to the local chapter officers and to those in the vicinity we wish to announce again that our meetings are held on the second Friday of each month, here in Naptown, at the Chateau, 619 North Pennsylvania St. Join us often, come out and meet the gang and spend a very enjoyable evening.

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Previous to special meetings and reunion time the annual chapter picnic was held on Sunday, July 28th at the home of Ned and Genie Smith. A bountiful table of food and refreshments were offered to the following who attended. Lou and Mickey Meyer, John and Dorothy Soroko, John and Gaynelle Robinette, Joe and Helen Lowry, John and Mary Raikos and the children and Murray and Norman Therber and, of course, the Smiths and their children, Brownie and Melissa.

Chapter officers for 1964.

- President ..... Lou Meyer
- 1st Vice President ..... Frank Pope
- 2nd Vice Pres. .... Walter H. Edwards, Jr.
- 3rd Vice Pres. .... John W. Robinette
- Secretary ..... Matt Brumbach
- Treasurer ..... John Soroko
- Judge Advocate ..... John D. Raikos
- Sgt.at-Arms ..... Ned B. Smith
- Chaplain ..... Joseph Lowry



Clyde Flanary, Kay Flanary and Olga Teringo.

## Co. C 308th Engr. Bn.

By Lester E. Hauck

At last it happened, Co. C-308 Engineers had a company luncheon at the reunion on Saturday, August 17, 1963. After all these years it was very rewarding to me. There were 16 persons in attendance and everyone there was very delighted to be able to sit down at one table and have such a friendly get together. There were 9 members, 5 wives and 2 delightful little boys. Here are the names of those attending: Louis Meyers, John Law, Clifford Wooldridge, Bernard Mendelsohn, John and Gay Robinette, Carson and Gilda Deck, Cecil and Nora Lee Walters, Lester and Elsie Hauck and Mr. and Mrs. John Bamonte and boys Jimmy and Johnny. Four of these families were attending for the first time; however, I feel sure they will return.

I think it would be great if we could get four new members from the New England area to Providence next year, that were with us at Mudbury, Indiana. Since this is the first report ever to be published in the Thunderbolt that came from an Engineer Company, I will close with this bit of information I have just received in the mail:

FORMER C.O. LEWIS HEDGPETH, BOX 15, EASTSIDE, OREGON; FORMER PLTN. LDR. FRANK COUTURE, 195 NORTH 2, EAST, VERNAL, UTAH.

There will be more in the next issue.



Co. I-329—l. to r. John Meylor, Fred McGowan, Frank Bellino, Earl Hoover; rear, Charles Navish, Walter Poland, Bob Hunnewell.

Following is a list of men who joined the Association since the last issue of Thunderbolt:

Mansel A. Slack—406 Second St., Ke-waunee, Wisconsin—Div. Hqtrs.

Harry W. Schnitker—3108 Ahrens St., Cincinnati, Ohio—Div. Hqtrs.

Wilbur Brockhouse—1112 East 4th St., Beardstown, Illinois—Co. B-329.

Gilbert C. Evans—1008 Coleman Ave., Athens, Alabama—Co. B-329.

Billie Walker—1127 West Webb Ave., Burlington, North Carolina—Co. B-329.

Keith R. Hartley—611 Gentry Place, Columbia, Missouri—Hq. 2nd Bn.-329.

Willard J. Van Singel—8604 Freeland Ave. S.W., Byron Center, Michigan — Co. E-329.

Harold R. Earp—33 Sherwood Ave., Mil Acre, Wheeling, West Virginia — Co. H-329.

Irving Feferman — 6341 Monticello, Chicago, Illinois—Co. H-329.

Robert Mills—1016 Highland, Glendale, California—Co. I-329.

Eugene O'Brien—Box 5, Ionia, New York—Co. L-329.

Elmer Swift — 6119 Kingsbee Court, Indianapolis, Indiana—Co. L-329.

Matthew Pintar—RD No. 1, Scenery Hill, Penna.—Co. L-329.

Courtland Foster—Graham, Kentucky —Co. M-329.

Albert H. Winterburn — 3361 Senne St., Kalamazoo, Michigan—Service Co. 329.

Virgil Simpson—121 Huffman, Dayton, Ohio—Medics-329.

Paul W. Smith—1400 South 25th St., Lafayette, Indiana—Medics-331.

Adam F. Dormuth—1229 Bruce Road, Oreland, Penna.—308 Medics.

Ward Hobbs—RR No. 2, Waynesville, Ohio—308 Medics.

Charles Harsh—Scipio, Indiana—308 Medics.

Louis K. Ervin — 1616 Pennsylvania Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana—308 Medics.

M. Lyle Withroe—6165 North Delaware, Indianapolis—Hq. 1st Bn.-330.

Lee Osmon—1602 Troy Road, Washington, Indiana—Co. D-330.

Ted F. Heverin—3553 Edgeview Drive, Cincinnati 13, Ohio—Co. D-330.

W. N. Everhart, Jr.—Route 4, Seymour, Indiana—Co. G-330.

Charles Currier — 2321 Community Drive, Erie, Penna.—Co. H-330.

Walter W. Cooper—Metom, Indiana—Co. H-330.

Mickey Gilbert—1405 Rochelle Drive, Lafayette, Indiana—Co. H-330.

George Palmero—715½ Harrison, Elkhart, Indiana—Co. K-330.

David A. Glascock—1331 Union St., Indianapolis, Indiana—Co. M-330.

George O'Shields—1221 Vista Valley Drive, N.E. Atlanta 6, Georgia—Anti-tank-330.

George E. Payne—3128 East 7th St.,

Indianapolis, Indiana—Regt. Hq.-331.

Lawrence J. Leonardi—1360 Preston St., Pittsburgh 5, Penna.—Co. A-331.

Norman L. Kruse—716 South 4th St., Leavenworth, Kansas—Co. B-331.

Nicholas J. Chirekos—3701 7th St., Moline, Illinois—Co. C-331.

Julius Thompson—Box 155, Edmonton, Kentucky—Co. C-331.

Clarence Hockensmith—727 Princeton Drive, New Whitehead, Indiana—Co. D-331.

William H. Toner—642 Cemetery St., Williamsport, Penna.—Co. E-331.

John A. Aller—322 South Pine St., South Lakemont, Altoona, Penna.—Co. H-331.

Robert T. Hamilton—1717 Quintana Road, San Antonio, Texas—Co. H-331.

James P. Guyder—605 Cherry Road, Syracuse 4, New York—Hq. 3rd Bn.-331.

Michael Molish—1905 Chestnut St., Columbus, Indiana—Hq. 3rd Bn.-331.

Wilfred F. Zander—32 North Webster, Indianapolis, Indiana—Co. K-331.

Dan W. McCarthy—3204 Layside Ct., Louisville, Kentucky—Co. M-331.

Emmett A. Culver — 1121½ 3rd St., Box 1337, Cedar Rapids, Iowa—322 FA.

George Rider—Ulysses, Kansas—322 FA.

Willie Snodgrass—Hill & South Lafayette Sts., Beaver Dam, Kentucky — 323 FA.

Herman E. Jones—1020 West 2nd St., Muncie, Indiana—323 FA.

M. E. Nelson—1115 East Knox, Galesburg, Illinois—908 FA.

Bedford L. Hunter—1113 Gibson Dr., Madison, Tennessee—908 FA.

Charles Greenwood — 6374 College Ave. (Rear), Indianapolis, Indiana — Quartermaster.

Pat R. Monroe — 3324 Walnut, Mattoon, Illinois—Quartermaster.

Carl G. List—407 Monroe, Washington, Illinois—308 Engineers.

Ray Graham—Milltown, Indiana—Signal Co.

Edward A. Cox — 1443 Monroe St., Galesburg, Illinois—Recon

James C. Jones—1336 Blaine, Indianapolis, Indiana—783rd Ordnance.

Jacob L. Deutsch—2609 North Gettysburg Ave., Dayton 16, Ohio—Regt. Hq.-330.

James A. Price—503 West Ellsworth St., Columbia City, Indiana—Co. A-331.

Paul C. Decker—915 "A" St., Charleston, Illinois—308 Medics.

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Dear Joe,

Thanks for your note re the reunion. Would give anything to be there to see you and the gang, Atterbury and Indianapolis. Sorry I can't make it.

Would appreciate giving warmest regards to my friends and, if you get a chance, drop me a line later and bring me up to date.

Along with being a CPA am public relations and public information officer of the Military Order of World Wars which has admirals and generals by the score. Have 600 members in the group so I keep pace with military affairs amid a lively outfit.

I'm sure I'm delinquent in my dues so please pass this check along to the proper party at the reunion.

Always nice to hear from you, best regards.

"Sandy"

Phil J. Sandmaier  
5803 Lemond Drive  
San Diego, California

Dear Harry,

Back home safe and just can't get over what a nice time my wife and I had at the reunion. We will never forget it and all the nice people we met, everyone was so nice.

This was our first reunion but I promise you it will not be the last. The cost was worth twice what we paid and I hope you can swing one for Miami, Florida in the not too distant future.

You can be sure that when and if it comes to Carolina, God willing, we'll be there.

May God be with each and everyone of you, until we meet again.

J. B. Harris Box 371 Guin, Alabama

Dear Harry,

Enclosed is my check for \$15 and dues for '62, '63 and '64. Sorry to be delinquent but business requiring much of my time and haven't devoted much time to extra-curricular activities.

Had planned to attend the reunion this year but my son got married on August 18 and I had to be here for the wedding.

I'm sure my good friend, O. L. Cook was there though.

I wish you and the Association every success and want to thank you and the officers for the fine work they are doing.

Yours in comradeship.

William M. Minick—Co. L-330  
Kinards, South Carolina

Bill Ledger and Harry Lockwood,

Dear Bill and Harry,

Had planned to attend the reunion but a couple of things prevented my being there. Hope to in the future.

Enclosed is my check for \$10 for dues. Appreciate receiving and reading Thunderbolt.

Regards to all.

William J. Van Singel—Co. E-329

8604 Freeland Ave., S.W.

Byron Center, Michigan

P.S.—Byron Center is 10 miles south of Grand Rapids and would be glad to hear from any of the fellows should they be in this neighborhood.

## Obituary

We have just been informed of the death of Harry Iliff of 138 South Main Ave., Sharon, Penna. formerly a member of Hq. Co. 1st Bn.329.

A veteran of 20 years service Harry entered the army in 1942 and, after his tenure of duty with the 83rd Division he served with the Second Division during the Korean conflict. He was the recipient of the Purple Heart with two oak clusters, Double Combat Infantry Badge, Three Bronze Stars for heroic action during World War II, Silver Star for gallantry in action in Korea and nine Battle Stars.

Surviving are his wife and seven children and eight grandchildren.

A member of Sharon Post No. 1338, VFW, he was buried with full military rites at Hillcrest Memorial Park.

May we of the 83rd Division Association offer our belated heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved widow, children, relatives and friends of our departed buddy.

Death struck the Fall River Chapter a most shocking blow on July 27th, last when Edward F. Labus, of 829 Broadway, Fall River, Mass. passed away. Eddie was formerly a member of Co. F-329 and was highly respected and loved by all who knew him. He was a credit to the Fall River Chapter and will be sorely missed.

He was given a military funeral with the following members of the Fall River Chapter acting as pallbearers. Manny Martin, Police Chief Norman Bowers, Freddy Costa, Al Coelho, John Pacheco and Manny Pacheco.

The extreme sympathy of the members of the Fall River Chapter and those of the 83rd Infantry Division Association is extended to his loved ones in their bereavement.

We've just been notified of the untimely death of Albert Jones of Mannington, West Virginia, due to a heart attack on December 21, 1961. Albert was formerly a member of Co. C-331.

Our belated sympathies are extended to the bereaved family and friends, at this time.

Our deepest sympathy and condolences are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Caprio of Providence, R. I. and other members of the bereaved family and friends on the death of Mike's mother-in-law a short time ago.

Mike was formerly a member of Battery B-322 FA.

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